

FIGHTER SOUGHT FOR MURDER

OREGON TRUNK LINE ENDORSED

Chamber Of Commerce Railroad Committee Approves Extension

Railroad from Bend to Klamath Falls Approved
—Want S. P. Forced to Build Modoc
Northern if Hill Lines Kept Out

Months of deliberation and research brought forth this noon the first positive statement of policy from the railroad committee of the chamber of commerce as to what stand the Klamath county chamber of commerce should take in the railroad controversy between the Northern lines and the Southern Pacific.

The committee recommended that the chamber endorse the entrance of the Northern lines in Klamath county and that the chamber also endorse the Southern Pacific program.

In event the interstate commerce commission refused the Northern lines entrance into the Klamath territory on the ground that there was not sufficient tonnage to justify the extension, the committee would have the chamber recommend to the commission that the Southern Pacific be forced to go through with their program and that in particular the S. P. be forced to construct the line south from Klamath Falls through Merrill, Cornell, to connect with the N. C. & O. at Aturas, Calif.

The report of the committee was read this noon at a meeting of the directors of the chamber and after brief discussion was tabled until a called meeting when the directors will have the opportunity to discuss the report at length.

The report was read by W. O. Smith, chairman of the railroad committee. It was drawn up last night after many hours of discussion and debate over the wording of the report.

The report of the railroad committee, in full, follows:

Your committee appointed to study the transportation needs of Klamath county, and being requested to report back to you the result of such study, herewith submits for your consideration facts and recommendations relative to further railroad construction in Klamath county.

Your committee has held numerous meetings, at which time transportation problems affecting this district have been carefully discussed. Conferences have also been held with the following parties: Oregon Public Service Commission officials; Northern Lines officials; and Southern Pacific officials; for the purpose of obtaining their views. Furthermore, we have collectively and individually obtained data from Klamath agriculture interests, lumber interests, and others.

Geographic Location
Klamath county, with Klamath Falls the county seat, is located in the extreme southern part of the State of Oregon, with an average altitude of about 4,000 feet. It is a county with an area of approximately 7,300 square miles, with large natural resources. The resources of this district embrace the following: approximately 30,000,000,000 feet of pine timber; fertile productive lands, with about 140,000 acres under irrigation; an ample supply of irrigation water; excellent water sheds which protect the supply of water for domestic uses; numerous power sites; and a scenic out-door play ground, which cannot be compared with any on the Pacific slope.

Klamath Falls is a city, estimated in July of this year, to have a population of 10,000 people. In

LONGVIEW, Wash., Sept. 22. (AP)—Discussing a report current in Klamath Falls that the Long-Bell Lumber company was negotiating with the Forest Lumber company, of Kansas City, for the sale of a tract of two billion feet of pine timber in the Klamath Indian reservation, J. D. Tennant, vice president and general manager of the Long-Bell Lumber company, said today:

"Representatives of the White interests of Kansas City, controlling the Forest Lumber company, have been looking over the Long-Bell holdings in the Klamath Indian reservation on their own account, but no negotiations are under way for the sale of the tract, and prospects of a sale are remote. The Long-Bell Lumber company is making no effort to sell the tract. We bought it several years ago with intentions of placing a mill there some time in the future."

LEONARD CONFINED TO HOME
R. Leonard is confined to his home with a severe attack of tonsillitis.

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SILENCE BEATS STRAHORN RAIL CROSSING GRANT

City Council Fails to Act on Mayor's Veto and Issue Automatically Expires

BEATEN THIRD TIME

Oregon California and Eastern Must Start in at Beginning Once More

Robert E. Strahorn, for the third time, was back to the starting place again. Three times has he secured the support of the city council for the Sixth street exclusive crossing grant and three times has the mayor's veto successfully stopped the move.

Last night was the third time. The Oregon California and Eastern railroad had petitioned for an extension, it would have been a virtual admission that the street crossing was all right as far as the interests of the city were concerned.

The council granted the time extension but Mayor Goddard vetoed the grant and last night the council failed to act on the veto. This silence placed Strahorn back to where he was about eight months ago when he first asked the council for an exclusive grant across Sixth street.

Before the matter can be brought up again before the council, it must be introduced through another resolution and brought up in the regular way before the council.

FIND NO TRACE OF MISSING MAN LOST IN WOODS

No trace had been found by 3 o'clock this afternoon of Martin Owensby, Merrill rancher, 50 years old, who has been missing in the wilds of Huckleberry mountain since last Wednesday. Searching parties left for the mountain last night prepared to hunt through the densely wooded country for the remainder of the week in an effort to find some trace of the missing man.

