

CONFERENCE ON LABOR AND PAY CALLED MAR. 12

A uniform rate of pay and general stabilization of labor conditions on public work in the Klamath project this year is aimed at in a program broached at yesterday's meeting of the Klamath Irrigation district directors.

After discussion of conditions the board decided to hold conference here March 12 with the county court, the reclamation service, and other executives with a view to establishing uniformity in hours, pay, and the amount of work required on both project and county jobs. It would affect the county through road building and similar projects. Taxpayers' interests will also take part in the conference.

A statement by Director Bradbury at yesterday's meeting dealt with the problem and advocated the necessity for drastic retrenchment in the expenditure of the taxpayers' money in project development. He said in part:

"For the past four years the money expended has been notoriously out of proportion to the benefits received by the district. Owing to the abnormal conditions which have confronted the country for the past several years, the taxpayers of the district have been forced to pay excessive prices for labor and material used in the maintenance of the irrigation works.

"To continue upon this course means ruin for the farmers of the district. I make this statement knowing, as you undoubtedly know that the operations of the majority of the farmers were carried on at a loss last season, and also that the operation costs of the district, now due, are the largest in the history of the project.

"I do not offer this as a criticism of the officers of the reclamation service, but as a statement of actual conditions which should have the immediate attention of the directors and project manager.

"I therefore recommend that the directors immediately confer with the project manager with a view of arriving at a basis for labor hire, in connection with work necessary for the operation of the works of the district, upon a scale based upon the value of farm produce received by the farmer. A also recommend that no new operation and maintenance work be undertaken this year which will have to be paid in the current year's taxes, except such as may be absolutely necessary to afford water to the lands of the district."

Officers Re-Elected

George W. Offield was re-elected president of the director's board, and A. L. Wishard was reappointed secretary for the coming year.

Mr. Bradbury recommended that the board, as a retrenchment measure, discontinue the retention of an attorney on a salary basis. The district pays a retainer of \$50 a month. Other directors take the view that the present attorney, Fred Fletcher, more than earns his monthly salary.

ANOTHER LECTURE BY REV. FR. MOLLOY TONIGHT

Tonight Rev. Father Molloy, whose sermons upon the fundamentals of religion have been attracting so much attention, will again be heard at Sacred Heart church this evening. These sermons are the ablest exposition every heard in this city of one of the greatest questions confronting the human race. That they are of extreme interest to the people of this city is evidenced by the increasing number of persons hearing them. The services begin at 7:30.

GOVERNOR PASSES UPON LAST OF LEGISLATION

SALEM, Mr. 2.—The governor vetoed five bills and signed 13 today, disposing of all left by the legislature. Among the bills vetoed was one providing for the appointment of a commissioner for the cooperative marketing of meats. He signed the bill levying a tax of one cent on motor oils.

Autopsy Reveals Pneumonia Cause Of Sudden Death

Lobar pneumonia, developing suddenly, possibly from over exertion during a swim yesterday morning, caused the death last evening about 5:30 o'clock of Harold Swansen, a sawyer, at the Metropolitan hotel. That pneumonia caused death was shown by an autopsy performed last night by Drs. Gass and Truax.

The dead man came here a day or two ago, seeking employment. He had on his person testimonial letters from nearly a score of sawmill concerns, showing his ability as a sawyer.

Yesterday forenoon he went swimming with a friend. On returning he went to his room. A fellow roomer passing by heard Swansen screaming, shortly before the end. He entered the room and found Swansen in agony. Medical aid was immediately summoned, but death arrived before the doctor.

The dead man's sister in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, has been notified and her husband is on his way here to arrange for the funeral.

CHIEF'S FIRE TALK IS HIT

Fire Chief Keith Ambrose read a comprehensive report of local fire losses and made a splendid educational talk on the economy of fire prevention at the Chamber of Commerce forum luncheon today. He spoke as a man whose heart is behind his words and made a good impression.

Fred Fleet's new state song "Oregon, Pride of the West," with music by Frank B. Robinson, was sung by the Chamber of Commerce quartette, the crowd joining the chorus.

Dr. T. C. Campbell presided at the meeting. Members and visitors present totaled nearly four score.

After the luncheon a group photograph was taken on the American National bank corner. The fire department turned out their truck and made a demonstration of their speed in connecting with the hydrant. They also were caught by the photographer.

