

## Link River Dam Hearing Is Opened By Committee; Many Interests Affected

The inquiry board adjourned at 2:15 o'clock this afternoon until 9 tomorrow morning. Mr. Offield was present when the session convened at 1 o'clock. Brief statements of positions of the various interests were made. Adjournment, announced Chairman Brewer, was taken to give the committee time to go over the written briefs and other documents and familiarize themselves with the general situation.

Owing to the absence of Geo. W. Offield of Merrill, one of the members of the investigation committee which is conducting the Link river dam hearing, the opening session at the city hall this morning was short, devoted to organization of the board, identification of the various interests represented and their representatives.

At 10 o'clock, the hour set for opening, the council chamber had the appearance of a convention hall of the local bar association, so plentifully were the legal fraternity present in behalf of various interests.

The accredited representatives of various interests follows: U. S. reclamation service, Harry Holzgate, former member of the local bar and legal advisor for the local project, now district representative of the reclamation service with headquarters at Portland; California Oregon Power company R. C. Groesbeck; American Legion, J. H. Carnahan, commander of the local post and attorney; Waters Users association, A. L. Wishard; secretary of the association; Lumbermen's association, W. H. A. Renner; Chamber of Commerce, W. A. Wiest.

In addition to the formal representatives executives of numerous organizations were present, including H. D. Newell, manager of the Klamath project; Paul McKee, general manager of the California Oregon Power company; G. A. Krause, manager of the Klamath Lumber and Box company; J. Frank Adams, one of the contractors who submitted bids on the Upper Lake dike; E. B. Hall, president of the chamber of commerce; T. L. Stanley, secretary, among others.

State and local business men filed no formal notice of names of their representatives with the chamber of commerce.

The delay of Mr. Offield was due to muddy roads and car trouble. He left his home in Merrill, in plenty of time to reach Klamath Falls under normal conditions.

The afternoon session convened at 1 o'clock and immediately began delving into the dam controversy. Under the rules laid down by the chamber of commerce for conducting the inquiry there is no oral argument and all evidence submitted will be confined as nearly as possible to written form.

The question around which the entire hearing revolves is this: "Should the secretary of the interior take steps to abrogate the contract, dated February 24, 1917, between the United States and the California-Oregon Power company, and approve the proposed leases with Doak & Brown and J. Frank Adams as submitted to former secretary Lane?"

Parties of interest will be heard in the following order: United States reclamation service, California-Oregon Power company, the American Legion, the Waters Users association, the lumbermen, the timber men, the state businessmen and local businessmen.

### THANKSGIVING DINNER WILL BE REAL REPEAT

The dinner to be given in the White Pelican hotel on Thanksgiving day by the Catholic ladies promises to be a dinner that will satisfy the desires of the most confirmed epicure, and, of course, turkey, and then more of it, will be the feature of the repeat. Turkey, and all the trimmings, and all that goes to make up one of those old-fashioned Thanksgiving dinners, is what the ladies in charge of arrangements promise, and they ask everybody to be there at 6 o'clock. This is about an hour later than was previously announced, but all good things are worth waiting for, and this dinner will be no exception. Appropriate music will feature the occasion.

### Personnel of Dam Investigation Board

Members of the committee hearing the Link river matter are:

J. W. Brewer, chairman, field secretary of the Oregon state chamber of commerce. At one time he was secretary of the Oregon development bureau and manager of the farm land bureau of the state immigration commission and for 14 years was connected with banking in eastern Oregon and Washington. His knowledge of irrigation is considered second to none in the state and on agriculture in general he is exceptionally well posted.

J. A. Gordon, Klamath Falls business man, until recently proprietor of the White Pelican garage. He is a director in the Klamath State bank.

B. S. Morrow, connected with the department of waterworks of the city of Portland and an engineer of wide experience. He served as an engineer in France and is one of the executive committee of the department of Oregon, American legion.

George Offield, prominent farmer of Merrill in the heart of the Klamath irrigation project. He has been associated with the local irrigation development for several years and has been several times elected to the executive board of the water users association and is now president of the association.

Chas. T. Darley, civil engineer and county surveyor of Klamath county. He has wide experience in the problems which confront Klamath county because of its wide variation of topography.

## 3 MILLIONS IS LOOT OF MAIL CAR BANDITS

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa, Nov. 18.—Oroville Phillips, aged 17, younger brother of Merl Phillips, has confessed that he participated in the three and one-half million train robbery here Saturday night. His confession resulted in the finding of five mail sacks, all empty. Four were under the ice in a lake, and one in an outbuilding in a local park. Young Phillips said that a third man got the four missing sacks.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa, Nov. 18.—The Council Bluffs Evening Nonpareil Tuesday night said:

The loss in the Burlington mail car robbery here Saturday night will total at least \$3,500,000. It was made known here today, when additional postoffice officials came to assist the local investigators, and a check of the insurance on the pouches was made.

