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MEDFORD MAN GIVES VIEWS ON CRATER LAKE

George T. Collins, one of Medford's three representatives on the Crater Lake special improvement committee has written the Herald the following letter, dated at Medford, March 30, explaining Medford's views in the Crater Lake matter:

Editor Herald:

I have been interested in reading one or two articles in your paper regarding the proposed changes to be made at Crater Lake and it would appear to me that you have a wrong impression of the matter.

The meeting which was held at Portland was merely a preliminary meeting for the purpose of finding out what, if anything, could be done to improve the conditions at the lake and if it developed that it was possible to do something to formulate plans to that end.

It was decided at that meeting to hold another meeting at Medford within the next two weeks, in the meantime the Portland committee and the Medford would gather such information as seemed necessary and try and perfect a permanent organization with a definite plan of procedure. As soon as the date of the meeting at Medford is definitely fixed it is our intention to ask your Chamber of Commerce to send a representative and join us in working out plans we have in mind. It is my personal opinion and I believe this opinion is shared by the other directors of the Medford Chamber of Commerce, that whenever one community depends for its success upon the holding back of another, it is harking up the wrong tree. We are not working that sort of a game.

We agree with the statement made by the Secretary of the Klamath Falls Chamber of Commerce that it would not be possible for us to improve conditions at the lake without Klamath Falls sharing in whatever benefits might accrue, but we do not agree with him that we are going ahead and do the work and bear the expense without giving Klamath County an opportunity to do her share.

We want your help and cooperation. We recognize your rights in the matter and at the same time we are not unmindful of the advantages that will accrue to us by having your assistance. I believe that both Medford and Klamath Falls would be better off if we at Medford will endeavor to route tourists going into the lake from this side, to come out from your side and for you to reciprocate by routing tourists going in from your side to come out on our side, than for both of us to try and route tourists coming out the same way they went in.

I hope to live to see the day when there will be half a dozen perfectly good routes into Crater Lake and the whole country on both sides of the mountains benefited thereby.

As stated above the Klamath Chamber will be notified in ample time to attend the meeting to be held shortly. You can rest assured that you will not be called upon to put up a large sum of money as it is not the intention of this committee to go ahead at the present time upon a basis of raising a fund such as has been talked about but we believe a great deal of improvement can be had even for the coming season which is close at hand, if we will all get together and help.

Very truly yours,
GEO. T. COLLINS.

Ed note:—The Herald has never doubted that when time came for contributions Klamath county would be asked to do her share. This obvious certainty is, in fact, the basis for the Herald's belief that Klamath county should have been represented in the discussion from the beginning. The Herald does not believe that in a matter so vital Klamath county's interests will be best served by following where others lead, and cannot agree, in the light of all experience, with the "folded-hands" policy enunciated by the secretary of the Klamath chamber of commerce. In all history no man, community or nation has ever built successfully on a policy of attempted reaping where they did the sowing.

Came From Medford In Nine Hours

M. A. Dobbin, of the Fairbanks-Morse company, who is here transacting business with the G. C. Lorenz company, told the Herald this morning that he drove from Medford this morning in nine hours. The road from Medford as far as Klamath Hot Springs is good, and there was no trouble getting over it. For about eight miles farther, however, the road is bad, but most any car, he says, can negotiate it. He came via Topsy grade, and considers his time for the 110 miles, very good for this time of year.

SMALLER MILL MEN ORGANIZE

An organization of owners and representatives of the sawmills of this region having a capacity of less than 40,000 feet per day, was affected at a meeting held in the Rex Cafe Saturday evening, 20 mills being represented. The organization will be known as the California-Oregon Lumbermen's association, and its meetings will be held for the purpose of discussing conditions pertaining to the milling industry and to give its members an opportunity to get together socially and become better acquainted with each other. Marlon Nine, of the White Pine Lumber was chosen president, and Alfred D. Collier, of the Swan Lake Lumber company, was chosen secretary-treasurer.

It is estimated that the mills represented in this association will give employment to at least 1,000 men, this being the approximate number of men employed by them last year.

George Cornwall, editor of the Portland Timberman, was the principal speaker at the dinner. Mr. Cornwall is on his way back to Portland after touring the white and sugar pine belt of California, his address was replete with first-hand information regarding the milling outlook. Mr. Cornwall, basing his forecast upon the plans made by the larger mills, believes that production this year will be from 60 to 70 per cent of normal. Freight rates are the dominating factors in deciding the extent of the demand of lumber.

