

## CONSOLIDATION OF RAILROADS IS CONSIDERED

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—The Interstate commerce commission announced today that tentative plans had been made for the consolidation of all the major railroads of the country into 19 systems.

The commission gave notice that hearings for the discussion of the project would be called in the near future.

The proposed consolidation was authorized under the transportation act. In the main the plan is that drafted by Professor William Z. Ripley of Harvard university.

The commission said that while all of the larger railroads of the country had been included in the plan, a number of class two and class three roads had also been covered.

## Taxes Coming in Faster as Penalty Date Approaches

Taxes are rolling in fast now, says Burt Hawkins, deputy tax collector, and within the last month money has come faster than anticipated. The big rush will come and the greatest amount of money will be collected between October 1 and 4, previous to imposing the one percent interest penalty.

The record for September to date each day runs, Sept 1, \$196.28; 2, \$808.51; 3, \$401.97; 4, \$1,996.57; 5, \$284.19; 6, \$363.16; 7, \$608.73; 8, \$1,032.52; 9, \$1,515.24; 10, \$470.14; 11, \$334.50; 12, \$1,324.70; 13, \$1,170.76; 14, \$743.46; 15, \$1,899.03; 16, \$1,643.81; 17, \$961.56; 18, \$1,405.71; 19, \$1,390.62; 20, \$426.88; 21, \$298.07 and September 27, \$4313.41.

## Will Discuss Rodeo Ass'n Plans Oct. 5

A mass meeting of all persons interested in the proposition of perfecting the Klamath Rodeo Association, formed recently for the purpose of giving Klamath county a real wild west rodeo, patterned along lines of the Cheyenne and Pendleton round-ups, will be held in the chamber of commerce rooms, Wednesday, October 5, at 8 o'clock.

The incorporators of the association say that they desire to have every citizen of this county behind the program and all are invited to attend the conference. The plans will be open for public discussion on the above date.

## Premier's Reply Is Delayed One Day

LONDON, Sept. 28.—Lloyd George's reply to De Valera, in which he is to invite the Sinn Fein leaders to a conference in London in October to discuss Irish self government within the empire, will not be issued today as expected.

No hitch has developed but the premier decided to await another day in order that all members of the cabinet might have opportunity to pass on the draft of the invitation.

## GAVE MAN BED IN BARN, LOSES WATCHES, CLOTHING

Fred Nicholson, living at 1564 Menlo Way, reported to the police today that his home was entered by a short, heavy-set negro sometime Monday night, and nine shirts, two suits of clothing and two gold watches were taken. The negro applied for permission to sleep in the barn, and as soon as Nicholson went to the circus the home was entered and plundered.

## THREE COUPLES TO WED

Several marriage licenses have been issued in the last few days including those to Almond Lambert and Inez Bell of Klamath Falls; Daniel L. Gordon Jr. and Vera Telferson, both of Worden; and Andrew W. Vultch of Malin and Rosa Vitousek, recently from Bohemia.

## Rapid Action Upon Fund for Control of Western Pine Beetle

Private owners of timber infested with the pine beetle pest are elated at the rapidity with which congress is securing action on the Sinnott and McNary measures for immediate relief. According to information obtained from A. J. Jaenicke, entomologist assigned by the forestry division to this section, a telegram was received from Washington D. C., stating that the pine beetle bill had not been passed by the House but that the secretary of agriculture had agreed to make an estimate for amount in the Agriculture bill and in this way, Mr. Jaenicke says, money will be available immediately. An emergency clause will be attached to the agriculture bill making it effective upon passage.

Recently a conference was held at Washington between Chief Forester Greeley and the secretaries of both the department of Agriculture and Interior which resulted in the inclusion of the \$150,000 appropriation in the Agriculture bill for beetle control measures in the Western pine district.

The terms of the Sinnott and McNary bills pending in Congress provide that the money is to be available not later than July 1, 1922, but this new arrangement will provide money at once to press the control plan now considered.

## JAIL BREAK IS NIPPED IN BUD

The watchfulness of Keith Ambrose, acting chief of police, yesterday afternoon prevented the county prisoners, confined in the police station, from breaking jail again, after the bolts on the door in the front entrance had been sawed almost in two.

