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THE ROCK CREEK ROAD

In its road repair program for the present summer the county court could well take into consideration the present condition of the Rock Creek road where the uneven corduroy at one point makes the highway dangerous to motor vehicle traffic. An autoist who returned from Rock Creek yesterday reported he had broken his springs and ruined a tire in an attempt to negotiate this particular portion of the county road.

Rock Creek is a delightful place for a week-end outing and many people would like to drive there were it not for the present condition of the road. It would take but a small sum of money to make the needed repairs, and the county court would do well to make the road safer and better for automobile traffic.

The Bradshaw mystery is over, but it probably won't be long before another unusual story will soon emanate from Klamath Falls to find front-page space in newspapers throughout the west. Whatever else may be said of them, Klamath's peculiar crimes certainly give this section plenty of free publicity.

It was reliably reported that the California Elks, returning via Klamath Falls from Crater Lake, ate ravenously when they boarded their special train here last night. The jolting they received coming in over the Shippington road left plenty of vacant space for a big feed.

A traveling man saved a half-famished colt by giving it a 10-mile ride in his coupe. We know a few traveling men and others who show the same tender sentiments towards chickens.

If you want first-hand evidence of real community spirit and cooperation, just drive out to the community picnic at Malin Sunday.

Have you a little electric fan in your home? Neither have we.

The weather man needs a vacation.

Stewart's Washington Letter

By CHARLES P. STEWART
NEA Service Writer
WASHINGTON, July 17.—Representative "Alfalfa Bill" Murray of Oklahoma is disgusted. He writes from South America to friends here that the spirit of the old-time pioneers is dead in North American breasts.

Some time ago Bill got a land concession in Bolivia—a tract the size of half a dozen Texas counties at least. His plan was to colonize it with a lot of hard-fisted, tough-fibered frontiersmen from the "states"—men of the type of the by-gone "covered wagon" days.

A "Wild West" in short, was what Bill was trying to create. He loved the "wild west" in this country while it stayed wild, and pined for it as it began to grow more and more domesticated.

Finally his yen became so acute that he decided to see if he couldn't scare up a substitute for the real old thing to satisfy it. Somebody told him about the only unconquered wilderness, which nevertheless is a nice place to live in, was to be found in central South America.

Accordingly, away, Bill journeyed to South America and hid himself, as nearly as he could, to the center of it.

There, indeed, he found a first-class wilderness, wholly unconquered, just the raw material for the old "wild west" he remembered so well—a little hotter, perhaps, but all the better, from an agricultural standpoint, for twelve months a year of crop-growing weather.

"Now," though Bill, "to get some wild westers to locate here." For a "wild west" has to be something besides mere landscape. To conquer nature, conquerors are necessary, and conquest is what "Alfalfa Bill" Murray lives for. It isn't like the wilderness in itself that he likes. The job of taming it is what he gets his fun out of.

Having done so, he's ready to move on to a new one, just as he moved on from Oklahoma to Bolivia, when the former got too civilized for him.

"Nowhere else in the world," said Bill to himself, "are there such pioneers as back in the 'states,' where I came from. Gosh! I remember 'em in the old days! How they'll jump at a chance to get back to 'em!"

He propagandized accordingly. He offered extremely favorable terms to the land-hungry, for it was recruits he wanted rather than their money.

He made pioneering sound blamed romantic. He described the country as a cross between a garden of paradise and a storehouse of riches, which was true enough, but Bill rather slighted the detail that settlers would have to start from scratch on the task of developing the resources he was bragging about.

Probably he took it for granted that as experienced frontiersmen, they'd have sense enough to know that without having it diagrammed. What Bill forgot was that the old-timers he had in mind either were dead or mostly too old to make fresh starts in a new country. He just happened to be an exception.



HORNBROOK WILL GET BIG SMELTER

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The Application
Sexton in his application seeks a 25 to 30 foot right of way from Hornbrook, a Southern Pacific company station, to Happy Camp, a distance of approximately 75 miles, on which he proposes to construct a narrow gauge railroad with the Grey Eagle mine beyond Happy Camp as its terminus. Sexton claims to have completed a deal with the owners of the mine after four months of negotiations, to transport 1,225,000 tons of gold and copper ores already blocked out at the mine.

Sexton's application, in part, says: "For about 15 years I have been general manager and part of the time president of the Eureka-Nevada railway in Nevada and having disposed of the property have been solicited to look into the matter of providing transportation for some 1,225,000 tons of ore from the Grey Eagle mine to the Southern Pacific. For the last four months I have been looking into the subject and have about concluded if I can get a free right of way, say about 25 feet, through the patented lands along the Klamath river from in the vicinity of Hornbrook to somewhere near Happy Camp to undertake the construction of a 30-inch narrow gauge railway."

