

LUMBER MEN PLAN AN ACTIVE WAR ON BEETLE

J. F. Kimball, secretary of the Klamath and Lake Counties Forest Fire association, returned last night from Salem, where he has been actively engaged for the past two weeks explaining to legislators the necessity for the passage of pine beetle control bill, the provisions of which are given in another column.

W. C. Van Emon, representing J. O. Goldthwaite and the Modoc Lumber company, was also at Salem in the interests of the bill.

The bill represents the thought of the leading owners of timber in this section and it is believed will provide a serviceable weapon for checking the ravages of the beetle, which are growing toward the point where they spell ruin for the lumber industry if left uncontrolled. It is estimated that already the insects' depredations have caused a loss of millions in this district.

"We haven't won the battle," said Mr. Kimball today, "but we've got a mighty good start. The bill will make it possible to reach every speculator who has holdings here, or elsewhere in the state for that matter, and make them get in and clean up their infested areas."

"What is needed next is federal action to reach the infestation in the Fremont National forest and the Klamath Indian reservation, but we are working on that and doubtless we expect government will co-operate in the war on the beetle."

"Anyway, in the passage of the state bill, we've inserted a big opening wedge in the campaign to save the timber from insect destruction."

Big Demonstration Soon

As soon as the weather permits a big meeting of timber men and entomologists will be held here under the direction of the timber protective association, states Mr. Kimball, and the actual work of beetle control will be demonstrated in the field.

The condition of the roads into the infested areas prevents fixing a definite date, but the meeting will be held at the earliest possible moment.

All the big timbermen of Oregon and northern California have been invited to attend and a number have signified their intention of coming.

The state foresters of Oregon and California, expert entomologists and others will be here and the way in which the beetle works will be shown and also the remedy that so far has proved successful in the fight against the insect pests will be demonstrated.

So far sanitary methods alone have made headway against the pest—the careful eradication of all trees that harbor the beetle colonies and their destruction by fire, and the careful burnings of all slashings in logged off areas.

I. C. C. LIMITS REFUND DATE

By an arbitrary ruling the Interstate Commerce Commission has fixed February 29 as the final date for acceptance of claims for overcharges by railroads while under government control.

The ruling will affect the work of M. A. Callaghan, head of the chamber of commerce traffic department, who has already ferreted out several claims of this class. Mr. Callaghan has mapped out several weeks' work and stated today that it will be physically impossible to get through the entire mass of bills in the week left by the ruling.

The ruling decides that all claims must be specific—a declaration of intention to file a claim after February 29 will not be heeded.

The ruling does not affect overcharges made after the railways were returned to private ownership, March 1, 1920.

BIGGER FARM BUREAU
WILLOW, Cal., Feb. 21.—Glenn county's farm bureau has launched a campaign to increase its membership from 700 to 1000. There are 1300 farmers in the county.

Box Shook Demand Is Strengthening

The Klamath Lumber & Box company's plant at Shippington started work this morning, after a month's idleness, with about 50 men working. This is approximately three-fourths of the normal crew employed in the box factory, it is said.

While the Big Lakes company has not increased its winter crew yet, A. J. Voyer said today that orders were showing a strengthened demand for shooks and added, "We look for things to open up full blast any day now."

BUILDING BOOM COMING SAYS S. F. ARCHITECT

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.—A real building boom will follow the present depression, and the end of this depression is in sight, according to Willis Polk, San Francisco architect, who issued a reassuring statement today on the future of the building industry.

The statement follows:
Industrial depression, invariably coupled with deflation, came, placed its blight and is now almost over. We must prepare ourselves for the new era. The one outstanding aspect of the situation is the present shortage in housing—domestic, industrial and commercial. The building business must supply this deficiency and is therefore destined to become tremendously active. First it must regain public confidence by putting its house in order. Capital is like a turtle, it withdraws into its shell if menaced, but like the tortoise it can outdistance the proverbial hare when its course is clearly defined.

"It is now squarely up to those engaged in building business to interest capital in prospective investments by proving that all elements of excess cost of material and low efficiency of labor have or will be eliminated."

