

PUBLIC WANTS THE REPORT ON LIVING COSTS

There is much inquiry among people of this city about "what has happened to the high cost of living committee's report on living conditions here" and some wonder has been expressed that no statement has been made relative to the situation.

The meeting, at which the committee to investigate the living cost here was appointed, was held June 17 and the membership was increased from 11 to 13 on June 30, with James Stevens as permanent chairman and T. L. Stanley as secretary. Since that time reports have been received from cities within a 100 mile radius and Chairman Stevens stated in an informal interview some two weeks ago that all the material was in for a report.

Chairman Stevens was asked yesterday when the matter would be brought up and stated that he had understood that it would be reported upon at a forum of the chamber of commerce. In view of the fact that he has been solicited a number of times for this report by citizens of all classes, Chairman Stevens stated that a newspaper report would be made of the matter for everyone's benefit.

Klamath Falls is getting a growing reputation as a city where the cost of living is high. So far no public showing has been made to support the continual assertions that have been made. However, here is a sample from the Medford Mail Tribune of the impressions that are carried away from here by visitors—a letter from a lady who thinks Medford prices are also high:

To the Editor: I have just settled in Medford after touring throughout the state. Do you know that next to Klamath Falls Medford is one of the highest priced places in the state. And it has that reputation. Everywhere I went I heard about the high cost of living in Medford. If there is some reason for this it might be a fine idea to publish it. If not then this is a problem for your civic organizations to solve. Such a reputation hurts a place for future settlers.

MRS. C. THOMPSON, Medford, Aug. 21. The editor of the Mail Tribune discussed the letter with a Medford merchant, he said, and the merchant denied that cost of living there was higher than elsewhere, in proportion to freight rates. The merchant said investigation would disclose the facts supporting his statement.

The Mail Tribune suggests that when the Medford delegation comes here next month that the cost of living be one of the matters gone into.

In the meantime, if the committee appointed by the chamber of commerce, has any information that will throw light on Klamath Falls living costs, in comparison with costs elsewhere, the public is demanding it. The sooner it is made public, regardless of whether it is favorable or unfavorable, and a satisfactory explanation of this vital problem, the sooner will adjustments be made if adjustments are necessary. If conditions here compare favorably with conditions elsewhere it should be easy to show the public that the tales of high prices here are hurtful propaganda and all good citizens will join in suppressing such a harmful check upon the growth of the community.

Story of Gruesome Find Discredited

The story prevalent in this city today that three bodies and a wrecked Dodge car were discovered at Castella, California was found to be without foundation. The Herald, with assistance of the Southern Pacific officials investigated. The railway's agent at Castella reported the story as baseless rumor.

The story spread in Dunsmuir, Weed and far north as Kirk.

No man can make a mountain, but some men can make a big bluff.

2 Dead, Score Hurt In Wreck On Rio Grande and Western

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo., Aug. 24.—Engineer Douglas Armstrong and one passenger were killed, and more than 25 passengers were injured, when a Rio Grande and Western train plunged into a creek near Gale early today, as the result of destruction of the bridge by cloudbursts.

ASKS BIDS FOR MODOC PT. ROAD

The state highway engineer's office here was informed today that the state highway commission will open bids at Salem, August 30, for the surfacing of the six and one-half mile stretch of road from Barclay Springs to Lamm's mill.

Bids for both macadamized and cinder surface will be received, and the commission will choose the class of paving that appears satisfactory.

The road, known as the Modoc Point road, was recently opened to travel, after being closed for construction all summer. It is rough and rocky for virtually its entire length, very hard on automobiles. Tourists are advised by the chamber of commerce information bureau to use the west side of the lake route to reach Crater lake. Not all tourists visit the information bureau, however, and a few try the east side and carry away a very bad impression of Klamath county roads because of the Modoc stretch.

Residents of the Fort Klamath and Chiloquin districts, and local residents who have interests in those districts that require frequent visits also will be pleased to learn that it is planned to speedily improve it.

