

The Evening Herald

MODOC LUMBER CO. BUYS 40,000 ACRES OF PINE

EUGENE, Ore., Apr. 26. (Special to the Herald.)—The sale of 40,000 acres of pine timber owned by the Oregon Land and Livestock company, of which R. A. Booth of this city is president, to the Modoc Lumber company, which operates a big mill at Chiloquin, north of Klamath Falls, has been announced by Mr. Booth. The land lies in Lake and Klamath counties.

Mr. Booth declined to divulge the purchase price but said that it could be classed as a million dollar deal. Most of the timber is in Lake county and is tributary to Lakeview. It lies at the head of Sprague river and around Drew valley.

Mr. Booth stated today that the Modoc Lumber company intends in the near future to operate extensively in that territory and included in the company plans is the construction of a railroad leading from the timber to the large mill which is in contemplation. The company will be able to operate either from the Sprague river side and use the Strahorn railroad or from the other side and use the railroad that extends into Lakeview.

This tract was acquired by the Oregon Land and Livestock company 15 years ago when it took over an old stage grant extending across the state.

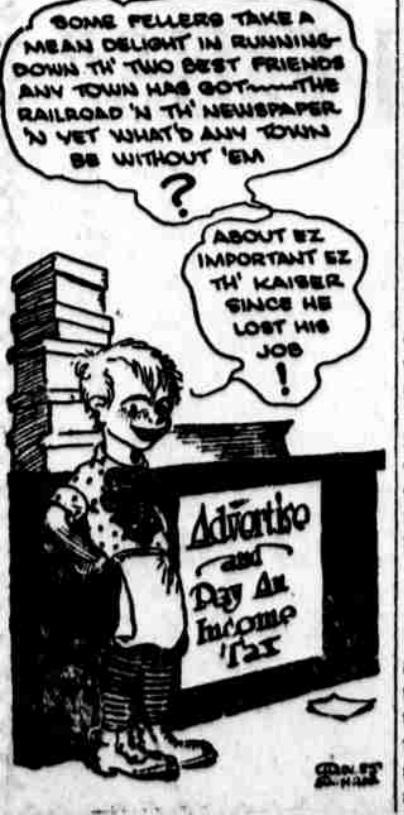
The tract sold is the last of the Booth-Kerry holdings in that district and it is said to contain a good body of timber, the total being estimated at from 5 to 6 hundred million feet.

J. O. Goldthwaite, president of the Modoc Lumber company, refused to give any details of the transaction, although admitting the deal. He said that it would be from 30 to 60 days before his plans were in such shape as to permit giving out information regarding their nature. It is understood that the timber can be tapped by an extension of from ten to 15 miles from the Strahorn line and a millsite established, but 40 or 50 miles of railroad would need to be built to clear the entire tract.

C. O. C. DIRECTORS HOLD ORGANIZATION MEETING

The board of directors of the Klamath county chamber of commerce, elected last Tuesday, will hold their first meeting this afternoon at 5 o'clock for the purpose of organizing, selecting quarters for the organization and for the transaction of other business. The board will be asked to endorse the proposed measure, which will be on the ballot May 21, to raise the state road bond limit from the present 2 per cent to 4 per cent of the assessed valuation of all state property.

MICKIE SAYS



MOB BESIEGES BARRACKS OF IRISH POLICE FORCE

COLONROCHE, Ireland, Apr. 26.—Three hundred men attacked the police barracks here early today. Rifle and revolver firing was incessant for two hours. Five policemen who occupied the barracks successfully repulsed the raiders without casualties. The latter are said to have been armed with bombs but made no attempt to use them.

MANY CONTEND OHIO ELECTION

COLUMBUS, Ohio, April 26.—One of the hottest fights waged within the ranks of the Republican party in Ohio in years is expected to be decided in the state-wide Presidential primary tomorrow when Warren G. Harding, senior United States senator from this state, and Major General Leonard Wood, contend for Republican preference and the delegation to the Chicago convention.

A complete list of candidates for district delegates and delegates-at-large, pledged to Senator Harding, is on the ballots while candidates for delegates, pledged to General Wood, have been entered in all except three of the districts and two candidates, avowedly for General Wood, are running for delegates-at-large.

The Harding candidates for delegate-at-large are former governors Frank B. Willis and Myron T. Herrick; Mayor John Galvin, of Cincinnati, and H. M. Daugherty, an attorney of Columbus. The Wood delegates-at-large candidates are former Attorney General Edward C. Turner, of Columbus, and Attorney William H. Boyd, of Cleveland. Four are to be elected.

