

STRAHORN SELLS OUT CITY

COPCO IS SUED FOR HALF MILLION

INUNDATION OF FERTILE LANDS CAUSE OF SUIT

Fort Klamath Meadows Co. Fires Opening Battery at Power Concern

ACTION FILED TODAY

Claim That Lake at Times Cannot be used for Navigation Purposes

The California Oregon Power company stands today defendant in a damage suit for \$500,000 brought against the corporation by the Fort Klamath Meadows company of Oregon. Complaint against the power company was filed in circuit court this morning by J. H. Carnahan, Klamath legal representative of the Fort Klamath Meadows company.

The suit, which is said to be the forerunner of other suits which will be filed against the power company, is for the recovery of damages said to have been incurred by the power company using the fertile lands of the Fort Klamath Meadows company as a reservoir for storage of lake water; also for the alleged damages incurred by the impediment to navigation, as result of the power company lowering the lake below its natural depth.

Summary of Claims

Summary of the claims of the Fort Klamath Meadows company are as follows:

The Fort Klamath Meadows company is the owner of 27,613 acres constituting the margin of the northern end of Klamath lake. Prior to the construction of the Link river dam by the power company in 1919 the lands of the Fort Klamath Meadows were naturally irrigated by the high water of the lake during the spring; during the summer the waters of the lake receded, allowing the growth of natural grass valuable for livestock and dairy herds.

However, when the power company built the dam they illegally claimed the right of maintaining the lake at an elevation of 4143.3 above sea level, whereas the average height of the lake prior to the construction of the dam was 4141.

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Two Dead and Three Injured in Gun Battle

Fight at School Election Brings Shooting Affray

WILLIAMSON, W. Va., May 20.—Sherman Parsley, a merchant of Kermitt, near here, and Buck Kirk, president of the board of education, are dead and three other men are wounded, while six are under arrest on a charge of shooting as the result of yesterday's pistol fight at a poll at Kermitt, where an election was held on the question of creating an independent school district.

The fighting is understood to have started when Lee Curry took two negroes to the poll. Dr. E. T. Stepp, an election official, questioned the negroes' right to vote and Curry struck him, witnesses reported.

Fourth Survey Crew Starting at Bend Today

Four Camps Now Laying Out Location of Routes From Bend

A fourth survey crew of the Oregon Trunk lines started work today from Bend south toward Odell, G. V. Laitner assistant general engineer of the Oregon Trunk lines announced today.

This makes four Hill line survey crews are located as follows: one in Wocus valley to the west of the city, a second in the Bonanza country, and a third at the end of the Southern Pacific rails north of Kirk.

Big Loss Sustained By Washington Town In Damaging Blaze

NESPELEM, Wash., May 20.—Business houses on one side of the main street here were destroyed by fire that started in H. E. Hopkins Meat Market early today. The loss is estimated at \$50,000 to \$75,000, with insurance of probably \$11,000.

Property destroyed includes the General Merchandise store, Hotel and residence of P. M. Decamp; Smith and company's drug store; Gene Smith's restaurant; D. C. Purdy and Sons pool hall and Fred R. Howard's motion picture theatre and dance hall.

Nespelem is in the southern half of the Colville Indian reservation and the Indian residents outnumber the white persons.

S. P. WILL HELP STRAHORN BUILD NEW RAIL LINES

President Sproule Announces Two Big Railroad Mergers

TO GO TO LAKEVIEW

Also Acquires Big Interest in N. C. & O. Line, is Report

PORTLAND, May 20.—The Southern Pacific company announced last night here and at San Francisco that steps had been taken to obtain "a substantial interest" in the Nevada-California-Oregon railway which is to be converted into a standard gauge line, and that arrangements had been completed with President R. E. Strahorn of the Oregon California and Eastern railway, under which funds will be advanced, to aid in the construction of the line of his company from Klamath Falls to connect with the Nevada-California-Oregon railway. Both these arrangements are subject to approval of the interstate commerce commission.

The arrangement with President Strahorn will give the Southern Pacific a substantial stock in the Oregon-California and Eastern, which now extends forty miles from its connection with the Southern Pacific at Klamath Falls easterly to Sprague river.

Under the arrangement with President Strahorn of the Nevada-California-Oregon line, the Southern Pacific will aid him in securing the money for the work of rebuilding the line as a broad gauge railroad its entire distance of 156 miles between Lakeview, Oregon and Wendell, California where it connects with the Southern Pacific.

Will Reduce Haul

These deals will provide a new line through southern and central Oregon for through traffic between Oregon and Eastern states, reducing the present haul by 413 miles.

