

TRUST DEED TO ASSURE GOING AHEAD OF ROAD

Strahorn Files First Mortgage and Bond Issue

\$10,000,000 INVOLVED

Important Document to Make Consummation of Second Stage of Big Railroad Project Certain—428 Miles of Road Involved, Embracing Six Railroad Lines—Ample Security Provided For

A trust deed of the Oregon, California and Eastern Railway Company, executed by Robert E. Strahorn, president, and James G. Wilson, secretary, which was filed with County Clerk De Lap yesterday, authorizes a first mortgage and a six per cent gold bond issue of \$10,000,000 for completion and equipment of 428 miles of six different railway lines from Klamath Falls to Bend, Silver Lake to Lakeview, and from a point near Bend to Crane, in Harney county. Several branches, including the line from Dairy to Bonanza, are also provided for.

The Portland Trust Company has charge of the deed which is probably the most important document, everything considered, which has ever been filed in Klamath county. Sixty or more pages comprise the document, in total. It is permeated with suggestions of better things that are to come for every man, woman and child in Central and Southern Oregon.

"It marks the beginning of the second stage of the consummation of the big project that I have been pushing so bravely through all the discouragements of the past three years," said Mr. Strahorn, when asked concerning the significance of the matter. "So nearly have the Klamath Falls Railway and Terminal Committee reached our requirements that I have felt justified in personally guaranteeing the balance of the money needed. Certain financial interests have agreed to take a certain amount of our bonds and furnish the funds for further extension and equipment."

To provide ample margin of security it is provided in the deed that the assets of the company always be kept in excess of 20 per cent above the bond issue. Interest and principal of the bonds are payable in New York City. The interest is payable on the first day of January and July. Sinking fund provisions provide for gradual payment of the bonds beginning in ten years and final payment in thirty years.

Conveyance of the Klamath Falls Railway, as well as other agreements, property, equipment, and rights of way are covered by the trust deed. The bonds are in denominations of \$100, \$500 and \$1,000 and may be registered both as to principal and interest.

That there is every certainty of continuing to the Sprague river, and that the work will not stop until the entire system is completed is the opinion of Mr. Strahorn. "All of this is providing that the other communities and interests extend the same splendid support that Klamath Falls has," continued Mr. Strahorn. "Further extensions beyond the Sprague river are also dependent upon additional cooperation that I am sure I can count upon. This is in the way of franchises which are a part of our original agreement. All these facilities for doing business in cities like Klamath Falls increase in importance the further we go with my plans."

"These interests are mutual. The more I ask of the people the more willing I believe they will be to grant it. I will ask nothing unreasonable nor anything that will not pay them ten times over to grant. It will make for a greater Klamath Falls which we all have in our power to help create."

That Klamath county and the state

of Oregon generally owes a great debt of gratitude to the comparatively small portion of the population here who have never lost faith in the project that they originally set out to accomplish, is Mr. Strahorn's conviction. Still finer he feels is their showing of public spirit in unselfishly devoting their time and money in forwarding the interests of the whole community.

"We are going ahead in the sensible way—we are bound to achieve results," said the man who is guiding the destinies of the undertaking. "When we give unattentively of our time and money we not only create the equity upon which outsiders put up their money, but by showing our confidence in the country and project, inspiring them also I am more confident than ever of going through to the end."

TWENTY-FIVE MEN ATTEND MEETING OF COMMERCIAL CLUB

Sentiment of the 25 business men of Klamath Falls who attended the organization meeting last night of the proposed Chamber of Commerce was strongly in favor of finding the most capable man on the coast to take the secretaryship of the club and to call the club the Klamath Commercial Club, embracing the entire county.

Little real permanent work was done last night other than the bringing together of ideas to formulate the much-needed club in Klamath Falls. Owing to the absence of Captain Siemens, acting president of the organization, O. C. Applegate acted as chairman of the evening. W. C. Van Emou was elected temporary secretary until permanent officers are elected.

"Your Chamber of Commerce can be a powerful agent in uniting the community in concerted action on bond issues and securing good roads," said Benjamin S. Wordley, of Astoria, who has had much experience with similar organizations as the one proposed here. Mr. Wordley has been touring the state the past 60 days on his own expense in the interests of the Victoria Loan and good road measures. His talk was very interesting and helpful to all those present.

Over \$1000 has been subscribed to date in membership fees. Some of the industrial plants have taken from 10 to 15 memberships, at \$10 each. Attorney E. L. Elliott, chairman of the committee on organization, gave a short report regarding the plans for starting the club. Mrs. H. R. Reynolds, representing the Ladies Improvement Club, gave assurance that the ladies would do all in their power to add members and subscriptions. No plans were made for a building nor was a definite date set for the party.

RAILROAD PROBLEMS DISCUSSED AT PARTY

Problems concerning the railroad situation, terminal site and general topics connected with the construction of the proposed road were discussed last night at an enjoyable dinner party given at the White Pelican hotel by Robert E. Strahorn, president of the California, Oregon and Eastern Railway Company.

