

AMENDED SHIP BILL IS COMING UP NEXT WEEK

FINAL ACTION DELAYED FOR A WHILE

Permanent Ship Ownership Through a Corporation Controlled by the Government is the Solution for the Middle Offered in the Measure Reported Today—Democrat Fighters Are Still Unconquered.

United Press Service WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—The conference committee considering the amending of the government ship purchase bill today reported on their work to both houses.

The administration has decided to delay final action until next week. The house, Monday, will probably adopt the bill after limiting debate. Then will come the desperate struggle to pass the bill through the senate.

As amended, the bill provides for permanent government ownership of commercial ships, through a corporation, the government to own at least 51 per cent of the stock. The bill prohibits any ship purchases that will violate the nation's neutrality.

It is believed that the amended bill suits the progressives. The seven democrat bolters, though, are still opposed. If the democrats can get two republican votes, they can make a tie, leaving Vice President Marshall's vote to win for the administration.

LADY REGISTERS ANTI-SUFFRAGIST

United Press Service BUTTE, Feb. 27.—The first woman to register in Butte as a qualified voter of the state, under the constitutional amendment granting equal suffrage, was one of the hardest workers against the "votes for women" movement. She is Mrs. W. J. Christie, anti-suffrage leader. The second woman to register was Mrs. David Dickinson, also an "anti". Mrs. Kate Dennis, president of the Butte Equal Suffrage association, was the third to register. As the registration of anti-suffrage folk throughout the state has been

New Photo of the Generals in Entire Command of French Army



This is the most recent photograph of Generals Joffre and Castelnau, and a recent one of General Pau—the three men in supreme command of the French armies. It is current rumor in Europe that when General Joffre accepted command he did it with the understanding that he was not to be interfered with at all. He took on himself the power of appointing officers throughout the army, and of removing those who failed to satisfy him. His first act was to name Generals Castelnau and Pau to assist him. As a result many generals have

been removed and no cause for the action has been given. He has not tolerated interference from the cabinet, nor other civil officials. The result has been that with only 1,500,000 men in the field, the French claim, he has held the Germans at bay for more than four months. Generals Joffre, Castelnau, and Pau have managed the war as they saw fit. They have divided their work so that each attends to a department. They have let out less news about their movements, actions and intentions than has come from any other commanders in the field.

comparatively heavy, it is generally believed that the "antis" now intend to take every advantage of the vote which they have, despite their strenuous work against it, to defeat the suffrage element at the polls. The fight is not to be ended, merely with the victory of the suffragists in obtaining the ballot.

Mills at Folsom. Clarence Mills, who was local agent for the Southern Pacific before S. J. Bailey, is now at Folsom, Calif., as agent, according to word received by friends. He transferred from Corning last month.

KLAMATH WOMAN DIES IN CALIF.

MRS. CHARLES N. MYERS PASSES AWAY AT PACIFIC GROVE, AND WAS BURIED THERE THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Advices have just been received from Pacific Grove, Calif., telling of the death there of Mrs. Charles N. Myers, a well known Klamath Falls woman. Mrs. Myers passed away Tuesday, and was buried at Pacific Grove Thursday. Mrs. Myers was a native of Pennsylvania, and was 60 years of age. Her husband, who has extensive property interests here, and a daughter mourn her loss. The family left for Pacific Grove early in the winter for the benefit of Mrs. Myers' health.

Keno-Klamath Games Tonight

Lovers of basketball will see a couple of good games at the rink tonight, when the First Public School team will play the Keno Town team, and the Second Public School team will engage the Keno First School team.

The First Public School team of this city has proven victorious in about every contest, and in taking on the heavier Keno Town team tonight they are assuming a big handicap, but still they are confident of victory. An admission of 15 cents will be charged to cover the expenses of the occasion.

Returns From California. Mrs. Joe Hoffinger returned from Glendale, Calif., where she has been for several months. Mrs. Hoffinger was called back by the serious illness of her husband, who was to be operated upon today at Merrill.

LEAVITT WRITES REGARDING THE ANKENY DITCH

HAS NEW SOLUTION FOR THE PROBLEM

City Official Suggests the City Taking Over the Thirty-Five Water Rights Between the Leavitt Tract and the Mouth of the Canal and the Taking of This Amount of Water From the Ditch There.