According to Owensby's aged mother, he went into the mountain country last Wednesday in search of a missing horse. When he failed to return by Wednesday the mother procured the assistance of a group of Indians, who searched the country all day without success. The Indians, however, found Owensby's horse, with his rifle tied to the saddle.

The county court late yesterday authorized the expenditure of \$25 for the purchase of food for the searching party which left last night. Included in this posse were A. C. Stearns, Bud and William Dyer, Leo and Max Hartlerode.

\$1,000,000 Blaze Sweeps Tia Juana

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Sept. 22.—(AP)—Flames starting in the Vernon club in Tia Juana, early this morning, swept through an entire block that included some of the best known resorts in the border city, causing a loss that business men of the town estimated would total nearly \$1,000,000.

Bandits Fail In Attempt To Hold Up Clerk

Employee of Roseburg Hotel Scared Off Robbers

ROSEBURG, Ore., Sept. 22.—An attempt to hold up the night clerk, W. J. Thompson, at the Grand hotel in this city early this morning failed when the clerk ducked behind the counter and fired a shot through the grille. Thompson told police officers that two men entered the lobby about 4:30 this morning and asked for rooms.

As he started to register them, he said, he noticed one of the men fumbling in his hip pocket, and saw him drawing a revolver. The hammer of the weapon caught in the man's pocket, giving the clerk time to duck behind the counter and seize his own gun in an open drawer. Thompson reached up and fired blindly, breaking the glass in the grille.

The two men then ran outside and dashed away in a Ford coupe, the officers were informed. Descriptions of the two men were telegraphed to cities north and south of Roseburg.

Beetle Camps In County To Be Open Soon

Wawkey Tract and Spencer Creek Stand To Be Controlled

Hundreds of thousands of tiny insects which each year burrow their way into the soft bark of the pine tree, will be assailed by two pine beetle control crews that will be established next week in sections most seriously infested by the beetle.

One crew of 15 men will be working on a unit between Aspen lake and Spencer creek, under the direction and financing of the Klamath Forest Protective association.

Another section of timber land of over 5,000 acres, known as the Wawkey tract, will be the objective of another beetle camp of 15 men. The control project is being financed by C. C. Wawkey, owner of the timber, who has become worried over the inroads made in his holdings by the destructive beetle. The Wawkey tract is located on the forested slope in the northern Klamath basin near the boundary of Crater National forest.

The same method of controlling the pest has been used in the past three years, will continue this year. The infested tree will be felled, the bark stripped and then piled up close to the trunk of the tree and burned. The only known method of controlling the insect is to take advantage of its habit of colony bunching together on one small stand of trees.

LEFT TODAY

J. U. Miner who has been here for the past two months left on this morning train for Cupertino, Calif.

LOCAL FUGITIVE HELD

EUGENE, Ore., Sept. 22.—Harold Harvey, of Klamath Falls, was arrested by the police here yesterday on a warrant charging him with larceny of an automobile at Klamath Falls. The car is alleged to have been stolen Sunday night.

WILBUR DEFENDS NAVY AIR FORCES AGAINST ATTACK

Secretary Testified that its Maintenance is Essential to Department

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Sea Fighters Need Own Air Service to work Hand in Hand With Vessels

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—Maintenance of the navy air service organization in substantially its present form was advocated today by Secretary Wilbur before the president's air board.

Called as the first witness of the day by the board, which yesterday inquired into the policy of the war department and the army air service, Mr. Wilbur emphatically opposed creation of a department of national defense. Such a step, he declared, would be a well nigh irreparable mistake.

Can Solve Problems
"Air forces," he asserted, "form an essential part of the fabric of the navy itself and its administration and its organization like other administrative internal to the navy will, if unmolested by outside forces, be solved with the same efficiency and with the same happy results as has been obtained in similar problems in the past."

The secretary likewise expressed opposition to establishment of the naval air service as the corps analogous to the marine corps and declared against a single air service, maintained for national defense, but not under the army or navy.

A Vital Element
The navy, he said, requires its own air force as "a vital element of a naval battle," adding that an independent air service would "remove from the naval commander that unity of command in time of battle, and that uniformity of training in time of peace, which every war has proved to be essential to victory."

Woman Is Hurt By Auto Today

Mrs. Emma Bovin, a resident of Willow street, was severely bruised shortly before 3 p. m. today when she was struck at the intersection of Sixth and Klamath avenue by a coupe said to have been driven by Mrs. James Linzi of this city. Her condition was not sufficiently serious to warrant hospital treatment and she was taken to her home shortly after the accident.

Mrs. Linzi swore to a complaint charging John Farnell, well known resident of this city, with abusive and profane language. Mrs. Linzi charges that Farnell swore at her abusively following the accident.

