

IRREGULARITY CHARGE, SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

Members Refuse to Canvass Returns; Temporary Secretary Quits

Alleged irregularities in the conduct of the county district school election led to refusal of the district board to canvass the election returns Saturday. As a result, unless a mandamus proceeding to compel a recount should be undertaken and be successful, the present board, which was appointed by the court following the adoption of the county unit plan will hold office until the next annual election.

Fred Peterson resigned as temporary secretary and Chairman Bradbury and Mrs. Twyla Ferguson, county superintendent, were delegated to choose a successor. Garrett Van Riper and Mrs. E. L. Davis were suggested. Bradbury said today that Mrs. Davis would probably be the choice.

Bradbury today issued a lengthy statement regarding reasons for rejection of the ballots by the board, which follows:

The canvass of the returns of the election held June 19 for directors of the county school district, was undertaken by the district board Saturday afternoon, June 24. In order that the general public may be informed as to the reasons for the board's findings and conclusions, a brief reference is made to the law as provided, relating to the holding of elections in county school districts as a unit for administration, as compiled under Oregon school laws, 1921.

Section 298 provides that five directors shall be elected at the first annual school election after the county unit system has been adopted. Section 301, Article 5, provides that directors shall provide polling places and appoint judges and clerks of election, canvass votes and poll books and determine the results thereof. Section 317 provides that all acts or parts of acts in conflict herewith are hereby repealed, provided, however, that all general laws of the state relating to public schools created under this act, shall apply and that all laws relating to districts of the first class shall be applicable to city districts formed according to this act, except insofar as the same may be in conflict with the provisions hereof.

To sum up the situation briefly there apparently is no defined procedure for holding an election for any purpose whatever in a county school district, and this conclusion is further borne out by a letter from the superintendent of public instruction containing comments of the attorney general, and written in reply to an inquiry of the board asking for instructions for holding elections. He said, "there apparently is no provision made for holding an election in a county district, do the best you can."

The board proceeded to call an election, using such parts of school election laws as seemed applicable and proper for the purpose of securing an orderly election return. Upon the board's proceeding to canvass the returns, they found that in many instances, that the election boards had failed to mark the envelopes containing returns (so that they might be identified, although printed envelopes had been provided for that purpose, with blank spaces for the name and number of the polling place, and space for the signature of the elec-

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WEATHER PROBABILITIES

The barometric changes during the last 24 hours have been small although the Cyclotermograph at Underwood's Pharmacy registers a slightly lower pressure than yesterday.

Forecast for next 24 hours:
Continued warm with variable winds.

The Tycoos recording thermometer registered maximum and minimum temperatures today, as follows:
High 84
Low 62

GOVERNMENT ATTEMPTS TO INTERVENE IN COAL STRIKE CARRIED FORWARD

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 26.—Government attempts to intervene in the bituminous coal strike were carried forward today when Secretary of Labor Davis called President Lewis of the United Mine Workers of America to Washington for a series of conferences preliminary to taking the issue directly before President Harding. The impression was created that Harding might call a national conference of operators and union leaders to consider a settlement.

BIG LAKES PLANT HERE WILL REOPEN WITHIN SHORT TIME

Arrival of Machinery is Awaited; Sawmill Not to Resume This Year; Sisson Mill Busy

The box factory of the Big Lakes Box company will resume operations within the near future with the arrival of certain machinery, according to Burge W. Mason, an officer of the company, at present connected with the box factory operated by the company at Sisson. Announcement of the definite date of resumption will be made shortly, Mason said. The sawmill will not resume this season. The Sisson plant is working full capacity with 65 men employed. Whether the plant will be operated permanently in Sisson has not been decided.

BAND LEADER COMING

W. A. Snow May Succeed L. O. Fritz, Who Has Left City

J. O. Fritz, who has been leading the local band recently, left today with his family for a permanent residence elsewhere. He will probably locate in Vancouver.

The chamber of commerce has been working on a plan for securing weekly concerts during the summer, financing the program by popular subscription. Negotiations with Fritz for the position of director now being definitely terminated by his departure, attempt is being made by A. L. Wishard, chairman of the chamber of commerce band committee, to secure some one else.

