

Courthouse Bossing Costs Dearly

GERMANS GOING FROM THE COAST IS LATEST RUMOR

ARISHIP'S BUSY IN FLANDERS FIGHT

Fighting in the Belgian District is Not Very Active, Most of the Action at Present Being in the Polish and Prussian Campaign—Russians Claim German Losses Greater Than They Thought.

United Press Service

LONDON, Nov. 28.—A Rotterdam dispatch to the Daily Mail says that the Germans are withdrawing from the Belgian coast and concentrating their forces at Antwerp.

Heavy firing was heard at Zebbrugge Friday, and it was thought to be the bombardment of the allied warships. French and British aeroplanes are circling over Flanders freely, the German aeroplanes apparently being unable to stop them.

PARIS, Nov. 28.—A Petrograd dispatch to the Matin says:

"It is learned on the highest authority that the German losses are considerably more than one corps in men who have been captured. Another corps has been routed, and three corps are now practically surrounded in the Strykow region.

"The latter forces are subjected to a rapid fire and cannonading. Two corps are desperately attacking in an effort to gain their release, but it is believed that only an infinitesimal minority will escape alive.

BERLIN (wireless via Sayville), Nov. 28.—"Our troops encountered the enemy at Lowica, and fighting is still progressing," said the official statement.

"In East Prussia only unimportant skirmishes have occurred. Russian attacks in the neighborhood of Nowaradomsk have been repulsed, and there is no change in the situation in Southern Poland.

"In the west, the French advance guards have been driven back in the Argonne forests and southwest of Apremont.

"In the Vosges region, the enemy, despite its cannonading, lost its trenches."

Another Disagreement?

The second trial of Dave Liskey on charge of assault and battery was held in Justice Gowen's court today. The jury retired at 12:15, and at the time of going to press had not arrived at a verdict. The first trial of the case also resulted in a disagreement.

BASKETBALL IS NEXT ON PROGRAM

HIGH SCHOOL ARRANGES TO PRACTICE AND PLAY IN THE SKATING RINK—GOOD MATERIAL IN SCHOOL.

Now that Klamath County High school's football championship aspirations have been laid to rest, the students are turning their attention to basketball. In this, they expect to make a much better showing than ever before.

The school this year contains many fast contenders for places on the basketball team. When the Rogue River Valley is invaded, some fast games are expected, with the score favoring Klamath.

The skating rink has been secured for practice and for playing. This insures a number of games in Klamath Falls.

POLICE KILL DOGS TO GAIN ENTRANCE

FIND BODY OF WOMAN WHO HAD BEEN DEAD SEVERAL DAYS—THOUGHT TO BE WORK OF THIEVES

United Press Service

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 28.—Guarded by her three dogs, which had to be shot before they would permit the police to enter, the body of Mrs. Mary Kelley was found in her home this morning.

The body of the woman was badly decomposed, and the famished dogs had torn the flesh from the body in several places. An autopsy will probably be necessary to ascertain the cause of the death.

The police entertain the theory that the woman was killed by thieves, who were driven away by the dogs before they could make away with anything of value.

Killing Is Increasing

Steadily the increase in the number of children killed by street traffic in the city of New York goes on. Since January 1 automobiles, street cars and wagons have claimed the lives of 282 boys and girls under the age of 16. In the same period of last year the number was 227. Should the ratio hold good during the months of November and December the total for this year would be 281, as compared with 269 for 1913.

COUNTY COURT SIGNS CONTRACT TO GIVE CHAPMAN COMPANY TEN PER CENT OF COST

Hagelstein Makes a Strong Protest

In Addition to Contract Just Made, County Signed Contract to Give Architect Six Per Cent of Total Cost for Plans and Supervision Over Construction of Building

While the city of Klamath Falls is paying 2 1/2 per cent of the total construction cost for plans and superintending of the building of the new city hall, Klamath county, from now on will pay 10 per cent, or practically one-sixth of the construction cost of the court house for superintending the building.

This startling fact has been brought to public notice by the appearance of a contract, made between County Judge Worden, Commissioner Merrill and the Chapman Construction company, whereby the latter concern is to have charge of the completion of the court house, now about one-third finished. For the superintendence, the company is to be paid 10 per cent of all moneys expended. Besides this, for superintending the use of material already bought, the company will be given a 5 per cent fee.

The contract was signed by Worden and Merrill, but Commissioner John Hagelstein made an emphatic protest against such extravagance. He also submitted a written protest, which is published below.

