

WEATHER FORECAST

Tonight and Wednesday, rain in west; cloudy in east portion.

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PRICE FIVE CENTS

30 LOSE LIVES IN BURNING OF GIANT AIRSHIP

43 on Board When Explosion Occurs in Midair; Only 10 Rescued

NORFOLK, Feb. 21.—The army dirigible, Roma, purchased by the government from Italy, was destroyed by an explosion today while operating over Hampton Roads naval base.

The big aircraft, which is believed to have been carrying a number of passengers, landed in flames. Four men were taken off badly burned.

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 21.—The number of dead in the Roma disaster was estimated late today at 33.

A total of 43 were on board when the explosion occurred. Ten persons were rescued, many of whom were seriously injured.

Eye witnesses said the Roma was flying at a height of 600 to 1000 feet when a thin wisp of smoke appeared and the craft started down obliquely, striking a barracks building. A number of men leaped, some with parachutes and some without.

HEALTH NURSE HERE

Miss Jane Allen Arrives to Co-operate With Miss Fricke

Miss Jane Allen, director of nursing for the Oregon state board of health, arrived here last night to co-operate with the county nurse, Miss Lydia Fricke.

Miss Allen states that she has just come from the mid-winter southwestern sectional conference of the Oregon Public Nurses association held in Roseburg, February 15. She says that hereafter the mid-winter sessions will be held in Portland, while the summer sessions will be sectional conferences, one of which may be held in Klamath Falls, perhaps this summer.

There are now 17 county public health associations in Oregon, and the 18th will be organized next month in Benton county, according to Miss Allen.

OPTIMISM IS SHOWN

Move of Perkins Furniture House Shows Progressive Spirit

Klamath Falls merchants are alive to the future of their city, and are making preparations during the slack winter months for a business revival in the spring. This is shown to a marked degree by the Perkins Furniture House, which recently moved to a new location on Sixth between Main and Klamath.

The new Perkins store has 12,000 square feet of floor space, 4000 more than the former quarters afforded. A roomy balcony and a large third floor provide room for displays of suits as well as storage space for goods. A service and passenger elevator will be one of the innovations installed.

While the new quarters are not fully prepared, they are open for business. Perkins plans a big opening sale in the near future.

LEAVES LARGE ESTATE

HONOLULU, T. H., Feb. 21.—The estate of the late Queen Liliuokalani, last native ruler of the former Kingdom of Hawaii, still is valued at more than \$185,000, according to the annual report filed today by the trustees.

"Queen Lili" died in 1917, 24 years after her rule was overthrown.

The total receipts of the estate during the year were \$95,248.36 and the total disbursements, mostly for philanthropic reasons ordered in the will were \$91,280.24.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES

The barometric pressure continues to be erratic. The Cyclo-Stormograph at Underwood's Pharmacy recording slight falls and rises alternately, but with little net change during the past 24 hours. At the time of going to press the tendency was downward. Indications are that present conditions will obtain for at least twelve hours, possibly longer—depending upon the "low" now putting in an appearance.

Forecast for next 24 hours:—Cloudy, unsettled weather; moderate temperatures.

The Tycon recording thermometer registered maximum and minimum temperatures, today, as follows: High 35 Low 16

PRESENT TELLS SENATE NO RECORD WAS KEPT OF WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 21.—President Harding, in replying to the senate resolution for information relative to negotiations of the four-power Pacific treaty, stated it would be impossible to furnish the requested information, because most of the negotiations were conducted without keeping a record. He said it was not compatible with public interest to disclose confidential negotiations, but declared "there were no concealed understandings and no secret exchanges of notes."

INTERESTING TALK PROMISED FOR C. OF C. FORUM TOMORROW

C. E. Wallis Will Bring Message of Optimism; Results of Bond Election to Be Given

C. E. Wallis, receiver for the First State & Savings bank, will be the principal speaker at the Chamber of Commerce forum Wednesday noon. His subject will be "Klamath County Conditions; Past, Present and Future." The talk will be of particular interest to the business men of Klamath county, as the speaker is very familiar with conditions throughout the country as a result of his connection with large banking interests. Wallis announced that he would bring a message of optimism to his listeners tomorrow.

