

INDIANS LOST \$350,000 IN PAST DECADE

South of the Sprague River on the Klamath Indian reservation there is a fine body of pine timber with a volume of at least 900,000,000 board feet and a market value of from \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000 dollars. This stand of timber is distributed in the five units known as Antelope Valley, Trout Creek, Squaw Flat, Yainax and Whiskey Creek. The timber in Antelope Valley, Trout Creek and Squaw Flat is of particularly good quality and accessibility.

The above-mentioned pine timber has been suffering, and still is suffering, from the ravages of the western pine beetle. It has been conservatively estimated by entomologists in federal employ that during the past ten years over 90,000,000 board feet of timber with a value of at least \$350,000 have been killed by the western pine beetle in those pine stands on the Indian reservation south of the Sprague river. This loss is not only a loss to the Indians but a permanent loss to the lumber industry of Klamath county.

These beetle losses will continue with increasing severity unless control measures are inaugurated. At the present time there is a bill in the Senate (Senate Bill 2084), introduced by Senator McNary and an exactly similar bill in the House (H. R. 7194), introduced by Congressman Slinnott, which will enable the Indian service to control the existing pine beetle epidemic on the Klamath Indian reservation. This bill carries \$150,000 for the control of the western pine beetle on the Klamath Indian Reservation, the Fremont, Crater, Shasta, Modoc and Klamath National Forests, and the Oregon-California Grant lands.

Since the introduction of the beetle appropriation bill in the House and Senate in June, the timber owners of southern Oregon and northern California have been carrying on a vigorous fight to secure the passage of the bill. If the bill passes, large scale control operations will be carried on by the federal government on the lands in its jurisdiction, and by the private owners on their own timber and with their own money, in the spring of 1922.

Diogenes Outdone — Honest Under a Heavy Handicap

One of the important factors in the success of the Sells-Floto circus is "Doc" Stuart. Oh! no, he isn't a doctor and he doesn't look after the health of the outfit—he's more important. He's the publicity man. He added to his laurels a few days ago up in Portland by being given the medal as being the only honest circus publicity man in captivity.

It was easy for him to win that prize, for he told the truth, and even a circus man will make a mistake once in a while and do that. But he carries away from Klamath Falls something that he can prize more highly than the Portland medal or anything else that he has ever won—it is a front page story for his blooming circus in today's Herald. He is the first publicity man of any kind that ever got it, and he will be the last.

It's a mystery how he got it. It's a mystery how he can land on the front page of all the papers. But there is one satisfaction—he had the toughest fight he ever had and he will always remember his visit to Klamath Falls.

DIVORCE TESTIMONY ENDS

Arguments will be heard Friday afternoon, September 30, in circuit court, before Judge Kuykendall, in the contested divorce cases of Mary Jane Eggman against Wilbur Eggman, in the case of Simon O. Storos against Pearl Storos.

Evidence was finished in the Eggman case Friday afternoon and the testimony in the Storos case begun Saturday morning, the case lasting until noon today. The Storos case was bitterly fought.

Roy Gardner



GARDNER SHOT TWICE, HE SAYS

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 26.—Roy Gardner, who escaped from McNeil's Island recently, has written an account of his escape to George L. North, assistant managing editor of the San Francisco Bulletin, in which he admits having been shot twice by prison guards.

One wound was in the fleshy part of the leg below the hip and the other in the left leg below the knee.

Gardner said that he hid for two days after his escape in the loft of the prison barn, to which he crept back about midnight of the day that he broke from the prison.

He refused a letter to President Harding, asking for a pardon.

Gardner said that he drank milk at night in the prison barn. Later he escaped, he said, by swimming to Fox Island.

MAKING READY FOR THE FAIR

Lumber and other materials have arrived on the Altamont ranch for the construction of stalls for the animal exhibits and for the concession booths for the county fair on October 5, 6, and 7. The grounds have been thoroughly disinfected and another application of disinfectant will be made before the fair opens.

Announcements still come from owners and breeders of both dairy and beef cattle that their stock will be on hand for display, which gives great encouragement to the fair board as this particular exhibit is one that is much wanted. Klamath county, the board says, is just in the initial stage of development of the dairying industry and every encouragement will be offered exhibitors.