Wishard said today that W. A. Snow, former band director here, is on his way here from Susanville, and it is hoped he may be induced to take the place. Snow directed the local band for two years, some seven or eight years ago, and, according to Wishard produced the best band Klamath Falls has ever had.

If Snow's services are secured, a small subscription from a number of interested persons will carry the band through the summer. It is planned to defray much of the cost by a series of dances at the open air pavilion.

The band is now well organized and in practice. Two members have been recently added giving the organization 18 pieces.

PREPARING FOR RODEO

Try-Outs Held at Fort Klamath Sunday Afternoon

Try-outs in preparation for the rodeo to be held on July 2, 3 and 4 were held in Fort Klamath Sunday. The try-outs were almost as interesting as a main event, witnesses reported, as several riders were thrown from some of the bad horses brought in for the occasion. Luther Holbrook of Merrill was on hand with his famous string, and will remain there until after the show. A string of buckers has also been brought in from the high desert country near Silver Lake. The grand stand is being enlarged, and other preparations made in expectation of the best show ever held in Fort Klamath.

SUNDAY HOTTEST DAY

Mercury Climbs to 98; Record Equaled Only in June, 1918

The official thermometer at the United States reclamation office registered 98 degrees yesterday, the hottest day this year for Klamath county, and the warmest day since 1914 for the month of June, with the exception of June, 1918, when the mercury touched the 100 mark.

WORK STARTED ON LANGELL V. DIVERSION DAM

Project Will Be Completed This Year at Cost of About \$75,000

Work on the Langell Valley diversion dam has begun, according to H. D. Newell, manager of the Klamath irrigation project, and the structure will be completed this year. A camp is being located at the dam site at the head of Langell valley. The government is constructing the dam by force account, under supervision of J. C. Whitney, who supervised the building of the new Henley flume last year.

The dam, said Newell, will cost about \$75,000, at rough guess, and is expected to be completed by December 1st. It is hoped to start on the coffer dam, which will bare the river bed for actual construction, within a week, and when the job is well under way some 25 or 30 men will be employed.

Bids will be asked on twelve miles of main canal leading from the dam to the Langell valley lands in about a month. Specifications are now being prepared. The ditching will be divided into eleven or twelve schedules, so the job may be parcelled out when awarded to several different contractors. It is expected ditch work will start in August.

I. W. W. CASE DELAYED

Entering of Pleas to Indictments Held in Abeyance

Owing to the demurrers pending in the cases of the four I. W. W., which were to be brought before the court this morning to enter their plea to the indictment charging them with criminal syndicalism, the matter was held in abeyance awaiting the disposition of the demurrers. All briefs on the demurrers have not been filed as yet, but it is expected that this will be done, and the defendants be heard, within the next few days.

The case of Alie Vincent, charged with larceny of a horse, will come to trial before Judge Leavitt tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. Other criminal cases will be set down for trial this afternoon, including the murder case involving the killing of George Nichols by Wm. Lewis, colored.

RAILROAD DIVORCE TO BE TAKEN UP IN OCTOBER BY I. C. C.

Meanwhile Commission Cannot Consider Requests That It Intervene to Bring Change

WASHINGTON, June 26.—The interstate commerce commission has declared that it would probably take up some time in October, in its general railroad consolidation hearing, the matter of the Southern Pacific and Central Pacific railroad merger, recently declared illegal by the supreme court. Meanwhile the commission can not consider requests that it intervene to bring about some alteration in the situation precipitated by the decision.

The Central Pacific and the Southern Pacific under consolidation plans before the commission, are suggested as component units of a single merged company. This company would be one of the nineteen large railroad systems into which, under the consolidation plans, all major roads are to be thrown. The dates and places of hearings which may affect the Central Pacific case, the notice said, will be announced well in advance, but have not been definitely fixed as yet.

ROAD BONDS AWARDED

County Court Accepts Bid of Anglo-London Paris Company

Award of the \$400,000 Klamath county road bond issue was made this afternoon to the Anglo-London Paris company of San Francisco, represented here by Howard G. Park, Herbert Fleishacker, head of the Klamath development company, is president of the bond issue.

