

DECLARE MINING LAW NOT LEGAL

Mexican Chief of Petroleum Section of Department of Industry Says 1884 Mining Law of Country Is Not Constitutional

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 9.—The mining law of 1884 is unconstitutional and illegal except hydrocarbonates in the soil and subsoil from the national domain, according to a letter from Jose Vazquez Schiaffino, chief of the petroleum section of the Department of Industry and commerce, in El Universal. Protest by foreign interests against alleged confiscatory oil decrees is based on rights acquired under this law.

In framing the oil law initiative, sent by President Carranza to Congress last November for developing Article 27 of the Constitution, Mr. Schiaffino said, his department was impelled by the highest motives and sought to protect vested interests and investments. He asserted that the reading of the transitory provisions of this initiative would show that, in regard to vested interests created by the protection of former laws, only a simple tax was imposed.

With regard to the mining law of 1884, his statement said: "This department has not interpreted capriciously in a thousand different ways Article 27; but in only one way, the reindication of the dominion of the nation over the hydrocarbonates of the soil and subsoil and its incorporation into the mining regime which always has been in force in Mexico since the time of the Spanish domination, and from which it was illegally excepted by an unconstitutional law. (The mining law of 1884.)"

BIEHN TAKES OVER FORD GARAGE PLANT

George Biehn, owner of the Ford Garage building will take full charge of the management and operation of the garage, following a deal that was completed yesterday. The consideration was not made public.

Martin brothers and E. L. Hosley, joint lessees of the Ford Garage prior to the disastrous fire during Elks week have been dickering with Mr. Biehn for the purchase of his building and adjoining property. However the deal did not materialize and in that Mr. Biehn did not care to lease his property again, he assumed full control of the garage. He formerly operated the garage before leasing it to Martin Brothers & Hosley.

Mr. Biehn's intention is to continue the second story of the building out to the Klamath Avenue entrance. This will allow him additional space for his machine shop. Work of placing the main portion of the building in pre-fire shape should be completed within two weeks.

UNITED IN MARRIAGE.

Stuart McKissick and Miss Katherine Prillman were united in marriage Saturday evening at the home of Rev. C. F. Trimble, who officiated at the ceremony. The bride's home is in Santa Monica, Calif. Mr. McKissick is a civil engineer and is at present in the employ of the State Highway Commission, having charge of the construction work on the highway between this city and Bartlett Springs. He came here a few weeks ago and during that time has made many friends, who are extending to him their best wishes. He is a young man of splendid ability. Mr. and Mrs. McKissick will reside at the Lyle Apartments on Sixth Street.

SHATTERS STORE WINDOW

An automobile driven by Wilbur Henry backed into the south store window of the Gertrude Millinery Shop last night about 11 o'clock and shattered the glass. Evidently Henry did not know that his car was in reverse when he started to leave his parking place in front of the millinery shop. A few dollars' damage was done.

LEGION MEETS TONIGHT

The time—8 o'clock; the place—City Hall; the purpose—meeting of the Klamath Falls Post of the American Legion. All members of the local post and ex-service men in Klamath Falls, no matter where they enlisted, are urged to be present tonight at the regular meeting of the local post. Important business matters incident to the coming state convention of the American Legion in Portland will be discussed.

COMPROMISE TALKED OF.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—Further progress in efforts to compromise are seen in the continued conferences of Senate leaders. The feeling is growing among the unanointed ratification advocates that some sort of concessions have to be made to the opposition. Attempt has been made to get the extremists of both sides to agree with the so-called mild clause restorations.

DRAINING DITCHES READY FOR LAND RECLAIMING

The draining ditches and pump for the purpose of reclaiming the C. S. and Rufus Moore estate, which lies along the shore of Lake Ewauna, have been completed and were put in action today. The pump is of the windmill type.

LEAVES FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

O. M. Hector, who recently purchased the stock of the J. F. Maguire Company, left Sunday for San Francisco. He will buy additional stock in the Bay City for his new store.

COUNCIL ADVISES ROUMANIA

PARIS, September 8.—The Roumanian delegation has sent a note to the Peace Conference declaring its intention was to sign the Austrian treaty with reservations. The Supreme Council took the matter under consideration, and it appears unlikely that such a signature will be permitted.

Information sent to Roumania later in the day was to the effect that she must sign the Austrian treaty without reservation or not at all.

FIVE STRIKERS DIE IN BATTLE

HAMMOND, Ind., Sept. 9.—Five strikers were killed and 15 wounded in a battle between former employees of the Standard Steel Company and the local police.

Two thousand workmen at the plant struck two months ago, following which there have been numerous riots which has necessitated the calling of the state militia to preserve order. Yesterday 200 strikers returned to work which caused a bad feeling with the others.

SCHOOL AT MERRILL OPENS ITS DOORS

Thirty-six students registered yesterday morning at the Merrill High School in the opening session, according to Principal John D. Taylor, who was in town arranging for the purchase of text books for the ensuing year.

