

## LANE CANCELS 30-YEAR LEASE

Secretary Franklin K. Lane, of the department of the interior, yesterday definitely cancelled the 30-year leases on 10,000 acres of Upper Lake marsh lands, to which the American Legion have been strenuously objecting for the last few months. This information was contained in a telegram received today by J. H. Carnahan, commander of the local post of the Legion, from Congressman N. J. Sinnott, who said that he had a signed statement from the secretary declaring he had cancelled the leases.

Secretary Lane indicated on Jan. 12, at a previous hearing, that he would take this action, and immediately afterward submitted a proposal to Dook & Brown, the prospective lessees, that they like the 10,000 acres under contract with the government at the time that they diked the forty thousand acres, more or less, of land which they privately control and on which they intend to start reclamation work next spring. Dook & Brown have indicated willingness to accept this proposal if satisfactory terms are arranged but negotiations have not been definitely concluded.

During the progress of the fight to prevent the 30-year lease from becoming effective the Legion enlisted the support of state and national affiliations of the organization, besides legislators from a number of western states and influential members of Congress. The special session of the Oregon legislature and the annual convention of the state irrigation congress adopted memorials supporting the fight against the leases by endorsement of the Sinnott bill for restoration of the lands to homestead entry, now pending in Congress.

## WILL OPEN BATTERY SERVICE STATION

Horace Shidler, who returned a few months ago from service with the aviation section in France, announces that he will open a battery service station about February 1, in the new building on Sixth street, between Main and Klamath, where he will handle the Philadelphia Diamond Grid battery, and in addition conduct a general electric store, carrying the usual stock of fixtures and supplies, and taking wiring contracts.

Mr. Shidler is well known in the community and his exploits during the war, when he was shot down from a height of several thousand feet in combat with German planes, captured and held prisoner in a German prison camp for several months are well known to the public. Lieutenant Harold Sayre, his gunner, was killed in the fight.

## ANOTHER ARMENIAN RELIEF CAMPAIGN

Thirty million dollars for further Armenian relief is the goal set in a national drive that is planned by workers. A statewide campaign is planned in Oregon from February 12 to 24. Rev. E. P. Lawrence, chairman of the relief work in Klamath county says he expects this county to do its share toward raising the required total.

"Hunger still reigns in Armenia," he said today in announcing plans for the drive, "hunger which knows no armistice. A national drive for \$30,000,000 is being planned for the continued relief of the thousands of helpless Armenian people who have been cared for to this point. We must not permit those whom we have brought safely through thus far to die now from exposure and starvation. I expect to see Klamath county do her share gladly and liberally during the state and county campaign which will take place from February 12 to 24."

### NOTICE.

Until arrangements can be made that will insure a supply of paper sufficient to enable The Herald to return to its regular size, it will remain as it is today, with the exception of Fridays, when we are permitted to print eight pages. We shall return to our regular size at the earliest date possible.

## NEWBERRY TRIAL STARTS; 123 JOINTLY INDICTED.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Jan. 27.—United States Senator Truman Newberry and 123 prominent politicians went on trial here today charged with conspiracy and fraud in the last senatorial election, at which Henry Ford, automobile manufacturer, was a candidate.

## FOUR CATTLE RABIES VICTIMS

Four cattle have died of rabies in the herd of J. Frank Adams near Merrill since last November, according to Billy Adams, who was a visitor in town yesterday. The animals were bitten by coyotes late last October while being moved from summer pasture on the Upper Lake to the Merrill ranch. Within three weeks the first one had died and three others have died since, each one showing pronounced symptoms of rabid infection.

The cattle were being moved along the road when three coyotes entered the herd and began snapping at them. One of the coyotes was killed but the other two escaped. The ranch dog gave battle to the coyotes and was bitten so badly that he had to be shot. The head of the coyote that was killed was found on examination to be full of porcupine quills. No analysis of either the coyote or dead cattle has been made to determine the presence of rabies, the symptoms in all cases being so strong that it was not deemed necessary.

