

Move for Opening Klamath Reservation Is Started Here

Two Tentative Bills Drafted for Opening All or Part of Land

The opening gun in the campaign for the development of Klamath county by the opening of the Klamath Indian Reservation, or the timber within its confines, was taken last night by the committee named by the Commercial Club. This consisted of the drafting of two tentative bills, to be submitted to Senator Lane for approval and introduction.

One of these provides for the allotting of lands to all Indians, and the opening of the remainder of the reservation to settlement. The other provides for the sale of timber off the tribal lands, the payment of moneys received to the Indians entitled to a portion, and that the remainder of unallotted land be sold, the proceeds to be divided among the Indians.

The Commercial Club appointed a committee of competent men to take up this work at the time Robert A. Strahorn visited here in November, and since then, the committee has been hard at work, interviewing Indians and Indian service officials, writing to congressional delegates, securing the advice of prominent men in other parts of the state, and attending tribal councils. As a result, they have gathered a good idea of the opinions of all concerned, and have them embodied in the tentative bills they drew up last night.

The Klamath reservation has an area of 1,890 square miles, or more than one and a half times the area of Rhode Island. It contains a splendid stand of pine timber, estimated at between 8,000,000,000 and 10,000,000,000 feet. A total of 160,000 acres is available for irrigation, and in addition to its farming and lumbering possibilities, the reservation contains some of the best known trout streams in the West, which annually bring scores of fishermen here from other sections. There are about 1,100 Indians with allotments, or entitled to allotments.

One of the bills provides for the appointment of three commissioners by the Secretary of the Interior to classify and appraise the tribal lands. One commissioner is to be a resident of Oregon, but not a resident of the reservation, another is to be a representative of the Interior department, and the third is to be a person of Indian blood, who has an allotment on the Klamath reservation.

The commission is given six months in which to make an appraisal and classification of tribal lands and tribal timber. It is to personally examine all of the tribal lands, and to classify it by the quarter sections as agricultural, grazing or timber lands. Each quarter section of tribal land is also to be appraised, and the classifications and appraisements are to be reported to the Interior department.

Such tribal lands as that used for the Agency, schools, churches, demonstration farm, cemeteries, etc., are to be excluded. Tribal lands are all lands upon the reservation not allotted.

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COUNCIL PASSES PROHIBITION LAW

ONLY ONE DISENTING VOTE IS CAST—THE MEASURE CARRIED EMERGENCY CLAUSE, AND IS NOW IN EFFECT

It will be pretty hard lines hereafter if any hard working boot-legger get into the coils of the city's minions, for the council last night passed the prohibition law which provides for fines from \$100 to \$500, and sentences from three months to two years at hard labor. Moreover, the measure carried an emergency clause, and is now effective.

Matthews, Doty, Miller and Struble voted yes on the passage. Sheets voted against its passage.

According to the ordinance now in effect, persons convicted of carrying liquor to public gatherings can be fined \$200, or sentenced to 100 days in jail. Persons convicted of selling liquor are liable to fines of from \$100 to \$500, or imprisonment from thirty days to a year.

In case of negligence in duty by the city attorney, he can be fined from \$100 to \$500, and other city officials convicted of similar charges can be fined from \$50 to \$500. In addition, their offices are declared forfeited.

The city attorney is authorized to subpoena any person he thinks may be able to give information regarding violations, these people to appear at his office, or wherever he sees fit to interview them. In case of failure to appear after a summons, or the refusal to give testimony in the matter at issue, any person convicted is liable to a fine up to \$300 or three months' imprisonment.

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Eleventh Street People Want Action on Project

Determined to get action on the paving of Eleventh street as early as possible this spring, property owners along that thoroughfare brought in a petition to the council last night.

This was referred to City Attorney Crossback, upon motion of Doty, Crossback to draw up the necessary ordinance or resolution, if all is favorable.

The new petition asks the improvement of Eleventh from Main street to the south bank of the main U. S. R. S. canal, and from the west bank of the canal along eleventh to Upham and Worden, and along Upham to the pavement at Prospect street. Bituminous, or other hard surface pavement is to be used, and concrete curbing is to be installed.

This paving project has been taken up before, but the refusal of the government to build a bridge across the canal has always halted the move. Several plans to circumvent this are now under consideration.

This improvement would be a direct route to Shippington, Pelican City and Upper Klamath county.

