

MODOC-NORTHERN RAILROAD COMING

S. P. PLANS TO START WORK IN NORTHERN CAL.

By Associated Press.
ALTURAS, Cal., Apr. 3.—Reports reaching here from San Francisco are that the Southern Pacific is planning to extend its line from Westwood, Lassen county, to Klamath Falls at an early date, and that preliminary arrangements are already under way. The fact that several big timber deals were made during the last few months in the region to be traversed is taken to indicate that the Southern Pacific has promised rail outlet for lumbering operations. If the line is built it will tap the big undeveloped agricultural region of Big valley in this county.

This announcement has been expected for some time, for it has been the consensus of opinion that the Modoc Northern would be constructed as soon after the railroads were returned to their owners by the government as it was possible to perfect the plans for such work. Almost immediately after this had been done the Southern Pacific company began assembling material at Susanville, as it is from that end of the line that the first construction work will be undertaken.

According to the reports that have filtered through from San Francisco it is the intention of the Southern Pacific to immediately begin the extension of the line from its present terminus at Westwood to Lookout, a distance of approximately 58 miles. Under the development plans of the Red River Lumber company this extension is needed at once. This concern owns practically all of the timber land from a point about 70 miles south of this city to Susanville and from Susanville to Redding, and it proposes to open up all of it in the near future.

For 10 years it has been the dream and hope of every resident of this section that the Modoc Northern would be built. At that time the line was surveyed and the right of way purchased and paid for the entire length. Then came the panic, government dissolution suits and interference that brought it to a standstill, where it has remained until now.

The construction of this line will place Klamath Falls in a position where it will exercise a controlling influence in the lumber market of the west. Possessed of the largest body of pine timber, located nearest to the eastern markets, all it needed was an outlet that would permit of the shipment of the output of the mills and factories to the middle west and east, and this it will secure through the construction of the Modoc Northern. The entrance into this territory of the Long-Bell company, essentially a manufacturing concern, indicated that such an outlet was forthcoming and the announcement that this company will soon begin the erection of one or more of the big plants to be located in this county may be looked for at an early date.

Another factor that undoubtedly influenced the Southern Pacific company is the suspicion that the Western Pacific is headed for this city. Embraced within the comprehensive plans for the railroad development of the west that was started when the Hill interests started south through the Deschutes canyon, was the construction of the Western Pacific into this city. This scheme never has been abandoned and the present management of the Western Pacific will eventually come north from Flannigan, either by a direct line or through the extension of the Oregon, California & Eastern—the Strahorn line.

WEATHER REPORT

OREGON—Tonight and Sunday, showers in west, fair in east; freezing temperature tonight; east moderate southerly winds.

HOOVER DECLARES G. O. P. ALLEGIANCE

NEW YORK, Apr. 3.—Herbert Hoover issued a statement today in which he requested he be not further embarrassed by suggestions of some independent organizations that his name be placed before any other than the Republican party, as a "primary sense of team work in any party organization would preclude such a possibility."

He said, in his statement, that he had no great record for partisan activity and "admitted" his political activity was confined to membership of a prominent Republican club and allegiance to the party over a period of years.

MONDAY LAST DAY FOR TAX PAYMENTS

Monday, April 5, is the last day for payment of the first installment of taxes. After closing time Monday the first installment becomes delinquent and a penalty of 1 per cent a month is attached. The tax collector's office has been a busy place all week and the daily collections have averaged \$10,000 a day. Today and Monday will probably make records for daily collections.

Attention is again called to the fact that no statements will be mailed tax-payers until October, except on request.

LAKE ROUGHEST THAN IN ALL PREVIOUS HISTORY

According to Upper Lake mariners yesterday was the roughest day ever experienced on that sheet of water. The wind chopped the surface of the water. Landing was effected under great difficulty. Captain H. E. Calkins stated that it was almost impossible for him to make the landing on his return from the upper part of the lake last evening, but he finally got to shore.

