

# MOVE MADE TO DIKE LOWER MARSHES

## OBJECTION FILED AGAINST CLOSING KLAMATH STRAIT

### FOUNTAIN FAVORS PLAN OF DIKING

Where First Plan Submitted by Engineer in Recent Report to Be the Most Economical—Smaller Area Involved by This Method—Directors of Drainage District Want to Go Ahead With Some Plan

An objection to the reclamation of the lower Klamath marshes by the installation of the gates at the railroad crossing of Klamath Strait was filed with County Clerk C. R. DeLap this morning by P. L. Fountain, one of the land owners of the Klamath drainage district, who favors the idea of reclaiming this tract by diking. There were two methods submitted by the Engineer for this tract in his report of March 22d, and the director contends: "That the first method recommended is the most economical and feasible, in that the cost of drainage is about the same as either plan, but that subsequent irrigation will be much less expensive if the water in the Klamath Strait and Lake are kept at the present level, as provided for in the diking plan."

When interviewed regarding the filing of the objection, the directors of the Klamath Drainage District made the following statement: "We are not surprised that this objection has been filed. We have always known that some of the land owners in the Klamath Drainage District preferred to reclaim the land by diking. Besides certain complications have come up that may make it necessary to dike, which is the first of the two plans proposed by our chief engineer. The matter will be up in the county court next week, and will be definitely settled by a decree of the court. After the court judge has rendered his decree we expect to proceed with the work with the least delay possible. Of course a much larger area would be reclaimed by closing the gates at the strait, but the majority of our people are tired of delay and insist on immediate action."

The directors have declared themselves to be unanimously in favor of going ahead with the reclamation of these marsh lands this year.

## ROBBINS AND WIFE LEAVE FOR FRISCO

"Kicker Bill" Robbins and his wife left this morning for San Francisco, where they will participate in the California Cowboy Roundup on the 8th, 9th and 10th of this month. Following this event they expect to return and prepare for the big show at Klamath Falls the latter part of the month, which they are promoting.

# French Resume Aggressive on Aisne

## MUCH NEW LAND READY TO BE IRRIGATED

### FEASIBLE PROJECTS SCATTERED OVER COUNTY

Irrigated Area of County Could Easily Be Doubled Within Year if the Landowners Would Take Advantage of Opportunities Offered—The Present Year is Forcing Upon All Dry Land Farmers Need of Water.

The lack of yield in the dry farming districts and the bountiful crops in the irrigated sections of the county this year have brought the farmers to a realization as never before the need and advantage of having water for their lands, and as a very large per cent of the lands of the county are susceptible to economical irrigation from some source, it is believed that steps will be taken before another year to get other large areas added to the irrigated list.

The Klamath country is so immense that it is hard for the average person to realize how much of it is being reclaimed annually, not only by the United States reclamation service, but also by private individuals outside the project boundaries. The recent action of the farmers in the Pine Grove unit, who have taken up the matter there among themselves, and now have the water flowing on their lands at a very reasonable cost, shows what can be done with a little initiative, and it is believed that others will soon follow the example of this enterprising group.

A large tract of 3,000 acres is now being considered for a pumping plant next year in the White Lake section, and the farmers in the Pine Flat district are also contemplating the installation of a pumping plant to pump water thru the cut made for the new Strahorn railroad. Project Manager N. H. Bond, who has examined this proposition within the last few days intimates that the idea is decidedly feasible, and that the water can be pumped from the ditch beyond Olene with an 80-foot lift at a reasonable cost.

With the tremendous acreage of fertile land in the Langell Valley section beyond Bonanza lying just below the waters of Clear Lake, which was dammed at its lower end for the express purpose of irrigating this valley, it seems most unfortunate that the little work remaining in the way of ditching cannot be completed and the water turned on the land. The depleted condition of the government fund for these purposes is known to

## WILSON'S REPLY TO REACH GERMANS

NOTE TO POPE MAY BE CIRCULATED IN SAME MANNER AS WAS THE WAR MESSAGE; IF NOT PUBLISHED IN PRESS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 1.—Unless there is evidence soon that President Wilson's note rejecting the peace proposals of the pope has been circulated in Germany, steps will be taken to make certain that the document reaches at least as large a number of the German people to inform them why the United States cannot discuss a peace involving acceptance of the word of the present rulers at Berlin.

