

PATHETIC CASES OF POVERTY IN KLAMATH FALLS

If one were to ask the average Klamathite whether there was any poverty here, he would probably say no. The community survey, however, has shown that poverty does exist and although not to as great an extent as in many localities nevertheless it presents a very serious problem. The final report of the dependency committee will show that the county alone is paying out large sums every year to dependent and disadvantaged persons. How much more is being given to these same people and to others who are not charges of the county by individuals and religious and fraternal orders, it is impossible to say. There is undoubtedly much duplication of effort in caring for dependents and it results in a hit-and-miss giving that often does the recipients more harm than good.

In the past 10 years we have learned much about assisting our less fortunate neighbors. We have learned that giving a basket of food at Thanksgiving and Christmas, although it brings good cheer and warms the heart of the giver, does not help to put the family back on its feet and make it self-supporting. Constructive giving requires a careful study of the family's needs and wise planning.

One of the most pathetic cases of neglect unearthed by a survey worker was that of a young mother with two small children whose husband was under arrest in a distant city. The youngest child was actually starving and the mother and older child were both suffering from undernourishment. The mother explained that she prepared milk that she fed the baby cost 35 cents a can and she could not afford to feed him more than twice each day.

Another larger family was found living mainly off the bounty of neighbors although receiving county aid. This family is fast becoming pauperized, the children growing up in the belief that the world owes them a living and looking upon money grants and gifts as their natural due.

We should have, as all the larger cities have and many no larger than Klamath Falls, a central welfare agency where all persons needing help could be reported and where all fraternal organizations and benevolently inclined citizens could go for information regarding the families they desire to assist. This would prevent duplication of giving, and would show just how much and what kind of assistance was needed. Many counties have materially reduced the size of their pension and relief budget and given much more efficient help by employing a county overseer of the poor or public welfare commissioner. It is the duty of this officer to investigate every application for county aid and give money only

HERE'S SOME GOOD NEWS AT LAST

OMAHA, Neb., May 17.—One of the largest department stores here today announced a flat reduction of 30 per cent in men's clothing, following 20 per cent cuts made by three stores Saturday.

HOOVER URGES COMBINE FOR JOHNSON DEFEAT

PORTLAND, Ore., May 17.—Herbert Hoover has requested cessation of all efforts in his behalf in the primary campaign in Oregon. This is according to the construction placed by Chester G. Murphy, his state campaign manager, upon Hoover's telegram sent to Murphy Thursday.

Murphy Thursday night declared that Hoover's request would be heeded, although it is now too late to have his name left off the primary ballot.

Hoover's Message
Murphy based his action on these paragraphs from Hoover's message as received here:

"I understand that there are five candidates on the Republican ballot (in Oregon,) all of whom have friends. Some of these candidates are for and some against the league. No one of these candidates can withdraw. Consequently there will be a great split in the votes between more names, resulting in the clouding of the vital issues.

"The total vote recorded against the 'no league' candidates may give some indication of Oregon's views, and every effort should be directed to this end rather than to the advancement of my name."

Aimed at Johnson
Murphy said:

Inasmuch as the only important candidate before the voters of Oregon representing "no league" sentiment is Hiram Johnson of California, the request of Hoover can be construed only as an urgent request to defeat Johnson at the local primary on May 21st.

His action is not understood, however, to be in any sense a withdrawal from candidacy before the Chicago convention.

HOOVER WARNS AGAINST "TRAP"

NEW YORK, May 17.—Herbert Hoover, replying by telegraph Thursday to the request of the Hoover Republican Club of Portland, Ore., for his views on various matters arising in the Oregon primaries, declared the Republican Party "must support the league with reservations," and added:

It must not fall into the trap that the President and Senator Johnson are enticing it into.

The President has declared that the acceptance of the league in full the Democratic Party must demand as presented by him to the Senate. Senator Johnson demands that the Republican Party oppose the league altogether. Two more destructive attitudes toward a great issue could not be found.

