

OWENS FARMERS FAVOR KLAMATH FOR SETTLEMENT

County Agent Henderson
Brings Back Favorable
Reports from Valley

MANY COMING HERE

Cheap Water, Cheap and
Fertile Land are Draw-
ing Cards of County

At least 200 farmers of the fam-
ed Owens Valley, have indicated
their preference for Klamath coun-
ty over any other agricultural sec-
tion of the west and these 200
farmers have informed C. A. Hender-
son that they will make a personal
inspection of all farming sections
of Klamath county with the view of
settling here if the favorable reports
of the Klamath country prove true.

County Agent Henderson return-
ed last night from Owens valley
after an absence of three weeks. He
was sent to the southern California
valley by the county court for the
purpose of interesting its citizens in
the farming and livestock possibili-
ties in Klamath county.

Interviews Scores

Mr. Henderson interviewed scores
of families in different sections of
the large valley, through which
the Owens river flows. With the
cooperation of the board of super-
visors of Inyo county, the county
agent, the business men of Bishop
and the county school superintend-
ent, he was given the opportunity of
approaching the Owens farmers not
as a real estate man or promoter
but as a public representative an-
xious to bring about mutual benefit
to the people of the Owens valley
and the people of Klamath by per-
suading the farmers to move to
Klamath.

Five Reasons

In talking to the farmers, Mr.
Henderson found that there were
five reasons why Klamath county
was preferred to other sections.
They are:

- 1—Crops of Klamath are largely
the same as raised in Owens valley.
- 2—Although the growing season
of Klamath is slightly shorter than
in the southern valley, the climatic
conditions and the altitude are ap-
proximately the same.
- 3—Cost of water for irrigation of
crops is very low in Klamath agri-
cultural sections compared to
farming sections in California.
- 4—Agricultural land values in
Klamath have not been inflated, thus
allowing the farmers to settle in
the Klamath country for a reason-
able original outlay of capital.
- 5—The outdoor life of Klamath,
such as duck shooting, fishing and
deer hunting.

200 Sell Out

Approximately 200 farmers in
West Bishop, the most fertile diver-
sified farming district in the valley,
have sold out to the city of Los
Angeles for \$120 an acre. These
200 farmers occupy about 200,000
acres of land. It is from this com-
munity that Mr. Henderson was
greeted with most enthusiasm and
it is expected that these farmers
will be the first to move north-
ward to the Klamath country.

"This is the most fertile and best
developed section of the valley,"
Mr. Henderson said today. "The
farmers have their hay, their corn,
and their herd of dairy cows. One
farmer has one of the three finest
helfers in the United States. These
people told me that Klamath looked
the best to them and that as soon
as they got their money from Los
Angeles, that they would journey

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Bandits Kill Woman Used As Human shield

Two Dead in Street
Battle with New
York Plice

NEW YORK, Aug. 7. (AP)—A
mother of four children used as a
human shield by a robber fleeing in
a hail of police bullets, is dead,
and a detective dying, as a result
of a spectacular gun fight under the
Pennsylvania railroad terminal.

Two youthful gangsters were cap-
tured, police saving them from a
crowd of 1,500 persons who threat-
ened lynching. Two others escaped.

Detective Richard E. Henneberry
and a patrolman in a police car
last night attempted to stop the
automobile in which the four sus-
pects were riding. The gang open-
ed fire, Henneberry fell, a bullet
severing an artery near the heart.

The men scattered as other pol-
ice approached. Edward Hart, 18,
the youngest, grabbed Mrs. Mary
Connelly, 35, as she stepped from
her door-way, held her in front of
him, and returned the police fire.
A moment later the woman was
struck and Hart darted into the
house. Mrs. Connelly died at a
hospital and Henneberry is not ex-
pected to live. Police say Hart shot
both the detective and the woman.
Colls of rope, the fact that the car
was stolen and other evidence con-
vinced authorities that the four men
were to stage a robbery.

Alma Johnson, a 17 year old girl
clerk, was later arrested in a Brook-
lyn rooming house as an accomplice
of the gun men. Michael Gudilee,
a chauffeur, was arrested with her
and charged with suspicion of homi-
cide and grand larceny.