Secretary Lansing said it was assumed that within a reasonable time newspapers of the European neutrals would carry the note into Germany. If this should be prevented, he said, some other way would be found. It was recalled that the President's war message was dropped behind the German lines by hundreds of allied airmen.

No information has been received at the state department regarding the submission of the replies of the entente powers to Pope Benedict's appeal. Until these replies are made, at least, it is regarded as improbable that the vatican will undertake a rejoinder to the message of President Wilson.

## GOING BACK TO THE ROGUE

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bennett are in the city today on the way back to their home in the Rogue River Valley after an extensive visit to points in Central and Eastern Oregon.

## Card of Thanks

We wish to thank the W. O. W. lodge and friends who so kindly furnished music at the funeral of Walter Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Stills.

be so serious at this time, however, that little can be hoped for in that direction, and it has been suggested by those who are well qualified to judge that the government might well listen to a proposition from the farmers themselves to do a large part of the ditching during the fall and winter season now approaching, make some arrangements for the water now stored at Clear Lake, and get it on the lands next summer. It is pointed out that in the crying need existing at this time for greater production, the officials at Washington would turn a glad ear to anything that would sound like increasing acreage without the expenditure of large sums from its treasury. The farmers in the Bonanza district are taking steps to secure for use the big springs there to irrigate their land, and there is every reason to believe that this will be obtained in a short time. As these springs come very close to the surface, the lift will be very small. The water supply is sufficient to cover a large area.

Were the above mentioned projects gotten under way for the coming season in addition to the 44,000 acres of marsh lands of the Lower Klamath Lake upon which the drainage may be commenced by that time, the irrigated acreage of the county will be in a fair way to be doubled.

## New Member of Shipping Board



Rear Admiral F. T. Bowles, formerly chief naval constructor, has accepted a position as advisor and assistant to Admiral Capps, general manager of the Emergency Fleet Corporation.

## HEARST DECLINES NOMINATION

NEW YORK, Sept. 1.—Wm. Randolph Hearst yesterday declined to be a candidate for mayor of New York.

## BIG BEETS ARE NOW ON DISPLAY

F. C. MARKWARDT BRINGS IN BEETS THAT ARE BOUNCERS. WILL HAVE VERY LARGE YIELD AT POOR FARM

Evidence of the wonderful sugar beets that can be grown in Klamath county has been brought in by F. C. Markwardt, manager of the county infirmary, who has several acres planted for disposal to the Utah-Idaho Sugar company of Grants Pass. There are three of these large specimens now on display in the window of the W. P. Johnson company, the largest weighing fifteen pounds. Mr. Markwardt, who has had previous experience in raising these beets, estimates that his crop will run between thirty and forty tons to the acre, according to report. As it is a well known fact that beets yielding a fair per cent of sugar can be grown profitably with a yield of twelve tons per acre, the future possibilities of this culture here are seen.

The beets raised in an experimental way here before have yielded an exceptionally high per cent of sugar.

## GRADE SCHOOLS OPEN SEPT. 10

TEACHERS EXPECTED TO MEET NEXT MONDAY AND SIGN CONTRACTS—ENROLLMENT IS BELIEVED LARGER THIS YEAR

Announcement is made today by Superintendent R. H. Dunbar that the grade schools of the city will open on September 10th, the same date as the county high school. All the grade teachers are requested by Professor Dunbar to assemble at the Central school building Monday, September 2d, at 3 o'clock, to sign their contracts and to go over other matters of business.

Mr. Dunbar believes after making a partial census of the school district that the enrollment will be larger this year than last.

Eighth grade examinations will be held at Central school Thursday and Friday, September 6th and 7th.

## ENEMIES' FORCES PUSHED BACK BY FRENCH

GOOD GAIN IS MADE IN STRATEGIC TERRITORY

After Repulsing Counter Attacks of Prince Rupprecht for Weeks, the French Take Aggressive With Good Results—150 Prisoners Taken in Yesterday's Action—Good Reports From Other Regions.

By Associated Press September 1.—Turning to the aggressive on the Aisne front, where they have been withstanding the German attacks for weeks, the French yesterday struck a sharp blow at the crown prince's lines, gaining 300 yards on a front of three-quarters of a mile. General Cadorna was again hammering the Austrian lines on the Italian front today, Rome reported. Progress is announced in the direction of Trieste. Petrograd reports increased artillery fire on the Vilna sector. The Roumanians have repulsed an attack in the Foshani region.

