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COUNCIL SCRAP OVER STRAHORN CROSSING ISSUE

Same Old Story Repeats Itself With Same Old Forces Lined Up

A concrete wall again intervened last night between the O. C. & E. railroad and their exclusive railroad crossing across Sixth street, a concrete structure personified by two adamant councilmen supported by a mayor who will exercise his veto.

It was just an encore of the same number, with slight variations in the upper register. R. C. Groesbeck, attorney for the Strahorn line, appeared before the council to ask passage of a resolution to cross Sixth street with certain modifications which he specified as follows: That the O. C. & E. be given 120 days to grant certain property to the city; that the railroad be granted the same time to begin construction of its tracks.

Same Plot

The same old forces fell into line, facing each other. Councilmen E. H. Balsiger, C. E. Stuckey and Charles I. Roberts, helped along by the attorney for the railroad, sponsored the cause of the O. C. & E. railroad, Councilmen Merle West and Fred Cofer, the only two councilmen who have served the city previous to last January, aided by Mayor Goddard, took up an offensive defensive against the O. C. & E.

"Just a camouflage," was Mr. West's verbal disposal of the matter. "We have told Mr. Strahorn time and again that he can have the crossing permit with common user included."

Groesbeck Matters

To which Mr. Groesbeck muttered aloud something to the effect that Hades could be frozen for 1000 years before the O. C. & E. would permit common user on the line in question.

No compromise or agreement in the office, the council voted on the resolution with the usual result. Councilmen Stuckey, Roberts and Balsiger favoring the resolution, and Councilmen West and Cofer opposing. Mayor Goddard indicated last night that the resolution would meet the same fate as the last resolution favoring the crossing, which was passed April 13 by the council.

Mayor's Proposition

The bickering on the resolution was primarily defensive as far as West, Cofer and Goddard were concerned. But the mayor led the offensive against the Strahorn line, when in a written communication he strongly recommended that the city attorney write to the interstate commerce commission asking that some assurance be given that the city's \$300,000 equity in the railroad be protected in case of a transfer of the railroad.

Councilmen West and Cofer, in particular, seemed to favor the proposition. It would not do any harm to write the interstate commerce commission and ask what could be done to protect the city, they held.

Roberts Disproves

Councilman Roberts showed his disapproval when he snarled snapped at Mayor Goddard:

"What assurance have we that the railroad is going to be sold."

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Jail Sentence Given Klamath County Woman

PORTLAND, Ore., May 12.—Mrs. Zella M. Hough of Klamath Falls pleaded guilty in federal court today to a charge of using the mails to defraud and was sentenced to 90 days in jail. Her husband, who was arrested on the same charge, was freed when the federal grand jury returned a not true bill against him. The two-year-old baby girl which Mrs. Hough brought with her to Portland when arrested, has been placed in the Waverly Baby home here pending the mother's release.

The charge against Mrs. Hough was based on two alleged worthless checks, aggregating less than \$100, which were sent to a Portland mail order house for orders, including household goods, auto parts and soap. The checks got back to the mail order house before the goods were delivered.

DAIRYMEN TO FIGHT ANY RATE INCREASE

SALEM, Ore., May 12.—Freight rates on shipments of dairy produce will be the question at issue at a hearing before Interstate Commerce Commission officials in Portland today. Oregon dairy produce shippers will be represented by the public service commission. An effort is afoot to increase the rates. The move, it is said, was precipitated by shippers east of Salt Lake who want uniform rates in the western states. At present the rates are lower on the coast than farther east.

DR. F. M. TROUT TO ADDRESS KIWANISANS

Some straight-from-the-shoulder facts about what the people of Malin and Merrill think of the present railroad situation and the Strahorn efforts to bottle up the city will be given members of the Kiwanis club Thursday noon by Dr. F. M. Trout of Malin.

One of the leading boosters of the valley, Dr. Trout yesterday consented to address the Kiwanis, and will present the views of the people of that section in a forceful manner.

NOTES APPROVED

PARIS, May 12.—The French cabinet today unanimously approved Foreign Minister Briand's two notes, one replying to the German offer of a security pact and the other laying down the requirements for German disarmament before Cologne shall be evacuated.

SEEKS MISSING SON

Wallace W. Vernon, who dropped out of sight shortly after the war, is being sought by his mother, who lives at Ramsey, Ohio. The mother has written to officers of the Moose lodge in Klamath Falls, asking their aid in locating the missing son. The young man was reported to have come to Klamath county after he was discharged from the army, but his mother has not heard from him for several years. Any information will be gladly received either by the mother or by local officers of the Moose lodge.