### Telegraph Tabloids

PARIS, Jan. 27.—In case the United States refuses to accept the mandate for Armenia it may be given to Holland, it is reported.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 27.—Higher food prices this year are predicted by the delegates to the joint convention of the National Cannery association, Canning Machinery and Supplies association and National Canned Foods and Dried Fruit Brokers' association. Officials said that canners had honestly striven to reduce the cost of production but face probable increases.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—The fate of the compromise reservations on the peace treaty remained doubtful after a bi-partisan conference again discussed them today without reaching any decision. Republicans refuse any compromise on Article Ten. Another meeting will be held Thursday. Democratic leaders expressed surprise at the Republican stand, saying that most members of the conference had assented to the Article Ten compromise.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—The President today nominated Dr. Hugh S. Cummings of Hampton, Virginia, as surgeon general of the public health service, to succeed Dr. Rupert Blue, whose term expired January 15.

ASTORIA, Jan. 27.—The army tug, Slocum, towing four concrete boats to San Francisco, is reported to have lost two of the boats which are sinking in a dispatch received here today.

## MEXICAN PRISONERS EXPERTS AT CARVING

JUAREZ, Mex. Jan. 27.—Hand carving is one of the principal indoor sports of the prisoners in the city jail here. Monkey and other shapes are wrought from pecans or peach stones. These trinkets are offered to tourists, a number of whom are admitted to the jail every day.

One prisoner, a "long term" claimed the other day that the four other inmates who were offering their carvings were "pupils of his." Tobacco and cigarettes are a luxury in the "carcel." When "smokes" are passed around, each prisoner expects an equal share. Frequently one of them will trade a carving that has taken days to complete in exchange for a package of cigarettes.

### EDITORIAL.

## The Courthouse Question

A committee representative of the business and financial interests of Klamath Falls visited The Herald this morning with an appeal for an early disposition of the Courthouse Question. Their appeal is not an unusual one, nor is it an improper one. For ten or more years this question has had a death grip upon Klamath Falls and Klamath county, and while there has been a gradual loosening of the hold, it has not been sufficient to permit of the development its blighting influence has retarded. Everyone knows that the people of the county are thoroughly tired of it. They are tired of the delay of bringing it to a final decision. The general sentiment has reached the point of absolute indifference as to whether the courthouse occupies the old site or the one in the Hot Springs addition, but they are not indifferent to a continuation of the uncertainty.

We understand that the case has reached a point where a hearing before a referee on the merits of the case may be held about February 8, or at a later date if before Judge Calkins. Let us hope that this information is correct; that there will be no further delays. The people are crying out for a final settlement, that they may the sooner forget the disgrace the whole controversy has brought upon us, and we would urge the attorneys on both sides to listen to their wishes and co-operate to the end that quick action may be had.

We all know that our three courthouses have brought this city into ridicule throughout the nation. Just recently it was used as an argument against us in our national capital. It has divided our community, kept us in constant turmoil, cost the county hundreds of thousands of dollars, is jeopardizing the safety of invaluable records, and inflicting continual inconvenience upon the officials of the county and the people having business to transact with them. In addition to these paramount arguments demanding a quick settlement of the question, is the additional one that it is working an almost irreparable injury to the business interests of the city and county. The situation has reached a point where it becomes mandatory upon the part of every citizen, irrespective of his personal feelings or interests, to join in a movement having for its purpose an early and final determination of the issues involved.

## COURTHOUSE CASE ARGUED ON DEMURRER

Argument on demurrer to the reply in the section of J. M. Dougan & company against Klamath county, to collect \$91,000 alleged to be due on contract for erecting a courthouse building, was heard by Judge F. M. Calkins of Medford, sitting in place of Judge D. V. Kuykendall in the circuit court here yesterday. The argument for the county was presented by C. M. O'Neill and Fred Mills, while C. F. Stone appeared for the contractor.

At the end of the argument the court took the matter under advisement, but intimated that regardless of the decision on demurrer, the courthouse litigation would come to trial at an early date, either before the court itself or before a referee appointed to take testimony in the action. In case a referee is appointed it is estimated that the testimony may be taken February 8.

C. M. O'Neill and John Irwin have been added to the battery of attorneys for the county, which includes in addition J. Bowerman of Portland, and E. L. Elliott, Fred Mills, Wm. M. Duncan and W. S. Wiley of the local bar. Besides C. F. Stone, the contractor is represented by Harrison Allen of Portland and A. E. Reames of Medford.

