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MOVE TO MAKE KLAMATH DAIRY COUNTY STARTS

A movement that may make Klamath county a real dairying district, and take care of the rapidly increasing alfalfa hay crop in a profitable way, started last night at the meeting of representatives of the merchants bureau, chamber of commerce and farm bureau, when the farm bureau laid information before the meeting that the Mallin district alone wanted 100 dairy cows imported.

The farm bureau found the financial problem too big for it. Bankers who addressed the meeting said the banks alone could not finance the big plan that is contemplated, but they would go as far as possible.

The only alternative seems incorporation of a community organization with capital great enough to handle the project.

County Agent Thomas said today that to adjust the alfalfa hay surplus it would be wise to import from 500 to 1,000 cows in the next three years, in other words to lay the foundation this year for a long term project. This year he thought it might be possible to bring in 100 cows.

The alfalfa acreage and production has grown greatly in the past four years. On the Klamath project alone the alfalfa acreage in 1925 was estimated at 8,100 acres, yielding 17,800 tons. Yearly since there has been a progressive increase, ranging from 150 to 200 acres a year, and a yield increase running from 5,000 to 6,000 tons.

In 1920 there were 14,350 acres in alfalfa on the project, with an estimated yield of 41,600 tons. Fifteen thousand tons last year's crop are still in the hands of the growers with no market in sight.

In discussing the problem Mr. Thomas pointed out that even with a most favorable freight rate, the Klamath alfalfa men can not compete with other growers in the coast market. The Klamath farmer has a long haul from the farm to the railroad against him, that no rate reduction will overcome.

The largest local consumers of hay have purchased their own ranches in the last year or two, and all stockmen are reducing consumption of feed as the first step in a general retrenchment policy.

With a growing production and dwindling consumption the dairy cow offers a profitable solution to the farmers' problem. The dairy cow is a consistent producer of wealth, and a thousand cows working the farmers' surplus hay into monthly cream checks would mean a big increase in the community's cash.

A committee of nine, three each from the merchants' bureau, the farm bureau and the chamber of commerce, will meet Tuesday to discuss the possibility of incorporating. The farm bureau representatives are L. A. West, James Ezell and Harry Telford.

In last night's discussion, it was decided if this project could be put over it would mean far more to the community than the prosperity week observance that had been tentatively planned and the prosperity week idea was abandoned.

Oil Rig Builders Arrive From Taft

B. L. Stitzinger, L. R. Buchanan, E. C. Lemert and Charles Bly, the rig builders who will erect the Crater Lake Oil & Gas company's derrick near Merrill, arrived today and will start work tomorrow morning.

They drove here from Taft, California, in an automobile. They left Taft Monday. This afternoon they went to the well site at Merrill.

SAVINGS AND LOAN ASS'N OPENS BRANCH HERE.

Herman E. Wood, representing the Union Savings and Loan association of Portland, is here to open a Klamath Falls branch office of the association. The progress that Klamath Falls is making has attracted the company, says Mr. Wood, and they start the local office after more than a year's investigation and expect to remain permanently.

All Counties Will Get \$150,000 From Road Commission

PORTLAND, April 7.—The highway commission at the meeting which ended last night established a policy of allowing each county \$150,000 for the next two years from the \$5,000,000 fund available to the commission for the biennium. The northern part of The Dalles-California highway from The Dalles via Dufur, Tygh Valley, Madras and Criterion to Madras was laid out and also the road from Criterion via Shaniko and Moore to connect with the Columbia highway at Biggs.

ORDER REFUND ON LAND SOLD IN OLD GRANT

Herald Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON, April 7.—Representative Sinnott has been notified by the commissioner of the general land office that a refund of \$1.25 per acre will be made to purchasers who paid \$2.50 per acre for land in even numbered sections, as well as in odd numbered sections, involved in the primary limits of the general route of the Northern Pacific railroad from Wallula Junction, Washington, to Portland, Oregon, forfeited by act of congress in 1890. Two dollars and fifty cents per acre was charged instead of the regular price of \$1.25 on the theory that the building of the railroad would enhance the value of the land.

The road was not built and the supreme court of the United States, in 1919, decided that a refund should be made to purchasers of land in odd sections. The commissioner ruled that this decision of the supreme court did not cover the even sections, but the secretary of the interior has recently held that the refund should likewise apply to the even sections as well as to the odd.