The bids of the Anglo, London & Paris bank of San Francisco and of Blyth Witter & company of Portland, jointly with others, were the lowest, the different basis upon which the bids made, making it difficult to decide. The former offered par and accrued interest and a flat premium of \$4,720, bonds to bear 5 1/2 per cent interest. The latter offered par and accrued interest, a premium of \$2 and a 5 per cent interest rate on \$125,000 of the issue, the remainder to bear 5 1/2 per cent. The representatives of both firms claimed the lowest bids.

MAY GET PIPE PLANT

Bend Concern Contemplates Establishment of Factory Here

A permanent plant for the manufacture of sewer and drain pipe, representing an investment of \$15,000 and employing about 10 men, will be established here providing the Bend Clay Pipe company succeeds in getting a contract for the sewer pipe to be laid in the sixth sewer unit under the contract awarded to G. C. Lorenz. This is according to C. H. Knowles of Bend representing the company here.

TOURIST FROM OAKLAND FIRST TO REACH LAKE

Honor Claimed by Frank W. Hudson; Trip Made Over Sand Creek Road

After battling five days through deep snow drifts on the Sand Creek road, Frank W. Hudson of Oakland, a tourist, reached Crater lake rim at 4:20 Sunday afternoon and claims the honor of being first to reach the lake by automobile over any road and the silver loving cup offered by Klamath Falls business men through the chamber of commerce for the first out-of-state tourist to reach the lake via the Dalles-Calfornia highway.

This message was telephoned to The Herald today by Tony Castell of Fort Klamath. Castell said Hudson had a certificate voluntarily given him by Alex Sparrow, park superintendent, in substantiation of his claim.

Castell said Hudson cut through 16 drifts with a cross-cut saw and canthook, brushed around eight drifts and planked five drifts. His car carried every conceivable equipment for touring and was prepared to meet the most trying situations. He left Fort Klamath Tuesday after being several days there and returned there today, leaving his car at the rim. Hudson plans on returning for a stay at the rim after which he will return to Oakland through this city and probably will present his certificate to the chamber of commerce.

Hudson was formerly a professional photographer, Castell said, and will take a number of photographs of the lake before leaving.

AID TO FIGHT PESTS

Fund Secured From Reclamation Service and Klamath County

A fund has been secured from the U. S. Reclamation service, as assisted by Klamath county, for purchasing poisoned grasshopper bait in the Malin district. It was announced today by C. A. Henderson, county agent. This bait is being mixed in the basement of the Malin high school building, and can be secured there Monday or Tuesday evening of this week free of charge by anyone of that district who is troubled with grasshoppers.

Sacks or containers for transporting bait should be brought by those desiring to take advantage of this offer.

INJUNCTION IS MADE PERMANENT AGAINST FED- ERAL RESERVE BANK, S.F.

PORTLAND, June 26.—Federal Judge Wolverton today made permanent a temporary injunction issued last December against the Federal Reserve bank of San Francisco, in which the methods used in the collection of checks drawn on the Brookings state bank were restrained. It was held that the Brookings bank had a right to collect a reasonable exchange on checks.

COLONIZATION OF LAND IS DISCUSSED AT BONANZA MEET

Effort Will Be Made to Dispose of Excess Acreage in Horsey and Langell Districts

The land settlement committee of the chamber of commerce met with the farmers from Langell Valley and Horsey districts at Bonanza Saturday night to make definite arrangements for disposing of excess lands in the two districts as a result of the irrigation contract recently entered into with the government.

H. J. Ticknor, Francis Bowman, H. D. Newell, Arthur Wilson, A. L. Wishard and T. A. Stevenson were members of the committee present. About 40 of the large land owners of the two districts were present, and were enthusiastic in their endorsement of the move made by the chamber to assist them in disposing of the lands to desirable settlers, many expressing the wish that a Swiss colony could be located to take the lands.

A questionnaire drawn up by Arthur Wilson and Will Baldwin was circulated among those present for the purpose of having them list the lands for sale, the improvement, price, terms and other information desired by the chamber. As soon as this information is received it will be classified and circulated among prospects, now being located by the committee.

E. O. McCormick, vice president of the Southern Pacific, has promised to assist the chamber in locating settlers interested in dairying, as the land is specially adapted to this industry. The state chamber of commerce and the United States chamber will also assist in the work.