Hold-Up Suspect in Court This Afternoon

Alonzo Smith, arrested on suspicion of being the person who attempted to hold up both Paul Robertson and L. C. Shirley Friday night, was scheduled for arraignment in Judge Gaghagen's court at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The charge is "carrying concealed weapons."

Paul Robertson stated today that when Smith attempted to hold him up he was driving his own car, and not the laundry wagon, and that it was 11 o'clock in the evening, not 7, as first reported.

Tom M. Capener, alleged moonshiner, was also to be arraigned this afternoon, the case to follow the Smith hearing.

REPAIRING CANAL BRIDGE

New flooring is being laid on the Washington street bridge across the reclamation service canal and traffic is detouring over the Jefferson street bridge and across the bridge east of the White Pelican off Esplanade to reach points across the canal.

DRAGNET OUT FOR DAYLIGHT HOUSE BREAKER

Albert Smith, who lives at Sixth and Oak street, went home on a hurry call this noon to secure some auto accessories which he left in his room upstairs. Just as he turned the corner of the hall, he was startled to find a heavy set man awaiting him. As Smith put his foot on top of the stairs, a gun was thrust into his stomach and an injunction of, "Make a noise and I'll bore you."

Smith elevated his hands and when the unmasked burglar asked how to get downstairs and away by a back entrance, Smith told him. The intruder backed down the stairs with the gun held on Smith and disappeared. Smith at once notified both the police and the sheriff's office and a dragnet was spread by both forces.

Acting Chief of Police Keith Ambrose and Sheriff Low issued a warning to the people who live in the city and vicinity to lock their homes this afternoon and evening while the circus is here. Sheriff Low stated that a bunch of sneak thieves made it a practice to follow circuses and while the people were attending the show, to rifle homes. Keep the home locked for several days after the circus has been here, is the advice both by the sheriff and police.

Yonna Valley Oil Co. to Meet Saturday

The officers and directors of the Yonna Valley Oil and Gas company will meet Saturday afternoon in the offices of Secretary W. S. Wiley for a conference as to the future development of the property. A full exposition of the work done so far will be laid before the board, also the plans for winter working.

Ross Sutton was in the city today and stated that Driller Hartley reported that the well was now down 1260 feet and going good. No formation has been encountered which gives them any trouble whatever and the prospects of the property, according to Hartley look better each day of drilling. On top of the wafer drawn from the well the same fine oil seepage is found which was reported previously. No more anthracite coal has been encountered in the late drilling.

Former Resident Seriously Injured in Auto Accident

William Masten, brother-in-law of Charles Marple, of this city, and former owner of a jewelry store here, was seriously injured in an automobile accident near Bakersfield a week ago Sunday and is still in precarious condition in a Bakersfield hospital, according to reports received by relatives.

Mr. Masten, who lives at Monrovia, California, his wife and small son, Mr. and Mrs. Norman C. Collins and Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Johnson, all of Monrovia, were in the car. Skidding on a wet turn is supposed to have caused it to capsize.

Mr. Masten's back was badly wrenched, his thumb almost severed and he suffered much from shock. Infection developed in the thumb and has caused much anxiety, although late report to relatives here held out hope for recovery.

Mr. Collins received severe internal injuries. If he lives, physicians say it will be due to the heroin of Mrs. Masten who offered herself for blood transfusion to strengthen Collins for an operation. Mrs. Johnson received a broken collar bone. Mrs. Masten and her son were uninjured, except that the former's ankle was slightly sprained.

The Masten family moved from here a few years ago. He conducted a jewelry store next door to where the Jewel case is now located. His parents Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Masten live on the Charles Horton place on the river road to Bonanza.

OLD SOL KIND TO CIRCUS FOLK AND AUDIENCE

With the sun shining brightly and the big Sells-Floto circus in the city, it is really hard to realize that today is a late September day in place of a day in June. Nevertheless, the sun is a decided factor in bringing out crowds of circus fans, who viewed the unloading of the three big circus trains and the erection of the gigantic tents on the Mills Addition show grounds.

