

CLOSING ORDER IS DISCUSSED BY COUNCIL

In the absence of Mayor I. R. Struble, who was taken suddenly ill, C. K. Brandenburg, president of the city council, presided at the meeting of the council last night. The session of the council was brief.

There was considerable discussion of the proclamation requesting closing of all business houses and places of public gathering today and tomorrow. M. P. Evans, the grocer, wanted to know if grocers would be allowed to serve customers at all. He said that while well people might suffer little hardship from two days' closing of the groceries, invalids were in need of fruits, milk and other delicacies that the grocers supply.

Dr. Soule, the city health officer, said that the stores might take orders over the phone, or if customers had no phone, at the door, and set apart an hour or two in the day for distribution and delivery.

It was decided that the police would be instructed to call upon the grocers and instruct them as to what hours they might open up for the distribution of orders.

It was also considered necessary that drug stores be allowed to supply invalids. Councilman Brandenburg raised the question as to whether dry goods stores should not be included, inasmuch as persons taken sick need bathrobes, bedding and clothing for invalids that these places supply. The council's discussion left the question unsettled.

It was decided that a complete closing order could not be enforced against public eating places, but it was the opinion of the physician that the restaurants could close for part of the day and clean house with the rest of the business places.

Hospital Offered

Contingent on the action of the county court toward shouldering part of the expense, the council accepted the offer of the management of the Star rooming house to turn that place over to the city and county for hospital purposes. There are nine beds and a kitchen, rental of which was offered for \$20 a day.

Nurses Asked For

Dr. Soule said that the Red Cross chapter had wired headquarters for six trained nurses, and hoped that their request would produce results.

Permits Granted

The following permits were granted: Mrs. Sarah L. Smith, barn and dwelling, lot 13, block 307, Da. rev. addition; J. M. Nichol, electric sign, 130 Sixth street; Imperial garage, electric sign at Third and Main streets.

Bond Accepted

The bond of S. R. Redkey, recently appointed electrical inspector, for \$500, guaranteed by the United States Fidelity & Guaranty company, was accepted and the council agreed that the city should pay the annual premium of \$5.

GIGANTIC RAILWAY MERGER IS PLANNED

ST. PAUL, Feb. 17.—A merger of the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Burlington railroads into one great trans-continental system shortly after government control is relinquished is forecasted in railroad circles today. The reported merger will be along lines conceived by the late James J. Hill.

O. A. C. ALUMNI DELEGATE WILL BE HERE THIS WEEK.

W. L. Kaddler, representing the alumni of the Oregon Agricultural college, will be in Klamath Falls this week and desires to meet all local alumni, or persons who have studied at the O. A. C. at any time, Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the county agricultural agent's office in the Swanson building.

WELL KNOWN KLAMATH CALLED BY DEATH.

Word has been received here of the death at Yainax of Earl Faithful, a member of the Klamath Indian tribe. The dead man was well known in Klamath Falls. Death occurred last Saturday, presumably from influenza pneumonia.

TOMORROW OPENS THE LENTEN SEASON.

Tomorrow is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent and the beginning of the forty days of warfare against the world, the flesh and the devil. Tomorrow the world enters upon a penitential period of sackcloth and ashes, figuratively, at least, and with fasting and sacrament concentrates on an endeavor to advance the millennial overthrow of Satan's myrmidons.

In the Catholic church tomorrow, and on every day thereafter during Lent, there will be a morning service at 8 o'clock. On every Tuesday, Friday and Sunday there will be, in addition, an evening service at 7:30 o'clock.

LEGAL DISPUTE MAY BE SETTLED

Basis for a settlement of the litigation opposing the confirmation of the proceedings for organization of the Langell Valley Irrigation district and the issuance of \$900,000 in bonds for its development may be reached at a conference to be held here Saturday by directors of the district and the owners of swamp lands within the district boundaries, who oppose the organization of the district.

It is understood that the swamp lands may be eliminated from the district. The owners are in accord with such elimination, it is said, and the promoters of the project will not oppose the step. Leaving out these lands, some 4000 acres, will simplify the drainage problem immensely and will not interfere with the plans for the construction of the distribution system.

The hearing of the confirmation proceeding has been set by the circuit court for February 27, at which date it will probably be heard regardless of the outcome of the conference.

