

## KLAMATH COUNTY DEFENDANT OVER AN ACCIDENT

### PORTLAND WATERFRONT IS SWEEPED BY A DAMAGING FIRE; WHARVES, VESSELS AND CARGOES BURNED

#### OPEN DRAWBRIDGE MAKES THE LAND DEPARTMENT LATE GETTING TO WORK

All the East Side Waterfront Property Between North and South Albina Ferries Is Destroyed—In Addition, Two Ocean Going Vessels, Loaded With Asphalt and Grain, Are Destroyed by the Fire.

#### United Press Service

PORTLAND, March 12.—Fire destroyed all the waterfront property on the east side of the harbor between the North and South Albina ferries, and two British steamers early this morning.

The loss is estimated at a million dollars.

The fire was discovered at 4:10 this morning, and although the fireboat fleet responded at once, the land fire department was delayed because of open drawbridges.

The British steamer Cricket was loaded with asphalt. The vessel burned quickly. The cargo burned like oil, floating on the water.

The steamer Glenroy was a steel vessel, but it was a total loss, as the plates were warped beyond repair. It carried a 1,500 ton cargo of grain and lumber, all of which was consumed by the flames.

The origin of the fire is unknown. A part of the Star Sand company's plant was destroyed, and all the warehouses, wood, etc., of the Albina Fuel company went up in smoke.

The Columbia docks No. 1 and 2 were burned up, and in their destruction there was also destroyed 12,000 tons of wheat and barley, stored for shipment.

#### Leaves for the South.

B. F. Shepherd, real estate man and capitalist, left this morning for Los Angeles, where he will visit his folks and attend to business matters.

#### To Ashland.

Miss Alnee Wing has gone to Ashland, where she and her mother will reside. They formerly resided there.

#### Old Timer Here.

W. R. Davis, who was one of the

#### FACTORS IN TRANSPORTATION TO KLAMATH FALLS BEFORE THE ADVENT OF THE RAILROAD, IS NOW ATTENDING TO BUSINESS INTERESTS. HE NOW RESIDES IN ASHLAND.

### TO IMPROVE THE TRACKS TO KIRK

#### GORDON SPREADER IS SENT IN BY THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC TO DO WORK PRELIMINARY TO BALLASTING

Preparatory to ballast work, a Gordon spreader was sent into Klamath Falls last night by the Southern Pacific. This will be used in work between Klamath Falls and Chiloquin, the initial step before the ballasting is taken up.

Although the railroad officials are non-committal regarding work northward from Kirk, this is taken by some as an indication that there may be work started. They contend that the present condition of the road is such that it is suitable for all but the very heaviest kind of traffic.

### GRAND JURY TO CONVENE FRIDAY

#### INQUISITORIAL BODY WILL MEET AGAIN TOMORROW—MANY SUBPOENAS HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO THE SHERIFF

Following an adjournment taken a few weeks ago, the Klamath county grand jury will tomorrow again take up the work of investigating matters criminal in Klamath county.

A number of criminal subpoenas have been given Sheriff Low for service, and this indicates that there are new matters to be considered.

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#### PRESIDENT SIGNS THE ALASKA RAILROAD BILL

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 21.—President Wilson today signed the Alaska railroad bill, just passed by Congress. "I had hoped to sign such a measure before my term expired," he said. "To find that I am able to do this brief period of time is to me a source for gratification too deep to adequately express."

### JAILBREAK IS JUST AVERTED

#### VIGILANCE OF SCHALLOCK FRUSTRATES DASH FOR LIBERTY, HAMMOND LAYS THE BLAME ON JOE STARR

Had it not been for the fact that John Schallock heard them industriously at work digging through the west wall of the jail, under one of the windows, Joe Starr, held on a burglary and arson charge, and Charles Hammond, accused of statutory crimes by his sisters-in-law, would have been at liberty today, instead of in separate cells.

Making an investigation, Schallock summoned Sheriff Low. Had they not been discovered for an hour longer, they would have been able to escape. In preparation, they had their blankets and effects bundled.

An iron bar was used, the men in their work standing on a table. The size of the hole indicated that they had been at work a couple of days, hiding the debris in their blankets.

Hammond, when questioned, laid all the blame on Starr. He said he wanted to give the alarm, but was afraid Starr would hit with a rock or the bar. Starr will not talk.

During the past few days Hammond has been incessantly asking to be allowed to get outside to help the janitor split wood, rake leaves, etc. It is now believed this was to give Starr a chance to work. The men were given many liberties by Sheriff Low, and were allowed the use of the jail corridor. From now on though, they will be confined to solitary cells.