MASONS WILL ATTEND SERVICES IN A BODY

Calvary Commandery No. 16 will attend Easter service at the Christian church at 11 o'clock. The knights will assemble in Masonic hall at 10 o'clock in full uniform (except swords).

The recently organized chapter of Scottish Rite Masons will attend also. Rev. C. F. Trimble will preach the sermon and a special program of appropriate music has been prepared. Visiting Masons are cordially invited to be present.

WILL BE SENTENCED

Sentence will be passed this afternoon at 3 o'clock upon William Zillman, accused of breaking into the Southern Pacific freight depot several months ago and rifling freight packages. Zillman was indicted by the grand jury Monday. He has entered a plea of guilty.

CANDY VS. BOOZE

SEATTLE, Wash., Apr. 3.—Heavy consumption of candy has followed prohibition in Alaska, according to records here. Recently the Alaska Engineering Commission, which has charge of the construction of the government railroad in the north, advertised for bids for 1,000 pounds of chocolates and caramels and hundreds of boxes of bar candy and chewing gum. The candy and gum will be taken north for the men working on the line.

LADIES' CLUB, B. P. O. E., WILL MEET TUESDAY

The Ladies' club of the Elks' lodge will meet Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Elks' temple. "Five Hundred" will provide diversion for the afternoon.

France has a weird tradition that on Good Friday all the trees quiver and shudder in dread remembrance of Christ's passion.

ANOTHER BLOW FROM H. C. L.

The guy that has mastered the intricacies of the safety razor or can keep a keen cutting edge on the old style blade—he's the happy lad now. More precious than rubies, yea, even than much fine gold is that rare avis—a wife who can make a clean cut job of removing the surplus hirsute growth from the back of hubby's neck.

The old Dutch cut, performed with the family sewing shears and deep soup bowl, bids fair to have a revival as the prevailing mode of haircut this season.

Tourists this summer will probably think they've descended upon a flourishing Dunkard colony when they strike this burg, as far as hair and whiskers style is concerned at least.

Which is merely preliminary to saying that the long expected has happened, or will happen Monday. The barber shops have raised prices all along the line.

Haircuts after Monday will be 75 cents per, an increase of 50 per cent over the existing price, and other tonorial attentions in proportion. Shaves jump from 25 to 35 cents; a plain shampoo is 65 cents and baths 35 cents each.

The guy who hasn't mastered the fine art of keeping his razor in shape unaided has a jolt coming—honing \$1.00.

Proprietors of local shops claim that they have postponed the inevitable as long as possible, that they have met former demands for wage increases from their own pockets, but living costs keep soaring, and at last they are forced to pass it on to the patron. The cost of conducting a shop is asserted to have advanced nearly 500 per cent in the last three years.

FORT KLAMATH FOLK ARE UNITED IN MARRIAGE

E. B. Bennett and Miss Lona Wimmer, both well known Fort Klamath folk, were married yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Augusta Boss on Klamath avenue by Justice N. J. Chapman. They will reside at Fort Klamath.

The bridegroom is a successful contractor in the Fort Klamath district. His bride is a popular young lady of prominent family. Her father is the justice of the peace for Fort Klamath.

URGE GREATER PRODUCTION

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Seeing in increased production a means of restoring normal business and price conditions, the chamber of commerce of the United States, it was announced, will make its eighth annual meeting, to be held in Atlantic City April 27 to 29, an "increased production" convention.

Every topic will be considered from that viewpoint. The relation of government to production will be first taken up and under that heading will be considered anti-trust legislation and taxation. Business of every kind is declared to be keenly interested in taxation, especially excess profits taxes.

Another phase of the problem to be discussed will be the part of the government, the farmer and the business man in increasing farm production. Secretary of Agriculture Meredith will speak for the government. The relation of labor to production will be approached from both sides, the employee's viewpoint to be presented by a representative of the American Federation of Labor and the employer's by a business man. There will be a group meeting for each of several great divisions of industry.

HENLEY SOCIAL GREAT SUCCESS

The pie social given at the Henley school for the piano fund proved a great success from every point of view. The receipts show a total of \$200. The bidding was strenuous, some culinary products bringing as high as \$5.

