

COURTHOUSE HEARING DONE; ARGUED MAY 14

Yesterday saw a winding up of the testimony in the courthouse case and many of the "big guns" were on hand to give testimony. The "big Bertha" in the case was evidence as to whether the records of the county were made, changed and signed after Judge Hanks retired from office and his successor, Judge Bunnell, qualified. On the day previous County Clerk DeLap had testified that the record was signed before Judge Hanks retired and was not changed after it had been made up. The point sought to be brought out was the record of the warrants issued to the J. M. Dougan company on the Saturday prior to the recall election, the attorneys for the county contending that the entire proceedings savored of a conspiracy.

In contravention to the testimony given by County Clerk DeLap was that of C. W. Eberlein, Mrs. L. B. Hague, T. M. Cunningham, Frank W. Arrant and R. A. Emmitt, each of whom testified that they had examined the County Commissioner's Journal shortly after the recall of Judge Hanks, and after Judge Bunnell had taken office, and that at the time of their examination the records showed no entry of any claims allowed to the J. M. Dougan company; neither was the record of the proceedings of the county court of April 20, 1918, signed when their examination was made.

One of the prominent figures at the trial, and who gave brief testimony yesterday, was Judge W. H. Worden, who initiated the move to put the courthouse on the Hot Springs site. The judge is now living in Portland and came here as a witness for the county. His testimony had to do only with expenditures during his administration.

J. H. Garrett testified that he had done some excavating at the request of Architect McLaren and that he found the soil to be of a substantial nature, except where it had been disturbed. County Engineer Darley testified that the corner of the building, where the crack is located, was less than one-half inch lower than the rest of the building.

The rest of this testimony, like most of that of previous days, was of a somewhat technical nature and of small public interest.

At the conclusion of the testimony, Judge Hamilton announced that he was ready to hear the arguments, but upon request this was deferred until May 14, when the attorneys will argue the case before the judge sitting at Roseburg. They are also to submit briefs at that time.

Another postponement may be necessary because the transcript of the testimony, estimated at 400 pages, can hardly be prepared in sufficient time for the attorneys to use it as a basis for their briefs and arguments.

MICKIE SAYS

LISSEN HERE, OLE TOP! YOU MAN MANAGE TO WABLE ALONG O.K. WITHOUT SUBSCRIBING FER TH' PAPER BY READING IT 'ROUND TOWN SOMEWHERE, BUT HOW 'BOUT VER WIFE? SHE LIKES TO READ TH' PAPER TOO!



CITIZENS IN MEXICO ASK FOR WARSHIPS

WASHINGTON, Apr. 23.—American government representatives to Mexico have asked for the dispatch of warships to that country to protect American citizens and their property. The requests came from Mazatlan and Topolobapo, on the Pacific coast and Frontera on the gulf, state war and navy department officials investigating the requests, explaining that in times of disturbances it was not unusual to receive such requests when there was no actual necessity for them.

LOS ANGELES, Apr. 23.—The cruiser Salem and a destroyer were ordered by Admiral Rodman, commander of the Pacific fleet, to sail immediately for Mexican waters. It was announced it would be useless to stop at Mazatlan. Both vessels are now at San Diego. The action was taken at the direction of the navy department.

TAX PROPOSED FOR FAIR SITE

Petitions have been circulated this week for placing on the ballot at the primary election May 21, a proposal to levy a one-mill tax on all property in the county for the purpose of buying a permanent site for the county fair and erecting a permanent pavilion. Six hundred signatures are required to get the proposal on the ballot and nearly the requisite number have been obtained, reports F. W. Sexton, secretary of the petition. The petition must be filed with the county clerk not later than tomorrow.

Two tracts south of town are being considered as possible sites, each containing 40 acres. It is the intention of the board to get a good level tract, conveniently located to the city, so that it will be easily accessible.

One mill on each dollar of the county valuation is calculated to raise approximately \$18,000 which is estimated to be sufficient to buy 40 acres of suitable land and erect necessary improvements. After a start is made the fair revenues will pay for the upkeep of the property, it is believed.