Mr. Sproule's announcement follows: "The Southern Pacific company announces through its president, William Sproule, that arrangements have been made with Charles Moran, president of the Nevada-California-Oregon railway, to aid him in securing the money needed to carry out his plan for changing that road from narrow gauge to standard gauge.

"The arrangement if completed, is subject to the approval of the interstate commerce commission."

To Help Strahorn

Mr. Sproule announces at the same time that the Southern Pacific company has completed negotiations with R. E. Strahorn, president of the Oregon, California and Eastern railway company under which funds will be advanced to Mr. Strahorn to aid in the construction of the line of his company from Klamath Falls, Ore., to connect with the Nevada-California-Oregon railway.

"This will likewise require the approval of the interstate commerce commission, and, if approved, will honor here last night.

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Rain Assures Bumper Crop on Dry Farms

Hardest May Precipitation in Years Hits Klamath Country

Dry farmers, sheep men, cattle men and dairymen are rejoicing this morning over one of the hardest May rains of Klamath history, which fell yesterday afternoon and last night.

From noon yesterday to 8 a. m. today .77 of an inch fell according to U. S. Reclamation statistics. This is equal to the average precipitation of the entire month of May for the past 15 years. The rain fell by fits and starts yesterday afternoon, but shortly after eight o'clock the heavens opened up and in big heavy drops torrents of rain came hurrying down. The rain continued all night and was still falling this afternoon.

If there ever existed a doubt in minds of dry farmers that they would not have a good crop this year, that doubt is dispelled today, County Agent G. A. Henderson said today.

"The rain gives definite assurance of an excellent crop in dry farming sections of the county," he said. "Not only that, but pasture will be greatly benefited as well as range grass."

If the warm rain struck the snow capped peaks of the Cascades, it will mean a heavy run-off of snow water, reclamation engineers said.

Spring Ceremonial Of Shrine Club To Be Held Saturday

Plans for the spring ceremonial of Hillah Temple of Klamath Falls, are now complete and the committee in charge of the affair is planning to entertain more than 200 out of town guests at the banquet to be given on Saturday evening 6 p. m. in the White Pelican hotel. Covers will probably be laid for 350 according to one of the committee members are expected to attend in a body.

Delegations from Marshfield, Roseburg, Medford, Ashland, Grants Pass and other neighboring cities are expected, the majority to form a caravan driving over the mountains for the evening's entertainment. Houston's orchestra will play during the dinner hour and plans for a social evening following the dinner are made. W. C. Van Emon, president of the Crater Lake Shrine club, is general chairman of the affair.

Liquor Is Held Responsible For Bad Check Mess

Moonshine caused him to lose his head and pass two bad checks this week, was the excuse given Robert Brown, yesterday afternoon to Sheriff Bart Hawkins.

Brown was arrested, at the complaint of Ed Vanuce owner of the Golden Rule. He is being held in the county jail pending a preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace R. E. Hussaker.

Brown said that at the time he passed the checks he was intoxicated, according to Sheriff Hawkins. The checks are said to have been for small amounts.

EARL OF YPRES WORSE

LONDON, May 20.—The condition of the Earl of Ypres, former field marshal French, was described today as very grave.

STATE WITNESS FLEES BECAUSE LIFE IN DANGER

Robert White, Star Informant Against Shepherd, Disappears

SEARCH IS STARTED

State's Attorney Determined to Locate Man Who is Missing

CHICAGO, May 20.—Robert E. Crowe, prosecutor in the trial of William Durbin Shepherd on a charge of slaying his foster son, William Nelson McClintock, with typhoid germs, is determined to locate Robert White, one of the state's chief witnesses, whose disappearance has brought the first sensation of the trial.

Information has been obtained that White, with his wife and two children, abandoned his home and vanished with a rented automobile last Friday. A letter written by Mrs. White to Mrs. Marie Budlove, a friend, said: "We had to leave. Our lives were in danger."

Mrs. Budlove has turned the letter over to the prosecutor. He said every effort would be made to find White and when he is found "there will be action," he warned. He put several detective squads on the search and a police message was broadcast asking White's detention if located.

The Chicago Herald and Examiner says it learned from William Adams, a blind news vender, of an alleged \$25,000 offer made to White ten days ago to leave for Florida. The offer included a furnished bungalow which would be given him on his arrival there, Adams said White told him.

Adams quoted White as saying he would accept "if they mean business."

White was known as the bodyguard of C. C. Friman, science school head, who confessed he supplied typhoid fever germs to Shepherd and taught him to administer them. White and Shepherd at one time nearly came to blows when they confronted each other and White identified Shepherd as the man he had seen at Fairman's school.