Long before daylight, the first section of the railroad trains pulled into Klamath Falls, and at the first peep of dawn the big cages, wagons and other equipment started to roll down the "ramps," and were speedily drawn to the show grounds by wonderful eight and ten horse teams of Percheron baggage horses. Even the elephants were drawn into play, and these ponderous brutes, ensnared in heavy steel cable and leather harness, tugged and lugged at cages and at the grounds they were hitched to the ends of heavy ropes and pulled the big canvas which comprise the main circus tents to the very tops of the lofty center poles.

The circus dining tents were a source of attraction for a great many sight-seers, and within the short space of an hour and a half some 314 people were busy with their morning meal. After watching the activity on the Sells-Floto show grounds this morning, it is not difficult to understand why the daily papers of the home town of the Ringling Brothers referred to Sells-Floto as "the largest straight circus in the world." This slogan, which originated at Baraboo, Wisconsin, which is the home of three distinct circuses, certainly must have its weight, and hundreds of local people will agree with the statement.

A Long, Flashy Parade

Promptly "on the hour named" the parade appeared on the downtown streets, and here again Sella Floto proved themselves different from other shows. Their parade was on time, much to the surprise of thousands of curb spectators. It was a long, winding ribbon of music, color and novel sights. Scores of pretty women mounted on magnificent chargers, every cage and den open to public inspection, a dozen lumbering elephants, camels, a giant hippo, eight bands and three calliope, dozens of carved tableau wagons and oodles of funny clowns made up the morning street cavalcade. It was a parade really worth looking at.

Mighty Circus Program

When the doors of the main circus opened there was a surging mob of thousands of people milling around the big midway, and when the ticket wagon windows opened for the sale of the coveted "pasteboards" there was a wild scramble to inspect the wonders. It was a different kind of a circus than most people imagined. It opened with a concert by an exceptionally good band, which was coupled up with a monstrous pipe organ, after which followed the pageant "The Birth of the Rainbow." Then came the circus proper. Every minute, the three rings and two stages were filled with fast turning and clean acts which were above the ordinary. Aerial, iron-jaw, Roman ring, leaping, tumbling, contortion, trapeze, and staturary stunts were mixed in a sort of systematic conglomeration with bareback riding, trained elephants, camels, llamas, dogs, ponies, menage horses, monkeys and seals. The "Poodles" Hannaford family presented a riding act which was well worth the money alone. As a comedian and a rider, "Poodles" easily surpassed anything of a like nature ever seen here.

Taking the Sells-Floto circus as a whole, it is a big, clean attraction, which is conspicuous to a degree with acts which are far above the average. It is worth attending and tonight's crowd will undoubtedly be as large as the afternoon audience.

Rail Unions Are Counting Votes on Strike Plan

CHICAGO, Sept. 26.—Whether a strike is to be called by the six railway brotherhoods may be decided within two weeks. Trainmen and brotherhood officials today began counting the 50,000 strike ballots that have been cast. Next Monday four more brotherhoods start counting.

The shop crafts employees have already announced their vote in favor of a strike.

A majority of 186,000 trainmen have voted for the strike so far, it was announced.

CAPTURE LAST JAIL BREAKER

Jack Kreigh, aged 20, the last of the Wednesday night's jailbreakers, was taken into custody three miles east of Malin yesterday forenoon by Undersheriff Hawkins and Deputy Ben Faus of Merrill.

Reports were carried to Merrill that a man answering Kreigh's description was seen skulking in the sage brush near there Saturday night. The same man was observed to be breaking into deserted homesteads as he progressed.

Faus was notified and telephoned the sheriff's office here. Yesterday morning, the officers picked up the trail but were seen by Kreigh who commenced sneaking Indian fashion through the sage brush.

For an hour, the deputies searched but could not find him. Just as the chase was about to be given up, Fred Stukel of Merrill met the officers and stated that from the top of a hill, he had observed what he believed to be a man, outlined for a time against a bunch of fox grass before he disappeared. The direction was secured from Stukel and within 15 minutes the deputies discovered Kreigh in a fine hiding place, with a complete camp outfit.