By A. L. LEAVITT, Police Judge

Various methods have been suggested looking to the elimination of the Ankeny canal as a water way through the city because of its leaky condition during the irrigating season, and because of its foulness and disease breeding condition as well. There is no question but what it will eventually be eliminated, but why postpone the elimination? I have never been impressed with the effect-iveness or the economy of any of the methods yet suggested, feeling that they either involved too much red tape or placed the city in a position that it should not occupy towards the holders of the water rights.

It is my understanding that the object sought to be attained is the relieving of the reclamation service of its obligation to run water through the canal for the purpose of supplying certain water rights under a contract which it assumed several years back.

In the draft of the contract heretofore submitted by the department in connection with a proposed charter amendment to be adopted by the people authorizing its execution, appears section 11, which reads as follows:

"Now, therefore in consideration of the premises and of the covenants and agreements hereinafter contained and by the city to be kept and performed, the United States agrees that it will, and declares it to be its intention to discontinue further operation and use of the said Ankeny canal between the points above described at station 51-30 of said canal and the junction of said canal with the main canal at the intersection of Eleventh and canal streets."

Now, that is absolutely all that the government will do at the present time, viz.: discontinue further operation and use of the canal between the points mentioned. But it is proposed to tie the city up in a contract to assume its obligations to the water-right holders, and otherwise.

The government reclamation service recognizes forty water rights, each holder being entitled to take from the canal at any point one inch of water under a six-inch pressure.

Thirty-five of those recognized rights would be involved in the proposed elimination of the canal as a water way between the southerly boundary of the Leavitt tract and Eleventh street—the other five being used above the first mentioned point.

Proceeding upon the theory that the government is as anxious as are the property owners whose property is most injuriously affected by the canal to have the matter adjusted, and that it will welcome any arrangement that will relieve it of the necessity of running water through the canal to supply those thirty-five rights, I have this suggestion to offer:

Let the city of Klamath Falls take an assignment of all the right, title and interest of each of the thirty-five holders of, in and to a water right. Let the assignment be absolute, and for municipal purposes only.

Let the city as such assignee of said thirty-five rights elect to take its thirty-five inches of water from the canal permanently during the irrigating season at a point known as station 51-30, at or near the southerly boundary of the Leavitt tract. The water could be piped as might

Senators to Probe the Ship Lobby



Five senators have been named to make an investigation of reports that there has been a lobby of American ship owners in Washington to prevent the passage of the bill for the purchase of ships for operation by the federal government. It was intimated in the senate debate on the bill that powerful New York financial interests had obtained options on some interned German merchant ships, and would undertake to sell them to the government in case the

be required to a convenient point for city use.

Thirty-five inches of water would be a very nice little asset for the future. And I apprehend that individual holders of the thirty-five rights would have very little hesitation about accepting reasonable compensation for their rights and transferring them to the city, were they assured that the aggregate of the thirty-five inches would become a permanent municipal asset in which, as citizens, they would still have an interest and a voice in its use and distribution.

The moment the city could present to the government evidence of its title as assignee and elected to receive its thirty-five inches of water from the canal at the point indicated, the obligation of the government to run water through the canal below that point to supply said thirty-five rights would be at an end.

The city would be under no obligation to the owners of the rights or to the government by virtue of such transfer and election of point of intake. The government obligation to supply the thirty-five inches would continue under its contract as it now stands, but to one holder, instead of thirty-five.

The matter of paying for the rights I leave where it belongs, but I am satisfied it can be done without serious embarrassment to the city, even if done right now.

If this idea should prove to be practical and meet with approval, steps should be taken at once to secure the assignment and arrange for the payments so that the city may be in a position to present its claim as assignee, and arrange for putting its tap or intake prior to the beginning of the irrigating season.

RUSSIANS BEGIN A VIOLENT ATTACK AGAINST GERMANS

United Press Service

BERLIN, Feb. 27.—It is officially admitted that new Russian forces have appeared at the front between Przemys and Augustow, and have started a new offensive movement.

A feature of this is a series of violent assaults by the Muscovites, directed against the village of Skrodo, now held by the Germans. Several of these were repulsed, and 1,100 men were taken prisoners, but the assaults continue with increasing ferocity.

Large forces of men are battling in the swamp regions, ten miles from Augustow.

Dispatches from the front express the belief that these attacks are an attempt to halt the further advancing of von Hindenburg's armies, rather than a serious attempt to force the Germans back to the frontier.