SAYS SOUTH SHOWS OPTIMISTIC SPIRIT

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Stenwell returned last evening from Southern California, where they have been enjoying the delightful climate of the Golden State for the past month. Mr. Stenwell states that the feeling is growing that the tide has turned and business will begin to pick up. Optimism has taken the place of gloom and this change is sure to have a beneficial effect in every line of trade, is the opinion expressed on every hand by those whom Mr. Stenwell met while in the south.

Elks Election Tomorrow Night

Thursday night's meeting of the Elk lodge is going to be a big event in Elksdom.

The annual election of officers is an important event on the program. Thomas B. James of Marshfield, deputy grand exalted ruler, will be present to address the gathering and inspect the lodge.

There will be initiation of candidates, refreshments, and a general good time. G. W. Houston, exalted ruler, urges all members of the lodge to be present to take part in this important meeting.

Witnesses Called To Portland Trial

H. D. Newell, E. V. Hillius, T. J. Wheeler, George Fry and A. L. Wishard will leave in the morning for Portland, where they will answer to a subpoena to appear as witnesses in case of the government against Jess Hunsaker and E. A. Qualf, charged with taking gasoline belonging to the Reclamation Service. John Flodin, who was also charged with the crime, has confessed and was sentenced to six months in jail. The case comes up in the federal court in Portland next Friday.

LEE FUNERAL WILL BE HELD HERE THURSDAY

The funeral of Captain Joseph P. Lee, who died suddenly last evening at his home on Fourth street, will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Elks Temple. The Rev. C. F. Trimble of the Christian church, the church with which the decedent had been associated for many years, will preach the funeral sermon. The Elks' ritualistic ceremony will follow.

The body will lie in state at the Elks' temple tomorrow from 10 o'clock a. m. until the services.

Joseph P. Lee was born November 15, 1840, in Maury county, Tennessee. He came of an old colonial family. His father, William T. Lee was a Virginian and a first cousin of General Robert E. Lee.

At the age of 15 years Joseph P. Lee engaged in the drug business with his brother, continuing until the war broke out, when he enlisted in Company H, First Tennessee Infantry. For three years of the struggle he commanded the company. He saw active service, participating in such major engagements as Shiloh, Corinth, Sheep's Pass, Chichamauga and Perryville, besides many skirmishes.

He was thrice wounded in the service of the confederacy, once seriously.

After the war he returned to Tennessee and took charge of his father's farm. In 1867 he was married to Miss Delle Davis, a kinswoman of Jefferson Davis, president of the confederate states during the war. In 1886 he decided to come west and received appointment from President Cleveland as farmer for the Klamath agency. He held this place three years, when a change of administration forced him to resign. He came to Klamath Falls and opened a hotel, later purchasing a ranch on the Klamath river and entering the stock business.

In 1904 Captain Lee was elected county assessor and has held the office continuously since. At the first of this year he entered upon his 17th year in office.

Captain Lee was a kindly man, with a faculty for forming and keeping alive friendships. Unlike many aged men, he was interested in the younger generation and the newcomers in the community, and having once made an acquaintance he never forgot. He was loyal to his friendships, unwavering in his convictions, honest in his public duties—a brave and courteous gentleman whose familiar presence will be sadly missed.

He died as he lived, peacefully and unafraid. He had been about as usual until yesterday. On awakening he complained of not feeling well and deferred a proposed official trip into the country. At noon he arose and ate but about 4:30 he sank suddenly and asked to be helped back to his bed. In a few minutes the end came from heart failure.

"'E'en as he trod that day to God,
So walked he from his birth,
In simplicity and gentleness,
And honor and clean mirth.
So cup to lip in fellowship,
They gave him welcome high
And they made him a place at the banquet board.

The strong men ranged thereby,
Who had done his work, and kept
The faith
And had no fear to die."

Captain Lee is survived by a widow; one son, William T. Lee, and four daughters, Mrs. F. H. Mills, Mrs. Minnie Henry, Mrs. A. J. Vove and Miss Agnes Lee, all of whom reside here.

HONOR ASSESSOR'S MEMORY

In honor of the late J. P. Lee, the county building will be closed tomorrow in conformance with an order issued by the county court late this afternoon.