The sack which it was found had been ripped open, contained \$800,000 in government bonds, investigators said. The bonds were en route from San Francisco to Washington, D. C., and it is possible that a larger amount that was contained in the bag. Officials made a thorough search, but no more sacks were recovered.

Merle Phillips, the 20-year-old mail sorter on the train, sticks to his story that he merely stood watch on the locomotive while two others did the actual robbing. But officers are convinced that his story is partially untrue and that he is withholding valuable information.

Their doubt of the authenticity of his confession was confirmed when they arrested in Omaha one "Frank Williams," whom Phillips identified as one of the two men whom he met in a pool room in Omaha and who he said was one of the two who did the actual robbing. Williams, however, whom Phillips pointed out without hesitation as one of the men, was able to prove a good alibi and was released.

Inspector Glenn now has thirty men assisting him.

### MARKET REPORT

PORTLAND, Nov. 18.—Cattle weaker; hogs lower, \$13.75; sheep and eggs steady; butter firm.

Lady Auckland Geddes, wife of the British ambassador in Washington, is passionately fond of children—she has five of her own—and has quite a budget of good stories about them.

## Simple Living Is Need of Country, Declares Harding

(By Associated Press)  
NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 18.—Plain living and square dealing were invoked by President-elect Harding in a speech here today as the nation's strongest reliance during the coming period of readjustment. His address occurred during a five hour visit while enroute from Texas to the canal zone.

Sanity, clear thinking, common sense, honesty, and co-operation were among the qualities named as prime necessities in meeting the demands of the new world order, and he declared that material interests and national business both would benefit if the United States became a country of "simple living people again."

## NO STEPS TAKEN TO CLOSE MOOSE HALL DANCES

Chief of Police Wilson informed a Herald representative this morning that he had not been officially instructed to close the Moose hall to dances in accordance with the action taken by the city council Monday night, and that as far as he knew the dances there would continue as before. Mayor Struble also said that no steps to prevent the dances had been taken.

It was learned, however, that Charles Garcelon, dictator of the local Moose lodge, has taken up the matter with city officials, and has promised that the lodge will investigate the matter, and if corrective remedies are necessary, the lodge will be responsible for their application. C. C. McCoppen, who has been managing the dances held in the hall, states that a dance will be held there tonight as usual.

### EDDY WITHDRAWS

ROSEBURG, Ore., Nov. 18.—State Senator B. L. Eddy has announced his withdrawal from the race for president of the state senate, and will support Senator Ritner of Pendleton.

## FAST SMOKER IS EXPECTED

Chiloquin boxing fans expect a great exhibition at the smoker to be held Thanksgiving night, November 25. The headliner is a ten round bout between Bobbie Wagner of Klamath Falls and Red Campbell of Grants Pass. Wagner is known to local fans through several engagements with Billy Huff, the Chiloquin idol, in the local arena. Campbell has also been in the ring with Huff and the Chiloquin lad was wary of him. From these past performances with Huff as the target fans estimate that Wagner and Campbell are fairly matched and will put up a stiff exhibition. Both boxers are training at the local athletic club.

Wagner was scheduled to leave today for Seattle but rival promoters are in a squabble up there and halls are unavailable. It looks as if the first open date for Wagner would materialize about January 1.

The semi-final will be a go between Young Brady of Yreka and Kid Brown, the gentleman of color, who makes his home here. The kid is one of the kind whose spirit is "indeed willing" and he always makes his opponent hump himself to avoid punishment. To complicate matters Young Brady is the same sort of scrapper, and a strenuous, two-fisted miff is expected.

Tuffy Anderson and Baldy Belhn, the bubbleweights who have furnished a thousand dollars worth of entertainment every time they come together in the ring, are scheduled for a set-to also. These midgets have been termed the friendly foes, for friendship apparently ceases when the gong rings and begins again when the bout is over. Tuffy and Baldy will furnish a heaped up barrel of side-splitting fun, and at the same time will exhibit unusual cleverness for little fellows.

### HERALD OFFICE NOW ON EIGHTH ST., NEAR MAIN

The Herald office has been moved from Fourth street to the new quarters on Eighth street between Main and Pine. All departments are now in the new place. The phone number has not been changed—it is still 88.

## HOLLAND HOME BUILDING PLAN WILL BE TRIED

The housing problem, one of the most serious with which this city is confronted, appears to be partially solved by the decision of the Klamath county chamber of commerce to foster a home building organization through which prospective citizens, with only their monthly pay checks at their disposal, can buy comfortable, conveniently constructed homes by making a nominal payment down, and by paying a sum, about the same as rent, each succeeding month until paid.

