

LARGE CREW OF ENGINEERS NOW AT WORK HERE

Macadamized Road From City Thru Malin.

HUGE PROGRAM ON

Carrying of Bond Election on July Third Is Being Taken for Granted by Highway Commission, Which Is Making All Plans to Go Ahead Here.

With an even dozen Highway engineers now on the job under the general supervision of Earl Withycombe, son of Ex-Governor Withycombe and J. P. DeVoy, the preparations for the big road program for Klamath County for the season of 1919 are now going ahead rapidly.

The engineers are now all at work on the road between Klamath Falls and Lakeview, but it is expected that some will be transferred in a short time to the north and south highway.

A good graded macadamized road from the city of Klamath Falls to the county line below Malin, a distance of over thirty-five miles, will be completed before the season closes in the opinion of the road builders.

County Surveyor C. T. Darley, it is expected that a good portion of the route to Lakeview and the road west to Ashland will be completed this year. Surveying crews are working out of Lakeview and Ashland as well as from Klamath Falls.

It is planned to divide the highways into sections and to advertise for bids for the separate sections. The road thru to Bonanza, twenty-five miles east, will be completed late in the summer in the opinion of the Engineers who will remain here during the entire season to push the work.

It is now a question as to whether the road thru to Lakeview will go by the way of Bly as at present or whether another route thru Langell Valley following the old railroad survey out of Woolen Canyon, will be chosen. It is alleged by those who have suggested that latter route, that it would be found shorter and opened for a greater season of the year. The engineers declare that these matters have been presented to them and that both routes will be surveyed and the most practical one selected.

This big program is of course contingent on the passage of the bond election which is to be held here on June 3d, but the general sentiment here is so strong for this move that its passage will be a mere formality, according to belief. Klamath County is not going to lose a chance of getting three dollars for one, when the highways are in their present condition.

IMMENSE ICEBERGS ENDANGER VESSELS

NEW YORK, April 25.—Giant icebergs are now floating down the Atlantic from the Arctic, endangering vessels taking the northern route, the White Star liner Adriatic reported on her arrival here from Liverpool, via Halifax.

A few miles from the spot where the Titanic was sunk by an iceberg, the Adriatic running at slow speed thru the ice fields, emerged suddenly from the fog to discover a giant ice mountain barely two miles away. The ice rose 240 feet from the water, Captain Ransom estimated.

ONE YEAR AGO TODAY.

Germany sweep against the British lines south of the Somme. Kaiser William visits his victorious troops on the Flanders front. Hindenberg's hordes wipe out Villers Bretonneux, the front door to Amiens. America's few thousand troops deluged with poison gas near Castel. Subscribe now to the Victory Liberty Loan what you would have paid for Victory then.

ITALIAN CRISIS IS MORE HOPEFUL

PARIS, April 25.—There was a distinctly more hopeful and less irreconcilable feeling prevailing at the Italian headquarters today. Members declared that "all may be settled within a fortnight. Orlando has gone to Rome to consult with the parliament, and then we shall see."

Premiers Lloyd George and Clemenceau, and President Wilson will confer today.

MURDER TODAY IN PORTLAND

JEALOUSY OVER WOMAN CAUSES DRUGGIST TO SHOOT HOTEL CLERK AND THEN SUICIDE. TRAGEDY HIS MORNING

PORTLAND, April 25.—A. B. Foster, proprietor of a drugstore in the Angela Hotel here, early today shot and killed John Lawrence Goodell, night clerk of the hotel. He afterward fired five shots into his own abdomen and will probably die.

The tragedy was due to Foster's jealousy over a woman living at the hotel.

Policeman George Raney, who entered the hotel during the trouble was held up and his gun taken away by Foster.

LOAN TOTAL IS SLOWLY RISING

ADDITION OF EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS TODAY FROM MERRILL BRINGS COUNTY TO NEARLY HUNDRED THOUSAND

The victory loan subscriptions for Klamath County were swelled to a total of \$95,850 today by the report of \$8,000 from the Merrill district.