FURTHER CHARGE AGAINST WOMAN IS MADE PUBLIC

New York Nurse Worked With Undertakers to Fleece Parents

NEW YORK, May 12.—Investigators of the career of Mrs. Helen Auguste Geisen-Volk, under arrest for alleged baby substitution at her baby farm, were told today that she worked with undertakers to fleece the parents of children who died while in her care, Assistant District Attorney Ryan announced.

Mrs. Margaret Tooley of the Bronx, whose 18-month-old child, Agnes, was one of the 23 children who died during the past 11 months after having been placed with Mrs. Geisen-Volk, told Ryan of the latest phase of the investigation. She said that the woman had induced her to pay \$66 for a grave purchased from Jacob Heerlich, an undertaker who had his place of business near the baby farm. She later learned that her baby had been interred in Mrs. Geisen-Volk's private burial plot in St. Michael's cemetery where many other little victims of the baby farm have been buried, Ryan said.

Ryan is seeking a supreme court order for the exhumation of the Tooley child's body, for several witnesses have testified that Mrs. Geisen-Volk banged the infant's head against a wall when the child annoyed her with its cries the night before its death.

UNION OIL CO. BUYS PROPERTY

Site at Sixth and Klamath Sold by A. B. Epperson for \$16,500

A record was set for values on Klamath avenue yesterday, when the lot at the southeast corner of Sixth and Klamath avenue, now occupied by the service station of the Union Oil company of California, was sold to that corporation by A. B. Epperson for \$16,500, making a price of \$310 per front foot on Klamath avenue.

The negotiations for the purchase of this piece of property have been under way for several months. Two years ago the lease for the service station was taken by the Union Oil company, and soon thereafter it decided that it would prefer to own the property outright, but there was some difficulty in reaching an understanding as to the price to be paid.

The property was bought by Mr. Epperson about five years ago from D. A. Lamm, for a fraction of what it was sold for.

ELKS WILL MEET TOMORROW NIGHT

Exalted Ruler Charlton S. Curria announced today that the weekly session of the Elks' lodge will be held tomorrow night, Wednesday, May 13, instead of Thursday, due to the opening of Western Nights Thursday. There will be important business to transact.

Authority for the change in the dates of lodge this week was given by District Deputy P. A. Young of Albany.

RUSSIA NOT PRESENT

GENEVA, May 12.—Russia refused to attend the present arms conference giving as the reason that its purpose amounted to interference in domestic affairs.

Collier Represent President
A. M. Collier, representative from this district at the last session of the legislature, was exercised its prerogative of the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce for the ensuing year by unanimous vote of the board of directors, E. M. Bubb, cashier of the American National bank, was chosen vice president. The board in electing W. O. Smith as treasurer exercised its prerogative of choosing a man for this office who was not a director of the chamber.

FLASHES

KILLS HUSBAND
COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho, May 12.—A charge of first degree murder was filed today against Mrs. R. J. Miles, who has confessed to dynamiting a shack in the rear of her home here in which her husband was asleep Sunday night. Miles died soon afterward.

ARMY OFFICER DIES
WASHINGTON, May 12.—Major General Arthur Murray, retired, former commander of the western department, died at his home here today after a prolonged illness. He entered the army from Missouri in 1870 and retired on account of age in 1915.

REWARD MONEY PAID
PORTLAND, Ore., May 12.—The \$100 reward offered jointly by Chief of Police Jenkins and Chief Inspector John T. Moore for capture of "Luch and a Quarter Jimmy" was today paid to J. P. Padden, who from his darkened window the night of April 19 saw Alexander Gerlach's efforts to jimmy his way into a near-by house.

HELD FOR MURDER
WINDER, Ga., May 12.—Mrs. Green Bowman, whose husband was killed by Guy Thurmond last fall, was placed in jail here today, charged with having shot and killed Thurmond. Mrs. Bowman, according to information given officials, met Thurmond on the main street of Statham today and demanded the return of a pistol, which she said the man had.

DAVIS JURY CHOSEN
TOPEKA, Kans., May 12.—The jury that will try Jonathan M. Davis, former governor of Kansas, on charges of seeking a bribe, was completed and sworn in today.

CHICAGO, May 12.—Miss Isabella Pope, fiancee of the late William N. McIntock, orphan mill-father, Wm. D. Shepherd, is charged homicide, for whose death his foster with murder by typhoid inoculation, today was on her way to Chicago today to testify in the trial of Shepherd, set for next Monday.