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Oroville to Erect A Hundred Homes

OROVILLE, Cal., Feb. 21.—Oroville hopes to become a city of new homes and has launched a campaign for new buildings. The United Chamber of Commerce of Oroville is supporting the move.

On the first day of the campaign, ten pledges to build houses immediately were signed by prominent citizens. A local contractor has ordered the lumber and work will start when the material comes.

The drop in prices, coupled with a demand for new up-to-date homes, led to the campaign. It is hoped fully 100 new homes will be built by summer.

WILL TEACH SOUTH AFRICANS NEW METHODS

AUBURN, Cal., Feb. 21.—E. O. Amundson, farm advisor of Placer county for a number of years, will leave soon for South Africa to become an instructor in the agricultural department of a university maintained there by the British government.

INVESTORS ARE BACK OF BANK WITH \$112,000

One hundred and twelve thousand, five hundred dollars! That is the magnificent total of cold, hard cash that has been handed in for stock in The First State and Savings bank—hand in without solicitation, without notice and without knowledge as to whether it will be accepted yet. And the country is just beginning to be heard from!

If the present rate of applications is kept up for this week, the new stock will be subscribed twice over, even before the subscription books are opened. What a magnificent testimonial to the confidence the people have in Klamath county!

There are some of the subscribers who will be disappointed—but it will not be the little fellow. The plan to be followed is to start at the bottom and go up. The man or woman who asks for one \$100 share will come first on the list. This process will be continued until all under \$1000 will be taken care of in full. Then if there is any stock left it will be prorated among the larger applicants. It will be only carrying out the plan outlined by Captain Siemens—"I want to see the First State and Savings bank stock in the hands of the people of the county who have stood so loyally by it in its hour of trial."

It is this spirit that has carried Captain Siemens from the barber shop to the presidency of the bank. It is this spirit that has caused him to constantly hold out his hand to help up his fellow man, a spirit to which scores of people living today in Klamath county owe all they have. And now the reward is being reaped. Scores of letters are on file breathing this spirit:

"Put me down, Cap, for \$100 worth of that stock in that bank of yours. I have \$80 more and am trying to raise the other \$20 to get another share. I'm doing this to show you that I have not forgotten the time you loaned me that \$100 when my wife was sick and you paid the hospital bill and stood the doctor off. I know my little mite ain't much and you don't need it, but it is just how I feel and if I can't get the stock put the money in the bank for me."

This letter holds the secret of the small applicant. And there are many of them. As for the big fellow—his application is purely business. He sees the real worth as an investment and he is always after that which pays big returns and keeps his money safe. Thus may be seen the meeting of the two extremes in the strangest romance that has ever been recorded in the history of banking in the world.

Progress is being made with the immense amount of detail that must be unwound before the final act—the fixing of the opening date. It is unwise to even suggest when that will happen, for when the announcement is made it must be definite and positive. But the one thing is sure—the date is not so far off as one might expect.

Men's Get-Together Meeting Is Called

Tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock, in the old Parochial schoolhouse, the Holy Name society of Sacred Heart parish will give a Washington's birthday program for members of the society and their friends. R. C. Groesbeck will make the principal address, and the program will also include songs by the choir quartette, vaudeville by local and imported talent, readings, solos, a general discussion of the import of the day, and burlesque boxing.

The program will begin at 8 o'clock, and all members should be on time with their friends if they wish to get a full evening's pleasure and instruction from this informally arranged "stag."

BALANCE OF SESSION TO BE SERVED WITHOUT PAY

SALEM, Feb. 21.—Serving without pay, as the constitution provides for only a 40 day session, the legislature reconvened today for the wind-up of the session.

TONS OF FISH ARE TAKEN FROM COUNTY YEARLY

Several matters of importance in the preservation and propagation of fish and game were taken up at a meeting of the executive committee of the Klamath county sportsmen's association yesterday afternoon.

The committee consists of A. C. Yaden, chairman; H. P. Dow, Lee Bean, Wm. W. McNealy, Dr. Fred Westerfeld, J. J. Furber and Frank Andrews.

The question of reducing the limit for large fish, or to stop fishing from motor boats and boats propelled by kickers on the Upper Lake, was considered.