FRIENDS SEEK MERCY FOR CONVICTED MAN

A parole petition in behalf of J. E. Paddock, Bonanza rancher, convicted of manslaughter in connection with the slaying of O. T. McKendree in this county, May 20, 1918, whose appeal from the ten year sentence of the circuit court was recently denied by the supreme court, have been in circulation here for several days.

Paddock's friends are asking the clemency of the state parole board in behalf of his family, claiming that his wife and four small children would suffer most if the sentence is executed. Attorneys for Paddock and William Holbrook, convicted jointly of the crime, have secured a 20 day's stay, which gives the defendants until the middle of May for further endeavor to prevent the sentence of the court being executed.

Holbrook lives at Corvallis. So far as is known no plea for clemency is being made in his behalf.

It is the usual custom of the parole board to require that part of the sentence be served before a parole is granted, usually half the time of the minimum period to be served.

MARKET REPORT

PORTLAND, Apr. 23.—Cattle steady and unchanged; hogs weaker, mixed \$16.50 and \$17.10; sheep steady and unchanged; butter unchanged; eggs unchanged.

PENSION RISE FOR G. A. R.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 23.—The house bill increasing pensions of Civil war veterans to \$60 monthly and widows of veterans to \$30 was passed today by the senate and now goes to conference.

CITY OFFICIALS STATE VIEWS OF WATER HEARING

A statement in regard to the water hearing before the public service commission Tuesday is published below. The statement was prepared by City Attorney Carnahan, who conducted the examination for the city. Mayor I. R. Struble and Councilman Frank M. Upp, who were present throughout the proceedings, they assert. The statement follows:

We noticed in the Herald of April 21, 1920, what purported to be a report by the Power company of the hearing before the public service commission.

Mr. Walton is reported to have stated that nearly all the difficulties with the water service were contingent upon the defects in the system in Mills addition.

In order to prevent a wrong impression from going out to the public we wish to state that the Mills addition situation was but a part of the difficulties experienced by this city with the water system. A number of responsible witnesses appeared before the commission and testified that for long hours each day in the summer time they have been without water; that there is only a 30 to 40 pound water pressure on the fire hydrants in Upper Hot Springs addition, on the High School hill and in Mills addition, when such pressure should be 80 to 100 pounds, and the water system is more or less leaky throughout.

The company could not give any assurance that it would repair or replace the water pipes in Mills addition, and stated that the cost of giving Shippington water for fire and domestic purposes was practically prohibitive. It is thought that the service commission, now that it has heard from all classes of the people of Klamath Falls, will give some genuine relief in so far as water service is concerned at an early date. We did everything that we could to fully present the needs of the people of Klamath Falls and believe that the commission now fully understands the situation.

Shippington addition is clearly entitled to water and had proper representation to that end been made by those directly interested, the commission probably would have issued the necessary order requiring the company to extend its mains to Shippington.

I. R. STRUBLE
FRANK M. UPP
J. H. CARNAHAN.

EASTERN LUMBERMAN VIEWS LOCAL FIELD

Louis Germain, Jr., of Pittsburg, Pa., is a guest at the White Pelican Hotel. Mr. Germain is president of the Germain company, wholesale lumber dealers, and is making an extensive tour of the western pine belt in the interests of his firm. He has handled the lumber of all sections of the country, but unqualifiedly indorses the statement that the Klamath pine belt is the most wonderful producer of excellent lumber and says further that the next few years should see great progress in this section.

Easterners realize that eventually the west coast will have the last available stand of timber and are laying their plans to enter the field accordingly.

Mr. Germain will remain here a few days longer and leave for San Francisco where, as president of the National Wholesale Lumber Dealers' association, he will preside at several meetings. He is accompanied on his trip by J. S. Kent, former resident of Klamath Falls, who is now coast manager for the Germain company.

DAUGHTER BORN TO CAPT. AND MRS. ALFRED B. COLLIER

Captain and Mrs. Alfred B. Collier, 325 Canby street, are gladdened by the arrival of a baby daughter in their household. The young lady weighs eight pounds and has been named Eleanor May.

MASSACHUSETTS DEALING WITH HOUSE PROBLEM

BOSTON, Apr. 23.—Massachusetts has not yet been able to make up for its shortage of homes and keep rents from sky-rocketing. A state commission on the necessities of life is struggling with the problem but meanwhile tenants in this city and elsewhere have obtained little relief. Several tenant groups recently refused to pay advances in rent demanded of them and by joint action avoided eviction which would have been legal upon 30 days' notice.

