

Assessor Lee Replies to Editor of Record

I respectfully call the attention of the voters and taxpayers of Klamath county to the article printed in the Klamath Record under date of July 21, in which I have been accused of graft in connection with my office, same being on account of a charge of \$5 made to a man by the name of Bell in Portland for information he requested from my office regarding timber. Miss Prehme printed in her article the letter she received from Mr. Bell, and asks me to deny both it and the circumstances surrounding it. I have nothing to deny; only I wish that Miss Prehme had had the fortitude to print all of it. This man did write to me for information, and I take pleasure in printing his letter fully, as follows:

"Please give me the assessed valuation, tax levy for 1916, and county cruise, if any, on the following tracts of land respectively. Am anxiously awaiting your answer, and any expense to you will be taken care of by us. Thanking you very much for this favor. Yours truly,

"BELL & KUHHAUSEN,
Per Arnold Kuhhausen.

The following is a list of the property wanted.

Township 39 S., R. 11 E.—E½ of NE¼ of Sec. 7; W½ of NW¼ of Sec. 8.
Township 39 S., R. 12 E.—E½ of SW¼, Sec. 17; NE¼ of NW¼, Sec. 20; W½ of SW¼, Sec. 29; SE¼ of NE¼, Sec. 32; NW¼ and W½ of NE¼ of Sec. 33.
Township 37 S., R. 14 E.—SW¼ of Sec. 3.
Township 36 S., R. 14 E.—W½ of NE¼, Sec. 30; N½ of NW¼, Sec. 32.

Mr. Bell in his letter to Miss Prehme states that he is of the opinion that it would only take about fifteen minutes to get this out, but when Miss Prehme brought the list down after receiving Mr. Bell's letter, she will tell you, if she tells the truth, and she appears to be unable to do this little thing, that it took better than two hours. She spent some little time in the assessor's office, but as I have nothing whatever to do with the tax, she was compelled to spend some two hours with Mr. Ulrich in the tax collector's office getting the balance of the information. Furthermore, Mr. Ulrich absolutely denies advising Miss Prehme that there was no charge for that kind of work, unless it was for the purpose of paying the tax, when, of course, there would be no charge, and there certainly was no tax paid at that time on the property, nor since. Why is it, Miss Prehme, that you simply cannot state facts as they are?

Now I wish to state to the residents of Klamath county that the matter of making up a tax roll is no child's play, and that the entire time of the deputies in my office is taken up in assessing property and writing the rolls, and it is a physical impossibility to stop in the midst of such work to answer inquiries of this character. Miss Prehme seems to think that this is the only inquiry of this kind we have ever received, but there is hardly a day when several inquiries of the same nature are not sent

into us, and it would take the entire time of at least one deputy to look after such matters. We neither have that extra deputy, the county court would not allow us to have one, nor do we consider that it would be just to the taxpayers to saddle the extra expense upon them for the benefit of outsiders who wish information merely for their own private gain. There are concerns in Klamath Falls who make business of this kind a specialty, and we have referred many inquiries to the Klamath County Abstract company, the City and County Abstract company, and to Mr. K. G. Cummings, as we simply did not have the time to spare, and because it was not what the county was paying us for. In this particular case of Mr. Bell, he stated in his letter to us that he was willing to pay for any trouble we were put to, and this being the case my deputy (Miss Wells) decided that she would obtain the information for the gentleman after office hours. There is nothing wrong about that. Mr. Bell would surely have had to pay someone for the work unless he considered that my office was created to do gratis work for any and everyone who wished information on any subject, and while Miss Prehme finally did the work for him, she herself considered that she received her pay for it, inasmuch as she figured she was getting something on me in a political way, and that was well worth her trouble and time. This is the first time in my career that I have been accused of anything with even the remotest taint of suspicion, and I am perfectly willing to stake my reputation for the entire period of twenty-five years' residence in this county as against that of the person from whom this accusation comes.