Change of venue was granted defendant in the case of Haller against Hopkins yesterday, and the trial will take place in Jackson county. Defendant claimed that because of publicity given the action, in which plaintiff alleges that he was caused great damage by malicious prosecution by defendant, he cannot get a fair trial in Klamath county.

The case of Jay against Grisez is set for trial today. Plaintiff alleges that he is entitled to \$400 damages or a team loaned defendant, which the latter placed in charge of an inexperienced driver with the result that they ran away and were killed.

## SOVIETS ARE STRONG SAYS AMBASSADOR

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—The Russian soviet organizations have become "strong enough to fight the world," Ludwig C. A. K. Martens, soviet agent to the United States, told the senate investigation committee.

Because of this, he said, the soviets have ceased to urge an international revolution to support them. He said the Russian soviet has between \$450,000,000 and \$500,000,000 in the public treasury, which it is now desired to spend in foreign countries to purchase necessities. There is now no gold in the hands of banks or private individuals in Russia, he said.

## WOULD WIPE OUT FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

SALEM, Jan. 27.—A proposed constitutional amendment, initiated by the Clatsop county fishermen's union, filed with the secretary of state today, would, if carried, wipe out all existing fish and game statutes and abolish the state fish and game commission.

The amendment would make the sheriff of each county administrator of the fish and game laws of his county and the people of each county could vote on the length of open and closed seasons. The governor would be empowered to appoint a fish culturist to handle propagation and distribution of fish.

## C. E. SOCIETY PLANS ACTIVE CAMPAIGN

The Christian Endeavor society of the Presbyterian church met Sunday evening and reorganized by the election of new officers and formulation of plans for increasing membership and building up interest during the coming year. The following officers were elected: Frank B. Robinson, president; Gertrude Parker, vice-president; Dorothy Delzell, secretary, and Alma Lawrence, treasurer; Helen Guest was chosen chairman of the prayer meeting committee; Gertrude Parker chairman of the "lookout" committee; Mrs. Pearl Robinson, chairman of the social committee and Frances Beatty, chairman of the missionary committee.

The society will begin at once to build up membership, start mission study classes and plan various social affairs.

## HOOD FREED FROM FORGERY CHARGE

The case against Walter Hood, a young resident of the Klamath Indian reservation accused of forging a check for \$170 which was passed on J. E. Hall, Chilcoquin merchant, was dismissed by County Judge Bunnell in the juvenile court yesterday. Hood claimed that the check was given to him by a stranger and he passed it on believing that it was valid. The check itself bore out his statement. The signature of John Davis, the man from whom Hood asserts he got the check, was the first endorsement on the paper and the writing was identical with the purported signature of the check and different from Hood's writing.

### FIND MASTADON RELICS.

NOME, Alaska, Nov. 15. (By Mail)—Bone fragments, believed to be those of a mastadon, were found in the Norton Bay region north of Nome recently. One of the fragments resembled a huge tusk.

## AGRICULTURAL EDITOR GETS CABINET PLACE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Edwin T. Meredith, of Iowa, editor of "Successful Farming" has been named secretary of agriculture to succeed Secretary Houston, who is to become secretary of the treasury in place of Carter Glass.

### Farm Bureau Items

Orders for poison should be delayed no longer. The big pool order which is to be placed by the U. S. Biological Survey will be placed on the first of February and if we want to participate in that pool we must have all of our orders not later than January 31. This does not mean that you cannot later secure poison, but does mean that later it will cost you more money. It never pays to be too dilatory in matters of this kind. There are a good many of our farmers who are now paying seventy-five cents for Grimm alfalfa seed, who could have got their supplies for forty cents had they placed their orders last fall.

Contributions to the fund have come in from nearly every section of the county and to date an amount in excess of \$1000 has been received. Unfortunately, thus far, from no section has the response been unanimous. To overcome this the committee has decided to block out each Farm Bureau district and to get farmers in each district, so blocked, to canvas same with the view of getting all the land in each district covered, so that when the time of the big squirrel drive comes around the work in each district will be efficiently done and there will be no squirrels from unpoisoned areas to cross over and infest areas that have been poisoned.

