

SURVEY SHOWS A WIDESPREAD INSANITATION

The Community Betterment survey figures show that there are comparatively few rented houses in Klamath Falls, approximately five-sevenths of the dwellings canvassed being owned by the occupants. This would seem to indicate that we are a city of home owners, but before advertising ourselves as such we must take into account the large number of families living in lodging houses, hotels and temporary structures such as tents.

One of the questions asked by the survey workers was: "Are you interested in securing your own home?" Ninety families definitely indicated that they would buy a home if the one could be secured. The types of houses wanted differed widely, and the prices ranged from \$1,500 to \$10,000. A number indicated that they were willing to pay cash while others wished terms. This number would undoubtedly have been greatly increased had the survey workers been able to interview persons living in the downtown hotel and lodging districts. It is well known fact that there are many men working in Klamath Falls who have not brought their families here because of their inability to find suitable living accommodations. The fact that there are 30 families anxious to secure homes of their own who are already provided with some kind of a dwelling would surely indicate that the demand for houses is one of our most pressing needs.

The condition of many of the buildings used as dwellings is deplorable. A detailed report of the number of unsanitary and unsafe buildings will be made later by the health and sanitation committee which has done unusually good work with the help of Dr. Soule, the city health officer. Families have been found living in places absolutely unfit for human habitation. One family of four was discovered living in one corner of a disreputable barn, sharing their accommodations with two horses and several dogs.

The barn nuisance as revealed by the survey is already being dealt with by city health officials. Dr. Soule has unearthed a city ordinance requiring all barns to be kept in a clean and sanitary condition and objectionable places have been discovered in the very heart of the city. One choice breeding place for flies and disease germs was located in the vicinity of Oak and Sixth streets. The back yard of this dwelling was covered with several inches of stagnant water polluted by the overflow from an open toilet and ill-kept barn.

The question of garbage disposal is one that is receiving careful consideration by the health and sanitation committee. It is well known that the present system of handling

SIMS CHARGES SELF— REFUTED SAYS DANIELS

WASHINGTON, May 14.—Rear Admiral Sims' "fallacious and baseless charges that the navy department delays prolonged the war four months unnecessarily was practically the only charge of unfavorable results from many alleged sins of omission and commission" his office had ascribed to the department, Secretary Daniels today told the senate naval investigating committee.

The charge was fully refuted, he added, by the admiral's own testimony.

GARCELON BUYS SHIDLER SHOP

Horace Shidler, who last winter opened a battery service and general electrical supply shop at 124 South Sixth street, today announced the sale of the business to Charles Garcelon. Mr. Shidler, as soon as he can arrange his business affairs here, will leave with his wife for British Columbia, where he will take a position with the corporation controlled by A. J. Sayre, a large timber operator.

Mr. Sayre is the father of the late Lieutenant Harold Sayre, who was observer in the plane piloted by Mr. Shidler during the war. Lieutenant Sayre was killed and Lieutenant Shidler badly injured when their plane was brought down by German bullets.

RED CROSS ANNUAL MEETING TUESDAY

The Klamath county Red Cross chapter will hold its annual meeting next Tuesday afternoon, May 18, at 4 o'clock in the new chamber of commerce rooms, back of the First State Savings bank on Fifth street. Members of all parts of the county are expected to be in attendance to hear reports of the work accomplished in Klamath county during the past year.

A new executive committee is to be chosen at the meeting to conduct the organization for the coming year. The rules of the chapter provide for the selection of chapter officers by the executive board.

city garbage is neither adequate or satisfactory. Even in the best residence districts garbage and other household debris is found in unsightly and unsanitary heaps in the streets and vacant lots. It is hoped that individual citizens will have enough civic pride during the clean-up and paint-up campaign to remove these obnoxious dumps but anything done by individual enterprise is merely one step in the right direction. The problem of garbage disposal is as much a city problem as light, water and sewer and should be solved by city officials.

The proper inspection of milk, meat and other perishable food stuffs is another problem that needs attention. Survey workers found butchers and food merchants both willing and anxious for some kind of adequate inspection. One of the leading meat dealers suggested a municipal slaughterhouse at which all butchers could bring their meat to be slaughtered. The medical profession is quite familiar with the number of deaths among babies because of impure milk supply. Milk is being distributed throughout the city from many uncertain sources. Every milk consumer should have some assurance that they are buying milk from healthy cows and handled under clean and sanitary conditions.

SINNOTT SAYS GOV'T LIKELY TO CONSTRUCT DAM

J. H. Carnahan, commander of the local post of the American legion, is in receipt of a letter from Congressman N. J. Sinnott, in which Mr. Sinnott predicts that the Link River dam will be built by the government.

At a meeting of the Business Men's association here two or three months ago this solution was suggested by Mr. Carnahan as an alternative to the construction of the dam by the California-Oregon Power company, and supported in the form of a motion by George J. Walton, local manager of the power company. The Business Men's association accordingly passed a resolution asking the government to build the dam and make the storage of the Upper Lake a source of supply of irrigation water primarily. In other words no water was to be used for power or other purposes until water had been provided for all the land originally included in the Klamath project, some 250,000 acres.