OFFER LEASES ON 3,000 ACRES

Announcement is made by the United States Reclamation service that bids will be received on or before Friday, March 5, 1920, up to 2 o'clock p. m., for the leasing of approximately 300 acres of land along the easterly and northerly shores of Tule Lake. The lease runs from March 8, 1920, to December 31, 1920.

There are 23 lots in the area to be leased, ranging in size from 54.5 to 132 acres. Only one lot will be leased to each applicant, but this does not prevent persons who were awarded a lot at last fall's bidding from bidding again on this leasing. If successful and the highest bidder the award will be made to them on the same basis as any other applicant.

The minimum price that will be considered is 50 cents an acre, but the bids will undoubtedly be much higher, as in previous leasing bids as high as six dollars an acre were received.

The announcement of this leasing has been awaited with much eagerness by persons in the Malin district, and other sections contiguous to the land and there will doubtless be a big scramble in bidding.

The land included in the offer is fertile and productive. According to the reclamation service most of it is sub-irrigated. It has been under pasture by sheep and practically all of the tule growth has been tramped down and the entire area has been left in tillable and rich condition.

ASHLAND MAN SUCCUMBS TO PNEUMONIA HERE.

Frank J. Bailey, a resident of Ashland, died this afternoon at the city emergency hospital, from pneumonia. His antecedents are unknown. He was taken ill in a local rooming house and removed to the hospital when it was opened. The body will be shipped to Ashland for burial.

FREEMEN WILL WILLINGLY AID IRISH PATRIOTS

The echo of the fight that Ireland, for seven long centuries, has made for her restoration to her place among the nations of the earth, has reached Klamath and has met with a glad welcome, not only by her sons and daughters, but by many of the liberty-loving people of this free land. It comes in the guise of the ten million dollar loan that is being floated by the Irish Republic, a loan that is being offered on the certificate plan. Oregon's allotment is \$30,000, that for Klamath county being \$5,000 and for Lake county \$7,000. The campaign for Klamath county is being conducted by Dennis D. O'Connor, chairman, assisted by Con O'Connell, Patrick Cronin, Jerry McCarty and Dan B. Murphy.

The fight for Irish freedom is the longest ever conducted by any people since this old earth was peopled. Ireland was a nation before most of those now in existence were ever thought of, and while she has been included as a part of the British Empire, she has never consented to the enforced rule of that government. When President Wilson issued his now famous pronouncement of "self-determination," the sun that for over seven hundred years had hidden behind the cloud of English domination, shone forth and the people of Ireland declared their independence. It is the government that came into being as a result of that declaration and the Easter Sunday, 1917, that is back of this loan.

It took England five hundred years to accomplish what might be termed the military conquest of Ireland, but even after that every generation has risen up in an effort to overthrow that usurpation. Each effort has brought her nearer the goal, until today Ireland as a nation is all but a fact, and the last step is almost in the immediate future.

That Klamath county will go over the top on this loan is as certain as it has gone over the top on every appeal that has been made to her. The committee in charge will call on the leading business and professional men of the county during the next few days to extend to them the privilege of contributing to a fund that is to be used for the following purposes:

"The establishment of a national judicial system.

"To finance a consular service.

"To develop and encourage Irish sea fisheries.

"To inquire into and report upon the industrial resources and possibilities of Ireland.

"To develop and encourage Irish industries.

"To establish a national civil service.

"To re-open technical schools closed by the anti-Irish policy of a British department.

"To establish land tenancy societies with a view to the re-occupancy of untenanted land.

"To establish a land mortgage bank to finance the land tenancy societies.

"To encourage the replanting of forest areas."

ACCUSED MOONSHINER HELD TO GRAND JURY

Louis Bonotti, arrested several weeks ago when the police raided his home at 2020 Sixth street and found a keg half-full of mash, nearly 150 bottles of different varieties of booze, including several quarts of white liquid said to be "raisin whiskey," and portions of what is alleged to be a distilling apparatus, was held to the action of the federal grand jury after a hearing before Bert C. Thomas, U. S. commissioner, yesterday afternoon. He is at liberty on \$500 bond.

