

WILL SEEK TO CREATE FREE MARKET HERE

Local Hotel Man Offers Location for Stalls; Plan said to Work Well Elsewhere on Coast.

"If the farmers of Klamath county and the housewives of Klamath Falls want to co-operate and establish a free market in this city to help lower the high cost of living, one can be established in this place immediately. I have a basement 33x55 feet so arranged for such a purpose that it can be taken over today, free of all charges, and used until the free market is firmly established and suitable quarters secured to carry on the program," state Nick Blanas, proprietor of the Arcade Hotel today.

"It is my intention to allow my property to be used for an honest effort to help lower this cost of living question which seems to still be agitating everyone. Understand that this basement is free of all costs. I'll do my part in the matter and if the newspapers will spread the idea and have the public tell me what they want, we soon will have one means of lowering costs which will make a perceptible difference in the living question here, Blanas also stated.

Mr. Blanas formed his idea from demonstrations of successful free markets in Seattle, San Francisco and even the small town of Redding, where free markets are in flourishing condition and are doing wonderful service in reducing living costs. The idea as explained is to have a certain day or number of days when the farmer can bring his farm products into some convenient place, display it in stalls and allow the housewife to bring her basket there and buy directly from the farmer instead of paying a middleman's profit. Fruits, vegetables, eggs, butter, chickens and even fresh beef and mutton are sold in other free markets at prices below the retailers' figure.

The scheme is working successfully in Seattle and the city has set aside all of one side of a certain street where stalls are rented for 10 cents a day, this amount charged for cleaning up the dirt or loose vegetables which are left after the business of the day is finished. Streams of thrifty buyers through this market all day long. The same condition on a smaller scale exists at Redding. Mr. Blanas feels that if a small place like Redding can establish and successfully conduct a free market, Klamath Falls can do the same thing. At Redding, even whole beavers are brought in and cut up, making the meat cost lower.

In Seattle and Redding, as well as San Francisco, no city license is required, according to Mr. Blanas and in order to further this project, Monday night at the meeting of the city council, he will ask permission for a free market here.

George Boglanes of Chico supplied Mr. Blanas with the following fruit prices at Chico Tuesday: Apples, plums and figs 2 to 4 cents a pound; cantaloupes, 3 for 25 cents; string beans, peas, 4 and 5 cents a pound, onions 50 cents a sack.

C. of C. Will Be Asked To Bear Expenses Of Band Organization

One of the items to be included in the budget which will be presented to the board of directors of the chamber of commerce Tuesday will be the salary and expense of the director of the Klamath Falls bandmaster, Fred Soelak.

Mr. Soelak has spent his own funds in the purchase of music and other material for the present band which gave such good service at the Fourth of July celebration here. According to the arrangements made this forenoon, this band item will show in the budget.

Pioneers of Oil Investigation Are In the Game Again

The Lost River Mining and Prospecting company, a pioneer in the development of the county's oil resources, is again in the game. They have 6,000 acres under lease in Poe Valley and are sending for an expert geologist to locate a site for an oil well. They expect to start two drilling rigs.

The company was started in 1915. At that time the probability of oil in Klamath was not generally conceded and the originators of the company were targets for considerable sceptical comment, not to mention downright ridicule at times.

Crater Lake Drew More Visitors in 1920, Figures Show

So far the attendance to Crater Lake has not been up to what it was in 1920, says the Medford Mail Tribune. The registration to July 9th was as follows: Klamath entrance this year, cars 194, people 715; last year 215 cars, 879 people. Medford entrance in 1920, cars 380, people 1400, in 1921 cars 341, people 1293. Totals 1920 cars 595; people 2279. In 1921 cars 535; people 2008. This does not include the east entrance and very few if any have come in from there so far this year. Of course the season is much later this year than last. There were ten passengers off the trains Tuesday morning for the lake and the attendance now is much larger per day than this time last year and the total attendance of the year will undoubtedly be greatly increased over last year.

P. O. NOT ALWAYS TO BLAME; FEW HELPFUL RULES

The postoffice department of Klamath Falls has announced a few plans for the accurate dispatch of outgoing and receipt of incoming mail for the benefit of the patrons of the local office.

