

CONTROVERSY ON GRAZING BILL HIGH IN SALEM

Attorneys From Klamath Falls Are Very Busy

FINAL ACTION UP SOON

Interest in This City Increases as Measure Providing That Sheep Must Be Grazed Mile From Home-Steed Lands Nears Final Vote in Legislature—Telegrams Flying

SALEM, Feb. 19.—(Special) What threatened to cause not even a ripple on the legislative pond, has developed into one of the fiercest fights of the session—the so-called sheep grazing bill. All during the session there has been more or less talk about a grazing bill, but it was supposed to have been dropped, when Representative Merryman from Klamath introduced a bill regulating the grazing of sheep in his county alone, he having ascertained that a similar bill applied to the state would stand no show of passing. When he discovered this, he proceeded to, grease the ways for the passage of his county bill, and everything was proceeding nicely until J. H. Carnahan, an attorney representing the sheepmen of Klamath County dropped a monkey wrench into the works and caused trouble, by his appearance on the scene last Monday. Since that time the wires between Klamath County and Salem have been kept red hot with telegrams, and these coupled with the work Carnahan has done since his arrival have driven the Merryman bill back to the committee on Public Lands, where it is at present, with the result in doubt. Tuesday Attorney Van Emon, representing the cattlemen re-appeared on the scene, and has been busy trying to tie up the fences cut by Carnahan, and he has been a busy man. While all this trouble was getting under way, Senator Pierce took a hand in the game, and introduced a state wide bill, and this was referred to the committee on Public Lands, where the indications are it will remain, for the sentiment in the senate is strongly against state wide legislation of this kind. There has been strong talk of a herd bill applicable to all stock, and if such a bill were introduced it would stand a good chance of passage, but this the cattlemen do not want, and there is a possibility that they will call the fight off altogether. There are only a few days left, so the suspense on each side will be short-lived, but no matter which way it goes it will be remembered for a long time by all participants.

OFFICERS FACE GRAVE CHARGES

EXAMINING OFFICER ACCUSED OF KEEPING MAN FROM SERVICE BY DECLARING HIM PHYSICALLY UNFIT

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels has ordered a trial by Court Martial of two naval officers. One of those is Medical officer charged with taking a thousand dollar bribe for pronouncing an applicant not physically fit for the duties he sought. The other case involves a five hundred dollar bribe to secure details permitting an applicant to remain at home indefinitely. Two other cases are said to be developing. No names have been announced as yet.

AVIATORS GO THRU HARD ADVENTURES

SAN DIEGO, Feb. 19.—Adrift 40 miles at sea in a disabled seaplane for 24 hours without food or water was the thrilling experience of Ensigns Thomas Southward, J. C. Gamble and A. S. Mairs of the naval air station, North Island. The sudden disappearance of the naval aviators Saturday morning, the subsequent search for them by seaplanes and submarine chasers, and the final rescue off Point Can Miguel, Lower California Sunday has been officially announced here.

YAKKEE PRIVATES SLEEP IN ROYAL BEDSTEADS

COBLENZ, Feb. 18.—An American corporal's guard has been sleeping recently in the Royal Palace in Coblenz on the Rhine. When the Americans came to Coblenz they took over all the larger government buildings and the affairs of state were moved to the mansion which is also known as one of the former Emperor's summer palaces. Americans are now permitted to enter the palace under an order of General Diekmann. To enforce this rule two khaki clad sentries are on duty day and night at the main entrance. The room used as sleeping quarters by the Americans was formerly occupied by German soldiers doing guard duty.

MARTIN WINS IN IMPORTANT CASE

SUPREME COURT RENDERS DECISION WHICH WILL BE OF ESPECIAL INTEREST TO WATER USERS ON U. S. PROJECTS

In an opinion recently rendered by the Supreme Court of the State of Oregon, in the case of Klamath Water Users Association versus S. E. Martin, and others, a very important ruling was made, and one of especial interest to water users upon government projects. The decision involved an interpretation of the so-called stock subscription and contract which the farmers on the Klamath Project signed. Mr. Martin had purchased a piece of land that had been signed up by a previous owner of the land, but the terms had never been complied with in that no application for a water right had ever been presented through the proper channels. The association sought to compel Mr. Martin to make the application, and pay accumulated charges for water, but the decision held that Mr. Martin was not chargeable with constructive notice by the recording of the stock contract. The opinion also held, which was an affirmation of the decision of Judge Kuykendall that since there had been a default, the forfeiture clause had operated, and the lands excluded from the project. John Irwin represented the association and W. S. Wiley was the attorney for Mr. Martin.