Woman's Hand Is Terribly Lacerated In Electric Wringer

Mrs. Sarah Gowen, well-known resident of this city was severely injured this afternoon when her left hand was caught in the wringer of an electric washing machine. Neighbors hearing her scream ran to her assistance, but were unable to shut off the power. It was nearly 20 minutes before an electrician arrived to shut off the power and by that time Mrs. Gowen's hand was stripped of nearly all the flesh and one finger was gone. It is reported by those who witnessed the accident.

She was rushed to the hospital and is under the care of Dr. L. L. Truar.

No Arrests For Traffic Violations For Past 2 Days

Laws relating to automobile rules and regulations have had a strenuous enforcement in this city since J. J. McMahon arrived from Salem, stated Traffic Officer McLaughlin today. There have been no arrests in the last two days due to the fact that automobilists are complying with the regulations.

The last word has been said relative to the matter of speeding in this city, also the crossing of intersections, he said. The autoists of this city have had warning almost daily from the press asking them to cross the intersections at a speed less than 12 miles an hour. An intelligent driver, Officer McLaughlin states, will cross an intersection very slowly and cautiously. The man passing then can do so in watch out for him."

School will soon start. During vacation time, the autoists have not had to slow down to 10 miles an hour when passing school buildings. Now the ordinance will be observed and fair warning is given not to hit it up beyond that speed as a check will be kept on the autos passing schools.

One other injunction. At night, when an autoist turns out his lights or "flicks" them to an oncoming autoist, answer the same way and then when within 50 or a 100 yards, turn out and stop. Leave on the dimmers. The man passing them can do so in safety.

GIANT DIRIGIBLE DROPS DURING TRIAL TRIP; LESS THAN TEN OF 49 ON BOARD SURVIVE THE CRASH

HULL, England, Aug. 24.—Fatalities in today's dirigible disaster have not been definitely ascertained, but it is believed that not less than ten of the 49 persons on board were saved. Twelve bodies were recovered.

The disaster occurred while the craft was on her final trial flight before being turned over to the United States navy.

The crash came just after the airship had made a sharp turn over Hull. Apparently the strain placed upon the ship in the turn was too great.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—Twenty-one Americans were on the dirigible Z R-2 when it was wrecked today during the trial flight, said a report to the navy department. At 7:30 tonight it appeared that only

six of the entire complement of passengers had survived.

The United States was to pay \$2,000,000 for the dirigible on final delivery. The loss falls on the English contractors who built the craft.

LONDON, Aug. 24.—The giant Z R-2, purchased by the United States from Great Britain, exploded over the city of Hull, according to advices received here. The airship is wrecked in the river Humber.

The airship was passing over Hull when suddenly it broke in two. There were terrific explosions followed by flames as the dirigible dropped. Three parachutes left the craft with three men clinging to one parachute.

The explosion caused a panic in Hull. The wreckage fell over Victoria pier. Many windows were broken by the force of the explosion.

GERMAN TREATY IS APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—Details of the peace treaty between the United States and Germany were laid before the republican members of the senate foreign relations committee today at the White House by President Harding and Secretary of State Hughes. The majority of members are reported to have given cordial approval to the terms.

The president hopes for ratification of the treaty at an early date, but will not oppose the 30 day recess of congress which is to begin tonight, inasmuch as it is desired that the German reichstag and the United States senate consider the matter simultaneously and the reichstag does not meet until September 20.

The treaty is reported to be a comparatively short document. It is primarily a peace treaty and its ratification will be followed by a treaty of commerce and amity.

The text is not to be disclosed until signed today by Commissioner Drosel for American and Foreign Minister Rosen for Germany.

Remedy For Canal Leak Is Up To District Directors

Consent of the directors of the Klamath Irrigation district to charging the cost of improvement to operation and maintenance is necessary in abating the nuisance caused by the seepage of water from the government's main canal near the end of Pine street, says H. D. Newell, project manager, in a letter to Dr. H. D. Lloyd Stewart, city health officer.

Dr. Stewart wrote the project manager on August 18, asking co-operation in relieving the condition, which he described as insanitary and a nuisance. It was asserted that an impassable street was created by the mire of the seepage and that basements in the neighborhood were flooded.

