

## KLAMATH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL NOT ENGAGE A SALARIED MAN IN ADDITION TO SECRETARY

### SECRETARY FAILS TO KEEP A RECORD OF WEDNESDAY NIGHT'S MEETING

#### Now That Directors Make It Plain That They Oppose the Motion Passed at the Special Meeting, Harmony Is Restored, and the Work of Getting Subscribers and Boosting Klamath Will Go on.

A special meeting of the directors and officers of the Klamath Chamber of Commerce was called at 1:30 this afternoon for the purpose of preparing a definite statement to the public as to the proposed use of the money recently raised by subscription and to officially assure the supporters of the Chamber that no part of the revenue was to be used for any additional expense other than paying off the old indebtedness and for the actual running expenses of the Chamber.

The secretary had failed to keep any intelligible record of the special meeting held Wednesday evening, May 13, at which time a motion was passed authorizing the hiring of a publicity manager at a salary of \$100 a month. Expressions were given by all of the directors present today in opposition to any such action.

As a result of the meeting this afternoon there is a much better feeling existing on all sides, and with the prospects of the old debt being wiped out there is assurance of a prosperous year ahead for the Chamber of Commerce.

With all misunderstanding wiped out and confidence restored, the officers expect to start in on a campaign for new membership and support which will place the Chamber on a good, solid financial footing, and free to carry on the much needed work of promoting the development of the resources of the great Klamath country.

The following statement has been given the press for publication:

"Inasmuch as there has been considerable criticism and discussion as to the proposed use of the funds recently raised by subscription, the Chamber of Commerce desires to make the following statement:

"The matter of engaging a publicity manager for the Chamber at a salary was discussed and acted on at an informal meeting held Wednesday evening, May 13, at which it was the sense of the meeting that such action be taken. However, as this was not a meeting of the officers and directors, any action could not be considered as legal and binding.

"We would advise you that under the constitution and by-laws there is no authority for the hiring of a publicity manager, and the directors have no intention of taking any such action.

"The directors have asked for a

fund of \$5,000, for use of the Chamber for the year ending June 1, 1915, and said money is to be used as follows:

Balance old indebtedness \$2,244.52  
Secretary's salary 1,200.00  
Office rental and expenses 500.00  
New literature 1,000.00

Total \$5,004.52

"We hope to be able to settle the old debt at a discount.

"This board of directors pledges itself not to authorize the expenditure of any money by the Chamber of Commerce beyond money actually subscribed and in the treasury.

"We greatly appreciate the co-operation of the citizens in our efforts to finance the Chamber of Commerce. We realize that the business we are conducting is public business, and we want the public to know what we are doing at all times. We expect to do our best to operate this institution on business lines for the benefit of the entire Klamath country, to the end that we may do as much as possible toward the development of the many resources we have here.

"GEO. J. WALTON, President.  
"W. T. LEE, Vice President.  
"LEWIS WYLDE, Secretary.  
"FRED HOUSTON.  
"LESLIE ROGERS.  
"J. W. SIKMENS.  
"BYD EVANS.  
"CHAS. F. DE LAP.  
"R. E. SMITH.  
"H. J. DARLING, Directors."

## ELECTION RETURNS AT DANCE TONIGHT

### RESULTS FROM CITY AND COUNTY PRECINCTS WILL BE GIVEN THROUGHOUT THE EVENING BY ANNOUNCER

All arrangements have been perfected for receiving the election returns at the election dance at the Moose hall tonight.

The results from outside precincts will be wired in just as fast as the votes are counted, and the figures will be computed and made known immediately.

Unless the vote for some of the places are very close, it is expected that every candidate to go before the people at the general election will be known before 2 o'clock. Tindall's orchestra will furnish music for the dance.

For the first time in history Vassar college seniors will wear black caps and gowns at their commencement. Since the college was founded in 1861 the seniors have always worn white.

## Park Engineer Is Here

### Geo. E. Goodwin in From Portland. Gets Machinery

Just as soon as the weather permits and all the equipment is ready, work on the roads being built by the war department in Crater Lake National Park will be resumed, according to Geo. E. Goodwin, corps of engineers, who arrived last night from Portland to take charge of the work. He is accompanied by a staff of engineering assistants and clerical workers.