A continued burst of melody, starting about 5 o'clock and lasting until nearly 6 o'clock, by the confined men aroused the suspicions of the acting chief. An inspection was made, and the front door had a slight sag, which attracted attention. A jerk on it brought it crashing to the floor.

All the confined men in the jail expressed astonishment at the door's fall, and seemed much surprised to think that it was in such weakened condition, Ambrose said. "The men grinned while he inspected the place where the saw had been used, but attempted no hostile action."

A search of the quarters revealed no tools nor implements with which the work was done. The south entrance to the jail was tampered with, too, but little work was accomplished on it.

Ambrose stated that two years ago he made a recommendation to the council that a fine woven screen mesh wire be placed about all the windows on the north side of the jail, also in the doorways to prevent smuggling of saws and files into the jail, but the council did not act upon it. Ambrose believes that this screen mesh would eliminate the chance of friends on the outside slipping tools to the prisoners.

## HEAVY TRADING IN LIBERTY BONDS ON N. Y. EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—Enormous purchases of liberty and victory bonds overshadowed all other dealings on the New York stock exchange yesterday. Almost all war bonds rose to the highest quotations of the year. Victory 4 3-4s were taken in blocks ranging from small amounts to \$250,000 and \$400,000. One lot of a million dollars worth changed hands.

## STORK VISITS TWO HOMES

Dr. George Wright reports the birth of an eight-pound baby daughter to Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Raymond of Chelsea this morning. The child has been named Inez Lillian. Dr. Wright also attended the birth of a baby daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Deputy of Midland, Saturday. The infant weighed 8 1/2 pounds and has been named Maxine Fay.

## MANY SPECIAL OFFERS DURING BUYERS' WEEK

Klamath Falls merchants are making great preparations to display many thousands of dollars worth of bargains on their counters during Buyers' Week, October 3 to 8, and to aid them in turning over this vast amount of merchandise, the Merchants Bureau plan to issue rebate slips good for 5 per cent of the cash purchases made during that time.

This rebate plan will be given only by the merchants who are members of the bureau and the practice will not be general among other trading establishments within the city limits. The rebate plan is on a strictly cash basis and charge slips will not be honored by the bureau. The rebate plan applies only where a buyer has made at least \$25 worth of purchases at stores in the association. The refund is secured by the purchaser when it is presented at the Merchant's bureau headquarters in the chamber rooms.

"You are just getting ready to do your fall buying, and all these merchants will have exceptional values in all their respective lines during this week. You will see some of the finest stocks ever seen in Klamath Falls.

"By purchasing any time during the week you can save enough to take in the fall and more besides. Be sure to come and look over the stores during Buyers' Week. A dollar will buy more than it did a month ago. Buy now."

## City Problems Are Topics of Forum

Don Belding presided over the forum at the chamber of commerce today, and introduced J. J. Farber, Dr. H. D. L. Stewart and Mayor W. S. Wiley, as speakers in the discussion of sanitation in the Railroad addition, bounded by Main, East Main, the Southern Pacific right of way and by Sixth street.

Farber stated the people in that district had talked for ten years about getting sewerage and sanitation measures put through the council, and that now a petition was being circulated among property owners to put it through with no more delay, and pay for the work as the city pays for paving units, on a ten year basis. Dr. Stewart said that getting started was the hardest part of sanitation in the district, and made comparison on mosquito relief between the local district and the Panama canal zone. Mayor Wiley related the difficulties of the council to secure money for paving.

## Warden Recommends Klamath Hunting

PORTLAND, Sept. 28.—Residents of Klamath and Lake counties, who are favored with a duck season which opens September 16, two weeks before it opens in other parts of the state, are reaping a prime harvest of fattened ducks, according to Ray C. Steele, federal game warden for Oregon who, has just returned from Southern Oregon.

Limit bag of ducks, he said, were brought down by scores in the first few days of the open season. Practically all of the ducks, he said, are local, but few migrating from the North to that section of the country. Deer, said Steele, are just as plentiful. "Every Tom, Dick and Harry in the country, including all the kids," said Steele, "is bringing down his allowance of deer. It is a common sight to see an auto load of hunters start out in the morning and return that evening with a couple of bucks for each man."