Mr. Newell in his reply directs attention to a similar complaint made last year by Mrs. D. D. Grimes, 1257 Pine street, which was referred to the director of the reclamation service. He ruled that as no funds were available for drainage any remedy must be charged to operation and maintenance and therefore would come under the jurisdiction of the district directors.

It is suggested that if the city would permit use of the sewer, a tile drain could be built from the flooded area. A few hundred feet of drain, it was said might solve the difficulty and would be much less costly than cementing the banks of the canal.

BOOTLEGGING AMONG INDIANS, CALLS SHERIFF

Late Monday evening, Frank Schmidt, proprietor of a store at Beatty arrived in this city and reported at the sheriff's office that bootleggers had visited that place during the showing of a traveling carnival troupe and had sold whiskey to Klamath Indians. Some brawls had occurred and a poolroom proprietor named Johnnie Hutchison had been forced to use a billiard cue on two Indians on Saturday night in his place to preserve order.

C. C. Low, Jess Walker, Henry Stout and Jess Hunsaker at once were deputized to go to Beatty and investigate. Arriving there, the sheriff's party found the place quiet and no "outbreaks" as first rumors had named it. A search in the vicinity of the district netted them nothing in the way of the names of the alleged bootleggers. It was reported to them that since the recent allotment of \$200,000 by the government had been made, the Indians had been securing "firewater" from some source. A raid was made on the ranch of George Henderson and Matt Lowry last week by W. G. West, Indian agent, netting a quantity of alleged moonshine whiskey.

It has been reported to the sheriff's office that the raid made on the Henderson ranch failed to get the full supply of liquor which was said to have been made a few days before. An investigation was made of this matter yesterday by Deputy Sheriff Hawkins who left at noon for the Henderson ranch.

In connection with the moonshine, it has been rumored that whiskey merchants are working in the vicinity of the Huckleberry mountain among the campers there. Men with full "cargoes" of the moonshine liquor have been seen in the berry patches by pickers from this city.

SETTLEMENT FOR FIRE LOSS IS NEGOTIATED

An appraiser of the London Insurance company from the San Francisco office was in the city yesterday inspecting the ruins of the Mars pool room and before he left, a settlement was made with John Ilman and Jalmar Kakhonen for \$5,892.14 on their policy calling for \$6000.

The government, says Mr. Newell, spent about \$600 in blanketing the ditch slope in 1919, but remedied the leakage little. When the water reaches its maximum height it seeps through the bank.

Mr. Newell said the health officer's protest had been referred to the district directors.

State Will Ask Death Penalty In Brumfield Trial

ROSEBURG, Aug. 24.—The state will ask the death penalty in the case of Dr. R. M. Brumfield, accused of the murder of Dennis Russell, District Attorney Neuner announced today. He said that the prosecution has evidence that has not been published.

The district attorney expects the defense to be insanity or lapsed memory. It is known that prominent alienist will attend the trial.

Because of difficulty that is expected in obtaining a jury in Douglas county a change of venue may be asked.

INDICATIONS OF OIL PROMISING

Dave Shook, residing near Dairy in the city today on business and stated that the Yonna Valley oil well was being operated steadily in the search of oil. Shook said that when he left the rig yesterday, the log showed over 1100 feet penetration and that there were indications of oil.

A bucket of the water withdrawn from the well had an oily substance on it and when this scum was skimmed off and flame applied, the substance burned freely. A sample was to have been brought here for sending off to a chemist but was left at the rig. Ross Sutton was sent back to get it today.

Mr. Shook stated that 3,500 feet, one of the finest artesian wells ever struck in that section was found. The water icy cold and of a clear blue color. The water brought up yesterday at 1100 feet was warm and had, Shook termed it, "a fragrant smell, just like the smell you get around a wharf where the water from the ocean has receded from it" and that a black oil substance was on the surface.

The drill has been kept going steadily, Shook said, for the past month, two men remaining on the job all the time. The promoters of the company, all of whom are residents of the valley, say they intend to keep on until they find oil.

Women Have Close Call When Auto Goes Over Bank

Sadie Hartley and Gussie Voss, proprietors of the Klamath Rooms at 125 South Sixth street today owe their lives to the strength which was in the top of a closed Dodge coupe car.