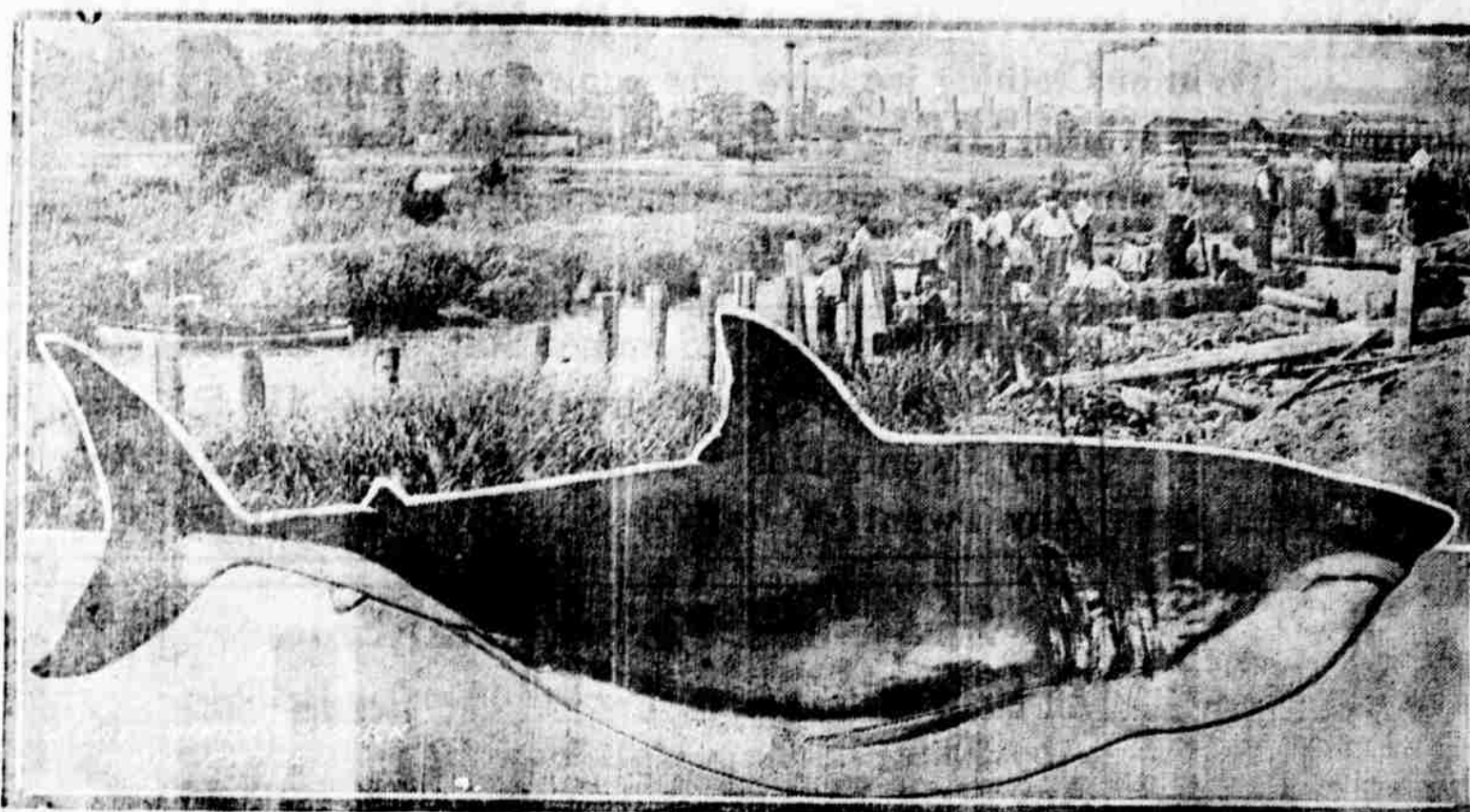
Whenever an inquiry came to my office regarding land, timber, valuation, etc., that was within the bounds of reason, I have always been only too glad to accommodate, but when such information required the work of two of my deputies for several hours, simply for the use and benefit of non-residents of the county, I felt duty bound to refer them to someone in the business of that nature, or allow my deputies to work overtime at the expense of the enquirer if they cared to do so. Any sound-headed man or woman in the county, except Miss Prehme, can readily see the justice in that, and just for fun, I will quote extracts from just a few of the many inquiries we receive daily.

Here is the first one:
"County Assessor—

"Under separate cover I am sending you four large scale township plats. I am interested to learn the present ownership of the lands in townships 23-9, 23-16, 24-9 and 24-10, and would ask as a favor that you ask either one of your assistants to copy them off on these plats as soon as possible, and return them to me." That is, very nice, but listen to this one:

"Will you please give me an estimate of the total acreage of land capable of agricultural use in your

Where Man-Eating Shark Killed Man and Boy



At the spot where the boat is shown in this photograph a man-eating shark killed a man and a boy. It is Matawan Creek, a small stream or arm of New York Bay. For more than a hundred years boys have bathed in the stream at high tide and have never feared

sharks. The lower picture shows a stuffed great white shark in the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences. He is twelve feet long. Many photographs of harmless sharks have been published, but this is one of the two

species, according to Robert Cushman Murphy, an authority on sharks, which is dangerous. The chief interest in the raid of sharks on the Atlantic coast bathing resorts is the fact that it may mean the destruction of hundreds of

county and which is (1) periodically wet so as to need drainage, and (2) the area of permanently marshy land; the latter land not to be included in the first figure.

