

WEATHER FORECAST

Tonight, Tuesday rain, fresh to strong south, shifting to southwest-gale.

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THE NEWSPAPER "WAR"

We regret that circumstances force us to break the silence we have kept out of pity for those involved, and tell the truth about the present status of the newspaper situation in this city and the events preceding it.

As everyone interested knows, we entered into an agreement with W. A. West and D. J. Belding, representing the Record Publishing company, to sell The Herald to them, or those they represented, giving them until December 10 to finance their operations. If they failed, then they were to sell to us the common stock of the Record Publishing company. They announced these facts when the daily Record was suspended; they publicly stated it at a meeting in the Presbyterian church, and they told it privately to their friends and the business men of the city.

As time progressed and their efforts to finance the deal failed, they repeatedly expressed to us their intention to live up to the terms of the contract. We had confidence in both these men, and did what we could to help them raise the money needed. As late as last Monday, Mr. Belding stated to us that he could not finance the deal, and that when the time came he would surrender to us the stock controlled by himself and Mr. West, and with belief in their integrity we went ahead confident that there would be no hitch in the transaction.

We were not a little surprised and incredulous Tuesday evening when information came to us that Mr. Belding was planning on coming to The Herald office at midnight and removing such of the equipment belonging to the Record Publishing company as had been transferred as a result of the option and agreement of October 8. While we could hardly believe, in view of his past statements to us, that he would undertake such a thing, we stayed in the office that evening. At 15 minutes to 12 o'clock, midnight, a truck arrived and with it five men—D. J. Belding, Sam Holden, M. S. Lester, Bud Bean and the truck driver. This convinced us that our information was correct, and we awaited operations. Waiting in a hallway we heard the instructions to remove the equipment in question, and when the work was well started we stepped into the room, much to the surprise of those there and the consternation of Mr. Belding. It was what happened then that caused us to keep silent, as we did not care to place before the public an act of cowardice as pitiable as it was disgraceful.

Each man present was there as the personal friend of Mr. Belding, with the possible exception of the truckman. They naturally expected that he was right, and that he had the courage to stand by his cause. But they soon found their mistake. When we appeared he turned and ran from the office. He deserted his friends and companions and left them to face the music. At our request, those remaining replaced everything as they found it and left the office.

The following article appeared in the Sunday Record of October 9. We submit, without comment, as it speaks for itself:

"After weeks of negotiations an agreement was reached last evening that has for its object the publication of one daily paper in Klamath Falls. It has been recognized for some time that the publication of two daily newspapers in this city was an economic waste, the cost of which had to be met by the advertisers and readers of the publications. It was the recognition of this fact that prompted the move having for its object the elimination of this waste, through the publication of only one daily paper. This has been accomplished through the agreement signed last night by representatives of the Herald Publishing company and the Record Publishing company. This agreement provides:

"That the Record Publishing company shall have an option to purchase the Evening Herald at any time prior to December 10, 1921. In the event that the option is not exercised, the Record Publishing company passes to E. J. Murray by contract of sale.

"In view of this agreement a continuation of the publication of two newspapers would be a further acceptance of a condition that the very agreement itself recognized as a mistake and it was decided to suspend The Klamath Daily Record no matter which option was exercised. For that reason The Klamath Record will no longer be published as a daily, but will continue as a Sunday newspaper, un-

TWO THOUSAND PACKER EMPLOYEES WALK OUT SUDDENLY IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Two thousand employees of Big Five packers in New York quit work suddenly today. They left wagon loads of perishable beef in front of the company plants. An unfounded report of imminent pay cut is given as the cause of the walkout by packer officials.

YAP CONTROVERSY BETWEEN U. S. AND JAPAN IS SETTLED

America to Get Cable Rights and Other, Definite Privileges Assured

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The controversy between Japan and the United States over the island of Yap has been settled, Secretary Hughes announced today. The United States gets certain definite rights in Yap, including cable rights. The agreements which is in treaty form includes all islands over which Japan has mandate, in addition to Yap. The Japanese delegates announced their willingness to withdraw Japanese postoffices from China on January 1, 1922. The British delegates have arranged to leave for home December 31. Viviani, head of the French delegation, and several of his delegates, plans to sail Wednesday.

WATER USERS UNITE

Protective Association Formed to Investigate

The Klamath Water Users' Protective association was formed Saturday afternoon in the city hall council chambers following a meeting of water users of the Klamath Irrigation district, who assembled on the call of Chairman Eberlein to protest against alleged water rates and expenditures of the United States Reclamation Service.