WILL RAISE R. R. PAY

CHICAGO, May 17.—Wage advances should be granted to many railroad workers to enable them to meet the high cost of living, the association of railroad executives declared today in an opening statement before the railroad labor board.

where it is evident that money is needed. Very often it is found that there are relatives who are both able and willing to assist. Sometimes it is found that a simple operation or medical treatment will enable an incapacitated breadwinner to return to his work. Sometimes it is a matter of securing employment for members of the family who are able to work, and helping them plan a budget that will enable them to live on their income. In the majority of cases some solution of family problems can be found other than merely handing out money.

BOND ELECTION TOMORROW

The election for the bond issue for the Fairview school will be held tomorrow afternoon at the Central school building from 2 p. m. to 7 p. m. Only taxpayers are allowed to vote at this election, taxpayer including not only property owners, but those having an interest in a partnership, company or corporation that pays taxes.

There is no other alternative for the school district but to build this school. It is the first of several that must be erected to care for the great increase in population. We have been informed that an effort is to be made to defeat this bond issue by certain interests opposed to further expenditure of public money at this time. Such a stand is incomprehensible. Should this issue fail, the directors would immediately have to call another election for the same purpose, as the district must have greater school accommodations. Any delay is going to mean added cost, as the construction work would then have to be carried on during the winter months. The wise and business-like thing to do is to vote the bonds now so that there will be no delay. The growth of the city will call for another school very soon, and then the district will be able to sell the Central school for enough to take almost all, if not all of this and the issue for the next building.

Taxpayers who have the welfare of the city at heart should not fail to go to the polls tomorrow, for their votes will be needed. Vote yourself and see that your neighbor and friend vote.

WOULD MAKE NATIONAL PARK OF LAVA BEDS

That the lava beds should be converted into a national park is the opinion of Dr. Warren D. Smith, head of the department of geology at the University of Oregon. Dr. Smith is a member of the National Park association and one of the most prominent geologists on the Pacific coast.

Accompanied by Captain O. C. Applegate and Don Belding, Dr. Smith made a flying trip to the lava beds Saturday. Leaving at 8:15 a. m., the party completed the entire tour, visited all the ice caves and lava craters, and reached Klamath Falls on the return trip at 7:15 p. m. The speedometer registered 133 miles.

While in Klamath Falls Dr. Smith made a close study of the oil indications but states that he did not gather enough information to form a definite opinion. According to Dr. Smith oil is only found in marine sediments and he could not procure enough data on the various fossils found in Klamath county to tell whether the fossils were deposited in marine or fresh water strata.

Dr. Smith was much impressed with the topographical conditions in Klamath Falls, stating that they were the most interesting he had ever seen.

The geologist left for Bend Sunday morning from where he will return to Eugene via Portland.

LATH AND CLEAT MILL, CHILOQUIN

The latest addition to the industries of Klamath county is a lath and cleat mill, which is to be established at Chiloquin by W. H. Powell and C. R. Miller, both of this city. The factory will be in charge of Mr. Powell. Mr. Miller stating that it is not his intention to discontinue his photograph business.

There is a splendid field here for the industry these men are establishing. Mr. Miller returned Sunday night from San Francisco, where he had gone for the purpose of placing the order for the necessary machinery. He was successful in getting an early shipment on the equipment. Mr. Powell has gone to Chiloquin to start building operation and expects to have everything in readiness for the installation of the machinery when it arrives.

TWO MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED HERE SATURDAY

M. L. Shadley and Mildred Herrick of Chiloquin were married Saturday afternoon by Justice N. J. Chapman. A marriage license was also issued Saturday by the county clerk to John McKee and Eva E. Beutel of Klamath Falls. The bride is a minor and consent to the marriage was filed by her mother, Mrs. T. L. Saook.

