

COON WINS FIRST PRIZE IN 'CYCLE ENDURANCE TEST

MAKES SPEED RECORD AS WELL AS POINTS

Saturday Night's Hains Made Course Between Klamath Falls and Malin a Severe Test for the Riders and Machine—All Bothered by Skid Chains and the Caking of Mud on Tires—Five Failed to Finish.

Finishing with a score of 792 out of a possible 1,000, Claude B. Coon, riding a 1915 Harley-Davidson, won the first annual endurance run of the local branch of the Federation of American Motorcyclists yesterday. In addition to finishing with the fewest defects, Coon also made the best speed, traversing the 132 miles of muddy, slippery roads in 329 minutes. Charles Faught of Bonanza, riding an Excelsior, finished second high score was 739. Carl Schubert, on an Indian, won third money, with a score of 659; Horace G. Shidler, on an Excelsior, was fourth, score 608, and Chester Linkenbach was fifth, with a minus 201 score.

Leon Decker made the first round, but dropped out then on account of engine trouble. Cleve Ferris also had trouble after the first round. He was so far behind that he stopped at Merrill to eat dinner before coming back to Klamath Falls. Floyd McMillan, Byers and Bowman failed to reach the first checking station, owing to the difficulties they met with on the sloppy, muddy road. The course used for the run was between Klamath Falls and Malin, the round trip being made twice. The distance was 132 miles, and the cyclists stopped for five minutes at Merrill, Malin and Klamath Falls, to be checked over and penalized for any shortcomings noted.

Owing to the rain, the riders were all handicapped in their first trip to Merrill. The fastest time made on the first run to Merrill was 72 minutes, Faught's record. All the riders were troubled on the first trip by the tire chains interfering with the wheels. Another difficulty several met was in mud caking on the front wheel so bad that the wheel could not turn under the mud guard. This necessitated the removal of the front mud guard, and a penalty for so doing.

The fastest time between Merrill and Klamath Falls was 37 minutes, made by Coon. Schubert's fastest time for the same distance was just a minute longer. Between Merrill and Malin, Coon also was fastest, his

SWEENEY'S CREW GOES ON THE JOB

HORSES, MULES AND EQUIPMENT ENOUGH FOR A MILITARY MOBILIZATION GO THROUGH HERE TODAY

With eighty-six head of horses and mules, and grading equipment, J. W. Sweeney, a Portland contractor, is here to begin work for the government on the enlargement of the Griffith lateral.

The stock was driven through here this morning, and has gone to Camp 4, which has just been established near the Nylander place on Lost River.

Mr. Sweeney has just finished a grading contract on the Pacific highway over the Siskiyou.

Beside the Sweeney outfit which went to work today, there will be another large force of privately owned teams put to work tomorrow on the dam. By Wednesday there will be at least 200 teams engaged in the excavation work.

LINCOLN BEACHEY FALLS TO DEATH

United Press Service SAN FRANCISCO, March 15.—While trying out a new monoplane at the exposition grounds yesterday, Lincoln Beachy, one of the best known aviators in the world, was killed. His monoplane buckled its wings as Beachy attempted to loop the loop at a height of 6,000 feet, and fell into the bay. Beachy, strapped into the machine, was drowned before he could be rescued.