The lands involved are embraced in a strip forty miles wide on each side of the proposed line of the Northern Pacific along the Columbia river from Wallula Junction, Washington to Portland, Oregon, which was forfeited on account of the failure of the railroad company to construct the road.

Applicants will have until December 11, 1921, to file applications for repayment and may obtain application blanks by writing to Representative Sinnott.

Arbitration Plans Fail n Strike

LONDON, April 7.—A complete breakup of conferences for settlement of the coal strike has been announced by the premier. The union leaders have refused to order the pump men in the mines to resume work pending negotiations.

The National union of railway men today decided to unanimously support the miners' strike.

CHICAGO, April 7.—The railroad labor board has refused the New York Central permission to make provisional reductions in the wages of unskilled labor.

May Use Park Site For Camp Ground

The city park board is considering plans for equipping a part of the newly acquired park site on the west side of the river as an auto camp ground, until a better site can be procured. City water is available, and a good temporary camp site can be made there, it is believed.

Judge D. V. Kuykendall has suggested the use of the burned-over district on Main street, or a part of it, as the public play ground. If this site can be secured, the debris will be cleared away at once, and the work of putting it in shape will begin. The park board also petitioned the Klamath Development company to dedicate block 303 for park purposes, that being the block designated by the company as their donation as a school site. The school has been built in another block. The biggest obstacle confronting these projects is the lack of funds.

THOMAS H. REED WILL ADDRESS BIG MEETING

Klamath County Chamber of Commerce officials and committees assisting in the expansion movement recently launched, gave out the statement today that indications are for a large crowd at the community conference to be held at the tabernacle this evening, beginning at 8 o'clock. Advice received from different communities throughout the county are to the effect that there will be a large out-of-town attendance, as well as a big turn out from among the ranks of local citizens.

Dr. Thomas H. Reed, of the political science department of the University of California at Berkeley, last night wired that he would reach the city at 7 o'clock this evening to appear as the principal speaker on the program. His subject will be "The Modern Chamber of Commerce." Those who have heard Dr. Reed deliver this address pronounce it a master oratorical effort, characterized by sound logic and practical thought.

Brief talks will be made by Mayor W. S. Wiley on "The Future City and County," and Campaign Manager L. W. Deppay on "The Plan of the Campaign." The Klamath County Chamber of Commerce will render choice selections and there will be community singing, from specially prepared song sheets.

Chamber of Commerce officials reiterate the announcement that the public at large is cordially invited to come out to the conference and acquaint itself with the magnitude and scope of the movement that is intended to unify all of the different community interests in making Klamath County a busier, bigger and better place in which to live and do business. There will be no solicitations of funds or memberships.

The arrangements committee which is looking after the details of the conference program is composed of M. A. Callaghan, chairman; A. L. Wishard, Jimmy Swanson, T. B. Walters, W. T. Lee, J. T. Perkins, George Forge, L. K. Phelps, Leo Houston, W. A. Delzell, Lou Arens, Mrs. E. S. Henry, Mrs. J. J. Keller, and Mrs. H. E. Momyer.

This committee, also, is now working out the arrangements for the civic dinner, which will be served at the Pelican Hotel on the evening of Monday, April 18.

Police Recover Half Million Mail Loot

CHICAGO, April 7.—Between \$500,000 and \$750,000 stolen in the mail robbery at the Dearborn street railway station has been found by police. The money was found in wrappers in a discarded mail pouch indicating the amount taken. One story was that four robbers playing ball in a lot nearby, suddenly rushed to the station, held up the truck employees, demanded a particular mail pouch, and escaped in an automobile in a minute and a half. One robber fired a shot supposedly at one of his fellows, in the excitement.

BURROUGHS LIFE IS LIBRARY CLUB TOPIC.

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Library club will be held tomorrow afternoon in the library club rooms. The life of the late John Burroughs, the famous naturalist, will be discussed, and anyone knowing anything of interest about him is asked to take part in the lessons. A few of his poems and essays will be read, and stories of his life will be welcomed. All visitors are welcome.

A meeting of the study department will be held Monday afternoon at the usual time, and the book to be discussed is "The Rescue," by Joseph Conrad.

