

WILL SPEND MILLIONS ON WEED RANCH

D. P. Doak Makes Deal With Spreckles' Interests to Erect Beet Raising Plant; Will Develop Big Beet Growing Project.

The Weed ranch of 30,000 acres on Upper Klamath lake has been sold by the Weed heirs to D. P. Doak, San Francisco millionaire, who plans to develop it as a sugar beet ranch, according to a San Francisco newspaper. Ultimately, Doak is credited with saying, \$3,000,000 will be spent in developing the property as one of the biggest beet producing farms in the country.

Doak has already made a deal with John D. and A. B. Spreckles by which these well known beet sugar refiners intend to erect a \$1,000,000 sugar factory on the ranch. Experts of the Spreckles system will build an experimental station on the property.

The Weed ranch is part of the reclamation district in process of organization by Doak & Brown. Plans for organization are laid, surveys made, and the machinery ready to start diking this spring. The development of the property as a sugar beet ranch will doubtless come closely on the trail of the dredgers.

Transportation is one of the factors in the deal that will be of interest to Klamath Falls. There is a possibility that the operators may find it more feasible to ship their product via this city, bringing it down the lake on barges from the plant. Or it may be that a S. P. spur will be built around the lake from a point on the Kirk line somewhere above Lamm's mill, an operation attended with some engineering difficulty on account of the marshy nature of the ground. There are also other rail possibilities.

The big thing, however, is the great gain that will be made in Klamath county's productivity if the plans of the promoters are carried out, and if the Spreckles interests are behind the sugar producing project it will be put through and as rapidly as possible.

RED CROSS WORKER IS BACK; CONDITIONS BETTER.

C. E. Solomon, Red Cross visiting nurse, has returned after a week in the Bly and Bonanza districts and reports influenza there is abating. Mr. Solomon was engaged by the local chapter at the beginning of the epidemic to aid persons in the country districts. He spent several days at Bly this week, where there were some serious cases, and from there went to Bonanza. He was assisted by Miss Tuttle of Merrill.

FIRST INFANTRY RECRUITERS HERE

First Lieutenants Alvin Robinson and Edward B. Jackson, with three sergeants of the oldest military organization in the United States service, the First U. S. Infantry, are in Klamath Falls today for the purpose of recruiting.

The men are all old-timers, having been in the army from five to eight years. They will be in town a few days and will be followed by the recruiting parties of the 15th Cavalry and the Coast Artillery. These parties are striving to get recruits for our peace time army, which means an educational and vocational training to the young citizens who would like to but cannot continue their training on the outside.

MUST BE POLITE TO LADIES, SAYS COURT.

LONDON, Jan. 25. (By Mail).—After fining a man at the Thames police court for demanding that women pedestrians should step aside and allow him to pass on the sidewalk, the magistrate said: "Ladies now sit in the seat that I sit in, or shortly will, to administer justice. You must give them their due and pay them proper respect. We are no longer the superior sex. Take off your hat to them politely for they are your superiors."

COMMISSIONER WILL ORGANIZE MONDAY.

C. F. Stone will leave in the morning for Portland to attend the first meeting of the new state fish and game commission which expects to perfect its permanent organization at Monday's session.

In addition to the old commissioners, who are I. N. Fleischer of Portland, Marion Jackson of Pendleton, C. F. Stone of Klamath Falls and Frank Warren of Portland, there will be present Senator John Gill of Portland, Earl Simmons of Eugene, Charles Hall of Marshfield and Chris Schmidt of Astoria, the new members.

It is understood that E. V. Carter of Ashland will be selected as the ninth and disinterested commissioner, representing neither side. Schmidt, Warren and Hall will represent the commercial interests and the others will be the sportsmen members.

SCANDANAVIANS ARE ORGANIZED

The Scandinavian Society Odin yesterday filed a copy of its articles of incorporation with the county clerk. The permit for incorporation was issued at the request of A. Westman, John Thorsen and S. Walden.

One of the purposes avowed by the society in its petition for permission to incorporate is to construct a building for use as a lodge room and recreation hall.

A site for the hall is already secured at Ninth and Walnut and permission has been secured from the city council to erect a building. The structure will cost \$14,000, according to estimate, and work on it will start soon.

The articles of incorporation were filed in the office of the state corporation commissioner at Salem, February 24.