The party was given just prior to Mr. Strahorn's departure on a business trip. Besides the host those in attendance were: Mr. and Mrs. A. Bellman, G. A. Bellman, Captain J. W. Siemens, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Evans, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Eberlein and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Rogers.

TOURISTS MAKING FULL USE OF CITY CAMP GROUNDS

Tourists that are daily coming into Klamath Falls on their way to Crater Lake and near-by scenic points are making full use of the city camping grounds located near the Modoc Ball Park, according to Mayor Struble. No charge is made for the use of the grounds, and many are the tents that are pitched at nightfall only to come down in the morning when the parties hurry away to their destinations.

During the big convention of the Elks on August 14, 15 and 16 a "white-city" will no doubt spring up about the baseball park when the 3,000 "Elks" start pouring in the city. No trouble is anticipated in accommodating all the campers that will utilize the grounds in mid-August.



OLD GOLD MINE HOME OF WHISKEY

"BIG STRIKE" IN "BLACK MULE" MINE—SHERIFF UNEARHS 400 CASES OF WHISKEY—THE OLD TRAPPERS SHY AT SECTION

ELY, Nevada, July 9.—The romance surrounding the life of the miner and prospector has frequently been responsible for stories of mines which yielded fortunes in the precious metals and which suddenly stopped production because of loss of the ledge or vein carrying the values. The "Black Mule" mine in Spring valley, about 12 miles from here, is one of these mines which gave up a fortune after having been abandoned. The fortune, however, was not in gold or silver or other precious metal, but in liquor—red liquor—which now commands a price that is fast approaching the figure—per ton rate—that "high-grade" used to command in Nevada's early mining camp history.

The "Black Mule" was a producer of rich ore in the early days of White Pine county mining activities. Every rich slope and drift was worked out, however, and the shaft has been boarded up for years. A man said to be a resident of Ely recently talked too much and as a result talked too much. Like the rumors of a mining "strike" the talk spread and with it the "values" that were rumored. Then came rumors of the location of the new "strike."

These rumors reached the ears of sheriff W. S. Enslow, and with several deputies he started on a "prospecting" trip. The old workings of the "Black Mule" were explored and from drifts, slopes, tunnels, inclines and levels from which the rich ore had been exhausted were taken something like 400 cases of whiskey. Further explorations resulted in the location of 2,000 pint bottles of whiskey hidden around the grass roots in the immediate vicinity.

The "strike" in the mine is said to have netted something like \$40,000—"bootleg" values, but it has not caused a stampede, as such a find would have done a few years ago. Men who have tramped over the same ground without finding even a "color" have not even approached the scene of the new "strike." They seem to not desire to show any familiarity with the section.

Reports have it that it was not a genuine "strike," but only the exploitation of a "salted mine."

FRUIT GROWERS ASK FOR 100 STEAMERS TO TRANSPORT FRUIT

SAN JUAN, July 10.—Fruit growers of Porto Rico have asked the Emergency Fleet Corporation to equip 100 steamers as refrigerator ships to carry fruit not only between Porto Rico and the mainland but between the United States, South America and European countries.

The fruit growers have submitted to the corporation a memorandum saying that each ship should have from 100,000 to 200,000 cubic feet of refrigeration space. They assert that last year they lost more than on their products because of insufficient tonnage and because none of it was equipped with even partial refrigeration facilities. The statement declares that, aside from the lines engaged in the banana-carrying trade, the United States has not more than a dozen partly equipped insulated refrigerator ships.

These proposed refrigerator ships, it is urged by the fruit growers, should have speed of from 12 to 14 knots. It is pointed out that few freighters of such speed now are afloat. The Porto Ricans argue that shipping from the United States to South America must pass through the tropics and that in doing so perishable products carried in the holds of ordinary ships are delivered invariably in a partly damaged condition. They say also that refrigerator ships are needed to carry apples from North Atlantic ports, such as New York, Philadelphia and Boston to England and Scotland and that for lack of such ships, apples now suffer loss in transit.

They estimate that the crops of oranges, grapefruit and pineapples for the coming season probably will double that of last year and foresee a heavy loss unless adequate ships of insulated type are provided to carry these crops.

PARTY TO SHOOT SAGE HENS.

Little joy will the sage hens find during the next week if the party composed of Ray Buckingham, a capitalist from Palo Alto, California, Harry E. Peltz, J. B. Chambers, proprietor of the local Gun Store, and Harry E. Peltz Jr. are successful in bagging the number they expect to shoot. Mr. Buckingham is visiting Mr. Peltz and the party expects to be gone for ten days or more, making Lakeview by Tuesday morning.

GETS FIFTY CENTS FOR WOOL.

Fifty cents a pound, for 1500 pounds of wool, is the remarkable price Carl A. Platt received for his wool yesterday. Mr. Platt's sheep are on his ranch at Hood River, adjoining the property of Billie Sunday, the evangelist.

PEOPLE SWELTER UNDER SUN'S RAYS

"Is it hot enough for you?" "Sweltering isn't it." "Gee, I wish it would rain."

How often did those ejaculations resound up and down Main street, along the highways and by-ways, in grocery stores, butcher shops, and even in the coolest ice cream emporiums in the city.