According to witnesses the accident was unavoidable. Mrs. Bovin when struck clung to the radiator until the car stopped.

Lettuce Growers Estimate 40 Cars Will Be Shipped

When the last head is blucked and crated, 40 carloads of lettuce will have been shipped from the 90 acres seeded to lettuce this year by the wholesale lettuce firm of Sawdy and Hunt, according to word received here today.

Joe Coffman Accused Of Killing Logger In Weed 3 Weeks Ago

Siskiyou County Authorities Seek Boxer Who Fought Here During Summer—Pal Is Reported to Have Confessed

WEED, Cal., Sept. 22.—Joe Coffman, well known Pacific coast lightweight boxer, is being sought as a murder suspect here. A charge of first degree murder has been filed against the young pugilist, and a description of him has been forwarded to peace officers throughout the west.

Coffman is alleged to have participated in the murder of an unknown logger here about three weeks ago. The logger was lured into a barn owned by Dr. W. E. Tebbe, for the purpose of robbery, and was choked to death.

Two persons are now in jail at Yreka charged jointly with Coffman with the crime. They are Oscar Schuler and a woman giving the name of Mabel Arant. The Arant woman is believed to have come here from Klamath Falls with Coffman.

Faced with the chain of evidence which has been weaved about him, Schuler has broken down and confessed his part in the crime, it became known today. He named Joe Coffman as the other member of the hold-up party, and insists that it was Coffman who choked the logger to death.

Pal "Squeals"
By reason of his complete confession, it is understood here that Schuler has promised to turn state's evidence against Coffman, and that he will be granted some form of immunity in the event that Coffman is captured and convicted.

Although every effort has been made to identify the murder victim, his identity still remains a mystery with officers of Siskiyou county.

A picture of Coffman in his fighting togs has been procured by Sheriff Calkins and has been mailed to sheriffs throughout California, Oregon, Washington and Idaho. He is known to have been at Roseburg, Oregon, about a week ago but since then officers have lost his trail.

Charge Kept Quiet
YREKA, Cal., Sept. 22.—While admitting that a murder charge has been filed against Coffman, county officials here are reluctant to give out any information concerning the young pugilist, who is said to be involved in the murder of an unknown logger at Weed last month.

The two reputed accomplices are in the county jail here and it is understood that Oscar Schuler has made a complete confession to Sheriff Calkins.

It has been known here for the past two weeks that Coffman was being sought as one of the murder suspects but all news of his alleged participation in the brutal crime was withheld in order to permit authorities to work unhampered in their efforts to locate him.

Joe Coffman, accused of the brutal Weed murder last month, is well known in Klamath Falls, having engaged in several boxing bouts here last spring and summer. Coffman was in Klamath Falls for more than two months and built up quite a following among local boxing fans.

In his first bout here Coffman knocked out Jack Crim, Indian lightweight; then he took on the tough Joannie Carlson and put that aspiring fighter away by K. O. route. He lost in a return bout with Crim on the reservation.

Just before he left here Coffman told some of his friends that he had been married, and the woman who left here with him and who is now held as one of the accomplices at Yreka is believed here to have been posing as his wife.

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GAS EXPANSION ON SHENANDOAH CAUSE OF CRASH

New Testimony Offered Today at Inquiry in Wreck of Big Dirigible

OFFICERS ON STAND

Farmers Also Tell Their Impressions of Disaster and What Caused it

LAKE HURST, N. J., Sept. 22.—A new bit of testimony—that there was unusual expansion of the gas cells before the airship Shenandoah broke up—was given today before the naval committee investigating the loss of the ship.

Lieutenant Thomas S. Hendley, communication officer, testified that he was awakened by the pressure of a gas cell on his face and likewise by the unusual angle at which the ship was riding. Previously testimony had been that this time the Shenandoah was above her pressure height—that is, where the inside pressure of gas equalled the outside pressure of the air.

Not Excessive Gas

Before Lieutenant Hendley was called, Lieutenant Charles E. Bauch, watch officer on duty at the time, declared inspection some time before the accident showed that the gas pressure was not excessive.

Both Lieutenants Hendley and Bauch, as well as Lieutenant Roland G. Mayr, construction officer on board, agreed with other witnesses that the breakup occurred when the ship's nose was suddenly tilted up during a second rapid ascent.

Stories as told by civilian eye witnesses to the special investigating naval board were summarized to the court by Commander Jacob B. Klein, president of that board. He said the two most intelligent of these witnesses agreed that the ship broke at the bottom. Others, less intelligent, Commander Klein said, agreed that the craft "humped up" and broke at the top.

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