B. P. O. E. CLUB MEETING

Ladies of the B. P. O. E. club will hold a meeting tomorrow (Tuesday) afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the Elks Temple. All members are urged to attend and a cordial invitation is extended to all visiting ladies.

ADVOCATE FOR JOHNSON SURE OF SUCCESS

Thomas L. Lennon, San Francisco attorney, arrived in Klamath Falls last night in the interests of Senator Hiram Johnson's candidacy for the Republican nomination to the presidency.

Lennon will speak at a Johnson rally tomorrow night in the opera house at 8 o'clock.

"Senator Johnson's candidacy should hold a strong appeal for Oregonians," Lennon said, "first because of his great record of achievement as governor of California and secondly because of his record of Americanism as a United States senator."

"California placed the stamp of her emphatic approval on Senator Johnson in the recent primaries," she gave him a majority exceeding 160,000. Oregon should do the same thing next Friday, for in the coming primaries Oregon's only opportunity to help bring the presidency west of the Rockies will be presented to the electorate of this state.

"If the west does not now unite solidly behind Senator Johnson, a great westerner and a great American, there will be no chance to unite behind him in the November elections. At the present time, despite the propaganda of his opponents, the fact is that Senator Johnson has more delegates actually pledged to him than has any of the other contenders. It is inconceivable that Oregon will not add her delegates to his already large lead.

"Aside from the delegates pledged to Senator Johnson for first choice, he has more second choices than all the other possibilities combined. He has gone before the people of the nation wherever it has been possible to reach them directly and everywhere he has been able to overcome the efforts of organized politics and organized wealth exploiting politics to shunt him into the background. There can be little doubt that if the people of all the states were given an opportunity to express their preferences for presidential candidates in primary elections Senator Johnson would win the nomination that is needed to insure his election in a walk."

IT WAS UNWISE—HE KNOWS IT NOW

A big motor truck drove into the parking area reserved for taxi drivers on Sixth street and parked. The driver dismounted and went away upon an errand. In a few minutes he returned and found that every drop of gasoline had been extracted from the tanks of the big boat.

Gasoline is highly volatile and the generally accepted theory is that the disappearance was caused by evaporation. But ten minutes surefire sets the evaporation record.

WEATHER REPORT

OREGON—Tonight and Tuesday, probably rain; colder tonight; southwesterly winds.

PORTLAND, May 17.—Cattle, hogs, sheep, steady, unchanged; but-ter, weak, unchanged; eggs, thirty-nine cents.

DANIELS WOULD KEEP CIVILIANS IN CONTROL

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Secretary Daniels let go a verbal broadside against advocates of a general staff for the navy today. He said they were trying to "Prussianize" the navy department, making the civilian secretary a "rubber stamp."

He told the senate committee investigating the conduct of the navy in the war that one of Admiral Sims' chief objects in writing his letter of January 7, bringing about a navy investigation, was to remove the navy so far as possible, from civilian control.

NON-REGISTERED RESIDENTS MAY CAST BALLOT

Many qualified voters in Klamath county, if unfamiliar with the provision of the Oregon election law that provides for registration at the polls, will not attempt to exercise their privilege of franchise at the primary May 21.

The law provides that every citizen may vote who has the necessary residence qualifications—six months in the state of Oregon prior to the election—by proper attestation of the fact of residence to the election board in the precinct where he resides. His statement must be affirmed by two freeholders.

Persons who are not registered but who have lived in Oregon for six months or longer should remember this and not lose their right of franchise next Friday.

RED CROSS ANNUAL MEETING TOMORROW

The Klamath county chapter of the Red Cross will hold its annual meeting tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock in the new chamber of commerce rooms on Fifth street between Klamath and Main streets.

Annual reports will be read. The important business before the meeting is the selection of a new executive committee who will choose the directors and direct the policies of the organization for the coming year. A full attendance of members is urged by R. H. Dunbar, president, and the Rev. E. P. Lawrence, secretary of the chapter.

