

Choice of Herds of California are Being Shipped to Klamath Falls for Distribution; Train Here Tuesday

PRAIRIE FIRE IS RAGING; MANY FLEE FOR LIVES

RUSSIAN COLONY SURROUNDED BY FLAMES

Malta and Vicinity Will Suffer Great Loss From Rapidly Spreading Fire. Hundreds Have Been Forced to Run for Their Lives, and Many Homeowners and Ranchers Have Lost All They Possessed

United Press Service
GREAT FALLS, Mont., April 28.—Telegraphic communication from Malta, Montana, is to the effect that a prairie fire is devastating the country nearby. The city itself is in grave danger. Hundreds of people residing in the vicinity of Malta are fleeing before the rapidly spreading flames. A colony of Russian farmers in the path of the flames, it is feared, will be completely destroyed. The colony is located in a ravine near here, but there is no means of communicating a warning, and the topography of the country in which the colony is located is such that many lives may be lost in attempting to escape.

NEW DISTRICT NOT CREATED

Gale and Shasta View districts are not to be divided in order to make a third school district. This was decided at a session of the district boundary board late Saturday afternoon, when taxpayers and school officials of the two districts appeared and made a vigorous protest against the petition made by persons living between the two school houses. The representatives of the two districts held that the territory, if taken off their present limitations, would badly cripple both districts. Miss Hazel Little of Dorris is the guest of Klamath Falls friends.

Men Spend Night on Rough Lake in Launch

Another Craft, Which Went to Their Rescue Also Disabled, and Passengers Compelled to Paddle

To spend the night in an open boat on Upper Klamath Lake, with the high wind lashing the water into high angry waves that threatened many times to swamp their craft, was the experience of Francis R. Oids, Charles J. Ferguson, Clarence Underwood, Perry O. De Lap and Hank Brown. Another motorboat, containing R. H. Brewbaker, W. P. McMillan and T. A. Roberts, was also storm-tossed after becoming disabled in an attempt to tow in the Oids motorboat, but at 2:30 this morning the second boat landed at Buck Island, and the weary mariners were given shelter and food by P. K. Hamilton. Brewbaker and his party left Sunday morning with two laborers and supplies for the granite quarry at Bare Island, but the heavy sea disabled their engine, and they paddled to shore six miles from Eagle Ridge. From this point Brewbaker and McMillan walked to Eagle Ridge Tavern and secured the services of Mr. Griffith, who took a craft and went to the scene of the mishap, repaired the engine, and took the workmen and supplies in a larger launch to Bare Island. On the way toward town, the Oids motorboat, disabled, was sighted, and the Brewbaker party put in to offer assistance. An effort was made to tow the larger boat, but the heavy

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JAPANESE SEND SPECIAL ENVOY

NIPPON MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DESIGNATES STATESMAN TO REPRESENT THE EMPIRE AT SACRAMENTO

United Press Service
TOKIO, April 28.—With a view to establishing a mutual understanding of the text of the California anti-alien land laws, Foreign Minister Selyukai has named an envoy to go to America. Baron Kharasoreku was the messenger designated. He will start for Sacramento May 10th. Mrs. A. F. Clubine of Merrill has returned from a visit with friends in Oakland. J. Frank Adams and son Bob are visiting the county seat today.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Caden, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Wattenburg and Mrs. Emma Talbot motored to the Phillips ranch, eleven miles from here on the Merrill road, Sunday, and were the guests at a sumptuous chicken dinner. The party remained several hours, and report a highly enjoyable trip.

WILSON WOULD HAVE SOLONS DEFER ACTION

BRYAN IN JOINT EXECUTIVE SESSION TODAY

Nothing Is Given Out by Statesman to Indicate What Pressure Is Being Brought to Bear on the Administration—Governor Johnson Makes No Comment—Japanese Gardeners Block Bryan's Automobile
United Press Service
SACRAMENTO, April 28.—President Wilson wishes the California legislature at this time not to take any action whatever toward the exclusion of aliens as either land owners or lessees. He wishes the matter to be left to the federal government. If the matter cannot be settled that way, the president urges that action regarding legislation of this type be taken later at a special session of the legislature. This was, in part, the message delivered to the members of the California legislature by Secretary of State Bryan at an executive session today lasting more than two hours. (Continued on Page 4)

Mississippian Gets Wroth Over Measure

In Fiery Speech, Congressman Sisson Says "We Should Fight Before Foreign Nation Dictates"

