

## LOWER RATES MAY NOT COME BEFORE 1922

### Proposed Rate Reduction Will Mean Difference of \$65,000 Yearly on Local Branch.

SACRAMENTO, July 18.—Decision in the case of complaints by Oregon shippers against class rates from Central California points to the Klamath Valley district, heard by Clyde B. Aitchison of the interstate commerce commission, is not expected before the close of the year, according to word received here by Sacramento shippers from San Francisco.

Complainants and intervenors were given until September 1, and the defendants until October 1, to present their briefs. Any other interested party may file as late as October 20.

The Southern Pacific company submitted a new schedule of class rates between San Francisco and Klamath Falls and between Portland and Klamath Falls. The latter rate between two Oregon points is interstate because of the fact that the route is via Weed, Cal. This proposed tariff was stated to represent a reduction of 20 per cent from the rates offered by the company at the hearing of the case in Portland last January. This reduction will amount to a loss in revenue of \$65,000 a year on the Klamath branch, J. M. Mulebay, traffic expert of the Southern Pacific, declared.

As intervenor in the case, the California state railroad commission maintained that the California rates fixed by the commission in 1917 were just and reasonable per se, and were made without relation to rates from Portland to the same territory.

The point was urged that the shorter distance and less mountainous haul gave the California shipper a natural advantage, not to be overcome by attempted rate equality. This position was supported by the traffic representatives of the San Francisco, Oakland, Sacramento and Stockton chambers of commerce.

## Woman Driver Has Close Escape When Car Goes in River

Mrs. B. C. Jackson, who drives a Scripps-Booth touring car met with an unusual experience last night when she attempted to turn the car around on the narrow highway near the California Oregon Power company Link river dam.

Mrs. Jackson carefully gauged the distance she had to turn in and was almost about when with no warning whatever, the car slipped down a 8 foot embankment into Link River and was covered with water. Mrs. Jackson was able by crawling over a door and grasping the top of the car to reach the bank without injury to herself.

A passing driver of a Mack truck assisted in the recovery of the auto and when the Scripps-Booth was again on dry land, a draining of the carburetor and a little tinkering with the electrical parts, made it possible for Mrs. Jackson to return to the city under the car's own power. Outside of wetting the car from top to bottom and the unexpected bath to the driver, no damage was done and Mrs. Jackson is happy over the outcome of an accident that might have resulted in her death. She had driven the car less than 200 miles and has been in possession of it less than two weeks.

## Mrs. Brumfield Says Body is Husband's

ROSEBURG, July 18.—After careful search a finger print of Dr. Brumfield, missing dentist was found on an electrical fixture in his office. Mrs. Brumfield requested the body in the morgue be buried as that of her husband. Two friends of Dennis Russell yesterday identified the body as Russell's because of a twisted toe nail.

## Report on Naval War Record Divided; Sims Upheld by Majority

WASHINGTON, July 18.—The majority and minority reports of the Senate naval committee, which investigated Rear Admiral Sims' charges against the American Naval Administration during the war, was published today.

The Republicans declared that Secretary Daniels' policy during the early stages of the war was "self-defensive, non-aggressive and non-helpful, while the Democrats upheld Daniels, saying his policy was vindicated by the "uniform success of our operations," and was deserving of the "heartily commendation of this committee and of the American people.

The majority report severely scored Daniels, ex-president Wilson and Rear Admiral Benson, former chief of operations. The minority report defended them.

The charge of unnecessary cost of lives and money was declared by the minority report to be "monstrous," and without foundation. The minority said Sims failed to produce any evidence to sustain his charge.

## WILL DRILL IN POE VALLEY

A meeting of the directors of the Lost River Mining and Prospecting company was held this morning and a number of moves which will, it is hoped, have a beneficial effect upon the development of the mineral and oil resources of this county.

One of the first actions taken by the board of directors was the increasing of the capital stock of the original company from \$5,000 to \$100,000, shares at a par value of \$100 each. Application was made to the secretary of state for immediate increase.

One of the most important actions taken in reference to the development of oil in Poe Valley was the instructions given to Capt. J. W. Siemens to accept the offer of a driller, who has two rigs, a standard and Star, to come here and begin operations upon a site to be chosen by a reputable geologist. The geologist also has been notified to come at once and locate the proper place and this matter was taken care of by Capt. Siemens. The original proposition made to the company by this driller was as soon as a site was secured by a geologist, the rigs would be moved here and the land drilled upon a 50-50 basis, all expenses to be borne by the driller.