Will Investigate Expenditures
The protective association is composed of members of all the districts where the reclamation service furnishes water for irrigation purposes. The purpose of the association is to investigate the expenditures which have been made on the Klamath projects also to secure temporary relief from the government from alleged excessive

der the same management and direction as heretofore, with the exception of the editor, Clark Williams, who disposed of his holdings to the other stockholders and withdrew as a member of the company.

"In taking this step we do so confident in the belief that our readers and advertisers will commend our decision. It is sure to result in a stronger publication and hence will in the end bring greater benefit to the community. Nothing occupies a more prominent place as the representative of a community than its newspaper. It is the mouthpiece of its city and the bigger and more progressive it is the more will it mirror the progressiveness and prosperity of the community in which it is published. Feeling that by concentrating all effort and support in one paper the sooner will Klamath Falls have a publication worthy of its standing among the municipalities of the state, we decided upon the plans announced above, because we hold the welfare of this city above any selfish pride or aggrandizement.

"If our plans do not miscarry, we expect to take over The Evening Herald within the stipulated sixty days. If the outcome should prove to be otherwise, our disappointment will be to a certain degree mitigated by the fact that competent hands will continue at the newspaper helm of the city and that the interests of Klamath Falls will not suffer."

In carrying out their program, there appeared yesterday morning a publication which they claim is the Klamath Record, in which certain mis-statements appeared. If they had maintained silence, we would not have placed these facts before the readers of The Herald, but would let the whole question take its natural course through the courts, where it must of necessity be settled.

In the course followed by these men, they have only pursued the same policy that has governed them ever since they became identified with the Record. They left W. H. Mason with a handful of notes. A former employee, A. J. DeLalx, who befriended them in every way possible, is out of pocket to the tune of over \$2,000. The subscribers who paid their money

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COUNTY COURT PLANS JAIL IN H. S. BUILDING

Includes \$15,000 in Proposed County Budget to Build Quarters

The county court has again waved a red flag in the faces of the Main street courthouse supporters by their action in including in the proposed county budget estimate of 1922, an item reading, "Fifteen Thousand dollars for providing hot springs courthouse with jail equipment on a proper place for safekeeping county prisoners."

New Move
This action, following the repeated efforts of the county court to have the Hot Springs building finished despite injunctions from the court, is a new move on its part to strengthen its claim that the Hot Springs building is the legal courthouse of Klamath county and should be finished. Should the equipment be placed in the building, supporters of the Hot Springs building say, the cause of the county court would be enhanced and it would be one of the most important steps undertaken since the injunction was issued by Judge Catkins in Jacksonville earlier in the year forbidding the collection of the courthouse levy and a special item of \$14,000 in the miscellaneous fund. Frank Ward, a taxpayer, instituted the injunction and it has held despite dissolution motions filed by Judge R. H. Bunnell, of the county court.

Approved by Supporters
The county court's move is considered proper, Hot Springs supporters say, because Judge Kuykendall of the circuit court has threatened to remove county prisoners to Jacksonville for safekeeping owing to the repeated and attempted jail deliveries and the recommendation of the grand jury last week, that the county court adequately equip a jail. In view of this recommendation the county court included the item of fifteen thousand dollars for a jail in the proposed budget, but specified it for the Hot Springs building, which they contend is the official courthouse of Klamath county and should be finished.

Financial Report Read
The report of the financial condition of the district, prepared by a committee, was read and accepted by the association, and after a general discussion of grievances, the meeting adjourned until Saturday afternoon, December 17 at 1:30 o'clock in the city hall where the water discussion will again be taken up.

FLOOD AND SLIDES TAKE DEATH TOLL OVER NORTHWEST

Heavy Rain Create Havoc; Many Lives Believed Lost, and Scores Injured

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 12.—Two men, one woman and a baby are dead, and three men seriously injured as a result of two slides on the Clemons logging company's railroad near Melbourne last night. The first slide carried the logging train and engine and a number of cars 200 feet down an embankment, killing the engineer, Gerald Willis, his wife and two-year-old baby, and injured two brakemen. The second slide, a half-hour later, killed Ernest Olson, a member of the railroad construction camp rescue party which had hurried to the scene, and injured another. A third man was left unaccounted for.

BELLINGHAM, Dec. 12.—Nooksack and Skagit Rivers, as well as numerous smaller streams are out of their banks here as a result of heavy rainfall. The water is two feet deep on the streets of Everett. The river broke through the dike at Riverside.

SEATTLE, Dec. 12.—Joseph Moran was killed at Medina, a suburb of Seattle, last night when his house was crushed by a landslide. His wife was uninjured.

MRS. CAMPBELL PASSES

Wife of Prominent Hardware Man Dies at Pasadena

The sad news of the death of Mrs. John Paul Campbell, 43 years old, at Pasadena, reached here Sunday night, and Mr. Campbell, who is proprietor of the Klamath Hardware company, left on the train this morning for the southern city to take charge of his wife's body. Although Mrs. Campbell had been suffering from a lingering illness for several years, her death came as a shock to her friends and family here.