United Press Service
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 28.—"Before we allow any foreign nation to dictate to us what our land holding laws shall be, we should fight, and furthermore, we should continue that fight until we have the field to ourselves." The foregoing is a portion of a fiery speech delivered in the house of representatives today by Congressman Thomas Upton Sisson, representing the Fourth Mississippi district. The speech concerned the pending anti-alien land legislation. Sisson, who is one of the oldest democratic members of congress, spoke at some length on the matter, declaring that in his opinion no alien

should be permitted to own land in America. The Californians, he said, took a step that every other state should follow. This is the first time the California land matter has been before congress, although it has been discussed by all three parties in caucus. "If we are to have the alternative, war or submission to Spain's arrogant claims, I'm for war," thundered Sisson. "What would Washington say if he was confronted with the same proposition? "I ask you, shall the Japanese enjoy our prosperity, the fruits of our land and the learning of our institutions; and then we cannot force them to defend and sustain these?" Charles Gray, a well known Pine Grove rancher, is here attending to business matters. He is one of the directors of the Klamath County Dairymen's Association. Frank S. Fish was up from Dorris to attend "The Prince of Tonight" at the opera house Saturday.

SEVERAL DAIRY COWS INCLUDED IN CONSIGNMENT

ARE ALL FROM FAR-FAMOUS THREX COUNTY

On Account of the Crop Failure, Four Range, Etc., Klamath Buyer Picks Up Cattle at a Sacrifice—Buses Train Load of Range and Beds Will Arrive Here Tomorrow Afternoon for Distribution. What is perhaps the largest shipment of cattle to the Klamath country since the first of the year will come in tomorrow, when a special train will bring in several hundred head of cattle from California, for local distribution. These cattle will be placed on sale, and what are not sold will be sent to the range and prepared for summer and fall shipments. The trainload of cows were purchased by D. M. McLemore, a well known local stockman, who made a trip to Monterey county, California, to make the buy. Mr. McLemore will be here this afternoon or tomorrow afternoon at the latest. On account of the poor crops and the poor grass, Mr. McLemore found no difficulty in getting cattle from the farmers, who were in despair of feeding them, and jumped at the chance of selling. By bringing the cattle here and fattening them on the verdant open range of the Klamath country, McLemore will get a good return on his money, and those seeking a better grade of cattle will be benefited. The shipment includes some of the best cattle to be found in Monterey county, which has long led in this line of endeavor. There is a selected lot of native reds and rems, and fifteen or more dairy cattle. Drill Meeting Postponed The drill captain of the degree team of Prosperity Rebekah Lodge announces that the meeting for drill called for this evening has been postponed on account of the west hall being in use tonight. The meeting will be held at 8 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Promptness in attendance is requested. Odd Fellows Tonight. Tonight at 8 o'clock the degree team of Klamath Lodge No. 187, I. O. O. F., will meet for practice in Odd Fellows Temple. Captain Piel requests all members of the team to be there, and to be there on time.

PAYNE ATTACKS TARIFF MEASURE

SAYS PASSAGE OF UNDERWOOD BILL WOULD MEAN BRINGING DISASTER UPON THE ENTIRE NATION

United Press Service
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 28.—An attack on the Underwood tariff revision bill and the support of his own tariff measure was commenced in congress this afternoon by Representative Sereno E. Payne of New York. The New Yorker predicted disaster for the country if the Underwood bill is passed. Suffragette's Leave Extended United Press Service
LONDON, April 28.—The leave of absence of Mrs. Emeline Pankhurst from Holloway prison has been extended. Her physician says she is critically ill and her life would be jeopardized by a return to jail. County Commissioner C. Guy Merrill is here to attend to business matters. John Cunningham was a Saturday visitor in the county seat, coming in from his ranch near Pine Grove.

"Uncle Nate" Merrill Says He Will Quit the Farm Now

Klamath County Pioneer, Whose Ranch is Among the Finest in Southern Oregon Believes a Man is Entitled to Take a Rest After Reaching 77 Years

"Uncle" Nate Merrill, who is in the city today, announced that he is going to retire from business if he succeeds in disposing of his big ranch near the town of Merrill, in the southern part of the county. Mr. Merrill is 77 years of age, and he feels that the work and responsibility of running his big farm is becoming too great, in addition to the other busi-

ness which he has to attend to. The N. S. Merrill farm, which adjoins the town of Merrill, is by far the best improved place in Klamath county. It contains 240 acres, with 150 acres in alfalfa. All of the land is improved and under a high state of cultivation, and is under the government irrigation system. Mr. Merrill has given his attention principally to raising mules, horses, cattle and

hogs, and has a small number of dairy cattle. In addition he raises a considerable quantity of apples and small fruit. In recent years Mr. Merrill has constructed many new buildings of the most modern type in the county. His home and barns are all furnished with electric lights and electricity is used in operating his machinery around the barns.

