

NAVAL SUBMARINE IS SUNK WITH HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE

JANITOR CLAIMS HE SAW MISSING MAN LAST WEEK

A. H. Combs Says he Talked to Owensby Either Friday or Saturday

SAYS HE IS POSITIVE
Further Mystery Added to Strange Disappearance of Merrill Farmer

While two volunteer posse were searching the wooded sections of Huckleberry mountain today for some trace of Martin Owensby, who disappeared 10 days ago, A. H. Combs, a Klamath Falls building janitor, insists he saw Owensby on the streets of this city either last Friday or Saturday morning, and three or 4 days after Owensby was reported as lost on Huckleberry mountain.

Combs could give no explanation as to why Owensby's horse and rifle had been found on Huckleberry mountain four days after (Continued on Page Two)

Local Concern Will Have New Dredge On Lake

\$20,000 Represented in Investment For New Machinery

A new electrical suction dredge will soon be in operation on Ewauna lake, a dredge that will facilitate work of excavation and filling. This was the announcement this morning of F. Hill Hunter of the Sawmill Engineering and Construction company. The new dredge including machinery and its boat carrier will represent an investment of approximately \$20,000.

Grape Dealers Are Arrested

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 26.—(AP)—Six men are under arrest here because they were selling California wine grapes from a carload lot. Police technically charged them with doing business without a license. When officers took the men into custody a crowd of prospective customers was waiting to obtain grapes. Last year two entire trainloads of grapes were sold in this manner.

First Results Of Rail Ballots Shows Big Majority Favoring Coming Of Oregon Trunk Road

Only Two Votes Oppose Another Railroad Out Of Total Of 74 Submitted—All Citizens Urged to Mark Ballots and Send to Herald

Do the people of Klamath county favor the coming of the Oregon Trunk railroad?

In spite of the suave assurances of a small group of lumbermen, and in spite of adroitly worded "petitions" by clever Southern Pacific press agents, the Evening Herald has maintained throughout that the mass of the people are tired of Southern Pacific domination and want another railroad to come to Klamath.

That the Herald's assumption is correct was proven with a bang today when for the first day of balloting, only two votes were registered in opposition to the Oregon Trunk, as against 72 ballots which favored the coming of the new road.

While the Evening Herald is strongly in favor of the Oregon

Trunk or any other railroad which desires to come to Klamath county, it has not nor will it solicit one vote in this railroad balloting. It is a matter which the people must decide for themselves, and no effort will be made to solicit ballots. The Herald believes that the people generally can vision the growth and progress which are bound to come to Klamath when another line of rails is extended into the city and county.

The railroad ballots will be printed all next week. You are asked to vote but once and then mail or bring your ballots to The Herald office, with your name and address signed. The Herald will make an effort to get the ballots and the result of the vote before the Interstate Commerce Commission when it meets in Portland on October 5.

Railroad Ballot

Vote () I want the Oregon Trunk
Vote () Keep the Oregon Trunk out
To the Interstate Commerce Commission:
I herewith submit my opinion of the present Central Oregon rail controversy.

Signed

Address

WOMAN FAILS TO RECOGNIZE MAN AS BANK ROBBER

State's Case Against Clyde (Whitey) Watson Decided Weakened

SUSPECT BOUND OVER
Another Woman Identifies Alleged Thief as the Right Man

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 26.—The state's case was apparently badly damaged today at the preliminary hearing of Clyde (Whitey) Watson, who is held in the county jail here under accusation of being one of a trio who robbed the bank at Aurora, Ore., on October 29, 1924, when Mrs. Robert Brock, who was in the bank at the time failed to identify him. Watson was, however, bound over to the grand jury by Justice of the Peace Small with his bond fixed at \$5,000.

Although Mrs. Brock failed to identify Watson, he was identified by Miss Grace Patch of Canby, who was employed in an office across the street from the bank, had a clear view of the robbers, and who told on the witness stand today that Watson was one of them.

The state had expected the testimony of Mrs. Brock to strengthen instead of weakening its case. She had not been given an opportunity prior to the preliminary hearing today to see the prisoner, but Miss Patch had previously been allowed to see him and had identified him at Astoria after his arrest on the robbery charge.

