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GODDARD PLEADS FOR CITY

SOIL COMMITTEE SEES DRAWBACKS OF LOWER LAKE

Experts Claim Land not Suitable for Close Settlement, in Report

IS FREE FROM ALKALI

Marsh Soils Open to Serious Fore Hazard; Land Held Remarkable

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—Thousands of acres of peat land apt to be destroyed by fire, some concentration of black alkali and the tendency of crops to exhaust quickly the plant food contained in much of the soil, were some of the drawbacks to agricultural development in the lower Klamath lake region of Oregon and California cited by a committee of three soil experts which has handed its report to the reclamation bureau of the department of the interior.

The soil experts who made the investigation at lower Klamath included R. L. Powers of the Oregon experiment station, O. A. C., Charles P. Shaw of the California station and Macy H. Lapham of the United States department of agriculture. The conclusions they drew were that the lands of the lake bed were of little agricultural use, that the tule lands on the north and west sides of the lake bed were of fair agricultural value and probably would warrant the cost of reclamation, while those of the east side had a higher alkali content and probably would not carry the cost of development and that the lands of the Oregon drainage district were being developed with reasonable assurance of success on the peat soil and a probability of failure on the smaller area of lake bed.

Large Units Favored

"The tule lands are not considered suitable for close settlement," says the joint report. "Farm units should consist of 160 to 320 or more acres. The possibility of developing an adequate supply of good water for stock and domestic use would have to be demonstrated. Buildings and structures would have to be placed on piles and as home sites the marshes would not be attractive. Road construction will be difficult and expensive. The marsh soils are inflammable and open to serious fire hazard."

It was estimated that these lands would justify a cost of $50 an acre for reclamation, including irrigation, drainage, land preparation and seeding. The directors of the Klamath drainage district reported that there were 2665 acres planted to crops within the district, of which 15 acres were in potatoes, 20 acres in sugar beets and the remainder in grain. The balance of the peat land, excepting some 3000 acres in the Oklahoma and Sheepy creek districts, was said to be without vegetation or covered by weeds. This included some 30,000 acres.

Soil Found Unusual

The soil of the lake bed was found to be decidedly unusual, consisting of gelatinous colloidal clay to a depth of 24 to 30 inches, with enormous water holding capacity ranging from 135 to 560 per cent. The great difficulty of adequate drainage, tillage and irrigation on soil of this character was cited, however, as the chief reason why permanent agricultural development is "an exceedingly remote possibility." The nitrogen and organic matter in the soil is also quickly used up.

The marsh or tule lands consist of a layer of decomposed peat between 20 and 40 inches thick, resting on colloidal clay similar to that exposed in the lake bed, from two to four feet, deep. Surface irrigation is difficult because of the porous, spongy character of the soil and its uneven

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World Series Is Halted By Terrific Rain

Final Game to be Played at Pittsburgh Tomorrow

Klamath fans were disappointed today when word was flashed over the wires that a heavy downpour of rain had caused postponement of the final game of the baseball classic. But with weather permitting the game will be staged tomorrow. The Herald will continue its party at the Pine Tree tomorrow, starting promptly at 11 o'clock, so if you want all the play-by-play dope on the big game, join the crowd at the Pine Tree.

FORBES FIELD, Pittsburgh, Oct. 14.—A downpour of rain washed out the seventh and deciding game of the world series today between Washington and Pittsburgh. Commissioner Landis called off the contest after a steady downpour had drenched the field and a good share of the crowd had left.

Commissioner Landis delayed his decision as long as any uncertainty remained, but after more than an hour of steady rain the uncovered parts of the field became a quagmire and play was obviously impossible.

The crowd stayed almost intact until the commissioner's decision was made, although it was apparent even at 2 o'clock that there was no chance of the game going on. Spectators utilized every available means of protection, but they got pretty well drenched so far as occupants of the bleachers and exposed parts of the grandstand were concerned.

Although it was a disappointment to fans, this postponement, the second of the series was regarded as a benefit to the star pitchers of both teams, Walter Johnson and Vic Aldridge. Those two mound aces, each victorious twice so far in the series had been slated to lead the final battle today in spite of the short period of rest.

Now, however, if the weather permits play tomorrow, Manager Harris will be able to send Johnson to the box with three days rest, as much as he had between his first two victories over the Pirates.

Aldridge, who won the fifth game for Pittsburgh Monday in Washington, would be able to pitch tomorrow with two days interval.

E. J. Murray Is Loser In Suit

MEDFORD, Ore., Oct. 14.—Judge Wolverton, in federal court here this afternoon ordered the jury to return a verdict against E. J. Murray, editor of the Klamath Herald, and in favor of the defendants, former county officials who were sued by Murray for $25,720 for malicious prosecution, conspiracy to prosecute, and arrest without probable cause.

Pheasant Season Opens in Morning

Over those fields that are not conspicuously posted with the sign "No Hunting, Keep Out," khaki clad hunters may be seen steadily trodding, gun carried in the crook of the arm, tomorrow morning.