Thousands of pounds of fish are taken each year near Rocky Point by persons fishing from motor boats. Most of these fish, it was said are salted or smoked and shipped from the county.

One instance was cited of a man who last year took 800 pounds of smoked fish home to Medford when he finished his vacation. Not knowing what to do with them he gave the mto a butcher who sold them across his counter at the market price, 40 cents a pound.

This matter was considered so important that the committee decided to refer it to the general meeting at the chamber of commerce rooms next Friday evening, when much other important business will come up for settlement.

SCHOOLS WILL KEEP HOLIDAY

Schools of the city will observe Washington's Birthday tomorrow with morning exercises, with the exception of Mills where the program takes place in the evening. There will be no school in the afternoon.

T. L. Stanley will deliver the address at the Riverside school at 11 o'clock. The remainder of the program will be by the pupils, consisting of patriotic songs, the flag salute and drills.

Fairview School

R. C. Groesbeck will speak to the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades at Fairview. The upper grades will have special exercises in connection with their regular work. The grades below the fifth have the following: Flag Salute and song "America"; all; song, "In February," first and second grades; song "Oh, Bring the Fife and Bring the Drum" third and fourth; song, "There are Many Flags," all; song, "A Scout for Uncle Sam," first and second; song, "Wave our Bonny Flag," all. The Rev. C. F. Trimble will address the primary grades.

Social at Mills

The exercise at Mills school will be in the evening under the auspices of the Parent-Teachers association. The affair will close with a box social. The boxes will be sold at a fixed and reasonable price. Following is the program: Flag Drill, and February Song, first grade; Folk Dance, fifth and sixth girls; songs, "Fleecy Clouds," sixth, seventh and eighth girls, "Where'er a Snow Flake Leaves the Sky," double sextet, "A Scout for Uncle Sam" and Flag Drill, second and third; Virginia reel in costume, eight grade; song "Kingdom Come," A-B-C club of Mills school.

Catholic Academy

The Sacred Heart school's program was given this afternoon, consisting of patriotic songs and exercises. This school will observe the occasion with a full holiday tomorrow. Father Molloy was the chief speaker this afternoon.

Central School

At the central school three of the rooms will have dramatizations tomorrow forenoon and have asked other classes in to witness this part of the program. At 9 o'clock Mrs. Harry Ackley will speak to the third and fourth grades. At 10 o'clock T. L. Stanley will speak to the fifth and sixth grades and at 11 o'clock Mayor Wiley will speak to the seventh and eighth grades.

Tax Rolls Are Still With the Assessor

No change existed today in the tax situation, as far as was outwardly discernible about the courthouse. Although Saturday was the day for turning over the rolls to the tax collector, the 1920 rolls were still in possession of the assessor today.

The county clerk still stands pat on his declaration that he will issue no other warrant for tax collection. The warrant drawn by the clerk excluded the enjoined funds for Hot Springs courthouse construction and the miscellaneous fund, totalling \$64,000. The assessor filed a request that the clerk change the warrant to include the funds.

TWO CHARGED WITH ASSAULT

As an aftermath to the arrest Friday of Herman Snyder and Herman Dreschler and the seizure of a dozen bottles of home made liquor at the Snyder home on Michigan avenue Friday night, a complaint of assault and battery was filed this morning in the justice court by James Wolf against Snyder and Dreschler.

Dreschler pleaded not guilty to the liquor charge before Justice Gaghan late Saturday and Snyder pleaded guilty and paid \$60 and costs. Last night they attended the Mondale theatre. Mr. and Mrs. Wolf were also there. After the show Wolf says that Dreschler stopped him on the sidewalk and while they were talking Snyder came up and struck him.

The cause of the row is said to hinge partly on the liquor arrest and partly on other causes. The Wolf's are said to have lived in the Snyder house at 402-Michigan avenue until about a week ago (Note: By a transcription of figures Saturday The Herald erroneously gave the house number as 420.) and Snyder and Dreschler blamed them for informing the officers.

Dreschler and Snyder appeared before Justice Gaghan this morning and the former pleaded not guilty to the assault charge. Snyder pleaded guilty. Their hearing is set for Wednesday. Their hearing is set for Wednesday.