This is the only section that has been heard from thus far outside of the city precincts.

The total for Klamath Falls alone today at noon was \$87,850 and indicates a huge task yet ahead in order to bring Klamath into the place which she has always stood as a patriotic section.

According to the Oregonian of April 23rd, Klamath County has not lined up for Uncle Sam as have most of the counties in the state, in fact this district had reported only seventeen per cent of the quota and Baker County with thirteen per cent and Columbia county with seven per cent were the only counties in the state with a poorer showing.

Twenty-one counties had completed their quotas on this date and all but four had over fifty per cent of their quotas raised on that date.

Leaders here are not discouraged however, as the thinly populated areas of many of the outside districts make the canvass very difficult and the returns very slow coming in so that while Klamath has not made the records that many others have turned in, the situation is not as bad as would be indicated by the Portland report.

The subscription of Mr. Zlabek of the Merrill district of \$4,000 is worthy of special notice.

GERMAN DELEGATES NOW AT VERSAILLES

PARIS, April 25.—The advance couriers of the German delegates have arrived today at Versailles and the plenary session of the Peace Conference will be held on Monday to consider the revision of the League covenant and portions of the treaty. They will then be made public.

BIG STOCKMEN'S MEETING OVER

KLAMATH DELEGATES RETURN FROM BEND CONVENTION WITH ENTHUSIASTIC REPORT OF GATHERING

Eloquent speeches and the most enthusiastic convention imaginable is reported today by Attorney W. C. Van Emon, who has just returned from the annual meeting of the Oregon Cattle and Horse Raisers' Association at Bend, which was held Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Between 250 and 300 delegates were present from outside points and Mayor J. A. Eastes in making his speech of welcome on Tuesday morning, passed over an immense key of the city to the visitors who were made to feel that they owned the town during the remainder of their stay.

The speech of Congressman N. J. Sinnott Wednesday afternoon, was one of the features of the meeting. Mr. Sinnott in discussing the public range problem advocated the Federal grazing Reserves and the segregation of the range, under federal control for the remaining unappropriated public lands.

Addresses on the "Beef Industry" by George C. McMullen of Kansas City, "Feeding of Silage," by Robert Withycombe of the Eastern Oregon Experiment Station, "Disease of Livestock," by State Veterinarian W. H. Lytle, "Work of the American Livestock Association," by T. W. Tomlinson of Denver Colorado and "The Livestock Industry during the Reconstruction Period," were also features of the big meeting.

A cowboy breakfast, cooked outside Wednesday morning, a big banquet and dance in the evening, following the business sessions were events that will be long remembered.

A large number of delegates from northern Klamath County were present. Mr. Van Emon and James Givan were the only ones from the southern part.

DELEGATES BACK FROM PRESBYTERY

Reverend E. P. Lawrence of the First Presbyterian Church and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Slough returned last evening from Medford, where they have attended the semi-annual meeting of the Southern Oregon Presbytery.

Reverend Lawrence was elected at this meeting as Moderator for the coming year and was also made Chairman of the New Era Committee. The New Era movement which has been launched by this denomination to meet the big world reconstruction problems on a broad basis, promises to enlarge the scope and increase the activities of the church to a far greater degree than heretofore attempted.

STATE SCRIBES IN CONFERENCE.

EUGENE, April 25.—Thirty-five publishers of Oregon newspapers have convened at the call of C. S. Ingalls, president of the Oregon State Editorial Association to discuss advertising problems. The conference will be devoted entirely to the business department of newspapers.

ITALIAN SOLDIERS MOVED TO FIUME.

PARIS, April 25.—An American officer who arrived here from Fiume said that Italy was full of Italian soldiers and reported that four divisions had already been moved to Fiume.

MEETING AT SHASTA VIEW

There will be a community meeting at the Shasta View School house below Merrill this evening. County Agricultural Agent E. H. Thomas expects to attend from Klamath Falls.

