

PORTLAND NOW READY TO AID KLAMATH FALLS

Natron Cut-Off Construction May Be Started

WILL AID STRAHORN

Comprehensive Outline of General Railroad Situation Is Received From Secretary of Portland Chamber of Commerce by Enthusiastic Member of Women's Club.

The securing of the Natron cut-off is not such a hopeless proposition as might seem at first glance, as is indicated by a letter just received by Mrs. H. R. Reynolds from W. D. B. Dodson, secretary of the Portland Chamber of Commerce. The letter comes in answer to an appeal from Mrs. Reynolds, on behalf of the Klamath Improvement Club, that organization of progressive women that is getting ready to help do things for their home city.

Doubtless little can be done as long as the government has its blighting grip on the roads, but Mr. Dodson's suggestion about getting results later and indirect information that now is the time to prepare to drive home the need for the Natron-Klamath cut-off when the railroads are unseparated, should receive the attention its importance deserves.

The fact that Portland is ready to help out the Strahorn road is also encouraging, and shows that our city is willing to play foster mother to her long neglected relations east of the Cascades.

The letter from Mr. Dodson follows: My Dear Mrs. Reynolds—Certainly glad to hear that you are back in Oregon, also glad to hear that you are on a live job. Regret very much to hear of Mr. Reynolds' injury, and trust that he will recuperate very quickly, and will regain completely his strength.

In re the Klamath-Natron cut-off: It is my personal opinion that the completion of this line is the thing most needed by the Klamath people and most needed by Oregon as a whole to connect the Klamath territory directly with Portland. This line will give a short haul into Portland and make us supreme in a trade way in that territory, which is an exceedingly promising district of Oregon.

We have named a committee of three leading business men, who expect to make a trip to the Klamath Falls country in the not distant future, with the idea of going over this whole situation very carefully and working out a plan whereby Portland and Oregon as a whole may aid in this railway construction, and any other effort connecting Klamath with Oregon. The personnel of this committee I will be able to announce very soon, and also be able to inform you of the approximate date of their trip.

We had up, some time ago, the matter of finishing the Natron-Klamath cut-off. We took it up with the highest officials of the Southern Pacific, and also the Union Pacific. The case resolved itself to about the following statement of facts, at that time, as the same were revealed to us by Mr. Calvin, who was then general manager of the Union Pacific.

It was the purpose in building the Natron-Klamath cut-off to create a trunk line which should later be extended from Klamath to a point in Nevada on the Central Pacific. The Southern Pacific realizes that it will be wholly unable to compete in handling the millions of feet of lumber that will be going from the Klamath Falls territory eastward in the coming years, when they haul the lumber across the Siskiyou mountains, down to the Roosevelt Junction, then across the Sierra-Nevada range on the eastward leg of the journey. By building the Natron-Klamath cut-off and later an extension from Klamath to Nevada, they will have a short haul for this enormous tonnage of lumber that will enable the Southern Pacific to effectively compete with the O. W. R. & N. and the northern lines. This, unquestionably, will be done. As to when, depends upon the grouping of the railroads under whatever action the government takes in restoring the same to private control.

The Central Pacific, when the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific were dissolved, remained with the Southern Pacific. The Natron-Klamath work was being done by the Cen-

PRELIMINARY WORK ON PROPOSED DAM

To make preliminary investigations of the bed of Link River to get accurate estimates on the cost of the proposed dam, the California-Oregon Power Company has mailed a large quantity of lumber to a point above the dam site at the head of the river and has a crew of men at work on a temporary structure which will enable the engineers to secure the information desired.

LAST WESTERN NIGHT TONIGHT

BILLS END THREE WHIRLWIND ENTERTAINMENTS THIS EVENING—BIG EXCITEMENT LAST NIGHT—NEW FEATURES

If the interest in the big Elks Western Nights continues to grow as it has in the last two days, it is hard to predict what is going to happen this evening. Certainly nothing has been staged here for many moons that has produced the electric thrills like the affairs of the past two evenings at the Temple.

One of the tense situations last evening was brought about when "Blondy" Crane and Ora Engle almost broke the crap game operated by Charles Stone, Judge D. V. Rykendale and Ross Nickerson, with a bet of something over half a million dollars. Stone admitted today that had the plungers won the last throw they would have busted the bank. There is something doing every minute, and tonight is going to be the biggest night of all.

A band of Indian dancers have been imported, and will give a unique exhibition, to the accompaniment of silver bells. A new gambling game to the general public, which is a favorite among the Indians, is also going to be introduced by ten Indian braves.

There is one big surprise for tonight which is being held back by the management. No intimation can be learned of its nature, but those who are on the "inside," declare that it is the best ever.