SELLS FURNITURE INTEREST

S. B. Evans has sold his interest in the furniture firm of Evans, Ballin and Lucas, to his partners, and will devote his attention to other interests hereafter.

RECLAMATION SERVICE FRIEND OF LEGION, SAID

Comprehensive discussion of the plans for development of the Klamath project, and a history of past development, was given by A. L. Wishard, secretary of the Klamath Irrigation district, at the American Legion meeting last evening.

J. Frank Adams also addressed the gathering. Mr. Adams said that when he first came to the country, land that is now valuable was considered worthless. He looked for still greater development and predicted that an eighty-acre allotment of Tule lake land will be worth \$10,000 to the soldier entryman when it is developed.

Mr. Wishard said that if plans go through, it is possible that some 13,000 acres of public land will be opened to entry this fall. Eventually double that amount may be available. He said that the reclamation service officers were doing all they could to safeguard soldiers' interests and hasten the time of opening of these lands.

Mr. Wishard made a plea for more co-operation and a better understanding between the reclamation service and the American Legion. Members listened to his talk with attention and applauded freely.

Sorrow for J. P. Lee

The legion voted to forward a letter of condolence to the bereaved family of Captain J. P. Lee, with a funeral wreath. The post will attend the funeral services in a body.

SUPREME COURT ACTION MEANS FINIS OF SUIT

Action of the supreme court in denying a rehearing of the courthouse case, yesterday, ends the litigation as far as the question of the courthouse is concerned, said C. F. Stone, local attorney for J. M. Dougan, the plaintiff, today. The Main street court house was legally declared the official courthouse of Klamath in the supreme court's decision, and their refusal to reopen the case ends all adverse claim.

While there has been talk of an appeal to the United States supreme court, it is generally held in legal circles, that such an appeal is impossible. No federal question is involved.

The courthouse litigation, in its major phase, is settled.

There remain angles of the controversy still in litigation. Chiefly in the limelight just now is the tax levy.

The supreme court yesterday refused to issue the mandate applied for in behalf of the assessor, directing the county clerk to change his warrant for tax collection to include the levies enjoined by Judge Calkins.

The refusal was based on the ground that the matter is pending in the circuit court and that there is the proper place to decide it. The upper court holds that as far as this question is concerned the circuit court and supreme court have concurrent jurisdiction.

The obstinate course pursued by the county court has led to a bad bungle. In common parlance they have landed themselves in a mess, and so far no very definite plan for extrication has been advanced.

With the development of roads, irrigation and school districts and with all the city and county expenditures for the year dependent upon the certain collection of the 1920 taxes, the matter is clamoring for quick solution and certainly must be solved before long if the development of the city and county is not to be blocked.

No citation for contempt has been issued against the county court, as yet, for including in the tax levy the funds which had been specifically enjoined by Judge Calkins. The next step will probably be a hearing of this sort.

New Hunting and Fishing Licenses Received By Clerk

County Clerk De Lap today received the new angling and hunting licenses. The new licenses will cost anglers \$3 and hunters \$3. Combination hunting and fishing licenses are \$5.

Non residents must pay \$10 for hunting licenses, while non-resident anglers are taxed the amount the license would cost in their own state.

Persons between 14 and 18 years may obtain licenses for \$1.50 each, but must file application personally at the county clerk's office. Deputies who will handle the licenses are: The Gun Store, Klamath Falls; C. C. Heidrich, Chiloquin; Marvin Cross, Bly, and C. H. Harpat, Rocky Point.

EX-SERVICE MEN ATTEND LEE FUNERAL

All ex-service men are asked to meet at the city hall at 1 o'clock tomorrow to attend the funeral of the late Captain Joseph P. Lee.

DEATH CALLS CAPITALIST

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 2.—Word was received here from his home in Oakville, Napa Valley, that David Perry Doak died of heart disease there Saturday. He was widely known in New York financial circles and in California. He was reputed a millionaire.

Doak came to California in 1899 as a representative of Jay Gould, settling in the state at that time. He was prominent as one of the original organizers of the Pacific Coast Steel company, and later as the builder of railroads in Mexico.

He is survived by his widow and a daughter, Miss Elizabeth, the latter known over California as an expert horsewoman and exhibitor of thoroughbred horses.