Due to ill health, she left Klamath Falls six years ago, going to a lower climate in the hope that a permanent cure might be found in the new surroundings.

Four children are left motherless by the death of this wife and mother. Besides the husband, she is survived by the mother, who resides in Santa Monica. The children are: Alice Aletha, 17; John Paul, 15; Gordon Graeme, 11, and Bruce Lachlan, 9. Burial will take place in Pasadena.

HOLIDAY EXCURSION RATES

Announcement has been made by the Southern Pacific lines of low round trip excursion fares for the Christmas and New Year holidays. The sale dates will be December 22, 23, 24, with final return limit January 4. The minimum round trip fare will be \$2.50.

COUNTY BUDGET IS COMPLETED BY COMMITTEE

County's Needs Estimated at \$530,236.75 for Next Year

The county court and budget committee finished their work upon the proposed 1922 budget estimate for Klamath county Saturday afternoon and ordered it sent to the printer to be prepared for submitting in printed form to the state tax commission at Salem for approval. The estimated needs of Klamath county, according to the estimate, are set forth at \$530,236.75 for the year 1922. The general estimate this year is \$2,139.75 lower than last year's budget, which was \$532,376.50.

Divided Into Two Parts
The 1922 budget estimate of \$530,236.75 is divided into two parts, the sum of \$266,750 being items covering proposed expenditures for nine county projects while the sum of \$263,486.75 is to cover a total county estimate of \$100,263 and the probable state tax of \$169,223.75.

The tax rate has not been fixed and will not be until the state tax commission at Salem passes upon the budget. The public utility and corporation tax for Klamath county has not been fixed by the tax commission as there was some dispute between the railroad attorneys over public utility tax rate and the full assessed rate placed upon the railroad property in Klamath county by Assessor Lee. It is reported unofficially to be 79 per cent on the assessed valuation as against 79 per cent last year.

Amounts Itemized
The county court and budget committee propose to spend items in the \$266,750 as follows: Market roads, \$30,000; special road fund, \$70,000; attorney and witness fees, \$7,500; state agricultural fund and club work, \$3,700; county school tax fund, \$70,000; outstanding warrant fund, \$15,000; county library fund (Carnegie), \$2,500; county court house construction fund (Hot Springs Bldg.), \$15,000 and county high school fund, \$47,000.

Figures Compared
A comparison of the figures last year with the proposed 1922 estimate vary in these particulars: Last year's total county estimate was \$148,984.46, this year, \$100,263; State tax 1920 was \$163,072 while this year it is estimated at \$169,223.75; last year's total budget ran \$532,376.50 while the present draft calls for \$530,236.75; total assessed valuation last year for Klamath county was \$20,803,764 while this year, it is higher, running \$21,965,194. Last year the tax rate was 26.6 mills while the unofficial rate this year is placed at 24 plus mills. A few salaries are

POLICE TO SHOOT ON NIGHT ESCAPED CONVICT CHARGED WITH MURDER

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Chief of Police Fitzmaurice today ordered his men to shoot on sight Tommy O'Connon, gunman and murderer, who escaped from jail here yesterday after overpowering the guards. O'Connon, who was to have been hanged Thursday for the killing of a policeman, was armed with a smuggled revolver.

JAIL STRIKERS WHISTLE AS THEY TACKLE WOOD PILE

Former Members of County Guests Association Appear to Like the Sunshine

Seven able bodied former members of the "County Guests Association" at this morning were hard at work in back of the Main street court house sawing wood and carrying it into the basement of the building. There were smiles on the faces of the men and only one man was seen who was not either whistling or singing as he worked.

Prefer Sunshine
"Oh you hot cakes, bacon and coffee—you looked awfully good to us yesterday morning and today. We don't need any lunch, as we first demanded. The sunshine makes up for it at noon—just let us work," was the phrases used by one husky worker this morning.

All insurrection died out when the sheriff "stood pat" on no eats unless work was performed! The tax payers are the gainers, the sheriff said.

BOXING BOUTS PLEASE

Exhibition at McDonald's Hall All Admitted

Promoter McDonald Saturday night staged some satisfactory boxing bouts at McDonald's hall, and while the battles did not last so very long, still, the sporting fraternity of this city and county seemed satisfied. The main go, scheduled for ten rounds, between Fighting Sharkey of Medford and Earl Ritchie of this city ended in the second round when Ritchie with a well directed blow to Sharkey's jaw, sent him down for the fatal count of "ten."