NEW SCHOOL AT MILLS ADDITION

BUILDING TO BE ERECTED OF BRICK OR STUCCO AND TO COST \$15,000 MAY BE STARTED AT EARLY DATE

The erection of a modern school building on Block 100 in Mills Addition, is now contemplated by the Public School Board at a very early date and plans are expected to be completed in a few days after which bids will be asked.

The School Board has arranged for an election for the issuance of \$15,000 bonds to be held on the 29th of this month.

The new building as now planned is to be a one story building with a full basement and is to be so constructed that it will be possible to make extensions at any time it is found necessary. There will be four rooms, which will adequately meet the needs there at the present time. It is expected that if the bond election passes, the work will be launched at a date shortly following and that the new school home will be ready for occupancy for the commencement of the Fall Term.

SCHOOL LANDS NOW AN ISSUE

PROTECTION OF THIS PROPERTY BY STATE AS MEANS OF PRE- VENTING CONSTRUCTION OF DAM IS CONSIDERED

Oregon is going to look after its interest in the school lands on the Upper Link, according to a letter just received by R. E. Bradbury. Continuing his efforts to protect the rights and interests of the people of this county—not only those under the project, but those of the Upper country, Mr. Bradbury made a special trip to Salem to place before the attorney general, governor and state land board, the facts connected with the construction of the proposed dam across Link river. He was informed by these officials that if he would submit all of the data at his disposal for their information, they would give the question careful consideration. This Mr. Bradbury has done, and he has just received the following letter from the state land board:

Receipt of your favor of March 31st relative to the act of 1905 ceding certain lands of the State to the government, is hereby acknowledged. The same has been referred to the Attorney General for his construction in the matter.

It seems incomprehensible that it is necessary for any man to have to put forth the efforts Mr. Bradbury has in order to protect the rights of the people of this project. He has been making an almost hopeless, uphill fight, because those whose rights he is trying to save have not interested themselves beyond just passing words of encouragement.

The sentiment of the landowners of the project is overwhelming against it, as was indicated by the recent straw vote, and it is the fact that Mr. Bradbury knows he has the support of the people back of him that has given him the courage to fight on as he has, notwithstanding the fact that this support has not been as open and active as it would be if the people did not have confidence in Mr. Bradbury's ability to win.

FINED FOR KILLING DEER OUT OF SEASON.

William Sims and Love Chandler of the Malin district, who were arrested a few days ago by Game Warden Henry Stout for killing deer out of season were fined \$100 each for this offense by Justice N. J. Chapman. Evidence that eight or more of the animals had been killed was discovered by the official.

RACIAL EQUALITY CLAUSE ADOPTED.

PARIS, April 12.—It is reported that the League of Nations Commission has adopted the Japanese amendment on racial equality by eleven votes out of seventeen.

NEW BUILDING ON MAIN ST.

HOME FOR THE EARL SHEPHERD COMPANY IS TO BE PUT UP IM- MEDIATELY ON FORMER FOUN- TAIN PROPERTY

That a building on the property adjacent to the F. M. Upp Jewelry store between Fifth and Sixth on Main is to be constructed at an early date for the Earl Shepherd Company on the lot recently purchased for this purpose by George G. Kerns from P. L. Fountain, is the announcement made today.

Mr. Shepherd, who has so long advertised his establishment as "next door to postoffice," has arranged for an extended lease, and feels justified in planning a store which will be in every way a credit to the town of three times the size of Klamath Falls.

The new building will be equipped with a heating plant and hardwood floors and will be furnished with every modern convenience adaptable to the music business.

W. D. Miller, the contractor expects to rush the work of construction for an early occupancy.

NEW IRRIGATION UNIT PROPOSED

MALIN RESIDENTS COME IN TO- DAY TO FORM NEW DISTRICT NEAR TULE LAKE. THREE THOUSAND ACRES INVOLVED

The creation of the Malin Irrigation District, which will comprise approximately three thousand acres of fertile land in that district is being heard here today and a number of interested parties from that section are here to participate.

There are about twenty-one land owners interested in the new project which proposes to get water by means of pumping from the irrigation canal of the U. S. Reclamation project. Attorney C. J. Ferguson is the counsel for the proposed district.

OFFICER RETURNS FROM WAR SERVICE

Sergeant Earl Hilton, who has been in the service with the Coast Artillery in France has received his discharge and returned to this city Thursday evening.

Sergeant Hilton was one of the first of the Klamath Falls boys to enlist at the outbreak of the war and he returned to the city just two years to a day from the date of his departure. The young officer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hilton.

HOCKEY PLAYER GETS SENTENCE AS SLACKER

TACOMA, April 12.—Bernard Morris, a Canadian subject, who was convicted by the court martial at Camp Lewis of being a deserter from the United States army by failing to report for the draft, has been sentenced to two years hard labor at Alcatraz Island. Morris was a professional hockey player for Seattle.