Around Verdun and Perthe, the fighting continues. The Crown Prince's army is assaulting the French position.

United Press Service

ATHENS, Feb. 27.—Two forts inside the Dardanelles are being heavily shelled, and a part of one of the Turkish land batteries has been destroyed according to dispatches.

Several of the allied fleet vessels are reported slightly damaged. The Turkish gunners' aim is poor, and as a result, they are unable to force a retirement of the fleet. The bombardment by the ships is increasing.

The people of Constantinople do not know that an attempt is being made to force the Dardanelles. Only the leading families and the nobles are informed regarding this.

Three imperial trains, with steam up, are ready for instant flight.

United Press Service

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—United States Minister Henry Van Dyke at The Hague called a rumor that eight members of the crew of the Evelyn are missing, and yesterday called the vessel was "medically reported safe."

United States Minister Gerard at Berlin telegraphs that three were lost in the Carib straiting.

HORSE TAKEN HIS SHEEP ARE LOST

CRESCENT MAN BRINGS DAMAGE ACTION AGAINST SEVERAL PARTIES TO RECOVER HORSE HIRE AND SHEEP COST

Suit to recover \$720 and attorney fees, etc., was commenced in the circuit court today by J. C. Houston of the Crescent country, with Augusta M. Jolley, Justice of the Peace Cleaves, Constable Thomas, Jennie Davis, Frank Funk and George Waterman, all of Crescent, as plaintiffs.

In the complaint, Houston alleges that he is the owner of a claybank horse with black mane and tail, white feet and a white starred forehead,

branded "CC" and worth \$150. The animal, described as foregoing, he says was taken from him by the defendants in June, and kept away from him 120 days. He asks \$120 for the use of the horse during that time.

But this is the least of the trouble brought about by the taking of the horse, according to the complaint. Houston states further that the horse was used at one of his sheep camps near Crescent, and that as a result of the horse not being available for use, 150 sheep strayed away, and have not been found. The value of the sheep, \$500, is demanded in the action, in which W. G. Wallace, a Prineville attorney, represents Mr. Houston.

Home From Visit. Mr. and Mrs. Glen Johnson returned last night from Colfax, Wash., where they have been visiting since selling out their interest in the Miller Photo company. And like all the rest, they are glad to be back.

Boller to Annapolis

Klamath Boys Take First Rank in Competitive Test

(Herald Special Service) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—Klamath Falls youths this year again won the highest places in the competitive examination for appointment as cadet to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis. Leon Boller passed the highest of any of the applicants, and was appointed principal by Representative N. J. Slinnot. Claude Hill, also of Klamath Falls, stood second according to the gradings, and was named as first alternate. The examination was held February 15th in Klamath Falls. The Dallas Baker and Pendleton, and was open to all of the youths of the Second Congressional district. The principal and three alternates will now take a test conducted by the navy department, after which they will be ready to enter Annapolis.

Home From the South. B. R. Reams returned last night from an extended visit in California.

Frame Contest Rules

Motorcyclists Attending to Details for the Run

Further consideration of the first annual endurance run of the local branch of the Federation of American Motorcyclists to be held Sunday, March 14, was the order of business at last night's meeting of the organization, held at the C. & E. Electrical store. As yet, the course has not been definitely decided upon, but the following rules, formulated last night, will govern the contest.

- 1—Each entrant must be a member of the Klamath Falls Motorcycle Club in good standing.
- 2—Signed entry blanks must be submitted with the secretary by 6 o'clock on March 12, accompanied by \$2.50 as entry fee.
- 3—Each person making an entry thereby agrees to hold blameless the Klamath Falls Motorcycle Club for any loss or injury to himself or property, and to assume responsibility for any loss or injury in which he may become involved by reason of participation in the race.
- 4—Only stock machines will be allowed to be entered, and must be complete as shipped from the factory.
- 5—Each machine must be inspected before and after the race, and for each and every broken part of the machine ten points will be deducted from the ranking of the rider.
- 6—No entryman will be allowed to work on his machine during his rest at the various control stations along the run.
- 7—Riders must stop ten minutes at each control station, and must check out on schedule time. Riders will be deducted one point for each minute they are off schedule time, whether before or after.
- 8—Riders must cross the line at the control stations under engine power.
- 9—Each rider will be assigned a certain number, as they are given, and one of the number must be displayed in front of his machine and in the rear in the rear.