Note—D. P. Doak was owner of the large Doak ranch on the north-west shores of Upper Klamath lake and well-known in Klamath county.

Window Shows That Winter Has Made Way For Spring

If you have any doubt about the arrival of spring, then have it permanently removed by a glance at the beautifully attractive millinery display in the Gertrude & Company window, 527 Main street. Only the male population of the city is considered when the word "glance" is used, for a good "look" would be sure to have disastrous effects in another direction, for it would bring visions of what is going to happen to the family pocketbook when the female section of the household discovers the New York and Paris creations on display in this establishment.

No better evidence of the progressive change that is taking place in the city than an inspection of these windows. The artistry displayed shows thought and ability. In one window may be seen a hat, cape, bag and fan made of ostrich feathers and georgette, in the new honey-dew shade. In the other window is an attractive display of blouses of georgette and mignonette, in flame, gold and honey-dew shades. This year the leading shades will be tangerine, henna, grey, porcelain blue, honey-dew and the new Florence Harding lavender, which is an orchid shade.

TWO PAY HEAVILY FOR UNTIMELY DEER DIET

Cy Pool and Theodore Flackus, Yonka Valley ranchers, paid fines \$50 and \$100, respectively, with costs, in the justice court today for the possession of venison out of season. Because Pool is a poor man, with a large family, the court was lenient in his case. The men were arrested recently by Game Warden Stout.

MEETING POSTPONED

The Missionary Society of the Christian church will postpone its meeting for one week on account of the death of Captain Lee.

DEFEAT LOOMS FOR KLAMATH APPROPRIATION

WASHINGTON, Mar. 2.—The sundry civil bill carrying appropriations for the reclamation projects of Klamath, Deschutes and Umatilla, Oregon, seems certainly dead.

There is no chance for the bill, it is felt, unless the extra session of congress is more liberal than expected.

Senator McNary and Representative Sinnott regard the failure of the bill as a disaster.

While the above dispatch indicates a serious situation, it is by no means a hopeless one. The final passage of the appropriation, it is indicated, will be left to the next session of congress, and united pressure brought to bear by the projects affected and their allies throughout the western reclamation area may be effective to save the bill from defeat.

The Chamber of Commerce will take immediate action, said Secretary Stanley today, and exercise all the local influence that can be rallied in support of the appropriation.

The bill carries an appropriation of \$1,213,000 for the Klamath project, and its passage will mean a gigantic development here in the next two years.

Arrest Local Man For Robbery Of Pelican Bay Store

William Bradshaw, 23, confessed he is the man who entered Pelican Bay store a couple of weeks ago, following his arrest last evening by Sheriff Low and Deputy Sheriff Hawkins. Bradshaw was bound over by Justice Gaghan to await action of the grand jury. Bond was fixed at \$500. He is married and resides on Michigan avenue. Search of the house revealed articles said to have been taken from the store. The loss through the burglary was small. Little money was taken.

Livestock Sales Make Hay Surplus

Fortythree cars of lambs and 17 cars of cattle were sent south yesterday, shipped to the Western Meat Company, H. Moffitt company, Grayson and company, and George Swanson. It constituted one of the largest single day shipments from this territory, and indicates the big movement that has gradually been gaining headway during the past few weeks. Stockmen have come to the conclusion that if a loss is to be taken, the time is at hand to take it, and those who are not going to carry their stock over are either selling direct or shipping on consignment.

TWO SENTENCED FOR DRY LAW INFRACTION

W. M. Raymond pleaded guilty to introducing liquor into the Klamath reservation, and was fined \$100 and given 60 days in jail by the district court at Portland recently. Joe Palmer drew 60 days for making home brew. Both are residents of Klamath county. J. M. Howard, another local resident, pleaded not guilty to owning liquor, and his trial is set for March 12.

CHAMP CLARK, FORMER SPEAKER, IS SUMMONED

WASHINGTON, Mar. 2.—Champ Clark, former speaker of the house, died this afternoon. He was 71 years old and in two days would have rounded out 26 years of service in the house of representatives. His term expired March 4.

ENGINEER OF WRECKED TRAIN EXONERATED

CHICAGO, Mar. 2.—William Long, engineer of the Michigan Central train which was struck by a New York Central train here Sunday night, with a loss of 42 lives, has been exonerated of all blame by Michigan Central officials.