For tomorrow is the opening day of the Klamath Chinese Pheasant season and it will remain open for 17 days. The limit, game wardens emphasized today is four birds in one week. All four of the birds may be roosters but only two can be hens.

The closing day of the season is Saturday, October 31.

POSSE HUNTING FOR YOUNG GIRL IN MURDER CASE

Eureka Slaying Mystery at New Angle With Beauty Specialist Missing

COMPANION IS SLAIN

Henry Sweet Found Dead in Auto—Pair Were Reported on Hunting Trip

EUREKA, Calif., Oct. 14.—Miss Carmen Wagner, 18, Ferndale beauty shop proprietor, missing since the bullet punctured body of Henry Sweet was found beside his automobile, was being hunted today by posses in the hills of four counties on the northern California coast.

The motive for Sweet's death was not known to the authorities. The only purpose of the search for Miss Wagner was based on the belief that she was kidnaped after Sweet was shot.

Body in Auto

Sweet was found beside his parked automobile in front of a ranch house near Fortuna, a town south of here. Reports obtained by the authorities said that Miss Wagner was a companion of Sweet on a hunting trip to the mountains which started on last Thursday. Other persons who joined in the hunting expedition have not been named by the sheriff.

The search at daybreak today was based on the hope that Miss Wagner might be found alive, but fears expressed that she might be the victim of the supposed abductors' bullets.

Miss Wagner was seen here on Friday night. She visited a beauty parlor here and had a friend dress her hair. She discussed the hunting trip and said she was going with Sweet and a married couple.

CATCH BURGLAR RED HANDED AND THEN FREE HIM

Crescent Barber Refuses to Appear Against Prowler as Complainant

"Gee, no! I don't want to prosecute the poor devil. I've got my stuff back and that's all I care 'bout. Let him go and get out."

With a shrug of his shoulders a barber at Crescent walked away from District Attorney E. L. Elliott who urged that the robber be held and prosecuted.

"Do you mean to say that now you have the man in custody you refuse to complain against him?" District Attorney Elliott wanted to know.

"Just that," the barber affirmed.

All of which is epilogue.

The facts of the case are that the only barber shop in the little settlement of Crescent was entered early Monday morning. The robber made too much noise and the barber and friends caught him red-handed in the act of stealing barber equipment to the value of approximately $50. Attorney Elliott remarked. "The man refused to complain against the robber, so we turned him lose."

The burglar was placed under arrest and then released when the barber, whose name the district attorney's office did not know, refused to prosecute.

"There was nothing that could be done about the matter," District Attorney Elliott remarked yesterday. "The man refused to complain against the robber, so we turned him lose."

As coincidence would have it, District Attorney Elliott was in Crescent at the time representing the state at a preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace F. M. Cleaves.

Seek Missing Road Employe Near Crescent

Gerald Purnbron Disappears From Work Mysteriously

No sane, healthy road construction worker would mysteriously disappear from the job without saying "Adios" to his friends or even calling for a large, fat check due him, and for that reason friends of Gerald Purnbron, road worker in northern Klamath, are sparing no effort in locating Prunbron, who failed to put in an appearance at work last Monday.

The sheriff's office was notified by long distance phone yesterday afternoon by A. E. Gullickson, who resides in the upper marsh country, to endeavor to locate the missing man.

Purnbron has been working on a grubbing and clearing job in northern Klamath, according to word received here today. He was a quiet sort, and well liked by his co-workers and employers. When he failed to put in an appearance his friends investigated and it was found that the man had disappeared, without rhyme or reason.

No further word had been received from northern Klamath today. According to Gullickson the man's description is as follows: 42 years of age, light hair, blue eyes, peaked face, light cap, blue jumper, pair of tan English shoes.

Davis Becomes War Secretary

Chief Justice Taft Administers Oath of Office

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—(AP)—Dwight F. Davis of Missouri was sworn in today as secretary of war. Chief Justice Wm. Howard Taft, a former secretary of war, administered the oath and John Weeks, retiring secretary of war, stood by. The chief of staff of the army, Major General John L. Hines, his assistants and chiefs of war department bureaus, witnessed the ceremony.

Mr. Weeks remained in Washington over-night, delaying his return to Boston in order to witness the induction of his successor into office. Mr. and Mrs. Weeks will leave for Massachusetts tonight.

Young Footpads Take Money from Peter Sconchin

Peter Sconchin, aged Klamath Indian, and prominently identified with the historic Modoc war, is broke today.

Two heartless and youthful footpade are $110 richer.

All as a result of a vicious robbery staged last night on the corner of Second and Oak by two young men—a short man and a tall one—who "frisked" the Indian war veteran of all that remained of his $200 government check.

Sconchin was on his way to his camp, a few blocks south, where his wife was waiting for him. No trace of the sneak thiefs could be located by police or the sheriff's office this morning.

Three Are Killed in Wreck of Train

WHEELING, W. Va., Oct. 14.—Three trainmen were killed and upwards of a score of persons were injured when a Southbound passenger train on the Pennsylvania railroad was wrecked about half a mile north of the Warwood depot at 3 o'clock this afternoon. A spread in the rails is said to have caused the accident.