The officers searched him and found a stolen revolver on his person. He was brought back last night.

BRUMFIELD IS ACTING INSANE

ROSEBURG, Sept. 26.—Following his performance of yesterday when he crawled on his hands and knees and growled like a wild animal, greeted his wife as his sister and failed to remember the name of his attorney, Dr. R. M. Brumfield today manifested his anger at an interviewer when he started to throw a bottle at a newspaper man and accompanying officer. They beat a hasty retreat.

When they returned later Brumfield stuck his fist through the bars and struck the newspaper man on the end of the nose.

Saturday Business Reported Largest for Many Weeks

Merchants along Main street reported Saturday evening that business all day long was exceptional and that cash flowed into the coffers of the firms faster than any previous Saturday for many days. Many Klamath Indians from the reservation, attracted by the circus, came to the city and remained over until today, bringing with them some of the unspent allotment money received from the government at the last distribution of the \$200,000 in July. Many Indians, the merchants say, bought heavily for their winter comfort and paid over the cash.

A good trading day was expected today as there were many visitors in this city from the surrounding towns and during the forenoon, cars loaded to capacity arrived from places all over the county.

WEATHER REPORT OREGON—Tonight and Tuesday, fair.

STRIKE IN OIL FIELDS APPEARS CLOSE TO CRISIS

BAKERSFIELD, Sept. 26.—Striking oil workers, who tied up the fields of Kern county two weeks ago, had their eyes turned to San Francisco yesterday, awaiting further word from the headquarters of the producers there about what the latter had finally decided to do. The oil workers were anxious to know whether the shut down threatened in a recent statement by one of the producers was actually to occur, or whether the producers planned an industrial invasion of the fields, now that the roads are no longer guarded by armed strikers operating as deputy constables organized into a "law and order committee."

The strike leaders left here yesterday for a tour of the fields, and as they were constantly traveling they issued no statement. The rank and file, however, discussed very freely the statement from San Francisco that the producers were planning to import workers. The local men said that if this was done, the roads would again be put under guard and steps taken to exclude the newcomers. They declined to say whether they would return armed patrols and resume the questioning of travelers that resulted in an inquiry by state officials and the cessation of the practices after the inquiry.

District Attorney Jesse B. Dorsey put out a notice that the display or discharge of firearms along the highway by other than authorized peace officers, acting in the necessary discharge of their duties would result in prosecution.

Men who have been watching the situation here and elsewhere in Kern county said that unless some compromise was reached, or the producers attempted to import outside labor, the strike was apt to be long drawn out and without unusual incident; but if outside help was imported, the increased tension that would result might cause a sudden change from the comparative quiet that existed during the past week-end.

Unusual heat for the autumn has prevailed here for the past two or three days. It has reacted on the frayed nerves of the strikers, who, taken from their usual labors, are somewhat restless anyway. Numerous small internal clashes were apparent, and criticism of the strike leaders was freely voiced. There were, however, no defections from the ranks—at least no men returned to work. Strike leaders have asserted all along that none of the strikers were leaving the district. Other interests have disputed this claim.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Sept. 26.—Martin Madsen, private secretary to Governor Stephens, returned Saturday night from Kern county, where he had been sent by the governor to make an investigation of the oil strike.

"I can make no statement; I shall make my report to the governor," said Madsen.

He said he was hopeful of an early settlement. When asked if it were true, as had been published broadcast, that Walter Yarrow, leader of the strikers, had declared that they would, if necessary, entrench themselves in a line around the oil fields, Madsen gave assurance that the report was erroneous.

"What occurred was this," he said, "I misinterpreted the statement Mr. Yarrow made to me. I emphatically challenged it, and it was then made clear that he meant to refer to the ex-service men in the ranks of the strikers and that they had demonstrated their qualities in the trenches in France. He intended no defiance in his statement. I owe this word in justice to Mr. Yarrow, who never spoke to me in any but the law-abiding spirit of an American citizen. I quickly accepted this complete explanation that was made to me. How the unfortunate version reached the press perplexes me."