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INVESTIGATION ASKED BEFORE RAISING RATES

A. C. Barber, state fire marshal, has been asked in a letter written this week by Mayor Wiley, not to take action tending to increase insurance rates in this city without full investigation. The argument against an increase is contained in the letter, the text of which follows: Hon. A. C. Barber, State Fire Marshal, Salem, Oregon.

My dear sir: At the last meeting of the common council of this city a file of correspondence was read, which has occurred between yourself, A. R. Wilson, local fire insurance agent, and Keith Ambrose, fire chief of this city, relating to the possibility of an increase in local fire insurance rates. It has occurred to us here that this proposed action is based upon a misconception of the real facts.

Furthermore, in view of the fact that it is so difficult to reach a full understanding of existing conditions through correspondence, we sincerely trust that, before anything definite along this line is done, you may see your way clear to visit our city in order to secure first hand information, or send one of the deputies in your office on such a mission. We believe such a conference would be of mutual benefit to all interested parties.

We are satisfied that a careful study of the financial losses through fire in this city during the past four or five years will show that such increases as are contemplated are not warranted by local conditions; that this city's record in this connection is no worse than the average town in the state, and that doubtless many of the fires at lumber mills outside the city, are credited to the city, and unjustly so.

Practically all of the fires occurring here in the past four or five years have occurred in old wooden buildings, on which the insurance rate must necessarily have been high, and which must have been considered high risks, with the exception of two garage fires. It is well-known that a garage, where oils, grease and gasoline are kept, creates a fire hazard greater than the average building. In the aggregate however the losses in connection with the above named fires could not have amounted to any great amount. Probably the largest losses were in connection with the burning of the Martin Mill and the Kwana box factory, these two fires occurring about four or five years ago.

We sincerely trust that we may be able to arrange a personal conference before any definite action is taken.

Very respectfully,

W. S. WILEY,
Mayor.

Banker Battles With Rattler on Topsy

With both combatants in deadly earnest and an excited audience, consisting of the ladies of his family, looking on, O. D. Burke, local banker, and an enraged rattlesnake waged a wicked war on the Topsy grade Wednesday evening. The banker, armed with a lusty club, launched a heavy offensive, but his opponent was no mean strategist and from an entrenched position beneath a fog defied the onslaught of blows. The snake's dugout was well protected by a growth of brush, but by agile maneuvering the attacker managed to land some telling thrusts. Finally the snake managed to retreat into a hollow at the base of the log from which his enemy could not dislodge him, much to his regret.

FIRE IN FLUE

The fire department was called to 206 Michigan avenue at 12:19 o'clock this afternoon to put out a flue fire. The house is occupied by a party named Haines. No damage to the property was reported.

GOVERNOR SMALL



Illinois executive, accused by grand jury indictment of having embezzled state funds while treasurer. The circuit court has held that there is no "divine right of kings" in Illinois and that the governor, who threatened to call out state troops to protect him from arrest, is the equal before the law of every other citizen.

FLOAT PRIZES ARE AWARDED

The Fourth of July float committee yesterday awarded the prizes for the handsome floats entered in the parade July 4th and checks were sent out to the respective winners yesterday by Jack Furber, treasurer.

The business float of the Golden Rule store, entered by Ed Vannice, was awarded a first prize and a check for \$15 mailed.

The prize for the float entered by the lodges of this city fell to the Moose and the treasurer of the lodge received a check for \$15 this morning from the committee.

The greatest difficulty was the determination of the winner in the private entries and a division of the \$50 prize awarded for this event was finally made equally among Mrs. B. Hilton and ladies of the La Vogue store. Mrs. John Enders and Mrs. Charles O. Moore. Had any of these floats been entered alone, no trouble would have been experienced by the judges but as all three came up for consideration, each one was a prize winner and first prize accordingly was awarded each one. A check for one third, or \$16.66, was sent to the respective entrants.

Treasurer Furber has been absent from the city since the celebration and the award of the prizes was delayed by this circumstance. All the bills contracted by the committee have been paid which have been presented and Treasurer Furber is now preparing a statement of every expenditure as well as contributions made to finance the celebration.

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

Former Pastor is Here for Visit

Rev. John J. Cunningham, S. J., arrived here last evening from San Francisco and will remain here for a few weeks, during which time he will conduct the annual retreat for the sisters of Sacred Heart academy. Father Cunningham was pastor of Sacred Heart church some years ago, when it was located in Fairview and when Klamath Falls did not boast of the educational institution that it possesses today. Nevertheless, his work, as well as that done by his predecessors and successors, was part of the foundation upon which the success of today rests. He is always glad to return to his old field of endeavor, but not more so than are the host of friends he made while here and who remember and appreciate the efforts he put forth for his little flock and his home town.