"I personally interviewed Director Davis (head of the U. S. reclamation service) in regard to the government building the dam," says Mr. Sinnott, "and told him I thought this was the solution of the whole question and that the government should do it."

Mr. Davis replied that there were no funds on hand but he believed there will be available funds just as soon as an accounting is had with oil operators under the oil lands leasing bill recently passed.

EFFICIENCY OF W. U. DOUBLED

Western Union efficiency, as far as the local office is concerned, jumped 100 per cent yesterday afternoon when the last connection was made and the instruments switched on to the new duplex system.

Installation of the system started more than a month ago but part of the apparatus was broken en route and delayed matters until it was replaced.

The system in operation exactly doubles the amount of business that can be handled over one wire, as both sending and receiving operators work at the same time. Formerly, in rush periods, transmission of a message might wait several minutes while an incoming telegram was being transcribed, or vice versa, an outgoing message delayed the sending of a telegram from another station. Now, messages go and come at the same time over the wire, and the office will handle twice the former amount of business in any given period, besides doubling the rapidity of service to the public.

Klamath Falls is recognized by the Western Union as the leading station of the state, outside of Portland, and its business here is growing by leaps and bounds. With the present system, however, two operators will be able to handle the service for some time to come, but plans are already laid for another increase in equipment when development makes it necessary.

ARGUMENT RESET FOR 22ND OF MAY

C. F. Stone, attorney, returned last night from a trip to Salem and Portland. When he left Mr. Stone expected to take part in the argument of the courthouse case, set for today, before Judge Hamilton at Roseburg, but owing to various delays argument was postponed to Saturday, May 22.

While in Portland he attended a state fish and game commission meeting. The business was purely routine.

TRAIN BANDIT, TWO OFFICERS SLAIN, CHICAGO

CHICAGO, May 14.—One of the most daring train robberies in the middle west in recent years ended this morning in the death of a lone bandit who last night looted the Illinois Central and New Orleans Limited and the recovery of currency estimated at a total of nearly \$100,000.

Two policemen were shot by the bandit and both are dead. The bandit who was identified as Horace Walton, of St. Joseph, Missouri, fell with four bullets in his body after barricading himself in an apartment and fighting a pitched battle with over 100 policemen.

SPOKANE BANDIT ROBS EXPRESS STATION; ESCAPES

SPOKANE, May 14.—The police and railroad special agents today are seeking to learn the identity of the robbers who stole \$10,000 in currency from the cashier's cage in the Great Northern express station here last night at a time when a score of railway and express employees were about the station and made their escape.

The robbers struck down and badly injured H. A. Peterson, the express agent.

INDIAN BUREAU HOLDS UP LEASE

No action will be taken on the proposed leasing of 100,000 acres of reservation land on the northern shores of Upper Lake and Agency Lake to the California-Oregon Power company, until the Indian Bureau has fully investigated, according to word received from Washington. This is the attitude taken by Commissioner Sells.

The lease is opposed by the Indians of the reservation through their tribal council on the ground that it would deprive them of valuable hay and forage land. Twenty thousand acres, it is estimated, would be inundated should the power company construct the Link River dam and raise the level of the Upper Lake. This acreage, the council claims is highly productive of hay and grasses.

Clayton Kirk, secretary of the council, made public statement recently to the effect that the power company representatives had threatened to inundate this acreage unless the Indians entered into the desired lease.

FOURTH OF JULY CONFAB TONIGHT

Believing that the entire county is interested in the project initiated at Tuesday night's meeting of the Business Men's association for a mammoth Fourth of July celebration in Klamath Falls, the association is inviting all residents of the county to gather at a mass meeting at the city hall at 8 o'clock this evening where plans for furthering the proposition will be discussed.

Committees must be selected and finances provided and much work must be done within the next six weeks if the city is to have the sort of celebration that its size and importance merits. There is not, in the opinion of the sponsors, any time to waste and all persons who have ideas on the subject are earnestly requested to come out this evening and express them.

TIMBER MAN WILL LOCATE MILL ON THE RESERVATION

J. H. Tucker, a well known timber cruiser throughout the northwest, is at the White Pelican hotel. Mr. Tucker has just taken over a large tract of timber on the Klamath reservation and expects to put in a large mill for its manufacture in the near future.

CAN CUT CLOTHING COST IN TWO, ASSERTS

NEW YORK, May 14.—England is ready to sell American merchants men's clothing in all wools that can be retailed at a 20 per cent profit at \$38 and \$40 for each suit, according to Joe Shannon, member of a London manufacturing firm.

"We can produce the suits, transport them to the United States, pay duty and then sell them at retail for \$32 each," Shannon asserted. "They are the same quality suits that are now selling here for \$45."

BACCALAUREATE SERMON SUNDAY

Commencement week in the local high school will be ushered in Sunday night by services at the Presbyterian church, at which the baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by the Rev. S. J. Chaney, Methodist pastor. All churches will unite in the services.

Monday is class day and a class day program will be given at the high school. The exercises are open to the public. The junior-senior picnic with a boat excursion of the Upper Lake will fill the rest of the afternoon.