Youngster's Please
The greatest enjoyment of the evening was had in the fast bout between Kid Biehn and "Tuffy" Anderson, newsboys. The two featherweights pounded away at each other with ten-ounce gloves every second of the four rounds, and brought approval from the fans. A silver shower was given the little fellows as a mark of esteem for their clever work.

Bout a Fizzle

The exhibition of four rounds between Bob Allen of Chiloquin and Kid Turpin turned out to be a fizzle. Allen hung a heavy left on the nose of Turpin about 15 seconds after the round opened and Turpin quit. The boxing commission refused to allow Turpin any money, as he failed to live up to the set rule of a good battle or no pay. The fans hooted Turpin out of the ring.

Third Go Fast

The fastest go of the evening, where interest was highest, was in the match between Kid Vincent of Los Angeles and Bearcat Harrington of Klamath Agency. The two rounds were fast and furious, with both boys giving and taking. Harrington seemed to have the best of the go, and near the end of the second round, when he had scored a knock down, in his over eagerness to win, accidentally fouled Vincent. The referee, James Stephens of Merrill, at the instance of the boxing commission, immediately declared the bout off and gave the decision to Vincent.

Ritchie Is Fast

Ritchie at 190 pounds was too much for the Medford boxer, Fighting Sharkey, and in both rounds easily displayed his superiority in both reach and hitting ability. The Medford man gave Ritchie several hard knocks, but none had the "steam" behind them to win for him. Near the end of the second round, Sharkey left his jaw unprotected and Ritchie sent a straight right home, which sent Sharkey through the ropes. Sharkey staggered to his feet, and then took the fatal route to dreamland when Ritchie landed flush upon his left jaw.

cut in some of the county offices and some displacements are to follow if the proposed budget is accepted by the state tax commission.

OPTIMISM OVER FUTURE SHOWN BY SECRETARY

Wallace in Annual Report Sees Improvement for Agriculture

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12.—A note of optimism over the future outlook of American agriculture in spite of the present serious plight of the farmers of this country was sounded by the Secretary of Agriculture in his annual report to the President made public here today. The worst period, he believes, is over, and a gradual improvement from now on may be looked for, with the beginning of a new agricultural era as the outcome of the present distressing times.

The Secretary reviewed faithfully the present situation of American agriculture, analyzing the factors that brought it about. In large part, he declared, the troubles of the farmer today are due to world-wide conditions and the inevitable result of the World War, and it is not to be expected that by some miraculous transformation this period of adversity may be turned into a period of prosperity.

Freight Rates Blamed

High freight rates, big crops produced in the face of high costs, unemployment in the other industries of the country with the attendant lessening in buying, and the lack of foreign markets for our surpluses are given by the Secretary as the more immediate causes for agricultural conditions facing the farmer this year. In some respects a vicious circle has been created that it is difficult for us to break through, he declared. In discussing the question of the effect of European buying of our surplus foodstuffs the Secretary said:

Need of Foreign Markets

"Had some way been found for the people in need to buy our surplus at prices which would cover the cost of production the American farmer would have been prosperous and the country would have prospered with him. It is a terrible indictment of modern civilization that with such abundance here there are millions of people overseas suffering for the bare necessities and other millions starving to death. And merely we are sadly lacking in our understanding of economic laws or in our adjustment to them when the production of bounteous crops grown by the hard labor of 13,000,000 farmers and farm workers and their families is permitted to play such a large part in paralyzing our industries and business at home."

Purchasing Power Lower

The purchasing power of the principal farm crops of the year 1921, declared the Secretary, at the present time is lower than ever before known. In times past some of these crops, he pointed out, have sold at lower prices per sale unit expressed in dollars and cents, but probably never before have our farmers generally been compelled to exchange their crops per sale unit for such small amounts of the things they need. The purchasing power of our major grain crops is little more than half what it was on an average for the five prewar years of 1910-1914 inclusive.

The Secretary drew particular attention to the matter of freight rates and direct effect upon the farmer. The cost of getting farm products from the farm to the consumer's table, he pointed out, has increased tremendously during the past three years.

ULSTER MEET STORMY

BELFAST, Dec. 12.—The Ulster party meeting today became stormy when Premier Sir James Craig reported that Lloyd George in recent conversations had maintained an unyielding attitude toward Ulster.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES

The Cyclo-Stormograph at Underwood's Pharmacy still registers a high barometric pressure, and with very little change since the Saturday report. Therefore no immediate change in weather conditions may be expected, although the unusually high temperature may forecast the end of the present ideal conditions.

Forecast for the next 24 hours:

Continued fair. Probably cooler, tonight.
The Tyco recording thermometer registered the following maximum and minimum temperatures today:
High 53
Low 37

HARDING TAKES UP HORSE-BACK RIDING