Water Project Passes By Big Vote In Bend

New \$600,000 Plant
Authorized at Spirit-
ed Election

BEND, Ore., Aug. 7.—By a major-
ity of 120 votes the citizens of Bend
yesterday voted for the \$600,000
Tumalo water project, in an effort to
better the drinking water of the city.
The election polled more than 1600
votes, considered a large total for
the city, the population of which is
estimated at 8000.

Incorporated in the plan is the
purchase of the Bend Water, Light
and Power company plant, or such
tail work it is said, may be necessary
for water usage. Several plants have
been advanced for operation of the
new water works. Considerable de-
tail work it is said, may be necessary
of accomplishment before a actual
work is started.

Lumberjack Fights Over Girl; Is Now Hospital Patient

MEDFORD, Ore., Aug. 7.—F. K.
Lightfoot, a lumberjack from Weed,
Calif., lies seriously wounded at a
local hospital as the result of a
fight with Jack Phillips, local la-
borer, said by police to have center-
ed over Edith Maxoy, a waitress at
a restaurant here late last night.
According to witnesses, Lightfoot
started to beat up Phillips when
the latter paid attention to Miss
Maxoy, and Phillips seized an ice
pick, gashed his assailant in the
arm and abdomen, afterwards mak-
ing his escape. Lightfoot is ex-
pected to recover.

RUSSELL SCOTT HELD INSANE BY CHICAGO JURORS

Slayer of Joseph Maurer Or-
dered to state Asylum
by Verdict

WILL NOT BE HANGED

"Cell Shock" Plea Wins for
Man Twice Snatched
from Trap of Gallows

CHICAGO, Aug. 7. (AP)—In an
insane asylum instead of on the
gallows, Russell Scott, erstwhile
Canadian financier, will expiate the
murder of a drug clerk in a holdup.

"Cell shock"—insanity resulting
from fifteen months in jail and
the ordeals of two narrow escapes
from the noose,—was the verdict
of a jury last night in a sanity test
which saved him.

Dramatic Fight Ends

The jury's finding and Scott's
removal to the Chester Asylum to-
day ended a fight for life that prob-
ably was the most desperate in
Cook county criminal annals. Seven
ballots and three hours and forty
minutes deliberation were necessary
before the jury agreed.

Five times since Joseph Maurer
was killed in a drug store opposite
the city hall in April, 1924, Scott
has faced death. Within the last
three weeks, a few hours before the
death march, Scott was saved once
by a week's reprieve and again by
a stay of execution issued at two
o'clock in the morning by Judge
Joseph David on a petition declar-
ing him insane.

Still Faces Death

Had he been found sane, Judge
David would have imposed a death
sentence once more. Even in the
asylum Scott faces death on the
gallows should he ever be found to
have regained his sanity.

Warned against a demonstration
spectators and principals listened
to the verdict with a dramatic sil-
ence, Scott's eyes never left the slip
of paper the jury foreman passed
to a bailiff, who gave it to the clerk.
His mouth twitched and he hidged.
He was hurried away by guards.
His relatives heard the verdict with
expressions of emotion. His wife,
Catherine, whose untiring efforts
brought funds after the defense
fight left the family penniless, lean-
ed forward in attitude of prayer.
His mother wept and his aged and
crippled father, Thomas, on whose
sixty third birthday Scott was sen-
tenced, stayed close to his son.

Father Happy

"Thank God for the verdict,"
the father said later. "That's what
the poor boy needs—to be sent down
there."

"I knew it would happen," the
wife said. "I have worked and

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Trusty Walks Back to "Pen"

Floyd Hall Sorry He
Made Getaway From
Prison

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 7.—Floyd Hall,
a trusty who escaped from the state
prison Wednesday evening while at
work on the lawns, today voluntarily
returned, and said that he came back
because he was sorry he had vio-
lated the trust placed in him. Hall
was sent up from Umatilla county to
serve six years for assault with in-
tention to kill, and has served half his
time. Out of consideration for Hall's
voluntary return, Warden Dalrymple
said he would be allowed to continue
as a trusty. Hall said he went as far
as Sherwood, Washington county, and
read the account of his escape in
Portland newspapers yesterday.

