

KANSAS STARTS CRIMINAL SUIT ON P. O. HEAD

Burleson May Fight Phone Raise in Courts

AUTHORITY DOUBTED

Action of Postmaster General in Declaring Change in Phone Rates Which Went Into Effect in January Will Be Opposed in Courts if Permission to Bring Suit is Given.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 10.—The action of Postmaster General Burleson in authorizing the change in the telephone tariffs which went into effect in January and which have brought forth such a storm of criticism throughout the nation is to be tested as to its legality in the courts, according to an announcement made today.

First steps to have the supreme court determine whether the postmaster general has the authority to fix the rates within the States were evidenced in the filing of the motion by the State of Kansas asking permission to institute criminal proceedings in the court against Burleson.

When the change in the rates was first announced, it was indicated that it would be in the nature of a reduction, but actual operation has made it apparent that the tolls were raised rather than lowered. The basic methods of figuring rates were changed.

MEDFORD MAN LAST MEMBER

LIVE WIRE FROM JACKSON COUNTY IS LATEST RECRUIT TO RANKS OF KLAMATH GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATION

The influence of the Good Roads Association is extending to the City of Medford and has drawn into its membership none other than George T. Collins, manager of the Mason, Ehrman & Company's branch wholesale house in that metropolis. The Association may feel flattered in having Mr. Collins as a member. He is one of the real live wires of Southern Oregon. He it was, more than any other one man, who landed the lower freight rates that have done so much to make Medford the wholesale center of Southern Oregon. Already he is trying to do the same for Klamath Falls, and the Herald will later on have occasion to present to its readers the results of his efforts along that line. Following is the letter received by the Herald from Mr. Collins and in response thereto his name has been entered as a member of the Association and the card forwarded to him:

"If it is possible for one who resides out of Klamath County to join your good roads movement, I would thank you to enter my application for membership and enclose herewith a check for \$1 to cover the fee. "We are asking our local manager in your city, Mr. E. H. Jefferson, to enter the subscription of the Klamath Falls Branch of Mason, Ehrman & Company and we wish at this time to pledge our support to this meritorious effort and to any other that you may undertake in the future. We admire your go-get-em spirit."

SHIPYARD MEN TO START WORK

SEATTLE, March 10.—The shipyards are to reopen here tomorrow, the men who have been out on the big strike having voted to return to work. The Tacoma and Aberdeen yards are also to resume operations.

SAILOR COMING TOMORROW EVE

To meet her son Wilbur Eastwood who is expected in tomorrow night from service on the U. S. Steamship, Prometheus, where he has been in service as a shipwright during the war, Mrs. M. E. Eastwood arrived Saturday afternoon from Merrill. She said that the roads were in such shape that she wanted to be sure and get here on time.

Her son who has just been honorably discharged from the service has been of unusual value to the government, according to a letter which was received a short time ago by the officer in command of the ship, which give praise of the highest order to the young man's ability and character.

BIG PLANE FALLS WITH SEVEN MEN

ELIZABETH, N. J., March 10.—A government airplane en route to Philadelphia from the plant of the Standard Aircraft company here, plunged to the ground with about seven army officers aboard. The accident occurred on the outskirts of the city. It is believed that none of the men were injured. The big plane landed in a bed of mud by the side of a street.

FINE BREAD OF KLAMATH WHEAT

SUPERIORITY OF LOCAL FLOUR IS SHOWN IN EFFORT OF LOCAL MAN WHO IS NOVICE AT BAKING—FORMULA GIVEN

That Carey Ramsby of this city could catch a trout where there is one to be caught, and that he could fry it over a campfire in a way that would tempt the daintiest palate, is a fact generally recognized among his friends here. However, his abilities as a chef have been generally believed to have stopped here, and the news that he can bake light bread on a par with the best housewives of the city will come as a surprise to many. He has been doing this, however, in the laboratory of the Martin Bros' mill, with the flour manufactured there, using the government formula, and has been getting the best of results. Yesterday he baked a loaf at his home without the use of scales, and the result which is shown here today is a mighty big boost for Klamath raised wheat and Klamath produced flour.

The formula on which it was prepared and which is recommended by J. D. Howard, who has charge of the big Martin mill, for home use, is as follows:

One quart of water, 3 ounces or 3 tablespoons of sugar, 3 1/2 to 3 3/4 pounds of flour, 1 ounce of yeast and the same amount of salt. The water and sugar must be brought to 84 F. The sugar thoroughly dissolved in the water, which will now be ready to receive the yeast; during this time all the other ingredients must be brought to a temperature of 84 F. The yeast is now added to the water and sugar, and left to grow from ten to thirty minutes. At the end of this time the sponge is made up, using about two-thirds of the flour. Leave the sponge to set 2 1/2 hours at 84 F., then work in the rest of the flour and keep warm until light; then knock down and put into the pans. When light, bake.

