

# MORE FIRE PROTECTION NECESSARY

## CITY IN DANGER OF LOSING ITS PAYROLLS

CITIZENS HOUNDED OVER SITUATION

Ewauna Box Official Declares That Company Will Not Rebuild Unless an Ample Water Supply in Case of Future Accidents, is Assured—Water Main Running to This District Declared Entirely Too Small.

There is real danger that Klamath Falls will lose some of its heavy payrolls unless immediate steps are taken to provide adequate fire protection for the rapidly growing industrial section at the south end of Sixth street. The two recent destructive fires in this section have aroused both present and prospective factory operators to the serious danger of losing their entire investments, with hardly a moment's warning.

C. B. Crister, head of the Ewauna Box company, which suffered such a serious loss by fire last week, announces that the rebuilding of their plant will be governed by the possibility of securing ample fire protection for their plant.

"We have decided to rebuild immediately, if possible," said Mayor Crister this morning, "but we are not going to again place our investments and future in jeopardy by locating where we cannot be assured of ample water supply to protect us in case a fire should start. There is no use now in discussing what might have happened if we had had a larger main or a sufficient supply of water with which to have fought our fire, but we have learned our lesson, and are not going to take the same chances again."

Already the loss of the big payroll from the box factory and the damage to the farmers by the destruction of the Martin Brothers' mill is having a depressing effect on the business throughout both the city and the entire county, and prominent business men are beginning to ask themselves, "What can be done?"

It seems to be the general opinion that something must be done, and that immediately, to encourage and protect the industries which are to make Klamath Falls a real, prosperous community.

It is stated that the south end of Sixth street, known as the industrial section of the city, is served by a six-inch main to the end of the bitulitic pavement, and that a four-inch main runs from there to the factory section. This is ample to supply drinking water, and might be sufficient to fight a small residence fire, but the supply is almost useless in attempt-

## CAR SITUATION GROWS SERIOUS

CALIFORNIA RAILROADS ASKED TO DELAY LOADING BARLEY TEMPORARILY—BIG APPLE CROP FROM WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 18.—The California railroads are requested by the food administration to discontinue loading barley for the present, to make the car supply available for handling the foodstuffs that are now delayed.

The movement of the Washington apple crop, the largest in the history of the United States, is to begin immediately.

Serious car shortage is developing in the Payette Valley, Idaho, in connection with the movement of apples and potatoes.

## UNION SERVICE OCTOBER 28TH

ALL CHURCHES OF CITY TO UNITE IN CELEBRATION OF BIRTHDAY OF FRANCES E. WIL-LARD AT OPERA HOUSE

There will be a union service of all the churches in the city at Houston's opera house Sunday, October 28th, at 7:30 p. m., given under the auspices of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

The meeting will be a patriotic celebration of Miss Frances E. Willard's birthday. All ministers of the city are asked to be present.

Dr. Driver of the chapel car Good Will will give the main address of the evening. The public is urged not to miss this opportunity of hearing a talented speaker. Special musical numbers will be given. The program will be announced later.

## PUBLIC INVITED TO MUSICAL

A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend the musical given at the Eleventh Street Baptist church tomorrow evening, at which W. L. Foster, Miss Seville and Miss Clara Calkins are to furnish some especially entertaining numbers.

ing to combat a big factory fire. With the assistance of the fire engine, only sufficient water for about two lines of hose can be secured, and once a fire starts, it cannot be checked from spreading.

## TRIP TO FRANCE IS DESCRIBED

KLAMATH FALLS BOY TELLS OF INTERESTING EXPERIENCES ENCOUNTERED ON VOYAGE ACROSS ATLANTIC

Following are extracts from a letter from Coleman O'Loughlin, son of Mrs. Paul Bogardus, and brother of Mrs. Oje Brett of this city. O'Loughlin is in the field artillery with the expeditionary forces now in France.

"We are two hours from port? don't know where we are—north of France is close enough; and we are certainly glad to be this near the end. We have been two weeks on the boat. We have kept a sharp lookout all the way across for subs. We were guarded until a few days ago by a battleship and two destroyers. Yesterday we were met by seven destroyers and the others went back. We had had drills every day, so we were well prepared to meet subs.

"If you find one of those Geographic Magazines with a map of France in it send it to me.

"We are allowed but one letter a week, on account of swamping the censors, I suppose, so you must not expect to hear from me as often as usual.

"Please do keep on sending the papers. They are somewhat stale when I get them, but I like to see what is happening in Klamath.