The charge against Mrs. Bonotti was dismissed. Bonotti is accused by the federal authorities under a section of the code which prohibits manufacture of alcoholic products without a distiller's license, in other words of "moonshining."

LACK OF SYSTEM CONFUSES CITY CLOSING PLAN

The proposed plan of closing the city for the purpose of bringing about a clean-up campaign is going to meet with absolute failure, due entirely to the lack of co-ordination of the various city departments. The understanding among the business men was that all stores would close, with the possible exception of the drug and grocery establishments. These were to remain open part of the day. This morning, however, some business houses opened as usual, others at 10 o'clock and others not at all. When those who remained closed saw some places open they started an inquiry that brought out the fact that the previous order was changed by someone, somehow, and the edict went forth that all places of business could remain open between the hours of 10 o'clock in the morning and 2 o'clock in the afternoon. This of course, upset the entire scheme of things and an expression of absolute disgust went up throughout the business section of the city.

The plan for closing the city was ridiculous from the start. Health Officer Soule simply asked for quarantine officers, but he was informed by the mayor that there was no money to pay them and he would not appoint any. Dr. Soule appealed to the state board, and it instructed him to get the officers or the city would be closed. Six officers have been assigned to quarantine work and with them came the order to close for two days, with its accompanying confusion and misunderstanding.

As it stands now all business houses may open tomorrow from 10 o'clock in the forenoon until 2 o'clock in the afternoon, according to a statement of Chief Wilson to The Herald.

Health Officer Soule has been working day and night under a heavy handicap and he is deserving of the thanks of the citizens for the splendid work he is doing. He appeals to the people to join with him in his efforts to do that which they ought to do—stay home if they are sick. Stay there until sufficiently recovered to insure against a relapse. Constitute yourself a guard over your own home and don't jeopardize the health and life of someone else. And above all be careful with your manner of dressing. Wear such clothing as will protect you against the dangers lurking in the cold north wind that has sent so many people to bed with colds and grippe. Remember this is winter and govern yourself accordingly.

If the people of the city will act upon these two suggestions of the health officer, five days will see almost an end to the sickness now here. The situation is well in hand and with this co-operation there will be an end to it before the week is out. You owe it to yourself, your family, your friends and your neighbors. If these suggestions are not put into effect immediately, Dr. Soule states that he will resort, as he did last year, to the placing of those violating the quarantine rule in the pest house.

CONTRACTOR IS PNEUMONIA VICTIM

William Brown, logging contractor, died last night at his home at 223 Mortimer street, from influenza pneumonia. He was 32 years old and is survived by a widow and two small children, a boy and girl.

Mrs. Brown and the children have been ill and are being cared for at Mrs. McDaniels' sanitarium on Third street. They were convalescing but the shock of her husband's death has seriously affected Mrs. Brown and her condition is not as favorable as it was.

The Red Cross has been aiding the family and has brought Mrs. Brown's mother, Mrs. Thompson from her home near Meadow Lake to care for her daughter.

Relatives of Mr. Brown live at Portland and they have been communicated with in regard to funeral arrangements, which will not be definitely settled until they are heard from.

TRIED TO COVER TOO MUCH TERRITORY

While Mr. and Mrs. Jack Peters of Venice, Cal., may be entitled to claim that they are the first California bridal couple to make a bridal trip by airplane, they cannot claim that honor for the entire United States and get away with it.

On November 18, last, Lieutenant Harry M. Rinker, brother of Mrs. W. C. Van Emon of this city, piloted a newlywedded pair, Mr. and Mrs. Durham, on an aerial honeymoon trip across Kansas, from Salina to Wichita.

A Southern California dispatch to the Herald last Wednesday told of the Peters flight from Venice to San Diego on what was believed to be the first honeymoon journey by air "in California, if not in the entire country." The Associated Press correspondent attempted to cover entirely too much territory in the last half dozen words.

LANE THROUGH WITH LEASES

A telegram received today from Washington by J. H. Carnahan, commander of the local post of the American Legion, states that Secretary Lane has announced that he has definitely decided not to lease 10,000 acres of Upper Lake marsh lands to Doak & Brown, and that Lane states as far as he is concerned the matter is finally closed.

The local post six months ago started a fight to prevent a 30-year lease to Doak & Brown, whom the post styled during the controversy as subsidiary to the California-Oregon Power company, and enlisted the support of all the state affiliations of the Legion and the aid to the national organization.

