

COUNTY COURT SETTLES WITH ROAD LITIGANTS

The suits filed by Robert D. Cheyne and Fannie M. Cheyne and Con Curtin against the county court in the matter of the right of way through their property for the Merrill road, instituted recently in circuit court were ordered dismissed from the docket by Judge Kuykendall as both plaintiffs accepted a compromise from the county court. Cheyne will accept \$1,956.73 and Curtin, \$5,078.69 as damages to their property. This settlement was affected yesterday during the session of the county court.

Cheyne claimed that the arbitration board consisting of Fred Buesing and Charles Loomis awarded him \$2,914.80 and Curtin the sum of \$6,787 on April 14 and the county court refused to pay these amounts. Suits to enforce payment was filed by both plaintiffs on July 18, 1921 in the circuit court.

Sophia S. Henley accepted a county warrant yesterday for \$2,214.69 for alleged damages to her property she asked \$6,010.40.

How to Treat the Traveler is Topic Tomorrow's Forum

While many of the members of the chamber of commerce will be absent from the city attending "Klamath Falls Day" in Medford tomorrow the noon luncheon at the chamber will be held at 12:15 o'clock sharp.

The presiding officer for the forum will be selected this afternoon but the speaker for the occasion will be Postmaster W. A. Delsell. His subject will be "Tourists" and it is said that he will outline many helpful hints on entertaining tourists here. As Mr. Delsell returned recently from a trip to Bellingham, he will tell of his reception in the cities he stopped in while enroute through Oregon and Washington.

Says His Method Saves Waste of Logs

Tyros Rodes, inventor of the Rodes patent method of sawing tapering logs, is here on a visit to the lumber mills, showing his method, by which he claims that a 40-foot fir log, with a 26-inch small end and 30-inch butt can be cut to make 268 feet of timber from the squared log. Additional cuts from the trimmings will make 76 feet more for a total of 344 feet.

The proposition was submitted to the Ewauna Box company yesterday by the inventor. Mr. Rodes claims that he came here to demonstrate this process to H. D. Mortensen, who at present is in San Francisco. The inventor claims that his method will produce 10 to 30 per cent more lumber from the logs, raise the grade 20 per cent, and save the edge grain.

HUCKLEBERRIES NOW RIFE SAYS CORRESPONDENT

Writing from the huckleberry patch, August 2nd, M. M. Clark says that there will be the largest crop of berries this year that there has been for years. They will be ripe about August 10.

Charles McNeil's pack train is on the mountain, says Clark, all ready to pack in the camps for the berry gatherers.

ADAMS CATTLE DRIVEN TO MARSH PASTURE

Sunday evening autoists coming in from Fort Klamath met Frank and Bob Adams driving a herd of cattle estimated at 1,000 head, bound for feeding grounds on the Upper Klamath marsh. The range near this city is becoming drier and the pasturage on the upper marsh is said to be very fine right now.

SERIOUS FIRE AT DUNSMUIR REPORTED

Report was current here today that a fire at Dunsmuir, Cal., last evening, destroyed the auditorium and several residences.

Relief Head Reports Terrible Famine Condition, Russia

LONDON, Aug. 9.—F. L. Thompson, in charge of the American relief work at Brest-Litovsk reports that Russian refugees are pouring into that city at the rate of 2,000 a day. Many are too weak to stand, and must crawl on their hands and knees. Scores are dying by the roadside and thousands are barely managing to exist on a diet of grass roots boiled in water. Bolshevik sentries are living on whatever they can get.

Back From Buying Week in Portland

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Bowman of Chiloquin returned last night from a trip to Portland where they attended a Merchants' Buying Week, the big sales event staged each year in that city.

Mr. Bowman stated that about 1500 buyers from all over the state attended the session and some exceptional values were offered. He bought heavily of the offerings for his establishment. The merchants who attended the sale were all of the same frame of mind regarding the bottom price in materials being reached, and no future quotations were announced as being lower 60 days from now than what was offered at Portland.

Sabbath Dance Gets Proprietor Arrested

A complaint was filed against Fred Duke, proprietor of St. Cloud, this forenoon, by Patrolman McLaughlin charging Duke with alleged violations of the city ordinance by conducting a dance upon the Sabbath. City Attorney W. M. Duncan issued the complaint at noon today.