The program was informal but very interesting especially the folk dancing which showed the splendid work in physical education being conducted by the teachers. One of the best features of the evening was the community sing by the entire gathering.

An extemporaneous talk by Principal Fred Peterson, explaining the two-mill tax for elementary education, shows that Henley community is alive to the vital problems in education in the state. This is the first active work done by any community on this important bill.

SALT LAKE PREPARES FOR N. E. A. MEETING

SALT LAKE CITY, Apr. 3.—Plans to take care of 10,000 teachers from all parts of the United States who are expected to attend the coming convention of the National Education Association in Salt Lake July 4 to 10, are being formulated by committees of state school authorities. An initial fund of \$10,000 already has been raised here.

Mrs. Josephine Corliss Preston, superintendent of public instruction in the state of Washington, is president of the National Education Association and she, it is expected, will map out the convention program.

REBEKAHS ELECT DELEGATES TO ANNUAL STATE ASSEMBLY

Mrs. Stella Mang, Mrs. Jennie Hurn, Mrs. R. E. Wattenburg and Mrs. Alfreda Steinmetz were selected by the local lodge of Rebekahs at their meeting Thursday night as delegates to the state assembly, which meets this year at Baker, May 25.

A program of more than ordinary cleverness featured the local meeting, including a mock wedding that caused much amusement. A banquet concluded the evening.

HI JINX OF CO-EDS AT THE I. O. O. F. HALL TONIGHT

Boys are barred from the Hi Jinx which the high school girls are giving tonight in the I. O. O. F. hall. The fact that it is Leap Year makes no appeal to the gentle hearts of the co-eds, nor furnishes an open sesame for the masculine members of the student body.

It is to be a costume affair, with a special program and plenty of "cats." Alumni and former students of the gentler sex are eligible for admission and are cordially invited to be present.

EDITOR SLAIN POLITICAL QUARREL

MONTEVIDEO, April 3.—Great political excitement prevails here as the result of the death of Washington Beltraine, editor of El Pais, in a duel with the former president of Uruguay, Jose Batlle Orders, yesterday morning.

After the last election in Uruguay the Nationalists accused the "Battlist" party, headed by the former president of fraud in connection with the ballot-box. Beltraine's newspaper, in an editorial called Batlle a "champion of frauds."

Senor Batlle, who was twice president of Uruguay and who is now a member of the national administrative council, voluntarily gave himself up to the police and is being held incommunicado.

ARMENIAN COMMITTEE REPORTS TO SENATE

WASHINGTON, Apr. 3.—President Wilson today transmitted to the senate a report of the American commission, headed by Major General Harbor, which investigated conditions in Armenia.

The commission made no recommendation relative to the United States assuming a mandate over Turkish Armenia but the report contained extensive arguments, both for and against such action.

The inhabitants, the commission stated, desire America to take the mandate, with Great Britain as second choice. No mandate should be taken, the report said, without formal agreement with Great Britain and France, also the definite approval of Germany and Russia.

MAY YET FIND BUYER FOR SEWER BONDS

The Mills Addition sewer bonds, which were refused by the Lumbermen's Trust company of Portland on the ground that the city had exceeded its bonding limit in voting the issuance of the \$50,000 obligation, will be one of the topics of discussion before the city council Monday evening. It is understood that an attempt will be made to pass a resolution advertising the bonds for re-sale and it is believed that the securities will find a market.

With a general stringency in the money market existing, there is little sale for securities at present, and it is said that the Lumbermen's Trust company are taking advantage of a technicality to avoid paying the \$14 premium offered when the market outlook was brighter. Some other bonding house, at a more reasonable premium, will not strain at a gnaw of technicality, it is believed, if the bonds are again offered for sale.

ALUMNI ALLIED TO SUPPORT BILL

An alliance of alumni of the state normal school, University of Oregon and Oregon Agricultural college was effected last night at a meeting at the city hall, to carry on an intensive educational campaign in support of the "Higher Educational Tax Act," which will be on the ballot May 21. Theodore Case was elected president and Robert Riggs secretary of the joint alumni organization.

