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## LIBRARY BOARD BASIC NEED OF THE SITUATION

### Starting Point of Effective Public Library Service Is In Competent Control.

### LEGAL QUESTION

#### State Librarian Says If County Court Is Correct, No Library Law Exists.

Getting right down to the root of the Klamath county public library situation, which James Bertram, secretary of the Carnegie corporation, says it "quite discreditable," it appears that the remedy lies in the appointment of a library board by the county court.

This is the starting point for development of the library service to include all the citizens of Klamath county. Although it appears that the county court has had requests from many sources for the appointment of such a board, it also appears that they feel that it is optional with them to do so.

The legal question hinges on the interpretation of a phrase in section 21, chapter 357, of the act of 1919, revising the state library laws, which says that "libraries already organized may have their organization changed."

"May," the county court holds, leaves the change optional with them. It cannot be construed to mean that they "must" appoint a library board.

Miss Cornelia Marvin, state librarian, in a request for an opinion from the attorney general, admits that the language of the statute is doubtful, but if the phrase is taken at its face value then all the public libraries of the state that have appointed boards since 1919 "are operating and existing under no law at all, since the last section of the 1919 law all other library laws were repealed."

In other words, the state librarian holds that the question is broader than the mere construction of a single phrase in a single section of the act. The final section repeals all inconsistent laws. If all laws conflicting with the 1919 law, which is designed to create a system of libraries governed by library boards, are repealed, it leaves no law save the 1919 law to work under—and the chief attempt of the 1919 law is to create a uniform library system under the control of library boards.

In passing upon the matter Attorney General Van Winkle narrowed his opinion to the single section and supports the county court, but if he is correct it is obvious that the 1919 act, instead of gaining the uniformity it sought, left the state library system in worse condition than before its passage. There is no law left to guide. That is the view that the state librarian and her supporters take.

The legal question probably appeals little to Klamath county people. They have a public library, stocked with good books, and it's not working, at least for the majority. They want less legal quibbling and more "action."

The building is supposed, as a public library, to be open to the public eight hours a day, mornings and afternoon. In reality entrance is possible to the public from 2 to 5 o'clock, afternoons. Only a preferred minority can get books from the building, though it is theoretically possible for all to use the reading room privileges during the three hours.

But to take books out the individual must apply, if he lives in the country, to the school district branch library. The school district accumulates orders until a convenient time, then its representative calls for the books.

The city resident places an order with the city library, which has an arrangement to get a certain number of books each month. The number seems fluctuating. Just be-

## Propose to Close Crescent and Odell Lakes to Fishing

Band people are making efforts to close fishing in Lake Odell and Lake Crescent, the Klamath County Sportsmen's association has been informed, by W. H. Brock of Crescent, who has a summer resort at Lake Odell, and the proposal will be one of the subjects of discussion at tonight's association meeting at the chamber of commerce rooms. The meeting starts at 8 o'clock.

A committee will probably be appointed to investigate the matter fully. It is claimed that excessive egg-taking has so depleted the fish supply in the two lakes that it is necessary to bar anglers altogether until the waters are restocked.

Many Klamath residents yearly are visitors at Crescent and Odell lakes, for the camping and fishing and the matter affects this county closely. The lakes are in this county.

The sportsmen's association will approach the matter with an open mind, and in order to get fullest information hope that all persons having knowledge of the situation, or who take any interest in it, will attend the meeting tonight.

## PRESIDENT FOR LABOR PEACE

WASHINGTON, March 25.—President Harding has personally congratulated representatives of the packing industry and employes upon reaching an agreement Monday, thus averting a strike. The committees were accompanied to the White House by Secretaries Davis, Wallace, Hoover, and Samuel Gompers. The president, in an address, said in part: "I want to say that this administration has nearest its heart at all times any righteous helpfulness it can give in avoiding suspension of industrial activities. The administration does not want to intrude itself, unduly, but we always want to be careful in the cause of justice, and in the harmonizing of labor and management."

### WOODROW WILSON ILL.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Former President Wilson suffered an acute attack of indigestion today. Physicians were called hurriedly, but later reported Mr. Wilson had entirely recovered.