Negro Is Lynched By Missouri Mob

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, Mo., Aug.
7. (AP)—Miller Mitchell, held in jail
here for an alleged assault last night
on a white girl, was lynched by a
mob of about 500 persons here late
today. The mob took Mitchell from
the jail to a ravine about a quarter
of a mile from town where he was
hanged to a tree.

RETURNING TO NEBRASKA

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Carrin
who have been making this their
home for some time, left this after-
noon for Lincoln, Nebraska to re-
side.

Father Killed By Son; Youth Gives Self Up

Methodist Preacher in
Iowa Is Victim of
Murder

PARKERSBURG, Iowa, Aug. 7.
(AP)—Warren Vandervoort, 17, today
confessed he shot and killed his
father, Rev. R. J. Vandervoort,
Methodist Episcopal minister, here
last night. James Mitchell, the
Parkersburg marshal, announced to-
day.

The youth also admitted, the
marshal said, that he shot and
wounded his mother when she ap-
peared in the doorway of the pas-
tor's room, apparently to investi-
gate the shot that killed her hus-
band. Then he followed her into
the bedroom and shot her again.
The boy gave no explanation for
the shooting. A coroner's inquest
is being held.

Mrs. Vandervoort's only words
since she was found about 2:30 a.m.
in the bed to which she had dragged
herself after the shooting, which
took place in the hallway several
feet away, have been a moaned:
"Warren, he did it, he did it."
Young Vandervoort was taken into
custody at Reinbeck, Iowa, about
2 a. m., after a Reinbeck physician
had found him in the Vandervoort
automobile, which had gone off
the slippery highway, about two
miles from town.

Original Cost Of Park Small City Paid \$11,750.00; Wants \$62,000.00 from O. T.

With the purchase of the city park
on South Riverside now the para-
mount issue in the titanic fight be-
tween the Northern lines and the
Southern Pacific, the question has
frequently been asked, how much
did the city pay for the park?

In 1920, the city purchased
tracts of land in West Klamath Falls
from John Cleghorn, Charles Bald-
win, Richard Hammond, Charles De-
Lap and Rufus Moore.

This acreage combined, amounted
to approximately eight acres and is
now what is called the Riverside
park.

The purchase price of the park
was \$11,750. That was five years
ago and since then the city has ex-
pended in improvements, between
\$5,000 and \$7,000, which included
the planting of trees, construction of
a tennis court, filling in of marshy
sections of the property and other
improvements necessary to bring the
land from a very unsightly piece, to
its present attractive status.

For this same piece of land the
Oregon Trunk line has offered \$15,-
000 in cash or \$8000 in cash plus
four acres in Hot Springs addition,
which could be used for a city park
in lieu of the Riverside park.

The Park board has announced
that its price is \$7500 an acre, based
on the average sale price of other
land sold to the Oregon Trunk on
south Riverside.

Thus on the one hand the Oregon
Trunk offers \$18,000 for the eight
acres while the park board retaliates
with the statement that the sale
price of the property is \$62,000.

Decision of the Oregon Trunk will
be made next Tuesday night at a
meeting of the city park board.

Eugene Restaurant Victim Of Robbers

EUGENE, Ore., Aug. 7. (AP)—The
Towne Shoppe, local restaurant, was
entered and robbed of \$75 in cash
last night, it was reported to the
police this morning. The invader
entered through the back, cutting
a screen, and broke open the cash
register. The robbery occurred some
time between 1 and 4:30 a. m.

The robbery was the second in
as many nights, the Elks lodge safe
having been blown Wednesday
night, and approximately \$200 tak-
en.

NORTHERN LINES GIVE REVIEW OF KLAMATH PLANS

Answer to I. C. C. Question-
naire Received by Oregon
Commission Today

NEW PLANTS EXPECTED

Chief Support Will be from
New Industries, is Prom-
ise of Railroad

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 7.—Trans-
portation conditions in central and
southern Oregon, from the point of
views of the Oregon Trunk Rail-
way and which are the basis of its
application to the Interstate Com-
merce Commission for a certifi-
cate of public convenience and
necessity for the extension of its
system from Bend into Klamath
county, are set out in the Oregon
Trunk's answer to a questionnaire
by the interstate commission. A
copy of the commission's replies to
the questionnaire has been received
by the Oregon Public Service Com-
mission.