DISAGREE WITH GRAM

Central Labor Council Declares Strike Still Exists

Direct disagreement with the conclusions of C. H. Gram, state labor commissioner, that the timberworkers strike here no longer exists, is contained in a resolution adopted Saturday by the Central Labor council, which asserts neither representatives of the timberworkers union or central labor council were consulted in Gram's investigation, he "apparently being content with information from employers alone."

After stating several premises the resolution reaches the conclusion that the Central Labor council resolves to "condemn this action of the state labor commissioner, C. H. Gram, as being autocratic, dictatorial, biased and without any consideration for the workmen involved in this controversy."

"There is but one agency that can end a strike," it is declared, "and that is the one that originally called it. C. H. Gram had nothing to do with calling this strike, neither has he the power to end it as the future will reveal."

While they had small opportunity to speak with Gram while he was here, the few union men who saw him assured him that the strike was not off, the resolution declares, and that he was further assured by those union representatives that not later than June 18, they had officially gone on record as reiterating their desire for the maintenance of the strike and that not one of the original strikers favored calling off the strike at this time.

Gram has shown inclination to favor the employers "in every instance" the resolution asserts, and opposes the cessation of posting "strike conditions" by California employment agencies, which was recommended by Gram after his visit here last week.

MARKET REPORT

PORTLAND, June 26.—Cattle slow. Prime hogs 10c higher; other steady; prime light \$11.50 to \$11.85. Sheep steady.

CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF MAINS LET

Contract Goes to Al Gram with Bid of \$22,000; Material Ordered

The contract for installation of approximately four miles of additional water mains for this city was let today by the California Oregon Power company to Al Gramham, local contractor, stated J. C. Boyle, division manager. Gramham's bid was approximately \$22,000. Bids for \$32,000 and \$28,500 were received from L. K. Porter and C. Lorenz, respectively.

Gramham started to collect a crew today for excavation work on the first unit, from the pumping plant on Conger avenue, down Conger avenue to Pine, thence to Second and from Second to Main.

Material has been ordered, said Boyle, and the first carload should be here July 1.

A ten-inch main will be laid in the first unit, which is two inches greater in diameter than the largest existing main, and will practically double the water supply to the business district. An eight-inch main will be laid from Second to Seventh on Pine and from Seventh to Eleventh, and on other parts of the system the main will be six-inch pipe.

Thirty-seven new hydrants will be installed in the restricted building district, with double outlet, capable of connecting with either of the city fire engines.

The installation is estimated as a ninety-day job, with approximately 30 men employed.

To provide revenue to justify the cost of the extension the state public service commission recently granted the power company a rate increase on water. At a hearing at which city authorities, chamber of commerce representatives, power company officials and others were represented here in April, the increased rate was held justified as a means of preventing a proposed increase in insurance rates.

The bulk of the rate increase was placed on the city, which will derive the most benefit, it is held, in increased fire protection. The hydrant charge is raised about \$1.200 yearly.

Domestic consumption rates are raised 25 per cent, from \$1.40 to \$1.75 per 3,000 cubic feet minimum, excess charges in proportion. Irrigation rates are unchanged.

PRINE GETS 6 MONTHS

Sentence Imposed by Judge Leavitt Following Assault Conviction

Six months in the state penitentiary was the sentence imposed this morning on George Prine, found guilty of the charge of assault with a knife on Henry Knipple on April 6. District Attorney Brower recommended to the court the minimum penitentiary sentence under the statute, which was six months. Prine's attorney made a plea to the court that his client be paroled during his good behavior, but the court did not see fit to grant the request.

BIG RAINBOW CATCH

Three Fishermen at Rocky Point Get Limit Within Short Time

What was declared to be the largest catch of rainbow trout at Rocky Point this season was taken yesterday by Wm. Smith and V. V. Hedgpeth of this city and W. M. Anderson of San Francisco, traffic agent for the Chicago Great Western Railroad company. The fishermen arrived at Rocky Point Saturday evening, and by early Sunday had caught the limit. Most of the catches were made in the vicinity of the point at the mouth of Crystal creek, they said.

STRIKE VOTE TAKEN

CHICAGO, June 26.—A strike vote is being taken by railroad signal men of approximately one-third of all railroads, according to union announcement today.