GERMAN DECREE EFFECTIVE SOON

OPERATIONS AGAINST ARMED MERCHANTMEN TO START TONIGHT—LANING AGAIN REBURES GERMANY'S ENVOY

United Press Service WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 29.—German's decree whereby armed merchantmen will be torpedoed without warning, is effective at midnight. Officials agree that America is in little immediate danger.

America's policy awaiting German evidence regarding secret British orders to merchantmen to attack German submarines. Lansing is impatient over certain statements, credited to his department, indicating the German negotiations have reached a satisfactory point.

"I have made no comment upon the matter," said he. "Any statement regarding my views is absolutely without authorization."

This is regarded as a rebuke to Ambassador Bernstorff for improper publicity of questions discussed confidentially.

STEAMER FIFIELD GOES ON ROCKS

STRUCK BY HEAVY WAVE ON BRANDON BAR—CREW AND PASSENGERS SAVED—VESSEL TOTAL LOSS

United Press Service MARSHFIELD, Ore., Feb. 29.—The steamer Fifield, 440 tons burden, was struck by a heavy wave as she was crossing the Brandon bar this morning and wrecked.

She was beached near the south jetty, where it was discovered that a great hole had been stove in her bow below the water line. She will probably be a total loss, as she lies in a bad position.

The crew of twenty-one and four passengers were saved. The Fifield left San Francisco Saturday.

TWO SEEK TO BE ADMINISTRATOR

There are two applicants to be considered by the county court when appointing an administrator for the estate of Mary A. Wilcox and Maggie E. Jones, the two women killed in Langell Valley a few weeks ago, it is charged, by William Doyle, now held in jail.

Through Charles J. Ferguson, Coroner Earl Whitlock has filed application for appointment. Whitlock has a claim against the estates, and says an early appointment is necessary to settle the claims of many creditors.

The other applicant is John N. Warren. J. H. Carnahan has filed his petitions, and also filed a petition signed by thirty-three residents of Lorella, Langell Valley and Bonanza, requesting Warren's appointment.

MAY AND JULY WHEAT DROP STILL LOWER

United Press Service CHICAGO, Feb. 29.—May wheat dropped four points yesterday, closing at \$1.09.

July wheat dropped 4 1/2 points, or to \$1.08 1/2.

To Bonanza. George Chaastain is attending to business interests in Bonanza today.

RULES FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT ARE NOT IN EFFECT

ORDINANCE KILLED AND ANOTHER DRAWN

Failure to Pass the Much Talked of Bill to a Third Reading Results in Its Death—New Ordinance Makes Several Changes—Council Considers Buying Some Modern Fire Apparatus.

The much talked of ordinance prescribing a set of stringent rules for the conduct of members of the fire department was killed last night, when it failed to pass a third reading. Another ordinance, eliminating the so-called "ten commandments," which were so much objected to by the firemen, was then introduced by Matthews.

There were several interlineations in the first ordinance for which there had been no amendments voted. Instead of making the matter uncertain it was deemed best to start with a new ordinance.

The former ordinance sought to establish a paid fire department. The word "paid" is eliminated from the present ordinance, which passed its second reading last night.

A chief, an assistant chief, ten firemen, and such other men as shall be later appointed, are to constitute the department. They are to be appointed by the mayor, and the appointments are to be confirmed by the council.

The chief and assistant chief are to receive salaries, to be fixed later. The other members of the department are to receive \$1 for each alarm answered and \$1 for each hour more than one hour of fire fighting.

Applicants for the department positions are to apply to the mayor. Rules and regulations for the government of the department can be made from time to time by the council, and the mayor has authority to suspend any "employee" of the fire department until the next council meeting.

The chief is responsible for the fire department, its equipment, etc., and is also to inspect city and other public buildings, to keep a record of fires, of drills and other matters for the council's information.

Obscene language, altercations and the use of liquor by the firemen while on duty is strictly prohibited.

The question of choosing a chief from the department created a warm little skirmish. Sheets advocated this, and Struble said that such was his understanding of the talks by the fire committee. Sheets stated that such recognition is due the firemen, inasmuch as they have rendered good service at no charge whatever.

"That is not common sense," said Miller. "Let the mayor pick out the best man from the applicants. Why obligate yourself to any faction? There are as good men outside."

"The firemen are experienced in this work," interjected Sheets, "and furthermore—I believe you are not competent to sit there and tell me I haven't common sense."

"In other words, you would give the present firemen preference over other citizens," said Miller.

"The idea of appointing a member of the present department as chief, I believe, was agreed upon, practically, with the firemen, but the charter does not say this can be incorporated in the ordinance," said Matthews.

