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RAIL BUILDING IN OREGON AIM OF COMPLAINT

Six Lines Made Defendants In Action Before Public Service Commission

SALEM, Oct. 13.—A complaint is tendered before the public service commission Tuesday by Commissioner H. H. Corey for action preliminary to its filing with the interstate commerce commission, provides for the completion of the Natron cut-off, extension of the Deschutes railroad from its present terminus at Bend to Odell, extension of the Ontario-Crane branch of the Oregon Short Line to Odell, and railroad connections between Lakeview and the outside world either by way of Klamath Falls or the Oregon Short Line.

If the Oregon commission approves the move the complaint will be filed with the interstate commerce commission for consideration under the provision of the interstate commerce act, which authorizes the commission to order extensions of rail lines when a showing of convenience and necessity is made to justify such extensions.

Survey Already Made

"This is no wild eyed dream. The surveys for all of these proposed projects were made years ago, showing that construction of these lines of railroad have been given consideration by railroad builders," Corey declared, in defense of his complaint, which he said is designed for the development of the vast area of Central and Southern Oregon now untouched by rail lines.

If the complaint is filed with the interstate commerce commission it will name as defendants the Central Pacific, Southern Pacific, O-W. R. & N., Oregon Short Line, Oregon Trunk and the Deschutes Railroad companies.

Completion of the Natron cut-off between Kirk and Oakridge, will require approximately 70 miles of construction. Extension of the line from Bend to Odell will require 50 miles of construction, and extension of the Crane branch to Odell will involve approximately 164 miles of construction, according to Corey.

Would Tap Large Area

Construction of the proposed lines, Corey's complaint points out, would materially reduce rail distances between Southern and Eastern Oregon points and Portland, in some cases more than half the present rail distance being eliminated, Corey said.

At the present time there is no railroad extending eastward from the western part of the state south of Portland to any point in Eastern Oregon or to that portion of Southern Oregon east of the Cascade mountains, Corey's complaint points out, showing that in this as yet undeveloped region there are billion of feet of standing timber, vast deposits of soda and minerals and great areas of agricultural land, all awaiting adequate transportation facilities for development.

Declaration Withheld

Railroad officials of Portland today refused to make a public declaration of their attitude toward the complaint drafted Tuesday by H. H. Corey, public service commissioner, demanding rail extensions for Oregon lines.

The rail executives said they preferred to await more definite knowledge of the plans of Corey. The chamber of commerce took a similar attitude on the matter and the only body making a declaration was the state chamber of commerce, which sent a telegram to the commissioner offering wholehearted support to the demand for rail extensions in the Central Oregon country.

SHOOTING PROBE ENDS

TACOMA, Oct. 13.—The federal grand jury investigating the shooting of Major Alexander Cronkpit at Camp Lewis in 1918 today returned two secret indictments and was discharged by Federal Judge Cushman. The district attorney refused to indicate whether the indictments have to do with the Cronkpit case. He said the identity of the persons indicted would not be known for several days.

EARLY ACTION ON LOWER KLAMATH L. LANDS IS EXPECTED

Bill Asking Supreme Court to Decide Ownership of 20,000 Acres Up December

YREKA, Oct. 13.—The bill introduced in the senate last August by Senator Samuel M. Shortridge, to have the supreme court decide upon the ownership of approximately 20,000 acres of swamp land surrounding Lower Klamath lake in Siskiyou county, is expected to come up for action at the December session, according to a press dispatch from Washington Monday.

Shortridge says he has assurances the measure will be given a favorable report by Secretary of Interior Fall, and he states he also is assured the bill will be reported out with a recommendation for passage by the senate judiciary committee.

Both Claim Title

Title to the land is claimed both by the government and by a number of individuals in California, the latter having surveyed and applied for it.