In general the Wood organization is headed by men who were prominent in the Progressive party in 1912. Senator Harding's campaign for the most part is in the hands of men affiliated with local party organizations.

While there are no distinct sets of Wood candidates for delegates in the two Cincinnati districts, the candidates in these districts are pledged to Harding as first choice and to Wood as second choice. In the three Cleveland districts the Harding candidates are pledged to Senator Hiram Johnson as second choice while Wood delegates are pledged to James R. Garfield as second choice.

So far as the Democratic party is concerned Governor James M. Cox has a clear field without opposition, for all candidates for delegates are pledged to him. Local conditions, however, have resulted in contests for district delegates in a few districts. In the Sixteenth district (Canton) the wet and dry question was brought forward as an issue and resulted in several candidates being entered.

KAMATH RECORD TO MOVE DOWN TOWN

Burge W. Mason has purchased the building on Fifth street between Main street and Klamath avenue, formerly occupied by the Boivin plumbing shop, the stock of which was recently purchased by the Lorenz plumbing company. The building will be renovated and remodeled and the lower floor will be used by the printing office and plant of the Klamath Record. The second story will probably be transformed into apartments. The Record is published at present on Main street, opposite the White Pelican hotel.

The Lorenz Plumbing company plans to erect an annex to their present building on north Sixth street, on the north side, to which the stock from the old Boivin store will be removed.

ORPHEUM BANS SMOKING

SAN FRANCISCO, April 26.—Smoking at the Orpheum vaudeville theater here has been prohibited and the custom of allowing pioneer patrons of the theater to reserve the same seats by the year has been abandoned.

SACRAMENTO MEN BUY MAIN STREET BUSINESS SITE

Announcement is made today of the sale by Fred Houston to Hart Bros., of Sacramento, of the Sander-son lot on the southeast corner of Seventh and Main, at present occupied by the two-story building housing the Western Transfer company and an upstairs rooming house, and the one-story adjoining building occupied by the Winters Jewelry store.

The Hart brothers are well known owners of a chain of popular priced restaurants, extending from Fresno to Sacramento and east to Reno. These places, all known as the Hart White Lunch are found in Reno, Sacramento, Stockton, Fresno and perhaps in other towns.

It is understood that no present building improvement is planned, in connection with the local property. It will stand in its present shape as an investment for the purchasers for a time at least.

The sale was made through the agency of J. T. Ward & Co., and has been pending for some time. Owing to certain technical hitches the negotiations were somewhat prolonged but it is announced that now the deal is definitely concluded.

The lot has a frontage of 65 feet on Main street, extending back to the alley. It was purchased last December by A. A. Bellman & Son and its price then compared with present prices indicates the general ascension of Main street frontage prices in the past six months. Mr. Bellman paid \$20,000 for the property and sold it to Fred Houston for \$26,000. The present purchasers, it is announced, paid \$30,000.

PREPARING FOR PRIMARY MAY 21

The county clerk's office is busy compiling the list of registrations for the coming primary and all hands are working overtime on the mass of other data that must be gotten out in connection with the election.

There is a dearth of candidates for county offices this year, the sheriff's office being the center of most opposition with three contenders in the field. Following is a list of candidates:

- County judge—R. H. Bunnell, incumbent, Republican; George Chastain, Democrat.
- Commissioner—Burrell Short, incumbent, Republican; Fred Petersen, Democrat.
- County clerk—C. R. De Lap, incumbent, Republican.
- Sheriff—George Humphrey, incumbent, Democrat; Lloyd Low and John Farnell, Republicans.
- Treasurer—G. K. Van Riper, incumbent, Republican.
- Assessor—J. P. Lee, incumbent, Democrat.
- Surveyor—C. T. Darley, incumbent, Republican.
- Constable—J. P. Morley, incumbent, Democrat.

There are no candidates for superintendent of county schools, coroner, or justice of the peace of Linkville township.

SNAPPY CARD FOR BOXING EXHIBITION

In the boxing card as arranged for next Saturday night at Houston's opera house under the auspices of the municipal boxing commission Matchmaker Knight feels he has a program that will equal if not surpass the best boxing show yet given.

Billy Huff, the celebrated middle-weight, will appear against the sensational scrapper, Wild Willie Webb, of San Francisco, in a 10-round main event, and this should be a great battle.