RELIEF CORPS MEETS The regular meeting of the Women's Relief Corps will be held in the west hall of the Odd Fellows building at 2:30 Monday afternoon.

TWIN BOYS AT OLENE Twin boys were born yesterday at 9 o'clock to Mr. and Mrs. John T. Cox at Olene. Dr. George Merryman was in attendance.

HUNTER RETURNS F. Hill Hunter of the Sawmill Engineering and Construction company returned last night from a business visit at San Francisco. He reports that things are booming in that city.

MORE CHEVROLETS ARRIVE Another carload of Chevrolet cars was received yesterday by the Central garage. About half of these machines are reported to be already sold.

SMALL FIRE TODAY The fire department was called out shortly before noon today in answer to a call turned in from Michigan avenue. It proved to be a small blaze caused by a defective fuse. It was soon extinguished and there was no damage of consequence done.

STORES CLOSE MONDAY Nearly all places of business in Klamath Falls will be closed Monday, Labor Day. The clothing, hardware, dry goods, furniture, grocery stores and barber shops will not be open.

# Federal Child Labor Law Effective Today

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 1.—The new federal child labor law became effective today. Under this law an employer of persons less than 16 years of age must have on file a permit issued thru the school authorities for each child under 16 in his employ. John P. McLaughlin, labor commissioner of California, returned recently from Washington, where he attended a conference at which California was designated as one in which permits issued under state authority will be accepted as having the same force and effect as certificates of age issued under the federal act. The federal child labor law provides that no child under 14 years of age may be employed in any factory, mill, workshop or cannery in the United States the products of which are to be shipped in interstate commerce, and no child under 16 years of age may be employed in any mine or quarry. It also provides that no child under 16 years may be employed longer than eight hours in any day or more than six days in any week, or between 7 p. m. and 6 a. m. The children's bureau of the department of labor is to have a staff of inspectors to make investigations, but so far as possible the work is to be left in the hands of state labor officials.

# Congresswoman Favors Miners

CHICAGO, Sept. 1.—No doubt remains now as to where Congresswoman Jeanette Rankin stands in the Montana labor war. "My sympathies are with the 15,000 workmen who have walked out of the Montana mines," she told a Chautauque audience here. "They walked out as an unorganized body. Possibly 300 of them are members of the I. W. O., but the remainder are men with no desire in striking other than to better their condition." Miss Rankin is on her way to Washington after a special trip to her home district to investigate the labor conditions.

## HIGH GRADED SALMON RESERVED BY UNCLE SAM

SEATTLE, Sept. 1.—The federal authorities have asked the salmon pickers to reserve 10 per cent, instead of 6 per cent of the pack of the high-grade fish for government use.

## MONTANA FOREST FIRES ARE STILL DANGEROUS

MISSOULA, Mont., Aug. 31.—A thousand men are still fighting fires in the mountains. The Seeley Lake and Lolo Hot Springs fires are checked somewhat, the still dangerous.

## PEACE MEETING HELD ON OCEAN

PROMOTERS OF CONFERENCE DECLARE THEY WILL CHARTER STEAMER IF BARRED FROM CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Sept. 1.—The officers of the People's Council of America said today that if the peace conference is barred from Chicago a steamer will be chartered and the deliberations held on the high seas.

## MAJOR COMMITS SUICIDE

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 1.—Major H. A. Roberts of the Fourth Engineers Corps, was found dead in his quarters here this morning. The inquiry board found that he had committed suicide while dependent.

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## BORING DEEP WELLS

Several of the ranchers have had deep wells bored lately. Among the ones just completed are those on the ranches of J. M. Esell, Will Esell and Ferd Williams.

# Pope Touched By Wilson's Courtesy

ROME, Sept. 1.—Count Desalvi, the British minister, who presented the American reply to the pope's peace note, received the impression that the pope, altho disappointed,

# Forest Fires Thru State Less Alarming Today

PORTLAND, Sept. 1.—The high tides predicted for today did not materialize, and the forest fire situation is much improved. Dangerous fires are still raging in the Deschutes and Minam forest reserves of Central Oregon, and also near the Bull Run reserve, whence Portland gets its water supply.