The matter of board and wages came up for general discussion. There is slight chance for a reduction in board this year, the mill men at the meeting stated as nearly every mill lost heavily on its boarding house last year.

LADIES' PROMISE NEW FEATURES

The Women's auxiliary of the American Legion will give an entertainment in the West hall of the Odd Fellows' hall tomorrow night which they say is going to be something entirely new and will embody many surprises. What the nature of these surprises will be they would not divulge, but the music and singing will be equal to the best there is in the community. But, the surprises! "Just wait and see," is what the committee in charge of this entertainment has to say to all other ladies. Incidentally, there will be no charge for admission, and every one is asked to be there at 8 o'clock sharp. Mrs. Florence Brandenburg, Miss Pauline Bond, Mrs. Percy Burke, Mrs. Anna Holden, and Mrs. Florence Rae compose the committee in charge of the entertainment. The proceeds will be placed in the fund for disabled soldiers and their dependents.

Pepper-Cotton Mill To Open May 1

The Peppers-Cotton Lumber mill, near Macdoel, will open up with a capacity crew about the first of may, according to information received here today. This mill company is building seven miles of railroad to connect with the Southern Pacific near Macdoel, four miles of it being already completed. A crew is at work grading and laying tracks. When operating, this mill gives employment to about 150 mill men and loggers. The mill has a capacity of 75,000.

WILL HOLD A MONSTER TOWN MEET THURSDAY

Announcement was made at the Chamber of Commerce expansion campaign headquarters today that the campaign arrangements committee, of which M. A. Callaghan is chairman, is engaged in arranging the details for a big town meeting or community conference to be held at the tabernacle Thursday evening, April 7, beginning at 8 o'clock. The community conference will have nothing in common with the revival program which will give way to it. An effort will be made to induce residents from all parts of the county, as well as the city itself, to come out that evening and hear an outline of the new movement launched by the Chamber of Commerce. Invitations with admission tickets are being mailed to all of the individuals of the city and county whose names have been included on the prospect list up to this time, although the committee desires to make it plain that the invitation to the public is generally, and a formal invitation will not be necessary to obtain admittance, but for fear that some name may unintentionally be omitted from the invitation list, the committee makes this explanation.

Music and Speakers

The conference program will be featured by music, entertainment numbers and local and out-of-town speakers. There will be no solicitations made for funds or memberships. A special invitation is extended to the women. Briefly, the committee explains, the conference is intended to afford the opportunity for every person interested in the advancement and upbuilding of Klamath county to acquaint themselves with the expansion plan of the Chamber of Commerce. The details of the program will be made public as soon as completed by the committee.

There were two committee meetings this afternoon—the campaign publicity and the campaign speakers committees being called together to map out the work that lies ahead of them.

At 1 o'clock this afternoon the thought survey was conducted at the high school by Director L. W. DePay, assisted by R. E. Goetz, superintendent. Questionnaires were distributed among the students and they were requested to fill out answers to the following questions:

1. What vocation do you expect to pursue as a life work?
2. Do you intend to remain permanently in Klamath county? (If not, why not?)
3. In what, in your opinion, should the Chamber of Commerce undertake to assist you in preparation for your life work?
4. As a future citizen, what do you suggest that the Chamber of Commerce undertake for the general improvement of Klamath county.

A meeting of the women of Klamath Falls and Klamath county was held at Chamber of Commerce headquarters at 3 o'clock this afternoon to hear an outline of the plan, and the part the women may play in civic activities of the organization.

The American City bureau staff assigned to the Klamath county campaign has been augmented by the arrival of Glenn M. Still. He will assist the campaign director in the organization of the county forces, and also will have charge of the office detail work.

President Wants Knox Resolution Introduced

WASHINGTON, April 4.—The president is understood to have approved immediate re-introductions of the Knox peace resolutions when congress reconvenes next week. Final decision has not been reached as to when it would be pressed for adoption. Hope is said to be entertained in administrative circles that definite progress toward a concert of nations on a new world peace program might be possible within a short time. For that reason, it was estimated, three months or so might be allowed to elapse before action on the Knox resolution by Congress.