The postoffice has been censured by individuals who claim that first class mail is held up for delivery. The department denies this assertion and states that whenever a letter arrives in this city addressed to "Charles E. Hall, Klamath Falls, Oregon," with no business or street address, searchers must establish who "Charles E. Hall" is, whether he is the president of the First National Bank or another Charles E. Hall who is engaged in a different occupation. To overcome this delay, the department suggests that correspondents be asked to write the business address on the envelope or the nearest known residential address or business occupation of the party written to. This will make delivery quicker and less likely to be made to wrong persons.

These few rules properly observed will help the local and outside offices; Address mail to street and number; firm letterheads should bear the street address; mail should be deposited early and frequently during the day and not held until the close of business; return address on envelopes results in prompt return of letters if undeliverable; register valuable mail matter; use postal money orders for remittances by mail instead of cash; patrons should not use the general delivery service where they have a business address, for general delivery, originally, was intended for transients; business houses sending letters should hand them in during periods of the day for day distribution instead of when the evening mail is coming in; if possible where mailing large numbers of letters, tie them in bundles with addresses facing out—this enables clerks to cancel them easily without having to "set them up", and save fifty per cent of time in securing quick delivery to parties addressed.

Assistant Postmaster McCall states that when a letter has no street address on it, searchers try to find the address, but if none is found the letter is placed in the general delivery. Should any patron feel that his or her mail is held up, please inquire

ROSEBURG MAN CHARGED WITH FIEND'S CRIME

ROSEBURG, July 15.—Dr. R. M. Brumfield, local dentist, is sought on a warrant charging the murder of Dennis Russell, a laborer, who was living alone in a cabin near Dillard. A warrant was issued last night, after Sheriff Stamer had investigated the wreck of Brumfield's automobile which was found burned at the foot of an embankment west of here, with the headless body beneath it.

The sheriff said Brumfield carried automobile accident and life insurance totalling \$27,000, and believed Brumfield murdered Russell, loaded his body into an automobile, drove over the embankment and exploded dynamite, blowing off Russell's head.

The supposition is that Russell was a victim of a plot by Brumfield to make it appear that the latter had met death in an accident so that confederates could collect the insurance. It is thought that he hoped that the body would be so mutilated by the explosion that identification would be impossible.

Articles of clothing and other effects of both Brumfield and Russell were found at the scene of the explosion said officers.

Circulars offering \$200 reward and describing Dr. Brumfield were sent out by the Sheriff today.

Officers are endeavoring to close every avenue of escape to Dr. Brumfield. They believe he either took the coast road over the mountains or returned to the city and took the midnight train north. Officers are guarding all passes leading out of Douglas county.

Claim Hotel Clerk Made Away With \$100

G. R. Blanchard, clerk at the White Pelican hotel, was arrested by Sheriff Low this morning, charged with victimizing the hotel out of approximately \$100 by removing cash from the drawer and replacing it with worthless checks. Blanchard says his home is in Virginia and that he has wired for \$150. He claims he expected to reimburse the hotel when he received the money from home. He is said to have been indulging in "moonshine" for several days.

Former Teacher is Married in Spokane

Mrs. A. B. Kirkendall of Klamath Falls, Ore., and E. P. Myhren of Spokane were married July 2 by the Rev. Mr. Logan of the Methodist church at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Widoes, N3018 Howard street, former friends of the bride in Oregon. Mrs. Myhren is a former Oregon teacher and Mr. Myhren has been with McClintock-Trunkay as clerk for many years. They are at home at 2728 Thirty-first avenue.—Spokane Spokesman Review.

The bride is the daughter of the late H. W. Keesee, a pioneer lawyer of Klamath county, and the half sister of Wayne Keesee, principal of the Fairview school. She still has many friends here, although she has not resided in this city for four or five years.

GETS \$44.50 VERDICT IN SUIT AGAINST CLEANER

The case of Henrietta C. Laughton against N. B. Drew, cleaner was settled yesterday in justice Gaghagen's court. The plaintiff asked for \$100 damages for damage to clothing, and received a verdict for \$44.50 with costs.

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at the general delivery window and the missing letter may be found. After ten days this letter in the general delivery section is returned to writer if return address is on it, otherwise it is sent to the dead letter office in San Francisco. Just as a suggestion Mr. McCall says, "See that the person has either a business or residence stated on the envelope."

