

## FIRE DESTROYS MALIN GARAGE; LOSS IS \$5000

(Special to The Herald)  
MALIN, March 10.—Fire destroyed one of Malin's three garages about 3 o'clock this morning. The fire was discovered shortly after 2 o'clock. The owner of the place, J. S. Smith, estimates the damage at approximately \$5000.

The building was valued at about \$1800, and the stock at \$1500, or more. Besides this loss, two cars were destroyed, one belonging to Louis Boldischar, local banker, and the other to F. J. James of Big Valley, California. Mr. James operated a threshing machine on the Tule Lake shore last fall.

The only damage outside the garage building was the cracking of one of the windows of A. Kalina's store.

During the fire the hose recently acquired by the local fire department was found to contain several lengths of odd sizes which would not match. Enough lengths were found, however, to allow the firemen to play water on the nearest building, the postoffice.

The heat was intense throughout Malin and it is believed that had a strong wind prevailed the fire would have spread to other buildings and done great damage.

### FINED \$25 FOR ASSAULT; HELD FOR GRAND JURY

Wade Crawford paid a \$25 fine in Justice Gaghagen's court yesterday afternoon for assault and battery upon R. C. Miller at Chiloquin recently. Following the assault hearing he waived examination on a charge of malicious destruction of property, brought by W. C. Balfour and was bound over to the grand jury. Crawford and Balfour are alleged to have engaged in a "friendly scuffle," during which Crawford became enraged. After the wrestling match he pulled Balfour's watch from his coat on the wall and broke the chain.

## MERRILL FOLK TO OBSERVE ST. PATRICK'S DAY

(Special to The Herald)  
MERRILL, March 10.—Following the custom of former years, Merrill is going to have a celebration of St. Patrick's Day. The ladies of this city will have charge of the affair and it is their intention to commemorate the feast day of Ireland's patron saint in a manner befitting the sweet memories surrounding the events that transpired during his lifetime, as well as renew interest in the terrible conditions that today are crushing so cruelly that unfortunate nation.

An elaborate program is being prepared and it promises to be very interesting and entertaining from start to finish. It will consist of a lecture, vocal and instrumental selections and a grand ball, the music for which will be furnished by the Malin orchestra. This will be followed by a chicken supper for which a charge of \$1 will be made. The celebration will be a gala event, surrounded by sufficient pleasure and entertainment to make everyone glad they came and leaving such delightful memories that the next year's celebration will be looked forward to with pleasant anticipation.

### RECLAMATION SERVICE TO AID OYHEE PLANS

WASHINGTON, March 10.—(Special.)—Senator McNary, after a conference with the secretary of the interior, was advised that the reclamation service would at once submit a contract and send an engineer to Oregon to investigate the Oyhee irrigation district in Malheur county. The Oregon legislature passed a law authorizing the expenditure of \$5000 in co-operation with the United States for the development of this project.

## Guns of Kronstadt Turned on Petrograd... Says Latest Report

HELSINGFORS, Mar. 10.—A dispatch to the Russian agency here declares the fate of Petrograd is still in the balance, and says the insurgents have taken a part of the city which is under fire from the batteries in the fortress of Kronstadt. Bolshevik batteries at Boulkovo are also shelling the city, says the report.

RIGA, Mar. 10.—Three brigades of bolshevik troops in Moscow have joined the revolutionists, according to advices received here. Their action was prompted by the acute food situation.

### WEATHER REPORT

Oregon—Tonight, occasional rain in west; strong, gusty, westerly winds.

## SIEMENS BACK TOMORROW EVE

A telegram was received this afternoon from Captain J. W. Siemens stating that he would not reach this city tonight, but would be delayed until Friday evening. This information is sure to be disappointing to many of his friends who had heard he was coming in this evening and had planned on meeting him at the train and giving him another enthusiastic welcome home.

J. W. Siemens, Jr., cashier of the bank, returned home last evening and his serenity of countenance, together with the activity of the painters and decorators in the bank, presages that the much-hoped-for announcement giving the opening date for the bank will be forthcoming at an early date.

## SLOGAN CHOSEN BY AUTO MEN

Mrs. Ruby Arens' slogan, "Going North or South, Take the Klamath Falls Route," will be the slogan of the Klamath County Auto association, this selection having been made from among a large number of others by the association directors yesterday afternoon. Here were several slogans submitted which the committee found hard to set aside, but their final choice has been accepted with much commendation.