Offers to Sell
"It may be possible that some one will come along in a few years and wish to construct a standard gauge line down the river and if so I will agree with the supervisors, chamber of commerce or any one else to let them have the line I would build for 25 per cent in excess of what the narrow gauge cost together with interest on the money invested at the rate of six per cent and let them, in addition, buy their own right of way from the land owners to make the 100 feet that is generally required, if I am given a free right for my line, not exceeding 30 feet at any place and 25 feet in most all cases."

Permission Sought
"I would like to have permission of the board of supervisors to use the old county line on the south side of the Klamath river, where the state highway is in operation. I would like to have the proposition considered by those interested in seeing the improvement made, as provision will be made to handle business as a common carrier."

"The mining company is not interested other than offering the freight. The proposition is being financed by myself and a few friends."

MORE FOREST FIRES
BEND, Ore., July 17.—Ten forest fires, as a result of hundreds of bolts of lightning which bombarded the mountains surrounding Bend yesterday and last night, were reported up to noon today by the Deschutes national forest headquarters here.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 17.—(AP)—George E. MacFarland, chairman of the board of directors and former president of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, died here today, age 62.

CONDEMNED MAN GIVEN REPRIEVE FOR SEVEN DAYS

Russell Scott, Convicted Murderer, Granted Eleventh-Hour Stay

CONFESSION IS PROBES
Mysterious Telegram Causes Illinois Governor to Halt Execution

CHICAGO, July 17.—(AP)—A new lease on life for one week has been granted Russell Scott, condemned to die today for the murder of Jos. Maurer, a drug store clerk, in a hold-up.

Six hours before the time set for the execution of the erstwhile Canadian miner, Governor Small, moved by a mysterious message from Detroit, granted a reprieve. It came when all hope had been abandoned by Scott and his wife and aged father, who had worked for weeks to save him.

Brother Confesses
The Detroit message signed "Robert Scott," confessed the killing and promised surrender, urging that the hanging be delayed. It had been given to a messenger boy on the street by a young man, investigation developed. Scott has maintained that Robert, his brother, was the slayer.

The 30-year-old condemned man, whose colorful career has included vaudeville acting, authorship of books on business methods and ethics promotion of million dollar enterprises and finally bootlegging, was prepared for death when news of the reprieve came. He had bade farewell to his father and asked that the inscription "Murdered by the state of Illinois," be placed on his tombstone.

Former Millionaire
Governor Small's action came after Scott's relatives early this week had been unsuccessful in efforts to obtain a reprieve or commutation.

Business men and friends of Scott, who three years ago was rated as a millionaire in Windsor, Ont., addressed an appeal for clemency to President Coolidge. Several reprieves previously had been granted while the supreme court of Illinois passed on the case.

Maurer was shot and killed April 2, 1924, in the basement of a drug store. Scott maintained his brother had fired the shots during a quarrel at a drinking party, but the prosecution contended a holdup had been staged by the brothers.

Changes Plea
Russell Scott, arrested the next day, pleaded guilty to murder, but when the court indicated a death sentence would be imposed, his attorney burst into tears and pleaded for mercy. Through a technicality the plea was withdrawn and Scott was tried and sentenced by a jury whose judgment was sustained by the supreme court.

In his heyday, Scott headed a \$30,000,000 sales corporation in Windsor, Ont., interested in the construction of a \$12,000,000 bridge over the Detroit river. The project failed and Scott went broke.

Rotary Members Want More Trees

Members of the Rotary club, in the interest of the beautification of the city, expressed themselves at the Rotary club luncheon this noon as willing as individuals to promote the planting of trees in the residence sections of Klamath Falls.

Whether or not the excessive heat of the past week brought the subject to mind is not known, but the fact remains that the Rotarians were enthusiastic about taking steps to secure more shade for Klamath Falls.

It was recommended that the work should be done by Rotarians individually rather than have the club as a unit sponsor the work. Thus it was suggested that each Rotarian should attempt to interest neighbors in his block in the proposition of planting trees. The American Elm was favored. Lack of a supply here would necessitate shipment of trees from California.

POLES DEDICATE MONUMENT AT LEMBERG TO UNITED STATES HEROES
LEMBERG, Poland.—(AP)—The recent dedication of the monument to the three American aviators—Kelly, Graves and MacCullum—members of the famous Kosciuszko squadron who were killed during the war against the Soviets in 1913-1920, developed into a great pro-American demonstration.

The monument represents an American aviator with American and Polish arms in the background, and stands in one of the most picturesque parts of Lemberg cemetery. It was erected from funds contributed by a special committee headed by Mme. Ebenberger, patroness of the famous squadron.

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