Two hundred tenants at Revere have formed a corporation known as the Tenants' league to combat rent increases and have announced that they will tolerate no more advances in rent and requested aid from the city's local department. The issue there is still in doubt.

An attempt to solve the problem by arbitration has been made in Brockton, a shoe manufacturing center. A board composed of two tenants, two landlords and a fifth member to be selected by the others is to decide whether rents have been unduly advanced when disputes arise between landlords and tenants.

The commission on the necessities of life has investigated the housing and rent problems and has contributed a number of suggestions for their solution but as yet has made no formal report. It has urged the cities to form housing corporations and take over and improve abandoned tenements by workmen who had moved to better ones. The commission found there were 3,000 tenements which were unoccupied because the landlords would not remodel them so as to make them fit for occupancy.

At the suggestion of the commission a bill has been introduced into the legislature that would limit the return from investments in dwelling houses to eight per cent. The purpose of it is to prevent speculation in homes. The commissioners found that many builders had stopped construction because of the high cost of labor and materials and had gone to speculating in real estate. The result was that frequent sales of property were followed by advances in rent. In many cases tenants were forced out of their homes so that the landlords might demand higher rents from new occupants. Massachusetts' corporations have attempted to relieve the housing shortage by erecting community houses. Whole villages of attractive houses are being erected in New Bedford, Lawrence, Lowell and other mill cities, and will be rented or sold to employes on easy terms.

OUTLAW UNION HEAD ADMITS OVERTHROW

CHICAGO, Apr. 22, (3:30 p. m.)—Striking railroaders meeting here today adjourned without taking action toward calling off the unauthorized strike. An adjournment was taken when it developed that the railroad managers had ignored the invitation of the strikers to attend and discuss their demands.

CHICAGO, Apr. 23.—Striking switchmen met today at the call of insurgent union officials in another attempt to bring out the settlement of the unauthorized walkout. Admitting the defeat of the outlaw movement, John Grunau, president of the Chicago Yardmen's association, said he would advise the men to return to work.

NEW YORK, Apr. 23.—Railroad managers today flatly rejected the direct appeal of the strikers of the New York district that they be restored to duty with full seniority rights and that the strike be settled "in the public interest."

ST. LOUIS, Apr. 23.—Striking yardmen in the St. Louis district today voted to remain on strike and press their demands for increased wages. The vote was unanimous, it was said.

CLEVELAND, Apr. 23.—Insurgents

TROOPS GUARD ROADS TO BUTTE MINES

BUTTE, Apr. 23.—With every approach to the mines patrolled by United States soldiers Butte today was quiet with no evidence of troubles, such as marked the first three days of the strike inaugurated by I. W. W. mine workers. Strikers have not attempted to picket the mines. Only a few miners reported for work, however, because, it was thought, many miners are not aware that the soldiers guard the approaches to the mines.

NEW PHARMACY READY TO OPEN

Finishing touches are being given to the Square Deal drug store at Eighth and Main streets, which will open its doors for business tomorrow morning. Tomorrow is "get-acquainted" day at the new store but no matter how big the crowd the house will close at the end of the first day's business without having made a cent's profit.

The owners of the store have decided that on opening day every cent above actual cost will be distributed among the customers and are preparing for a mammoth reception to all their friends and friends-to-be tomorrow.

Fresh paint and rearrangement of the window space have worked a complete change in the outward appearance of the store front and unless the location is fixed in mind, one is likely to pass it by without recognition. The interior has undergone a proportionate renovation and is transformed to one of the most modern and convenient storerooms in the city.

The store is divided into two main departments, one for the drugs and general supplies, with a large, clean prescription compounding room in the rear; the other for phonographs and music, kodaks, camera supplies, etc.

The main room has a floor space of 20 by 50 feet, the prescription department 20 by 33 feet. The music side is 14 by 60 feet, with ample show space for phonographs and supplies in front, and three roomy sound-proof booths for demonstration just back of the show room. Further back is a rest room for ladies, which will be fitted up with easy chairs and lounges.