"The charter doesn't say we can't, either," said Struble. "Give the firemen preference."

"Why these ordinances were drawn up, I believe, to get an efficient fire department," said Miller. "I thought you fellows said we didn't have one."

"Nothing of the kind," Struble answered. "We want a municipal fire department."

Characters of Quadrangle Mystery



Yvonne Gouraud, Stepdaughter of the Princess Princess Miskinoff

The strange case of the former Mrs. Jackson Gouraud, now Princess Miskinoff, the prince himself, her stepdaughter, Yvonne Gouraud, and the disappearing baby—who has no name—has occupied a New York judge for several days. The prince wants a decree of separation. His wife charged that he made love to her stepdaughter, who is about 25 years younger than the mother, and the prince retorted with the charge that she told him to do so, but he didn't. Among the other strange features of the case was his statement that the princess bore a child by him. She denies this, and maintains in court that she had no child.

SUGAR TAX IS NOW IN FAVOR

HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE IS UNITED IN ENDORSING THE ADOPTION OF MEASURE REPEALING "FREE DUTY"

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 29.—The ways and means committee of the house today reported favorably on the bill of Congressman Kitchen, for repealing the free sugar provision of the Underwood tariff law.

The decision to report favorably upon this measure was unanimous, say the committee members.

LAMAR'S CASE TO BE HEARD BY HIGH COURT

United Press Service WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 29.—The supreme court has agreed to hear on merits the case of David Lamar of the Labor Peace Council, who was convicted by the New York federal district court of impersonating a congressman.

This automatically suspends the two year sentence imposed by the district court.

Turks Evacuating Troadband

PETROGRAD, Feb. 29.—Tiflis wires that the Turks are evacuating Troadband and neighboring cities before the Russian advance.

GERMANS SHIFT FOR NEW DRIVE AGAINST VERDUN

NEW OFFENSIVE DEVELOPS FROM SOUTHEAST

Several Towns Are Captured, According to Germans, and Loss of at Least One Is Admitted by French. Kaiser Is Active, and Watches the Death Struggle at Fort Douaumont for Four Hours.—Other News

United Press Service

LONDON, Feb. 29.—The Germans have suddenly shifted their attack, and are now driving toward Verdun from the southeast. It is believed that the frightful losses sustained caused the kaiser to cease his massed assaults against the Verdun forts.

It is estimated that the Germans lost at least 160,000 killed, wounded and missing northeast of Verdun.

An Amsterdam dispatch says over 40,000 Germans were killed. Eight thousand corpses were found on the Treves. The Cologne hospitals are reported overcrowded with wounded.

German prisoners say Kaiser Wilhelm has been active in directing operations. They say he stood on the hill north of Douaumont, and for four hours watched the struggle, despite snow and rain.

The German communique says the Teutons captured the small armored works to the north of Fort Douaumont, which the French recaptured in a furious assault Sunday, when they also retook the larger fort.

In the Woivre region, east of Verdun, the Germans have captured nearly 17,000 French troops, and have taken Manhuelles, Dieppe, Paucort and Blancs Campon.

The Paris communique says all German attacks around Verdun for the past day have been successfully repulsed, and that the French troops again entirely surround Fort Douaumont, which has been the scene of bitter fighting, in its capture and recapture this week.

It is admitted that the Germans have captured the village of Manhuelles. The troops taking the town are thought to be executing an eastward drive on Verdun to force the evacuating of that fortified section by a squeeze.

United Press Service

PARIS, Feb. 29.—The French ministry of marine announces that the French auxiliary cruiser Provence was sunk in the Mediterranean Saturday. Nearly a thousand are believed to have perished.

There were 1,800 on board, and so far 870 have landed at Malta and Melos. The cause of the destruction is not made known.

Stone Tells of Need of Highway to Crater Lake

By C. F. STONE

It is probable that many Klamath county people have noticed the recent efforts of the citizens of Rogue River valley, and particularly of Medford, to carry through a plan of road building between that city and Crater Lake, that will add much to the attractiveness of a drive between those points. The program includes hard surface finish to the boundary line of the park and the construction of a similar road by the government from that point to Crater Lake. Now all this is most praiseworthy and

shows that the people of the valley are awake and looking after their own interests. But what are the people of Klamath county doing to secure what they are entitled to from an asset within its boundary? Unless some well directed improvement is done on the county road between Klamath Falls and Crater Lake in time to accommodate the tourist traffic this season, the number of visitors this year will be materially less. Most people making the trip to Crater

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