

KEELER BROS. THREATENING SUIT FOR \$2500

Comes as an Aftermath of
Railroad Bond Affair

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Under the Provisions of a Gentleman's Agreement Robert E. Strahorn Assures the City That He Will Pay One-Half of the \$2,500, If Settlement is Made, or Half the Judgment if City Loses Lawsuit

Like a specter out of the past there is arising to confront the city fathers and the city attorney the old contract that was entered into between Klamath Falls and Keeler Brothers, the firm of bond buyers that offered their services as legal guides for the proper direction of all steps leading up to the three hundred thousand dollar bond issue for the Municipal Railroad. This contract provided that if Keeler Brothers bought the bonds, there would be no charge for the work that was done but if they were not the successful bidders, then the city would have to pay them \$2,500. A further provision called for \$500 in case the bonds were contested in the Supreme court. The bonds were never contested in the courts, so it left the only consideration involved in the case at \$2,500.

When the bids were opened Keeler Brothers bid for the bonds, but backed out to their bid was a provision calling for the payment of \$14,000 as commission for their acting as fiscal agents. This made it so that this firm caught the city "Agola" and acorn! Their bid, of course, was rejected, and then the council decided that it did not fully approve of the various actions of this concern and as a result refused to recognize the contract. But this refusal brought up another complication.

A provision of the contract was that the \$2,500 should be paid out of the proceeds of the bonds. If the bonds were sold and all of the funds used in the construction of the road, and then the latter was turned over to Mr. Strahorn, why the city would have nothing to meet a judgment. The importance of this problem caused the council to hesitate, and then Mr. Strahorn came to the rescue to secure a release of the bonds. The members of the council and the mayor were called together, not in a regular meeting, but in a private session, and the question was threshed out. After a thorough understanding was reached a "gentleman's agreement" was drawn up, the provisions of which were that "Mr. Strahorn further gives assurance that he will pay one-half of any sum, not exceeding \$2,500, which the city may voluntarily pay Keeler Brothers, or in the event that the city should unsuccessfully litigate same, Mr. Strahorn will pay one-half of such judgment as Keeler Brothers may secure against the city."

And now comes the plaintiff, as the legal sharks say, in the person of Elwood Wiles, a well known attorney of Portland, and makes various and sundry moves that indicate that he is getting ready for action, that action being directed against the City of Klamath Falls, and the object being to compel that municipality to pay him the sum of \$2,500, with costs and such other and further relief as the court may, in its all-wise judgment, deem meet and proper, or words to that effect.

If the city is sued it will most likely have to answer in the federal court, where it will not have the benefit of public opinion and local influence, and unless City Attorney Carahan can dig up a pretty good alibi, or some such a gentleman, the taxpayers of Klamath Falls need not be at all surprised if the court may hand out a forcible suggestion that they come thru with \$2,500.

MUCH PAVING UNDER WAY ON STREETS OF KLAMATH FALLS

Paving preliminaries have been started, by the Warren Construction company, on Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Pine streets and the work is advancing as speedily as possible toward preparing for the final coating of asphalt. Before any real paving work can be started, however, all sewers must be dug, the telephone company must move their fixtures back and water mains will have to be laid. Curbing must also be built. They have been finished on Fourth street, but the wooden forms are just being put in on the other streets.

Klamath Falls presents a torn-up appearance in every direction just now and will for some time to come. The main machinery for handling the paving material will be located at the paving plant near the depot. This site was selected by the company yesterday.

Spring street is nearing completion and the only difficulty Contractor Garrett is facing is the slowness with which the crushed rock is being delivered. But this will only hold him up at his work at odd intervals, and the paving will be in use before long.

LOCAL LEGION AFTER LANDS

MEMBERS OF LOCAL COUNCIL
OF AMERICAN LEGION, TELE-
GRAPH GOVERNMENT TO HOLD
TULE LAND FOR THEM

The fact that but fifteen members attended last night's meeting prevented carrying out of the full program that they had outlined. Another meeting will be held within the next two weeks and will be fully advertised in order that every ex-soldier may be there to aid in the work of perfecting the organization and securing the tule lands.

MONUMENT TO ROBT. VAUGHN.

GREAT FALLS, Montana, July 12.—Plowing of the first furrow in this vicinity is to be commemorated on next Monday by the dedication, at Vaughan, near here, of a monument to Robert Vaughan, said to have been the man who guided the plow with which it was made.