The radiator design selected by H. N. Hill was selected as the official emblem from among a number of very appropriate and attractive contributions.

The membership campaign is progressing very satisfactorily. Mrs. C. L. McWilliams, among several others, reporting the acquisition of 75 new members.

### Auto Camp Discussed

The much needed auto camp site was discussed, and it was decided to have the executive committee of the auto association act with a committee from the Chamber of Commerce and the city council in an effort to acquire a site which can be used this season, and which will measure up to the standard of the excellent camp sites to be found in almost every live community in the country.

Acting upon a communication from Dorris, the executive committee will send an invitation to the people from that town to meet with the Chamber of Commerce, and adopt effective means to improve the road from this city to Dorris, Bray, and Weed, with a view of making it passable at any time of year.

### FLEISCHNER HEADS NEW STATE GAME COMMISSION

PORTLAND, March 10.—I. N. Fleischner, of Portland, was selected chairman of the new game commission at today's meeting here. The state game warden will be appointed this afternoon.

### HOOVER FOR CHAMBERLAIN

WASHINGTON, March 10.—(Special.)—Senator McNary in discussing the matter of shipping board appointments with Secretary of Commerce Hoover found him very favorably impressed toward Senator Chamberlain being on the board.

## PHONE USERS WILL PAY NEW RATES AT ONCE

The telephone rate increase recently granted by the public service commission will be felt immediately. The monthly bills of the local office are now being prepared on the increased basis. The ruling was effective March 1, stated E. T. Ludden, local manager, today.

The increase has roused a storm of argument throughout the state. While a majority of published statements of subscribers are antagonistic, there are many who express willingness to bear the extra cost if the company carries out its pledges to spend the extra money on betterment of service and extensions.

The decision resulted in starting a movement in Portland to recall the members of the public service commission.

The increase averages about 30 per cent. The company asked a raise of 45 per cent. Klamath Falls rates will be: \$4.50 for business phones instead of \$3.50; \$2 for one-party residence phones, instead of \$2; \$2.25 for four-party residence phones, instead of \$1.50. There are no two-party residence lines here. Party business lines and other service will be increased on the same basis.

## GOOD STOCK AT THE KLAMATH COUNTY SALE

With the second annual sale of the Klamath county farm bureau only one week away, County Agent Thomas is sending out wires trying to locate the car of stock which was due to arrive here about this time from Union county. Mr. Thomas expects to receive a reply to his wires today which will tell him that the animals are safely on their way.

This car includes 18 animals three bulls and 15 cows, and A. E. Lawson, northwest representative of the American Shorthorn association, who inspected the animals with L. A. West livestock director of the county farm bureau stated that they are some of the best that Union county, admittedly a county of first-class stock, has ever produced.

S. A. Hempt, Sherman & Hutchinson, G. DeLay, and W. J. Tuttle, all reputable stockmen of Union county, will enter all the stock expected in this car.

C. O. Garrett, of Glendale, Oregon, who entered four bulls last year, will have one bull at this year's sale. Mr. Garrett's bull, Lord Sultan, topped the sale last year, being sold for \$700.

The entries for this county include a bull and heifer calf, the property of Frank McCormack, of Klamath Falls, two yearling bulls, T. F. Nelson, Worden; two cows, two bulls, and one heifer, Turner Brothers, Langell's valley; one bull, William Green, Klamath Falls; one bull, Eliza Kirkpatrick, Malin; one bull, Dorothy Short, Klamath Falls; one bull, Verlo Heesline, Klamath Falls; and one bull, Orin Reeder, also of Klamath Falls.

The last three were entered in the Pacific International Livestock show at Portland last fall, when the calves from this county carried away the top prizes.

The sale will be held in the O. K. barn on Sixth street, beginning at 10 o'clock Thursday morning, March 17. The name of the auctioneer has not been learned by Mr. Thomas. An effort will be made to have all the animals in the barn two or three days before the show opens, in order to give prospective buyers an opportunity to inspect them, at their leisure.

Lord Sultan, topped the sale last year from the county agent within two or three days, as they, like the name of the auctioneer, will be sent here from Union county.