BACK FROM RAY CITY.

Mrs. O. T. McKendree, who has been in San Francisco for some time on matters of business returned to Klamath Falls last night.

OREGON BACK OF STRAHORN

BEND IS THE ONLY COMMERCIAL ORGANIZATION IN THE STATE WHICH OPPOSES GREAT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

PORTLAND, April 25.—Twenty-five commercial organizations of Oregon affiliated with the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce and having a membership of 7400 have voted solidly to get behind the Strahorn railroad project connecting Bend with Klamath Falls and Lakeview.

Bend is the only city which has not yet submitted its final vote. At a recent meeting of the Bend Chamber of Commerce the vote stood 13 for and 16 against supporting the project. The proposition again will be submitted to the Bend chamber.

Many overtures recently were made to the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce to extend its support to the Strahorn project. Secretary Quayle submitted the proposition to the referendum of the constituent bodies of the State Chamber. Among the active memberships the Portland Chamber of Commerce and the Salem Commercial club cast five votes for the project; Astoria Chamber of Commerce, 3; The Dalles Chamber of Commerce, Medford Commercial club and the Commercial association of Pendleton, 2 each; and the Commercial club of Oregon City, St. Helens Chamber of Commerce, Union County Ad club, Madras Commercial club, Ashland Commercial club, Dalles Commercial club, Heppner Commercial club, Corvallis Commercial club, Commercial club of Cottage Grove, Prineville Commercial club, Albany Chamber of Commerce, Business Men's association of Klamath Falls, Jordan Valley Commercial club, Grants Pass Chamber of Commerce, LaPine Commercial club, Warrenton Commercial club and Lakeview Commercial club, 1 each.

Among the associate members the Oregon State Editorial association, Portland Realty board, Portland Ad club, Progressive Business Men's club, cast 2 votes each.

ITALIANS SORE, LEAVING PARIS

PREMIER ORLANDO ON WAY TO HOME, FRANCE AND ENGLAND WORK IN VAIN TO PACIFY WILSON AND ORLANDO

Dateless Dispatch by Associated Press—Altho Premier Orlando has left Paris with two other members of the Italian delegation, the latest Paris advices do not give the idea that this movement means a cessation of Italy's participation in the Peace Conference.

Italy will be represented at the Conference by England and France if all her delegates leave the meeting.

Premier Lloyd George of England and Orlando of France tried hard yesterday to find middle ground, but between Orlando and Wilson but they evidently met with no success.

It is now reported at the conference that Danzig is to be a free city under a sort of a Polish protectorate. Poland would be given the use of docks and wharves with a control of the Vistula water route and a corridor leading from the Polish frontier to the seas.

Conditions in Hungary are now very grave. The Roumanian advance is continuing and the French forces are aiding the move.

The Entente now have troops on the Danube River below Budapest as reserves for the Roumanians.

The Czechoslovak forces are reported from Vienna to be attacking Waitzen twenty miles northwest of that point.

AMBASSADOR PAGE RESIGNS OFFICE.

ROME, April 25.—The "Italian" says that because he was acquainted with President Wilson's views on the Italian claims, Thomas Nelson Page, Ambassador to Rome has offered his resignation.

The big demonstrations held here last night had as their watchword, "Long Live America, Down With Wilson."

BIG ROCK CUT NEARLY DONE

TRAINS WILL SOON BE PUSHING THRU PINE FLAT WITH TIES AND RAILS TO BE READY FOR BIG DEDICATION

With the most favorable weather conditions, the work on the Strahorn Municipal line to Dairy is progressing fully as fast as was believed possible by the builders, the big rock thru the hill beyond Dairy which has held back the laying of the ties and rails for many months is almost thru and another three weeks will see the way cleared for the extension of the track and operation of the trains into Pine flat and on to Dairy.

The big cut now being completed is the most difficult construction in the entire route between Klamath Falls and Bend. As soon as the track can be laid thru it, it is expected that a larger force will be put on and that the work will be rushed forward in time for the dedication, timed for the State Convention here August 16th.