Always mix the salt into the flour, never into the sponge or water. Mr. Howard announces that he will be glad to assist anyone who has trouble in following this formula, and render any help possible, if they will call at the mill.

ENEMY PEACEMAKERS TO HAVE EXPERT ADVICE

BERLIN, March 10.—It is believed here that preliminary peace negotiations may begin at Versailles about March twentieth. The German foreign minister is now arranging for a small party of business men to accompany the German commercial commissioners as expert advisers.

LADIES' GYM CLASS AT BOYS' CLUB

An invitation has been extended to business and professional men to take advantage of the offer to join the gymnasium connected with the boys club, the instructors of which are Messrs. Sterlmueller, Leonard and Wills. The instructions are free. Wednesday evening has been set aside exclusively for the ladies. Visitors are welcome at all times. Tomorrow evening the boys will serve clam chowder.

NEW STENOGRAPHER IN TOWN

Miss Nora Rinker, sister of Mrs. Walter Van Emon of this city arrived Saturday evening from San Francisco, where she has resided for the past year and has taken a position as stenographer in Mr. Van Emon's Law office. She will reside at the Van Emon home in Hot Springs addition.

LUMBERMEN OF WEST INVADING EAST MARKETS

PORTLAND, March 10.—The West Coast Lumbermen's association has arranged to open an office in New York city for the purpose of securing a share of the New England lumber trade. This office will be in charge of Chester J. Hogue, who has been Oregon secretary of the association since 1915, with offices in Portland. Mr. Hogue will leave for the east soon, first visiting the annual exposition of American railway appliances at Chicago and going direct from there to New York.

The lumber market of New England has depended largely upon local spruce and hemlock and on yellow pine from the south for its supply. The value of New England spruce for paper pulp now has practically withdrawn that wood from use as lumber and the supply of southern pine is becoming less each season. These conditions, coupled with the excellent advertising given west coast lumber during the war, open a splendid market for northwestern spruce, fir, and hemlock in the North Atlantic states. Western spruce possesses all the good qualities of the New England spruce and because of its larger growth may be cut to better advantage, say officials of the West Coast association. The same is true of western hemlock.

REVOLUTION IN U. S. PLANNED

STARTLING FACTS REGARDING ANARCHISTIC MOVE BROUGHT BEFORE SENATE COMMITTEE AT HEARING TODAY

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 10.—Solicitor General Lamar of the post-office department told the senate propaganda committee that the I. W. W., anarchists and socialists were now perfecting an organization to overthrow the government by means of a bloody revolution and to establish a bolshevik republic, according to information which had been gained through mail that had been seized.

NEW STORE TO OPEN

F. U. Patrick who is equipping a new auto accessory store at the corner of Eighth and Main Streets now has nearly all his goods in shape and expects to open his doors to the public early this week.

KLAMATH MAN RELEASED FROM HUN PRISON CAMP

OTTAWA, March 10.—The overseas casualty list of the repatriated prisoners from Germany, today contains the name of H. E. Smith of Klamath.

STATE HIGHWAY TO THE DALLES NOW PROBABLE

Portland Gets Behind Proposed Construction

COMMISSION IS COMING

Fear That Klamath and Lake Counties May Secede From State by Reason of Neglect Causes Almost United Support for Highway Running North From Klamath.

The Portland Chamber of Commerce is getting back of the proposed highway from The Dalles to the California line, and at a meeting of the board of directors, held in Portland Friday evening, a strong stand was taken on this question, as indicated by the following from the Oregonian of Saturday:

"A strong stand was taken for the roadbuilding demands of the counties of Klamath, Lake, Deschutes, Jefferson, Sherman and Wasco, with the fear expressed that Lake and Klamath counties, isolated from the remainder of Oregon by highway restrictions, may secede and unite with California unless prompt action is taken.

"In a resolution unanimously adopted the state chamber directors urged that The Dalles to Klamath road, for which provision was made in the \$6,000,000 bond issue of 1917, receive the immediate attention of the highway commission toward the construction of this most-needed highway."

"This resolution asked that the state highway commission institute an investigation of the needs of the several counties and 'offer such remedy as is in their power.' It further declared that the counties interested in The Dalles to Klamath road had very properly presented their claims 'to a just share, not only of the \$6,000,000 bonding fund, but of the subsequent fund provided under the \$10,000,000 bonding act and the federal appropriation.'"

"Both Mr. Booth and Mr. Thompson of the highway commission appeared before the meeting and gave assurance that the road from The Dalles to the California line would be taken care of in the present year's programme, or so much as could be expeditiously handled. They also told the state chamber directors that the Ashland, Klamath Falls and Lakeview highway would be taken care of this year.