DAWES RECOMMENDS NEW SERVICE SYSTEM.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—Chairman Dawes of the soldier relief investigation committee has recommended to the president the organization of a veterans' service administration, consolidating the existing bureau caring for disabled men.

PROSPECT FOR REOPENING OF RATE QUESTION

Representatives of the traffic departments of the Portland, Sacramento, and San Francisco chambers of commerce, and of the Oregon railroad commission will meet here to discuss the possibility of an adequate readjustment of freight rates within the near future, if the plans of the merchants bureau of the Klamath Falls chamber of commerce can be carried out as outlined at a meeting held here last night.

Local business men are making no secret of their belief that the Southern Pacific railroad company through the head of its traffic department, G. W. Luce, gave them very little hope for the relief they need, and that the efforts to secure a downward revision, especially on incoming freight of the third, fourth, and fifth classes, should not be abated.

The chamber of commerce has been informed that representatives of the organizations named will attend the conference, which may be held here. No line of action was suggested last night, as it was thought best to wait until the different organizations can get together with reliable data to work upon.

At the close of the meeting a committee was appointed to investigate the entire rate question as it applies locally and gather data and information. The committee consists of Charles Hall, H. N. Moe, W. C. Thompson, H. W. Henderson and M. A. Callaghan.

START WORK ON NEW GARAGE

Ground is now being broken at the corner of Seventh and Klamath for the construction of a one story garage which will be one of the most modern in the state, the Ewauna Motors company, now located at 123 South Fourth street, having awarded the contract to John Thorsen.

The garage will be 26 x 136 feet, the longer dimension to parallel Klamath avenue, and will be built of pressed brick, in mission style. A modern show room, with the office, and a repair shop which the Ewauna Motors company intends to equip to a point that will make it second to none in this district will occupy the rear of the building. The garage will be ready for occupancy in about 40 days. The Ewauna Motors company has added the Hupmobile, the Overland, and the Willys-Overland to its first agency, the Scripps-Booth, and anticipates introducing this string of beauties widely throughout this district.

Hilton Will Pitch For Vancouver Club

Earl Hilton, local pitching pride, has been farmed to the Vancouver club of the Pacific International League, but the Oakland club, with which he finished the season last year, and with which he has been training this year, has attached a string to him, and may pull the string any time. Sports writers in California agree that Hilton has the ability, but needs more experience, and there is no doubt that Bob Brown, a man who knows baseball inside out and upside down, can do him a world of good in Vancouver. Hilton is expected to go up again next year, if not before the close of this season.

FOREIGN SUBSTANCE LODGES IN LUNG.

Mrs. Jack McAuliffe was a passenger to San Francisco this morning, taking with her her two-year-old daughter, Nora, who swallowed some small article, probably of metal, which has lodged in her lung. An X-ray examination at a local hospital revealed the location, and a visit to a specialist was recommended. The little girl does not seem to be experiencing much pain from her mishap.

Attorney General Lays Down Policy Of Law Enforcement

WASHINGTON, April 7.—A general warning to business that the government intends to countenance no violations of law was sounded by Attorney General Daugherty today. He declared that those guilty of illegal practices should "not close their eyes"; also that he does not intend to harass business but intended to enforce the law. Though profiteering sections of the Lever act have been declared unconstitutional the department of justice can proceed under the Sherman anti-trust law. Daugherty announced that an investigation of illegal practices in building material trades would be undertaken throughout the country.

COUNTY COURT FILES ANSWER TO INJUNCTION

A voluminous document, constituting the answer of the county commissioners to the complaint of Frank Ward against Klamath county, the assessor, sheriff, and county clerk, in the tax levy injunction suit, was filed with the clerk of court yesterday afternoon, by the defendants' attorneys, F. H. Mills, J. Bowerman, O'Neill and Irwin, and E. L. Elliott. The answer, sifted down to a few words, denies every allegation made in Mr. Ward's complaint, alleges that the county was made defendant in the suit as part of the general scheme to cheat, wrong, and defraud the county, asks that Mr. Ward be compelled to restore \$117,758 to the county that being the sum in the special new courthouse fund on March 20, 1918, and states that "the judgment and decree of the supreme court of Oregon in the present suit it is "null and void."