The search for White and delayed convening of the trial today subordinated interest in the selection of jurors.

Thirty-six veniremen have been examined to obtain three tentative jurors, 13 being excused by agreement, 17 for cause, two by state's peremptory challenge and one by peremptory challenge by the defense.

Carnahan Resigns As Attorney For War Veteran Body

J. H. Carnahan, well-known local attorney, today announced his resignation as attorney for the World War Veteran's State Aid commission, a position that he has held for several years. Mr. Carnahan has handled all the legal business of the state commission that has arisen in Klamath.

Pressure of personal business was given by Mr. Carnahan as his reason for resigning.

"My relations with the commission have been the most friendly," he said today, "but I could not see my way clear to give the place the attention it requires."

No announcement of a successor to Mr. Carnahan has been made by the state aid commission.

Peddles Jerk-Water Line to S. P.; People Of Klamath Are Duped

Suspicion Prevails That He Has Been Acting for Larger Road for Past Nine Years—Double-Dealing Revealed in "Sale"

Robert E. Strahorn has sold out the City of Klamath Falls.

Coming here nine years ago with an oily tongue and smooth promises he induced the people to give him \$300,000 to aid in the construction of a railroad that would connect this with other transcontinental lines and break the grip that the Southern Pacific railroad company held upon the development of this community. He stated that he would build a line to Bend, over which would come the trains of the Oregon Trunk and the Union Pacific. That later he would build a line to the southeast that would connect this city with the Western Pacific.

Today he has placed that line under the control of the Southern Pacific. He has defeated the very aim of the people through whose help the inauguration of the enterprise was started. He has played the part of a Benedict Arnold, a Judas; he has sold out the people of this community for the thirty pieces of silver, but instead of the remorse that should follow in the footsteps of such a reprehensible act, instead of seeking out the convenient tree and closing a career at the end of a rope, he has the effrontery to stand before the directors of the chamber of commerce and boast of his act and try and glorify it by clothing it with the same promises and the same tactics that fooled the people into voting him \$300,000 nine years ago.

Whom Did He Serve? The people of Klamath Falls want to know if Mr. Strahorn did not come here, not at the request of the people of Eastern Oregon and Klamath county, but as the representative of the Southern Pacific railroad company? They want to know if at all times during the past nine years he was not acting as the personal representative of the railroad company from under whose domination they were seeking a way out? They want to know if it has not been his aim to prevent the entrance of the Hill and other lines into this territory instead of acting as an agency through which they might help in the development of this part of the state?

Has He Been Lying?

They want to know if he has not been lying to them all of the times when he stated that it was his intention to build to Bend? They want to know if it is not his intention now to prevent in every possible way the recovery by the City of Klamath Falls of the \$300,000 which was so generously contributed towards what the people believed would aid and not prevent other railroads entering Klamath Falls? They want to know if he was not acting for the Southern Pacific when he made application for this extension of the line across Sixth street, out into the Mills addition and up Link river?

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Vote of Protest Against Any Strahorn Franchise Continues To Roll Into Herald Office

TOTAL VOTE For Strahorn Franchise..... 3 Against Franchise..... 154

Unqualified indorsement of the determined fight which The Evening Herald has been making to protect the city's interest from further Strahorn promotion—characterized chiefly by empty promises—poured in today at The Herald office. It was noted with considerable satisfaction that many of those who registered votes of protest against the Strahorn franchise were working men.

If you haven't yet voted in The Herald's ballot, tear out the voting coupon today and mail or bring it to The Herald office. Don't be a "repeater." Vote just once.

STRAHORN RAILROAD BALLOT

Shall the Strahorn line be granted an exclusive franchise to cross Sixth street, or shall the common-user clause be inserted?

What Do You Think? For an Exclusive Franchise.....Mark () Against Exclusive Franchise.....Mark () Mark your ballot. Then mail or bring it to the Herald office.

"Prince of Pilsen" Garb Worn By South African Natives Who Greet Young Prince of Wales

KING WILLIAMSTOWN, Union of South Africa, May 20.—Thousands of kaffirs garbed in fantastic combinations of native costume and improvised European dress gathered here today from all the surrounding countries and hailed the Prince of Wales.

One Zulu in fighting trim and with a war shield lashed to his back smashed through the streets on a motor cycle to reach the prince's levee.

A kaffir paraded the ground near the prince's headquarters attired in navy blue trousers, a black dinner

suit waist coat and a rough imitation of a tail coat made from wild cat skins.

The place of honor fronting the platform where the prince received addresses from the chiefs was occupied by an ancient Kaffir, dressed and a soft felt hat four sizes too in a black bordered red blanket small and covered with the accumulated dirt of many years.