"You want to know what I am doing and how I amuse myself? Blamed if I know. From reveille at 5 until retreat at 5:45, it is mostly drill or waiting for drill. We are always expecting a whistle to blow, and that means jump. In the evenings we read a paper, if we can get hold of one, wash clothes, or wander around and do nothing. There is a fine Y. M. C. A. here, a store, reading room, pianos, games, and a place to write and pass away time. If ever I have a chance to do anything for the Y. M. C. A. I'll surely do it, for they are doing a wonderful work for the men in the army.

"I guess there is no harm in telling you we have been moved from the port where we landed. We made the trip in 'side-door Pullmans.' It is the first time I ever rode in a box car, but I'm young yet.

"You can't imagine how I have enjoyed the Herald's you sent. If you will send them to me in bunches I'll be satisfied. You don't know how anxious a fellow gets for some word from home, but guess it can't be helped.

"We are still drilling the same old drill as at Fort Bliss, work early and late, but feel we are working for a purpose. We are living in comfortable barracks, but eating camp cooking. I can't tell you where I am for a couple of good reasons—don't know, and I'm not allowed. One thing I can say: It's the wettest place I've ever seen. Rains almost every day, and the ground is soft and muddy all the time. Our whole battery got caught out two or three miles the other day without slickers, in one of the kind of rain storms we used to see in Oklahoma, and came in soaked thru. We'll play safety first next time, and take our slickers.

"What I have seen of France is just what you would picture it from reading. Low, rolling hills, scrub timber, everything green, queer old houses a thousand years old, from the state of dilapidation most of them are in, and dinky little towns every three miles. Everything looks strange to a person from the West, more than to one from the Eastern states. Stone roads, stone fences, hedges and little patches of farms that wouldn't be a good sized truck patch in Oregon. But the strangest thing to me is the 'con-

## Many English Women Entering Army Life

LONDON, Oct. 18.—Ten thousand women recruits a month for use in the army auxiliary service are being appealed for here. The chief need is for domestic workers, typists and automobile drivers. One of the recruiting posters says: "Altho the women must be strong and reliable, it must not be supposed that their life is all hard work. They

swim, they have games and musical evenings and dances, to which each woman can invite one soldier friend. They play as hard as they work, and they live a wholesome life.

"The women are under military discipline, but they do not march to work, nor do they salute their officers or officers of the male army." The recruits will be sent to France as fast as they are enrolled.

## Neutral Position Is Found Uncomfortable

OLDENZAAN, Netherlands, Oct. 18.—A comic incident reported from the frontier involved a Russian prisoner of war, who was on the point of stepping from German on to Netherlands soil when he was grasped by a German sentry. A wrestle ensued. The fugitive threw himself on the ground, and lay with the upper part

of his body in Holland and the other part in German territory.

A Dutch sentry rushed to the Russian's aid, seized him by the arms and pulled. The German soldier pulled at the Russian's legs in the opposite direction. The Russian began to kick with the result that the Dutch frontier guardian was able to haul him out of the "danger zone."

## Relief Corps Hold Interesting Meeting

An interesting meeting of the Woman's Relief Corps was held Monday afternoon, and plans made to send a box to the ten Klamath boys at Fort Stevens by Leland Haines on his return from a furlough here.

Letters were read from a number of the boys, telling of their safe arrival at the camps, in which each one expressed his satisfaction with the treatment received and the camp conditions. Archa O. Robertson and James Uhlin at American Lake, H. C.

Hanson with the Twentieth Engineers at Fort McDowell, Coleman O'Loughlin from some where in France, Will McMillan from Norfolk, Va., and Ralph Hurn from Camp Greene, North Carolina, were among those who had written to the Relief Corps recently.

A delegation of Merrill ladies consisting of Mrs. Ross Finley, Mrs. Gene Hammond, Mrs. Robert Anderson and Mrs. Edgar Terwilliger attended the meeting and gave a good report of the work being done by the Merrill Relief Corps.

## CALIFORNIA EDEIOR VISITS

C. M. Woodmansee, who operates the Big Valley Gazette in Lassen County, is in the city for a visit of a week or two, looking the country over. He is very favorably impressed with the outlook here. He expects to go on to Albany from Klamath Falls.

## SAD DEATH SHOCKS CITY

MISS HAZEL HARDENBROOK, POPULAR TEACHER, DIES AT HOSPITAL FROM TYPHOID FEVER LAST NIGHT

This city is saddened today over news of the death of Miss Hazel Blanch Hardenbrook, which occurred at the Blackburn hospital last evening at 10:30, following an illness of five weeks from typhoid fever.

Miss Hardenbrook was instructor in the Seventh grade at the Riverside school, and was loved and respected by a host of friends in this locality. The school was closed today, and will be closed tomorrow.

A public funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 at the Whitlock chapel on Pine and Sixth streets. All public schools will be closed tomorrow afternoon. The body will lie in state at the chapel between 12 and 1:30 Friday. It will be shipped Saturday morning to LeMars, Iowa, for burial.