The questionnaire states that all
kinds of transportation will be car-
ried on by the line, and that while
it is not yet possible to state where
stations will be located it is likely
that stations will be established at
LaPine, Crescent, Skookum, Beatty,
Bonanza, Olene and Klamath Falls.

In reply to a question as to what
common carrier service the above
named places have already, the an-
swer states: That Skookum has the
Southern Pacific, that Olene has
the Oregon, California and Eastern,
that Klamath Falls has the Oregon,
California and Eastern and the
Southern Pacific, while LaPine,
Crescent, Beatty and Bonanza have
no common carrier service and that
these range from eight to 31 miles
from places that do have rail-
way service.

In reply to a questionnaire asking
the names of other common carriers
with which the proposed Oregon
Trunk line will connect, and the
proposed points of track connection,
the answer states that "The pro-
posed line will reach Skookum
(Paunina) on the line of the South-
ern Pacific company, and Klamath
Falls now served by Southern Pa-
cific company and Oregon, Califor-
nia and Eastern, at both places
connection can be made."

The answer goes into detail re-
lative to the topography and re-
sources of the country. The approx-
imate area to be served, it says,
is 12,000 square miles and its
population about 14,000. Timber
land is given at 3,532,142 acres,
pasture land approximately 50 per
cent of the entire area, or 3,840,-
000 acres, and land under culti-
vation about 101,931 acres.

Industries Reviewed

Further, concerning industries,
the answer mentions logging and

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Schwartz Case Still Mystery

Former Fresno Man
Now Sought as Pos-
sible Victim

MARTINEZ, Calif., Aug. 7. (AP)—
An anonymous telephone call to the
police authorities today advised
them "it they will find out what
has become of Theodore White, for-
merly of Fresno, you will know who
the dead man in the Pacific Cellulose
laboratory mystery is."

A street address given by the
informant in Berkeley, Calif., was
visited and no one was found who
professed to know either White or
anything about a telephone call. The
man who telephoned said that White
had an appointment with Charles
Henry Schwartz, chemist of the com-
pany for whom the police are look-
ing despite claims of the wife that
he perished in an explosion in the
Cellulose laboratory a week ago
yesterday, 24 hours before the time
of the explosion. He said that
White until a few weeks ago was
employed as a chemist by some
scientific ice cream company of
Fresno and had been forced to find
some other employment when that
company ceased business.

Judge Leavitt Negotiates For Outside Jurist

Writes to Three Judges
in Ohter Parts of
the State

Negotiations have been entered
into by Circuit Judge Leavitt with
three circuit judges of Oregon for
the purpose of securing a jurist to
occupy the bench during the trial of
District Attorney Elliott, charged
with malfeasance and negligence in
office.

Judge Leavitt, who is disqualified
because of an affidavit of prejudice
filed against him, declined to give
out the names of the judges he
has communicated with, until he
has heard from them. It is his hope
to secure the promise of one of the
judges in the near future in order
that further plans for the trial of
Elliott could be made.

As the circuit court is now ad-
journing during August, according to
court rules, it would be impossible
to try the case before September 1.
Judge Leavitt said recently that the
Elliott case would not come to trial
until the latter part of September
or the first part of October.

HIGHWAY TO OPEN

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 7.—The state
highway department announced to-
day that the Pacific highway between
Harrisburg and Junction City, which
has been closed on account of paving
operations, will be open to travel
Saturday August 8. A free county
ferry is in operation across the Wil-
lamette river at Harrisburg.

Rotary Would Drop 'Falls' Off City Name

J. A. Gordon's Sugges-
tion Meets With
Approval

The 'Falls' of Klamath Falls may
be a thing of the past in a short
time if the concerted action of the
Rotary club to abolish the misnomer
is any criterion of the general feel-
ing of the town.

J. A. Gordon, president of the
First National bank, at the weekly
luncheon of the civic club this noon,
pointed out the contradictions in the
name Klamath Falls and advocated
that the 'Falls' of Klamath be
dropped and that the town be desig-
nated just as 'Klamath.'

"In the first place there are no
falls, and every tourist that comes
to this city wants to know where
they are," Mr. Gordon said. "Well,
the falls aren't, as we all know."