Other features of commencement week will follow, including a dramatic performance at the opera house and the graduation exercises, at which Professor P. L. Campbell, president of the Oregon university, will deliver the address.

The full program for the week will be announced by Principal Wells in due time.

MUSICAL TREAT FOR SACRED HEART CLASS

The junior members of the music class of the Sacred Heart academy enjoyed a treat, musical and otherwise, this afternoon. Selections from affording much pleasure for the little ones also gave some idea of their progress during the past school months.

Those who participated in the afternoon's performance were: Francis Bennet, Maryellen Bradford, Harriet Hunter, Lorraine Lavenik, Ailsa Massey, Margaret Ball, Mona Brady, Lucille Calhoun, Catherine Collwell, Marietta Sherman, Marjorie Tighe, Edna Vaughn, William Hayden and Joseph Kirk.

JOHNSON CLUB SEEKS SPEAKER

Negotiations are being made by the Klamath county Johnson campaign committee to secure another speaker of the caliber of Raymond Robins, whose successful meeting last week launched the Johnson campaign for Klamath county, to address the voters of the county in behalf of the California senator's candidacy here early next week.

It is desired to get a California man if possible, and Gordon Mifflin, county chairman, stated today that prospects appeared good. It is the desire of the committee to secure a California speaker who is fully familiar with the political career of Johnson in his own state, in order that the people of this county may be convincingly told of the things that were accomplished there under the Johnson administration as governor.

The local chairman believes that all citizens of Klamath county, and farmers especially, are vitally interested in Japanese exclusion. Johnson's successful fight in California against land-owning by Japanese, in the face of apathy and opposition from an unfriendly administration, should win him the support of every voter in Klamath county if the history of his fight is properly presented, said Mr. Mifflin today, and if a speaker of the proper type can be obtained, the committee will do their utmost to bring him to Klamath Falls before the campaign closes.

INDUSTRY IS THREATENED BY GAS SHORTAGE

Gasoline shortage, noticeable for several days, reached an acute stage late yesterday and this morning and as far as can be ascertained no relief is in sight.

A limit of two gallons for pleasure cars was placed on gasoline several days ago by local distributors. Yesterday at least two service stations, the Standard Oil at the corner of Klamath and Sixth streets, and Charley Johnson's place, went dry entirely and others have a very scant supply.

The Standard Oil company's local office this morning stated that it might be six or eight days before a new supply could be obtained. So great is the scarcity that the Standard Oil company is buying gasoline wherever it can find it and for any price it can buy for, said J. E. Mortell, local manager, today. Much of this gasoline is in the east and middle west and it is impossible to predict how soon it can be moved to the coast and how far it will go in supplying distributors when it gets here.

Effort has been made, said Mr. Mortell, in handling the local distribution to reserve a supply for essential industries, such as trucks and tractors.

Total famine at this time will mean a serious hampering of the logging and lumber industry. It is understood that several mills, which log direct from the woods with trucks, are on the verge of a shutdown.

The Union Oil company is in no better position than its competitor as regards supply. If anything the Union is worse off than the Standard.

Charles Colvin, local manager, stated this morning that he had not been billed for any cars en route and the local supply is virtually exhausted. He said he hoped for a supply to arrive about the middle of next week, but had no definite assurance.

FORGERY CHARGE CAUSES ARREST

Alfred Turpen, well known locally as a jitney, truck and transfer driver for various concerns, is in jail charged with forging the endorsement on a check for \$25, signed with the name of Ben Craspe and made payable to J. T. Hurder. The check was endorsed by Turpen with the latter signature and passed on the Spot Cash Basket grocery, Klamath avenue, allege officers, in payment for groceries. The complaint against Turpen is made by A. G. Dunlap, one of the owners of the grocery.

Next day the grocery proprietors allege Turpen cashed another false check for \$20 at their place.

When arrested by the police it is alleged that Turpen denied his identity and stoutly asserted that he actually was J. T. Hurder. When taken to his home it is said that he maintained the position, refusing to recognize his wife, who also claimed that he was a stranger to her.

Search of the house revealed some of the articles secured from the grocery and officers allege that finally Turpen made complete confession.

Ben Craspe, whose signature appears on the check, is said to be the stepfather of Mrs. Turpen.

Arrangements for a hearing are pending.

HOOVER DECLARES IN FAVOR OF "OPEN SHOP" POLICY

WASHINGTON, May 14.—"The principle of individual freedom requires the 'open shop'," Herbert Hoover, former food administrator and candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, is declared to have testified today before the senate investigating committee during hearings on the proposed legislation for the settlement of industrial unrest.

WEATHER REPORT
OREGON—Tonight, fair, colder east; Saturday fair, heavy frosts in east in early morning.

MICKIE SAYS

IT DON'T MAKE NO DIFFERENCE
HOW DARK 'N' STORMY TH' MORNS'
NEE, HOW MERRY BLACK CATS
CROSS HIS PATH, TH' BOSS STARTS
OUT TH' OWN FEELIN' GOOD WHEN
THERE'S A UL STACK OF LETTERS
ON HIS DESK, REMEMWIN' FER TH'
PAPER 'N' ENCLOSEM' MONEY