Miss Hardenbrook was 29 years of age. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Hardenbrook, who reside at LeMars, Iowa.

## SQUASH SEEDS PROVE VALUABLE

IT PAYS TO BUY GOOD GOODS, IN THE OPINION OF MR. AND MRS. JOE MOORE, ESPECIALLY AS REGARDS SQUASH SEEDS

How much is a squash seed worth? This is indeed a perplexing question, and can only be solved after the most careful research, but Joe Moore, of the Klamath Transfer company has found one variety that is worth considerable.

Mr. Moore, while in California last year, bought five seeds at the rate of 5 cents per seed, which seemed to him a little high, but as commodities generally seemed to be going up, and as great things were claimed for the seed, he "took a chance."

These five seeds were duly planted by Mrs. Moore in their garden near the Link River bridge in two hills, and the plants properly cared for during the season.

Mrs. Moore now reports that there are seventeen squashes in the two hills, the smallest of which was taken off and found to weigh nineteen pounds. The largest, which is now on exhibition in the Klamath Transfer window, weighs sixty-two pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore are both well satisfied with the two-bit investment.

## NEW PASSENGER ON LOCAL LINE

TWO DAILY PASSENGER TRAINS WILL BE OPERATED BETWEEN KLAMATH FALLS AND WEED, COMMENCING IN FEW DAYS

Announcement that added passenger service is to be instituted immediately between Klamath Falls and Weed is made today by District Freight and Passenger Agent R. J. Smith, who is in town on a brief business trip from Sacramento.

This welcome and needed innovation will commence either October 27 or November 4, according to Mr. Smith, and the new schedule, which has not been finally determined, will be made public within the next day or two.

It is probable that the train reaching here in the early evening will arrive at an earlier hour than on the present schedule, and that changes on the main line will be such as to furnish connection with the local branch and assure its arrival on time with greater regularity than has been customary recently.

## OTIS FUNERAL IS HELD TODAY

SERVICES ARE CONDUCTED AT WHITLOCK CHAPEL—DECEASED WAS 41 YEARS OLD—IS SURVIVED BY WIFE AND CHILDREN

The funeral of Charles A. Otis, who was killed Tuesday evening on a runaway logging locomotive at Odessa, was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Whitlock chapel, the Rev. W. E. Rambo of the Christian church officiating.

Mr. Otis was 41 years of age at the time of his death. He had resided in Klamath County for a number of years, most of that time being spent in this city. His mother and sister were lost in the San Francisco fire. One brother is living in Kansas, according to report. He is survived by a wife and three children here.

## SEATTLE STRIKE IS NOW SETTLED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 18.—The shipping boards has announced that the Seattle and Portland ship yard strike has been settled, and that the men will resume work Monday.

## U. S. DESTROYER IS SUBMARINED

WASHINGTON, D.C., Oct. 18.—An American destroyer on patrol duty in the war zone was torpedoed by a submarine. One man was killed and five wounded. The boat managed to make port despite severe damage. Gunner's Mate Osmond Ingram was the man killed. He was blown overboard.

## IRRIGATED RANCH CHANGES HANDS

T. E. GRIFFITH SELLS RANCH ON MERRILL ROAD TO AUSTIN WHITE OF THIS CITY—PRICE \$80 PER ACRE

Negotiations are under way on a really deal here in which Austin White will take over the ranch owned by T. E. Griffith on the Merrill road, nine miles from Klamath Falls. The ranch comprises 131 acres of land, all irrigated by the government project. The sale consideration was \$80 per acre.

## NEW BOY LAST NIGHT

A new nine-pound boy arrived last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Reeder on Grant street. Dr. R. R. Hamilton was in attendance.

## Open Meeting on Food Conservation Tomorrow

Altho the government has postponed the national observation of food conservation week, it is not too early to start planning for it.

With this idea in view the Domestic Art department of the Woman's Library Club will give a special program on Food Conservation tomorrow, at which City School Superintendent R. H. Dunbar will be the principal speaker.

all housewives are especially urged to be present. The details of the food conservation will be explained, and the things that Administrator Hoover expects of the women of the nation will be made clear.

Any who have successful recipes for meat substitutes or for the conservation of wheat flour or milk products are asked to bring them. The meeting will be held at the club rooms.

## Bonds Now Total Billion and Half

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 18.—Approximately one and a half billion dollars have now been subscribed to the second Liberty Loan bonds. It is estimated here today. This is one-half of the total issue, which has re-

quired eighteen days to raise. The campaign closes October 27th, leaving a little more than a week, and strenuous efforts will have to be made to bring the amount up to the expected quota.