BIG BAPTIST MEET IS ON AT ASHLAND

The Rogue River Valley Association of the Baptist Church will begin its regular meeting at Ashland this evening and continue until Sunday. To attend this important gathering, Rev. Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Sarah Seeds, Mr. Harry Harvey, Mrs. C. W. Murphy, Miss Mabel Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Grigsby, Miss Elizabeth Grigsby and Mrs. J. T. PerRins left by auto this morning. They expect to return Monday evening.

SHIPPING CONTRACTS CANCELLED TODAY

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 25.—Chairman Hurley today announced the determination of the shipping board to cancel the contracts for the additional two million tons of steel ships contracted for during the war.

He is also said to be considering the cancellation of all contracts where the keels are not actually laid, in order to build at peace prices instead of high war prices.

FLU OUTBREAK FEARED.

SALEM, April 25.—A new outbreak of the influenza is feared here. There are now five cases of the disease in the city and the Liberty district. Mrs. J. H. Emery died yesterday.

UNDERGOES OPERATION.

Mrs. E. S. Phillips of this city underwent a serious operation yesterday afternoon at the hands of Drs. Geo. I. Wright and Warren Hunt. She is reported to have stood the ordeal well and to be getting along nicely today.

SAILOR BOY VISITS.

Frank G. McKimins, who is well known in this city, where he resided previous to his enlistment in the United States Navy, has returned for a furlough of a week and is shaking hands with his Klamath Falls friends today.

NO DOUBT OF LEGALITY OF VOTE IN JUNE

Attorney General Declares Election Proper.

GENERAL ELECTION

Chief Legal Authority in State Has Temerity to Announce That Coming Bond Election Is Legal in Spite of "Heavy Thinkers" Here—Duncan and Wiley Proved Correct.

As was to be expected, some of the wisecracks have suddenly discovered that the order for the special election to vote on the highway bonds, is no good. This attitude does not come as a surprise to Messrs. Duncan and Wiley. They anticipated every question that has been raised, and many that have not been. That is why they spent days preparing the order that was signed by the County Court.

The first big question rested on whether the election that is to be held on June 3 is a special or a general election. If a "special" election, then the bond question must go on the ballot by petition. If a "general" election, then the county court can, by its own act, place the question before the people. The wise ones said it was a special election, and the fact that the order said "general election" knocked it out. But Duncan and Wiley knew better. They knew the law and framed the order accordingly.

The discussion, however, became so positive—and, by the way, it was entirely outside of the ranks of the attorneys of the city—that District Attorney placed the matter before Attorney General Brown. No one will question the opinion of this gentleman—and he said in a telegram to Mr. Duncan:

Election June 3rd is general election within meaning of County road bonding act of 1913. Bond election may be called for that day, as provided in said act; and held by same election boards; and question printed on same ballot, as for measures to be voted upon.

That disposes of all the contentions of the vest-pocket legal luminaries. It settles every question that has been raised, stamps the proceedings as regular and for all time settles the legality of the order of the County court, for it is based upon decisions of the state supreme court.

BLACK WAR BREAD AGAIN IN EUROPE

PARIS, April 25.—An increase in the milling percentage which will virtually put the world back on a war bread basis for the next three months is a part of Hoover's program.

NEW YORK, April 25.—Federal wheat director Julius Barpe said that the Americans will continue to eat white bread despite the return of the Europeans of the war bread basis.

DIRTY PRACTICES TO BE ELIMINATED

Reports which have been brought in from time to time recently certain parts of the city relative to writing and drawings on public buildings and other places, show that this practice has reached a point where steps must be taken to stamp it out.

The offense has been committed by children, who do not realize the gravity of its nature nor the penalties liable for those who perpetrate writing of this character. There is going to be a general cleanup of this kind along with other pests in the city, declare those who are out to elevate the moral conditions here. A prominent woman declared today that unless this practice ceased immediately, those guilty would be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.