Mr. Taylor arrived in Merrill last week, after spending some few months at the first summer school course conducted during July and August at the University of Oregon. He spent last winter at Brogan, Oregon. This is the first year that Mr. Taylor has been connected with educational work in Klamath County.

A board meeting was held yesterday morning, at which time plans talked over for the ensuing school year. Decision was reached to form a student athletic body, and plans were laid for athletics for the year to supplement the school work. A school editor will be elected who will supply the press with news items from time to time concerning the activities at the high school.

LIVING COSTS DUE TO WASTE

President Discusses High Cost of Living Before Minnesota Legislature—Says Laborers Are Dissatisfied Everywhere

ST. PAUL, September 9.—President Wilson told the Minnesota Legislature today that the high cost of living was largely due to the "world situation growing out of the sacrifices and the waste of war."

The chief executive likewise said that back of this war waste lies the fact that the world has not yet learned what the peace status will be. He declared that it is probable that the economical world settlement would be established with an arrangement to insure that "nobody monkey with the process set up." That the laboring man everywhere was dissatisfied with his relations to his employers in both the United States and abroad.

CONSTABLE MORLEY ARRESTS CRIMINAL

Constable Fred Morley made the arrest this morning of Harry Hemley, alleged I. W. W., who is wanted in Redding charged with having wrecked and stolen from an Iron foundry in that city.

Hemley's description had been received here some time ago by Sheriff Humphrey and the officers here were on the lookout for the accused man. The first trace they got of Hemley was when he was employed on the Childers ranch near Chiloquin as a "hay harrow." It was while on his way here from Chiloquin that Constable Morley made the arrest.

In a telegram this morning the sheriff at Redding sent word that he would send a man in on tonight's train to bring the prisoner back.

SECRETARY JOSEPHUS DANIELS IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, September 9.—Secretary Daniels, accompanied by his wife, sons and a party of navy officials, arrived here today to view harbor facilities.

Tomorrow they will inspect conditions at Astoria. They will leave tomorrow afternoon on the battleship Arkansas for Seattle and Victoria, B. C.

NEW BATH HOUSE WILL BE BUILT

M. A. Mann Will Begin Construction Next Week on \$8,000.00 Bath House—F. Hill Hunter Has Prepared Plans and Specifications

Plans have been drawn and the contract will be let next week for the construction of a new frame bath house in the Second Hot Springs Addition by M. A. Mann, present proprietor of the Hot Springs Bathhouse. The plans have been drawn by F. Hill Hunter, of the Sawmill Engineering and construction company, and bids for the work will be in by the end of the present week. The new bathhouse will cost approximately \$8,000. Work will start next week.

Location of the new bathhouse will be on lots 13 and 14, block 61, but a little distance west of the present Hot Springs bathhouse. Mr. Mann recently purchased the lots from the Klamath Development Company.

Every modern convenience will be installed in the new bathhouse which will be ready for the public about Thanksgiving time. The structure will be equal to a two story building in height and will measure 66 feet by 125 feet.

Mr. Hunter has made provision in the plans which provide for the entire structure to be free from posts of any kind in the tank proper. Two plunges will be installed and will measure 28 feet by 60 feet. They will be of reinforced concrete and will be three feet six inches deep in the lower end and seven feet in the deep end. Thirteen tub baths will be installed and space allotted for nine more. Two shower rooms, two large dressing rooms, 29 individual lockers, office, store, laundry, a spacious hall and waiting room are all included in the plans. Ice cream and confections will be served at the store.

A feature of the new bathhouse will be revolving vents in the roof that will take care of ventilation of the place. According to Mr. Hunter they will move 270,000 cubic feet of air in an hour. Ample provision will likewise be made for furnishing light from the roof.

ACT ON APPLICATIONS.

Directors for the Klamath Falls Farm Loan Association met Saturday and acted upon applications for loans on government lands amounting to the sum of \$50,000 or more. Most of this land is situated in the irrigated section of the big Klamath Basin.

Property owners on Eighth, Jefferson, Lincoln, Grant, Market, Tenth and Esplanade Streets, having property liable for cost of improving those thoroughfares should bear in mind that the time in which they may avail themselves of the 10-year plan of payment is getting very short. Remember, neglect to make and file your application within the 20-day limit will leave your property subject to advertisement and sale for the paving assessment.

DUCK SEASON WILL OPEN SEPTEMBER 16 IN KLAMATH COUNTY

The federal seasons for duck shooting will be followed by the state game authorities, according to an announcement made by Carl D. Shoemaker, state game warden. For all of Western Oregon, or Game District No. 1, which takes in all the counties west of the summit of the Cascade Mountains, the season opens on October 1 and closes on January 15, both days inclusive. For Eastern Oregon, or Game District No. 2, the season opens on September 16 and closes on December 31, both days inclusive.