## TYPHOON SLAYS HUNDREDS

TOKIO, Sept. 28.—Several hundred persons are reported killed by a typhoon, centering upon Nagoya, island of Hondo, where a tidal wave destroyed crops and houses. Several steamers were sunk and many fishermen are missing.

## WILL WE KEEP WASTING TIME IN QUARRELING

Less than three months will elapse before the annual county budget will again be up for fixing, and meanwhile the litigation arising from the county court's attempt to include in the last budget a \$50,000 levy for completion of the Hot Springs courthouse and \$14,000 for a "miscellaneous fund" far from settled.

Ruling by Judge Calkins of Medford against the dissolution of the injunction order stands in the way of any collection of the contemplated levies of the past, but legal opinion seems to hold that the existing injunction order would not prevent placing similar levies in the coming budget—starting the same old round of litigation all over again.

The lawyers seem to think the suit arising from the enjoinder of the levies is now at issue, and the next step will be a trial of the issues in the circuit court. No date for the trial is in sight and between now and the trial date the laymen foresee a series of technical barricades. First of all it is unlikely that the defendants will be suited with Judge Calkins as a presiding judge. Naturally follows an affidavit of prejudice, appointment of another jurist, and the consuming of weeks of time before there is further action—then probably more technicalities.

The sixth sense with which all newspaper men are more or less endowed causes the writer to suspect that the psychological time for a compromise of the controversy is approaching. There is an atmosphere of conciliation on both sides, if this hunch is not a false one.

And one thing is dead certain—the people are tired of the dispute. Partisanship for one of the sides is entirely dead, but it is fast dying. Financial depression hit hard blows this year, and when Klamath folk look abroad and see whether they pull together communities, their neighbors, grabbed big chunks of tourist trade because they were prepared with good roads—take Medford for instance—they fast are brought to a realization that this courthouse quarrel profits no one save a few lawyers.

It is surprising to find how the sentiment for roads has grown since the first of last year, and with it the realization that the county can't continue the expensive luxury of a courthouse quarrel and still find money to pay the interest and principal installments on the necessary road bond issue.

The crucial time has arrived when Klamath county must decide whether it wants to remain isolated, shunned by settlers who fear to be embroiled in the old quarrel, or whether it wants to advance with the rest of the state and share the general prosperity.

## SPECIAL ELKS MEETING

The local lodge of Elks will hold a special meeting tomorrow night to receive reports of committees and, as important business will be transacted, all members are expected to be present. The regular meetings of the lodge will be resumed in October.

## Sheriff Witness In Federal Court

Sheriff Lloyd Low left yesterday for Portland where he was called as a witness in the case of the United States government against William Martin, alleged white slaver, arrested at the Hot Springs camp grounds June 8, by the sheriff and Chief of Police Wilson.

Martin is charged by the government with transporting Mrs. Lola Stone, of Chico, California, from that place into Oregon in violation of the Mann white slave act. The woman was alleged to have deserted her husband and two minor children in Chico to run off with Martin. At the time of Martin's arrest a mob in the camp grounds was trying to hang him. Sheriff Low is expected home Saturday.

## Wedding at Bell Home Unites Two Well Known Folk

At a pretty home ceremony conducted by Rev. C. F. Trimble at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Bell this morning at 6 o'clock, their only daughter, Miss Inez, became the bride of A. D. Lambert, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lambert of this city. The wedding was a quiet affair being attended by only the immediate families and a few close friends of the couple. The house was beautifully decorated in autumn flowers, carnations and sweet peas and the bride looked charming in a gown of crepe de chine. Following the wedding breakfast, which was served immediately after the ceremony, the happy couple left in their car for a wedding journey which will take them to Portland, Seattle and other northern points.

The bride is one of the most lovable young ladies in the city. Her desire to serve others, to make sacrifices that happiness may flow to those around her, has always been the guiding spirit of her life and has brought to her the affectionate love and esteem of a host of friends who showered upon her not only the customary gifts that come on occasions of this kind, but the sincere wishes of a long and happy wedded life.

## GORDON HEADS FIRST NATIONAL

J. A. Gordon was elected president of the First National bank at a special meeting of directors of the institution last night. Mr. Gordon, prior to his connection with the Klamath State bank, was engaged in garage and other business enterprises here. He is well known and rates high among business men for the soundness of his business judgment.

