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WILL LIBERATE PHEASANTS IN KLAMATH CO.

The Klamath County Sportsmen's association has received notification from A. E. Burghdoff, state game warden, that several crates of Chinese pheasants will be consigned to Klamath county in the next few days for distribution.

A meeting of the executive committee of the sportsmen's association was held yesterday and plans for a comprehensive membership campaign were discussed. The following persons were appointed on the membership committee.

Dr. Fred Westerfeld, chairman, J. Poppl, J. B. Chambers, Bob Sewell, Vance Hutchins, R. L. Alexander and B. T. McKimmins for Klamath Falls; Elmer Stuckel and F. H. Fruits, at Merrill; D. Bowman, Chiloquin; Frank Wilde and Joe Zump, Malin; J. T. Radcliff, Modoc Lumber Co; Harry Messner and Mr. Devine, Algoma; T. J. Jackson, Fort Klamath; Roy Nelson Keno; Marvin Cross, Bly; Jake Hickman, Bonanza; E. G. Rourk, Crescent; James A. Nail, Dairy; Orville Elliott, Klamath Agency; W. W. Fordney, Lorella; T. D. Young, Midland; Frank Corpening, Olene; Frank Schmidt, Beatty; and Dan Wann, Yanax.

The publicity committee is composed of Wm. W. McNealy, F. R. Soule, M. L. Coldtrap and Nate Otterbein.

KLAMATH OIL POSSIBILITIES DRAW INQUIRY

The publicity that has gone abroad in regard to Klamath county's oil possibilities has attracted widespread attention, according to Secretary Stanley of the chamber of commerce, who is in constant receipt of letters of inquiry about the situation.

Many of the letters are from oil centers in other states, such places as Casper, Wyoming; Tulsa, Oklahoma, and the new fields in Texas. Other letters come from Oregon and California points.

The inquirers wish to know many specific details and many of them are seeking locations and investments.

There is one rig in the local field, that of the Klamath Oil company, which is now installing casing, preparatory to drilling the few remaining feet which stockholders feel confident covers a large oil body. Oil is present now and is of exceptionally fine grade. The quantity is not now ascertainable because of a heavy flow of water. When the casing is in place, the water will be shut out.

Timbers have been ordered for the rig of the newly organized Crater Lake Oil & Gas company, and derrick construction will start as soon as a site company can get the material on the ground.

Besides these two definite operations there are numerous rumors of other developments, through the interest of outside operators in the local field.

LEGION AUXILIARY PLAN SUPPER TOMORROW NIGHT

The ladies of the auxiliary of the American Legion will give a pork and bean supper tomorrow night at the I. O. O. F. hall, following the meetings of both the Legion and auxiliary which will be held tomorrow evening. The supper guests will be the members of the legion and the husbands of the ladies.

WILL SHOW LOCAL MOTION PICTURE FILM NEXT WEEK

Klamath county's scenic and industrial film, "The Land of Burnt Out Fires," will be released in local theatres late next week, according to Secretary Stanley of the Chamber of Commerce. The film will be shown in all the theatres on the same night, passing from the first performance of one to the second and third of the others. It will be shown on two succeeding nights.

Six Irish, Accused of Treason, Shot to Death by Soldiers

CORK, Feb. 28.—Despite an appeal for clemency six Irishmen, condemned to die today on charges of levying war against the crown, were executed by the military forces. They were shot in batches of two at intervals of 15 minutes.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—The British government does not intend to alter its present policy for the maintenance of order in Ireland, Lloyd George told the house of commons today.

MANDAMUS PLEA HEARD TUESDAY

Tomorrow has been fixed by the supreme court for hearing argument on the application of Assessor J. P. Lee for a writ of mandamus directing the county clerk to include in his tax warrant the enjoined Hot Springs courthouse construction and miscellaneous fund levies, totalling \$64,000. This is according to information received from Portland.

Harrison Allen of Portland will represent the county clerk in hearing. C. M. O'Neill, who presented the application for the writ Saturday, will be the representative of the applicant.

Demurrer Argued

Judge F. M. Calkins of Jacksonville on Friday heard argument on demurrer in the courthouse case. The demurrer was filed by the county court and other defendants and alleged among other things that Judge Calkins was without jurisdiction when he issued the injunction. The court took the matter under advisement and a decision is expected within a week.

SMALL TIMBER LOSS IN 1920

Fire caused comparatively small loss of timber in Oregon in 1920, according to the report of F. A. Elliott, state forester covering the year. A total of 809 fires were reported in the state, outside the national forest boundaries. Causes are classified as follows:

Unknown, 112; Incendiary, 136; Slashings, 144; Lightning, 123; Hunters, 62; Campers, 81; Locomotives, 35; Stockmen, 9; Logging engines, 60; Saw mills, 2; Right of way, 20; Miscellaneous, 25. Total 809.