So strong became the pressure that a month ago Secretary Lane cancelled the 30 year lease, to Doak & Brown, but advanced a proposal that Doak & Brown contract to dike the lands in controversy for a certain sum, the money to be paid by the government inside a year, with the provision that the contractors have possession of the land until payment was made, up to 30 years.

This proposal was opposed by the Legion on the ground that it was subterfuge and aimed to accomplish by backdoor tactics the end that its opponents had not been able to openly attain.

Today's telegram indicates that Lane has definitely dropped the entire matter, but a question remains as to whether it will be revived by John Barton Payne, who succeeds Lane as secretary of the interior next month.

SCHOOL SITES ARE SELECTED

With a realization that the time is at hand when preparations must be made for future school accommodations, the school board of district No. 1 is continuing the policy adopted sometime ago of selecting sites for new schools. The first one was the Mills Addition school, and their judgment has been amply justified with the result, as well as by the expressions of approval heard on every hand, since the completion of the new school. Announcement now comes of the selection of the second site, and like that in Mills Addition, shows that the directors have given the matter careful study and investigation. The proposed site is block 5, bounded by Fulton, Sargent, Donald and Worden streets.

An option on this property for \$6,000 was placed on record with the board last evening, a request having been made for it last week. An election will be called at an early date, when the matter will be voted on by the taxpayers of the district. It is certain to carry almost unanimously.

U. S. OPPOSES BRITISH PLAN IN ADRIATIC

LONDON, Feb. 17.—The Allied Supreme Council today completed a draft of the answer to President Wilson's Adriatic memorandum and will hand it to Ambassador Davis tonight for transmission to Washington. Publication of the text probably will be left to the President. The newspapers say it is impossible to over-estimate the importance and gravity of the results which may follow the council's reply. "Anglo-American relations for generation may well depend upon the terms of the reply," one editorial said.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—President Wilson in his "Memorandum" to the Allies, concerning the proposed Adriatic settlement informed them that the United States might have to consider withdrawing the Treaty of Versailles, from the Senate if the Allies went ahead with their plans without the consent of the United States. The American statement was made, not as a threat, but as a statement of a situation which might place the United States in the position of subscribing through the treaty to rights of sovereignty and other agreements to which it was opposed, it was officially announced today.

PARIS, Feb. 17.—The memorandum delivered to the foreign office from President Wilson, according to the Temps said the President could not approve Premier Lloyd-George's proposed settlement of the Adriatic question, which has been submitted to the Jugo-Slavs. The newspaper says an identical memorandum was delivered to the British foreign office.

The Temps says President Wilson allowed it to be understood that the United States would find it impossible to continue in conference if the allies settle the Adriatic question without consulting the United States.

In his memorandum President Wilson criticizes Premier Lloyd George's plan as communicated to the Jugo-Slavs by the supreme council January 20. The President examined the plan, but declares he cannot approve its tenor. He particularly opposes the idea of giving the Jugo-Slavs the choice between this plan and execution pure and simple of the London pact.

In addition, according to the Temps, the President finds the Lloyd George plan too divergent from the memorandum drawn up at London last December by Premier Lloyd George and Clemenceau, with the collaboration of the American representative. The President gives it to be understood that if the allied powers settle the Adriatic problem without consulting the United States government, the United States will find it impossible to concern itself in European affairs.

MYSTERY SURROUNDS PORTLAND SHOOTING

PORTLAND, Feb. 17.—Russell Clark was found, probably fatally wounded, in a room at a leading hotel late today. A revolver was beside him. A business partner of Clark told the police he was \$27,000 short in his accounts.

PORTLAND, Feb. 17.—The body of Mrs. Russell Clark, wife of an automobile dealer and student aviator here, was found last night in her home, 14 miles from Portland. She had been shot to death. A revolver was found in the house. Her husband has been missing since yesterday noon. Today the police received a note, signed "Russell Clark," reading, "I have committed suicide at Kings Heights." They are searching for him.

THE HAGUE, Feb. 17.—Holland will answer the second note sent by the entente regarding the former German emperor by reiterating her position and refusing to surrender him, but acquiescing in the request to guard him closely.