"Mr. Booth who indicated to the meeting that he would reconsider his intent to resign from the highway commission, said that the had arranged a meeting with the county courts of Klamath and Lake counties to be held some time the coming week, when the exact route would be determined.

"Both highway commissioners reminded the state chamber that the only reason the road from The Dalles to the California line had not been started before was the fact that a troublesome injunction suit had held up the project. They declared that this had been generally forgotten and that the commission had been unjustly blamed for delay, while its members were all in favor of going ahead with the construction."

Since Friday The Herald has had the question of the Highway Commission coming to Klamath up by wire with County Surveyor, C. T. Darley and Senator Baldwin, and both men are working tooth and nail to bring the commission to this city and good progress has been made in this direction. The question of the date of the coming of the Commissioners has not been definitely settled, and an effort is being made to have it set for next week. Judge Bunnell is absent from the city and will not be back for ten days. Before he left he got into communication with the county judge of Lake county, and succeeded in getting that official to agree to come to Klamath Falls on any day next week that may be set for the meeting, and if it can be arranged to get the Commission to come here then, there will be started the road building program of Klamath under most auspicious circumstances.

KLAMATH OFFICER GOES TO PORTLAND

Lieutenant Leland Haines has received his discharge from the military service at the Officer's Training Camp at Fort Monroe, Virginia, and will leave for Portland in a few days, where he has accepted a position with the Standard Oil Company. Lieutenant Haines was among the first of the Klamath Falls boys to enlist at the outbreak of the war. Since receiving his commission last March he has been instructing officers at Fort Monroe.

LEAVE AFTER VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hibbert, who have been visiting here for the past two months at the home of their son, Irving from their home at Pittsburg left on the train this morning for Hilt, California, where they will spend some time with their other son, J. E. Hibbert.

OREGON IS NOW IN DEBT ABOUT SIXTY MILLION

PORTLAND, March 10.—Oregon's bonded indebtedness, which includes the obligations of the state, counties, cities, school, reclamation and port districts, amounts now to approximately \$60,000,000, with prospects of the total running to \$90,000,000 by the end of this year. The aggregate is larger probably than the average property owner and taxpayer has believed to be possible.

Three years ago the total bonded indebtedness of Oregon communities was about \$54,000,000. Since then the amount of municipal bonds outstanding for street and other improvements benefitting abutting property has been substantially decreased without the issuance of new bonds of this class, but the total of general obligation bonds outstanding has been increased by the issuance of several million dollars of state and county highways, port improvement and irrigation district construction securities. The annual interest charges on the total of public bonds now outstanding amount to about \$3,000,000, and requirements for sinking funds are for a total fully as large, so that approximately one-tenth of the people's bonded indebtedness must be raised by taxation each year. The same rules will apply generally if the bond debt grows to \$90,000,000 by the end of 1919.

POINT IS WON BY DEFENDANTS

JUDGE CALKINS OVERRULES PLAINTIFF'S DEMURRER TO DEFENDANTS ANSWER IN BIG COURT HOUSE SUIT

The demurrer of the plaintiff filed against the defendant's answer in the case of Klamath County versus J. M. Dougan et al, has been overruled in a decision just received from Judge F. M. Calkins of Medford. The suit in question is the action of the County for the recovery of the money spent in the construction of the Court House on Block Thirty five. The decision is a point in favor of the defendant's of the suit and will necessitate the county replying to the amended answer of the defendant's which is announced will be done in the specified limit of twenty days. The decision was given on March seventh.

HOME FROM SOUTH

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Groesbeck were among the train arrivals last evening. Mrs. Groesbeck and children have been spending the winter months with friends and relatives in the south and they were met on their return by Mr. Groesbeck at San Francisco.

EXTENSION MADE ON LOCAL CAFE

A substantial improvement to the Rex Cafe between Sixth and Seventh Streets on Main is now being made. The barber shop which operated for many years next door has been discontinued and this room is being remodeled by Ross Nickerson, the Rex proprietor, and will be added to the room already in use.

GIRL UNCONSCIOUS FOR SIXTY DAYS

KANSAS CITY, March 10.—The medical fraternity of Kansas City is baffled by one of the most unusual cases in the history of medical science in the Middle West. A 16-year-old girl is unconscious—has been so nearly two months and there is apparently no sign of her regaining consciousness. Eleven weeks ago Miss Adelaide O'Dowd, daughter of Michael J. O'Dowd, was stricken with typhoid fever. The first few weeks the case seemed to take a normal course. On January 10 she lapsed into unconsciousness from which she has not awakened. Every known means of bringing back consciousness has been used by her physician but to no avail. Her heart beats are normal, he declares, while her temperature has never been unusual in any way, nor has her respiration been alarming.