The courts have uniformly held that the federal laws are supreme and if seasons are to be changed they must come through the federal government and not through the state. Sportsmen throughout Oregon will, therefore, observe the federal laws and seasons with reference to the shooting of ducks. However, all other provisions of the state law, with the exception of the opening and closing dates, will be enforced, as there is no conflict with reference to bag limits, hours for shooting and methods of pursuit. The bag limit for migratory birds is twenty-five in any one day and not to exceed thirty in any seven consecutive days.

PRINTER'S STRIKE ON.

TACOMA, Sept. 9.—No break in the printer's strike came today. The Times was the only paper published.

WILL EXTEND SOCIAL UNIT

NEW YORK, Sept. 9.—One hundred experts, representing many branches of civic and social endeavor, for more than a week have been engaged in investigating the "social unit laboratory" in Cincinnati, Ohio, with a view to its possible extension to other cities according to an announcement made here today by Mrs. Charles L. Tiffany, one of its founders. The project, which is one of community betterment, has been in operation in a congested section of Cincinnati for two and one half years.

Among the sociologists and others interested in the spread of the ideas of "Americanization, public health and community organization" and who are making the investigation are John Lovejoy Elliott, Bailey Burritt, Rowland Haynes, Charles Stelzle, Robert E. Chadock, Ella Phillips Crandall, John P. Frey, Marcus E. Ravage and Dr. Haven Emerson of New York; Frederick Almy of Buffalo, N. Y. Sherman Kingsley of Cleveland, O.; Frank Wing of Rochester, N. Y.; H. O. Berg of Milwaukee, Wis.; Ira W. Jayne of Detroit, Mich.; Prof. Irving Fisher of Yale; Dr. William and Dr. Charles Mayo of Rochester, Minn.; and Dr. William Welch of Johns Hopkins Medical College, Baltimore, Maryland.

According to the statement, the investigators will evaluate the results of the work in the Cincinnati district, pass upon its reproductibility, and recommend a program for future action, based upon social and economic needs, as they understand them. Their reports will be presented at a national conference to be held in Cincinnati, October 13, 14 and 15.

ELKS CONTINUE TO LAUD TIMES

"Bills" Over State Still Talk of the Wonderful Times They Enjoyed in Klamath Falls During Convention Recently Held Here

Commendation still continues to be given the local Elks and Klamath Falls for the splendid times that the state Elks were shown during their convention here in mid-August.

"Klamath Falls has more genuine hospitality to the square inch than any other city I ever saw had to the square mile," said Mayor J. C. Lowe of Corvallis on returning to his home town after the three-day period of hilarity. "It is safe to say that Oregon Elksdom never had a finer jaunt in its young life than that which took the antlered herd to the southern part of the state this year. Everything was wide open, the doors of the city and the county jail were locked and the police force was ordered not to disturb a visitor."

Equally enthusiastic was W. W. Branstetter, exalted ruler of the lodge of Elks at Eugene. "All praise is due Klamath Falls Elks for showing the state Elks a real time," said the Eugene antlered leader. "Every minute of the convention period was filled with live, interesting events."

R. Alexander, first vice-president of the state Elks, told the people of Pendleton all about the good times he had while in Klamath Falls. "Klamath Falls was a royal host to the Elks of Oregon and nothing was left undone to make every minute a memorable one."

KLAMATH FAIR SET FOR EARLY OCTOBER

indications are that the Klamath County Fair which will be held near Wilson Bridge on October 2nd, and 3rd, will be one of the most successful that has been held from the standpoint of exhibits and entertainment features that are listed.

Many farmers from over the county are planning on entering their exhibits in competition for the prizes that have been offered. The horse-racing program for the two days is as follows:

Quarter Mile Dash, Free for all. First prize, \$60; Second prize \$40.

Saddle horse Race, Klamath County horses, 1/4 Mi. Stockman's saddles. First prize \$35; Second prize \$15.

October 3rd, Southern Oregon Derby, 3-8 mi. First prize \$100; Second prize \$50.

Saddle Horse Race, Klamath Co. Horses, 1/4 mile. First prize \$35; Second prize \$15.

An entrance fee of ten per cent of first money will be required in each race. In all except the Southern Oregon Derby this will be added to the first money.

A special race will be put on each day.

The Racing Committee consists of R. S. Sutton, Chairman; Art Langell, Sprague River; Ben Pickett, Malin; Guy Merrill, Merrill; L. C. Sisemore, Fort Klamath and W. D. Campbell, Lorella.

WOULD MAKE LONDON WORLD SUGAR BASE

LOIDON, Sept. 9.—An effort is being made to make London "the sugar market of Europe," in place of Hamburg, Germany, which before the war, was the center of the trade, handling vast quantities of home grown as well as imported sugar. When the British blockade isolated Germany, London became the pivotal point and exporters are doing all they can to make the change permanent.

Every week large quantities of sugar reach here of which only a small portion is taken by the sugar commission for home consumption. The rest is re-exported. But for this fact there would be no reason, experts say, for sugar rationing in Britain.