### KEENAN AND WORKS

#### RELEASED ON BONDS.

Arthur Keenan and Frank Works, arrested by Chief of Police Wilson and Sheriff Low on a charge of operating a still in a house on the corner of Division and Garden streets have been released on bonds of \$500 each, pending their hearing before United States Commissioner Bert C. Thomas at one o'clock tomorrow afternoon. John Turner and Dave Turner, of Langell's valley, signed Keenan's bond, and Works' bond was signed by B. R. Yancey and Mrs. B. L. Herrington.

fore election the limit was removed and the county court decreed that all the books asked for could be taken out by the city library for its subscribers.

In other words, the library operates, it appears under no systematic plan but according to the whim of the county court and seems to be a political adjunct of the Hot Springs courthouse.

Why a public library should be considered from a political viewpoint at all is a problem. The Herald has not yet learned the "why." One explanation is that the court fears to pass control from its hands to a library board lest they (the court) lose some political advantage in the courthouse dispute.

County Judge Bunnell, in recent conversation with some of the readers who want access to the literary stores of the building, is reported to have said that if the Carnegie corporation was not satisfied with the way the court was handling the library they "could take their library back."

Short, sharp and decisive as is this ultimatum, the Herald, even at the present stage of its investigation, feels certain it is not the remedy that is generally desired.

## CALLAGHAN TO CONFER ON CUT IN S. P. RATES

### Head of Traffic Department Will Lay Complaint of Local Shippers Before R. R.

M. A. Callaghan, head of the chamber of commerce traffic department, left this morning for San Francisco, to confer with the Southern Pacific traffic department on the proposed lowering of freight tariffs on the Klamath Falls-Weed branch.

The Southern Pacific has promised to lower local rates within the next sixty days, but the size of the reduction is undecided.

At the meeting of the merchants' bureau of the chamber of commerce last night it was decided to send Mr. Callaghan as the representative of the bureau to lay before the railway officials their argument for a sizable cut.

Klamath Falls now pays 40 1/2 cents more a hundred pounds from San Francisco, and intermediate points, than Medford. The distances are practically equal. It is Mr. Callaghan's opinion that local shippers are entitled to at least 40 1/2 reduction, and on account of the lighter grades between Weed and Klamath Falls than between Weed and Medford, should get a greater reduction.

Rates from Portland and intermediate points are proportionately high and the extra charges, declares Mr. Callaghan, are costing Klamath residents thousands of dollars yearly.

The matter, of course, affects every resident of the county, as the freight charge is figured in the selling price of every imported commodity and every consumer in the high rate zone, eventually bears his share.

## WILL POSTPONE K. F. PROSPERITY WEEK TO APR. 18

Prosperity week, which will be observed nationally from April 4th to 9th inclusive, has been deferred locally until April 18th, and will continue until April 25th, his was decided at a meeting of the Merchants' Bureau of the Klamath county chamber of commerce held in the chamber of commerce rooms last night. H. N. Moe, vice chairman of the bureau, presided in the absence of Chairman C. I. Roberts, who is ill at his home. A representative number of members were present.

Prosperity week, according to the decision of the meeting last night, will be a week of entertainment and not a week during which attempts will be made to coerce people into buying. It will be conducted along the lines of the recent auto show held here, where comparative prices, appearances, and qualities were shown, and which gave both dealers and people interested in autos an opportunity to become better acquainted with each other. This week is expected to be helpful in encouraging a better outlook on the financial situation. The first part of the week will be devoted to an effort to stimulate interest in the hardware and building lines, and during the latter part of the week, the other merchants will have their inning.

Fred Houston, O. M. Hector, and H. N. Moe were selected as the advertising committee, and the entertainment features will be taken care of by M. A. Callaghan, Fred Fleet, Jack Furber, and E. B. Hall. E. W. Vannice, J. T. Perkins, B. P. Lewis, P. S. Pope, and Will Baldwin compose the financial committee.

Free dinners, free movies, and many other things will be provided for the entertainment of visitors and local people, and the program will be announced within a few days.