Duke is alleged to have allowed the guests at his place to dance after midnight Saturday August 6th, after being warned by Chief of Police Wilson that no dancing would be permitted after 12 o'clock. When the place was raided by Patrolman McLaughlin, the orchestra was playing at 12:15 a. m. and a number of couples were on the floor.

Fire Chief Orders Weeds Eliminated

Fire Chief Ambrose was around today notifying owners of lots upon which weeds had sprung up heavily to cut them at once. This action was deemed necessary as a majority of property owners had complied with his requests earlier last week.

Chief of Police Jenkins of Portland, according to Chief Ambrose, had instituted harsh measures with the people up there relative to keeping the weeds away from frame buildings and in a number of instances fines were made for violation after being notified to cut them. The Portland chief stated that weeds at this time of the year work the most hazardous fire menace that existed.

Cost \$1000 to Operate Ferry For One Month

The operation of the ferry service at Modoc Point, to detour travelers around the Modoc Point stretch of state highway, cost the taxpayers \$35 a day during its operation. It was discontinued last Saturday night.

A warrant was ordered drawn yesterday to J. A. Linman for the service rendered from June 1 to June 30 for \$1,035. The bill has not yet been presented for the service in July and up to August 6.

Without this ferry service a long drive over rough roads would have been entailed upon passengers bound for Crater lake and intermediate points.

OREGON APPOINTMENTS READY FOR ANNOUNCEMENT

PORTLAND, Aug. 9.—Senators Stanfield and McNary have agreed upon Oregon patronage and appointments to federal offices will be announced within 48 hours. Response is now being awaited from the men slated for positions and is the only cause of delay.

U. S. OIL SHALES MAY YIELD THE FUTURE SUPPLY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—Recent investigations by the U. S. geological survey are held by its experts to indicate that in the Rocky mountain states "there are enormous quantities of oil shales which can be made to yield hydrocarbon oils to a much greater extent than we can hope to obtain from our oil wells."

The shales are said to constitute a tremendous potential oil reserve. "The oil shales of this country," says the report, "contains enormous quantities of oil, but large amounts of money will have to be invested before the oil shale industry becomes of commercial importance. Estimates by various engineers of the cost of a complete retorting plant, handling 1000 tons daily, are between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000.

"In this country the oil-shale industry can not be developed overnight and probably can not attain success until large sums of money have been spent in perfecting mining, retorting and refining methods. A company to be successful, whenever oil-shale operations become commercially feasible, must be able to employ the best technical, business and engineering skill available, be prepared to operate on a large scale, and be financially strong enough to wait several years for any large return on the money invested."

The report declares that it is "unfortunate that a large number of the many companies organized to deal with oil shale are devoting their efforts to stock selling rather than assisting in building a firm basis for the industry."

A summary of the report follows: There are no commercial oil-shale plants operating in this country at the present time, although there is a well established industry in Scotland.

Many American shale deposits are richer in recoverable oil than Scotch shales now being worked, and probably nearly equal in nitrogen content, which is a measure of recoverable ammonia.

Market conditions for shale products are less favorable in this country than in Scotland.

Great quantities of American shales are of greater thickness and better suited for mining than Scotch shales. As yet no process for obtaining oil from oil shale has been used in actual commercial practice in this country.

Indications are that the United States can not continue long to depend on domestic petroleum production to supply completely the demand for petroleum products, and that sooner or later our oil shales will have to be used to help supply the deficit.

The oil shale industry can not hope to supplant the petroleum industry in a large way for many years, but will probably grow up from local industries in favorable places.

Costs of oil shale operations can not be reliably estimated until commercial practice in this country furnishes the necessary basic data.

The quantity, quality and value of products and by-products to be obtained from oil shale in this country are not known with any degree of certainty.

The oil shale industry is a large scale, low-grade raw material manufacturing enterprise, requiring large capital, high technical and business ability and satisfactory mining, retorting and refining processes worked in the development of the oil-shale industry and satisfactory mining, retorting the refining processes worked out and market established, there should be only ordinary business risk connected with the industry.

WASHINGTON COLLIERIES TO RUN ON NON-UNION BASIS

SEATTLE, Aug. 9.—Commercial coal mine operators in a statement to former employes today declared their intention of reopening the mines, closed since March, "independently of the United Mine Workers of America."