Webb is heavier than Huff and well known on the coast as a slam bang fighter with a wallop. An eight-round bout between Young Souss and Blondie Froemaa of Seattle, a four-round bout featuring

MOTORISTS KICK AT CONDITION OF CROSSINGS

Motorists using the valley road to Merrill complain of the dangerous crossings where the new state highway grade intersects the road. In throwing up the crown of the highway ditches have been left on either side and an automobilist is due for a good stiff bump, at the least, when he hits the crossing at average speed.

The county court took the matter up Saturday and will have the conditions remedied. It is announced, to the extent at least that signals be placed to mark the crossings, which are three in number. A wisp of red rag fluttering on the fence was the only thing visible to motorists yesterday which might have been construed as a danger signal.

The ditches are not deep at present, having been filled to some extent by passing traffic. It is also understood that the contractor's crew ran a scraper over the edges, but it is said that last week some of the cutbanks at the outer edge of the highway line were from one to two feet deep and straight down and that several machines came to grief.

According to information laid before the county court there seems to be a disposition of the contractor and the highway engineer's office to "pass the buck" in the matter of remedying or protecting the crossings.

The contractor's crew assert that the state should provide the red signal flags and lanterns for guarding the cuts. The engineer's office places the responsibility on the contractor.

The court was informed that the contractor wanted extra yardage allowance for cutting down the banks to a slope that would obviate any danger to traffic.

TWO FINED ON LIQUOR CHARGES

As the result of a visit of government operatives in the Malin section, two paid fines for violation of the prohibition laws in Justice Chapman's court Saturday afternoon. As neither of the cases appeared flagrant the officers did not seek to press the charge in the federal courts but were willing to let Justice take its course under the guidance of the state.

Antone Krupka, proprietor of a soft drink parlor at Malin, paid \$25, including costs, for selling a brew of home manufacture. Krupka pleaded guilty. He said the beer, according to his belief, was no more intoxicating than some of the so-called "near beers" that are marketed. He said he got hold of a recipe for making it. It was good to drink, he found, and when he submitted samples to friends they found it good also. So he put in stock and sold it. He said he did not know that he was breaking the law, and thought that the beer would not test more than one-half of one per cent alcohol. There was no evidence to show that a test was made.

Floyd Brandenburg, rancher of the Malin district, pleaded guilty to having liquor in his possession and was fined \$10 and costs. He had half a gallon or so of "moonshine" liquor, it is said, although the liquor was not in evidence at the hearing. The source from which he obtained the moonshine was not discovered.

MARKET REPORT

PORTLAND, Apr. 26.—Cattle firmer, choice steers 11 1/4 to 12 1/4; hogs weaker, prime mixed \$15.75 and \$16.25; sheep weak, unchanged; butter steady with extras 56 cents; eggs, case counts, 38 cents.

ing Kid McPherson and Eddie Murphy, with a snappy curtain raiser, sums up a 26-round card well worth the patronage of all the fans in Klamath county. Ringside reservations can be made at the Rox cafe this week.

WOULD DIRECT ALL AMERICANIZATION WORK

ATLANTIC CITY, Apr. 26.—The board of directors of the United States chamber of commerce in convention here today proposed that the chamber assume control of Americanization work in the United States.

The chamber would act in co-ordination with and direct the efforts of all organizations now engaged in philanthropic and patriotic activities.

DISASTER FACES STATE COLLEGES

One of the most important features of the election on May 21 centers around the financial condition of Oregon's three institutions of higher learning, the Oregon Agricultural college, at Corvallis; the University of Oregon, at Eugene, and the Month Normal school, at Monmouth, Oregon.

During the past seven years, and especially after demobilization of the army and navy, the enrollment of the three institutions has increased from 125 to 152 per cent. At the same time the millage income increase has been only 3.8 per cent. The result of such a large increase in enrollment with only a minor increase in income has brought about a condition in the state, which if not corrected at the May 21 election, will spell disaster to the state's institutions of higher learning.

Exponents of higher education all over the state are taking up the plea for more financial remuneration for the institutions and an effort will be made to show the seriousness of the prevailing condition of every voter in Oregon.

In case of a failure of the voters to pass the bill which is known on the ballot as 310 (X) yes, it is estimated that over 1,000 young men and women, citizens of Oregon, will be compelled to seek their higher training elsewhere. Such a condition, it is believed, would in no case be tolerated by the voters of Oregon.

The only opponent of the higher educational relief measure is said to be an L. W. W. organization in Portland, which has openly advocated the overthrow of institutions of higher learning along with high schools and portions of the elementary grades. It is a well known fact that L. W. W. influence will have little or no effect on Oregon's taxpayers; hence it is not believed the relief measure will fail.