The original company started operations on a small scale in Poe Valley several years ago but there was no systematic drilling as the outfit used was a small one operated by a gas engine and the drilling as done by inexperienced drillers. However, it was asserted, by the men engaged upon the job, that oil evidences were found at the depth of 140 feet. A limited amount of money prevented continuation of operations, after a string of tools were lost at a depth of 600 feet.

This pioneering in Poe Valley and the evidences found led the directors to believe that Poe Valley contained oil and in the increase of capitalization made today, this section can be thoroughly probed with suitable machinery. Over 6,000 acres have been leased in this valley.

If there is no failure on the part of either the geologist or the driller, it is said that within thirty days Poe Valley may be the scene of the oil drilling activity.

## SEEK TO DISMISS FORECLOSURE SUIT

Attorney John Irwin has filed a special motion in the case of the First National bank against S. C. Hamaker, Melissa M. Hamaker and O. J. Hawkinson wherein the defendants are threatened with a foreclosure of a mortgage, amounting to \$11,000 and costs. The special motion will seek to squash the service upon defendant Hawkinson, alleging that the original summons was imperfect, inasmuch as it failed to state residence or postoffice address of the plaintiffs' attorneys.

## KEEP EVERY POSSIBLE DOLLAR IN KLAMATH

What is the matter with Klamath? What is the reason it is not responding as quickly as other sections of the nation to the change for the better? Is it because we haven't a million-a-month payroll like we had last year? Is it because everything is not at the top notch? Is it because an honest effort is not being made to get back to pre-war basis?

No. The trouble cannot be laid at the door of any or all of these causes. Every other community has faced these same conditions and are solving them just as we are solving them. These other communities are getting into their stride, while we are lagging. The case must be local and the remedy for it must be found at home.

We have before us a list of remittances sent through one channel to well-known mail order houses during the month of June, the total of which is \$3,253.18. What a staggering figure it would be if you could see the total sent through the banks and postoffices of the county and the express office here!

We know the cry will go up "But we can buy it cheaper!" Perhaps you can, but how much? Go on a cash-in-advance basis at home and then see how much you can save by sending away. Put your home merchant and manufacturer on exactly the same basis as the mail order house and there will be no necessity to send away for your needs.

But there is a bigger and better reason for buying at home. It keeps your dollar in circulation here. It finds a home market for home products. It gives employment for the people here instead of furnishing employment for the men in distant cities. It stops the constant drain on the financial resources of the county. It does away with the constant necessity for the banks calling in their loans, for if your dollar goes into the banks it increases their deposits and automatically increases their loaning capacity. If you are a borrower from one of the local banks, every time you send a dollar out of the county you bring just that much closer the date for the payment of your loan and make it just that much more difficult to borrow money.

Take inventory today of your expenditures. See what percentage of your money is sent out of the county and see if that percentage cannot be lowered or entirely eliminated. Make a resolution that from now on you are going to become part of a movement to build up Klamath county institutions and industries. That every dollar you spend will be spent with the object of developing this county. That you are going to see that not one penny of your money that can be turned to the betterment of conditions here will leave the county. That you are going to urge this policy on your friends, your neighbors and the business men of the county. First, last and all the time be for Klamath county and everything that will help start it out of the rut that it has dropped into.

## OREGON MINT CROP WILL BE BIG THIS YEAR

### OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, CORVALLIS, July 18.—

Seventeen to 20,000 pounds of peppermint oil from plants grown in central Oregon this year, is the estimate by Dean Adolph Ziefle of the school of pharmacy, who is spending part of his vacation in the interests of the Oregon Peppermint Growers Cooperative association. Since July 1, Dean Ziefle has been working near Brooks, Coburg, Newberg, and other points instructing the farmers relative to approved methods of planting and cultivating peppermint plants. He expects to supervise all harvesting and distillation of all peppermint plants grown in central Oregon this year.

"The average price of oil last year was \$5.25 per pound," said Dean Ziefle. "Should this price be offered this year, peppermint will be the most profitable crop farmers could raise. From all indications, the yield of peppermint oil will be greater this year than last because of the fact that the season has been almost ideal for peppermint culture."