Watson and his attorney declare that the small blond man, whom Miss Patch identified as Watson, was undoubtedly a man named Charles Nygren, afterward killed by a police officer at Buckley, Wash., while attempting a robbery at that place.

Other witnesses today were Louis M. Reese and Vernon Hoy, both of whom were employed in a logging camp in Clatsop county with Watson and who were held in jail as suspects with him at Astoria. Both signed statements that were somewhat damaging to Watson. Neither offered anything today that damaging to him relative to the Aurora robbery.

"KLAMATH" WINS IN HERALD POLL

Shorter Name for City Favored by Readers by total of 141 to 97

By a substantial majority, Evening Herald readers favor changing the city's name from Klamath Falls to Klamath.

This was revealed this afternoon when a recount of the ballots showed 141 votes favoring the change, and 97 opposed to it. The Herald would have liked to continue the balloting for one week, but because of the apparent importance of the railroad situation and because of the confusion arising from two separate ballots running at the same time, it was decided to halt the voting on the city's name. The ballots received by the Herald will be forwarded to the chamber of commerce Monday for their reference.

West To Honor Harding; Plan Memorial Park

Movement to Eulogize Late President Starts

PENDLETON, Ore., Sept. 26.—Articles of incorporation of the Harding Memorial Park association, a body that will draw its membership from the three Northwest states of Idaho, Washington and Oregon, have been prepared and sent to the corporation commissioner at Salem, according to Frederick Stelwer, Pendleton attorney. Mr. Stelwer was chairman of the organization committee appointed at a meeting at Meacham in the summer of 1924 to draft the articles and work out the general plan of organization. A mass meeting in the interests of the association will be held at Milton, October 5.

The general purpose of the association is to create a memorial to the late President Harding in the form of a beautiful park which will mark for all time to come the respect of the west for the president who lent his presence to the dedication of the final stretch of the Old Oregon Trail highway over the course of the historic trail that saved the Northwest and insured its inclusion in the borders of the United States, Mr. Stelwer declared.

Lay Steel For New Spur Line On Lake Shore

Job Being Rushed; Will Be Completed in Near Future

Little time has been lost in the construction work on the railroad spur from the Big Lakes Box factory along the shore of Ewauna lake to Payne alley, a distance of 2700 feet.

The Sawmill Engineering and Construction company which has the contract for the job, has already laid 200 feet of railroad from the Big Lakes site west to the lake shore. Under the direction of F. Hill Hunter, work is starting this morning on laying a substantial right of way along the shore of the lake.

According to Mr. Hunter, with the exception of the first 200 feet on the Big Lakes end of the spur, the line will follow a course along the lake (which at this time is under water).

Some distance from the shore and running parallel to the shore, a line of sheep piling which is nothing less than an exaggerated picket fence under water, is being consecrated. A dredge will scoop up dirt from the bottom of the lake and fill in the water between the line of sheep piling and the main land. The sheep piling will act as a bulk head to hold the dirt in place.

Thus, Mr. Hunter pointed out, the railroad spur will be routed over what is nothing else but water at this time. Work on the spur is progressing steadily and the project will be completed in the near future.

EXPLOSION KILLS THREE

HERRIN, Ill., Sept. 26.—(AP)—Three men were killed and three severely burned today in an explosion at mine number 7 of the Consolidated Coal company here.

GUARD WOUNDED BY CONVICTS IS NOW NEAR DEATH

Lute Savage suffers Relapse and is not Expected to Live, is Report

PNEUMONIA SETS IN
Wounded During Escape of Murray, Willos and Kelley on August 12

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 26.—Lute Savage, state penitentiary guard who was wounded by the escaping convicts, Murray, Kelley and Willos on August 12, when two other guards were killed, was reported today by his physicians to be in a critical condition, though with possible an even chance for recovery.

Savage was shot through the body, the bullet entering the abdomen under the heart, and was probably shot by Murray. Though his wound was at first believed to be fatal, he made rapid progress toward recovery and about 16 days ago was released from the hospital. He suffered a slight relapse, however, and was again sent to the hospital where bronchial pneumonia developed. This the physician says, may be attributed to his wound. About midnight last night Savage's temperature suddenly arose to an alarming manner. He rallied later and his temperature rapidly dropped again.