TIMBERMEN TO GET FIRST HAND INFORMATION

A large party of timbermen, headed by Jack Kimball left for the old Devereaux tract this morning to get first hand information regarding the ravages of the pine beetle, which has been a thorn in the side of timber owners of this region for years. The party probably will be gone all day, and will return in time to attend a banquet in the Chamber of Commerce rooms this evening. Prominent timber men from all over the northwest were in the party. A complete list of these men could not be obtained this morning, but a tentative list, most of whom are known to be in the party, follows:

George S. Long and Minot Davis, Weyerhaeuser Timber company; E. H. Cox, Long-Bell Lumber company; Prof. W. J. Chamberlain, O. A. C. Wm. M. Wheeler, Soper-Wheeler company; J. E. Patterson, John M. Miller, James Evenden, U. S. Bureau of Entomology; F. A. Elliott, State Forester; E. J. Eberly, Asst. State Forester; F. E. Ames, A. J. Jaenicke, U. S. Forestry service; Col. C. S. Chapman, Western Forestry and Conservation Association; Geo. M. Cornwall, editor "The Timberman"; Donald Bruce, U. of Calif. Charles W. King and assistant Foresters, Long-Bell Lumber company; Walter G. West, Supt. Klamath Indian Reservation; James A. Howarth, Klamath Indian reservation; Wm. C. Hodge, forester, California Forestry committee; Forest Supervisor Hall of Shasta national forest, Sisson.

Tomorrow, the entire day will be devoted to an effort to outline an effective campaign against this beetle, and the chamber of commerce rooms will be alive with timbermen. The government will be asked to lend its aid in this campaign, as heretofore the only interests that have been waging a fight are private interests.

SCOUTS ENJOY THEIR OUTING

The first of a series of boy scout outings which will be held at intervals of about two weeks came to a very successful close about 10:30 Saturday night, when 30 scouts, members of the high school troop, with their patrol leaders and a number of interested business men, returned home tired but happy from a day of fishing and other recreation in the vicinity of the Keno dam. The scouts, patrol leaders, and members of the scout executive committee went by boat from the Ackley mill wharf to the bridge, where they disembarked, and proceeded to the dam on foot. Selecting an ideal site, they struck camp, and then devoted the most of their time to fishing. The river was high, and Scoutmaster Goetz and son, were the only lucky fishermen in the crowd, the former catching one fish and the latter five. But the boys had good sport and worked themselves to a stage where their lunch at noon, and supper at night, cooked over camp fires, were keenly enjoyed.

About six o'clock in the evening, M. S. West, Don Zumwalt, and Charles Ferguson arrived at camp, the latter bringing his big yietrola, which helped make the after supper hours, during which the boys sang and told stories, supremely enjoyable. Don Zumwalt and O. Peyton were the principal camp fire story tellers.

The men who took part in the outing are Tom Watters, Judge D. V. Kuykendall, Robert Goetz, R. E. Wright, E. Beauchamp, A. C. Yaden, Andrew Collier, Don Bolding, Chas. Martin, George Bell, M. S. West, Don Zumwalt and Charles Ferguson.

CHILOQUIN BOY STRUCK BY ROCK; IS DEAD

Word of the death of Morley Lang, 10 year old, son of Thomas Lang, of Chiloquin, has just reached here. The report states that a companion, yesterday in play, rolled a large rock

Local Men Buy Hales Meat Market

Jack Hales and Bill Steinmetz, pioneer butchers of the city, have purchased Hales' Meat Market at 1016 Main street, from George Offield. Last fall Hales sold the market to Mr. Offield, having decided to try his luck in British Columbia. After spending a few months there he decided to return here and re-enter the meat business. Mr. Steinmetz also disposed of his market last fall, since that time confining his attention to his ranch and other business. Both men have a wide circle of friends who will be glad to welcome them back into the business affairs of the city.

BUILDING SHOWS UPWARD TREND

Business conditions in Portland have shown a marked improvement during the month ending today. Settlement of income and excess profits taxes, which held public attention during the first 15 days of March, was followed by a revival of buying, according to reports of wholesale and retail merchants. Collections became easier and confidence has been in a large measure restored.

Reductions in the price of lumber and other building materials added stimulus to the building game. The reaction along this line is particularly noticeable in the construction of new residences, records for March showing a larger number of permits issued than during any previous month for the past 10 years.

The total number of building permits issued during the month was 1390 and they call for the expenditure of \$1,475,450. Of this number 314 permits were issued for new residences, valued at \$1,059,650. The home building movement is gathering impetus and promises to gain in strength during the spring and summer.