The answer denies that Klamath county has a defensible title to block 35, upon which the new Main street courthouse is located, and also denies that Klamath county was ever dispossessed of valid title to block 10 of the Hot Springs addition, the site upon which the Hot Springs courthouse stands. It is also alleged in the answer that the vaults in the Main street courthouse are unfinished and unsafe for county records, that the jail is incomplete, and that the old vaults now being used are more unusable. Farther on, the answer claims that the Main street building was not built in accordance with the plans and provisions of the contract, and that \$50,000 will be needed to complete the building. The history of the case, emphasizing the alleged perfidy of former County Judge Hanks and former Commissioner McCornack, in which crookedness is plainly alleged, is included in the answer. Mr. Ward, it is alleged, went into court with "unclean" hands.

According to the answer, the county court will, unless restrained, proceed with the building of the Hot Springs courthouse.

ALLEGED MOONSHINER HELD BY OFFICERS

L. J. Masters, residing at 1505 Oregon avenue, was taken into custody about 12 o'clock by Sheriff Lloyd Low, Chief of Police H. S. Wilson, and Patrolman T. Durham, and is being held to answer to a charge of operating a still. According to the officers, Masters admits ownership of the still. Two other men said to be implicated with Masters, could not be found. This still is the biggest one confiscated here, and the whiskey contained in a ten gallon keg, two jugs and one bottle apparently possesses all the elements of what is considered "good" liquor.

NEBRASKA LAW PENALIZES CHRISTIAN SCIENCE PRACTICE

LINCOLN, Neb., Apr. 7.—The Nebraska house of the legislature today passed a law penalizing the practice of Christian Science and subjecting that practice to the state quarantine law. The bill now goes to the governor.

DOUGAN MUST BE PAID SAYS SUPREME COURT

Klamath county must pay J. M. Dougan the unpaid warrant of \$30,572.47 that he holds and \$1,093 costs, decrees the supreme court in a writ of mandamus against County Treasurer Van Riper, served here today.

It is alleged in the document that there has been diverted from the special courthouse fund since March 20, 1918, the date of the Dougan contract, more than \$25,000 on general fund warrants and that there is now in the general fund some \$26,000 with which the treasurer is directed to pay the unpaid Dougan warrants.

The writ is a lengthy document and goes fully into the details of the transaction whereby it is alleged that the money has been diverted from the special courthouse fund. It states that the transaction in its entirety "amounted to a borrowing by the county."

Treasurer Van Riper is directed to pay the \$20,572.47 warrant and the \$1,093 costs bill forthwith, or, failing to do so, to show cause on or before April 20 in the supreme court at Salem as to why he has failed.

The total amount of the Dougan judgment was \$32,674.95, of which \$72,102.48 has been paid.

Proposed Grain Pool System In Dispute

CHICAGO, Apr. 7.—The fight over the compulsory pooling of farmers grain, which began yesterday over the committee of seventeen's report on a National co-operative grain marketing system was continued today on the reconvening of the farmers' ratification conference.

The committee of seventeen stood twelve for optional pooling, four for compulsory pooling, with one member a government employee not voting.

Record Winter Wheat Crop Is Forecast

WASHINGTON, April 7.—The fourth largest wheat crop in the country's history is forecast by the department of agriculture, with a total production for the United States of 621,000,000 bushels. This is 44,000,000 bushels more than was harvested last year.

SECOND RAE DAUGHTER IS WHOOPIING COUGH VICTIM.

Barbara, the four months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Rae, died early this morning, from an attack of whooping cough. The funeral will be held from Whitlock's undertaking parlors this afternoon at 2:30. The Reverend E. P. Lawrence, of the Presbyterian church, will conduct the service. This is the second child lost by Mr. and Mrs. Rae within two weeks, the first, their two-year old daughter, succumbing to whooping cough also.

Shearing Nears End IN SOUTHERN CAL.

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Apr. 7.—Sheep-shearing season is drawing to a close in Kern county and in a dozen camps, sheep-shearers are hurrying to finish their big task of clipping the 250,000 sheep who are contributing to the county's wool clip this spring.

Weather Probabilities

The Cyclo-Stormograph at Underwood's Pharmacy has recorded but little change in the barometric pressure since yesterday's report, although the tendency has been slightly downward.

However no marked change in weather conditions may be looked for during the next 24 hours.

Forecast for next 24 hours: Cloudy and warmer, followed by unsettled weather.