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## CHAMBER IS REQUESTED TO BUY RODEO

Active participation of the Klamath chamber of commerce in purchasing and perpetuating the annual rodeo was urged by a committee of business men who appeared before the chamber directors today noon.

As a result of the argument advanced by the committee the directors decided to appoint a committee to make an immediate investigation and report back at an early date. J. A. Gordon, who presided, announced that the committee would be appointed within the next day or two.

J. J. Miller explained the struggles of the Rodeo association in keeping the annual exhibit alive, and expressed belief that Klamath Falls could within a few years have a show equal to the Pendleton roundup.

Wants Support  
K. Sugarman said it would be absolutely necessary for the chamber of commerce not only to give its moral support but also to aid actively in promoting the affair.

"We want this a community proposition," he said. "We feel that the chamber of commerce should take hold of it and put on this rodeo as a Klamath institution."

Wants \$10,000  
It was brought out during the discussion that the Rodeo association is willing to sell out completely for \$10,000. Its property includes 29 horses, a couple of chariots and other rodeo equipment. The horses alone were declared to be worth almost the amount asked for the entire outfit.

LEGION MEETING TONIGHT  
A regular meeting of the American Legion will be held at the legion headquarters at the court house at 7:20 tonight. All members are urged to be in attendance.

## CARS REGISTERED FROM CALIFORNIA

Raising the average of registered cars from 10 to 12 per day, Mrs. Leah Smith of the chamber of commerce reports a decided increase in the number of cars pouring into the city from other cities. Fourteen cars registered yesterday, despite the inclement weather, all of the cars from California. According to Mrs. Smith, she has not registered as many Fords as last year, when every other car was practically of the "Lizzie" type. The daily average of last year's registration was 30, with the maximum number at 45. The tourist travel gives promise this year of exceeding all past years, as the registration percentage is higher this time than it was in April of 1924.

## KLAMATH FALLS BUILDING GROWS

Building Survey Shows Marked Increase for First Quarter of 1925

An increase of \$82,142 in the capital invested in building activities in Klamath Falls during the first quarter of 1925 over the same period of 1924, is reported today in a building survey bulletin issued by the S. W. Straus & Co.

For the first three months of 1925, the building investment aggregated \$214,560. For the same period in 1924, the investment was \$132,418.

The report discloses that March building in 1925, with a total of \$117,375 exceeds March building for 1924, with a total of \$56,263, by 100 per cent.

## IMPROVEMENT OF TELEPHONE LINK GETS UNDER WAY

Construction work on the improvements projected for the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company was started this morning under the direction of J. R. Lee, construction supervisor, and O. H. Gilbert, foreman of construction, who arrived last night from Portland with a crew of 10 men.

The men will be at work here for the next four months and the work will entail a cost of approximately \$25,000.

The work will consist of placing underground conduits in the downtown district near the company's central office and many cable extensions will be made in several districts of the city.

In addition to the underground work which will be done, the crew also will install more than 900 miles of copper wire, according to Resident Manager Dunn.

## STEVENS RESIGNS AS PROH SLEUTH

A. W. Stevens, who for many months has been active in liquor enforcement work in Klamath Falls, today announced his resignation from the state prohibition department, effective immediately.

Mr. Stevens gave pressure of other business as his reason for resignation. He will take active charge of the Imperial garage as manager. His wife, who has been managing the garage is leaving for San Francisco to spend a vacation of several months.

## CANAL RESTORED TO NORMALCY ONCE MORE

According to reports from the office of H. D. Newell of the Reclamation Service, work is practically completed in patching up the main irrigation canal which broke out of its banks about nine miles southeast of Klamath Falls between Merrill and the main highway. The highway was flooded for a distance of several hundred yards. Mr. Newell, when questioned today, said that the land which had been flooded was of alkali nature and the water breakage, outside of doing slight damage to the canal was more than beneficial to the alkali land.

## SHELL OIL CO. GETS STATION

Service Structure to Be Located at Eighth and Main Streets

Undaunted by the action of the last city council in refusing to grant them permission to build an oil station on the Buck Williams property on the southwest corner of Eighth and Main streets, the Shell Oil company last night carried the fight to the present administration and last night their efforts were rewarded with success when the council by a close vote of three to two granted application to build.

The three councilmen elected for the first time last November voted in favor of the Shell Oil company.

Councilmen C. E. Stuckey, C. L. Roberts and E. H. Balsiger, elected for the first time last November, voted in favor of the Shell Oil Co. grant. Councilmen West and Coker, members of the last city council, who opposed the grant when it was first introduced last year, voted against.

An ordinance authorizing the city to advertise for bids for the street improvement work south of Klamath avenue from Fourth to Eleventh street and on Second and Fifth street from Pine to Jefferson, was passed to its second reading last night when City Attorney J. H. Carnahan advised that the period for hearing remonstrances had passed.