The store will handle the Brunswick, Pathe and Stradivara machines and Brunswick, Pathe and Okeh records, and as soon as it is fairly under way a demonstrator will be employed to handle the music department exclusively.

All of the fixtures are new. There is a wealth of display space enclosed in glass cases with hardwood frames and plenty of drawer and counter space. The cost of fitting up the store will be realized when it is considered that in the hardwood cases and counters alone, the company invested in the neighborhood of \$6,000, which is only one of the items of expense.

The Southern Oregon Drug company, which operates the store in connection with the Red Cross store at Merrill, is a local corporation. C. J. Ferguson is president, George J. Walton, vice president, Will Wood, secretary and treasurer, and C. S. Currin, general manager of the company.

MR. AND MRS. C. W. BENSON PROUD PARENTS OF SON

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Benson, whose home is on Second street, have a nine and one-half pound son, born April 21. The boy has been named Richard Henry.

WEATHER REPORT

OREGON—Tonight and Saturday, fair; light to heavy frost early morning; warmer Saturday; westerly winds.

ate arrest of the railroad strike leaders of Cleveland unless they order switchmen to return to work by tomorrow morning was threatened by federal agents today.

CLEANUP DRIVE SEEKS UNITED AID OF CITY

Reasons for the city clean-up, paint-up and safety first campaign, which will start May 1 and end officially May 15, although the results of awakened civic pride are expected to only show a beginning at the end of the first fortnight, are explained in the statement of Dr. A. A. Soule, city health officer, printed below.

The campaign was inaugurated by the city health board, whose experience in past years has shown the cost to the community in battling with disease epidemics caused by insanitary conditions. They expect to carry through a crusade that will materially reduce danger of disease by eliminating many of the plague spots where disease germs breed.

Dr. Soule's statement puts the obligation of citizens to aid the campaign in concrete form. He says:

You, Mr. Father, and you, Mrs. Mother, have a sacred obligation on your shoulders to protect and conserve your son's and your daughter's health and safety; yes more than that, you are guilty of a negligent crime if you fail to teach them by precept and example to be clean, healthy and strong.

On the other hand the Boy Scout and the Camp Fire Girl or any boy or girl should always think health and safety first. Don't take chances. Think—to be careful. And your duty does not stop there. You must help protect others.

Build your bodies strong what e'er you do
Build them well, and straight and true
Build them deep and high and broad
Build them for the eye of God.

The campaign will last two weeks and the city board of health have firmly resolved to use the power invested in them to carry this campaign to a conclusion. We want your help. We need it and it is your duty. We are going to ask the ministers and priests for a health Sunday and invite them to deliver a sermon in their churches on health and safety—emphasizing the moral obligation of every person to protect his own health and life and health and lives of others.

Rally to the cause boys! All you ex-service men fought to make the world safe. What are you going to do to make Klamath Falls safe? We know the answer. We will leave it to you.

We'll ask the merchants to put in window displays of clean-up, paint-up and safety first. We'll ask the movies for four-minute men. We'll ask the schools for help-essays, parade and that the teachers teach some lessons at least in preventing accidents in schools and on the school grounds.

We are going to ask for some donations. We will need \$250 to buy trees and seeds, window hangers and trims, banners, campaign buttons, stamp posters, newspaper cuts, movie slides, etc.

Everybody help. The campaign will reduce fire loss and insurance costs, conserve and increase property values, remove unsafe buildings, swat the fly, clean up streets, alleys, yards and homes, arouse civic interest and pride, educate us in fire prevention and sanitation, plant trees and flowers, make more attractive and safer homes and places of business, and insure a cleaner, safer, healthier and more beautiful city.

Remember those who died from infectious disease. Help us make Klamath Falls spick and span. Clean up and paint up.

We asked the labor unions to help. Health and safety in the end means that the workman shall live to enjoy the fruits of his labor; that his mother shall have the comfort of his arm in her age; that his wife shall not be an untimely widow; that his children shall have a father; that cripples and helpless wretches who were once strong men shall no longer be a by-product of industry, and that the sons of toil shall peacefully enjoy the evening of a well spent life.

Cases of typh are said to occur once in every 40 births.