CITY WILL OBSERVE HOLIDAY TOMORROW

On account of the holiday tomorrow, Washington's birthday the postoffice will be closed all day. All banks will close.

The courthouse and public building will all be closed. The Herald force will observe the holiday and there will be no paper issued tomorrow.

Over-Dose of Pills, Accidentally Taken, Kills Olene Babe

Strychnine poisoning, from an overdose of patented pills, is said to have caused the death of ten months old Luba Soharoff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Soharoff near Olene Saturday. The bottle of pills, which had a screw-on top, were given the baby as a plaything by her mother. The little one got the bottle open and swallowed a number of pills. Dr. Soule arrived at the home to find the child already dead. Strychnine is a common ingredient of all cathartic pills, says the doctor, though in quantities harmless to adults.

Revival of Timber Operations Reported

Activity is beginning to be manifested by the lumber manufacturing districts. Among developments mentioned by the Oregon Weekly Industrial review is the erection of a new mill on the McKenzie, near Eugene, the opening of mills at Marshfield, with a minimum daily wage of \$3.60; orders for 50 carloads of pineapple boxes for the Philippines from a Medford factory; opening of the logging camps around Astoria; opening of Lane county mills; Bandon mill sawing half a million feet of white cedar for Japan.

R. E. Danahar has been elected the new president of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company of Eugene.

BILL PROVIDES FOR CONTROL OF BEETLES

Much local interest is felt in the pine beetle control bill, introduced by Senators Upton and Hall, which has received the endorsement of both houses of the legislature and is now up to Governor Oregot for signature. The house passed the bill last Saturday.

The bill declares pine beetles and other insect infestations a public nuisance, and places upon the owners of infested timber the duty of eradicating the pest. In case of the owner's neglect to combat the insects, the state forester will see that the work is done and the cost made a lien on the property.

Sections three and four of the bill, quoted below, explain the manner in which it will operate. Other sections provide that owners who eradicate the insect destroyers at their own expense shall be exempt from the provisions of the two quoted sections, as shall every owner in the districts created who is a member of a co-operative association formed for the purpose of eradicating the pests.

Following are the sections defining the organization of districts for pest control:

Section 3.—In case any owner of timber land shall find timber infested with insect pests or pine beetles on lands owned by him or adjacent thereto, he shall immediately notify the state forester, who shall at once investigate such condition, and if in the opinion of the state forester and the state board of forestry, the infestation is of such character as will be injurious to forest growth, a menace detrimental and harmful to timber or timber land, the state forester, with the approval of the state board of forestry, shall declare a zone or district of infestation, fixing such boundaries of said district or zone as shall definitely describe said area.

Section 4.—Upon application of owners of sixty per cent or more of the timber lands in said zone or district the state board of forestry shall proceed to control, kill, destroy and eradicate the insect pest or pine beetles on each legal subdivision in said area. The cost of such control work or eradication on each legal subdivision shall be reported by the state forester to the county court of the county in which said lands are situated and shall become a lien against the land and timber upon which control work and eradication measures have been performed. The county court shall proceed to levy and collect such amounts charged against each legal subdivision in the same manner as county taxes are collected. Said county court shall instruct the proper county officers to extend the amounts on the assessment roll in a separate column, and the procedure provided by law for the collection of taxes and delinquent taxes shall be applicable thereto, and upon collection thereof the county court shall repay the same to the state board of forestry to be applied to the expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of this act.

When some control work ceases to be necessary or feasible the district may be dissolved on petition of 60 per cent of the timber owners there in.

CITY'S TEMPTATIONS TOO MUCH FOR POLICEMAN

John Palmer, uniformed policeman from the Klamath Indian reservation, told Judge Rossman what a good record he had chasing bootleggers on the reservation and saved himself from a sentence to the city jail, says the Portland Journal. Palmer was arrested in a north end resort on a charge of disorderly conduct after he is said to have partaken freely of moonshine. He told the court he had a 30-day leave of absence and came to Portland to "rest." He was released on promise that he would go back to work and keep out of trouble.

WEATHER REPORT OREGON—Tonight and Tuesday, fair.