PASTORS GOING TO CONFERENCE MONDAY

The Rev. C. F. Trimble of the Christian church and the Rev. E. P. Lawrence of the Presbyterian church leave Monday for Portland to attend the Interchurch World conference, which meets from March 3 to 5.

The Rev. Jesse K. Griffith and the Rev. N. A. Christenson, Presbyterian and Methodist pastors from Lakeview will also attend the conference, leaving Monday from Klamath Falls.

The conference will be attended by leading ministers of Protestant denominations from all parts of the state, and is expected to develop plans for strengthening the financial support of the church and to organize in a united movement for publicity that will attract more general interest in the religious endeavor.

LONG-BELL CO. BUYS WASHINGTON TIMBER

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 28.—George S. Long, secretary of the Weyerhaeuser Timber company, today confirmed the sale of a large tract of Lewis county timber to the Long-Bell Lumber company, Kansas City. Mr. Long declined to give any of the details of the sale other than to say that the deal had been closed. The purchase was reported from Kansas City several days ago.

According to Mr. Long, the Long-Bell interests intend to log this tract as well as large areas recently acquired in Oregon and California after its present stands of timber in the south are exhausted, but no immediate operations are contemplated. It is said that the recent deal included 25,000 acres.

TUBERCULOSIS KILLS ONE IN 3, VIENNA.

VIENNA, Jan. 25. (By Mail).—According to medical statistics just published, one death of every three occurring in recent weeks has been from tuberculosis in its various manifestations.

WEATHER REPORT.

OREGON—Tonight and Sunday, fair, except probable showers in the southwest; moderate easterly winds.

RITCHIE KNOCKS OUT LAD FROM SAN FRANCISCO

Slugging—starting from the curtain and ending when Ritchie put Soldier Marples down for the count in the third round of the big event—slugging, mixed hither and yon with science and strategy, but mainly slugging, nevertheless, marked the boxing exhibition at the opera house last night. On the whole it was a series of interesting battles, and barring an unfortunate decision in the Huff-Wagner bout, should have pleased the fans fully.

The Ritchie-Marples bout was a contest between boxers of ability and Ritchie is entitled to the credit of having outgeneraled an opponent who is no tyro in the ring. The interchange of heavy wallops started from the gong. Shaded either way, the first round was the soldier's and in the second round he had a decided advantage but failed to press it.

In the third round, with both men under a strain, Ritchie rallied and drove Marples to the corner, landing a series of telling punches on his face, terminating in a terrific blow that laid the soldier's skin open above the eyebrow and brought him to the mat for the count.

Ritchie's rally followed an unintentional foul that apparently sapped his strength entirely for a second, but he waved the referee aside and carried on to victory.

Substitute Referees.

Tom Watters, usually the third man in the ring, has been ill and the commission selected Ross Nickerson to decide the bouts, with a judge in each corner to assist. Dr. Leonard and Roy Tabor of Dorris were the judges.

The majority decision was for Billy Huff in the six round bout with Bob Wagner of Portland and Tacoma, a most unpopular decision with the fans, who howled their disapproval. Tabor dissented from the opinion of the others. Wagner proved in battle to be a harder opponent than Huff has yet faced in the local ring. He has a fast moving left, and he worked it overtime before the local boy got next to it, inflicting clean, telling blows.

Huff Hurts Hand

Huff dislocated a knuckle on his right hand in the first round and injured the bones in the back of the hand, placing him under a tremendous disadvantage. Despite the painful hurt he made a clever showing. In fact, he was forced to rely on skilful boxing to save himself from an aggressive opponent, and he did it well. In the last round he had Wagner going when the gong sounded, and this probably outweighed other considerations in influencing the decision. From the ringside, however, it did not appear that there was a distinct advantage on either side to warrant the decision, and the fans certainly disapproved it.

Sporting Blood Shows

Wagner should feel that Klamath Falls fans are a square set, for not only did they side with him on the decision, but it was owing to the sporting spirit of the crowd that he fought at all. A misunderstanding arose over the price agreement and Wagner refused to fight. The bout had been definitely called off when the crowd dug up the deficit alleged by the Portland boxer, and gave him a chance to display himself.

At the close of the bout Wagner challenged Huff for a return bout, ten rounds, which will be staged as soon as Huff recovers the use of his hand. The misunderstanding between Wagner and the commission was in a way responsible for the injury, because Huff thought the match was off and entered the ring in a hurry without taping his hands.