On May 11, 1912, a contract was made between Klamath County Court and Benjamin G. McDougall for architectural and superintending work for the new court house. According to this, McDougall was to receive 6 per cent of the total cost of building, plus his traveling expenses to and from San Francisco. There is no record of this contract being abrogated.

According to the contract with McDougall, the services to be rendered by the latter were the furnishing of the plans and specifications for the building, and the general direction and supervision of the work, "such supervision to include such inspection by the party of the second part (McDougall) or his competent deputy, of work in studios or shops or a building or other work in process of erection as may be reasonably necessary to determine that it is being executed in full conformity with his

drawings, specifications and directions."

Just where the contract between two members of the court and the Chapman Construction company has been for two weeks is not known.

Although it was made November 13, it was not brought to the county clerk's office until late Friday afternoon, just before closing time.

The contract in full is as follows: This agreement, made and entered into this 13th day of November, A. D. 1914, by and between the County of Klamath, State of Oregon, by its County Court, party of the first part, and the Chapman Construction company, a corporation, party of the second part.

Witnesseth: That said second party agrees with the said first party to superintend to completion, as the funds become available, the Klamath county court house for said county, and the grounds thereof, and to that end to have said work done in a good and workmanlike manner, according to the plans and specifications for said building, now adopted or as the same may be changed or extended by the first party.

That the said second party also agrees to look to the employment of all labor and the purchasing of all material and make proper recommendations to the county court, obtaining the lowest and best prices therefor, necessary for the said carrying on and maintaining of said works, and shall have complete control thereof so far as the law may permit.

The first party agrees with said second party to pay for said superintendence of said work, and the performance of said contract on the part of said second party, 10 per cent of all moneys expended on the part of the first party upon said works, said moneys to be paid at the end of each month during the construction, as evidenced by the warrants drawn upon the court house fund for the preceding month.

The second party agrees with the first party that all invoice shall be made of the material heretofore purchased and not heretofore used in the construction of said works, and the second party shall, for said superintendence, receive 5 per cent of the value thereof.

That said second party also agrees to superintend the completion of the County Library, without cost to the said first party, according to the plans and specifications or as the same may be altered or changed hereafter by the first party.

In witness whereof, the said parties have hereunto set their hands and seals in duplicate, the said corporation by its president by authority of its board of directors, and the said County by its county judge and its commissioners by virtue of an order of said court.

Wm. S. Worden, County Judge.
N. S. Merrill, Commissioner.

Chapman Construction Company.
By N. J. Chapman, President.

The written protest, filed by Commissioner John Hagelstein, follows:

Protest
I, John Hagelstein, one of the county commissioners of Klamath county, Oregon, hereby enter my protest against the execution of the above contract by Klamath county, and against the order of the County Court authorizing the same.

In my opinion the contract is not a proper and satisfactory contract for the best interests of the county, and the present is no proper time for the execution of such or any contract for the completion of said building or its superintendence.

I make this protest, and have the same entered here for the purpose of advising the public and the contractors in said contract that I have not and do not approve of it, and for the purpose of leaving myself clear to act as I deem best with reference to said contract in the future.
John Hagelstein.

SOME SEMBLANCE OF GOVERNMENT

THAT IS WHAT THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE HOPES TO ESTABLISH FOR MEXICO—CONGRESS SESSION TO BE CALLED

United Press Service

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 28.—Reports from Mexico City indicate that the permanent committee formed at the convention held in Aguas Calientes intends calling a meeting of the Mexican congress soon.

Every congressional delegate of the Madero regime will be eligible to a seat.

It is understood that Villa and his lieutenants heartily endorse the program to establish some semblance of permanent immediately. Provisional President Gutierrez will then seek recognition from the United States and the "A B C" powers.

N. Y. MERCHANTS MAY VISIT THE KLAMATH BASIN

ARE COMING OUT TO THE 1915 EXPOSITION

Word Is Received That Medford Commercial Club Will Be Glad to Co-

operate, so the Work of Pulling to Get the Representation to Visit This City and Crater Lake Is to Go Ahead.

If plans now being considered by the Klamath Chamber of Commerce are fully carried out, 500 Eastern merchants, who are coming to the Panama-Pacific exposition next summer, will visit the Klamath country. The matter has been buzzing with the Chamber of Commerce for two weeks.

The excursion is being made up by the Merchant's Trade Journal of New York. The trip includes one from San Francisco to Portland, and it is planned to have the excursion come to Klamath Falls, where the business men will be entertained. From here they will be taken to Crater Lake, as is planned, and from there to Medford, where they will join their trains.

