

HANKS STEPS IN AS COUNTY JUDGE

HANKS PROMISES A REAL BUSINESSLIKE TERM AS EXECUTIVE

A business administration for Klamath county is promised by Marion Hanks, who was elected county judge in November, and who took office today through the decision of the supreme court.

"In my campaign for the office on a platform of economy, I promised the taxpayers and voters a business-like administration," said Hanks today. "I intend to carry this out to the letter, as the voters at the polls in November, expressed their desire for such a method of conducting the affairs of Klamath county for the next six years.

"Economy is to be our watchword. By this, let it not be understood that the members of the present court are going to penury in the economical work. It is useless to say that such a course would only be false economy, and would leave the county in such shape that later a great amount of money would have to be expended to repair the damage resulting from being miserly.

"Our economy is to be the kind that sees that we get four quarters' worth for every dollar expended. Furthermore, we will not spend the four quarters for a dollar's worth until we have the necessary 100 cents to pay with.

"I am a firm believer in good roads. So are the other members of the county court. But we also believe in paying our way as we go, and can see no gain by running the county into debt for any road building campaign.

"The past four years has seen extensive road building in different parts of the county. We do not intend to retrace road building, or to let the roads now built go to pieces for want of proper maintenance and repair. We will extend the roads into the sections of the county needing them the most just as fast as we acquire the means of so doing."

German Raider Koenigsberg Sunk



The dramatic story of the sinking of the German raider Koenigsberg on the coast of east Africa, has just been told by Captain Willett, of the British merchant ship Newbridge.

The Koenigsberg, which was a light cruiser of about the same class as the Emden, Dresden and Karlsruhe, mounting only 4.1-inch guns, was in company with a smaller German ship when chased by the British squadron, which included, it is believed, several armored cruisers of the County class.

The smaller ship was sunk, but the Koenigsberg succeeded in getting behind the Mafia islands and some distance up river, where she was completely screened by the bend of the river, and where the British heavier draft ships could not follow her. They also, it appears, landed a detachment who mounted some light guns on the bank as a defense against attack by a British boat expedition.

The British, however, contented themselves with bottling up the

Koenigsberg by sinking Captain Willett's ship in the channel. They then waited for the arrival of a seaplane, which flew up the river and indicated the position of the German cruiser by dropping smoke bombs.

The Germans had hid their ship close to the bank under cover of some palm groves and had covered her with foliage. The aviator, however, was able to make her out and to direct the fire of the British ships so accurately by signals, that the cruiser was completely destroyed.

SUPREME COURT'S DECISION HANDED DOWN THIS A. M.

SALEM, Feb. 9.—The supreme court today decided that county judges elected in 1910 hold office for four years. This was the decision in the suit of J. F. Phy vs. Ed. Wright, involving the judgeship of Union county, the court holding that F. C. Henry's term of office expired January 4, 1915, and that Phy, elected last fall, is entitled to the office.

The opinion was written by Justice Eakin, Justice Moore and Barnett dissented.

"The defendant insists that amendments proposed by initiative petitions do not take effect by virtue of Article 17, of the Constitution," says the opinion: "that by the last sentence of the article, such amendments are reserved from application, and would take effect upon the closing of the polls.

"But by a former clause, it is provided that the votes for and against such amendment, whether proposed by the legislative assembly or by initiative petition, shall be canvassed by the secretary of the state, etc., so that the last sentence of the article has reference only to the requirements of some other political act to accomplish the amendment.

"To give in the effect of requiring immediate operation upon the completion of the vote would completely nullify the language last quoted above. Justice Benz holds that in that case, as to laws adopted upon an initiative petition, the right is reserved to the people independent of the legislative body, and that therefore it was not within the power of the legislature to fix the time the initiative law should take effect; but as to amendments of the constitution, the people themselves have determined by Article 17 when they should take effect.

"The holdings are conflicting with the decision in the State vs. Holman action. That was largely the condition in this case. No contest was presented for election in Malheur county for county judge, nor was there any controversy as to the term of election or emphasis made in presenting the case. It seems to have been taken for granted that he held over, and we have, by a thorough investigation of the subject, arrived at the conclusion that in the Union county case, Henry's term of office expired January 4, 1915, and that we are justified in ignoring the decision in the State vs. Holman."

The decision of the supreme court today also decides the Klamath county judgeship tangle, and makes Marion Hanks, who was elected over W. S. Worden in November, county judge.

The Union county case went up to the supreme court on a mandamus proceeding to compel the county clerk to issue a certificate of election as county judge to Phy. It was contended that the Henry amendment of 1910, changing the judicial terms from four to six years, took effect at the closing of the polls the same day that it was adopted, the time that the former county judge was also elected.

MAN IS RELEASED ON A CASH BOND TURKISH CRUISER SHELLS RUSS CITY

FATHER AND FORMER EMPLOYER OF COOK ACCUSED OF BURNING UP RESTAURANT POST BOND TODAY

A cash bond for \$1,000 was posted this afternoon for the appearance of Edward Warner before the grand jury on the charge of arson. The bond was posted by the father of the accused, and by Mrs. Alma Peterstiner, Warner's former employer, whose restaurant he is accused of setting on fire. Warner was released from custody this afternoon.

United Press Service
PETROGRAD, Feb. 9.—The Turkish cruiser Breslau today shelled the fashionable Russian seaport town of Yalta, Crimea, 52 miles southwest of Sebastopol. This raid was made while the Russian fleet was at sea.