"A prompt reply will be appreciated."

Another one of Mrs. Prehme's fifteen minute jobs heads this way:

"Will you favor us with a list of bona fide names and addresses of all farmers in your county. We do not wish to exploit this list, but will be used for legitimate business only."

And yet another:
"I would like to get a list with the present addresses of all the names on the personal tax roll in your county, and would appreciate your advising me if you are in a position to furnish this list of names and addresses."

But the best of them all came under date of May 19th last, and same will be appreciated when I say that it only takes two deputies five months just to write it out:

"Will you kindly send us a copy of your last assessment roll for the cities, school districts, etc., in your county."

"Stamped envelope enclosed." The letters from which these extracts have been taken are on file in my office, and you can imagine the predicament I would be in if even an attempt was made to comply with all the requests we receive. We try to take care, as I said before, of the ones who keep their requests within reason, but the others, such as Mr. Bell, we are compelled to take up after office hours, decline them altogether, or turn them over to someone in the city who makes a business of this sort of work.

We do not believe, however, that there is a man in the county who ever came into my office regarding his land, or the land of his neighbor, that did not receive not only courteous treatment, but all the information he was after, and we always intend to continue this policy.

We notice, however, that Miss Prehme, after making so many boasts, so many accusations, so many charges of favoritism to the "Timber Baron," and unequal assessments on my part, has backed down, and dismisses my challenges of an accounting with her, as not worthy of note and as of no consequences. How easy it is to talk, criticize and exploit the wrongs and sufferings of the rancher in this section, but how hard it is to back it up, isn't that so, Miss Prehme? Why do you now back up and haul in your sails, after opening the argument in your editorial under the brilliant heading, "What's the Idea," in a recent issue. Come on out and fight. Gather your cohorts together and writup every confounded thing you can think of. I welcome them, want them, ask for them, and invite to public view all of those "facts" you have stored up in your worthy brain. J. P. LEE.
(Paid Advertisement)

W. C. T. U. Tomorrow.

The regular meeting of the local Women's Christian Temperance Union will be held tomorrow afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. B. Ramsby, corner Third and Jefferson streets, at 2:30 o'clock.

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Submarine Commercial Line Breaks Blockade

United Press Service

BALTIMORE, July 21.—The giant U-boat Deutschland, which made history by cruising from Germany to this port with a \$700,000 cargo of merchandise, is scheduled to start back to Germany today with a cargo of badly needed supplies for the Fatherland. If, as the promoters of the commercial company that built the Deutschland claim, this is only the beginning of undersea commerce between the two countries, the British blockade not only has been permanently pierced, but Great Britain faces a crisis in her commercial export trade, according to what is being said and done in London.

Some time before the Deutschland arrived at this port, the merchants and manufacturers of England were frightened by the seemingly authentic report that Germany has stored up \$1,800,000,000, or nearly two billion dollars' worth of goods ready to dump on the markets of the world after the war. The Britishers organized at once the Association of Trade Protective societies, with 50,000 members, and adopted a resolution urging the government to help head off the flood of German goods through the establishment and operation of a ministry of commerce.

Should the undersea commerce venture of Germany, while the war still is

in progress, prove practical on a big scale, England will be powerless to crush the Teutonic commercial competition, and will, it is believed, face a serious situation in dealing with her world markets, particularly after the war, and somewhat immediately.

IF KIDNEYS AND BLADDER BOTHER

TAKE SALTS TO FLUSH KIDNEYS
AND NEUTRALIZE IRRITATING
ACIDS

Kidney and bladder weakness result from uric acid, says a noted authority. The kidneys filter this acid from the blood and pass it on to the bladder, where it often remains to irritate and inflame, causing a burning, scalding sensation, or setting up an irritation at the neck of the bladder, obliging you to seek relief two or three times during the night. The sufferer is in constant dread, the water passes sometimes with a scalding sensation, and is very profuse; again, there is difficulty in avoiding it.

Bladder weakness, most folks call it, because they can't control urination. While it is extremely annoying and

sometimes very painful, this is really one of the most simple ailments to overcome. Get about four ounces of Jad Salts from your pharmacist and take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast, continue this for two or three days. This will neutralize the acids in the urine so it no longer is a source of irritation to the bladder and urinary organs, which then act normally again.

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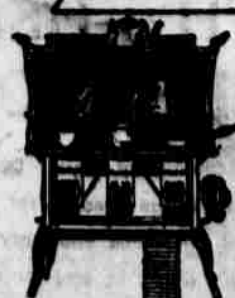
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