Vaughan, believed to have been the first farmer in Sun River valley, was known to Cascade county as "Uncle Bob." His homestead still is under cultivation. The county farm bureau will be in charge of the dedication ceremony.

FEMININE HUNTER CRACK RIFLE SHOT

SPOKANE, July 11.—Life in the isolated places of Idaho is not irksome to Mrs. Ada Tingley, of Hot Springs, Owyhee county, Idaho, "federal government eradicator of predatory animals." Mrs. Tingley bears the distinction of being probably the only woman professional hunter of "varmints" in government service. She is a crack rifle shot, and her yearly score of predatory animals is such that she is able to claim a place among the leading hunters.

Many thousands of dollars' worth of live stock is destroyed each year by wild animals in Idaho, and to eliminate this the government set aside last year \$32,000. At the end of the year it was found that \$15,000 had been returned through bounties paid for the hides of the destroyed animals.

Last year Mrs. Tingley averaged 16 predatory animals a month, while her husband, who is in charge of the hunters in Idaho, averaged less than one animal better than she. Last August she accounted for 46 animals.

SEND NOTE TO CONFERENCE.

PARIS, July 12.—Italian delegates sent a note to the Peace Conference today asking that their government be given a concession at Tien Tsin, China. Indications are that their wish will be granted.

CROP OUTLOOK PROMISING IN VALLEY TOWNS

PORTLAND, July 12.—A considerable acreage of rye that was intended for threshing has been cut for hay on account of frost damage in Oregon, according to the weekly crop summary of the weather bureau here. Harvest of rye, barley and winter wheat is in progress in many parts of the state. Winter wheat is promising in the Willamette Valley and in the principal wheat counties there is much good wheat despite the long drought. Spring wheat is very poor in some sections, but in others will make a good crop. Corn has made good growth in Southern Oregon, but needs rain; irrigated corn in Malheur county is excellent; elsewhere warmer weather is needed.

The past week was one of variable temperature, the weather bureau reports. Temperatures above 90 degrees were recorded in some of the interior valleys, while frost was reported from eastern elevated localities on July 7, doing no damage. A few light showers occurred along the coast, in the Willamette Valley and in northeastern counties. Dry, northwesterly winds were a feature in other parts of the state. Water for irrigation is scarce in some sections.

Picking of cherries is progressing rapidly, approaching completion in some parts of Oregon; the summary says. A large crop of Loganberries is being gathered in the Willamette Valley and coast counties. Early apples, peaches and apricots are ripening in Douglas, Jackson, Umatilla and Malheur counties.

Cutting of first crop of alfalfa has been completed except in the more elevated central counties, where it will be begun soon; the crop was considerably reduced by frost in May and June in elevated districts; the second crop of alfalfa will soon be ready to cut in southern Oregon. Wild hay is generally below normal. The lower ranges are drying rapidly and in some localities feed is scarce; high ranges are good. Pasture in the western counties is excellent.

Stock is doing well in most sections but in a few places is beginning to show the effect of short feed.

Early potatoes are being marketed in increasing quantities. Over considerable areas in central Oregon the potato crop will be light owing to frost and drought; elsewhere the outlook is fair to good. Gardens generally need rain. Hops are looking well.

DELEGATES GATHER FOR EPWORTH CONFERENCE

BILLINGS, Montana, July 12.—Hundreds of delegates representing Epworth league organizations of Montana are expected to gather here for the annual convention of the society, beginning next Wednesday. The conference will continue for four days. One of the principal speakers will be Rev. Dr. Roy Smith, pastor of the St. Paul church at Chicago.

The daily sessions are to be occupied with study periods, and in the evenings open meetings are to be held. Social affairs are being planned for the visiting delegates likewise.

HERE TO STUDY LAVA BEDS.

Among the interesting tourists who have visited Klamath county so far this summer, is Miss Alice Leslie Walker and her party from Athens, Greece. Miss Walker is connected with the American School of Classical Study and Archeology.

Upon her arrival in the city yesterday she called to see Captain O. C. Applegate, who is a friend of Miss Walker's grandfather. The party is here to study Crater Lake and the Lava Beds. They are anxious to have Captain Applegate assist them with his knowledge of the history of this country.

'BILL' ALL AGOG OVER BIG TIMES

"WELL HOUSE AND FEED EVERY
ELK," SAYS AUSTIN HAYDEN—
ELKS TAKE PRECEDENCE
OVER BUSINESS

As the days are drawing nearer to the dates of the big state convention of the Elks, scheduled for Klamath Falls on August 14, 15, and 16, local "Bills" are gathering new worries and additional burdens.