Klamath county reported 36 fires during 1920, burning over 18,449 acres of timber, of which 2741 feet was merchantable. The loss is estimated at \$7700.

Coos county suffered the greatest loss, \$39,355. Columbia came next with \$15,400. Their timber feet loss was less than Klamath county. Apparently the monetary difference was caused by the loss of buildings and equipment in their fires.

Washington county, while losing only \$135 worth of timber buildings and equipment of \$14,301.

Klamath and Lake counties spent \$10,405 for fire protection in 1920. Only two counties, Columbia and Washington spent more. Each spent approximately \$12,000.

Alleges Milk Supply Is Below Standard

Complaint was made to Dr. Lloyd Stewart, city health officer today, that milk supplied by the Klean Milk dairy to the family of R. G. Patch, operator at the Star theatre, was below standard. Patch supported his complaint with a bottle of milk, which he alleged is from the dairy in question. The bottle on examination, showed a sediment of dirt on the bottom. No laboratory examination is needed to show that the bacterial content is high, said the health officer.

Dr. Stewart said he was considering exhibiting the milk to the city council at tonight's meeting, in support of the contention that a stricter municipal sanitary code is required.

Forty-two Killed When Trains Crash; Failure to Heed Block Signal Cause

PORTER, Ind., Feb. 28.—Forty-two bodies were recovered today from the wreck that resulted last night when the Michigan Central Canadian limited and the New York Central Interstate limited crashed at a crossing near here.

The Michigan Central train had missed the block signal and was derailed by the automatic block system. The derailling occurred at the diamond shaped crossing, and as the Michigan Central train plunged ahead along the ties it came to rest across the New York Central right of way with two day coaches at the point of intersection.

Jammed helpless in the derailed coaches the passengers watched the New York Central train rushing upon them at the rate of 60 miles an hour, powerless to escape. The glare of the headlight warned many of them of their impending fate.

All of the dead passengers were in the two Michigan Central coaches. Engineer Long of the Michigan Central and his fireman escaped. They said they did not see a block signal.

The engineer and fireman of the New York Central train killed when their locomotive plowed through the passenger coaches.

FARM LOAN ACT CONSTITUTIONAL DECLARES COURT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The federal farm loan act was today held constitutional by the supreme court. This is the act under which the federal land banks were established to lend to farmers.

This decision will be hailed with joy by the farmers of Klamath county, said Mrs. L. B. Hague, secretary of the Klamath county farmers loan association today. Prior to the raising of the question of constitutionality Klamath farmers borrowed approximately \$330,000 under the provision of the act.

Should loans be immediately resumed, said Mrs. Hague, it is probable that \$1,000,000 worth of farm loans will be placed in Klamath county this year.

The attack on the act was launched by organized mortgage and banking companies, on the ground that it was class legislation. The supreme court gave the matter its first hearing in February, 1920. Last October there was a rehearing and the present decision is the result.

Personal Mention

G. W. Ryan was a morning passenger for San Luis Obispo. He has been visiting his brother, Bobbie Ryan.

E. McClay a farmer from the Henley district is a vity visitor.

Earl Whitlock left Sunday morning on a business trip to Portola and other California points.

W. E. Seehorn left for Portola Sunday, on business connected with his mill work there.

Royal Shaw of the Shaw Bertram Lumber company, was a passenger yesterday morning for Portland.

W. C. Van Emon was a business visitor at MacDoel Sunday.

C. F. Setzer left Sunday for San Francisco.

Dr. Lamb is reported to be ill. Don Colvig of the California-Oregon Power company left yesterday for a visit at Medford.

J. T. Henley and family were visitors in the city from Henley Saturday.

Geo. L. Christy left Sunday morning for a short business trip to Portola, California.

Chas Latta from the Henley district is shopping in town today.

C. L. McWilliams left for Medford Sunday, where he will transact business for a few days.

Dr. Geo. H. Merryman has returned from an extended trip to California.

C. F. Goddard of the Standard Oil company is in town.

C. D. Plum left for Macdoel Saturday, where he will attend to lumber interests. He reports that the warehouses of the fruit growers of California are almost entirely empty

Team Permanently Stationed at Mud Hole to Aid Tourists

The county court, in accordance with the request of the Klamath County Auto association, has placed a man and team at the mudhole about two miles east of town, which has proved impassable for many motorists recently.

The court has given the association assurance that the man and team will be kept there to extend aid to travellers in need until the muddy condition ceases to exist.

MANY APPLY TO HOME BUILDERS

The preliminary steps of organization of the Chamber of Commerce housing corporation will be completed Thursday evening at a meeting of stockholders, called for 7:30 o'clock at the Chamber of Commerce rooms, and from then on the way will be clear for active operations.