RUSSIANS REFUSE TO MEET BOLSHEVIKISTS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19.—Representatives of the government of Siberia, Archangel and Southern Russia, according to a dispatch to the Russian Embassy have handed to the peace conference at Paris, the formal rejection to the proposal that they meet with the Bolshevik and other Russian delegates at the Princess Island.

BALLOT COUNTING EXPEDITED

SALEM, Feb. 19.—The House passed the Crawford bill here this afternoon which provides for greater speed in counting ballots at elections. It provides that the ballot boxes shall be opened every half hour.

WESTERN MEN ARRIVE

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—The Transport Canopic has arrived with over twelve hundred men of the Sixty-second Infantry of the Forty-fifth division whose members were formerly of the Oregon, Washington, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming National Guard.

MOVE TO PUT SULPHUR OVER COUNTY LANDS

County Agent Wants Farmers to Club Together

NO EXPERIMENT NOW

Chances to Get Another Car Load This Spring—Beneficial Results Are Known to Follow Use of This Chemical—One Car Load Is Received—Immediate Action Needed

Realizing from his past experience the big added production of lands when treated with sulphur, a strenuous effort is being made by the new County Agriculturist Agent, E. A. Thomas, to arrange for another car load shipment for the farmers of Klamath this Spring. One car load ordered by J. W. Siemens has already arrived. Agent Thomas states that several have shown a disposition to club together on another car load but a sufficient number has not yet been secured.

"The beneficial results of the sulphur treatment are no longer an experiment," says Mr. Thomas, "and under ordinary circumstances the investment made will be returned with huge interest to those who make it. With the present prices of hay in Klamath County the income per acre would be substantially increased." He indicates that the cost per acre will now be about four dollars but on the land and that its application should increase the yield one ton, at a conservative estimate.

Small machines for spreading the chemical can be secured for about fifty dollars and four or more ranches can club together on one machine. About one hundred pounds to the acre is the correct amount, and the beneficial results will continue for about four years.

Farmers of the Deschutes County to the north who have been trying this treatment before have ordered over 400,000 pounds for use this Spring.

Mr. Thomas indicates that the sulphur should be put on the ground as soon as the farmers can get on it now, in order to get the best results and hopes that anyone who would be interested in the matter, will see him at his office within the next four or five days.

LUMBERMAN LEAVES

Herbert Savidge, who was formerly in business in this city and who is now Secretary-treasurer of the Macomber Savidge Lumber Company of San Francisco, left for that point this morning after a short business visit in Klamath Falls.

ARRIVE FROM STOCKTON

C. A. Webster and H. V. Tartor were among the train arrivals last evening from Stockton, California. They are here on business in connection with the Klamath Manufacturing Company.

OFF FOR PORTLAND

Marion Barnes as a representative of the local Exemption Board left this morning for Portland where he will take up matters regarding deserters and delinquents from the Service.

SUIT TO QUIET TITLE

A suit to quiet title has been instituted by John W. Cox versus H. A. Weed and others in the office of the County Clerk. Attorneys Rutenic and Yaden and Horace M. Manning represent the plaintiff in the action.

CIRCUIT JUDGE RETURNS

Circuit Judge D. V. Kuykendall returned last evening from Portland, where he has been on matters of business.

NUMBER OF IDLE GROWING LARGER

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Unemployment increased during the past week, reports to the United States employment service showing 321,700 idle workers, an increase of nearly 31,000 over the week previous. The service reported that since last Saturday it had been unable to find jobs for more than one-fourth the applicants.

A heavy surplus of labor was reported throughout New England, principally among mechanics and boot and shoe workers, and in Northern New York, but in New York City and Buffalo there are indications of a revival of public building.

Marked increases in unemployment were shown in Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Dayton, Detroit, San Francisco, Portland, Ore. and Seattle.

SHIPBUILDERS GET NO RAISE

PIEZ INDICATES THAT NO ADVANCE IS BEING CONSIDERED. PORTLAND MEN VOTING ON BIG STRIKE TODAY

(By Associated Press).

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19.—No shipbuilding wage increases are being considered, Chairman Piez of the Emergency Shipbuilding Corporation declared here today.

PORTLAND, Feb. 19.—The Pacific Coast Metal Trades Conference is voting here today on the calling for a coast-wide strike of shipbuilders. The vote will not be announced until tomorrow.