Experiments are being conducted in the school of pharmacy on pressure distillation, as well as the effect of certain weeds or the quality of oil of peppermint. The Mint Growers' association is planning to refine its raw oil, and in order that the refining process may be under the supervision of the faculty of the school of pharmacy, the plant may be located in Corvallis, points out Dean Ziefle.

While the Klamath county mint crop is just getting a good start, it is probable that the production this year in Klamath county will equal the entire Willamette yield. More than 300 acres of lustrous plants are making fine progress on the Caledonia ranch. Should the yield be 50 pounds per acre, the ranch would produce 15,000 pounds of oil. With a 60 pound yield there would be 18,000 pounds, equalling the entire Willamette production. Sixty pounds per acre is not an exorbitant yield. On especially favorable areas 80 pounds of oil is sometimes produced.

Make that idle dollar work! Put it in the bank.

## TOMMY GIBBONS WILL MEET CARPENTIER IN OCTOBER.

NEW YORK, July 18.—Tommy Gibbons of St. Paul was today matched to meet Georges Carpentier in October for the world's light heavyweight championship.

## Investigating the Need of Water Charge Suspension

Harry Holgate, district counsel for the United States reclamation service, and A. N. Burch, former manager of the Orland, Cal., project, are here making investigations in connection with the request of local project water users for suspension of water charges until farm finances are readjusted to lower markets.

Mr. Burch resigned from the reclamation service several months ago, but is acting under special appointment in this investigation. Several projects have asked similar suspension of charges and the matter is being gone into thoroughly by the department.

No ruling has yet been received upon the petition for suspension forwarded to Washington by the Klamath district directors several weeks ago.

## Sister of Local Residents Passes

Word has been received in this city of the death in the University hospital in San Francisco, last Thursday, of Mrs. Allie Wolters, an old-time resident of Talent, Ore. Mrs. Wolters was a sister of Mrs. L. F. Willits and Russell A. Alford, of this city. She visited here at various times for many years, and made many friends who will be pained to learn of her death. Mrs. Wolters had been ill since December and was taken to San Francisco about two weeks ago, where an operation performed in the hope that her life might be prolonged. The funeral was held in Medford yesterday afternoon. Besides her aged parents who reside in Talent, and the brother and sister who reside here, Mrs. Wolters is survived by a brother in Medford, a daughter, Mrs. James Pellet, and a son, Chester Wolters, both residents of Talent. Mrs. Wolters husband died about eight years ago.

## Phone Rate Case Rehearing Opens

SALEM, July 18.—The rehearing of the telephone rate case opened today with attorneys representing numerous municipalities that are seeking a return to the rate scale effective before March 1, in attendance. Telephone company attorneys questioned the public service commission's right to grant a rehearing. Attorney Tomlinson, representing Portland, contended it had the right.

Neither the city of Klamath Falls nor the chamber of commerce is represented at the hearing, inquiry today developed.

WEATHER REPORT OREGON—Tonight and Thursday, fair.

## Pennsylvania State Prison Fired During Riot; Six Injured

PITTSBURGH, July 18.—An outbreak of prisoners in the western penitentiary here today was followed by a fire which destroyed ten factory buildings within the enclosure.

City policemen and deputy sheriffs armed with rifles and riot guns reinforced the guards who held the prisoners at bay while the firemen fought the flames.

A peep through one of the gates showed Pittsburgh detectives with drawn revolvers, facing a great crowd of prisoners in the yard. The men appeared to be in great terror of the flames raging behind them.

Many prisoners confined in cells shattered the glass in the windows and shrieked for help. The crowd could hear the cries and groans of the imprisoned men. Six persons were injured. Governor Sprout has asked the state police to guard the prison tonight.

## FIRST INNING, BASEBALL TRIAL

CHICAGO, July 18.—With a jury selected, after two weeks of effort during which nearly 600 talesmen were examined, the defense and prosecution today started the first "inning" of the trial of seven former White Sox players and four alleged gamblers, charged with conspiracy to permit Cincinnati to win the 1919 world's series from Chicago.

The investigation into alleged gambling, bribery and game throwing in major league baseball was opened officially in September, 1920, when Judge Charles A. McDonald, chief justice of the criminal courts, charged the Cook county grand jury with looking into reports which had come to his attention concerning fixed games.