BRUMFIELD IS NEAR KLAMATH SAYS SHERIFF

That Dr. Brumfield is in hiding in Klamath county, is the belief of Sheriff Sam Starmer, who returned Wednesday from points in California, where he has been conducting a search for the man charged with the murder of Dennis Russell, says the Roseburg News-Review. Sheriff Starmer went into northeastern California, and eastern Oregon and found no trace of the missing dentist south of Klamath Falls. Evidence found between Bend and Klamath Falls, however, makes the sheriff confident that the suspect is hiding in that vicinity and will ultimately be captured. Sheriff Starmer, Lynn Croason and George Ward, the latter two having been members of the posse which has been working in the Bend country, returned this morning, coming back by way of the McKenzie pass. Deputy Sheriff Hopkins and Joe Murphy, who are also searching that vicinity, will remain in eastern Oregon indefinitely.

"I found the officers everywhere on the alert and doing all within their power to capture our man," Sheriff Starmer said. All throughout California the officers are perfectly organized and have gone to a great deal of expense to form a barrier which will be difficult to pass. "I was greatly impressed by the cooperation shown and everywhere I met with the heartiest assurance that nothing had been left undone to prevent the escape of the man we believe to be responsible for this crime.

"In every section I visited I found the murder the chief topic of discussion and interest is exceedingly keen. The people are watching the papers closely for new information and the case has proven a sensation which will not soon be forgotten."

In eastern Oregon Sheriff Starmer said he found the officers working hard. The Douglas county sheriff went over much of the ground where it was thought possible that the man might be hiding but nothing of any consequence was found. Sufficient evidence was picked up, however, to lead to the opinion that the fugitive is hiding some place between Bend and Klamath Falls, in either Klamath or Deschutes county. It was practically an impossibility to ferret out the hiding place of the suspect, the officers state, but all avenues of escape have been blocked and will remain so until the man is captured.

Success of Market Depends on Farmers

The free market trial will be made tomorrow at 11 o'clock in the forenoon and will continue as long as any produce or farm products are left for disposal in the basement of the Arcade hotel.

Chris Blanas, sponsor of the project, has written to farmers and others who have produce to sell to be on hand tomorrow and he has urged them to bring small assortments for this trial. If the consumers attend in great numbers, next Saturday large quantities of produce will be provided.

Mrs. Ben Bond of this city, has taken a great interest in this market and stated, "The possibilities for the development of this county through the free market are wonderful. The farmer is urged to feel that the success of this project depends on him personally, although he may be very busy with his large crops and have very little produce for the market at present, still the success of the market may be of great importance to him later. Tomorrow the opening day is the critical time. The time is ripe, the buyers are ready and if the farmers fall them, their opportunity is lost."

MARKET REPORT

PORTLAND, Aug. 5—Cattle, 25 cents higher, choice steers \$4.50 to \$7; hogs steady, prime light, \$3.50 to \$18; sheep steady and unchanged; butter firm; eggs weak.

ALTAMONT MAY BE COUNTY FAIR SITE THIS YEAR

No formal meeting of the Klamath County fair board took place this forenoon as scheduled. Clyde Bradley and Frank Sexton this forenoon inspected the Altamont ranch one mile east of this city as a possible site for the county fair site and this afternoon went down to the county poor farm to view its possibilities. No decision will be reached until the full board meets but it is thought that the Altamont ranch site may be selected owing to its central location in the county.

No formal organization has been perfected as yet, nor will be until the \$1000 bonds, under which each member of the board is placed, are filed. The members expect to file bonds this afternoon. It is reported that the fair board favors three day program instead of two as suggested at first.

POST WILL PAY UNDER PROTEST

Roy Fouch, adjutant of the American Legion post, was busy today collecting money to meet the federal income tax on dance tickets sold at four Legion dances last year. He said he would have the \$118 required, \$78 tax and \$40 penalty, today. The post, at a special meeting last night, authorized payment of the claim, although post officers said it would mean the temporary crippling of charitable activities among needy members.

There was no attempt made to segregate the tax when the tickets were sold, because the dances were not given for profit and, post officers believed, the receipts were exempt from tax. It developed, during the present visit of Collectors Hewitt and Davis, that this construction was wrong and the tax would have to be paid.

The federal collectors today denied that they set a time limit of midnight last night for the payment of the tax. This statement was published on the authority of Adjutant Fouch, who told the interviewer that the post had been given until midnight to turn over the money. The federal representatives were emphatic in asserting that this statement was erroneous and that the "government did not do business that way." In other words did not attempt any drastic enforcement of its claims. Their duty, they said, was to carry out the law as it existed, with the least friction possible.

Mr. Fouch today reiterated that his understanding of the collectors' talk with him was that the time limit for payment expired at midnight last night.

J. H. Carnahan, post commander, said that Messrs. Hewitt and Davis called upon him, and after citing the income tax law, demanded payment of the tax.

"I took it from their conversation," he said, "that they intended to arrest the post officers, unless immediate payment was made, and proceed against the post in a civil action to collect the tax. I told them that rather than have any controversy with the federal officers that the post would pay the tax under protest."

The post last night, Mr. Fouch reported, voted to pay the tax under protest.

Summers School Dist. Votes \$10,000 Bonds for New Building

Residents of School District No. 1, the Summers school, south of the county hospital, yesterday voted to issue \$10,000 bonds to provide a new school building. The structure will be of brick, with three rooms, and is expected to be completed this year. O. R. Wright, local architect is engaged upon plans and specifications for the building.