MANY CAMP AT DIAMOND LAKE; FALLS REMOVED

The falls in Lake river, obstructing the passage of fish up the stream into Diamond Lake, were removed yesterday with dynamite by a crew under the charge of John Ramsdale, superintendent of its Crooked Creek hatchery, and Henry Stout, game warden, according to report brought back by Nat Stetson, and Lee Bean, who spent several days fishing at Diamond Lake.

The fish from the lake easily washed down the stream over the falls, but were unable to ascend again as long as the obstruction existed.

Further improvement is being made by engineering work that has as its object the combination of divergent channels of Lake river in one channel. The work is under way.

There are at least 15 camps at Diamond lake, said Mr. Otterbein, and the fishing is fine. Leslie Rogers and family and C. B. Chrysler and party, of this city, have camps established. Many parties from Bend and Prineville and one crowd from Pendleton are camped there.

Wife of Well-Known Lawyer Found Dead In Seattle Kitchen

SEATTLE, July 15.—The body of the wife of Clarence L. Reames, former special assistant attorney general, was found early today in the kitchen, of her home. Death was due to asphyxiation. The police said Reames found a note, which he declined to turn over to the officers. The coroner is investigating to determine whether she committed suicide.

Clarence L. Reames was formerly a Jackson county resident. He was appointed United States district attorney at Portland under the Wilson administration. During the war he developed in Seattle for the services of a special prosecutor in pending federal cases and he was appointed assistant attorney general, and has since resided in Seattle. The family is well known throughout southern Oregon.

TWO SUITS FILED

Two suits were filed in circuit court this afternoon, one divorce petition by Arthur B. Reynolds against Amy L. Reynolds alleging desertion and abandonment, and the other a suit by H. E. Childers against J. D. Edler for the collection of a note amounting to \$1000 principal, \$46.50 interest, and \$100 attorney's fee. The note was given Dec. 20, 1920 and Attorney Gus Newburg of Medford has been engaged by the plaintiff to prosecute the case.

U. S. PAYS STATE \$25,000 FOR FIGHTING FIRES.

Herald Washington Bureau WASHINGTON, July 15.—Oregon is one of the twenty-four states which will receive a maximum share of the \$400,000 of federal funds appropriated for the protection of forest lands from fires during the fiscal year, which began July 1.

Oregon will get \$25,000 to protect 12,000,000 acres of forest lands. Five other states receive as much but no state receives more.

Last year only \$125,000 was appropriated by congress for this work, but due to the activity of Senator McNary, of Oregon, this sum was increased to \$400,000, and gave for the first time in recent years adequate sums for fire protection.

This expenditure is authorized under what is commonly known as the "Weeks Law", which was passed March 1, 1911, and has continued in force ever since.

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No More Conferences Likely On Irish Peace Until Monday

LONDON, July 15.—Another meeting between Premier Lloyd George and Eamonn De Valera was held today, for a discussion of the preliminaries of the hoped for Irish peace. The conference lasted about an hour and a half. At its conclusion the announcement was made that the conferences would be resumed later, probably Monday.

BELFAST, July 15.—The military resumed control of the north Queen street area today. An armored car patrolled the streets. Two persons were killed during 30 or 40 minutes of rioting last night.

High Rent Held to Be Large Factor in Local Living Cost

A meeting of the high cost of living examination committee, composed of James Stevens, chairman of all committees, and the heads of the sub-committees, A. L. Wishard, Mrs. Henry, R. H. Dunbar, and T. L. Stanley, was held last night at the chamber of commerce rooms, at 8 o'clock.

No definite reports on the matters each committee had under investigation were made, as many reports were far from complete. Discussion of proposals relative to securing information on certain costs by correspondence took place comparison of prices in other localities with those charged in this city was suggested.

It seemed to be the conclusion, based upon informal questions, that the rent charged in residential and business districts here was extremely high and the committee in charge of this item are prepared to report accurately upon the situation at the next meeting. No date was set for the next meeting but members will be notified by the chairman, James Stevens, when it will be held.

Alleged Shoplifter Taken Into Custody

The old trick of conjuring yards of ribbons from an empty hat was faded by an impromptu legerdemain performance staged last evening by a couple of clerks of the Golden Rule store, who detained Max Robinson, a lumberjack, long enough to withdraw two shirts from beneath opposite armpits, one from the back, beneath his coat, and one from his front waistband.