"Then again, they say that Klam-
ath Falls is to be the Spokane of
Oregon. Spokane had a 'Falls' tacked
onto it in the early days and it was
abolished when the town began to
grow."

By unanimous vote the Rotary
club decided to prepare a resolution
advocating that the 'Falls' of Klam-
ath be dropped from the name of the
city.

Sawmill Crew Save Selves In Daring Ride Through Fire

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Aug. 7. (AP)—
A crew of men were forced to
drive a locomotive a quarter of a
mile through a solid wall of fire
and over four wooden bridges, one
of which was ablaze, to save them-
selves from death when the Lyman
Timber company plant 20 miles
south of here was destroyed by a
forest fire last night.

Corey Raps S.P. Rail Plans

Public Service Head
Says Numerous Routes
Not Permanent

"All of the surveys for
projected branch lines of the
Southern Pacific in Klamath
county are nothing more
than logging railroads, tem-
porary affairs at best. They
will play no part in the
permanent development of
Klamath county. The real
development, founded on
far-sighted permanency is
that projected by the Ore-
gon Trunk, which proposes
to tap the agricultural cen-
ters as well as the timber
resources."

This was the succinct sum-
ming up of the Klamath rail
situation today by H. H.
Corey, chairman of the Ore-
gon public service commis-
sion, prior to his departure
for an inspection trip over
the entire survey route of
the Oregon Trunk between
Klamath Falls and Bend.

With other officials of the
commission, Mr. Corey has
just completed a four-day
inspection of the Southern
Pacific and Strahorn survey
routes.

A Real Builder

"If the interstate commerce
commission permits the Oregon Trunk
to build, which I think it will, it
means real development for this
section and the entire state," con-
tinued Mr. Corey. "The line it
seeks to build not only takes care
of the timber resources, but it like-
wise taps the rich agricultural sec-
tions. It is not a 25-year railroad
program, but a permanent construc-
tion."

Mr. Corey chuckled at the action
of the 14 Klamath lumbermen who
blossomed forth with a signed state-
ment on behalf of the Southern Pa-
cific. To him it was immensely
amusing.

"What else could you expect from
a group of men who are at the
mercy of one railroad at the pre-
sent time?" he inquired. "The whole
thing is plainly apparent. Pressure
was brought to bear on them and
there was nothing left for them to
do but to sign."

The public service commission of-
ficials will devote two days to their
inspection trip between here and
Bend, and will return to Salem the
last of the week by auto over the
McKenzie river pass.

Falls from Roof; Dies this Morning

THE DALLES, Ore., Aug. 7. (AP)—
Harry A. Lamb, 40, died in a local
hospital early today as a result
of injuries received when he fell
from the roof of a dwelling he was
aiding in shingling. Both arms
were broken, his back was broken,
and he suffered internal injuries.
The accident occurred yesterday
morning. He came to The Dalles
a year ago, working as a carpenter.
A brother, Charles E. Lamb, lives
at Swan, Wash., and a sister, Mrs.
A. J. Carey at Devon, Kans.

"I'm Not Insane," Cries Russell Scott Now That He Has Escaped Gallows

CHICAGO, Aug. 7. (AP)—Russell
Scott, saved from the gallows by a
jury's verdict last night finding him
insane, today in his cell declared he
was sane.

"Well, I s'pose I'm going to Ches-
ter today. But I'm no more insane
than any one of you."

He will be taken to the Chester
asylum for the criminally insane.

Scott added that "The fight is just
beginning." He still insisted that he
was innocent of murder of which he
was convicted and that that would be
proved eventually and he would be
freed.

Gaghagen Talks In Sleep; Says "Two Bucks, Please," To Local Stage Operator

Although a God Fearing man,
Police Judge Gaghagen is wonder-
ing today whether or not the con-
science of some people goes too
far.

For, secure in the fastness of
sleep, the judge was suddenly awak-
ened by Clyde Walsh late last
night, Walsh, who operates a freight
stage to Lakeview, had been ar-
rested on a minor traffic violation
by City Patrolman Patterson, and
anxious to get away early in the
morning concluded that he had bet-
ter pay his fine right away.

He did. The judge muttered in
a sleep-sodden voice "22 please,"
and Walsh went on his way.