County Agent Thomas and County Chairman, J. M. Ezell, journeyed to Main on Friday and after going over the matter with the District Committeeman, that section was divided into five blocks and the following men have agreed to undertake the canvass of same; J. F. Kamarad, Joe Zumpfe, John Cacka, C. W. Bailey, and Mr. Dunn.

Charles Tower has been busy lining up the squirrel work in the Keno, Worden and Plevna districts. A complete lining up of this district is expected within a few days.

During the coming week each district will be thus organized, but if you who read this have not yet contributed to the fund, do not wait for the canvasser to come around. Bring or send your contribution in at once. The men who are trying to carry on this work are as busy, perhaps, as you are and you should not cause them any unnecessary amount of labor. Remember if you want to get your poison at the lowest possible price, get your order into the County Agents' office on or before January 31st.

An amusing little incident in connection with the silo demonstration at the Talbot ranch occurred recently, when three or four men were examining some of the silage. There seemed to be some doubts in the minds of these men as to whether or not their cattle would eat the same. The silage was in a bucket and the men had taken some up out of the pit so as to have better light in which to view it. While they were discussing it, one of a number of Mr. Talbot's skim milk calves, which were in the lot nearby, forced its way in among the men and began to eat the silage out of the bucket. There can be little question as to which way the doubts of the men were dissolved.

Speaking of silos and silage, it would appear that the advent of this institution in Klamath county bids fair to revolutionize our methods of farming and feeding. First, for instance, as to the case of the dry farmer, Mr. Talbot raised his sunflowers on dry land and such being the fact, what is to prevent our dry farmers from doing likewise? With sunflower silage and rye hay it should be possible for the owner of a dry farm to conduct a sizable little dairy, should he be so inclined, and with chickens and a few hogs make the same pay a very good revenue. If he is in a position to engage in the sheep industry or the beef cattle business on a scale large enough to make it profitable, the silo should greatly aid and abet his efforts and enable him to in-

## WILL PARK AND TERRACE STREET

On petition of practically all the property owners on the thoroughfare the city council last night adopted a resolution changing the grade of Pacific Terrace between Huron and Portland streets, which will result in the proposed paving improvement being laid this spring in two strips—a 15 foot driveway on each side of the street with a 40 foot park between. This is to overcome the deep cut that would be made on the upper side of the hillside street if the grade were level for the entire width. The plan under the new resolution of grade is to have the driveway on the upper side on a higher grade than the lower. The park space between will be planted to shrubbery and flowers.

A resolution changing the grade of Eighth street, laid over from last meeting, was adopted.

Preparation was made for starting construction work on the M. P. Evans building at Tenth and Main, and the Collins building at Main and Fifth, when permits were issued to A. F. Heide, architect for the construction of the buildings and use of half the street width surrounding them for piling material. The architect said they might be getting material on the ground in a week or two. Both buildings are of the same type, three stories and basement, steel and tile construction, with laminated floors.

F. W. Van Buskirk was granted permission to erect a four story frame house in Hot Springs addition, cost \$600; S. W. Martin, permit to build a four-room bungalow at Ninth and Prospect streets, cost \$1500. Mrs. I. M. Reckard was granted a permit to conduct the Metropolitan rooming house, 114 Main street.

## LAD IS VICTIM OF SLEEPING SICKNESS

Report has just been received here of the death, last Tuesday, at Merrill of Wesley Garrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Crosby Garrison, of sleeping sickness. The boy was 11 years old. The funeral took place at Merrill.

The boy slept steadily for 20 days before death, according to Dr. Patterson, the physician who attended him. Nourishment was administered from time to time, but he never emerged from the coma. This is the first case of this strange malady reported in Klamath county.

### FORTY BECOME ELKS.

Two score Weed residents were initiated into the B. P. O. E. lodge at Ashland Saturday night. A banquet followed the initiation. A special train carried the candidates and their friends to Ashland.

increase the size of his herds and profits.

If you are the owner of a silo, there is no limit as to the number and variety of plants that may successfully be used for the purpose of making silage. Of course, the feeding value of these may greatly vary, but it has been demonstrated in Montana and elsewhere that such plants as the tumble weed, the Canada thistle and other seeds, to say nothing of the same varieties of plants, may be put in the silo, and during the winter prove of considerable value in wintering stock.

As to the case of the irrigated farm, well that is another story and we will discuss that at another time.

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