How are they going to house and feed the great crowd that will be here in August? That is the one question that invariably is asked when the convention is mentioned. And the big assembly of Elks is perhaps the most talked of affair in Klamath Falls today.

"We'll put them somewhere," said Austin Hayden, secretary of the local council when asked concerning accommodations. "Elks have a way of sending things over—we've never failed yet. Every member of the antler and his family will have place to stay and three meals a day. It will take no end of work, but it can be done." "Everything takes a second to the Elks' doings," said C. H. Underwood, Exalted Ruler of the local council. "Even business cares will have to ride a little if stress of the convention interferes. This is the biggest thing we have ever undertaken. We must put it over with a bang. We need the co-operation of not only all the Elks but every man, woman and child in Klamath Falls. It will mean sacrifices but it will be worth while—doubly so—in the long run."

Mayor George L. Baker, of Portland, will in all probability be the first speaker on the program if present plans materialize. He is a very active member of the Portland lodge and is an excellent speaker. Some of the best speakers in Oregon are listed to talk before the assembled delegates during the three day session.

FOREST FIRE LOSS LESSENED BY CARE

If all tourists and campers will continue to exercise extreme care in the matter of putting out every small camping fire before they leave, the forest fire prevention campaign will show more beneficial results this year than the record of last year, according to advices sent out by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Last year's loss was considered remarkably small in view of the dangerous conditions caused by drought and periods of high wind. Over 895,000 acres of national forest lands were burned in 1918, and caused a loss to the government amounting to \$689,000 in timber, forage and young growth. There were 5,573 fires in the national forests. All but 2,457, set by lightning, were caused by human agencies. Railroads started 618 fires, and carelessness of campers was responsible for 943. Oregon, California and Arkansas had within their borders the majority of the 257 incendiary fires that were reported last year.

MEMBERS HONOR PRESIDENT

The members of the Prosperity Rebekah Lodge No. 104, were guests at a banquet, Thursday evening, given by the officers, in honor of their retiring Noble Grand, Mrs. C. B. Clendening. Mrs. Clendening intends leaving with her family for California to reside in the near future.

The evening was spent in a very enjoyable manner and the appreciation of the faithful work of Mrs. Clendening, during her term of office, was deeply expressed by the members present.

TWO KILLED IN AN ACCIDENT.

BATTLE CREEK, Ark., July 12.—Lieutenant T. J. Lenahan, of San Francisco and Chaplain A. H. O'Dowd of Brooklyn were accidentally killed today when a plane piloted by Longan was struck by another airplane. The second machine also fell to the ground but the occupant was uninjured.

FRANK WHITE BACK IN KLAMATH FALLS FOR SHORT VISIT

Frank Ira White is a familiar figure on the streets of Klamath Falls once more, after an absence of more than a year. One can tell by the beaming countenance he presents to the public that he is telling the truth when he says the place hasn't gone backward during the war as he feared it would, but that the contrary has happened and the town has progressed. He learned that story that Portland gained during the war, that your big pay rolls are the things that count in the long run and make the trade of a city a steady and lasting thing.

Mr. White will be here for only a few days before returning to Portland, where he is connected with the new department of railroads and finance, on the Oregonian.

Friends of Mrs. White will be pleased to hear that she is slowly recovering from a serious illness which resulted from effects of the influenza. She is with her sister Ethel, in Vancouver, Washington, during her husband's absence.

TURKISH HEADS DOOMED TO DIE

CONSTANTINOPLE, July 12.—Enver Pasha, Talaat Bey, and Djemal Pasha, leaders of the Turkish government during the war, were condemned to death by a Turkish court martial, that is investigating the conduct of the Turkish government during the war. Enver and his two associates in the young Turkish Government fled from Turkey several months ago. Their whereabouts is uncertain. Other officials of the government were sentenced to 15 years imprisonment.

FEMININE PROMOTER IN U. S. TO STAGE BOXING BOUT.

LOS ANGELES, July 12.—Mrs. "nowy" Baker, wife of the Australian boxing promoter, has come to the United States to represent her husband in his efforts to stage in Australia the next contest for the world's heavyweight championship, so she announced here.

Even before the Willard-Dempsey battle, a few days after she arrived here, she began her work on behalf of her husband by telegraphing to the men as to their willingness to fight in Australia, in case of a victory. She said her husband was especially desirous to promote the next heavyweight championship bout in Australia if Dempsey won.