FORFEITS HEAVY BAIL

PORTLAND, Ore., May 12.—Captain E. C. Swank, British Columbia mariner, today forfeited \$7500 bonds under which he was at liberty on a charge of being implicated with an alleged rum running gang, five members of which went on trial here today in federal court. They were arrested at Warrenton, Ore., July 24, 1924. Two gasoline sea-going craft, 175 cases of liquor and a truck were seized at the time of the arrests.

START CLEARING ROAD TO CRATER

Chief Ranger of National Park Obtains Horses at Fort Klamath Today

Opening of the Crater Lake road will start tomorrow, according to Pete Oard, chief ranger of the Crater Lake National park, who spent the day in Klamath Falls. Oard came down as far as Fort Klamath to arrange for the horses that will take the snow plows up to Crater lake to make the initial clearing of the road.

Through telegraphic communications this morning Oard learned that more than 12 feet of snow surrounded the lake and snow began falling again this morning after a cessation of more than two weeks.

According to Oard the lodge is preparing for the biggest tourist season in the history of Crater Lake park. Publicity sent out through various mediums has heralded the beauty of Crater Lake as never before and the lodge is expecting 50 per cent increase over the number of tourists both in the lodge itself and in the camp grounds.

Colonel C. G. Thomson, who has spent the past few weeks inspecting the Crater Lake park land, was expected to arrive in the city late this afternoon on his way to his home in Medford. Headquarters of the park are also in Medford. Col. Thomson is superintendent of Crater Lake national park.

RUM FLEET NOW SCURRYING FOR PACIFIC COAST

Blockade Off Atlantic Is Causing Liquor Carriers to Change Plans

NEW YORK, May 12.—With a business that has approached \$40,000,000 a year smashed by the dry navy's blockade; whiskey ships fleeing the Atlantic seaboard are beginning to offer their cargoes in foreign ports at bargain rates. Meanwhile an effort is being made to pour into the United States via the Pacific coast. Five 10,000 ton vessels flying British and Belgian flags and stocked with well assorted cargoes are 40 miles off San Diego, Calif.

Their presence has been reported by the coast guard cutter Tamara and officers of the cutter are quoted as saying that the boats of customers of the rum fleet are too speedy for the dry navy there, as at present equipped to overtake.

Presumably the coast guard will extend its activities to prevent the threat of Californians being satisfied in an illegal manner. When there were indications that the rum fleet was heading south to seek customers from Baltimore and Washington the dry navy promptly met the situation. Coast guard vessels say that 26 coast guard craft are maintaining a tight blockade off the Virginia capes, the dry navy having been doubled since the blockade off New England, New York and New Jersey began a week ago today.

DOCTORS MEET MONDAY NIGHT

Interesting Medical Papers Read by Portland Physicians at Banquet

Meeting with 13 Klamath Falls physicians, a number of Portland and Eugene doctors gathered in the White Pelican hotel last night for a banquet and meeting which proved to be one of the most interesting held in Klamath Falls among medical men.

Dr. Frederick Stricker, secretary of the State Board of Health spoke on the work of the public health commission. Frank S. Ward followed with an address on the work of the State Medical Society and the Public Health league. Ward is executive secretary of the Oregon State Medical association.

On the "Treatment of Cranial Injuries" Dr. George A. Cathey of Portland spoke. Another interesting paper read was the "Correlation of the Roentgen and Clinical Findings of the Diseases of the Lungs." Dr. F. E. Diemer of Portland stressed the X-Ray findings of the work and Dr. Mattice discussed the clinical end of the subject.

Among the covers laid for the dinner for out of town doctors were Dr. Frederick Stricker, Dr. F. E. Diemer, Dr. George A. Cathey, all of Portland, Dr. L. Bogan of Eugene, Dr. Charles T. Early of Portland, Dr. R. B. Early of Portland, Dr. Mattice, and Frank S. Ward, also of Portland.

FUND PLAN GIVEN

PARIS, May 12.—Finance Minister Callaux announced today that the Dawes plan annuities that revert to France must be used for the completion of the reconstruction of the devastated regions and for the amortization of interallied debts, under some form to be determined later. Callaux made the statement to the finance committee of the chamber in outlining his financial plans.

MANY AUTOS SHIPPED

LONDON, May 12.—American made automobiles are being shipped to Great Britain at the rate of a thousand a day as the result of Chancellor Churchill's threat to advance the date for the imposition of the McKenna duties, which placed a tax of 33 per cent on foreign cars or parts, retroactive.

TO ADDRESS EARMERS

SALEM, Ore., May 12.—Governor Pierce will leave today for Bend where tomorrow he will address the chamber of commerce at a meeting of farmers in the afternoon. He will also inspect the Tumalo project. He will be accompanied by William S. Levens, state prohibition commissioner.