### SISTERS GET THE HIGHEST GRADES

#### AS A RESULT, NEVA McREYNOLDS WILL BE VALEDICTORIAN AND SELMA WILL BE CLASS SALUTATORIAN

As a result of making the highest average during her four years of high school, Miss Neva McReynolds has been named as the valedictorian for the Senior class, which graduates in May. Her sister, Selma McReynolds, was just one point behind her sister in a general average, so she was chosen as salutatorian.

Just a fraction of a point behind the winner of second honors is Miss Rosa Krupka of Mallin. Her grade is noteworthy when it is taken into consideration that she has gone through the four year high school course in three years time.

Back From Visit. W. B. Simpson, who resides at Algoma, has returned from California, where he spent several months visiting relatives.

Goes Home. Charles Grey returned to Pine Grove Wednesday evening, after a short sojourn in the county seat.

### Clemente Vegara, Texas Rancher, Shot to Death by Huerta's Men



Clemente Vegara, a Texas rancher and cattle raiser, was shot to death by federal troops in Mexico commanded by Captain Rodriguez, a well known officer in the army of Dictator Huerta, operating in the north. Rodriguez had eaten dinner with him one evening, and asked him to go to an island in the Rio Grande to discuss the theft of horses which troops had taken from Vegara's ranch. No sooner had he reached the spot than he was attacked and carried off to Mexico. Later he was shot. The state department is now making an investigation, along with its inquiry into the case of William S. Benton, the British subject who was shot by Villa's troops.

### FEEL NO FEAR FOR TRAPPER

#### SEARCHING PARTY RETURNS, CONVINCED THAT JOHNSON HURRIEDLY LEFT FOR A VISIT, TRAPS COLLECTED

The party sent out by the sheriff's office to search for M. R. Johnson, the missing trapper from the Barelay Springs country, returned to this city today with information that indicates the missing man simply went on a journey.

The searching party went over Johnson's trap line, and found the traps collected up and put in a sack. They then visited his cabin and found his good clothes gone, with working clothes scattered around, as though he had changed clothes rather hurriedly for a trip.

The belief now is that Johnson received word from some fur buyer, either in San Francisco or Portland, and has gone to see him regarding furs.

New in Tacoma. Lloyd Low, who left a few days ago for Portland, did not remain long in the Rose City. He is now in Tacoma, Wash., and expects to remain there for some time.

A Moorish woman regards it as a point of honor to be absolutely ignorant of her age.

### SPINNING WAIVES HIS EXAMINATION

#### ACCUSED REAL ESTATE MAN WILL AWAIT THE ACTION OF THE GRAND JURY—IS ACCUSED OF EMBEZZLEMENT

Chas. S. Spinning, who was to appear before Judge Gowan this afternoon for preliminary hearing of the charges of embezzlement preferred against him by J. A. Sharp, waived examination. He will await the action of the grand jury.

Spinning is accused of embezzling close to \$800 from Mr. Sharp while acting as agent in a land deal. The accused protests his innocence. He says the whole thing is a misunderstanding that will be straightened out.

Authorities in the drug business calculate the number of soda fountains in use in the United States at not less than 75,000, and there are said to represent an investment of \$50,000,000. The annual receipts of the supplies of soft drinks may reach \$500,000,000.

The Leipsic railroad station is the largest in Europe. It cost \$35,000,000, and has thirty-six platforms.

Australian pedigree cows, pure bred cows, pigs and white leghorn chickens are being imported into the Philippines.

### WANT SELLS TO VISIT KLAMATH DURING MONTH

#### URGENT WIRES ARE SENT TO WASHINGTON

Chamber of Commerce Telegraphs Indian Commissioner the Necessity of Having a Definite Decision Immediately Regarding the Sprague and Williamson River Question, With Time for Logging Here.

In the hope of getting a decision regarding the opening of Williamson and Sprague rivers to logging before the season is very far advanced, the following telegram has been sent to Indian Commissioner Cato Sells, by the Klamath Chamber of Commerce:

"Press reports and advices from senators and congressmen indicate your intention of making Klamath county a visit in the near future. We respectfully ask that you come this present month, on account of the inspection of Williamson and Sprague rivers regarding logging operations. Spring is here, the snow is gone, and the inspection can now be made easily and with dispatch.