A curfew ordinance, prepared by the city attorney and the district attorney's office, and approved by the mayor, was passed to its second reading. An ordinance requiring that before any person could cut a sidewalk that a certified check of \$100—if the pavement would be cut—or a check of \$25—if the sidewalk were to be cut—would have to be deposited with the city recorder, was passed to its second reading.

## Iron Foundry To Rise Here This Summer

Construction of a large foundry in Klamath Falls this spring and summer is being contemplated by the Bend Iron Works, according to an Associated Press dispatch received here this morning.

Negotiations for a site for the foundry have been in progress for several weeks and it is understood that a deal has been completed wherein the Bend concern has acquired a good site in the industrial section of town.

Entrance of the Bend concern into the Klamath territory is held to be another indication that the Shevlin-Hixon company has definitely decided to build a large mill in Klamath Falls. The Bend Iron Works enjoy the exclusive patronage of the Shevlin-Hixon mill and the assurance of this business in Klamath Falls is said to have influenced their decision to enter the Klamath territory.

C. J. Dugan, president of the Bend company, when interviewed in Bend, this morning by an Associated Press correspondent, admitted that negotiations had been in progress. He said that more definite announcement of the company's plans in the Klamath territory would be announced later.

## SCHOOL BOARD AWAITS PLANS

Improvements to Be Made in School Grounds During Summer Vacation

No definite action on the new school building was taken during a meeting of the school board last night in the Central school, with the exception that it was announced that the two lowest bidders, through courtesy, allowed the two highest bidders, local contractors, to also submit estimates on how much they could save on the alterations of the new building. The alterations are now under way by the architects, who will submit them as soon as possible to the school board. Plans are being readjusted to keep the same size building within the amount of funds available. Coker Brothers and W. D. Miller were Klamath Falls contractors who submitted bids; Campbell Construction company of Sacramento and John Almetzer of Portland, the two low bidders.

Discussion of improvements in the city schools for summer schedule were heard and Superintendent Wells suggested various actions to be taken if possible, the main step including the pavement of courts for the Fairview, Mills and Riverside schools which would provide a space 75 by 36, tennis court size, with a back stop for handball and a retainer for basketball.

The usual bills were allowed and the hiring of teachers for 1925-1926 school terms discussed.

## HEAVY FINES POINT TO LAW VIOLATIONS

Per capita, Klamath county is infested with more bootleggers than any other county in the state, if the fines collected in justice court are any criterion. Klamath, while standing nineteenth in the state as to population, stands second to Portland in the liquor fines collected since January 1, according to an announcement made today by State Prohibition Director Levens.

Klamath's neighbor, Lake county, stood third in the scale of fines compiled. Klamath's total was \$1,067.11 and Lake county, \$879. Multnomah county for the first quarter stands at \$1234.

## FORT-EIGHT DROWNED

NEW YORK, April 21.—Forty-eight men lost their lives today when the Japanese freighter Raifoku Maru sank off Nova Scotia.

## SIX HORSES DROWN

Six of Jim Dixon's fine horses were drowned this afternoon, according to reports received in the city today. The animals were caught in a flood when the main irrigation canal broke.

## DIRECTORS INDORSE ROADS

Chamber of Commerce Goes on Record as Favoring Railroad Construction

Although strong criticism was made of the apparent effort of one man to get the chamber of commerce "in bad," the chamber directors today noon adopted a resolution in which they publicly favored the entrance of any railroad to Klamath county and the city of Klamath Falls. The resolution also favored any new railroad construction work which might be undertaken within the county. The resolution was adopted without a dissenting vote.

This action followed the reading of four letters from farm organizations which urged the chamber to take a stand favoring the entry of the Hill lines into the Klamath country. The organizations urging this expression were the Malin Commercial club, the Tule Lake Farmers' society, the Klamath Wool Growers' association and the Klamath Irrigation district.

Blames One Man  
W. O. Smith expressed censure at what he termed the attempt of one man to imply publicly that the chamber of commerce did not favor the coming of any and all railroads to Klamath county.

"We have been working for years for more railroads and are still doing everything possible to get them here," he said. "I resent the implication, apparently inspired by one man, that we do not favor the coming of more railroads."

Dr. G. A. Massey, called attention to the fact that the federated community clubs last Saturday adopted a resolution favoring more railroad construction. He said the chamber is just now getting the outside communities lined up to work with it and he felt it would be a good stroke to adopt the same resolution which the farmers adopted at their Saturday meeting.

With this explanation, Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the resolution became a part of the chamber of commerce records.

## Sale of Mill Is Completed Here Monday

Completion of the deal transferring the Edgerton & Adams mill on upper Sprague river to the Campbell-Towle Lumber company were consummated today.

