

Visit Crater Lake Via Ashland-Klamath Falls \$1,000,000 Highway

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LEOPOLD AND LOEB ON TRIAL FOR MURDER OF BOY

Beautify Klamath, Is Urge of Former Resident

TIDINESS HELD ESSENTIAL FOR NEEDS OF CITY

Dr. R. R. Hamilton Tells of Impressions Here at Chamber Forum

"First impression of strangers when they enter Klamath Falls is that the city is dirty and untidy," asserted Dr. R. R. Hamilton, former resident who spoke at the chamber of commerce forum...

"I am averse to too much patting on the back and talk of how good one is. A bit of constructive criticism is good for anybody."

"The first impression on the people you want to settle here is the same as I had, and believe me, first impressions count."

"I don't know what the cause is. Perhaps you are all too busy making money."

Mrs. Upton Talks Preceding Dr. Hamilton's talk, Mrs. Upton connected with the Albertina Kerr nursery spoke a few words on juvenile delinquency.

"What we need is a few more old fashioned mothers," Mrs. Upton asserted. "If you people here were to see what I have seen, you would quite agree with me."

R. C. Groesbeck, vice-president of the chamber of commerce, called attention to the Oregon State Irrigation Congress which will be held in Klamath Falls the first week in September.

"We should realize the importance of this meeting," he said. "Throughout Oregon this year, there has been a great need of water, so much so that water now means money or vice-versa."

"When the irrigation congress meets here we will have the opportunity to show delegates from different sections in the state that Klamath has water in abundance on her irrigation project and that she has wonderful soil that it can be used on."

"I have recently returned from a trip north as far as Seattle and I want to tell you that we are by comparison with other sections, in comparison with other sections, in not trying to sell sunshine. We have facts and figures to back up our statements."

Preceding the main address, Miss Dorothy Elliott, who has recently returned from Portland where she attended the Ellison White Conservatory of music, delighted her audience with three charming songs.

CATTLE STEADY ON PORTLAND MARKETS

PORTLAND, July 23.—Cattle steady, hogs strong to a quarter higher, top grade \$9.50 to \$10.00; sheep slow, quarter lower. Eggs and butter steady, butterfat firm. Butterfat 44c at San Francisco.

CHILD SAVED WHEN CAT FIGHTS SNAKE

ROSEBURG, July 23.—Sylvia Rowe, aged two years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lew Rowe, of Elkton, was saved from death yesterday when a par house-cat fought and drove off a 38 inch rattlesnake, which was coiled, ready to strike the child.

Corral for New Rail Line Will Be Talked Over

S. P. Officials to Confer With Stockmen From Lenz District

To confer with stockmen regarding the establishment of a stock corral at Lenz north of Kirk and to look over the general construction work in progress on the Klamath Lakes Southern Pacific route, J. W. Fitzgerald, general superintendent of the Shasta division of the S. P. railroad company, and W. H. Kirkbride, engineer in charge of way and structures, passed through Klamath Falls in two special cars bound for Skokholm, the rail terminus.

Many stockmen of northern Klamath are desirous of having a stock corral at Lenz. Stock from that section of the county would be driven to that location for shipping.

Mr. Kirkbride and Mr. Fitzgerald after investigating the question will probably submit a report to the head office.

DAWES PLAN IS CLOSE TO GOAL

American Banker Certain That Allies Meeting Is Successful

LONDON, July 23.—The inter-allied conference will undoubtedly be successful and the Dawes plan will be given a chance to solve Europe's economic ills despite the present differences between bankers and conference delegates over guarantees for the \$200,000,000 German loan, a leading American financier told the Associated Press before sailing for home after having for several days been in close touch with conference proceedings.

22 FROM KLAMATH AT SUMMER COURSE

Klamath county has a registration of 22 students out of a total enrollment of 880 at the Oregon Agricultural College summer session. Registration of summer session shows an increase over last with 473 regular students, 11 auditors, and 396 boys and girls attending the Junior summer session. Students slated for swimming but taking no other work number 187.

All Oregon counties are represented in the registration exclusive of swimmers, but including the boys and girls in the club work and 11 auditors, making the total registration for the state of 776. Benton county leads in registration and Multnomah places second. Students numbering 111 come from other states, California leading with 45 and Washington coming second with 34. Two students are registered from British Columbia and one from Peru.