HERE FROM TENNESSEE

Mr. and Mrs. John McCann of Nashville, Tenn. is visiting Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Tucker, near Altamont. They are so enamored of Klamath County that they expect to remain.

JAPS CARRYING ON A MASSACRE IN KOREA NOW

Unbelievable Outrages Being Perpetrated

HELP IS CALLED FOR

Dispatches Today Tell of Terrible Conditions Brought About by Mas- sacre at Capital of Korea—Civilians Killed, Homes Burned, Women Beaten—Medical Aid Forbidden.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 12.—The Japanese have begun what has resulted in a wholesale massacre in Korea at the capital, Seoul, on March 28th, according to a cablegram received here today by the Korean National Association, from a native pastor. The message said that the Japanese troops, fire brigades and civilians are shooting, beating and hooking people mercilessly throughout Korea. Several thousand people have been killed. Churches, schools and homes of the leaders have been destroyed. Women have been made naked and beaten before crowds. Members of the leader's families have been imprisoned, and in many instances tortured.

Doctors have been forbidden to care for the wounded. The message says that the foreign Red Cross is urgently needed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 12.—Reports from Munich today say that an agreement has been reached between the Central Council and the Communists. This has been taken to mean that the moderate elements in the city have gained the upper hand. A dispatch from Bamberg says that the German government has announced that the entente powers have informed it that Bavaria is not to be included in the conclusion of peace, and that measures are to be taken to prevent the entente food stuffs from reaching that province.

BASEL, April 12.—The soviet republic at Munich was overthrown Friday by force of arms, according to the Berlin newspapers.

PEACE TREATY TEXT IS READY

WILL BE PUBLISHED IN FEW DAYS AS SOON AS FRENCH AND ENGLISH TEXTS CAN BE BROUGHT INTO ACCORD

PARIS, April 12.—The full text of the covenant of the Peace Treaty will be published in a few days, it is announced today. It is now ready for the Plenary session except for bringing the French and English texts into accord.

PARIS, April 12.—With a single exception of the amendment exempting the Monroe Doctrine, from being affected by the covenant, no vital change has been made by the League of Nations Commission in the covenant, which has now concluded its considerations. No date has yet been set for a plenary session of the Conference.

NEW RANCH HOME NEAR TULE LAKE

A fine new ranch home in the Tule Lake district is being constructed from Thomas Lynch of that district by J. M. Banta, who expects to have the work done in May. The new house will cost approximately \$3,500.

YANK SOLDIERS REFUSE BATTLE

REPLY WITH BOLSHEVIK STATE- MENTS WHEN QUESTIONED AT ARCHANGEL, FIRST INSTANCE IN AMERICAN ARMY

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 12.—Company I of the 339th Infantry has been identified by General March as the unit which recently refused to return to the front line trenches in Archangel, when ordered to do so by its officers.

A supplementary report of the incident said it was worthy of note that the questions put by men of Company I to their officers were "identical with the questions of the regular Bolsheviki propaganda."

The department has not received copies of the Bolsheviki leaflets and General March is extremely anxious to secure one.

He said today, "In my long service I don't recall another instance where American soldiers did not want to go into a fight. They have always said 'Lead us to it.'"

ARRESTED FOR HAVING BOOZE

MAN WHO WAS CONVICTED HERE IN LIQUOR CHARGE LAST NOVEMBER, WAS CAUGHT ON TRAIN LAST EVENING

Ray "Dusty" Rhodes was arrested on arrival of the train last evening from Dorris with a quantity of liquor in his suit case, by local officers, assisted by Officer Price Recob of the Indian service, and lodged in the city jail over night. This morning he was brought before United States Commissioner Bert C. Thomas and formally charged with importing liquor into Oregon, in violation of provisions of the Reed amendment. His hearing was set for 2 o'clock this afternoon, at which time he was represented by W. H. A. Renner, Esq., and waived examination. He was bound over by the commissioner to answer to the federal grand jury at Portland, his bond being fixed in the sum of \$500.

The defendant was arrested here on November 25th, when a large quantity of liquor was found in his possession at the Argraves rooming house. At that time he was fined \$125 and costs.

GETS GOOD NEWS FROM SOLDIER SON.

L. H. Pepper of this city is feeling good today over the news of the safe arrival of his son, Louis H. Pepper in Boston. The young soldier has been identified with Company F of the 103 Infantry. He went over the top three times and was in five battles, during his service, having been gassed in the last engagement.

TO ATTEND IMPORTANT HIGHWAY MEETING

County Surveyor C. T. Darley is preparing to leave for Portland, where he will attend an important meeting of the State Highway Commission on April 15th and where important matters concerning road construction in Klamath County are to be discussed.