STATE CHAMBER MAN IN TOWN

WILL APPEAR THIS EVENING BEFORE BUSINESS MEN'S MEETING THROWN OPEN TO PUBLIC AT EIGHT O'CLOCK

One of the topics of importance which will be discussed at the meeting of the Klamath Falls Business Men's Association following the regular dinner at the Moose Hall this evening will be the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce at which Mr. D. E. Yoran of Eugene will be present. The State Chamber is to make a state wide drive over Oregon this week for new members and Mr. Yoran is here in the interest of this matter.

Hearing of his arrival President Leslie Rogers of the Association has invited him to talk to the business men as this will probably be the best opportunity he would have to get before them as a body. The nature of development which is being undertaken by this co-operative body will be outlined at this time and many of the local men who have expressed a desire to learn what is the purpose of the body and whereby Klamath is to be benefitted will be able to get the information first hand.

Mr. Yoran is one of the merchants of Eugene and is intensely interested in seeing his home town and his state developed in every way possible. He believes that a statewide organization where no one locality can swing undue influence can bring things of this kind about more rapidly than any other way and for this reason he has become very enthusiastic over the new enterprise. Mr. Rogers has announced that the meeting tonight will be thrown open to the public at eight o'clock so that all those who are interested may hear Mr. Yoran's talk.

PORTLAND BOOTLEGER IS SENTENCED

PORTLAND, March 10.—Federal Judge Wolverton fined J. A. Nichols, a colored porter \$230 and sentenced him to six months in jail for bringing in fifteen suitcases of liquor from California.

BALFOUR TO RESIGN

LONDON, March 10.—Arthur J. Balfour, secretary of foreign affairs in the ministry of Premier Lloyd George will retire at the close of the Peace Conference. The Evening Standard says he will be succeeded by Earl Curzon, president of the Council and government house leader in the House of Lords.

PORTLAND NOW READY TO AID THIS COUNTY

Railroads and Highways Are Being Discussed

PLAIN FACTS GIVEN

Senator Baldwin and George Collins Went Before Portland Chamber of Commerce at Noon Today, and Pointed Out What is Being Lost to That Section.

PORTLAND, March 10.—(Special) The Portland Chamber of Commerce is getting ready to do something to help Klamath Falls get the Natron cut-off and its share of the money that has been appropriated for the construction of permanent highways. A meeting of the Chamber was held today, at which State Senator Baldwin of Klamath Falls and George T. Collins of Medford were present for the purpose of urging the members to get back of the movement.

Senator Baldwin detailed the fight that Klamath Falls has made for years to secure a direct connection with this city via the Natron cut-off. He pointed out the great advantage it would be to Portland and plainly told those present that the people of Klamath were not satisfied with the efforts that were put forth in the past by the people of Portland to aid in the construction of this line or the Strahorn road. He also called attention to the constitutional amendment passed by the last legislature, which permits counties to vote bonds up to six per cent of their assessed valuation, and asked business men of Portland to get back of this amendment so that the counties of Eastern Oregon would be in a position to help themselves.

Senator Baldwin was followed by George T. Collins, Medford manager of the Mason, Ehrman & Company branch, and he amazed those present by the presentation of facts showing to them the immense value of the business originating in the Klamath country. He read the following telegram, sent him by C. F. Winnek, chairman of the committee of the Business Men's Association of Klamath Falls, and which is compiling data on the importance of the Natron cut-off:

"Klamath Falls Business Men's Association is urging the Portland Chamber of Commerce to urge the Southern Pacific company to complete the Natron cut-off. Shipments from Klamath Falls for 1918 were box shooks 2497 cars, lumber 1371 cars, live stock 1081 cars, miscellaneous 550 cars. The collections by this company agents office in this city for 1918 were \$4,225,000. There was shipped to this station during 1918 six million dollars worth of merchandise."

These figures amazed those present and had an electrifying effect. Portland wants some of that six million dollars worth of merchandise, and the members realized that if the Natron cut-off is constructed to Klamath Falls, this city will have a big advantage over any other Pacific Coast city for this immense business. Mr. Collins also pointed out that there has been a great discrimination in the matter of rates, resulting in a big handicap against Portland. The sentiment of those present was that the time is at hand when Portland must get in and secure for Klamath that to which it is entitled, and from now on there will be a concerted move to get the Southern Pacific company to build and the Highway Commission to allot ample funds to carry to completion the big road program Klamath has under consideration.

HOME FROM BERKELEY

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. McDonald and daughter Joan, arrived last evening from Berkeley, California, where they have been spending the winter.