ROAD BOOST PARTY MEETS AT ALTURAS

To meet with the advisory board of the California highway commission a group of representative Klamath county men left here today for Alturas. Road connections between Klamath Falls and Alturas in Modoc county will be discussed at a meeting to be held this evening at Alturas and at Lakeview tomorrow. The state highway men with a group of Modoc county boosters and the Klamath delegation will inspect the road north of Alturas tomorrow.

FINAL SECTION OF \$1,000,000 HIGHWAY READY

Ashland-Klamath Road Is Now Complete From End to End

The Ashland-Klamath Falls million dollar state highway is officially completed today, is the announcement from the state highway office.

W. D. Miller, local contractor, completes, this afternoon, the finishing touches of the surfacing work of his contract between Keno and Hayden mountain. With the finishing work, the last inch of top surfacing will have been completed.

Miller's was the last contract to be completed. A section of three miles through the heavy timber from Spencer Creek to Hayden mountain, held him up considerably during the early part of the spring.

The preliminary work on the Ashland-Klamath Falls highway was started in 1918. In the year of 1919, the section of road from the Pacific highway to the top of Green Springs highway was completed.

Up until last fall practically no surfacing had been done on the Klamath section of the highway and the road had the unenviable reputation of being one of the worst in the state.

With the exception of the three mile section on the Miller contract all base course rock and the major part of the top surfacing had been laid by last spring.

That Klamath Falls has been brought into closer touch with the outside world by the completion of the highway is the unanimous opinion of the Klamath public. Tourists by the thousands have passed through Klamath Falls this spring and summer on their way to Crater Lake or other scenic attractions available in Klamath.

An idea of the increase is the recent estimate by the state highway department that he increase of traffic on the Ashland-Klamath Falls highway during the month of June 1924, was 117 per cent over June 1923.

Miller will start, within a week, the surfacing of the Dairy-Bonanza section of the Klamath Falls-Lakeview highway. The clearing, grubbing and grading has been completed.

AERIAL MAIL FAILS TO DRAW BUSINESS

Although the airplane mail service seems popular with people writing to this city, local residents have not yet taken strongly to the innovation, according to Postmaster John McCall here. Many letters are being received bearing the new stamps on the outgoing mail marked "via plane" is much lighter, the postmaster states. The first special delivery letter sent by plane was received here yesterday.

POSTAL FORCE HAS ABILITY AS FIREMEN

The emergency fire fighting force of the local postoffice had the first opportunity to test out their ability when a blaze broke out in some trash between the postal headquarters and the Harris bakery adjoining. The blaze was extinguished quickly by the prompt action of the postal employees and Postmaster John McCall is now boasting of the efficiency displayed by his co-workers.

STORMS DO DAMAGE ON FRENCH COASTS

PARIS, July 23.—Heavy storms have raged on the west and south coasts of France, with seas running exceptionally high. Many fishing crafts are missing. A number of olive groves were destroyed by hail.

Indians Asking Financial Aid of Government

Tribal Council Declares Need A Result of Drought

Requesting on an account of distressing drought and lack of hay on the Klamath reservation the tribal council has passed a resolution addressed to Charles H. Burk, commissioner of Indian affairs of the department of the interior.

A fund of \$15,000 is asked by the tribes to be taken from the re-indebting fund of \$150,000 recently appropriated for the Indians.

The following is the communication sent by the tribal council to the commissioner of Indian affairs.

"On account of present distressing drought and lack of hay on the Reservation, Klamath Tribal council passed a resolution, requesting your aid in obtaining immediate use of \$15,000, out of recent \$150,000 reimbursable appropriation for general Indian purposes. Our Tribal fund ample quantity. Please wire care of Supr. Klamath Agency."

LEVI WALKER, Klamath-Tribal Councilman, Chiloquin, Oregon

STOCKYARDS AT PORTLAND BURN

PORTLAND, July 23.—Pacific International livestock pavilion burned this afternoon. Loss estimated at \$580,000.

PORTLAND, July 23.—The Portland union stock yards owned by Swift and company are on fire this afternoon. The flames spread to the Pacific International livestock exposition building which was reported apparently doomed. Fire started in the wood working plant on the Oregon slough and swept into the stock yards. Flames early this afternoon attacked the big livestock pavilion. All available city fire apparatus have been sent to the scene.

CONTRACTS LET ON NEW BUILDING HERE

Contract for the construction of a one story brick building on Main street between Eighth and Ninth streets by Charles Kelley, has been let to E. S. Henry local contractor and work is well under way. The building will be utilized for four stores. It is 75 feet by 100 feet and will be completed by October 1.