The government claims ownership by virtue of an act of the California legislature in 1905, authorizing the United States to lower the water level of a number of lakes, including the Lower Klamath. It was stipulated in the act that the government could use the beds of the lake for water storage in connection with irrigation and reclamation projects.

Claim Only Bottom Ceded

On behalf of California, whose legislature has authorized Attorney General Webb to institute proceedings against the government, it is claimed the only land ceded to the government was the bottom of the lakes and not the 20,000 acres surrounding the Lower Klamath.

While Shortridge says Secretary of Interior Fall will approve the bill, some of the reclamation service officials are known to be opposed to it.

TED WHITE IN RACE

Theatre Man Candidate for Mayor; Endorsed By Timberworkers

Ted White's hat flopped into the political ring today when he announced himself candidate for mayor with the endorsement of the Timberworker's union.

"My platform is reduce taxes and give everybody a square deal," said White. "I am opposed to undue restriction of personal liberty. I am against bootlegging and if elected this evil will be stamped out, even if a complete change in the police force is necessary to its accomplishment."

White said he had agreed to run at the earnest solicitation of a committee from the Timberworkers and he believes he will poll a large part of the labor vote. He said that should two other candidates withdraw, making the race between Mayor Wiley and one other candidate, he would also withdraw, but that otherwise he would bend every effort toward his election.

White is owner of the Strand theatre and has lived here 10 or 12 years. He is registered as a Democrat.

White's candidacy brings the number in the mayoralty race up to five. The others are Dr. A. A. Soule, Arthur Wilson, A. J. Lyle and the incumbent, Mayor W. S. Wiley.

CONSTITUTION VOID

Omission of Words "In Year of Our Lord" Vitiates Document

SPRINGFIELD, Ills., Oct. 13.—Omission of the words, "in the year of our Lord," from the draft of proposed new state constitution to be voted on December 12th is described as an error vitiating the worth of the entire document, in a communication signed today by several state and local officials, officials of Masonic organizations, prominent clergymen and the district superintendent of the anti-saloon league.

INFANT PNEUMONIA VICTIM

Pneumonia claimed as its victim the five-day-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Buchanan in a hospital here this morning. Funeral services will be held in the Whitlock chapel at 10 a. m., Saturday. Burial will be at Linkville cemetery.

REVIEW BOARD IN SESSION ON LAND MATTERS

Klamath and Tule Lake Questions Aired in Open Meet at C. of C.

A hearing to determine the action of the government on the matter of compensation to J. Frank Adams for diking Hank's marsh lands bordering Klamath lake, and to discuss the opening to home and entry of an additional area of Tule lake lands was in session all day in the chamber of commerce rooms.

The hearing was conducted by the the special board of review composed of A. P. Davis, director of the United States Reclamation service; Allen L. Parker of Tacoma, district engineer of the United States Geological survey, and F. B. Headley of the agricultural department, superintendent of the federal experiment farm at Fallon, Nevada. It was attended by 15 or 20 directly or indirectly interested in both questions.

Testimony Heard

Among those who testified this morning were J. Frank Adams, Ed and Robert Geary and John Boyle. Their testimony embraced every phase of irrigation and reclamation. Adams, who asks for $25,000 compensation if the land is taken over by the government and opened to entry, this afternoon submitted cost figures.

Fred Westerfeld and J. H. Carnahan represented the American legion, which advocates the opening to settlement of both the Adams and the Tule lake lands.

Upon completion of the hearing the special board will submit its findings to Secretary Fall for his decision.

Congressman Sinnott left today for Lakeview and was not present at the hearing.

Discuss Shasta Valley

Following the morning session the board met with the Rotary club and the chamber of commerce board of directors to discuss the Shasta valley irrigation project, which embraces the use of Klamath lake as a storage reservoir to the detriment of 100,000 acres of land bordering the lake which would be rendered useless.

A telegram received from Percy A. Cupper, state engineer, which was read before the meeting, stated that while the Shasta Valley project had made application for water rights a year ago, none had been granted.

Secretary Stevenson said various civic bodies would be asked to frame a platform to defeat the plan to use Klamath lake as a reservoir.

U. S. Ships on Way to Levant

One of the 12 destroyers the United States is sending to Constantinople to protect our interests there. All the 12 are of this type. Inset, Captain Charles M. Tozier, commander of the ships.

RULING BREWS STORM

Prohibition of Liquor on British Ships In U. S. Waters Attacked

LONDON, Oct. 13.—Unless an injunction is granted Cunard line, the British government will protest formally through the foreign office against the ruling prohibiting liquor on foreign ships in American waters, it was stated in official quarters today. Officials have, however, expressed the opinion that the injunction will be granted in the American courts.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—Shipping board vessels will remain dry regardless of the outcome of the injunction proceedings brought in New York on behalf of American privately owned ships, Chairman Lasker announced today.

ARMS PLOT IS BARED

SEATTLE, Oct. 13.—Details of an alleged plot to ship arms and ammunition to revolutionists in China was revealed here today with the arrest of Lee Poyo Senn, Chinese merchant of Boston, and the seizure of four chests of German make ammunition.

RAILROAD HEARING SET

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 13.—The interstate commerce commission today announced that it would resume November 17, consideration of plans for consolidation of railroads, taking up first the proposals for combinations of transcontinental lines through the northwest.

EVANGELIST SPEAKER

Rev. Johnson Addresses Gathering At Christian Church

"After Supper" was the theme that Evangelist Johnson spoke on last evening at the Christian church. He pictured the lonesomeness of man, who walks from the Savior. "To the man," he said, "who refuses to listen to the call of Christ all is night and darkness."

Tonight Evangelist Johnson will have as his text, For I am not ashamed of the gospel for it is the power of God unto salvation. Services close at 8:30 to permit those present to see "Alice in Hungerland" at the Presbyterian church.

VAMPED

ORGANIZATION OF JUNIOR ELKS MEETS WITH BIG SUCCESS

High School Boys Between 14 and 21 to Be Admitted; Lodge Basement Donated

Organization of the Junior Elks, composed of high school boys between the ages of 14 to 21, is well underway and will be completed with adoption of constitution and by-laws submitted by a Junior committee composed of Albert Moreland, Rolin Cantrell and Lloyd Bunnell.

When it was decided by the Elks to form the Junior Elks a Community Welfare committee was appointed consisting of J. J. Miller, chairman, Fred Baker and Dr. H. D. L. Stewart. The committee met with the above committee of high school boys who were asked to submit the constitution and by-laws.

Basement Donated

The purpose of the Junior Elks organization is to promote and encourage the physical welfare of the young members. To this end the Elks lodge has donated the use of the basement of the club building for the boys use for physical recreation and will donate the lodge room once each month for a dance. The dances will be under the auspices of the Junior Elks and the direct supervision of Mrs. A. G. Meissner, and the first will be held October 21 on the occasion of the Klamath-Ashland football game.

Membership in the Junior Elks requires the recommendation of a Big Brother Elk and the Junior committee on membership. Officers will be elected along the same plan as that of the Elks lodge.

Initiations to be Feature

A feature of the organization will be the initiation which, J. J. Miller said, "may be mild and may be furious, entertaining but not injurious."

The basement of the club is equipped with shower baths and other attractive features.

START CLASS CONTEST

Great Rivalry Exists In Sale of Student Body Tickets

In order to sell as many student body tickets as possible, a contest was inaugurated yesterday between the various high school classes. The contest closes November 1.

The first class to win a 100 percent score, through every member of the class purchasing a ticket, can hang its pennant in the assembly. If none of the classes reach 100 per cent the class with the highest percentage wins.

In addition the following prizes have been offered:

First prize, $3; Second prize, $2; Third prize, $1.

Through ticket sales $90 has been realized to date. Rivalry is high and it is expected that all classes will have 100 per cent before the contest closes.

The tickets cost $2.50 and admit the student to all student body activities except dances, besides paying student body dues which are 50 cents a year.

STUDENT BODY ELECTS

Gordon Smith Successful Candidate For Vice President

By a plurality of 12 votes over his opponent, Thomas Watt, Gordon Smith was chosen vice president of the student body at an election held yesterday noon in the lower hall of the high school. Only 54 voted, the small number being due to unpaid student body dues. Members voting are required to be in good standing.

SCHOOL BILL SPEAKER

Major Robert A. Gibbs of Los Angeles to Address Meeting Here

A series of talks on the proposed compulsory school bill will be given here by Major Robert A. Gibbs of Los Angeles, who will arrive here tonight. He will speak at the Strand theatre at 8 o'clock Saturday evening and at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Major Gibbs will address his remarks in particular to those who may be in favor of the bill and will answer all questions, pro and con, relating the bill.

PIERCE ROBBED OREGON SCHOOL FUNDS, CHARGED

Fraudulent Loans to Relatives and Associates Alleged By Ingalls

How Senator Walter M. Pierce, Democracy's gubernatorial candidate, fraudulently secured loans aggregating thousands of dollars from the state school fund by using relatives and business associates as dummy applicants is made public by Claude E. Ingalls, secretary of the republican state central committee in an article in the Portland Telegram of October 11.

Three relatives—two brothers and a sister, and two business associates—were used by the senator in securing the loans.

In Pierce's Handwriting

Accompanying the Telegram article is a photographic copy of the application of Charles M. Pierce, brother of the senator, and also of that given to the land board of George W. Tape, business associate of the senator, and the acknowledgement thereof.

With the exception of the signatures themselves, the applications are in the handwriting of the senator, and some of the acknowledgements were made before him.

Briefly, here is the story of how the senator used his relatives and business associates to fraudulently obtain the loans.

Oregon has what is known as the irreducible school fund from which loans are made on farm lands as not to exceed one-third the value of the property, and at an interest rate of 6 per cent.

But under the law no loan in excess of $5000 can be made to any single individual, and it was to evade this provision of the law that Senator Pierce, who owned thousands of acres of land, used his relatives and business associates as dummy applicants.

Deeds to Dummies

Deeding his lands to his three relatives and two business associates he had them secure the loans and then in turn reconvey the land to himself. Most of the deeds reconveying the lands to the senator were executed within a few days after the land board had made the loans.

The data gathered from the records by Secretary Ingalls show that on November 16, 1903, the senator deeded a tract of his land to his brother, Charles M. Pierce, for a consderation of $15,600; that on November 23 of the same year Charles M. Pierce executed a mortgage to the land board for a loan of $5000, and that on November 30 of the same year Charles M. Pierce reconveyed the land back to the senator for the same consideration as set out in the deed from the senator to his brother.

Deed to Sister

Further the data shows:

That on November 16, 1903, the same date as the deed executed to the brother Charles, the senator executed a deed for a tract of land to his sister Minnie B. Pierce for a consideration of $16,600; that on November 23, 1903, Minnie B. Pierce secured a loan of $5000 from the school fund and that on December 12, 1903, Minnie B. Pierce reconveyed the land to the senator.

That on November 16, 1903, the senator deeded to his brother, Geo. A. Pierce, a tract of land for a consideration of $15,600; that on November 23 of the same year the brother secured a loan of $5000

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PASSENGERS SAVED

All Transferred safely from Burning City of Honolulu

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 13.—Passengers of the City of Honolulu, which burned at sea yesterday, were transferred to the army transport, Thomas, from the rescue ship West Faralon at dawn today said an official message. The Thomas is due at San Francisco tomorrow, but she is expected to be at least one day late. The City of Honolulu is reported burned beyond repair and no vessel expected to be able to reach her until late today account of the intense heat.