W. J. Campbell and Delwin Towle of Oshkosh, Wisconsin purchased the small mill for a consideration of between \$45,000 and \$50,000, it was reported. While there had been an agreement between the parties concerned, the final details of the deal were completed today.

The Oshkosh lumbermen plan to cut approximately eight million feet of their timber holdings this year. Mr. Towle has been in Klamath Falls for the past week attending to the final arrangements of the transfer.

## CARAVAN TO FORT KLAMATH DELAYED UNTIL MAY FIRST

One hundred residents of Klamath Falls are invited to go to Fort Klamath on Friday, May 1, to attend the get-together banquet to be staged by the Fort Klamath community club.

It had previously been arranged to hold this banquet next Friday night but because of conflict in dates, it was decided to delay it until next week. The Fort Klamath people want at least 100 people to attend from this city.

The banquet will be held in the new annex to the hotel at Fort Klamath, while a dance will follow the feast. The chamber will arrange to take an orchestra on the caravan.

## Cops Display Speedy Work; Nab Convict

Real speed was displayed by the Klamath Falls police department yesterday when a few hours after it had received a police bulletin from Kalamazoo, Michigan, telling of the escape of Jack Skinner, convict wanted for robbery, they had the man under arrest in the city jail.

Skinner was found working in one of the local lumber yards. After he had been apprehended by Chief Loucks and his men, Skinner readily admitted his identity, and admitted he was badly wanted by the Kalamazoo authorities.

The man was taken to the county jail where he will be held pending the arrival of Michigan authorities who will come here for him.

## BALL PRACTICE STARTS

Aspirants for the Klamath Falls league baseball team will start preliminary practice at Modoc park this evening at 5:30. Light practice will rule in order to get a line up on the men trying for the various positions. Practice will start at the league grounds at the fair grounds Thursday evening.

## YOUNGSTERS TO ENTER CONTEST

Twenty Boys and Girls to Compete for Sugar Beet Growing Prizes

Twenty boys and girls in various parts of the county have entered the sugar beet growing contest for which Dr. Fred Westerfield has offered a \$100 cash prize and J. L. Sparrano of Bonanza, a \$25 prize for the two best exhibits.

Under the rules of the contest as laid down by Dr. Westerfield there had to be at least 20 entrants, and this number was procured yesterday through the efforts of County Agent Henderson.

The youngsters who will plant and care for a quarter of an acre of beets each are:

Bernard Hooper, Archie Spence, Erwin Campbell, Opal Hooper, Clifford Shuck, Jack Zbinden, Walter Timms, Louis Hill, Lester Moore, Claud Shuck, George Burnett, Walter Bowne, Francis Bowne, Joe Bowne, Mike Padaff, John Padaff, John Beller, Wilbert Zetman, Burton Brown, and Wilmer Franklin.

## TRAFFIC OFFICERS TO DISCUSS DIMMING LAW

Word was received this morning by Secretary Lynn Sablin of the chamber of commerce to the effect that Frank A. Pimm of the state traffic department, in company with J. J. McMahon, state traffic officer, would arrive in the city today this afternoon. The two requested a mass meeting at 8:00 p. m. in the chamber of commerce at which time they will address all garage men and battery men and car owners interested in the new dimming law which will take effect in September, 1925. All others interested in the new law are invited to attend the meeting. Pimm will have in his effects electrical appliances and batteries and other apparatus with which he will illustrate his discussion.

## UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S DINNER SUCCESSFUL

Every available chair was taken at the dinner given by the American Association of University Women last night in the White Pelican hotel, when the association gave its initial banquet in honor of the recently granted charter. A number of other guests, not including the members were present, taking in associate members and those desirous of becoming interested in the study clubs to be formed in September. An interesting musical program had been arranged, the entire affair being carried out in perfect detail. Mrs. G. A. Krause headed the general committee as chairman.

## FOURTH GRADER SPRINGS SWIFT ONE ON TEACHER

There was the usual lull of activities always found when students return from a vacation. With such glorious weather as was experienced during the Easter holidays, it must have been harder than ever for the little tots in Central school to settle down to the grim reality of facts of Reading 'Riting and 'Rithmetic.

Miss Hazel Noble, teacher in the Fourth grade of the institution of Learning, was quizzing, in a most pleasant manner, the boys and girls in her grade as to the manner in which they spent their Easter vacation pulling as usual, the "Bunny and His Eggs" story.

All had told of their experiences during the week and the amount of eggs consumed. All but one! He sat silently gazing at the floor, apparently tongue tied when the teacher asked him "what he had done."

"Surely you didn't sleep all the time did you, Sonny?" she queried. "Yea, you, and if you did, what did you dream about?" spoke up Herbert Newell, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Newell. The entire class sank into oblivion before Miss Noble's eyes.

## GRAND JURY WILL CONVENE NEXT WEEK

With a diversity of criminal matters to occupy its attention, the county grand jury will convene next Monday upon orders of Circuit Judge A. L. Leavitt.