KIWANIS CLUB HAS PICNIC UNDER WAY

Members of the Klamath Falls Kiwanis and their families will attend the annual picnic of the organization to be held next Sunday at Whul-Kae, the new river resort on the route to Fort Klamath. A committee of the club is making final arrangements for the affair. The program has not yet been completed.

THE WEATHER

The Cyclo-Stormograph at Underwood's Pharmacy shows that the pressure is rising today. Clear weather will prevail tomorrow.

Forecast for next 24 hours: Farm and warm.

The Tycoos recording thermometer registered maximum and minimum temperatures today as follows:

High 80 Low 53

STATE HIGHWAY OFFICIALS TRY NEW ROAD PLAN

Experiment Is Being Made Here on Use of Clay as Binder

A quarter mile section of the Dalles-California highway from the end of pavement on south Sixth Street to the Altamont canal, is being sacrificed and ploughed up as a preparatory step to an experiment conducted by the local state highway department.

Due to the poor binding quality of the gravel from Hatch pit which was used on the Klamath Falls-Merrill section of the highway, it was decided that an investigation should be conducted to find out whether or not there was a clay in Klamath county that would be a suitable binder.

After testing clays from different localities in Klamath it was found that the clay found in the vicinity of the old road to Algoma was best suited for this purpose.

The road bed will turn up and clay dumped in with the gravel and then mixed thoroughly. When this is completed, and the highway restored to something like its normal shape, a sprinkler will soak the road until all of the road bed from the top surfacing to the road bed is thoroughly wetted down.

While in a wet condition, travel over this section will be impeded, state highway officials assert, as there will be nothing to stop the car from sinking right through the top surfacing to the dirt road bed six or eight inches underneath.

As the water evaporates or runs off and the road bed dries, the cement quality of the clay will become effective and bind the gravel into a solid compact unit.

There is no doubt, highway engineers point out, but what the clay will be a great improvement to the Dalles-California during the summer.

"There is only one debatable point concerning the merit of the experiment," one engineer explained, "and that is whether or not the clay gravel mixture will hold up during the rain and snow season."

The work will be carried on in quarter mile sections in order that the traffic will not be held up.

HYDRANT THREADS CHANGES ARE NOT TO BE, SAYS CHIEF

Klamath Falls will not change the threads on fire hydrants to comply with a regulation enacted by the state legislature at the last session according to Fire Chief Keith K. Ambrose.

"Because," the fire chief said, "there is no need of the change. The principal reason for the standardization regulation is so that fire departments of different cities can help each other out in time of need. We are in such an isolated position that the fire department of Medford could be of no help to us."

"We use the Pacific coast standard thread and all the box factories use the same standard. If we changed to the National standard as the regulation stipulates it would mean that all the mills and factories would have to do the same at their own expense. When there is absolutely need for it, I cannot see why we should do it."

"We are not the only town in the state that has followed this course. Salem and Lakeview are retaining the Pacific coast standard thread."

"There is no penalty for not complying with the state regulation and we can ignore it and everything will be all right. If any benefit could be derived from the change, I know that the city council would approve and naturally I would too."

Algoma Crew Is Making Records in Car Loading

Klamath Firm Sets Mark Expected to Stand For Some Time

Something in the way of a record run that is expected to stand for some time in Klamath county has been made by the Algoma Lumber company.

The Algoma Lumber company, on July 21st, with the McGiffert loader, wheeled and loaded 40 cars, 80 tiers of 16-ft. logs for a total scale of 429,600 feet. Actual loading time seven hours, thirty-five minutes. These logs were accepted by the Southern Pacific inspector with the exception of one car, on which a chain broke.

The logs were scaled at the landing by Joe Severance and verified by government scalers, and were loaded by John McKay, loader and J. P. Baker, hoistman. The rest of the loading crew were, O. Larson, S. J. Ganim, A. G. McCarter, F. L. McCarter, bookers, Geo. Stebbins, chairman; Howard Bennett, 2nd loader; Geo. Schuler, toggle knocker.

Many loggers from other camps were interested spectators of this record run, which has never been equaled in this county and will probably stand for sometime in the report of S. S. Craiksbank, woods superintendent of the company.