30 MISSING IN LATEST LIST OF SEA DISASTER

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 9.—The latest revised list of the missing from the Alaska contains the names of 26 passengers and four of the crew. This is in addition to the 17 known dead.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 9.—The steam schooner Multnomah, 959 tons, laden with lumber, dropped her propeller fifty miles north of West Blunt reef, and is drifting helplessly. Relief is hastening to the scene. The vessel is not believed to be in immediate danger.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 9.—The steamer San Jose of the Pacific Mail line, 2,135 tons, bound from San Francisco to Panama, struck the San Pablo reef off the west coast of Mexico last night. She carried 66 passengers and 33 crew. It is believed she will float until help arrives this afternoon.

Trench Was Tight Fit But He Missed Broken Bones Anyway

"I got a real kick out of your old rag last night," said M. L. Coldtrap, this morning. When a newspaper man admits there is anything on earth that gives him a thrill those who know the pencil pushing tribe prick up their ears.

"It's about this lad, Roy Nafzger, of the Ninety-First division," explained Coldtrap. "We served together and when I saw he was in charge of the Ninety-First's annual reunion, it reminded me of the last time I saw him."

"A nest of German machine guns opened up on us, and everyone was hunting a hole. Nafzger is built on the graceful lines of a bean pole but he take an extra size on the hips."

"Well, he drew a shallow ditch for cover. It was plenty deep to protect his legs and shoulders, but, as he lay face down in it he was somewhat exposed amidships."

"The Germans had the range down pat and were whipping a stream of lead directly across the trench. I had a position in the lee of a stone building, temporarily safe enough. Every so often Nafzger would say 'ouch.' Another bullet had found its billet. He couldn't move without risking a serious wound. By keeping still he didn't escape being hit, but the bullets missed the framework and only damaged the upholstery. I cannot recollect ever seeing a fellow in a tighter hole."

Mr. Coldtrap expects to leave for California in a few days. He is planning on taking in the Ninety-First reunion at Los Angeles in September.

Salvation Army May Establish Quarters Here

The Klamath county advisory board of the Salvation army will be called together at 5 o'clock this afternoon to meet with Brigadier John W. Hay, divisional commander of the Oregon district with headquarters in Portland.

Brigadier Hay will outline to the board the desires of the Salvation Army to establish an office here next month and assign two workers to it to conduct work here this winter among needy families.

Business men of this city are being telephoned announcement of this meeting by chamber of commerce members this afternoon. The Klamath County advisory board consists of George Walton, R. H. Dunbar, Inez Bell, R. C. Groesbeck, Capt. J. W. Siemens, Leslie Rogers, O. D. Burke, C. H. Underwood, W. E. Vanulce, K. Sugarman, Marlon Hanks, E. M. Chilcote, Bert C. Thomas and F. A. Baker.

Will Commission U. S. S. California Tomorrow Noon

MARIE ISLAND, Cal., Aug. 9.—America's newest battleship, the super-dreadnaught California will be commissioned at the Marie Island navy yard here tomorrow noon.

Ceremonies of commissioning will be simple. It is expected Commandant E. K. Beach of the yard will read his orders authorizing him to commission the ship, Captain H. S. Elege-meir will follow with his orders instructing him to take command and the flag will be raised. The California will leave for San Francisco August 17.

Body, Afloat in Trunk, Identified As Aged Woman

SEATTLE, Aug. 9.—Positive identification of the naked, mutilated body found in a trunk in Lake Union yesterday as that of Mrs. Kate M. Mahoney, 67, missing wealthy Seattle woman, was made by Mrs. C. Hewitt of Wenatchee, her niece, the police announced today. Mrs. Mahoney disappeared about April 15 since when her husband James M. Mahoney, 38, whom she married a month before, has been under arrest. Mahoney continues to maintain silence.

Wife Stabbed to Death By Former Spouse; He May Die

PORTLAND, Aug. 9.—Mrs. Gertrude Henderson, who was stabbed yesterday by her divorced husband, Joseph Henderson, died early today. Henderson, who fled, was surrounded by the police and shot himself in the right eye and tried to sever the artery in his left wrist. Physicians say he will recover. The couple were divorced June 15. They had three children.

C. of C. Party Ready For Medford Trip

There was no meeting of the board of directors of the chamber of commerce today. The regular session next Tuesday will take up many matters which were left over from the last and this week.