"Wire us the time of your coming." In addition, the following telegram has been sent to Secretary Lane, Senators Chamberlain and Lane and Congressman Sinnott:

"Commissioner of Indian affairs has announced his intention to inspect the Klamath reservation, and render a final decision regarding the opening of Williamson and Sprague rivers to logging operations. This matter is of the very greatest importance to the prosperity of Southern Oregon, and should be determined definitely forthwith.

"Spring time is here, the snow is gone, and Commissioner Sells could proceed with the matter of inspection of the rivers with dispatch and convenience. Will you use your best efforts for us, to persuade him to come this present month?"

#### In From Mallin.

Frank Zumpfe, a well known resident of Mallin, is here attending to business matters.

It has been estimated that during the present year 1,248,000 factory hands in Russia have already participated in strikes, in addition to 215,000 others who are employed in establishments not under the factory act.

The patent office has reported a partial list of nearly 500 patents to negroes, among them 27 to Granville T. Woods of New York for electrical devices. Many of these are in use throughout the country, one of particular value having been adopted by the Bell Telephone company.

### "Kelly's Army" a Joke

#### Merrillite Says They Are Panhandlers

"The number of 'unemployed' is not as great as people think," said Guy Merrill, who returned last night from a two weeks' business trip to San Francisco.

"The fact of the matter is, very few men who really want to work are out of employment. I was at the Oakland mole when Kelly's brigade crossed from San Francisco. Chief Peterson of Oakland met them at the landing, gave them 'the once over,' and that the greater part of the bunch were men who would not work under any circumstances, so he de-

### DAMAGE SUIT IS FILED VS. COUNTY BY EARL STEWART

#### TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS IS THE SUM ASKED FOR

Complaint Filed Today by Attorney Rollo C. Grosbeck States That Injury Was the Result of the Poor Condition in Which the County Highway to Midland Was Maintained by the County Court.

Suit for \$2,000 was commenced against Klamath county today by Earl Stewart, who alleges that he was injured as a result of the bad condition of the highways. Rollo C. Grosbeck is attorney for Stewart.

According to the complaint, Stewart was riding along the Midland road last fall, about half a mile west of the Spring Lake school house, his horse collided with a post, set up vertically in the highway. As a result, he says, his left leg was fractured.

In addition to the costs of the suit, Stewart asks the following items: Medical treatment \$60, loss of work \$140, damages \$1,300.

### NORTHERN TIMBER IS NOT INFESTED

#### OGLE AND GRUBB RETURN FROM A CRUISE OF SEVERAL MONTHS IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE COUNTY

"There is no infestation of the timber in the northern part of the county. While away, we cruised over six townships, and found the trees to be free from the ravages of the Western pine beetle."

This statement was made today by Hal H. Ogle, who, with Carl Grubb, has been cruising in the vicinity of Crescent since the first part of December. They made the trip for the Klamath-Lake Forest Fire Association, to spot any signs of insect infestation.

In a few days they expect to go to Fort Klamath, to cruise the Yawkey tract of 15,000 acres for signs of infestation.

"There is about a foot and a half of snow at Crescent, and three feet at Corral Springs," said Ogle. "At the marsh there is about a foot and a half, and twice that depth at Rocky Point."

The license of the Japanese chauffeur is carried on the steering post.

### Early Swatting Is Best

#### Kill Flies Now---Heads off Millions Later

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, March 12.—Now is the time to begin killing off the earliest spring flies, each pair of which, if left alone, will be responsible for millions of descendants before the end of August. It is easier to kill one pair now than to try to trap or poison or "swat" several hundred thousand descendants during the summer.

"Any community in Oregon may become flyless if it will consistently follow directions," says Dr. Clifton F. Hodge, professor of social biology at the state university, who stands ready to send instructions to any organization that is willing to undertake an anti-fly campaign in any neighborhood.

Eugene, Medford, Creswell, Portland and Pendleton are Oregon cities that have promised spring fly campaigns. Astoria, Albany, Salem and several other cities have campaigns under consideration.

That success is possible is demon-

strated by the highly successful campaigns in Cleveland, Worcester, Washington, Baltimore and other big cities in the United States, where entire neighborhoods have been enabled to live the summer months in peace.

As winter breaks up, there are comparatively few flies. Dr. Hodge gives directions for simple traps, which can be made at home for the capture of these early pairs.

Such traps are baited, and one of them will frequently catch all the flies around a house or barn when placed upon a garbage pail or in a stable window.

Investigators have recently discovered that a fly acidos travels farther than 1,500 feet during its lifetime.

This makes it possible for a limited area to be free from flies where neighboring areas may both be swarming with flies and miserably afflicted with infantile paralysis, children's stomach troubles, fevers and other diseases that flies carry.