The grand jury investigation which followed proved the most sensational in the sports history. It finally resulted in the indictment of eight members of the world's champions Chicago White Sox, two former major league players, two alleged gamblers and a former world champion pugilist on charges that they had conspired for the White Sox to throw the 1919 world series to the Cincinnati Reds, and that some White Sox players accepted bribes ranging as high as \$10,000 to deliberately lose games in that series.

When the case was called to trial on March 17, 1921, however, it appeared that the sensational exposure would develop into the greatest legal fiasco on record. The state, charging that its witnesses had been corrupted, declared it was not ready to prosecute, and when Judge William E. Dever refused a postponement, State's Attorney Robert E. Crowe declared that there was "no game" and dropped the cases against seven of the players. Judge Dever took the others off the court call.

The action of the state, however, proved to be a boomerang for, instead of marking the end of the scandal, it proved really to be the beginning. A few days later a new grand jury investigation was started. Unlike the first one, which was attended by blaring of trumpets which made all of the testimony public, the second inquiry was secret. President Ben Johnson of the American league was the chief witness aside state officials who read the testimony submitted at the first hearing.

## ULSTER LEADER AND LLOYD GEORGE IN DEADLOCK.

LONDON, July 18.—The Irish situation has developed into a virtual deadlock, between Lloyd George and Sir James Craig, the Ulster premier, according to reports from responsible quarters, and Sir James has been given an opportunity to go to Belfast to see if anything can be done. De Valera conferred with Lloyd George today.

## MARKET REPORT

PORTLAND, July 18.—Cattle 25 to 50 cents lower; choice steers \$6.75 and \$7.25; calves one dollar higher; hogs one dollar higher, prime light \$14 and \$14.85, low and weak; eggs and butter firm.

## WHY NOT START CLEANUP WITH PUBLIC GROUND?

### Suppose the County Were to Set A Good Example for Private Owners—Would It Help?

While talk of a combined campaign against the weeds that are liberally spread over vacant lots and sidewalk parks throughout the city has persisted for several weeks, the weeds continue to multiply in places where there is still moisture to facilitate their growth. In the more arid areas, weeds and foxtail grass are drying and scattering seed for next year's crop.

Some ardent spirits, whose names should be writ large on the rolls of good citizenship, have wielded the hoe to good advantage in spots, but in comparison with the areas where the weeds are lustily triumphant their good work is lost upon all except the good observer.

Sizing up the strength of the weed army it appears that nothing save a mass attack of several days duration will make headway against the invaders. And there will be plenty of weeds left, even if all residents should take part, unless some provision exists in the city ordinances to enforce participation by absentee owners of city lots.

From so large a host of negligent owners it is a hard task to pick individuals whose offense is more flagrant than their neighbors. There are a few pieces of property whose owners seem to take pride in keeping them spick and span, but they are far in the minority.

One instance in which the public should be interested, however, and in which a good example might be set by the authorities for the private individual, is the grove in the rear of the courthouse on Main street. When the writer saw it a few days ago it was a veritable jungle of weeds, wood piles, discarded lumber and limbs broken off the trees and left lying. If the county prisoners who now subsist in idleness, were organized as a cleanup brigade and turned loose on this lot for a day or two, it could be transformed into a parkable park at practically no expense. Some of the local lumber companies would doubtless furnish material for a few benches, and with proper police attention to prevent it becoming a congregation place for undesirables, it might be made into a real recreation center for the Klamath citizen and the stranger within the gates.

Inasmuch as it affords practically the only public shade in the city, it is too bad that this grove is not utilized during the present warm season. And its cleanup would set a highly desirable example for the private citizens, whose lawns curb and back yards sadly need the attention of the landscape manicurist.

## Three Years Hasn't Changed Opinion

C. J. McIntosh, the O. A. C. extension man who described the three-fold agricultural, lumbering and manufacturing and transportation advantages of Klamath Falls on a visit here three years ago, breezed in from Ashland Sunday evening and stopped over for a visit with the G. B. Cosard family on his way to Lakeview.

The visitor is still of the opinion that this district has three distinct assets, none of which is better than that of the average community, and that it will make a second Spokane in a few years after it once takes its "hop off."

The interests of country journalism is also receiving a good deal of attention from the college man, who has just concluded a statewide rural service contest in the interests of a better service to the rural communities. He is going to present some of the results uncovered in the contest before the meeting of the state editorial association at Bend, July 23 and 24.