SEATTLE, Feb. 19.—Dr. Marshal, representing Chairman Piez of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, has announced here today that all shipworkers must return to work under the previous conditions before the government will consider the demands made, otherwise no shipyards will be permitted to open. Boiler makers and iron shipbuilders have decided to stand with the strikers.

BUTTE, Feb. 19.—A small fire, which was believed to have been of an incendiary origin, was started this morning at the Speculator mine, but was extinguished before it gained much headway.

BONANZA FOLK ENTHUSIASTIC

RESIDENTS OF CLOVER LEAF TOWN OPTIMISTIC OVER PROSPECTS FOR RAILROAD AND IRRIGATION THIS YEAR

With a good prospect for the new spur of the Strahorn railroad running into Bonanza from Dairy this year and the assurance of more than a thousand more acres in that immediate vicinity, put under irrigation, the people of that district have taken a new lease on life, according to Monroe Lytle, an interprising resident there, who has been here looking after business interests.

Mr. Lytle asserts that the subscriptions for the new road have been most liberal not only from the residents themselves but those who own property there and reside in other localities. The proposition made to the people was in effect, that they were to furnish the right of way, throw up the seven mile grade between Bonanza and Dairy and furnish the ties, in return for which Robert E. Strahorn agreed to lay the steel and operate train service to the County seat, twenty-five miles distant. Mr. Lytle believes that the thing will be accomplished and that the fertile area will be transformed within the next two or three years.

NEW BOYS' CLUB LAUNCHED WITH MANY MEMBERS

Interest Runs High Among the Boys of the City

THREE SCORE MEMBERS

New Organization Seems to Hit the Right Spot—Boxing and Gymnasium Work Given Four Evenings Each Week—Games and Reading Room Drawing Cards.

The new Klamath Falls Boys Athletic Club which has just been started in the rooms beneath the K. K. K. Store at the corner of Sixth and Main Streets, is going to be a whirlwind success if the interest and attendance which has been manifested at the outset, is any indication. Eighty four members have now joined the Association and the big room is crowded full during the full time that the rooms are open in the afternoon and evening. One pool table, some gymnasium apparatus and reading material have been secured and more things are being put in each day.

The boys will hold a meeting tonight at which they will elect their officers and conduct much of the business of the organization under the supervision of L. A. Robbins, the superintendent.

Dr. W. A. Leonard has consented to give the boys boxing instruction on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. H. Stelzmueller and L. A. Will will give general gymnasium work on Monday and Friday evenings.

The Club room is open each school day from four to ten p. m., and all day Saturday. The rooms are also open on Sunday afternoons. Mr. Robbins, who is hard at work equipping the establishment is anxious to get hold of any old comforts or quilts which might be available to make into wrestling mats. He also announces that any athletic apparatus which is not in use in the city, would be greatly appreciated by the boys.

All those who have been backing this new move feel greatly elated over its success so far.

GOES TO TURLOCK

Mrs. R. H. Spencer who has been visiting here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Wilbur left today for her home at Turlock, California. Mrs. Spencer resided here nine years ago and sees many changes since that time.

PRESBYTERIAN SUPPER FRIDAY

The cafeteria supper which was previously announced for the Presbyterian Church for Thursday evening, will be held on Friday evening February the 21st, from six until seven o'clock.

LEAVES FOR BOSTON

Mrs. C. K. Brandenburg who received word Monday of illness in her family in the east, left this morning for Boston, where she expects to remain for a month or longer.

CORVALLIS MAN VISITS

H. E. Seymour who is connected with the Oregon Agricultural College at Corvallis, is in the city for a short time. He is registered at the White Pelican Hotel.

SHEEP BUYER VISITS

Jim Burns, a sheep buyer of the firm of Levi Moffatt Co. of San Francisco has been in this section buying for his firm.

HOME FROM MEDFORD

Otto Klum is home from Medford where he has been for some time on a visit.

AUDITOR AT WORK ON COUNTY BOOKS

H. E. Nowell has commenced his work of auditing the County books at the Court House, his first work being in the County Clerk's office. Mr. Nowell came in last week from San Francisco and has made a trip back to the Bay City since that time.

MOVABLE KITCHEN OF K. C. WORKS WONDERS

PARIS, Feb. 18.—One of the activities of the Knights of Columbus in the war area is the mobile kitchen group which is following the units of the American Expeditionary Force from camp to camp.