Yesterday evening just at dusk they were driving on the Algoma Flats and when a car approached them going towards this city, in an effort to give plenty of passage space, Mrs. Hartley drove to the edge of the roadside. A steep bank lay under the edge of the road and just as she attempted to stop, a heavy layer of dust permitted the left wheels of the car to "roll" and the car turned turtle, smashing the right side of the coupe in its downward flight. Glass and portions of the frame work fell upon the occupants but did not cut either of them.

The rolling over however knocked both women unconscious. When the driver of the car who was coming towards them reached their sides, consciousness was returning. First aid was given both of them and they were brought to this city at once.

The top of the coupe was completely smashed except the left hand corner behind the drivers' seat, the fenders in front smashed and the radiator loosened. The fly wheel was bent so that it could not be used. The car was brought into the city last night by H. S. Wakefield, the Dodge agent here, under its own power. Mr. Wakefield estimates the damage to the car at between \$900 and \$1,000.

WHITE ROBIN FOUND

WORCESTER, Mass., Aug. 24.—A pure white robin, the first that is known to have been seen in Worcester county in 30 years, was reported to the Worcester natural history museum by C. S. Richardson, of Auburn.

HISTORIAN IS VISITOR; SCENIC WONDERS CHARM

Development of Oregon's scenic attractions and industrial resources go hand in hand, asserts Professor J. B. Horner, head of the department of history at the Oregon agricultural college, who accompanied by his wife and daughters, is on an automobile tour of the state and was a visitor here today.

The Lewis and Clark exposition, said the professor brought many persons to the northwest, to whom the northwest was an unfamiliar land. They saw its many resources and revised their previous conceptions. As a result E. H. Harriman, the railway builder, found their purposes opened for railway investment, and an era of empire building was begun.

Southeastern Oregon, says Professor Horner, has many attractions for the searcher for the unique and spectacular in Nature. Many of those who are attracted by the scenic lure find opportunities for investment and the development of commercial enterprises. And so as the tide of travel grows stronger, new financial streams pour into the channels of commerce and industry. Committee must not estimate the value of scenic attractiveness merely on a basis of the money spent in passing by the traveler, the professor holds.

Professor Horner is completing a work on the history of Oregon, in which some of the marvels of the state will be dealt with. The first copies will be ready in a few weeks. It will be a text book that will supply a need for a comprehensible history of the state in the state schools.

In preparing the history, Professor Horner had the collaboration of Capt. O. C. Applegate in gathering data regarding this section of Oregon.

The professor visited the caves of the Deschutes country, Crater Lake and the Sand Creek pinnacles on his trip.

While Crater Lake is a marvel of nature, he says, the pinnacles are unique. Crater lake is recognized as one of the six scenic wonders of the continent, but the pinnacle region stands alone in the world as a scenic attraction. And the Bend caves are a wonderland for the scientist and the explorer of Nature's oddities, he declares, that, with other natural attractions, will draw thousands to southeastern Oregon as they become more widely advertised.

Professor Horner was a speaker at the forum luncheon of the chamber of commerce today.

PREVENTION OF FIRE IS TOPIC

In the year 1919, 15,219 deaths occurred in fire losses, of which 75 per cent were preventable, and 177,864 women and children were injured, stated Fire Chief Ambrose at the forum of the chamber of commerce today. Over 82 per cent were children under school age and the monetary value which flames licked up in property was \$275,000,000, enough to build a Panama canal every year.

The chief gave an interesting history of fire prevention, and the methods best suited for this city. Mayor Wiley followed by substantiating the fire chief in his plans for fire prevention and stated that a number of citizens had asserted that they were willing to stand additional taxes to improve the fire situation plan here, also increase the fire fighting equipment.

LOS ANGELES PRISONER KILLED

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 24.—Horace Box, county jail prisoner, was shot and killed by deputy sheriffs in a gun fight today, after Box was discovered attempting to break jail. He struck a deputy over the head with the leg of a cot and seized his gun, but was shot by another deputy.