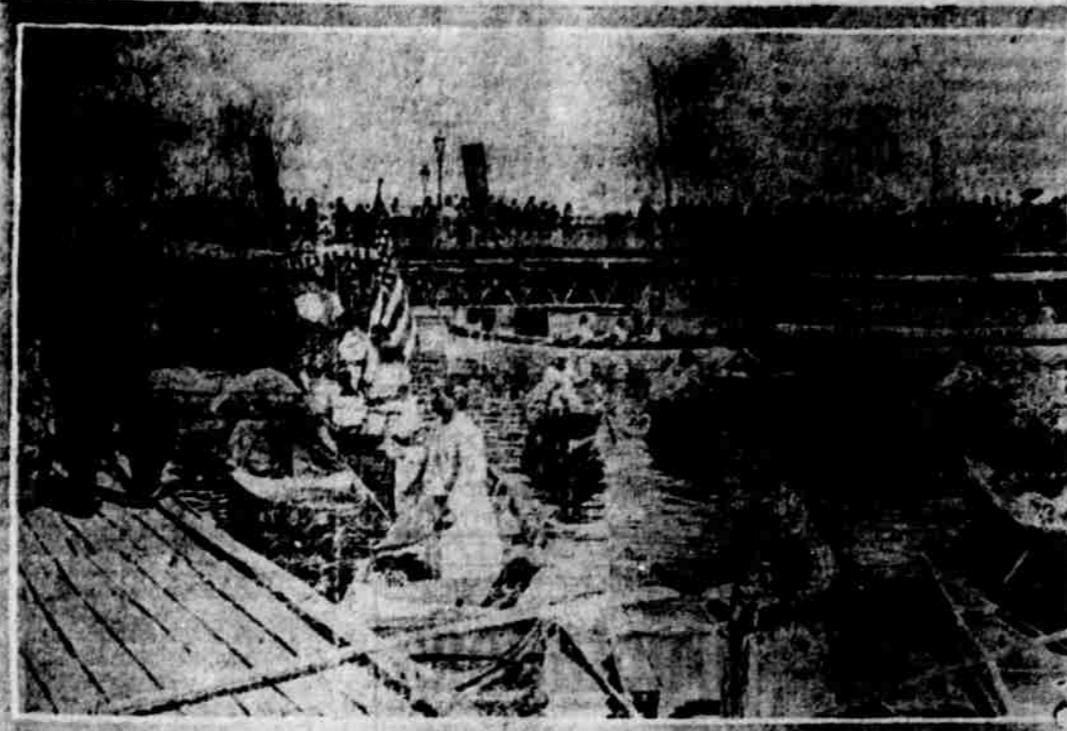
Fifty thousand people witnessed the fatality. At the exact moment that Beachy fell to his death, the mammoth exposition pipe organ began playing Siegfried's Death March from "Gottterdammerung."

time on the last trip being 19 minutes.

The judges of the contest were Will T. Lee, J. A. Gordon and G. Homer Ashley. They also checked the machines leaving or reaching here. At Merrill Cecil Weeks and Herman Arnold checked the riders, and Ben Mitchell and Otto Arnold checked at Malin.

Much interest was manifested in the race by people all along the route. Throngs gathered at the start and finish here, and at Merrill and Malin crowds of spectators showed the same enthusiasm in the run.

American Flag Still Flies Unharmed in Constantinople



Here is a photograph just taken in Constantinople which proves, despite reports that the Sultan is about to leave with his harem, that the American flag still flies unharmed. The picture was taken at the Galata bridge,

one of the famous bridges in Constantinople crossing an arm of the Bosphorus from Istanbul, the Turkish quarter of the city, to Pera, the European quarter. The flag is to be seen on the small excursion steamer in the

left of the picture. No other flag is visible. In fact, none except the German and Austrian would be possible there. Turkey is either at war with every other nation or so near it that such public display of the flag of one of them would cause trouble.

SALMON EGGS TO BE HATCHED HERE

HUNDRED THOUSAND BROUGHT IN LAST NIGHT BY JIM DRISCOLL, AND WHEN DEVELOPED WILL BE PUT INTO KLAMATH

C. F. Stone returned last evening from Portland, where he attended a meeting of the State Board of Fish and Game Commissioners. The commission decided to hatch 100,000 blue black salmon eggs at the Spencer Creek hatchery.

These eggs were brought in last evening by Jas. H. Driscoll, and have been taken to Spencer Creek. The fingerlings will be turned loose in the Klamath River, and it is expected that by the time they are ready to return here to spawn that satisfactory arrangements will have been completed between Oregon and California for the opening of the Klamath River, and that the necessary fish ladders will have been erected at the power plant of the California-Oregon Power company.

The commission also decided to close that portion of the North Fork of the Sprague River, where an egg taking station is to be operated. Notices to this effect are now being published.