LABOR LAW CUTS OFF MESSENGERS

One of the first results of the visit here of C. H. Gram, state labor commissioner, was felt today in prohibition of employment of boys under 16 years in messenger service. The Western Union consequently lost two messengers and the force is cut down to one messenger. The two boys under the age limit were working extra after school hours and during vacation and were glad of the opportunity to earn the money, said Don J. Belding, local manager, today and there was no intention of violating the labor law on the part of himself or the company.

The statute is iron clad, however, and the force is curtailed. Until readjustment is made Mr. Belding warns the public that slow messenger service is to be expected.

DECISION DELAYED

WASHINGTON, May 17.—The Supreme court failed again today to decide the validity of the prohibition amendment and enforcement act. The court adjourned until June first.

CONVICTION UPHeld

WASHINGTON, May 17.—The conviction of Daniel O'Connell, lawyer, and five other San Franciscans, for violating the selective service and espionage acts, was upheld today by the Supreme court.

An English medical scientist recommends a visit to a museum as an excellent remedy for scholars' brains.

WANT GOV'T TO BUILD LANGELL VALLEY PROJECT

A movement has been set on foot with the circulation of a petition among residents of the Langell Valley Irrigation district for the government to build the irrigation project, which the residents of the district have undertaken to finance with a \$900,000 bond issue. The petition has been liberally signed and its proponents predict that if they secure favorable action upon it that other undeveloped lands in the county will follow suit in rapid succession.

While the petition has received more than 30 signatures, it is not sanctioned by the majority of the residents of the valley, it is understood, the people who worked hard for the organization of the district and the ratification of the \$900,000 bond issue.

These opponents consider the plan impractical and fear that a deviation from the present policy of development will result in a general mix-up. They doubt that there will be the saving that the signers of the petition claim, and fear, pointing out the history of government development in the Klamath project has been a history of high cost and feel that a change now would not only mark the abandonment of hard won advancement toward irrigation of the 30,000 acres in the district, but would place the district in the position advised against by Franklin in a brief aphorism—a position of pursuing two hares with the possibility against the catching of either.

In the petition advocates of the government irrigation plan point out that there is a bill pending in congress for the appropriation of \$25,000,000 for the reclamation of swamp and arid lands, and an equal sum each year until \$250,000,000 has been appropriated. United effort they say will secure a portion of the appropriation for building the Horsefly dam. The government has already built the Clear Lake storage works. By letting the federal service go ahead from this starting point and take entire control the signers of the petition maintain there would be a saving of 30 years' interest on the bond issue that alone would amount to \$1,600,000. They figure a \$300,000 saving on the purchase of water rights and \$90,000 on bond discount. The total saving, according to friendly figures, is \$2,910,000.

Opponents of the plan declare that the figures are far too high. Recent elimination of swamp areas of the district, pursuant to protest of the owners of the swamp land, has greatly reduced the estimated cost of construction. It has eliminated the necessity of a costly drainage system and C. T. Darley, district engineer, is authority for the statement that it will now be necessary to float only \$400,000 worth of bonds to finance construction of the entire system.

Copies of the petition for government building and ownership of the district works have been sent to members of the Oregon delegation in congress, to the secretary of the department of the interior, and to the director of the U. S. reclamation service. The petitioners assert that both Senators Chamberlain and McNary and Representatives Signott, Hawley and McArthur have publicly promised to do their utmost to secure immediate completion by the government of the Klamath project.

The Klamath Post of the American Legion is among the signers of the petition. R. C. Cowley, C. J. Wingle and about 30 other property owners are the other signers.

PIE SOCIAL AND CANDIDATES' RALLY, SPRING LAKE, WED.

Spring Lake district will hold a "pie social" Wednesday evening, May 19, to which all candidates are invited. There will be an open forum for argument of all claims.

An interesting program has been prepared in addition to candidates' addresses. The school will present a skit entitled "The Joys of Country Life" and other numbers.