Some 25 applications for new dwellings have been informally placed with the corporation. Formal filing awaits the winding up of the necessary red tape of organization. This demand, made at a time when housing needs are at a minimum, indicates the amount of business that will confront the home builders when advancing summer brings the usual congestion of population. After Thursday night's meeting the corporation, it is said, will be in position to act upon the applications.

Congratulatory letters on the support given the housing plan by local investors have been received in the past few days by Secretary Stanley from Sacramento and Chico, California, Salem, Oregon, and other places.

Medford Gets Lower Rates on Lumber

MEDFORD, Feb. 28.—Readjustment of lumber freight rates, placing Medford on the same basis as Klamath Falls and Weed, and permitting the lumber mills of southern Oregon to compete with them, has been effected, according to a telegram received by the chamber of commerce, from E. A. Welch, chairman of the rate committee of the organization, who has been in San Francisco, conferring with Southern Pacific officials.

A letter from the Medford chamber of commerce received today by the local chamber, expresses satisfaction over the reduction and points out that Medford factories may now compete on an equal footing with Klamath Falls in the California shoe market.

Recommend \$15,000 for War on Beetles

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The conference on the agriculture appropriation bill have allowed three strictly Oregon items, put in by Senator McNary, to stand with a little reduction in two cases.

An appropriation of \$15,000 to fight the pine beetle in the forests of Klamath county was agreed to, along with \$15,000 for the irrigation experiment station at Hermiston and \$9000 for a frost service in the Rogue river valley, with headquarters at Medford.

No boys' dormitory will be erected at Chemawa Indian school at Salem, Or., this year, under the Indian appropriation bill as agreed to in conference. The \$70,000 appropriated by the senate for a dormitory was cut out in conference, but all other appropriations for the school will stand.

TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT HAS DRAWN WIDE ATTENTION

Organization of the traffic department of the Chamber of Commerce and its entry into an active campaign for reduced freight rates, has elicited messages of congratulation from similar organizations at Los Angeles, California, Everett, Washington, Medford, Oregon, Boise, Idaho, and other places.

PIONEER MAKES SUGGESTIONS ON ROAD PROGRAM

The automobile association's desire for suggestions in putting through its road betterment program, expressed at the last chamber of commerce meeting by R. C. Groesbeck, president of the organization, elicited the following letter from Judge A. L. Leavitt:

Klamath Falls,
Feb. 24, 1921.

R. C. Groesbeck,
President Klamath Auto Association,
My Dear Groesbeck:

I feel that I should be recreant to my boasted good citizenship and long cherished political beliefs did I fail to respond to the general invitation for constructive criticism extended by you during the course of your remarks at the chamber meeting yesterday.

Permit me, as an aside, to felicitate you upon the correctness of the position assumed during the course of those remarks, and I sincerely hope that the idealistic tenor thereof may in the near future approximate realization and consummation.

My own cogitations on the same subject carry me considerably beyond the range of the subject matter of your remarks though it comprehends and embraces them as well. I trust that you will, at some date in the near future, find it convenient and advisable to present the views to the association and to the chamber that I shall endeavor to present here, in response to your invitation for constructive criticism.

To begin with the situation here differs but slightly—from a good roads standpoint—from the situation in other parts of the state, except perhaps in the matter of soil.

So far as the native population and all-around season of commercial activities are involved, the necessity for good roads is increasing with the constantly expanding needs and activities in all sections of the county.

Heavy Traffic Is Problem

So far as the summer tourist travel, and the lighter local travel figures in our calculations, our dirt roads, under the patrol system referred to, could be kept in a fairly passable state during the summer months at a comparatively small outlay of public funds. But, unfortunately during that same season of the year of fortunately heavy traffic is at its height, and precludes the hope of relief from that system except in remote stretches.

The nature of the soil in this county eliminates any possibility of "good winter roads" unless paved or the sub-base is protected from the action and effect of precipitation that is to be expected during that season; experience and long observation has demonstrated the irrefragable truth of the latter statement.

Again, we are confronted with a most serious problem, inimical alike to the summer tourist travel and the lighter all-round local travel on any dirt road however well constructed and patrolled. I refer to the constantly increasing use of the highways by heavy trucks with their heavier loads.

Separate Road For Trucks

I am somewhat inclined to the belief that where logging operations are to be carried on between points connected with a legally laid out and fairly maintained highway the logging trucks should be compelled to keep off and traverse a parallel road of their own construction. It amounts to this: The roadway or road-bed not having been constructed with the idea of sustaining such a traffic is rendered practically impassable within a very few days for any vehicle except a logging or lumber truck not only for the summer but for the following winter. The use of the general public of that particular stretch of highway, perforce of circumstances, is destined perhaps to extend over a number of years, while the use of the truck of that particular stretch is limited to one or two seasons, during which the general public is forced off the stretch or subjected to the trying or

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