When the Klamath State and First National consolidated he entered the First National and upon the resignation of Leslie Rogers became cashier. His election to the presidency fills the place left vacant by the recent resignation of Charles Hall.

Leslie Rogers will return to the cashier's position. The directors were unanimous in the choice of both officials.

## GARDNER'S WIFE ASKS SURRENDER

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 28.—Mrs. Dolly Gardner, wife of Roy Gardner, published a letter in the San Francisco Bulletin today, addressed to "Roy Gardner, Somewhere," asking him to return to prison. The letter said:

Dear Roy:—In your letter to President Harding you said you had ended your criminal career. To show you really mean this go back to McNeil Island. You cannot be a hunted man and lead an honorable life. Show President Harding and everyone you are the man I have always said you were. Most anyone can be taken back, but it takes a Roy Gardner and a thoroughbred to go back of his own accord and take his chances with the rest. The law renders your friends powerless to help you under present circumstances. Roy, do this one thing for my sake and little Joan's. I want to do the best thing for you. That is why I ask this of you. Think this over but do not let others think for you. Lovingly, Dolly.

## MILK WAGON'S CARGO GOES OVERBOARD

Sixth street and Klamath avenue last night was the scene of an accident when the bottles in the rear of the Miller Hill dairy milk delivery wagon were thrown out as the car made a sharp turn round the corner. For a space of 30 feet, the street was covered with milk, cream and broken glass. Dogs and cats had a great feast as most of the loss was cream.

## CAN BOGARDUS HOLD SEAT ON CITY COUNCIL?

Will the deadlock which has existed since the beginning of Mayor W. S. Wiley's term of office be terminated, now that Paul Bogardus, a member of the common council, has sold out all his interests here and removed to Medford? That is a question which has been on the tips of many tongues during the past 60 days, since the councilman from the First ward sold his property in Riverside and invested most of it in enterprises near Medford.

For the past three meetings of the council, Councilman Bogardus has been absent, leaving the reliable "duo" of the triumvirate to guard the rear while he was away and to check any contemplated moves for a solution of the apparently hopeless police muddle which has existed since the appointment of H. S. Wilson, as chief of the department in January. From the beginning of the triumvirate's campaign to oust Wilson as chief, Mayor Wiley has endeavored constant and consistent harassing in all moves for a compromise or confirmation of his appointment from the three members of the combine, Councilmen Bogardus, Vullsch and McCollum.

The questions have been raised repeatedly during the past three weeks, and especially so after Bogardus' continued absence. "Can he continue office after he has lost his rights of a free-holder by disposing of his property? Does not the charter say a councilman must be a freeholder in order to qualify?" No formal resignation to the mayor or council has been presented by the absentee. What will be the move made now to continue the "barrage" by the remainder of the old guard? Can they block the mayor in his moves? Who will succeed Bogardus? Which side will win in the skirmish to seat a man favorable to their cause?

Reports have been carried to residents here by people who have met Mr. Bogardus in Medford to the effect that he is not coming back as all his interests are now in his new location and Mrs. Bogardus has been practically a resident in Medford since the sale of the residence in Riverside, some ninety days ago. Mr. Bogardus has never made any announcements as to his future plans and has never resigned his official place in the council. A report was circulated five weeks ago that his resignation was already in the hands of his friends to present at an opportune time but no tender has been made to date.

Note:—A charter provision declares the position of any council member forfeited for failure to attend three consecutive meetings, except if the council has granted leave of absence. There is no record that leave of absence was granted Councilman Bogardus, who has missed three consecutive meetings of the council.

## Santa Ana Judge Will Send Auto Speeders to Jail

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 29.—Every automobile driver brought into the court of Judge J. B. Cox of Santa Ana, accused of driving more than 50 miles an hour, will go to jail without alternative of paying a fine, the judge publicly announced in an address before the Lions club here. He recently sentenced a motion picture actress to a jail sentence for violating traffic laws.

"California issues 600,000 automobile licenses a year, which permits two operators for each machine," he said. "This gives us 1,200,000 operators. Of this army, 50 per cent are incompetent, blind or deaf, children or women. Forty per cent do not know anything about a machine or machinery. The place to start the remedy is in the legislature and the motor vehicle department."

WEATHER REPORT OREGON—Tonight and Thursday, fair.