W. E. Lamm, of the Lamm Lumber company, of Modoc Point, is here on business today.

## COMMUNISTS IN GERMANY RIOT; PITCHED BATTLE

### Twenty-five Hundred Armed Workers Routed By Police; Machine Guns Used.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, March 25.—Although the situation arising from the communist outbreak in Germany is still dangerous, the communists are being overcome by the government forces, according to a Berlin report. At Eisleben, where a desperate battle was fought yesterday between 2000 police and 2500 workmen.

The report says state police finally drove out the communists, who have entrenched themselves in the neighborhood hills and are directing machine guns fire on the police strongholds. Troops are marching on Eisleben. There was no repetition of the disorders at Hamburg today.

LONDON, March 25.—Communist disorders in Central Germany are increasing and large sections of industrial regions are actually in insurgents' hands, says a dispatch. Buildings have been damaged by dynamite in various towns in Saxony.

At Mansfield prisons were opened and prisoners released. Complete anarchy is reported at Hestadt, where banks were raided and the population fleeing in a panic. Over 50 communists and police are reported to have been killed at Hamburg last night in fighting at Heilingensiebt field. The message adds that fighting is continuing at Hamburg where the police were defeated, and at Steinwarder Island also after a fierce battle.

EISLEBEN, Germany, March 25.—9:30 a. m.—Fighting between communists and the police for the possession of Eisleben was extended this morning to a half-mile front in the western section of the town, with positions of advantage changing hands frequently. The communist army of 2500 was reinforced by armed peasants and villagers. Above the roar of battle could be heard the calls of encouragement from both sides and the cries of the wounded lying where they fell.

## Income Tax Brings In 675 Millions

WASHINGTON, March 25.—The income and profit taxes collections for March 15th installment is estimated at six hundred and seventy-five millions. On this basis the total revenue from this source for the year ending June 30 would aggregate \$3,050,000,000, which is fully up to treasury expectations.

### YOUTHFUL BURGLARS GET

#### THIRTY DAY SENTENCES

Chris Raw, E. M. Gentry, W. G. McCarthy, and C. W. Gentry, the young men arrested for burglarizing the Quigley camp store a week ago, pleaded guilty before Justice of the Peace Gaghagen yesterday, and each were sentenced to 30 days in jail. The judge modified the sentences with the proviso that in the event that any one, or all of them, could secure work before the expiration of their sentences they would be paroled.

### REALTY FIRM DISSOLVED

The Bellman & Kelly realty firm was dissolved today by mutual consent of the partners, G. A. Bellman and J. R. Kelley, it was announced. Mr. Bellman will be associated hereafter with A. A. Bellman & company, while Mr. Kelley will keep the office at the White Pelican hotel and also have charge of the Crater Lake Oil and Gas company's office at 622 Main street.

### MOTOR LAW VIOLATOR

Edgar Johnson was arrested at the instance of W. L. Campbell, state motor vehicle inspector, yesterday, for driving without a license. He was released on \$25 bail, and will be brought before Justice of the Peace Gaghagen tomorrow.

## Crater Lake to Open July 1st Announces Interior Department

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Crater Lake park, Oregon, will open July 1 and close September 30 this year, according to announcement of dates of opening and closing of national parks made by the department of interior. Hotels and camps will be open to accommodate visitors on the opening date upon which also the first scheduled motor tours will be operated.

PORTLAND, March 25.—Plans for financing concessions at Crater lake national park and improving accommodations there will be taken up today at a conference of a committee from the Portland Chamber of Commerce with representatives of the Medford Chamber of Commerce to be held here. Plans for organizing a company to take over present concessions in the park and for improving the transportation facilities will be considered.

It is hoped to link the park up with other natural attractions in that district with a view to providing an itinerary of several days for tourists. (Medford surely is right on the job.)

## TABERNACLE IS IN READINESS

The Bulgin tabernacle, the building of which began yesterday morning, is now just about complete. The roof is on and covered with building paper, windows have been put in, and benches, newly made, are in place. The latter have been placed so that the congregation will sit slightly uphill, and so they will necessarily have to look up to Evangelist Bulgin, who will deliver his thunderbolts against the sinful world from an elevation in the extreme end of the building. Stoves have been set up, and Fred Fleet is sprinkling a generous covering of shavings and sawdust over the earthen floor. A force of about fifteen men were working this morning. This unusually large building has caused much comment from people who have not learned its purpose, and apparently the whole city is waiting for the Rev. E. J. Bulgin to make his appearance. He is now in Portland, where his son is ill with appendicitis, but if the latter's condition does not become alarming will be on schedule time Sunday night.