New Texas Law

ANSTIN, Tex., March 15.—A 54-hour week bill for women workers, certain to become a law at this session of the legislature, passed the senate with women in cotton and woolen mills excluded from its protection. Senator Bee, author of the measure, felt constrained to apologize for the fact that it excluded these workers. He said that he had consented to it only because fourteen of his colleagues told him they would not vote for it if the bill did not exclude textile workers.

COUNTY FIELD MEET PROPOSED

HIGH AND GRAMMAR SCHOOLS MAY BE INVITED HERE IN MAY TO COMPETE IN SPRINTS AND FIELD MEETS

In order to stimulate interest in athletics and to bring about a closer relationship between the schools of the county, the Klamath county high school is considering inviting the high schools of Merrill, Bonanza, Fort Klamath, Bly and Keno to send representatives to a track and field meet to be held here in May. The grammar schools of the county may also be asked to send representatives.

If the meet is arranged, there will be separate competitions for high school and grammar school students. The sprints, hurdles, jumps, weights, shot, hammer and discus will compose the program, as it is felt that the long runs are injurious to boys of high school age.

Dr. George A. Cathey, who attained considerable note as a track athlete during his college days, will have charge of the track men of the K. C. H. S. The doctor will give the boys the best of training, and some great development work is expected.

BIDS ON ELKS' HOME OPEN 1ST

COMPLETE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS RECEIVED AND WORK WILL BE RUSHED IN HOPE OF COMPLETION BY FALL

The complete plans and specifications for the new Elks' Home have arrived, and are ready to be placed in the hands of the contractors for bids.

At a meeting of the building committee tonight plans will be completed for the issuance of the bonds, the larger portion of which have already been subscribed, and also for a public notice asking for bids, which will be opened April 1st.

The time for the completion of the building is to be limited, as it is planned to have the new home ready for occupancy early in the fall. The residence now on the property is to be moved to Pine street, and the lot cleared ready for building operations early in April.

Dr. Johnson Home. Dr. E. D. Johnson, president of the Klamath Chamber of Commerce, returned Saturday night from a course at several clinics in the East and Middle West. He expresses himself as glad to be back, and maintains that Klamath county is far ahead of any other locality and has a wonderful future.

Here for a Visit. Mrs. Eddie McCune arrived last evening from New Orleans for an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. Don D. Dale.

Will Probe Farm Life

Industrial Commission Looks Into Matter of Import

By CHARLES W. HOLMAN (Special Agent in Charge, Dallas Land Hearings, United States Commission on Industrial Relations)

(Written for the United Press) DALLAS, Tex., March 15.—Is a pernicious landlordism springing up in America? Is a permanent tenant farmer class to be looked for as a development of the coming years? Or will corporations control farm operations and the real farmer class be unskilled laborers working in large gangs on "efficiency systems"?

These are among the most important questions that will be asked by the United States Commission on Industrial Relations in the hearings on the American land question, scheduled to begin here this morning. The hearings will continue for five days

and twenty-six qualified witnesses have been subpoenaed to appear. In some ways this will be the most unique of the commission's hearings. It is the first time that any official body of the federal government has recognized the importance of the United States developing a national policy with regard to the land, just as older nations and the colonies of the British empire have already done. It marks the advent of the tenant farmer as a recognized part of the industrial struggle, classifying him with labor as a laborer. It calls for a realization by the general public that in the United States there is a rapid

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MALIN'S DRINK PARLOR CLOSED

Joe Victorine's soft drink establishment at Malin is no more. Saturday Deputy Sheriff Lloyd Low and Ray Childers searched the premises and ordered Victorine to close it. He agreed to do this.

For some time it has been whispered about that all the drinks to be had at the emporium were not soft. For this reason the search was made, but near beer was the only thing stronger than coca cola that came to light.

Victorine told the officer that he did not sell liquor. On the wall of his establishment was a government license permitting the sale of beer and whiskey in case and gallon lots.