In addition to the steam shovel now being taken from the station at Kirk to the war department's camp at Wild Cat, at the southern bound-

ary of the park, two more shovels are to be used in road construction in the park this year. One of these will reach Kirk today.

"Just how much work we do this year depends upon the extent of the appropriation from the government," says Mr. Goodwin. "It is our intention to work on the Fort Klamath road to the rim, completing it, as well as completing the route close to the rim, an extension from the Sand Creek road, which will connect it with the main Fort Klamath road, and afford a different route for returning to the fort."

## Lieutenant Becker and Wife at His Trial for the Murder of Rosenthal



(Copyright Press Illustrating Co.) Mrs. Charles Becker, wife of the former police lieutenant, on trial for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, the New York gambler, is a constant attendant at the court room. This is

Becker's second trial. Four men who did the shooting, believed by the prosecution to have been ordered by Becker, have already been electrocuted. He won a new trial because of errors in his first trial. While both Becker and his wife show the strain to which they have been subjected for nearly two years, neither is in poor health because of it. In fact, both of them seem particularly robust.

## ARRESTED FOR WIFE BEATING

### HARRY BANTA IS APPREHENDED AT DORRIS, AND IS BROUGHT HERE BY SHERIFF LOW—HIS HEARING TOMORROW

Charged with assault and battery upon the person of his wife, Harry Banta is in the county jail, awaiting a hearing before Justice of the Peace Gowen tomorrow. He was brought in from Dorris at midnight by Sheriff Low.

The warrant for his arrest was sworn out Thursday, but when Sheriff Low reached his home at Pine Flat, Banta had fled. The officer learned after this that Banta had secured a horse at Midland and crossed the state line, so he telephoned to Dorris and Banta was arrested there.

## TWELVE KILLED IN AN EXPLOSION

### RUBBER FACTORY IN DETROIT BLOWS UP, KILLING TWELVE MEN AND WOUNDING MANY OTHERS

DETROIT, Mich., May 15.—Twelve were killed in an explosion which wrecked the plant of the Mexican Rubber company, a one-story concrete structure, in the outskirts of this city. Ten others are known to be missing, and police and firemen are

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searching the ruins, as some reports claim that as many as thirty men are missing.

Ten of the men were killed outright and three of the bodies were terribly mangled; two died in a short time in the Solway hospital, while a third victim is so horribly mangled that his recovery is impossible.

The wreckage at once took fire, and it is with great difficulty that the police are prosecuting their search. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

## WHOLE FAMILY IS MURDERED

### BODIES OF MOTHER AND TWO GROWN CHILDREN FOUND ON OHIO FARM WITH SKULLS CRUSHED

IRONTON, Ohio, May 15.—Mrs. Matilda Maasie, aged 75 years; her son, Robert, aged 45 years, and her daughter, Mary, aged 42 years, were found murdered at their home on Greasy Ridge, 25 miles north of this city, this morning.

## ARREST SUSPECT FOR A ROBBERY

### ACTIONS OF JAY GROOM INDICATE HE IS THE MAN WHO ROBBED DIXON'S STORE AT FORT—GUMSHOE WORK

Suspected of burglarizing the mercantile establishment of James Dixon at Fort Klamath Wednesday night, and taking \$80 in cash from the till, Jay Groom was arrested early Thursday evening on the Klamath Indian reservation and brought here by Deputy Sheriff George A. Haydon. He will be given a hearing tomorrow.

Groom is a gigantic young man, and was noticed around the Fort on Wednesday. Wednesday night he went to a saloon and asked for a dollar bottle of whiskey, saying it was all the money he had, and in the end he paid a dollar for whiskey in a beer bottle.

The following morning, after the robbery, Groom again went to the saloon and purchased whiskey. This time he tendered a \$5 piece, and received the change.

The tracks found at the rear of the store were made by an unusually large shoe, and the fact that Groom was noticeably large as to pedal extremities, and had suddenly acquired money directed suspicion to him. Deputy Sheriff Grover Neill and Walter Dixon of the Fort, and was arrested on the reservation.

With the exception of the \$5 piece changed in purchasing the whiskey, Groom had in his possession the money missing from the store.