DENIES CHARGES



This is Major Bruce R. Campbell, who emphatically denies all charges made against him by Mrs. Emma Bergdoll before a congressional committee. Mrs. Bergdoll claimed that Campbell received \$5000 to be used in securing the release of her son, Grover C. Bergdoll, draft evader who escaped to Germany. Campbell's father and other witnesses corroborated his statements to the committee.

KLAMATH CLUB WORKERS LEAD

J. E. Calavan, field worker from the state department of education at Salem, is here looking after the interests of the boys' and girls' clubs with F. W. Sexton, county club leader. They visited club members at Miller Hill, Fort Klamath, Henley, Lone Pine, Mt. Laki, Fairview, Merrill and Malin during the past week.

Mr. Calavan reports that he found club work in splendid condition under the leadership of Mr. Sexton. He is very anxious to have Klamath county send a canning team, a judging team and four representatives, two boys and two girls, to the state fair camp, September 26 to October 1, inclusive.

Klamath county has the largest dairy herd and record keeping club in the state, says Mr. Calavan. R. B. Wilcox is their local leader, and has taken a great interest in the success of the boys and girls. This club has 16 members.

Elmer Buesing of the Lone Pine district is completing more club projects than any member in the state. He is taking garden, poultry, pig, potato and dairy herd record projects.

Mr. Calavan left this morning for Portland.

ANOTHER OIL CO. IS FORMED

The Klamath Petroleum company, with a capital stock of \$200,000, is the latest oil venture in Klamath county. The company was incorporated this week by W. L. Tingley, W. T. Smith and Edward Bloomingcamp. The company is made up chiefly of stock holders in the Klamath Oil company, one of the oldest oil companies in the county. Considerable land has been leased and the officers of the company expect to lease more as quickly as favorable locations can be secured.

Some of the men heavily interested in the Klamath Petroleum company are Captain J. W. Siemens, Edward Bloomingcamp, George Bloomingcamp, Neil Campbell, W. C. Smith, W. L. Tingley, John Brett, W. W. Baldwin, C. C. Ward and R. C. Groesbeck.

When interviewed today the directors refused to divulge just where the company's biggest holdings were, or at what time they expected to begin drilling operations. But it was intimated that the date was not far distant when both questions would be answered by the activity of the company.

FIRST CONCRETE POURED, LINK RIVER DAM

The first concrete to be poured on the east channel of the Link River dam was dumped into the forms yesterday. The tramway is completed about a third of the way across the east channel and from now on, according to officials of the California-Oregon power company, the construction of the dam proper will progress at a rapid rate. The Keno gates, of that portion of the dam which crosses the Keno canal on the west side of the channel, are completed.

The dam site presents an interesting spectacle to an onlooker. The east channel of the river, which was once a raging river, with dangerous rapids, is now perfectly dry, and a large crew of men are busy day and night digging six or eight feet through the solid rock deepening the natural channel of Link river. Two big derricks, one with a 90 foot boom, swing with almost human precision carrying the loose rock away as the workmen take it from the bed of the river. The debris is being dumped along the east bank of the river. In the middle of the rocky stretch men are at work drilling four foot holes in solid rock with air drills, which do the work of eight men, in preparation for blasting.

A new camp, known as the upper camp, is being established this week by the power company farther along the shore of the lake. Men stationed at this camp will take out the old reef, thus changing the water course in such a way that the Upper lake will reach down to the new dam instead of stopping somewhere near the Wickstrum place as at present.

LAD IS NEAR DEATH IN CANAL

George Henderson, aged 11 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Henderson of 1021 Jefferson street, was rescued from the canal near his home at 11:15 o'clock this morning by Louis F. Arnold and Ted Cole, reclamation service employees after he had sunk the third time.

Young Henderson and Earl Stinson, ten year old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Stinson, photographers, decided to swim the canal, and young Stinson made it. When the Henderson boy tried to duplicate the performance, he became exhausted and was carried into the swift current near the bridge and went under. There is 11 feet of water at that point.

The cries of Harold McCollan and Garrett Beckley reached the ears of Louis Arnold and Charles Jensen in the reclamation service blacksmith shop, and Ted Cole, a hydrographer. Jensen jumped through a foot window of the shop and swam after the drowning boy, who resurfaced about 70 feet from the upper bridge and went down again. When he appeared this time, he was within 15 feet of the second bridge back of the reclamation offices. Arnold caught him and with Cole's assistance carried him to the shore and applied first aid. The boy was removed to his home where this afternoon he is recovering from the shock.

Young Henderson was asked how it happened and after relating the incidents remarked, "When I went down the last time I was just as tired all I could do was to kick once then a lot of white spots showed up in front of my eyes. That is all I remembered."

FUNDS MAY BE GIVEN FOR AIR PATROL WORK

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—Senator McNary announces that steps have been taken by the air service to get an additional allotment of funds from the general staff for continuing the air service forest patrol which was about to be abandoned on account of lack of funds. An immediate purchase of gasoline fuel in local markets has already been authorized, pending arrangements for general supplies.