Robinson was later arrested by Sheriff Lloyd Low. If no shop lifting charge is brought against him by the store he will be held on a charge of intoxication, said Chief of Police Wilson today.

Flat Rate on Wool Asked by Stanfield

Herald Washington Bureau WASHINGTON, July 15.—Senator Stanfield, in appearing before the entire ways and means committee of the house, demanded that the 35 per cent ad valorem duty on wool be eliminated.

He says that it tended to complicate the situation and deprive the grower of the protection he would be entitled to if the tariff was confined entirely to the specific duty of 25 cents on the scoured basis.

He illustrated by saying that if wool was \$1 a pound, the maximum duty which could be collected would be 25 cents, while if it were only 50 cents a pound, the limit of 35 per cent ad valorem would confine the duty to 17½ cents.

After the hearing he was satisfied that the leaders of the ways and means committee were willing to eliminate the ad valorem duty and leave the 25 cent duty on scoured content the sole duty without limitation especially in view of the fact that the wool growers wanted a flat rate of 33 cents.

Congressman Sinnott was present at the hearing and Congressman Hawley sat with the ways and means committee.

MARKET REPORT

PORTLAND, July 15.—Cattle steady, hogs \$1.00 higher, prime light \$13 and \$13, sheep slow; eggs firm, butter two cents higher, extra cubes 35 cents, prints 40 cents.

CONCRETE PIPE, MADE HERE, FOR FUTURE SEWERS

City Engineer Will Recommend Concrete Instead of Vitrified Pipe For Sewer Construction.

Monday night there is to be submitted to the council for adoption, specifications for concrete sewer pipe. If the council sees the question in the same light as does City Engineer Zumwalt, the specifications will be adopted.

The introduction of concrete pipe into this city may have an important bearing upon future extensions of the city's sewer system, particularly insofar as Mills addition is concerned. One of the big items of expense heretofore has been for pipe, every dollar of which was sent out of the city. If concrete is used, the pipe will be manufactured here, every dollar spent for it will be distributed to local workmen and business houses and a permanent industry will be established in the city.

In the course of his investigations, which have been carried on over an extended period, City Engineer Zumwalt found that concrete pipe has been used in over 300 cities for periods of from ten to forty years, that over 300 miles of it has been laid in Portland and that the city of Eugene uses it exclusively. It is stronger than vitrified pipe and is well suited to the conditions that will have to be met with in the Mills addition. To start with there is no likely to be much difference in the cost, but the product is greatly superior to clay.

The fact that the adoption of concrete pipe would mean that all of the money spent for it would remain here, will undoubtedly have a strong bearing if a special election is held to correct the defect in the Mills addition sewer bonds. The entire cost of this unit would be spent in this city. The necessity for sewers out there is urgent, not only as a needed improvement, but as a protection to the health of the entire city. The residents of that addition have been promised relief for over eight years and it is a crying shame that the promises have not been kept. If a special election will remove the barrier to the immediate installation of this sewer system, then it should be called at once.

MEXICO WILL OBSERVE INDEPENDENCE CENTENARY

NOGALES, Ariz., July 15.—Mexico City is planning a big celebration for two weeks in September to mark the one hundredth anniversary of the confirmation of Mexico's independence, according to Henry Levin, a local business man who recently returned from Mexico City.

The governments of France, Italy, England, Germany and other European countries are expected to participate.

VETERAN CROSS COUNTRY HIKER OFF AGAIN.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 15.—Henry Stewart, 74 year old walker, who has made eleven trips across the continent, is off again. He attended ceremonies here recently at which George E. Cryer was made mayor and then left with a letter of introduction to the mayor of New York City.

Stewart's last round trip, according to his figures, was made in 324 days, including a long stop-over.

Prisoner Refuses to Return to Calif. Without Extradition

Though yesterday he said the Susanville authorities had "nothing on him" and he was willing to return voluntarily to face a charge of passing worthless checks, George Daniels, arrested at Malin Wednesday by Deputy Sheriff Barnes, had a change of mind this morning and refused to accompany Constable Massey of Susanville without extradition papers.

The California officer has telegraphed for the papers and expects to wait here until they arrive.