The record for March contrasts favorably with that of February, when 232 residence permits, valued at \$593,350, were issued. According to H. E. Plummer, chief building inspector, there are at present more than 600 houses under construction in the city.

The local building program is keeping pace proportionately with similar movements in Los Angeles and San Francisco and is in marked contrast to the apathetic spirit of Seattle and Spokane. Employment improved approximately 10 per cent during the month.

Bank clearings for March totaled \$133,504,349.76, compared with \$173,172,975.98 for the corresponding month of last year.—Oregonian.

(Ed. Note: The same favorable condition, on a proportionately smaller scale, prevails here, according to local records.)

Two Cases are Summarily Decided

The first two cases on the present court calendar were disposed of quickly this morning, Judge D. V. Kuykendall deciding in favor of J. C. Kimball against J. Shaughnessy in both instances. Shaughnessy had sued for recovery of money on notes in both instances, and Kimball had filed counter claims. E. J. Elliott, attorney for Shaughnessy, filed articles for pre-judice against Judge Kuykendall, who disallowed them, and instructed Mr. Elliott to proceed with the case. The latter refused, and judgment was summarily given for the defendant, his counter claims of \$700 for labor and \$250 for money paid to be due on notes being included in the judgment. W. H. A. Renner, attorney for Kimball, then asked Judge Kuykendall to issue a bench warrant for Shaughnessy, alleging that his statement to the effect that he had paid certain notes constituted perjury. This matter will be argued before action is taken.

which struck the youngster, his death following almost immediately. It is understood that the Indian agent is investigating the death. The funeral will be tomorrow.

DORRIS FOLK ARE INTERESTED IN HIGHWAY

DORRIS, Cal., April 4.—A very pretentious start was made by citizens of this community Friday evening toward the organization of a live chamber of commerce which will cooperate with the county body at Yreka toward the ultimate realization of many improvements long needed.

First in importance is considered the Weed to Klamath Falls highway through this valley. Other matters pertaining to irrigation and shipping facilities will be taken up later.

The preliminary organization was affected by the election of Park Sherman, temporary chairman, and Joe Walton, temporary secretary-treasurer. Mrs. J. P. Bowman, who was appointed chairman of the membership committee, made an active canvass of Dorris Saturday securing \$250. Membership fees were placed at \$1.00 with the option of contributing more. Several business houses started their contributions with \$10.00 and guaranteed more if necessary.

A mass meeting is planned for Wednesday evening of this week when permanent officers will be elected and committees appointed. This body will work in close collaboration with the chamber organized at Macdoel last week. The two organizations will send delegates to Klamath Falls to meet with citizens of that place for the discussion of the Weed to Klamath Falls road.

Misinformation Retarding Building

Difficulty in convincing prospective home builders that retail building material prices have been reduced materially within the last few months is holding back the great construction boom in the history of the United States, with the statement today of Slater of the Lakeside Lumber company.

"People hesitate to build because they are under the false impression that it costs as much to erect a place today as it would have cost a year or so ago," said Mr. Slater. "As a matter of fact, everything that enters into the construction of a house or building has been reduced to the point where further price declines can hardly be expected.

"Lumber and general building material prices are lower today than they have been since 1917. Everything has been perceptibly reduced in price. Labor, too, is plentiful.

"The law of supply and demand rules in the building material world. When the building boom that is imminent in this country gets underway it is difficult to say just how far the prices may climb.

"Now is the opportune time to build. People who are holding off from building in the hope that there will be even further decline in the market are going to be fooled. Economic conditions in the United States are such that we shall never see a return to pre-war prices on building materials.

"Save money by building now."

United States Makes Reply to Germany

WASHINGTON, April 4.—Formal statement of the United States as to German reparations is contained in an exchange of communications with the German government made public today by the state department. The German communication from Dr. Simons, German foreign minister of March 23, states that it was entirely clear to both governments and people that Germany must make reparations to the limit of her ability to pay, but sought examination of unbiased experts to determine the extent of her ability. Secretary Hughes' reply stated that the United States government recognizes in the Simons memorandum a sincere desire to reopen negotiations with the allies on a new basis, and hopes that such negotiations once resumed may lead to a prompt settlement, which would satisfy the just claims of the permit Germany to produce.