Several hotels and merchantile establishments were damaged by shells, but there were no deaths.

This is said to be in retaliation for the Russian bombardment of Trebizond, a Black Sea town destroyed by the Russians.

The Eugene water board will call for bids on \$20,000 reservoirs on College Crest.

TIMBERMEN'S INJUNCTION SUITS WILL SAVE COUNTY \$35,000.00

Agreement Is Signed Whereby Enjoined Warrants Will Be Redeemed for the Real Value of the Debts for Which Issued

Simultaneously with the announcement of the decision of the supreme court regarding the county judgeship, comes an announcement that the protested Klamath county warrants are to be paid. Further, they are to be paid at par value in all cases where it is shown that full value was received by the county for the warrant issued.

An agreement to this effect was reached by the representatives of the Weyerhaeuser Land company, the Oshkosh Land & Timber company and the Western Pacific Land & Timber company, the three concerns bringing the action against the warrants in the Federal district court; R. N. Day, who sought injunctions in the circuit court, and the old county court. A representative of Judge Hanks and Commissioner McCornack, also signed the agreement.

According to the terms of this agreement, the plaintiffs in the Federal court decision suit are willing that the county clerk shall make a special warrant redemption levy ranging from \$100,000 to \$125,000 yearly, beginning with the levy this year.

The plaintiffs will have released from the temporary injunction a sufficient number of warrants each year to equal the amount of the redemption levy made for that year.

These warrants, it is agreed, are to be released from the injunction and settled in the order in which they were protested.

R. N. Day, the timber owner who was represented by Kuykendall & Ferguson in their suits against the warrants filed in the circuit court here, has been of the opinion that a number of warrants should be dis-

counted, or that the prices for which much material was sold to the county were above the market prices. He held that some reduction should be made in the warrants thus issued.

It was agreed that the matter be left to the judgement of the various attorneys in the case.

The defendants have agreed that a discount of about \$35,000 will be satisfactory. That is their estimate of the amount that Klamath county paid in excess of market prices.

This means that as a result of the injunction suits started by the timber interests of the county, the present warrant indebtedness of the county has been reduced \$35,000.

The members of the present county court, by their attorneys, have agreed to do everything in their power to carry out the terms of the above understanding.

Will Seek Lower Rates

Commerce Chamber Assists Millmen, Merchants

Convinced that something must be done toward securing lower freight rates from and to Klamath Falls, the Chamber of Commerce last night appointed Judge Geo. T. Baldwin, I. D. Whitmore and H. J. Darling as a permanent railroad committee to work along this line with the Klamath Business Men's Association and others seeking lower rates.

The matter was put up to the Chamber of Commerce rather forcibly last night by Charles M. Cowan, manager of the Ewauna Box company. He stated that the local manufacturers have little chance in the present "box war," as the "trust" seems to secure

much better freight rates. He stated that the rate from here to Sacramento is \$4.10 a ton for shooks, while from Westwood, on another line under construction, and twelve miles further from Sacramento, the Red Cloud Lumber company pays only \$3.00 a ton. Under such conditions the local manufacturers are at a decided disadvantage, and the payrolls are none too certain if this continues.

The Klamath Business Men's Association is also pegging away to get the freight rate lowered to Klamath. They contend that no work has been done on this line in the past two years, so it can not still be classed as "under construction," thus justifying higher freight tariffs.

Drygoods Men Fight Regulation

United Press Service
NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Department store men must come forward and refuse charges made against them by labor organizations, according to P. Colburn, secretary-treasurer of the National Retail Drygoods association, who arrived here today preparatory

to the opening of the annual convention of the association tomorrow.

"We are confronted by a situation wherein business has been placed on the defensive, while a misinformed public and a dictating government will work irreparable loss to business unless checked," said Pinkham.

Pinkham characterized the minimum wage agitation as disastrous to business.

The Portland East Side Business Men's Club will erect a two-story building.

Master Painters Hold Convention

United Press Service
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 9.—About 1,000 delegates were expected here for the twenty-third annual convention of the International Association of Master House Painters and Decorators, which opened here today. A women's auxiliary will also hold meetings.

Barney Is a Daddy

Barney Chambers is about the most tickled man in Klamath Falls today. This is not because of the supreme court decision or the railroad rumors, but because a son arrived at the Chambers home this morning.

Increasing use of the national forests by local farmers and settlers to supply their needs for timber is shown in the fact that small timber sales in the forests numbered 2,292 in 1914, against 6,122 the previous year.

Will Race Motorcycles

Endurance Run Is Being Outlined by Local Fans

A motorcycle endurance run is the latest plan to be advocated by the members of the local branch of the Federation of American Motorcyclists. At a meeting of the organization at the C. & S. store Friday night, this will be discussed in detail, and plans will be formulated.

The plan is not for a speed contest, but for an endurance run, the winners to be decided by the condition their machines are in at the end of the run, the amount of gasoline, oil, etc., used, etc. There has been an endurance run held in Klamath county, and as the elevation is much higher here than elsewhere in

the state, with the topography of a different type, and the water different, this run will settle for all time the question of the make of motorcycle adapted to the Klamath country.

A 200-mile run is being considered by those advocating the endurance run. Whether this would be in a circuitous route or around the Upper Lake in another point that remains to be settled.

It is expected that there will be a large entry list, in case the run is decided upon Friday night. The Stanley Davidson, Hamilton and others would be well represented, and would be entries by riders of "gas bikes."