LYRIC OPERA TO BE PLAYED HERE

ANDREWS OPERA COMPANY WILL PRESENT "MARTHA" MONDAY AND TUESDAY UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE ELKS

Klamath Falls people are assured a great musical treat Monday and Tuesday nights of next week, when the Andrews opera company will present "Martha." The productions will be under the auspices of Klamath Falls Elks Lodge No. 1247, B. P. O. Elks, and the proceeds will go toward furnishing the new lodge home.

The Andrews opera company was organized at Medford by George and Ed Andrews, who have national reputations, earned in their old Andrews opera company. Mrs. Don J. Zumwalt, Klamath Falls' best known singer, is a member of the cast, as is Salvatore Giordano, who has been alternating with Caruso in the tenor roles for the Metropolitan opera company of New York. Miss Catherine Lee, who also enjoys wide fame as a vocalist, is another of the company.

That the attendance at the opening performance of the Andrews Opera company Monday will tax the capacity of the opera house was indicated by the demand for tickets this morning.

The contract for the production of the opera under the auspices of the Elks has just been closed, yet the news soon spread and 150 tickets were sold during the forenoon.

Exchange tickets will be placed on sale tomorrow at the Bonboniers, and at the Star, Underwoods and Whitman's drug stores. The price of admission is \$1, and tickets can be exchanged for reserve seats beginning Friday. The holders of exchange tickets will be given first choice in the selection of reserved seats.

FROTHING DOG EXCITES MILLS

SUSPICIOUS LOOKING CANINE IS PURSUED AND KILLED BY MILLS ADDITION PEOPLE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

A strangely acting dog, frothing at the mouth, passed through Mills addition yesterday, headed for the business part of town, and caused some consternation there, owing to the fear that the animal might be suffering from rabies.

Several men followed the animal, overtaking it near the Savidge mill, where it was killed.

U.S. Records Secret

Uncle Sam Isn't Telling World How Boys Hit Mark

United Press Service WASHINGTON, D. C., March 15.—Uncle Sammy's playing fox. At least, he's that way when it comes to letting the world know just how good his bright young men are on their navy target practices. And there's a reason.

It used to be the custom for the United States navy to parade its target records. Then when the afore-said Uncle Sammy had done with this advertising, the other nations stepped proudly forth and let the United States know where they, too, stood on hits and misses. But war changed a lot of things, and among others the matter of advertising just how fast and how well American gunners can shoot. Hence today records of the past and present

CRUISER DRESDEN SUNK BY BRITISH SHIPS ON SUNDAY

SINKS QUICKLY IN AN UNEQUAL BATTLE

Fall of Smyrna This Week Is Predicted by Officers—British Issue Order for Practical Blockade of German Coast, to Which the United States Makes a Strong Protest—Germanes Halted, Say Russians.

United Press Service LONDON, March 15.—The admiral announced the German cruiser Dresden sunk yesterday. The British warships Glasgow, Orma and Kent trapped the German raider, and after 50 minutes' action, in which she was heavily damaged, the German lowered its colors.

The ship was then in flames, the magazines having exploded. The crew was taken off in boats.

Athens dispatches predict the fall of Smyrna this week. More warships have been sent to reinforce Admiral Piers, and the Smyrna question is reported preparing to evaporate.

An order was issued today which practically declared a blockade on the German North Sea coast, while not using that precise term.

United Press Service WASHINGTON, D. C., March 15.—America will vigorously protest England's latest shipping order. Officials say it is a flagrant violation of international law and the rights of neutrals.

Failure to specifically prohibit a blockade is being maintained by warships, it is declared, makes it a violation of the treaty rights of this nation with both France and England.

United Press Service PETROGRAD, March 15.—The German advance upon Przemysl from the north has been halted, at least temporarily, by the defeat of a German detachment in front of Miawa.

HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS IN RECYCL FRIDAY

Students of the high school will be presented in recital Friday night by Miss Ruth Sauerbaum, head of the music department. The recital is free to the public, and will be at the High School Auditorium. Selections by the boys' and girls' glee clubs and instrumental numbers will comprise the program.

Women have been refused their request that one of their sex be appointed to the Patterson, N. S., board of education.