Included in the list of pending cases are: Lewis, Brady and Williams, charged with larceny from the Miller Construction company warehouse; Gus Jordan, charged with assaulting John Coleman with a deadly weapon; Harry Hamilton, charged with embezzlement; C. W. Hall, charged with larceny by bailie.

Several other matters including reputed liquor violations also will be probed by the jurors, it was reported.

The grand jury is composed of George Beck, P. E. Hannon, Oscar Shive, W. E. Bowdoin, O. B. Bunch, H. E. Peltz and J. T. Loper.

## ACTION ON RAIL GRANT DEFERRED

Council Split Evident in Arguments Over Franchise

Again the newly elected councilmen stuck together against the two veteran councilmen of many years past, Merle West and Fred Coker. The principal issue last night was the O. C. & E. railroad franchise, allowing the Strahorn railroad permission to cross South Sixth street at Commercial street.

Mayor Goddard's veto, was read by City Recorder Lem L. Gaghagen and brought an exception from the lips of Councilman E. H. Balsiger.

"I fall to see where there is any clause in the resolution which indicates an exclusive franchise," Mr. Balsiger commented. "I am sure that the three councilmen voting in its favor, did not have any intention of granting Mr. Strahorn an exclusive franchise."

Councilman Charles I. Roberts, leader of the council majority favoring the Strahorn grant, said that talk that the grant should be handled through the agency of an ordinance was wrong. In support of his statement he quoted the example of the Big Lakes Box company which was granted the right to cross two streets on a spur line, by a resolution passed by the council. Mr. Roberts said he failed to perceive the difference between the O. C. & E. grant and the Big Lakes Box company grant.

Mr. West is president of the Big Lakes Box company.

After general discussion, it was decided to hold the question of the grant over till next week, when it was hoped that final and definite settlement could be made.

Judge Charles H. Carey of Portland, legal representative of the Hill lines, called City Recorder Gaghagen yesterday and asked for a certified copy of the original resolution and the mayor's veto and a report of the action of the city council last night.

## SPORTSMEN MOBILIZE AGAINST PIERCE

Governor Pierce will face a recall movement sponsored by the State Sportsmen's association and other allied organizations if he does not reappoint Ben Dorris, whose summary dismissal from the game commission has aroused the ire of sportsmen throughout the state.

This was the statement made last night to the Klamath Sportsmen's association by H. J. Kirkwood, secretary of the state sportsmen's association, president of the Multnomah county Anglers' association and holding official positions in other game protective organizations in the state.

"If the governor's present plan of utilizing the game commission as an agency to promote his candidacy for either reelection as governor or election to the United States senate, is successful, it will set back the state game and fish program ten years," Mr. Kirkwood declared.

Pierce's Plan  
The governor's plan with regard to the game commission as explained by Mr. Kirkwood is as follows:

(1) Dismissal of Ben Dorris of Eugene from the commission and appointment of a political henchman whose primary interest was the governor's candidacy for whatever political post he might desire. (Dorris was fired without any reason, assigned for the action, last week.)

(2) Dismissal of Captain A. E. Burghdoff, state game warden; M. L. Ryckman, state superintendent of fish hatcheries; Otto L. Jones, state game publicity director, and others, in order to clear the deck for the appointment of political supporters.

Political Machine  
(3) Building up a political machine, by appointing hatchery superintendents and district game wardens that would promote the interests of Pierce's candidacy. This would be accomplished by a wholesale dismissal of all game wardens and hatchery superintendents who would not pledge themselves to work for Pierce's election.

(4) Appointment of political hangers on to replace Burghdoff, Ryckman and Jones, whose first interest would be to support Pierce rather than devote their time to fish and game matters.

Selfish Motive  
(5) The use of the state game commission and the power exercised by appointment to help the personal political aspirations of Governor Pierce rather than to promote the state game program in the state.

"I know whereof I speak," Mr. Kirkwood said. "At the last session of the legislature one of Pierce's warmest supporters came to me and told of the governor's plans. At that time it was understood he would not reappoint I. N. Fleischer on the commission when his term expired. We held the whip hand over him and he signed a written agreement not to reappoint Fleischer."

Fires Dorris  
"Well, what did he do but turn right around and fire Ben Dorris from the commission, a man whose devotion to the interests of game and game fish is known over the state. In his place he appointed a man who I have never understood was interested in game or game protection."

"The next move, I am convinced, will be to fire Ryckman, Jones and Burghdoff. The reasons will be political, not because of the service the men have rendered him."

Must Organize  
"Sportsmen must organize throughout the state and fight this movement of our governor to prohibit the game commission to a selfish political organization. Burghdoff is not influenced by political considerations. No person can take exception to the services he gives, strives for efficiency first and last and all the time."

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