President Hall received a wire from Secretary T. L. Stanley from San Francisco today stating that he would meet the Klamath boosters at Medford tomorrow and return with the party Thursday evening.

W. T. Lee and A. B. Collins have completed the party which will attend the forum at Medford tomorrow. The persons who will leave in cars are, W. T. Lee, L. O. Arens, J. C. Thompson, W. C. Van Emon, E. B. Hall, A. B. Epperson, Burge Mason, J. E. Enders, Mayor W. S. Wiley, R. V. Marshall, F. A. Baker and O. D. Burke.

BEATING THE JAPANESE TARIFF ON TIMBER

TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 9.—The fact that the Japanese tariff tax lumber per stick instead of per board feet has resulted in the cutting of some extremely large timbers here. Recently one mill shipped to Japan timbers 36 inches square and 40 feet long which weighed six tons.

They will be cut into lumber upon their arrival in a Japanese port.

The largest piece of timber that can be cut here, it is said, is a stick 48 inches square and 110 feet in length. Such a timber would weigh about 13 tons and could not be loaded on a vessel.

BABY BOY ARRIVES

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wagner are receiving congratulations on the birth of a 7 1/2 pound baby boy, named Walter Benton. Mr. Wagner is a member of the Whitman Drug company.

FOREST FIRES

SALEM, Aug. 9.—An aeroplane was despatched today over Clatsop and Columbia counties where several bad fires are reported.

BIDS ON NEW PAVING OPEN OCTOBER 10TH

The city council at their session last night allowed the Warren Construction company the balance due on the paving units held up at the meeting two weeks ago. City Engineer Zumwalt rechecked the estimates for this work with the completed contracts and stated that the amount which the company placed on the final work was just checks for \$500 for work on Klamath street from Ninth to Eleventh street; \$200 from First to Third on Washington; \$700 for Conger avenue; \$1000 on Pine from Eighth to Eleventh and the final estimate on Washington street from First to Ewauna amounting to \$2,661.25 were ordered made out and paid over to the company.

Bids on the seven units of paving recently passed, as well as the city hall units, were ordered advertised by the police judge and the bids will be placed in the Engineering News Record of New York, a Portland paper and the Herald some time this week. Bids must be in by October 3, 1921. The bids will be opened seven days later. Authority was given the police judge to again advertise the resolution calling for a special election August 13 for the Mills sewer bonds.

The question of retrenchment was brought up last night by Councilman Bogardus in considering the financial situation in this city and this matter was referred to a committee composed of Councilmen West, Hawkins and McCollum.

Mayor Wiley was instructed to write a letter to Eugene O'Connell of Medford notifying him of the bootlegging nuisance alleged to exist on his property at 1313 Main street. Two permits were granted, the construction of a barn in Mills addition and the Ladies' auxiliary were authorized to place in commission a fountain, which is in front of the White building but not in use, somewhere else on Main street. The city will pay for the water.

The fire insurance rates did not come in for lengthy consideration last night as the council is awaiting an answer from State Fire Marshal Barber relative to his acceptance of the invitation to visit Klamath Falls and secure first hand figures on the fire losses here.

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

Appeal Dixon Estate Case From County to Circuit Court

An appeal was filed yesterday in the circuit court, in the matter of the estate of Louie B. Dixon, deceased from the decision of the county court.

The controversy arises over the appointment of an administrator by the county court, Benson Dixon, who is now acting administrator and is alleged to be unsatisfactory to the heirs in this estate. The attorneys for the petitioners seek to have Benson Dixon removed and the widow, Beattie M. Dixon appointed in his place. The estate is said to be small.

DIVORCE GRANTED

Judge Kuykendall granted two divorces yesterday, one decree being given to Carl P. Knabner from Jessie Knabner and the other to John W. Farleigh from Arline Harriett Farleigh.

WHEAT CROP FORECAST IS 66.6 PER CENT NORMAL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—The August crop report of the department of agriculture was issued today. It forecasts, as a preliminary estimate the production of 5,544,000,000 bushels of winter wheat and 213,000,000 bushels of spring wheat. This condition is 66.6 of normal.

Practically every important crop showed a prospective loss in reduction as the result of adverse conditions in July. The present forecast for wheat is 52,000,000 bushels less than a month ago.