In speaking of registered livestock here and their consistent increase, Mr. Thomas says that Silas Obenchain, this morning, made ap-

## WOOL GROWERS SAVED BIG SUM BY STANFIELD

(Telegram Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Robert Stanfield, the new senator from Oregon, went into action with a vengeance, and has succeeded in making the prospects of the wool grower of Oregon somewhat brighter. An amount equal to one-half the entire wool crop of Idaho, the greatest wool producing state in the union, will not be dumped on the market now with consequent demoralization of prices.

Senator Stanfield and Senator Gooding, of Idaho, had a conference with the secretary of war which resulted in the indefinite postponement of the public sale of 10,000,000 pounds of government owned wool scheduled to take place March 10.

The mere announcement of this postponement does not convey to the general public the importance of the action. In the first place, the public sale of this large amount of government wool at this time, when the clip for 1920 is still owned by the producer, and the 1921 clip is just being made, would result in a very low price being offered for the government wool, and if sold would be at a large financial sacrifice to the government. In the second place, the sale of this wool, or even of its offer of sale, would demoralize the market and lead to further distressing financial conditions of the already distressed wool growers.

This postponement will probably result in stabilizing the wool market; and later realize a much better price for the government owned wool.

## FLOWER CHOICE WILL BE MADE NEXT SATURDAY

Tomorrow is the last day for general voting on Klamath county's flower. At the Chamber of Commerce the ballot box will not close until Saturday night. Much interest has been shown in the selection says Secretary T. L. Stanley. Forty ballots were received yesterday from Chiloquin and other sections are voting strongly.

Arguments in favor of some individual flower have been published from time to time. Today's advocate favors the poppy, as follows:

### The Poppy

A well-known plant of the genus papaver, from one species of which opium is extracted from the capsule, from another of which great fields are cultivated on the Rhine and salad oil is extracted, and from other varieties of exceeding brilliance when blooming, the beauty of the world has been greatly enriched.

Few plants known to man have come to be recognized both for harmfulness and also for their ornamental excellencies. Its one product, opium, has ruined its millions in China and elsewhere, but always has been appreciated as a most valuable drug in the medical pharmacopoeia.

Our sister state, California, has adopted as its state flower its showy and hardy native poppy, though yellow, and if we should make this wonderful flower our city's representative, its colors are so various we can have any or practically all colors, and when these are combined, especially in large masses, the effect is really magnificent and the poppy is as sure to come from the seed as is wheat, is unmistakably hardy, and grows with astonishing luxuriance in our fertile soil. Truly, the poppy commends itself for selection to many members of the Women's Auxiliary of the Chamber of Commerce who know of its value from actual experience.

Application to register his calf, Sultan's Mamie, a daughter of Lord Sultan, who brought top price at last year's sale. This registration will come through the American Shorthorn Breeders' association of Chicago. Mr. Obenchain owns the sire and the calf's mother, Susanna.

## Chiloquin to Have \$31,000 School; Bond Election March 25

G. R. Wright, local architect, has been retained by the school board of school district number 53, of Chiloquin, to design the proposed new grade school which will be built there this spring or early summer. On March 25 the district will vote upon the sale of bonds, a \$31,000 issue having been decided upon.

The school board, consisting of C. C. Hedrick, W. E. Thayer, Joe Ball equal basis with southern producers port of the people of the district, have determined that the district shall have a thoroughly modern school, and the architect, Mr. Wright, states that with the amount of money that will be at their disposal, he will be able to design a building that will be a permanent credit to the community.

## NEW PLUMBING FIRM TO START

George W. Shannon and J. S. Lageson, of Portland, have leased the east half of the lower floor of the Helms building at 1173 Main street, and within the next two weeks will be actively engaged in the plumbing and heating business, under the firm name of the Klamath Falls Plumbing and Heating company.

Mr. Shannon and Mr. Lageson have been in the plumbing and heating business in Portland for several years, and come here with the reputation of men who know the business from every angle. Incidentally, it might be said that Mr. Shannon superintended the installing of the heating and plumbing systems in the Montgomery-Ward building in Portland, one of the biggest buildings on the Pacific coast. He has been in Portland about five years, and Mr. Lageson preceded him there about seven years. Both are well-known to the wholesale houses of Portland and other places on the coast, and it was upon the recommendation of the wholesalers, who assured them that Klamath Falls was the best city in the state aside from Portland, that they made up their minds to come here.