Good Preliminaries

Carmen Demellia, pride of the 78th regiment, is a fighter of parts, a heavy hitter, who delivers good, clean blows and plenty of them. His bout with Kid Harrington was a whirlwind from start to finish. The Chilquin lad met the soldier lightweight halfway in eagerness to interchange wallops, and each of the boxers were mixed up in the ropes several times after a fiery attack

WEST OREGON LAND OPENED FOR SOLDIERS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Secretary Lane has ordered the opening to homestead entry of 360,000 acres of land in western Oregon, formerly embraced in the Oregon and California railroad grant. The lands are mostly within the Roseburg land district. Opening of these lands was deferred pending the enactment of legislation by congress granting a preference right of entry of the lands to soldiers, sailors and marines of the late war. While all of the land is classed as agricultural, there are considerable areas which are not adapted to cultivation.

The time when settlers who resided on such lands since December 1, 1913, must exercise their preference right of entry begins 9 o'clock a. m., April 12, and ends 4:30 p. m., May 8, 1920.

Qualified persons who performed military or naval service during the war with Germany and who were honorably separated or discharged from such service, or were placed in the regular army or naval reserve, are given, under the provisions of an act of congress, approved February 14, a preference right of 60 days within which to make homestead entry on said lands.

The period of such preference right begins May 10 and ends July 8, 1920. Beginning at 9 o'clock a. m., April 12, persons entitled to provisions of that act of February 14 may file application under the homestead law in the land district in which the land is situated. Such applications will be subject to the preference right applications of settlers who maintained their residence on the lands since December 1, 1913.

All applications by qualified persons under the act of February 14, which is the soldiers and sailors preference right law, filed after 9 o'clock a. m., April 12, and before 4:30 p. m., May 8, 1920, will be treated as filed simultaneously, and where not in conflict with settlers' preference right applications, or with each other, will be allowed on May 10. Such applications will be rejected if in conflict with each other. A drawing will be held on May 14 to determine such conflicts.

Lands not applied for or entered by preference right settlers or by those entitled to soldiers and sailors preferences will be subject to entry under the general provisions of the homestead law on and after July 9, 1920.

Most of the land is in the Roseburg, Ore., land district, but there are other small areas in the Lakeview and Portland, Ore., and the Vancouver, Wash., districts.

S. P. WILL RETAIN ALL OFFICIALS

PORTLAND, Feb. 28.—Oregon officials of the Southern Pacific, practically without exception, will step into their former positions with the company when the road is returned to private control Monday, according to an announcement today by Wm. Sproule, president. F. L. Burkhalter, it is announced, will be assistant general manager for the northern district.

DEMPEY AND KEARNS UNDER INDICTMENT

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 28.—Federal grand jury indictments against Jack Dempsey and Jack Kearns, charging conspiracy to evade the draft, were mailed today, to Los Angeles, where the warrants will be drawn and served. Their arrests are expected Monday.

from the other. The decision was the only one possible draw.

As said in starting it was a slugfest from the beginning. Ted Beckett and Young Holcomb, bantams, started it all. The youngsters are the gamest of Knight's game brood and put on a whirlwind exhibition, ending in a draw. Beckett did some clever ducking and foot work.

GOLD STRIKE IN EDMONDS MINE.

Ore running \$25 to the ton under assay has been uncovered in the mine at Hayden Hill, Lassen county, in which H. H. Edmonds of this city is interested, according to word received by Mr. Edmonds.

The strike was made last Saturday and the vein in which the gold lies is 30 inches wide. Prospects for a big producer look good from the present indications and if the body of ore is all that it appears to be, the local timberman is on the road to join the Wingfield class.

TESTIFIES I. W. W. HALL ATTACKED

MONTESANO, Feb. 28.—Mrs. May Sherman testified at the I. W. W. murder trial today that she saw uniformed men break ranks during the Armistice Day parade at Centralia and rush toward the I. W. W. Hall. She does not know whether the shooting occurred before or after the rush.

When asked if she had conversed with a woman in the courthouse corridor yesterday, Mrs. Sherman said yes, and admitted she might have said "We will have evidence to meet anything they bring up."

She also admitted she wanted to help the defense. John Meaden, tailor, testified he had seen uniformed men rush to the hall.