The committee is also planning to carry out an appropriate program for Washington's birthday day, and a large crowd is expected. Reports from all the precincts in the county will be made on the road bond election at the close of the meeting.

SEEK TAXI DRIVER

Man Said to Have Driven Taylor Has Disappeared

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 21.—The search for a taxicab driver who disappeared from his home here about the time William Desmond Taylor, film director, was murdered, was the outstanding feature yesterday of the police investigation.

The man, it was said, had driven Taylor home on several occasions, and it was believed that he might have visited the director the night he was slain, the detectives said.

The driver's disappearance was reported to the police several days ago by his wife, who expressed bewilderment and alarm at his absence.

The officers in looking over his effects to find a clue to his whereabouts, discovered three bullets of the caliber of that which killed Taylor and a cap similar to that worn by a man several witnesses reported having seen about the Taylor apartments the night the director was slain, they said.

The parents of Mabel Normand, film actress, one of the last persons to see Taylor alive, were expected to arrive from New York to visit their daughter.

CLUB MAKES RECORD

Lone Pine Is First to Finish Required Work and Make Reports

The Lone Pine Cookery club is the first club in Klamath county to complete the required work and make the final reports. The following are members of this club: Vesta Buesing, Carl Kiger, Roy Beasley, Lois Bunnell and Loraine Beasley.

Last year these boys and girls were enrolled in several of the various projects in club work.

The Lone Pine district holds the record in this county for achievement in club work, having finished four clubs 100 per cent and one 80 per cent. Miss Marie Dolan was the local leader last year, and holds the same position again this year.

A Washington's Birthday program will be given at the Algoma school tomorrow under the direction of Miss Erma McCallister, the teacher, which will be supplemented by an illustrated talk by Frank Sexton, county club leader.

Prosperity Is Predicted From Development of Large Area of Fertile Klamath County Land

The United States government has submitted a contract to be voted upon by the people of the Langell Valley and Horsefly irrigation districts for the construction of an irrigation system and water supply for a part of the lands of these two districts. Upon March 22, an election will be held for the purpose of ratifying a joint contract to be entered into between the Langell valley and the Horsefly irrigation districts calling for the construction of a diversion dam, canal and lateral system and pumping equipment to irrigate about 6250 acres of land on the west side of Langell valley and an area of about 4,000 acres in the Horsefly district west of Bonanza. The development of this area approximating 10,000 acres will mean a just deal to the county. This being an area of exceptionally fine land, well situated and free from any engineering obstacles, it should become one of the most valuable areas of irrigated land in the Klamath Project.

Secretary Wishard of the Langell Valley Irrigation district makes the following statement in regard to this proposed development:

"In my opinion the development of the lands of the Langell Valley Irrigation and Horsefly districts means a great deal to Klamath county. The bringing under irrigation of an area of approximately 325,000 acres of land will increase the valuation of the land several times over its present valuation. It will make homes for several times the present population. It will enable the government to regulate the run-off area tributary to this section of the country and there-

by safeguard and make available several thousand acres of the Tule Lake lands. This being public land the ex-service men will be greatly benefited by this proposed development.

"The people coming under this upper project, have waited long and patiently for this opportunity and there seems to be little doubt about their accepting the government's offer. We have had some experience in attempting to finance and build this part of our project under the district management and found the item of interest alone on the sale of the bonds over a period of 15 years would amount to \$167,000 or approximately 50 per cent of our estimated initial cost, and there is a question as to whether the principal under the bond sale would be sufficient to complete as good a system as we think the government will build for us. Another advantage of having the government do the work is that our payments will be spread over a period of 20 years and the annual payments will be very light at first payments to start one year after the system is put in operation. While under the bond plan the repayments and interest must be provided for as soon as the bonds are sold.

The question of whether this is the opportune time to start this project may be raised. Personally I think it is the time to start. Was there ever a time when money was needed so much as now? Labor is and will be plentiful. The farmers of that section have plenty of stock and feed, and it is hard to believe that prices and wages will be a great deal lower. Under the terms of the proposed con-

tract the district will take over the operation and maintenance of the system as soon as completed. Whether this is a good feature of the contract or not, remains to be seen, and has been the basis for a good many arguments.