## NOTHING HEARD OF SILLIMAN; U. S. MAY MOVE

### NEWSPAPER MEN ALSO AMONG THE MISSING

Supplies Being Moved to Galveston. Administration Is Considering Another Ultimatum—Members of the Mediation Party Leave for Niagara Falls to Commence Their Peace Negotiations.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 15.—The administration is alarmed over the fate of Consul Silliman. Despite assurances from Huerta, and his promises regarding the safety of the consul, the fear that he has been slain is constantly gaining.

The Silliman matter taken in connection with the fate of Private Parks and the disappearance of Photographer Sutton and Correspondent Doster, has created extreme tension.

The movement of supplies toward Galveston is considered significant. By some this is taken to mean that the administration has another ultimatum under consideration.

It is hoped by all that the mediation conference at Niagara Falls will start on Monday. One of the instructions of the American mediators is to consider nothing that does not involve the entire elimination of Huerta. It is reported that America will not stop the rebels from importing arms via Tampico, and may even lift the border embargo.

United Press Service

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 15.—The Brazilian ambassadors have requested that the mediation conference at Niagara Falls be postponed until Wednesday.

The state department thinks the request is based on a desire to not rush the Huerta delegates, who are not due here until after 1 o'clock Saturday.

United Press Service

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 15.—The members of the mediation conference formally bade President Wilson farewell at the White House this afternoon. The occasion was celebrated in a formal manner, with all members in full dress uniform, with a corps of naval aids attending the president. The merits of the mission was not discussed.

Home From Visit.

Mrs. Claude Coseboom returned last night from Redding, Calif., where she has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lester L. Leavitt for the past two weeks.

Going to Fort.

Mrs. H. B. McLane left this morning for Fort Klamath, to join her husband. Mr. McLane is connected with the Wood River Valley creamery at the Fort.

An iron monument in the form of a stepped pyramid, surmounted by a globe, 90 feet high, has been erected at Leipzig to symbolize the German iron and steel industry.

## Chauffeur Is Arrested

### Garage Employee Nearly Runs Down Local Girl

On a charge of exceeding the speed limit, and making reckless turnings, D. A. DeHay, an employe of the White Pelican garage, was arrested by Sheriff Low this afternoon, after he narrowly missed running over Miss Ada Farris.

The occurrence was at the corner of Fourth and Main street. DeHay, driving J. F. Goeller's big car, which was undergoing repairs at the garage,

## HUERTA WEEPS AT MOTION PICTURES OF LATE DEFEAT

### ZAPATA TROOPS ARE TEN MILES FROM CITY

Capture of Mazatlan Is a Matter of Hours—Rebels Say That if Zapata Takes Mexico City Before Villa Takes Saltillo, He Will Be Breaking Faith With the Constitutional Government.

By WILLIAM G. SHEPHERD (Staff Correspondent)

VERA CRUZ, May 15.—Zapata and his guerilla army is within ten miles of Mexico City, according to advices received late this afternoon.

The outlaw leader has 5,000 men, and he has just occupied Toluca.

The federal forces have been sent to dislodge him.

Fearing a reign of terror if Mexico City falls into the hands of Zapata, many are fleeing today.

If Zapata attacks the capital before Villa attacks Saltillo, he will break a pledge made to the constitutional government.

It was learned today that Huerta recently witnessed a private exhibition of the motion pictures made at Torreon, where Huerta's troops were routed by Villa's forces. Huerta wept copiously during the show.

United Press Service

JAUREZ, May 15.—The capture of Mazatlan by the rebels is expected at any hour, according to a message sent to Carranza at Durango by General Obregon and relayed here.

He says the federal gunners are unable to get the range of the rebel aeroplanes sweeping over the city and dropping bombs.

Agent Is Home.

Edson Watson, superintendent of the Klamath Indian reservation, came in from Portland last night, where he has been attending the session of the federal district court.

The oldest living school teacher in New York state is said to be Nathan Perry Beers. He is now 91; he retired from his profession ten years ago, after having taught sixty-five years. When he began teaching he was perhaps the youngest teacher in the state, for he received his first appointment as teacher at the age of 14.

In tearing down a building in Alton, Ill., recently, a tightly closed glass jar was found containing a quart of dried corn. Although the corn is known to be at least seventy-five years old, it seems well preserved, and will be planted.