Savage was off duty at the time Murray, Kelley, Willos and "Oregon" Jones made their break for liberty. The shot that wounded him was probably fired after Guards J. M. Holman and John Sweeney and the convict, "Oregon" Jones, had been killed.

Savage was returning from his dinner and was walking outside the prison enclosure when he was spied by the desperadoes. Knowing him as a dead shot and fearless, one of them fired on him at close range and Savage fell to the ground. He was unarmed at the time.

Will Appoint Prosecutor To Probe Murder

Doverly Slaying at Kelso To Be Investigated

KELSO, Wash., Sept. 26.—(P)—Hite Imus, prosecuting attorney for Cowlitz county, Sheriff Clark Studebaker and Nat R. Smith, mayor of Kelso, returned from Olympia last night after a conference with Governor Roland H. Hartley and Attorney General Dunbar and announced that at their request, the attorney general assured them a special prosecutor would be appointed at once to investigate the Thomas Doverly murder mystery.

"Because of the bitterness of the political factions here we thought it advisable to ask the state to appoint a special prosecutor who would be untrammelled by prejudice, friends and enemies in the effort to run down the Doverly murderer," Prosecuting Attorney Imus said.

C. A. Morse is transacting business matters here from his home in Prineville.

34 Officers And Men Go To Bottom Of Sea When Craft Is Rammed

Three Survivors Picked Up By Steamer City of Rome Following Night Collision—Other Vessels Attempt Rescue

BOSTON, Sept. 26. (AP)—The steamer "City of Rome" came into the harbor shortly before 3 o'clock this afternoon. It was expected that it would take some time to warp her into her berth at Charlestown.

The three survivors were the first taken from the ship. They were able to walk but were wrapped in blankets. They were sent immediately to the naval hospital in Chelsea.

The men said they were in their bunks when the crash occurred, and that they happened to be near the conning tower. They said they were floated out of the opening and into the water.

The survivors said they had little hope that any of the 34 men who went down with the submarine would be found alive because of the chlorine gas that was released in the craft.

One of the men was in a serious condition when picked up by the City of Rome, passengers reported, he having been partly overcome by chlorine gas.

He also had considerable water in his lungs as did one of the others, the third man, a good swimmer, was floating on his back and aside from being cold was in good condition.

The men rescued were Alfred Geler, New Bedford, Mass.; Dewey Kile, Peoria, Miss.; and Michael S. Lira, St. Louis.

It was impossible to tell whether the men were seriously injured as they were taken from the boat, as they were immediately rushed away to the hospital.

Passengers on the City of Rome, said that the night was clear when the collision occurred. The steamer was making from 10 to 12 knots and the submarine, it was thought, was partly submerged and approached the city of Rome diagonally from the starboard side, about half of the passengers were in their state rooms but a number were on deck.

Crash Without Warning
C. H. Tinkham, of Medford and Miss Marie Ruch of O'lando, N. D., two of the passengers, said that none on board saw the submarine as it approached, but expressed the opinion that the lookout must have noticed it just before the crash. A few persons noticed a red light just before the steamer struck.

The first intimation of danger came with three blasts of the ship's whistle, followed by a series of short toots. Then came the crash as the vessels struck. The City of Rome, Tinkham said, keeled over slightly as it had run upon some obstruction.

Lifeboat launched
The searchlight of the City of Rome was out of commission, the passengers said, but flares were thrown up immediately and a life boat was launched. There on deck heard cries for help but there was no sign of the submarine which must have gone down immediately. Tinkham and others said they believed it was seriously damaged and perhaps split in two.

FROM MEDFORD
Mr. and Mrs. R. Fifer of Medford are among the valley visitors in Klamath Falls over the week end.

NORTH SYDNEY, N. S., Sept. 26.—Captain Joseph Vatcher of the 55-ton schooner Inez G. of Burgeo, New Foundland, and five seamen were drowned last night when their vessel capsized about three miles off Lingan, while making for North Sydney for shelter.

Three men who were rescued were asleep in their bunks when the collision came, they said. They did (Continued on Page Seven)