The dinner, today, will be served by the ladies of the First Baptist and Emmanuel Baptist churches, and every man who can possibly give some of his time during closing hours of construction is requested to do so, and to enjoy the excellent dinner.

Everyone who has signed up for the big chorus for the tabernacle meetings is urged to be at the Presbyterian church at 7:30 tonight for the rehearsal under the director, the Rev. Mr. Lewis. Others who can carry a tune and who are willing to join the chorus are asked to report to the Rev. E. P. Lawrence or Mrs. John Linfesty or to be present at the above hour.

## Rose Croix Knights Hold Convocation

Local Chapter, No. 2, Knights Rose Croix, of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry, held its annual mystic banquet, with the ceremony of the extinguishing of the candles,—observed each Maundy Thursday in the Masonic hall last night. Most of the members of the chapter were present. Archdeacon Van Waters, of the Episcopal church, who is here to hold Easter services, gave a very interesting lecture.

The banquet was served by the ladies of the Christian church, and was all that could be desired.

### ANOTHER OIL WELL IN LEWISTON FIELD

Fred R. Neil of Ashland, who is here representing the Oregon-Montana Oil and Gas company, has received word that another well has been brought in in the famous Cat Creek section of the Lewiston field, where his company is operating. It is claimed for this field that it is producing the highest grade oil in the United States.

## ADDITIONAL CUT IN RAIL RATES SOON, FORECAST

### Reduction of Freight Charge on Lumber Is Forerunner of General Cut in Tariffs.

### AIDS BUSINESS

#### Stagnation of Trade, If Not Relieved, Would Force Entire Realignment of Business.

Herald Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Concealed behind the voluntary reduction or equalization on lumber rates from the Pacific Northwest by way of Omaha, from 72 1/2 cents to 66 1/2 cents on lumber, or consecutive reduction at lower river crossings and the effect of reducing the lumber rate from the Pacific Northwest to Chicago from 80 cents to 73 cents, is a new tendency in railroad rates. This action was taken voluntarily by a number of traffic men, representing railroads, together with the interstate commerce commission.

It means an increased movement of lumber and lumber products from the Northwest producing sections to the consuming centers of the East and reflects a breaking down from the horizontal increase in railroad rates, which, in many cases, has been almost prohibitive and which has largely stagnated business, especially from Pacific Coast points.

A leading traffic expert the other day, in pointing out this new tendency in railroad practice, felt that in his opinion, if the present railroad rates are to be maintained without softening or adjustment downward, it would mean a complete rearrangement of the manufacturing and consuming centers.

### Hoover Sees Peril

Secretary Hoover in a conference with newspaper men the other day, said that the logical conclusion from railroad rates which prohibited the natural and increasing movement of freight according to the demand, was that the inevitable result would be realignment or rezoneing, which (Continued to Page 3)

## Auto Association Back of Klamath Falls-Weed Highway

The improvement of the Klamath Falls-Weed road, with a view to making an all-year road to California will be recommended to the Klamath County Auto association by the executive committee of the association at its next meeting. This decision was reached by the committee at a meeting held yesterday, and as the people of Dorris and other places of the road have expressed a desire to co-operate in the project, the chance to construct a permanent road, following the railroad from here to Weed, seems to be very good.

### LUMBER BUYERS LOOK OVER LOCAL TERRITORY

C. J. Bergman, representing the Chicago Lumber company, and A. E. Johnson, of the Ocean Lumber company of San Francisco, left for the latter city yesterday after spending several days here looking over the lumbering situation. Mr. Bergman and Mr. Johnson were the first representatives of the bigger lumber companies seen here this season.

### Weather Probabilities

The Barometric pressure of the Cyclo-Stormograph at Underwoods Pharmacy has been slowly falling since eleven o'clock last night, and at 10 o'clock today a sharp drop was again registered indicating a continuation of the high winds for the next few hours.

Weather Probabilities for the next 24 hours, cloudy and warmer followed by unsettled weather.