"MERRILL MULES" MUCH LARGER

MERRILL FARMER RAISES ANOTHER SPAN THAT SURPASSES EVEN HIS WORLD-BEATING NON-DISPUTED PAIR

Everyone has heard of the famous big team of mules, raised by N. S. Merrill a few years ago, which held the world's record for size. The fact was published throughout the United States, and was printed in all the stock journals, and the claim that they were the largest known was never disputed. It has remained for Mr. Merrill to break the record established by himself, and he has another three-year-old, which is heavier than the largest of the team by 120 pounds. The big span weighed together 2,630 pounds, the larger weighing 1,320 pounds. Mr. Merrill has raised another

mule on his farm near Merrill, which on its third birthday stood 18 hands high and weighed 1,450 pounds. This



N. S. MERRILL Pioneer Klamath County Farmer, Who Retires at the Age of Seventy-Seven Years. animal has not been stabled this winter, and has received no grain with its feed.

STILL PROBING SLAVERY CHARGE

SEVERAL MORE ARRESTS MADE, AND OTHER LOS ANGELES SCHOOL GIRLS WILL OFFER TESTIMONY

United Press Service
LOS ANGELES, April 28.—The grand jury this morning resumed its investigation of white slave charges preferred against Los Angeles men George Bliby, the millionaire who is accused by several young girls, was recalled to testify today. William LaCase, an automobile agent, was arrested today upon charges sworn to by a 15-year-old girl. Richard Hollingsworth, a school teacher, was arrested on a similar charge. Several other school girls, say the police, have given information that will substantiate the charges made by the Grayson girl and against other men.

Judge Will Listen to Many Arguments

Coming Four Days Will be Devoted to Hearing of Motions and Demurrers in Pending Suits

Prior to his departure for Lakeview, to hold the Lake county term of the circuit court, Judge Benson has arranged to hear arguments on motions and demurrers pending in the local circuit court. Commencing tomorrow morning, Benson will hear the arguments in the various cases pending wherein demurrers and motions have been filed. These will be taken up in their order. Bailiff Clarence O. Morgan is today notifying the attorneys to prepare for

the hearings. The first will commence at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning. The last arguments will be made Friday afternoon. The following morning, Judge Benson and Reporter Dick Richardson will leave for Lakeview. The May term of the Lake county circuit court commences May 1st. Benson will convene court May 1st, as there are a number of cases to be heard that were argued at the last term of court.

Smallest Angler Gets the Biggest Rainbow

Five-Year-Old Son of Patrolman Earl Sharpe Catches Record Trout in the Spencer Creek Waters

When the 5-year-old son of Patrolman Earl Sharpe began "pestering" his dad to let him try his luck fishing in Spencer Creek, the fond parent demurred for some time, lest the boy lose one or more spoon hooks and a part of the line in the snags; when the 5-year-old son landed a trout that surpassed for size and weight any caught by his dad on any other member of the party, the pride of the parent knew no bounds, and today he is looking up boy's size tackle for a lad who catches man's size rainbow trout. Sharpe and his son went to Spencer Creek Sunday in company with Arch Tindall, A. L. Winhard, Patrolman William Hall and Fred Greenwood, O. D. Matthews and "Hub" Wakefield in the latter's car. They got in on the early morning fishing, and all had splendid luck, landing thirty-nine fine

rainbow trout that fought like Trojans. Young Sharpe possibly inherited a liking for angling from his father, but at any rate, after he had wheedled his father into letting him have his rod and line the youngster sent himself on the bridge and angled industriously. So quiet was he about it that the other members of the party were brought to their feet in an instant when the youngster yelled that he had one, and the tug of the piscatorial victim was so strong that the rod was nearly bent double, and the boy's quickness in getting off the bridge to the shore saved him from being pulled in. There were several other parties fishing at Spencer Creek Sunday, and all reported pretty good success. The best luck went to those who were at the stream in time for early morning fishing.