2 ARRESTED IN RAID GIVE PLEA

Alleged Liquor Dealers in Jail Not Being Able to Give Bond

J. A. Anton and Christ Antonopolis who were arrested Monday afternoon on the charge of possession of a still and mash on a ranch 13 miles south of Klamath Falls pleaded not guilty in justice court. Bond was set at \$1000 each. Not being able to produce the bond, both men were committed to jail. Date for the trial has not been set.

J. T. McCormick, pleaded guilty to possession of liquor following his arrest yesterday by State Prohibition Agent F. W. Snyder and was fined \$450 by Justice of the Peace R. A. Emmitt.

To the charge of possession of a still, Gus Siderland, arrested by Special Agent L. E. Thayer and State Prohibition Agent Snyder, pleaded not guilty. Trial was set for July 24 in justice court.

B. Sharpless, a woman, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Constable J. F. Morley on the charge of maintaining a nuisance. She has not yet entered her plea.

MAN SENTENCED ON CHARGES OF THEFT

PARIS, July 23.—Alphonse Gabriel Mourey today was sentenced to death, having been found guilty without extenuating circumstances, on all of 22 counts for which he was on trial, including charges that he participated in a robbery in 1922 of the home of Albert R. Shattuck, New York banker.

ITALIANS TO SEND NEW AMBASSADOR

ROME, July 23.—Prince Gelasio Gaetani, Italian ambassador to the United States, will not return to the United States, but will be replaced in September by another ambassador from the Italian diplomatic corps, the newspaper *Secolo* asserts today.

HEARING OPENS IN DEATH CASE, LETTER IS READ

Parents of Robert Franks Take Stand on First Day of Trial

CHICAGO, July 23.—Leopold and Loeb were both pointed out in court today as principals in banking transactions in May this year through a dummy account in the name of Morton D. Ballard. Under this name the death car, in which the boy was murdered, was hired by the slayers. Court adjourned until tomorrow after fifteen witnesses were examined.

CHICAGO, July 23.—The kidnapping of fourteen-year-old Robert Franks by Nathan Leopold Jr. and Richard Loeb, was strictly a commercial proposition, the abduction wrote in their first letter to the father of the victim. A letter was read today at the opening of the hearing before Chief Justice Caverly to determine the penalty the two college youths shall pay for Franks' death, to which for the second time they affirmed today their lawyers' plea of guilty. States Attorney Crowe in his opening statement recited the story of the boys' planning for murder. Every detail of the proposition was reviewed by the prosecutor. Crowe alluded to some evidence which he would ask to present to the court in private. Clarence Darrow, chief defense counsel, attacked Crowe's statement.

State Opens Case. Crowe in his opening statement styled the defendants as "cold calculating murderers." Listening to his recital, the boy defendants sat calmly in their chairs behind their counsel. Frequently one would whisper to the other as various details of the crime were heralded to the court. Leopold frequently set virtually motionless for periods of 10 or 15 minutes. Loeb, however, frequently adjusted his stylish boy tie, moistened his lips with his tongue, and picked at specks on his sleeves. Jacob Franks, father of the slain boy, sat quietly beside his attorney chewing gum. Nathan Leopold Sr. sat close to his son. His brow creased with deep lines of grief.

Darrow in defense said "to describe the crime as most atrocious and most everything else in history, is to draw upon the imagination of the states attorney." Crowe objected to the tenor of Darrow's remarks, and demanded a curt ruling whether it was time "for statements or for concluding arguments." The court ruled Darrow confine himself to objections and an opening statement.

The first witness Edwin M. Graham, uncle of the Franks boy, who told of identifying the body. Jacob Franks, father of the victim was the next witness and calmly but with eyes moistened by tears, told the story of the boy's disappearance, and of the ransom letters. After the afternoon recess, Mrs. Franks took the stand, telling of her son's last day at home, and the feverish efforts to find the boy.

Franks identified the ransom letters, sent by Loeb and Leopold, signed "George Johnson." The letter read into the record called for \$10,000, of which \$8,000 was to be in fifty dollar bills, the rest in twenties. "All old bills," "This is strictly a commercial undertaking," said the letter. "Should you carry out these instructions we can assure you your son will be safely returned within six hours." The court recessed at this point until 3 p. m.

FORT KLAMATH HAS BUILDING STARTED

Work on the erection of a new community hall at Fort Klamath is under way and it is expected that the building will be ready for use within the next two weeks. The building has a dimension of 80x110 feet and will be used for dance community meeting and basket ball. Material from the old open air pavilion is being used in the construction of the new hall.