Telegraph Tabloids

PARIS, Feb. 28.—Orders for a general strike have been issued by the National Federation of railroad men. Conditions are near a crisis and strong military forces are guarding the tracks in Paris.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—All persons found violating the Federal prohibition enforcement act will be prosecuted to the "limit of law", irrespective of state statutes legalizing the sale of liquor, commissioner Roper of the Revenue Bureau announced today. The ruling announced is the result of the bill now before the New Jersey Legislature legalizing the sale of three and a half percent alcohol beer.

PANAMA, Feb. 28.—Indications today were that the strike of fifteen thousand maintenance of way workers on the Panama Canal was over for time being. At least British minister Bennett announced that the leaders of the strike had accepted his offers to mediate between them and the American officials and to return to work meanwhile.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The resignation of Daniel C. Roper as commissioner of internal revenue will leave vacant one of the most important positions in government.

Roper's intention to resign has been made known to officials here but his resignation will not be tendered until after the first installment of excess profits and income taxes for 1919 is paid, March 15. His future plans are not announced.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Feb. 28.—The Federal Suffrage amendment was ratified by the Oklahoma Legislature today. It now goes to governor for his signature.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 28.—Two thousand employees of the Baltimore Drydock company were on strike today on what the company said was an open shop issue. All new construction is discontinued and 2,000 additional men were laid off by the company.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The Japanese diet was dissolved today by imperial decree as a result of a difference of opinion between the cabinet and majority parties in the diet in regard to the proposed extension of franchise. The crisis follows recent violent scenes in Parliament over the suffrage question.

LIBRARY TO OPEN.

The library and reading room will be opened Sunday, Feb. 29, 1920.

ENTERPRISE DISTRICT IS SANCTIONED

State Engineer Copper Approves Plans for Irrigation Districts and Securities Board Certifies Bond Issues

Percy A. Copper, state engineer, has approved the general plans for the reclamation of the lands in the Grants Pass irrigation district, which comprises an area of about 8,000 acres of land lying adjacent to the city of Grants Pass, in Oregon. It is proposed to expend \$106,000 in the installation of a temporary pumping plant to deliver water to the cultivated area within the district during 1920, and the construction of laterals and other structures for the delivery of water to the district lands. A considerable part of this construction work will be utilized in connection with the construction of a permanent system, under which it is intended to construct a diversion dam in Rogue river and canals which will serve most of the lands within the district. However, the higher lands in the district will be served by direct connected pumps. It is estimated that the complete reclamation of the project will cost in excess of \$500,000.

The irrigation securities commission, which consists of Percy A. Copper, state engineer; Will H. Bennett, superintendent of banks, and George M. Brown, attorney general, has approved the certification of bonds of the district in the amount of \$106,000, and has also agreed that the state shall pay interest on these bonds in accordance with the provisions of the constitutional amendment.

The state engineer has also approved the plans for the Enterprise irrigation district, located in Klamath county. This project contemplates the reclamation of 2,400 acres of land near Klamath Falls. The water for the district will be pumped from the canals of the U. S. reclamation service project. The district is under contract with the reclamation service to pay \$16 per acre for the delivery of water to its pumping station, and it is estimated that the installation of the pumps and construction of the distribution system will cost approximately \$50,000.

The irrigation securities commission has approved for certification the bonds of this district in the amount of \$40,000. The remainder of the funds necessary for the completion of the project will be raised by assessment or an additional bond issue. Construction work is now under way on this project.

GORDON BUYS GARAGE SITE

J. A. Gordon has closed a deal for the site of the White Pelican garage on east Main street. The garage building which was badly damaged by fire last winter will be repaired for this season's business but Mr. Gordon plans to erect a two story fireproof structure on the site next year. Owing to the present difficulty in obtaining materials he finds he cannot build sooner, but he will place an order for the brick and steel at once so that it will be on hand for early building next season.

The lot and the garage that burned were the property of a San Francisco man, Mr. Lyle, before the purchase by Mr. Gordon. The walls of the old garage are in good shape but the fire wrecked the roof and destroyed windows and interior furnishings.

RECITAL CANCELLED
A telegram was received by the Klamath Falls Music House this afternoon as follows:
"Miss Morrissy ill with appendicitis. Physician recommends immediate operation. No alternative than to cancel your recital. Very sorry."
"Edison Phonograph Co., Ltd."