The last few months have presented unmistakable evidence that this city has been handicapped in the matter of securing permanent help, particularly in the box factories and mills, because of the inability of these prospective residents to find adequate living accommodations for themselves and their families, and the chamber of commerce, as the leading civic organization of the community, found itself forced to take the initiative.

A committee of nine was appointed to investigate conditions thoroughly and to offer a solution. The result was announced at the weekly forum yesterday noon.

A. J. Voyer presented a brief outline of the problem. He stated that the city of Klamath Falls was growing industrially, and as it grew it was necessary to find houses for the families on whom the permanent success of these industries depended. It is almost impossible to rent a house, he said, and even when possible, the rents are extremely high. The dearth of housing accommodations is amply illustrated by the number of families who are living in sheds, tents and even in bird boxes in various parts of the city and in its suburbs. In his opinion the best solution would be to organize a home building company, and then get behind it not only with moral support but with dollars as well.

James Holland, a retired builder of Havre, Montana, was invited to outline a plan that had given splendid satisfaction in his home town. Mr. Holland responded with a brief, comprehensive explanation of the Havre method. The organization for which he spoke had taken the business from a company of promoters and had converted it into a paying proposition, particularly in the matter of relieving a congestion similar to that which exists here.

The company was capitalized at \$100,000, speculation was eliminated, and in the seven years of the company's existence 150 to 175 homes had been built and there was not a foreclosure on their books. It was necessary for the purchaser to own his own lot, which was mortgaged to the building company, and released when the cost of the property had been paid. The houses built were not large, but were comfortable. Briefly, their plan had worked out admirably amid surroundings similar to those in this city.

H. D. Mortensen, chairman of the committee of nine, then submitted his report. The first idea, said Mr. Mortensen, was to avoid the building and loan features so familiar to most people, and still eliminate even the faintest suggestion of speculation. The company, the committee believed, should be capitalized at \$100,000, at one dollar per share, no one person to buy more than 10 per cent of the authorized capital. At least 50 per cent of the capital stock should be subscribed, and an effort should be made to subscribe the full amount if possible. Twenty per cent of the amount subscribed should be paid for at once, the remainder to be called for when needed. Provisions should be made for the return of the money paid in if it should be found impossible to obtain subscriptions for \$50,000. Any subscriber would be privileged to pay all cash if he desired, and subscriptions should close January 1, 1921.

The committee believed that a committee of nine should govern, with five as a quorum. This board of nine would elect an executive committee of three, which, in turn, would appoint an organization committee of nine to see that the organization functioned consistently and effectively. The selection of a manager, the committee advised, should be the next step. This manager should possess three requisites, ability, experience in the building and housing line, and the faculty of inspiring public confidence.

A well organized advertising campaign, to familiarize the public with the undertaking, was suggested, the plan being to canvas the citizenry all through the county. In order to make it a strictly home proposition, subscriptions would be limited to this county. It was pointed out that 20

## Hauser Declines Appointment to Succeed Benson

(By Associated Press)  
PORTLAND, Nov. 18.—Eric V. Hauser, in a telegram from St. Paul has refused the appointment to the state highway commission to succeed Simon Benson, tendered him by Governor Olcott. Mr. Hauser stated that business interests required his absence from the state too much to permit him to accept the position.

## TEN SAVED, FIVE PERISH IN COAL MINE FIRE, KY.

(By Associated Press)  
EARLINGTON, Ky., Nov. 18.—Ten miners were rescued today from the Burning Arnold coal mine near here. Five miners are known to have perished in the blast that wrecked the colliery. The bodies of the victims have been recovered. One other man is entrapped and still missing.

Rescue of the ten men who were brought out alive was effected 20 hours after the fire broke out in the underground workings, shutting them off from escape.

Rescuing parties tunneled around the burning part of the workings to the spot where the entombed miners had sought safety.

The Arnold mine is owned by the St. Bernard Oil company of Evansville, Ind. The fire was discovered late Tuesday, and apparently started from defective wiring near the opening of the mine, and spread quickly over the interior.

The mine is a drift mine, with no shafts, making it possible for rescuers to work only from the one entrance.

The men entrapped were caught three miles back from the entrance. Three were white and the other 13 were negroes.

## RAIN CAUSES MUCH DAMAGE

That the present period of rainfall here will cause a damage of probably \$200,000 is the prediction of people who are thoroughly familiar with farming conditions in this district. According to long-time residents, this rainfall is the most persistent of any that has been experienced in the last seven years, and the fact that the harvest this year was somewhat late, leaves thousands of bushels of grain unthreshed, and subject to considerable damage. In many instances it is believed that total losses will occur.

Farmers in the Tule beds will undoubtedly suffer the heaviest losses. It is estimated that the Liskey brothers alone, who had 800 acres planted to grain, will lose 20,000 sacks of barley. Some farmers are fortunate in having their grain under cover, but in many cases it is still in the stack or sacked in the field, and while there will be considerable salvage, the amount of possible salvage will dwindle with the continuance of the rain.