Proponents of the measure declare that a crisis exists in higher educational affairs in Oregon, owing to an increase in the number of students, without any adequate increase in revenue by which they can be housed and educated. Faculty members are resigning because their salaries will not meet mounting living costs. Class rooms and laboratories are inadequate, in size and in equipment. The remedy for the situation lies with the taxpayers, and advocates of increased millage believe that if the facts are properly presented support of the measure will be overwhelming. It provides for a relief levy of 1.26 mills to begin this year.

In the seven years since the last state millage support bills were passed, it is claimed that operating costs have doubled in the state schools—with the exception of salaries—the number of students has increased 150 per cent, but the revenue has practically stood still.

MERRILL ATTORNEY WILL SEEK DIST. ATTORNEYSHIP

William Marx, the Merrill attorney, today announced that he had decided to enter the race for the district attorneyship.

His declaration as a Republican candidate was filed with the secretary of state at Salem earlier in the week. The announcement is not surprising as it has been freely rumored since the first political murmurings were heard that Mr. Marx would be a candidate.

MICHIGAN WILL HOLD PRIMARY NEXT MONDAY

DETROIT, Mich., Apr. 3.—The preference of Michigan Republicans and Democrats for presidential nominees will be registered next Monday in the state's second presidential preference primary.

Republicans have a field of seven to choose from, while the Democrats have entered five in the lists. Two of the latter, William J. Bryan and William G. McAdoo, made successful efforts to have their names removed from the ballots. Withdrawal after certification, however, is not permitted under the state election laws, and the two names remained on the ballots.

An unusual situation results from the fact that the name of Herbert Hoover appears on both Republican and Democratic tickets. The double filing for the former food administrator was made possible when the state's attorney general ruled inoperative, as applied to the presidential primary, the amendment passed by the last legislature requiring from candidates an affidavit of party affiliation.

The Republican ticket comprises Senators Poindexter, of Washington, and Johnson of California; General Pershing, Major General Leonard Wood, Governor Lowden, of Illinois; Mr. Hoover and William G. Simpson, of Detroit.

On the Democratic ticket besides Mr. Hoover, Mr. McAdoo and Mr. Bryan, are Governor Edward I. Edwards, of New Jersey, and Attorney General Palmer.

Eugene V. Debs, of Indiana, is the sole candidate on the Socialist ticket.

How far the preference of the voters expressed in the primary will be regarded as binding upon the 30 delegates Michigan will send to each national convention, is a matter of speculation. No provision is made in the primary law binding the delegation to the primary expression, and the state's representatives at the convention may, if they so choose, swing their weight to another candidate after the first ballot is cast.

Vigorous campaigns conducted by several of the leading candidates and the fact that in many cities and townships important local issues are to come up at the same time is expected to bring out a large vote this year. Bonding issues are to be balloted upon in many communities.

That a heavy vote will be brought out in Detroit is regarded as a foregone conclusion. Here a street railway bonding proposition is expected to overshadow interest in the presidential primary. The proposal is to bond the city for \$15,000,000 with the present Detroit United railway. A hot campaign has been made on this proposition, Mayor James Couzens, its sponsor, personally speaking at a score of meetings, and the editorial columns of the newspapers making strong arguments on the issue.

SEEKING TO BUY INDIAN BASKET COLLECTION

S. B. Evans and Charles Balen are negotiating with Mrs. Hearn of Yreka for her noted collection of Indian baskets, said by connoisseurs to be one of the finest collections in existence. It was gathered years ago by Mrs. Hearn's father who was one of the pioneers on the Klamath river.

VERDICT FOR DEFENDANT IN PLATH-VIRGIL SUIT

The jury in the suit of Carl Plath against Mrs. Dollie Virgil, administratrix, tried in the circuit court yesterday, last night returned a verdict for defendant. Plaintiff was suing for \$2,000, an alleged overcharge on a contract to purchase property here.

When court adjourned last night jury foremen were excused from further attendance until Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock.