

NEW INDUSTRY SEEN IN MILL SITE PURCHASE

190 Acres Acquired by S. O. Johnson; Strahorn Ry. Sale Rumored

Negotiations for the purchase of 190 acres, adjoining the city limits on the south, by S. O. Johnson, of Berkeley, California, former president of the Klamath Development company, from the Enterprise Land and Investment company, were completed yesterday, according to Chas. Wood Eberlein, president of the latter corporation.

The final delivery of deeds and payment for the property closed negotiations that have been pending for some time.

Just who is associated with Johnson in the deal is more or less speculative. He is said to have the backing of wealthy Minnesotans.

Not Talkative
Speculative also are plans for the development of the property. Johnson himself does not appear to be in a talkative humor. Interviewed for the Herald last night at Paso Robles, California, by an Associated Press representative, he is quoted as saying:

"I own the Daniels 6,000 acre tract and some of my associates own other timber land in the vicinity. Recently I bought a mill site at Klamath Falls. Naturally we will do something with it in two or three years, maybe sooner. But we have absolutely no plan now. If we were contemplating the purchase of the Strahorn railway of course we would not be willing to discuss it now."

The message requires a little explanation. The Daniels tract contains about a hundred million feet of timber, and is located so that the extension of the Strahorn road for three miles from the present terminus at Hildebrand would handle the logging.

Strahorn Rumor

There is a rumor prevalent that some one is bidding on the Strahorn road, and plausibly enough the Johnson group is credited with seeking control of the railway, to get their timber from woods to mill. In his Associated Press interview, it will be noted, Johnson did not deny negotiations with Strahorn, but refused to discuss them.

As to plans for development of the 190 acre site, it is understood that a modern mill, box factory, dry kilns and planer will be built and that eventually the plant will represent a million dollar investment.

Surveys of the site have been made and plans carefully worked out, including the building of some two miles of railroad, connecting the yards with both the Southern Pacific and Strahorn roads. The former road passes through the property and the latter skirts it on the north.

Leaves Loophole

There is an impression locally that work on the plant will start at once, and Johnson in his interview, while he speaks of development in two or three years, leaves a loophole in "maybe sooner."

In local business circles the deal is considered highly important, not alone because of the apparent magnitude of the contemplated industrial plant.

Vital importance is attached to the deal as establishing the lake frontage south of the city as a permanent industrial district. Mills addition, and the municipal area south and east of Klamath avenue and Sixth streets. At the same time industrial district a demand of residences in the close adjoining residence sections, and consequent growth that will bring streets and sidewalks.

The 190 acres lies west of the Midland road, and south of the Strahorn tracks, in triangular fashion along the lake front.

SNOW HALTS LOGGING

Pelican Bay Lumber Company Camps Forced to Suspend

Snow varying in depth from two to three feet yesterday forced suspension of the Pelican Bay Lumber company's logging operations near Kirk. Two camps, employing about 280 men, were closed down for the winter.

G. W. WHITE, FORMER KLAMATH RESIDENT, DIES AT PASADENA

Was Leading Factor in Upbuilding Of Klamath Falls; Helped to Organize Two Banks

The sudden and unexpected death of G. W. White, at the age of 69, at his home in Pasadena, California, on Monday night, came as a great shock to his many friends and relatives here, the town in which he made his big success in business. The news of his death came yesterday in a telegram to his daughter Mrs. W. A. Deltzell, Mrs. Charles I. Roberts and Mrs. Oscar Shive, all of Klamath Falls.

G. W. White came to Klamath Falls from Coquille, Oregon in 1901, and in company with Charles E. Worden, George T. Baldwin, George P. Lindley, Albert Walker and the Melrose Brothers, organized the First National bank, which has grown to be one of the leading factors in the business of the county. White was president of the bank and took part in the active management of the institution until he disposed of his interests in 1909. He also organized the old First State and Savings bank, which was originally formed as an adjunct of the First National bank.

Saw Future Klamath

White early saw the great future of Klamath Falls and invested heavily in business property, residence and farm lands. He was a builder and backed his faith in Klamath Falls by erecting what is known as the White building on Main street, the old First National bank building on the corner of Fourth and Main streets, White Maddox building adjoining it, and besides these buildings he built several fine residences and an apartment house. The part of the city lying north of the tunnel was platted and sold by him. White was an enthusiastic believer in the future of the swamp lands and at one time, owned large tracts of them.

White's influence was always on the right side of moral questions affecting civic welfare. He served many years on the city school board and was also a member of the city council. All his life an ardent temperance worker, White actively supported the cause from the early '70's in Kansas up until its final national victory.

Seven Children Survive

He is survived by a widow and seven children three of whom, Mrs. Deltzell, Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Shive, reside in Klamath Falls; Mrs. Ruth Cosboom and Mrs. William Immel, in Stockton; Dr. F. M. White, Los Angeles, and W. N. White, Pasadena.

Mrs. Shives, Mrs. Deltzell and Mrs. Roberts left this morning for Pasadena to attend the funeral which will be held there upon their arrival.

NEW ROAD IS SOUGHT

Strahorn Would Make Silver Lake Tributary to Klamath Falls

Acting on the suggestion of Robt. E. Strahorn, the chamber of commerce has asked the state highway commission and the county court to consider construction of a road from the Sprague river terminus of the O. C. & E. railroad to Silver Lake, a distance of some 80 or 85 miles. About half of the road would be in Klamath county and the remainder in Lake county.

Strahorn's assertion is that the road would open up a large, new territory to this city, bringing in stock, wool and other products to this city whereas they now go to Bend.

The route of the road would be in a northeasterly direction from Sprague river. The cost would be born by Klamath and Lake counties, with whatever state and federal aid might be obtained.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES

The Cyclo-Stormograph at Underwood's Pharmacy, has recorded but little change during the last twelve hours, indicating a continuance of the present weather conditions. Forecast for next 24 hours:— Unsettled; with indications slightly in favor of clearing.

The Tyco's recording thermometer registered maximum and minimum temperatures today as follows:

High 40
Low 23

TWO CHILDREN DIE WHEN GAS IS TURNED ON

Mother Believed Responsible for Act; Father Discovers Bodies

PORTLAND, Dec. 12.—James and Marjorie Peles aged three and one respectively, are dead today, and the mother, Mrs. Georges Peles lies unconscious at a hospital in a critical condition after being found in a gas filled kitchen.

Last night the husband, a hotel waiter, found the doors locked when he came home. He waited for a while at a neighbor's, then entered through a bedroom window, finding the house filled with gas, his wife on a cot in the kitchen and the children on the floor with gas pouring from an open stove burner.

The officers said circumstances indicated that the mother, who had been ill, turned on the gas.

GIRLS PLAY TONIGHT

Basketball Games Will Be Last of H. S. Class Contests

The last of girls class basketball games will be held tonight in the hall at Fourth and Klamath. The results of games will not effect the basketball championship of the high school classes, since the junior boys have won three and the junior girls have won two, making five victories and an defeat and giving them the class basketball championship. A team representing the Sacred Heart academy will play the high school, squad No. C, and this game promises to be very interesting as the teams are evenly matched, according to those in charge of the game.

Although the championship of the classes have been decided there is a great deal of interest among the classes as the senior, freshmen and sophomore boys are all tied for second place and the sophomore and freshmen girls are tied for second place. If the juniors defeat the freshmen and the seniors the sophomores in the games tonight the three classes will be tied for second place.

The team that will represent squad No. C of the high school will be chosen from the following boys: Louis Sabo, Roland Cofer, Dale Soule, John Kuykendall, Harry Malatore, James Manning, Frank Upp and Richard Peck.

CLEMENCEAU SAILS



NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Satisfied that he has accomplished his mission in America, Georges Clemenceau sailed for home today on the liner Paris. He was up early as usual, ready to wave farewell to the country he wishes to join with France in working out Europe's after-the-war problems.

ASK \$50,000 TO CONSTRUCT ROADS ON RESERVATION

Connection With State Highways Is Sought Though Expenditure Of Tribal Funds

Approval of the proposal of Fred A. Baker, superintendent of the Klamath Indian reservation, to construct permanent roads on the reservation to connect with state highways, was contained in a resolution adopted by the chamber of commerce board of directors and forwarded to Oregon senators and representatives in congress.

Baker's plan, in part, is to build a road from Klamath agency to Chilcoquin, and from there up Sprague river to the eastern boundary of the reservation. The present road between those points is rough at all times and often is almost impassable.

The Indian council has passed a resolution asking that \$50,000 of tribal funds be appropriated for road purposes and congress is asked for that sum.

JAPANESE PRINCE ILL

TOKIO, Dec. 12.—Hirohito, Prince regent, aged 21, is seriously ill with measles.

SHASTA VALLEY REPORT SHOWS PROBABLE LOSS

Use of Upper Lake As Reservoir Grave Menace, Committee Holds

How use of Upper Klamath lake for a storage reservoir in the proposed Shasta Valley irrigation project would affect land and improvements adjacent to the lake with great resultant loss, is set forth in a comprehensive report made by the chamber of commerce committee named to institute a thorough investigation of the situation. The committee consists of J. F. Kimball, W. O. Smith, J. A. Gordon, Bert Hall, D. V. Kuykendall, R. E. Geary, E. A. Geary, G. A. Krause, M. S. West and W. A. Deltzell.

Another meeting of the committee will be held Friday night when a report will be made of the potential loss which it is estimated would result should the project become a reality. The present report deals largely with the loss which would result as determined by the present improvements bordering the lake.

Following in part, is the report of the committee:

Your committee in this report expects to cover only the subject of the cost of the Shasta Valley project to Klamath county and the state of Oregon. For their expenditures, the landholders of Shasta Valley will receive some value, although we do not believe it will in any way compensate them for the cost, but for the loss to Klamath there will be no compensating features and the loss will continue to be felt forever.

Present Value Only

In the tables presented by your committee, the figures represent only the present value of the property to be taken or destroyed and make no allowance for the potential values of the resources lost to this section, and it is the purpose of this part of the report, not only to explain the figures presented, but to show how this loss will lead to the most serious consequences in the future development of this region.

The effects of the proposed project may be classified under four heads:

First: The effect upon agriculture.

Second: The effect upon man-

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BIG LAKES COMPANY BUYS 8,000,000 FEET TIMBER ON SPRAGUE

Tract Formerly Owned by Ewauna; Sawmill to Resume March 1 With Increased Capacity

Eight million feet of pine timber, on the Cave Mountain unit five miles east of Chilcoquin, has been purchased by the Big Lakes Box company and is being logged by Puckett Brothers. The timber was owned by the Ewauna Box company but was isolated from their other holdings and more convenient for logging by the Big Lakes company.

The sawmill of the Big Lakes company will resume March 1. New machinery will be added, increasing the daily capacity from 55,000 to 65,000 feet. The sawmill did not operate this year, due to adverse conditions early in the season.

Operate All Winter

The box factory will continue to operate all winter, providing a stable fruit market brings a steady demand for shooks. The company is also operating a box factory at Sison and will continue there for about five years. The cut here this year will be about 20,000,000 feet.

The company owns about 65,000,000 feet of timber tributary to the Strahorn railroad which it will start to log with the completion of the railroad. This constitutes the main holding of the company.

GRAND JURY DRAWN

New List Selected to Replace Ones Who Served Since June

A new grand jury list was drawn this morning at 10 o'clock in the circuit court, as follows: Albert E. Burdick, William L. Tingley, J. E. Swanson, T. W. Phenegar, Fred Grennon, George D. Grizzle, and R. C. Short. Short was elected secretary. After being accepted by the court the jury met with the district attorney and then reported to the court that they had found no crimes which demanded investigation at the present time and were dismissed until further order of the court.

The former jury had served since last June.

Ted Lewis was arraigned on two new indictments and entered a plea of not guilty to each charge. His trial will begin tomorrow at 9:30 o'clock.

FIND OIL IN WATER

Well-Driller at Bonanza Penetrates Flow at 90 Feet

A flow of water carrying traces of oil was penetrated at a depth of 90 feet on the Sparks property at Bonanza by Claude Beholt yesterday, it was reported here. An analysis of the oil was planned to determine whether it is petroleum or vegetable. The oil rendered the water unfit for drinking purposes and work on the well was temporarily suspended, according to reports.

Santa Attracts Kiddies Opening Well Attended

"Stand back there, boys! Don't crowd out into the street, or Santa won't be able to make his way through here and you won't get that candy he promised to bring."

Thus did the traffic officer and others plead with the mob of small boys who took the street by storm at the intersection of Sixth and Main streets last night in anticipation of the Christmas opening.

Small boys and girls were not the only ones who registered deep interest in the proceedings. A large audience of grown-ups assembled, apparently as anxious for the fun as the liveliest boy there.

Just as events had reached a climax, and was beginning to prove too much for the youngsters, the band appeared and marched down the street to the White Pelican hotel where it met Santa Claus and escorted him up the street to Sixth and Main.

Handful after handful of candy kisses were distributed by Kris Kringle to the kiddies who with wild whoops jostled and scrambled about for the favors.

The colored lights, the streets lined with snow-decorated Christmas trees, the children, the band, Santa Claus, all went to make it a real Christmas opening.

ASTORIA ASKS \$3,000,000 TO REBUILD CITY

Congress Urged to Make Appropriation to Save Citizens From Bankruptcy

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.— Senator McNary today introduced a resolution for a \$3,000,000 appropriation for Astoria relief. It was referred to the appropriations committee.

ASTORIA, Dec. 13.—Senator

Stanfield today wired he would support the \$3,000,000 appropriation for Astoria.

Declaring that unless Astoria receives immediate government aid the city will cease to function and bankruptcy of its people will result, telegrams have been sent by the Astorians to the cities of Oregon asking that congress be urged to appropriate \$3,000,000 for rehabilitation purposes, one of which this morning was received by the chamber of commerce here.

The appeal cites that the situation resulting from the devastating fire of last Friday which totally destroyed the entire business part of the city, its streets, water, sewer and fire systems, is such that it has been deemed necessary to appeal to the president and congress for immediate aid, and that the following message has been sent to them:

"On Friday morning last the entire business part of this city was totally destroyed by the most devastating fire in the history of the Pacific coast. Streets, water system, sewer system, and fire system in the entire devastated district are totally destroyed.

"Over 5,000 citizens have suffered loss of their property and are without employment or means of subsistence. Business is paralyzed and the city is wholly without adequate means either to furnish employment or sustain its citizens who have so suffered. Contributions have been secured from coast cities and from individuals but this cannot be employed to rehabilitate the devastated district.

"In order to rebuild, it will be necessary to fill by dredging the entire part of the city destroyed. Practically all of the streets and sewers destroyed were constructed on and under viaducts and the cost assessed against the property. Such assessments have not been paid, which, together with the enormous loss sustained, makes it impossible to reconstruct. The situation is serious and appalling. Unless the city receives immediate government aid it seems that it will cease to function and bankruptcy of its people, heretofore solvent, will result. The disaster, not including loss of life, equals that caused by the tidal wave which devastated Galveston and the San Francisco holocaust of 1906.

"We deem the situation so critical that we feel it is necessary to appeal to the congress of the United States for immediate aid such as was granted Galveston and San Francisco. It is believed that it will require at least \$3,000,000 to afford anyways near adequate relief."

CATHOLIC BAZAAR

Large Selection of Christmas Gifts To Be Offered Tomorrow

The annual Catholic bazaar will open tomorrow afternoon in Lyceum hall and continue until Saturday evening.

A large selection of suitable gift articles for all ages have been contributed by local and eastern friends of the church, and the undecided giver will find some of the Christmas problems settled by a visit to the bazaar.

There will be an entertainment each evening at 8 o'clock, and possibly an informal dance afterward. Light lunch will be served each evening. The proceeds of the bazaar go to the Sacred Heart academy building fund.

BIRDS OF A FINE FEATHER FLOCK TOGETHER