SUBSCRIBE TOTAL AMOUNT TO FUND

With the same spirit that has marked her patriotism throughout the war period in subscribing to the various Liberty Loan and war fund drives, Klamath Falls citizens subscribed their full quota of \$2500, for the Salvation Army fund.

The untiring efforts of R. C. Groesbeck and William Hagelstein, chairmen of the local campaign, were in a great measure responsible for raising the money. "People were a bit wearied under the many drives and it was difficult to gain the quota," said C. H. Underwood, Exalted Ruler of the Elks Lodge, which had full charge of raising the amount needed. "Additional credit should go to Mr. Groesbeck and Mr. Hagelstein for that reason. They worked hard for a worthy cause."

Portland, with a quota of \$125,000 failed to raise over \$100,000 in their campaign. It is doubtful whether or not many of the valley towns were able to subscribe the full amount given to them.

RANGER BUYS NEW FIRE TRUCK

Jack Kimball has added a fine new forest fire truck to his ranger's equipment. Many people inspected the truck this morning as it was being driven about town by Hal Ogle. Compartments for a cook stove and provisions, places for axes, saws, shovels and other forest fire equipment are included. The truck can be taken anywhere by the ranger. It is habitable as well as being of big value in fighting fires.

WILSON VETOES IMPORTANT BILLS

AGRICULTURAL AND SUNDRY
CIVIL BILLS VETOED BY THE
PRESIDENT—OBJECTS TO RE-
PEAL OF DAYLIGHT-SAVING
LAW

WASHINGTON, July 12.—President Wilson was busy considering various bills today and placed his veto on two important ones.

He vetoed the Agricultural Bill because of the provision repealing the Daylight Saving Law, which has been discussed pro and con in both the Senate and House. "Because of certain items in the bill which seem to be likely of a most serious consequence," was the President's reason in vetoing the Sundry Civil Bill, according to a statement he issued to the Associated Press Correspondent.

DRAINAGE SYSTEM IN CONSTRUCTION

COLUMBUS, Mont., July 12.—Construction work on a drainage system that will drain the lakes of the Lake Basin country in northern Stillwater county has been commenced and between \$70,000 and \$80,000 will be spent on the project.

More than 10,000 acres or 16 square miles of land will be reclaimed it is expected. More than 200,000 acres will be involved in the reclamation to cover the construction of the drain at a rate of about 7 or 8 cents an acre, addition to the submerged land which will cost approximately \$1.00 an acre for its reclamation to its owners.

The drainage of the Big lake, Shorey lake, Rice lake and Half-Breed lake will spoil among the finest duck hunting grounds in the state. Most of these lakes have been leased for years by gun clubs of Billings and Columbus and the fall shooting, never failed to yield big kills for the hunters.

WILL RID RESERVE OF WILD ANIMALS

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., July 11.—"Official Lion Hunter of the Santa Barbara National Forest" will be the title of "Jerky" Johnson, a well-known hunter and trapper of the Tejon mountain district, near here, will bear when he starts out in a few days to rid the reserve of pumas and bobcats which have been creating terror in the hearts of ranchers around here.

For several months ranchers have reported that their stock had been attacked by the beasts and travellers in the forest told of thrilling fights and narrow escapes from attacks.

It was not until, however, one of the animals paid a visit to the Canet ranch, less than two miles from the center of this city, that anyone took the various and diversified tales seriously. But now, it's different and Forest Ranger Jacinto Reyes and Game Warden Frank Barnett will confer with "Jerky" Johnson to prepare a campaign against the dangerous marauders.

WAR TRACTORS BACK TO PLOW

HARDIN, Mont., July 12.—Four giant tractors, made to pull artillery equipment on the western battlefield in Europe, have been received here and assigned to the relatively prosaic task of pulling plows and harrows on the ranch of the Montana Farming corporation. With the aid of these big tractors and a number of smaller ones, the company is now plowing, rolling and harrowing as high as 1,000 acres daily. All three operations are performed at the same time.

The company now has under crop 15,000 acres in spring and winter wheat and 10,000 acres in flax. The company, which has heavy leases on the Crow Indian Reserve, estimates that it has spent for far for farming activities in Montana over \$700,000. Next year it expects to have 100,000 acres under cultivation, it is declared. The company has a total of 59 tractor outfits of various makes running. It has built 14 miles of new roads and about 125 miles of good fence.