Superintendent Will G. Steel took the matter up with W. A. Detsell a couple of weeks ago, and he referred it to the Chamber of Commerce. Today, in answer to inquiries, the Medford Commercial Club sent word that it would be glad to co-operate in this project, so an invitation will be sent East at once.

Rebekah Team Meet.

Members of Prosperity Rebekah Lodge will meet Monday night at I. O. O. F. Temple to practice for initiation. There will be work at the meeting of the lodge December 3, and all members are urged to remember the meeting on Monday night.

Still Shooting in Limits.

J. A. Hoffman was arrested today by Game Wardens Stout and Furber for shooting ducks on Link River within the city limits.

Makes Proof on Homestead.

Ray W. Brooks today made proof before County Clerk De Lap on his homestead, which is located near Hildebrand.

NEW MEN WILL GUIDE I. O. O. F.

MEMBERS OF LOCAL BRANCH OF ORDER CHOOSE LEADERS FOR ENSUING TERM—WILL INSTALL IN JANUARY

Klamath Lodge No. 137, I. O. O. F.,

at the regular meeting Friday night, elected the following officers to lead the local branch of the order for the next term:

Noble Grand—M. R. Doty.
Vice Grand—Carl Adams.
Secretary—George Humphrey.
Treasurer—P. L. Fountain.

At the first meeting in January these officers will be installed, and the appointive officers chosen for the term.

Following the election of officers, the Degree of Truth was conferred on C. B. Browne and Ralph Dalle, and they were received into full membership. After the meeting closed the members assembled in the banquet room, where an hour or more was spent in enjoying the good things of life and an interchange of wisdom and wit brought to end one of the most pleasant evening enjoyed by the lodge in several moons.

Philadelphia provides free eye-glasses for nearly 2,500 school children every year.

Grand Jury in Monday

Subpoenas Being Served on Witnesses to Be Called

In preparation for the session of the grand jury in connection with the opening of the December term of the circuit court Monday morning, attaches of the sheriff's office are today serving subpoenas upon persons whose testimony is wanted in cases to be heard.

It is stated that the grand jury impaneled in June is to be in session for a week before being discharged. Members of this are E. R. C. Williams, A. W. Piel, Will Houston, R. C.

Cowley, James L. Worlow, Fred McKendree and John Matney.

There are eight prisoners in the county jail awaiting hearings before the grand jury. Frank Williams is held for the murder of Allen C. McLeod, near Midland, and others are A. L. Pomford, charged with forgery; John Gilmore and Charles Mander, charged with robbery; Indors Manner, charged with larceny; Willie Jones, accused of a statutory crime, and Gus Spillo, charged with larceny.

In addition to these matters there are a number of others that will be probed into by the inquisitorial body.

S. P. Tax Mix Is in Court

County Brings Suit to Make School Board Refund

Through Stone & Gale, attorneys, suit was filed today by Klamath county against School District No. 1, to recover the sum of \$4,751.76 and interest from July 1, 1913.

This suit is the outcome of an error made in collecting taxes from the Southern Pacific company on the 1912 roll. The amount of taxes charged against the railroad company on certain property in Klamath county was

\$174.54. Through an error in placing the figures in the tax column this amount was made to appear \$17,454.

With the other taxes collected this amount was credited to the several county funds, and the share going to School District No. 1 was \$4,751.76. The county court has refunded the over-paid taxes to the railroad, and is now seeking to recover the portion which had been credited and used by the school district.

CHILD LABOR NEXT LECTURE

"THE NEW SLAVERY" IS TITLE OF SECOND COURSE AT THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH—STUBBLEFIELD TO SPEAK

The second of the series of lectures being given on social service questions at the Christian Church will

be given Monday night, when Rev. J. S. Stubblefield of the Presbyterian church will speak on "Women and Children in Toll," or "The New Slavery."

In this lecture, which is illustrated, the work imposed upon children and women in cotton mills, the mines, glass factories, sweatshops, etc., will be exposed, together with needed reform, methods for bettering conditions, etc.

These lectures are free.

Masten Makes Move.

Wm. A. Masten, the jeweler, will tomorrow and Monday move from his present location to the Slough building, where he will divide a storefront with the Whitman Drug company.

Will Reopen Hall Grill.

With the closing of the dining room at the White Pelican hotel, the Hotel Hall grill is to be opened. H. E. Day, the efficient steward of the White Pelican, is the lessee of the grill, and he has a crew of several carpenters at work making improvements and alterations in the basement location.

Bollers Here on Visit.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Boller arrived in Klamath Falls Friday night on a visit. The Bollers expect to remain here for a while, before returning to Crescent City.

Platinum has advanced in price so rapidly in recent years that gold is being used to alloy it.