"One of the principal reasons for taking advantage of this opportunity at this time is that if we don't accept it there are numerous other projects that are eagerly waiting for the money and will lose no time in taking it. It may be several years before we have the offer again and possibly never again under the same terms.

"Twelve years ago today I started to work for the Klamath Water Users' and have been continuously in their employ for the past six years, and while I don't want to pose as an authority in irrigation matters, from what experience I have had I certainly believe the irrigation has been a great factor in development of this county and that it will come to be more appreciated in the future, and further I firmly believe, that the government has been and always will be the logical means under which projects of any size should be developed.

When a body of men numbering 264 representing 13 western states met at Salt Lake City, Utah, and without a dissenting vote endorsed the United States Reclamation Service and declared it their opinion, that the Reclamation Service was one of the best if not the best and most efficient departments of the government. I was more convinced than ever that they are the proper agent to develop our arid lands."

LIGHT VOTE IS CAST

Report Indicates Few at Polls Up to Three O'Clock

At 3 o'clock this afternoon it was reported at the chamber of commerce that only a light vote had been cast in the road bond election. It was pointed out, however, that a number of people do not vote until after business hours, which may raise the total an appreciable amount.

Results of the election will not be determined until late tonight.

Death Rate Is Too High

Smith Heads for Klamath

"Forty-six killed in Los Angeles traffic accidents last month; 465 injured during January; fines totaling \$2,500 paid by law violators."

These were the statements in a Los Angeles newspaper that met the eye of R. E. Smith during his recent trip through Southern California.

Smith said that was enough for him. He and Mrs. Smith took the first train north, bent only upon reaching the safe confines of Klamath Falls at the earliest possible moment.

"Klamath may have its drawbacks," said Smith, "but here we don't kill people by wholesale. Besides, from a business standpoint the future of this town looks as good to me as anything I saw in Southern California."

ONE KILLED, TWO INJURED, WHEN POLICE TURN GUNS ON STRIKE SYMPATHIZERS

PAWTUCKET, R. I., Feb. 21.—One man was killed, two seriously wounded and six persons hurt when police used riot guns today on a crowd of 1,000 gathered at the plant of the Jencks Spinning company, where a strike is in progress. The guns were used when several patrolmen were knocked down after the arrest of three strike sympathizers.

RECOMMENDS THAT ADAMS CONTRACT BE CARRIED OUT

Interior Department Head Tells McNary That Reclamation Should Be Completed

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 21.—Assistant Secretary Finney of the interior department writes Senator McNary that he believes the contract of J. Frank Adams for the reclamation of lands on Hanks marsh on Upper Klamath lake, should be carried out. The American Legion at Klamath Falls recently urged that the lease be cancelled, even though appropriation be required to reimburse Adams. Finney says Adams claims to have expended \$25,000, with \$10,000 needed to complete the work. The department lacks money to reimburse him, Finney adds, and he doubts that congress would appropriate it. He suggests that the contract be finished with an amendment providing that fair cost of construction be ascertained by the department and the United States have the right to take it over at any time on payment of this cost.

PHONE COMPANY WINS FIGHT TO INCREASE RATE

Petitioners Are Scored by Commissioners for Causing Expense to State

SALEM, Feb. 21.—Affirming the original order granting increased rates to the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, and scoring the petitioners who asked for a rehearing, the public service commission today handed down a final decision on the company's application for higher rates.

The increases were ordered February 28, last year, effective last March. The first ranged from 30 to 200 per cent for different classes of service. The rehearing was asked for by the city of Portland, the Oregon Telephone Federation and other organizations and municipalities. The hearings occupied several weeks last summer.

The petitioners for the telephone rehearing were flayed by the commission for burdening the state with unnecessary expense and wasting state officials' time. "The evidence produced at the hearing was insufficient to justify a change in the original order granting the increase," said the commission. It declared no evidence worthy of the name was offered to support the assertions of an error.

PAVING QUESTION AGAIN COMES UP BEFORE COUNCIL

Problems of finance, with particular reference to the paving question, occupied a large portion of the city councilmen's attention at the regular meeting last night. No definite decision was reached on the paving program for this year. It was reported by the finance committee that a committee of the chamber of commerce merchants' bureau is making a survey of the occupation tax question, with view to recommending a change in the local tax ordinance.