### UNION SERVICE ON THANKSGIVING DAY

At a meeting of the Klamath Falls ministerial society earlier in the week it was arranged that the Thanksgiving service this year should be a union of all the churches of the city. The services will be held in the Methodist church Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. C. F. Trimble will preach the sermon. Rev. S. J. Chaney is to have charge of the meeting, and Rev. E. P. Lawrence is to read the Thanksgiving proclamation.

\$5000 homes could be built, and 10 \$10,000 homes, for the amount of the capitalized stock, and that it might be possible to build even less expensive homes and thus increase the number to be made available. At the same time the acquisition of these houses would place others, which would be vacated as a result, at the disposal of renters.

On motion of W. O. Smith, the report of the committee was adopted unanimously, and the committee of nine, which made the report, was made a permanent committee of supervisors. This committee is composed of H. D. Mortensen, Captain J. W. Siemens, Leslie Rogers, E. M. Bubb, O. D. Burke, H. N. Moe, A. J. Voyer, H. N. Klingenberg, and Dr. Campbell.

## KLAMATH COUNTY YOUNGSTERS WIN SEVEN PRIZES

Since the news was flashed over the wire yesterday that all Klamath county calves had won prizes at the Pacific International livestock show in Portland, Mrs. E. L. Davis, secretary of the Klamath county agricultural department has been besieged with telephone inquiries from people who have expressed great interest and satisfaction over the result. The elation seems to be general throughout the county.

Out of the nine Klamath county entries, seven were prize winners. There was only one entry in the senior class, Phyllis Lester's Irene III, and this splendid animal won third prize.

Dale West's Mound's Baroness II won the grand championship, and this success alone would be considered a big achievement for any county in the state. But the story of the awards does not end here Dale West's biggest triumph, the winning of the grand championship, was preceded by the winning of the first prize in the junior class by Mound's Baroness II. Second place went to Phyllis Lester's Mound's Elgitha. Then, to make Klamath county's triumph more noticeable, Donald Patterson won fourth place with his entry, Mound's Peach.

On bulls, Dorothy Short's Red Robin was first, Phyllis Lester's Mound's Radiator was second, and Orin Reeder's Sailor Boy was fourth.

To L. A. West, chairman of the livestock project of the Klamath county farm bureau should be given the greater part of the credit for the success of the Klamath county entries. He gave much of his time during the past month, and in fact all summer, to the work of coaching the youngsters in the art of winning championships, and Mr. West's teachings have been vindicated.

Second only to Mr. West's efforts were the efforts of the youngsters themselves, who worked faithfully and consistently, and eventually placed their animals in such shape that no dispute or doubt exists relative to the justice of the awards. Dale West, whose Mound's Baroness II won the grand championship, is a son of L. A. West, and at the present time is living at 639 Washington street in this city. He formerly lived in the Mt. Laki district. Dale is only 11 years old.

Dorothy Short, whose Red Robin won first prize on bulls, lives on the Merrill road, and is 13 years old. Orin Reeder, another of the successful youngsters, is 15 years old and also lives on the Merrill road. Phyllis Lester, who won two prizes, is 9 years old, and lives in the Mt. Laki section, and Donald Patterson, who won Mound's Peach, lives on the Merrill road.

This is the first time these youngsters have entered the livestock competition. The money to buy the animals was loaned to them by Klamath county banks, with interest at six per cent, thus, in addition to valuable experience gained in livestock raising, teaching them something about one of the fundamentals of business transactions.

Dorothy Short's bull cost her \$250, and Orin Reeder paid \$225 for his. Dale West paid \$325 for his future champion, and Phyllis Lester paid \$275 for her prize winner. Donald Patterson's Mound's Peach cost him \$275, and Phyllis Lester's Mound's Radiator cost her \$225. Eventually these animals will be sold to pay the indebtedness, each of the owners to be permitted to pay the indebtedness on their own animals and to retain them if they care to. As published some time ago, Dale West was offered \$1000 for one of his calves, and it is significant that the roveted animal was not the prize winner.

County Agriculturist E. H. Thomas was at the livestock show to see that the entries were given proper attention, and with him were Theodore Case, Jr.; Warren Patterson, and H. J. Lester, all farm bureau men, and keenly interested in the effort to enable the youngsters from this county to "put over" the big achievement.

The Klamath county judging team, Dale West, Orin Reeder, and Dorothy Short, won third prize among 15 entries, and Dale West, in competition with 43 others, won third place in the individual judging contest.

## Charge Irish With Plot to Spread Fever

(By Associated Press)  
LONDON, Nov. 18.—In the house of commons today Sir Hamar Greenwood charged the Irish with fomenting a plot to spread typhoid among British troops, and glanders among the cavalry horses.