On the long marches that have become the rule since the signing of the armistice the men find hot chocolate, bouillon and other warm food most acceptable. Twenty of these cars are in use in the area of military operations in France, Belgium and Germany. Others will soon be sent to Italy and the south of France. Like every other service of the Knights of Columbus the distribution of the products of these kitchens is free, it is announced. The service will be continued until the last American unit has embarked for America.

NATION LEAGUE IS CRITICISED

PROPOSED SOCIETY OF NATIONS IS ROUNDLY SCORED IN SENATE TODAY BY POINDEXTER OF WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19.—Senator Poindexter, republican from Washington declared in a prepared address here today that the United States entrance into the League of Nations would mean the surrender of American rights, privileges, sovereignty, the abandonment of the Monroe doctrine, and the violation of the Constitution.

He said the Constitution of the League of Nations was indefinite in the uncertain machinery it proposes to set up. He declared that it was similar to the Soviet government of Russia, and that it should be submitted to the American people in a political campaign where it would be made an issue, otherwise he said the self government of the American people will have disappeared.

FILES SUIT TO COLLECT FEES

KLAMATH FALLS ATTORNEY FILES SUIT FOR LARGE FEE IN CELEBRATED MELHASE CASE IN PORTLAND

The following article is taken from the Oregonian of last Friday:

Charles J. Ferguson, one of the leading attorneys of Klamath Falls, filed suit in the circuit court yesterday for a fee of \$9250 for services rendered in the noted Melhase will case, in which he broke a purported will involving a \$100,000 estate and was sustained in the supreme court of Oregon.

The action was filed against Henrietta F. Melhase, widow. At the death of her husband, brothers secured keys to his safe deposit box and opened it. They offered a will dated in 1908, depriving the widow of most of her husband's property. She engaged Attorney Ferguson to fight for her rights and he brought action in the probate court with a contention that there was a later will, dated 1910, leaving most of the property to the wife, which disappeared from the safe deposit box. The suit was lost in the probate court but won in appeal to the circuit court. A second appeal to the state supreme court resulted in the decision that there had been another will and the restoration to the widow of a large part of the property. The case attracted much attention in southern Oregon.

Attorneys Maguire and Winter of Portland, Renner and Chastain and Walter G. Van Emon of Klamath Falls appear for the plaintiff.

CLEMENCEAU IS SHOT IN PARIS THIS MORNING

Aged French Premier Only Slightly Wounded

FIVE SHOTS ARE FIRED

Assailant Believed to Be a Russian, Attempts to Kill the Premier as He Steps Into Car—Wounds in Back and Shoulder Slight—Will Recover—Assailant Arrested.

(By the Associated Press)

PARIS, Feb. 19.—George Clemenceau, the celebrated Premier of France was shot and slightly wounded this morning as he entered his automobile for a drive.

Five shots were fired by the assailant and it was at first thought that the aged but vigorous official had been wounded in the head. It later developed however, that the wounds were in his back and shoulders, and were apparently not dangerous.

His assailant who was immediately arrested was an ordinary looking man dressed as a workman. Policeman Gourast told the Associated Press representative that the Premier rushed up to the assailant and grappled with him. The latter's name is Emile Cottin. He is twenty-five years of age and was born at Croil. The Police here are inclined to think him a Russian as he is fair and tall with long hair.

There was only one eye witness to the shooting, a barber who said he heard the first shot and thought it was the Americans firing into the air as they are in the habit of doing. The crowd immediately fell upon the assassin and beat him. He did not try to make his escape previous to the arrival of the officers.

President Poincare, the American Ambassador and other officials went immediately to the Clemenceau home on hearing the news. It is stated that unless complications ensue due to his age there is no danger but that he will recover.

PARIS, Feb. 19.—Physicians say that the bullet entered the left shoulder, and has been located in the right shoulder, but not yet removed. The Premier coughs a good deal, but raises no blood. He was on his way to a conference with Colonel House and Balfour when shot.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—Emile Cottin, who shot Clemenceau, is known as a dangerous anarchist, according to a Paris dispatch. He took all the responsibility for shooting the premier, who was hit three times, two bullets grazing his right hand and right arm.

SOLDIERS' ILLS ARE MINIMIZED

FIGURES FROM RECENT CONFLICT REVERSE THE STATISTICS OF FORMER WARS, DISEASE TAKES SMALL PER CENT

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 17.—The battle death rate in the American army during the recent war exceeded the death rate from disease, according to an announcement made by General March. In past wars many more men were lost from disease than in the battles. The battle death rate for the American Expeditionary forces was fifty seven men per thousand and the disease rate only seventeen men per thousand.