Permits were granted as follows: Dr. J. G. Goble, to erect an electric sign over his store at 709 Main; Acme Motor company, to erect an electric sign at Sixth and Oak; Roy Call, to change a partition in his garage at 224 Main.

The petitions of Fred Duke, to move a jitney office from 109 North Sixth to Eleventh and Main, and of Mrs. H. B. Perham to permit a lunch wagon to continue at its stand on Sixth between Main and Pine until another location was found, were disallowed.

LEGION SHOW TONIGHT

Will Start Promptly at 7:30; Tickets Nearly All Sold

Tonight at 7:30 sharp is the time. Scandinavian hall is the place. Papetta, the hula hula artist, is the girl.

But Papetta is not the whole show—not by 40 miles. The burnt cork minstrels form a large part of the Legion program, which includes a dance after the performance. In addition there are numerous other acts, each worth the price of admission, according to the entertainment committee.

The rush for tickets at O. Larson's shoe shop yesterday cleaned out all the reserved seats, with general admissions going fast. By 7:30 it is quite certain the S. R. O. sign will be hung out.

PYTHIANS WILL SEE SHOW; POSTPONE LODGE MEETING

Knights of Pythias are planning general attendance when the filmed version of the story "Damon and Pythias," the story which is the foundation for the teachings of the order, is shown at the Strand theater tomorrow night. There will be two evening shows, one at 6:30 and the other at 8:30.

Wednesday night is the regular meeting night of the local lodge, but because of general interest in the picture, S. R. Redkey, chancellor commander, today announced that there would be no lodge meeting Wednesday night.

The picture is in six reels and those who have seen it pronounce it a wonderful attraction, both from a spectacular viewpoint and from the nobility of the theme.

The local theater had much difficulty in securing the film, which is a great demand among Pythian lodges this month, which is the birth month of the order. White was informed yesterday that the film had gone astray en route from Tennessee to Portland and there was much disappointment in local lodge circles, but a telegram this afternoon announced the picture had arrived in Portland and would be here tomorrow evening.

WILL CONCLUDE HEARING ON MUSCLE SHOALS OFFER

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 21.—The House Military committee will conclude this week the hearing on Ford's Muscle Shoals offer.

Buried Treasure Lures Deep Sea Diver

JUNEAU, Alaska, Feb. 21.—Buried treasure on the ship Islander, which was wrecked off the coast of Douglas Island, near here, in 1901, is the lure for F. W. Walters, deep sea diver, who plans to search the vessel this summer.

Although, according to Walters' observations made last summer, the boat rests at a depth of 200 feet, and is almost completely covered with sand and sea growth, he claims his search will be successful because of a specially made diving suit which he has patented, and which allows the diver, to drop to this extraordinary depth.

Walters claims to be the only person who has found the ship.

The sand covering the Islander would be removed by means of hydraulic pumps. Walters has purchased the boat Sumner, and will be here with his crew early in the summer to begin the search.

OUR EVER-BLOOMING PLANT



MINERS ASK PARLEY

Would Meet Operators to Avert Impending Strike

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—President Lewis of the United Mine Workers, asked the coal operators of the Central competitive field to meet with the union officials at Cleveland on March 2 for a wage conference, to avert the impending strike. Some operators have rejected similar requests, saying they wished to discontinue collective bargaining with the miners.

Fifteen railroad unions met today with the mine workers to plan a "defensive alliance."

U. S. TO GIVE SERIES OF COURSES IN KILN DRYING

SUSANVILLE, Calif., Feb. 21.—First of a series of courses in kiln drying given by the United States government in the Western states is being held here, attended by 18 men representing lumber interests from Southern Oregon to Southern California.

Three men from the forests products laboratory of Madison, Wisconsin, are giving the courses, which consist of demonstrations, lectures, laboratory work, discussions, and displays of equipment. Other courses will be given this spring at Eureka, California, February 27 to March 10; probably Portland, March 20 to 31, and Gibbs, Idaho, April 10 to 21.