FAIR SITE NOT ON MAY BALLOT

The proposal to levy a one-mill tax on the total county assessed valuation to buy and equip a county fair site will not be on the ballot May 21, the secretary of the fair board said today. Saturday was the final day for obtaining signers to the petition to place the question on the ballot. Despite the willingness of everyone approached to support the petition it was found that circulation started too late and it was a physical impossibility to submit it to the 600 voters whose endorsement was required.

The canvassers for signatures made a good race and finished around the 500 mark but it was decided that more time was needed in order to properly consider the matter and place it before the electors in a proper light. Therefore the attempt to get the question on the ballot at the primary election was abandoned and it will now be submitted instead at the general election in November.

STUCKEL BRIDGE CLOSED FOR REPAIRS; PILING ROTTED

Tom Dixon, road overseer, announces that the Stuckel bridge is closed for a few days for repairs. The piling is rotted off and it is unsafe to use the structure.

It is estimated that about one half of the globe is composed of iron.

CROOK COUNTY IN BAD STRAIT; PLEA TO VOTERS

Several Klamath county officers are in receipt of letters from N. G. Wallace, county judge of Crook county, asking them to use their efforts to educate the voters of Klamath as to the dire financial need of Crook county, to the end that they may vote relief in the way of a constitutional amendment which will permit Crook and Curry counties to issue bonds to refund their bonded indebtedness.

The judge's letter fully explains the situation brought about by the division of the original territory of Crook county into three existing counties:

There will be a proposed constitutional amendment on the ballot at the May primary, which if carried will permit Crook and Curry counties to refund their warrant indebtedness by issuing bonds provided the people of the county wish to take advantage of it.

Prior to 1914, Crook county was a vast empire, and embraced what is now Jefferson, Deschutes and Crook counties. January 1, 1915, Jefferson county was formed from this territory at a time when the county was in debt about \$150,000. Under the law, the mother county was forced to assume all of the warrant indebtedness giving Jefferson county a clean slate and the revenue from its territory for one year with which to set up in business. By neglecting roads, bridges and other county matters, this indebtedness was reduced in two years to about \$100,000. At that time, or in 1916, Deschutes county was formed, and it again became necessary under the county division law for the mother county to assume this indebtedness, at the same time giving Deschutes county all of its revenue for the current year. When Deschutes county was formed, it took from Crook county 62 per cent of her taxable values leaving us \$100,000 in debt, with 38 per cent of the taxable values of the original county. Not only did this happen, but our friends in the legislature in 1917 passed a bill which became a law, which made it impossible for Crook county to receive any of the forest rentals for eight or ten years. I refer to chapter 269 of the laws of 1917.

Since this last division, we have been forced to abide by the 6 per cent limitation and for this reason we cannot levy taxes sufficient to pay the running expenses and even interest on our indebtedness. Under the present law it is simply impossible for any set of men to so handle our affairs to maintain our county government and pay off these warrants. We are now paying 6 per cent interest on these warrants and they are discounted at least 5 per cent by the banks and this discount is, of course, made up by increased prices on labor and materials furnished the county. You might say, "Why not vote an excess levy and retire these warrants?" But you must not lose sight of the fact that an extra tax levy of \$100,000 at any one time would be ruinous. If we stretch the matter over a period of years, we would be forced to hold an election every year. This would not only be very expensive, but would take a long time to put us on our feet. This indebtedness of ours is not a voluntary indebtedness, growing out of acts of reckless officials, but has been forced upon us by the operation of law, and we of Crook county feel that the people of the state should take sufficient interest in the matter and permit us a way out of our difficulty.

This amendment, if carried, will permit the question of voting bonds to take up these warrants to be submitted at the November 1920 election. If approved by the people of the county a serial bond can be sold on a five-twenty basis. We can perhaps sell these bonds for 5 1/2 per cent and not exceeding 6 per cent, and even at the higher rate of interest, a saving can be had of not less than 5 per cent per annum. In this way a levy can be made every year to pay interest and create a sinking fund, put us on a cash basis and then if we do not remain out of debt, it will be our own fault. Our local bankers are burdened with these warrants, and unless we can have some relief from this burden, as county judge of this county, I will be forced to throw up my hands.

LAND REGISTER NAMED

WASHINGTON, Apr. 26.—Among registers of U. S. land offices whose nominations were sent to the senate today by the president is included William H. Cannon of Roseburg, Ore.