Klamath Falls sweltered with reason. Yesterday's weather report shows that the thermometer rose to 97 in the shade—the hottest day recorded during the present summer season. Some of the oldest inhabitants are certain that it was the hottest day in years but confirmation from the weather bureau is lacking for authentic information. Anyway it was hot, unmercifully hot and sticky. Prayers for rain were answered late last night and in the early morning giving relief for a short period.

OREGON EDITOR DIES OF HEART TROUBLE

PORTLAND, July 10.—Judge David Cook Sanderson of Freewater Oregon, Editor of the Freewater Times, was found dead in bed today in a local hotel. Death was due to heart trouble. He was born at Hull, England, sixty three years ago, and was a Methodist minister in Canada for twenty five years. Later he traveled over the United States lecturing on Journalism.

IMPORTANT ELKS' MEETING TONIGHT

An important meeting of the Elks will be held this evening at which matters of interest to the lodge will be considered, among which will be the balloting for the application for membership of a large number of applicants. It is earnestly requested that every member of the lodge will be present, not only for the purpose of voting on the applications, but also to lend their counsel and support to various problems connected with the approaching state convention.

MAY CHANGE SCRIPT FOR PRINT-WRITING

LONDON, July 9.—To abolish script writing and replace it by print-writing is the purpose of an influential movement begun in this country. Advocates of the change contend that the present system fails to stand the test of commercial life in England and causes a great loss of time and labor.

The characters used in the proposed system are the ordinary printed letters, known as Roman block letters with the exception of the "a" and "g" which are simplified into their script forms. The print characters were employed by monks long before script-writing came into fashion and can still be seen in ancient manuscripts from which, in fact, they were first copied by the printer.

Advocates of print writing claim it possesses many advantages over ordinary handwriting, especially to the teacher that the same characters being employed both for writing and reading, the child learns much more quickly, and it is further asserted that his spelling and his education as a whole are correspondingly benefited.

Many British educational authorities favor print-writing and it is taught in numerous British schools. No time is wasted in the new system on innumerable joinings, superfluous loops and flourishes are abolished.

One big London firm has adopted the system and other concerns are said to be considering its use.

SIGNS CHECK BY THUMB PRINT.

SAWTELLE, Calif., July 10.—J. M. Lankston, a Civil War veteran, who is bed-ridden at his home here will sign the pension checks he receives from the government with his thumb print, he has announced, to prevent anyone from defrauding him.

A copy of his thumb print has been filed with Sergeant Al McLain, in charge of the branch of the Los Angeles police department here. Lankston signs his checks and endorses his pension check with his thumb and Sergeant McLain compares it with the original on file in his office before the bank here will honor the paper.

WILSON TELLS OF WORLD LEAGUE BEFORE SENATE

Wild Cheering When President Enters Hall

DISCUSSES TREATY

Declares League of Nations "Indispensable Instrumentality for Maintenance of New World Order"—Says America's Rejection of Special Treaty With France Would Cut French People to the Heart.

WASHINGTON, July 10.—Characterizing the League of Nations as an "indispensable instrumentality for maintenance of the new order it had been their purpose to set up in the world," President Wilson today explained to the senate, in open session, the opinions of the foreign powers and his own concerning the all-important document.

He declared that the framers of the peace treaty felt obliged to turn to the League of Nations as a real necessity in seeking the solution of many of the complexing treaty problems. "The fact that the covenant of the league was first a substantive part of the treaty to be agreed upon while all else was in solution, helped to make the formulation of the rest easier," said the president. "The most practical of the conferees are at last ready to refer to the League of Nations the superintendent of all interests which do not admit of immediate determination. And likewise do they feel that the League can act as the guiding post of all administrative problems which require continuing overnight."

What previously had appeared to be a council of perfection had come to seem a plain council of necessity, in the opinion of the chief executive. "The League was the practical statesman for the hope of success in the many things that I was undertaking in Paris."

Utter disregard for senate rules prevailed among the crowded galleries. Cheering continued for over a minute when the president entered to give his address.

Wilson informed a correspondent today that the treaty with France was designed for the protection of that republic until such time as this special guarantee would not be needed, owing to the protection that would be afforded all nations by the League. He was under the impression that the French people would be cut to the heart if the United States failed to approve the special treaty.

PARIS, July 10.—Austria will be admitted to membership in the league as soon as the Allies consider she possesses responsible government which has both will and power to fulfill its international obligations.

WASHINGTON, July 10.—Senator Borah introduced today a resolution asking that the president send the senate a copy of the letter that was declared to have been written by General Bliss on behalf of himself, Robert Lansing and Henry White, protesting against the peace conference decision regarding Shantung.

LOCAL LEGION MEETS FRIDAY.

Klamath Falls discharged soldiers, sailors, and marines are urged to attend the very important meeting of the local organization of the nation-wide American Legion, which will be held Friday night at 8 o'clock in the City Hall. All discharged men who were in any branch of the service are urged to be there and become members of the local chapter, if they have not already done so. Plans will be announced for future doings of the legion.