A complete line of plumbing supplies will be carried, and material for irrigation systems will be available, through them, at any time. Summed up, Mr. Shannon and Mr. Lageson intend to conduct an establishment that will lack nothing in the plumbing, heating, and affiliated lines.

The interiors of the rooms to be occupied are now being repaired and fixtures are already on the way here.

Mr. Shannon's family is here with him, but Mr. Lageson's family will not arrive until after the close of the Portland schools in May.

### COUPLE ARE WEDDED

Mrs. Zetta Moore of Poe valley and Clifford Vermillion of Langell valley were married here yesterday afternoon at the Washington Rooming House by the Rev. E. P. Lawrence of the Presbyterian church. Mr. and Mrs. Vermillion will make their home in Poe valley.

The bride has for many years been a resident of Poe valley and has many friends throughout the county. The bridegroom is an overseas veteran and participated in several major engagements.

### MILLING-IN-TRANSIT RATE EXTENDED THREE MONTHS

SALEM, March 10.—The public service commission has been advised by the interstate commerce commission that the milling in transit privilege has been extended to lumber producers for three months more.

### HEARING POSTPONED

The preliminary examination of Bert McDonald, charged with bigamy which was to have been held tomorrow has been postponed for one week.

### WILL TALK JEFFERSON STREET PAVING MATTER

Property owners of the Jefferson-Lincoln-Fifth street unit will meet at the Chamber of Commerce rooms tomorrow night at 8 o'clock to discuss the paving of that district. All are urged to attend as it is desired to get work started.

## EQUALIZATION WITH BEND IN LUMBER RATES

Freight readjustment on lumber, announced in the Herald last Saturday and confirmed yesterday, is greeted by local shippers as a big step in the right direction, although the rates must go lower still to enable western mills to compete on confined to common lumber. The California middle western territory.

Rates took a big jump last year, when all commodity prices were falling, and the present rate reductions do not bring them back to last year's basis.

For instance, C. A. Albertson, sales manager of the Pelican Bay Lumber company, today pointed out that the rate to Chicago before the raise last year was 65 cents. It went to 84 cents, and is now reduced to 73 cents, eight cents above last year's rate, while lumber prices now are far below last year's prices.

Two features in the new rates are immediately beneficial. For the first time in history Klamath Falls is grouped with California points and no longer pays the cent and a half differential over Weed.

The new grouping also reduces the difference between Klamath Falls and Bend. Heretofore Bend has had an eastern rate ten cents lower than Klamath Falls. The new adjustment will cut the difference to three cents. Bend competition with local mills is confined to common lumber. California mills compete in finished stock.

Until better handling system is devised for sea shipments, Mr. Albertson said the mixed rail and water rate of 73 cents to New York would not be an advantage, as present loading on shipboard results in much wastage and loss. Carriers are now working on plans for better loading methods.

While all lumber products will likely be given the advantage of reduced rates, the exact reduction on box shooks will not be definitely known until the new tariff lists arrive. Box makers, however, will benefit proportionately, it is believed.

## FRANCE URGES LEAGUE ON NEW ADMINISTRATION

PARIS, March 10.—It was stated at the foreign office today that negotiations were under way between the French embassy at Washington and the American state department in an effort to induce President Harding to favor the acceptance of a modified league of nations. The French position is entirely conciliatory, it was said.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Administration officials today withheld comment on the French statement regarding league of nations negotiations. The impression was given, however, that the initiative in any such development rested entirely with France, and that the matter had not reached the stage of negotiations. Secretary of State Hughes refused to discuss the matter. It is known, however, that he had a half hour's talk Tuesday with M. Jusserand, the French ambassador.

## President Names Dr. Sawyer Physician; Rank of General

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Dr. C. E. Sawyer, the Harding family physician, has been nominated by President Harding to be the president's family physician, with the rank of brigadier general. He will also investigate public health matters for the president.

### MARKET REPORT

PORTLAND, Mar. 10.—Cattle and hogs steady; sheep higher, east of mountains lambs \$8.50 and \$9.25. Eggs one cent higher, butter steady.