Fire Cop Will Patrol Forests During Summer

Thousands of camp fires that will burn in the forests of Klamath during the summer months, will be checked by a United States Forestry Fire Prevention officer, who is scheduled to arrive here on May 15, the opening of fire season, Duncan McClean, connected with the Klamath Forest Protective Association announced yesterday.

The officer who will take charge of this work is Charles Unicum of Portland. It is a new position created by the forestry department as a result of the heavy fires that prevailed not only in Klamath but in timbered sections throughout Oregon last summer.

Mr. Unicum will patrol the forests of Klamath. He will enforce the law with regard to care of camp fires, careless throwing of matches, cigarettes and the like. Any offender will be yanked up before proper authorities and fined according to statute.

In connection with the opening of fire season, Mr. McClean mentioned several "shall nots" for the benefit of logging operators:

1. Burn slashings or brush during the period May 15 to October 1 without first having secured a permit from a state fire warden. (Sec. 9.)
2. Burn slash during period May 15 to October 1 without first cutting all snags over 25 feet in height for a distance of 250 feet inward from the outside edge of slash area. (Sec. 21.)
3. Permit fires in their active logging operations or on their cut-over lands which have not been burned in compliance with the seasonal requirements of the law.

SPRAGUE MERCHANT PURCHASES TIMBER

A timber claim, owned by Jefferson Riddle, Klamath Indian of Yainax, was purchased yesterday by B. E. Wolford for the exceptionally low price of approximately \$1.85 a thousand board feet. The tract contained 1,100,000 feet, according to the deed, and lies fairly close to the O. C. & E. railroad. It is located just two miles northwest of Yainax. The purchase price was approximately \$2000. The description of the timber discloses that it lies in section 12 of township 36, south range 10 east.

Mr. Wolford is a merchant, formerly of Sprague, but now of Sprague River.

TO UNITE PEOPLE

The president's voice as he replied to Herr Loebe was firm and resonant. He said he had solemnly, on his word as a man, taken the oath of the constitution and he once again affirmed that he would practically devote himself to the task of uniting the German people.

The ceremony concluded with President Loebe calling for three cheers for the German republic. These the deputies gave enthusiastically, rising from their seats.

After the conclusion of the program in the Reichstag, President Hindenburg left the chamber accompanied by all the cabinet ministers. Then in the presence of a large crowd outside the Reichstag building he took a salute from a regiment of Reichwehr while the crowd chanted "Deutschland Uber Alles."

After reviewing the regiment of Reichwehr President Von Hindenburg re-entered his motor car and accompanied by Chancellor Luther, rode to the executive mansion between two squadrons of cavalry.

TO IMPROVE ROAD

Improvement of the Rock Creek road where it passes through the Crater National forest will be projected by the United States forest service this summer, according to a communication received this noon by the chamber of commerce board of directors from Forest Ranger E. J. Rogers. The sections of road that are particularly hazardous to tourist traffic will be improved, Mr. Rogers wrote.

Railroad Employes Use Screen of Heavy Steam to Hide Big Thefts

BOSTON, May 12.—Under cover of clouds of steam purposely released from a locomotive in the south station here, between \$20,000 and \$25,000 worth of American Railway Express company shipments have been stolen by a group of railway employes in the last three months, it became known last night on the arrest of three railway employes.

Eight more men, including an engineer, are expected to be taken into custody tomorrow.

Police said the thefts were made from baggage trucks on the station platforms and as they reached a point opposite a certain locomotive the engineer allowed clouds of steam to escape from the cylinders. Under cover of this screen, packages containing furs and valuable clothing were removed.

Air Mail Pilot Has Weird Trip In Effort to Keep His Schedule

CHEYENNE, Wyo., May 12.—Kipling's hero of the overland mail has a counterpart in Pilot Frank R. Yager of the air mail service.

Leaving Omaha early yesterday morning with a cargo of mail, Yager found the fog so dense he was unable to see. He made a forced landing in a small field in Nebraska. In a short time the fog lifted and he took off again, only to be forced down a second time.

Yager made five forced landings in this manner in the course of 100 miles, he reported here, the fifth being at Archer, Wyo. There, determined to get ahead in spite of the fog, he decided to taxi his way across the wide open spaces. But even the wide open spaces have occasional fences, and the air mail pilot began to encounter them, but on hurdling the seventh he began to tire of it. He then waited for the first streak of dawn and then took the air for a change, arriving here at eight o'clock in the morning.