MURRAY'S FATE TO REACH JURY BY LATE TODAY

Trial of convict slayer comes to Close With Arguments now under way

IN FEAR OF THEIR LIVES

Defense Seeks to Establish Justification for Daring Penitentiary Break

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 14. — Three questions of law, arising from motions of counsel, were to be decided upon by Judge Percy Kelly in the Tom Murray murder trial early today before arguments before the jury were begun by the attorneys. The last witnesses to testify in the case were heard yesterday.

District Attorney John H. Carson moved yesterday that all testimony introduced to indicate that Murray is insane and all testimony introduced to indicate that conditions at the prison were such that the bloody break of Murray, Jones, Willos and Kelly was in the nature of self defense, be stricken from the records. Will R. King, counsel for Murray, moved that all testimony offered by the state designed to show conspiracy on the part of the four convicts be stricken. These were the three points to be decided by the court early today.

Appear for Defense

Mrs. Charles Newman and her son Leslie Newman of New Era, the home where the three surviving convicts spent a day during their flight, were on the stand for the defense yesterday, testifying that the behavior of the convicts at that time was gentlemanly.

H. H. Rowley, formerly guard at the prison, testified to throw doubt on the sanity of "Trigger Bill" Hinton, another guard, whose mind Rowley said, seemed to dwell on the question whether a guard was justfied in shooting a convict at any time other than when a break was in progress. Rowley said he quit the prison job as a result of his being found absent without leave, which, Rowley said, was due to a misunderstanding as to change in guard shifts.

In Constant Fear

Murray himself was recalled to the stand and said he believed Hinton was crazy. The testimony was introduced to show that the convicts lived in fear of their lives.

Murray identified a quantity of merrawaunna. He said that some convicts were put into the hull pen for smoking it and some were not.

"Guards have seen me smoke it," he said, "and I never went to the hull pen for it."

City Manager Is Advocated

A city manager for Klamath Falls.

This innovation in the face of a wonderful development of Klamath, would be a practical move for Klamath Falls, Professor Irving E. Vining, president of the state chamber of commerce, declared before the chamber forum this noon.

With the word "Klamath" on the lips of all in the west, and with a marvelous development in sight here, it would behoove all Klamath people to side-step all petty bickerings and small issues and to step forward in unison toward a goal of development and progress, Mr. Vining pointed out.

PYTHIANS ELECT

EUGENE, Ore., Oct. 14.—Robert D. Lytle, of Vale, was today elected grand chancellor of the grand lodge of the Knights of Pythias, domain of Oregon. He is former vice chancellor.

Klamath Falls Mayor Demands Strahorn Be Made To Return Funds

Rights and Investments of Citizens of Klamath Falls Find Champion at Rail Hearing; Inquiry Ends at Noon Today

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 14. (Special)—Demand that Robert E. Strahorn and the company which rents, leases or purchases his Oregon, California and Eastern railroad be compelled to repay to the city of Klamath Falls the $300,000 in bonds voted for the line, together with interest on that sum and the $65,000 given the road in a terminal site was made to the interstate commerce commission late yesterday by Fred R. Goddard, mayor of Klamath Falls.

The Klamath Falls executive appeared as a witness for the Oregon public service to protect the interests of the people of Klamath Falls in the maze of rail manipulations now being carried on by the rival rail lines.

LIQUOR RUNNERS MOVING VESSELS TO SOUTH COAST

Lured by Stories of Liquor Orgies, Rum Row Moves to Florida Coast

PROHIS ARE ACTIVE

Three Different Branches of Service Start War on Wholesale 'Leggers

ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 14.—(AP)—Rum row, that moveable mart for illicit trade in forbidden beverages, is now more or less firmly established in southern waters. Present activities there are so extensive it is believed that the trade includes most of those former operators who managd to escape the sharp-shooting coast guardsmen's campaign to break up flourishing business of Boston, New York and Atlantic City shores.

Rum runners have accepted literally the admonition of Colonel Luke Lea of Tennessee to "come south, young fellow," paraphrased from Horace Greeley's famous advice to young men.

Lured to Florida

And they have come—fleets of them. Many have been lured to Florida by tales of riches and of an orgy of spending by winter tourists. Others have been driven to Florida by Uncle Sam's intense efforts in other Southern waters.

Three branches of America's combat service are represented in Florida by Colonel B. I. Simmons, retired army officer, state prohibition administrator; Commander P. F. Hambusch, retired navy officer, his assistant, and Captain John G. Barry, active commander of the coast guard forces.

Colonel Simmons has set up headquarters at Tampa with branch offices at Miami, Jacksonville and Pensacola. Key West is headquarters for the coast guard.

Big British Syndicate

Commander Hambusch has discovered that a gigantic English rum running syndicate is operating in Florida waters. In the syndicate's fleet are ships carrying cargoes of 15,000 to 20,000 cases, valued at $500,000 and retailed in Florida for $2,500,000. There are seven vessels, six schooners and a converted yacht, in the fleet, which keeps its supplies replenished by fast motor boats capable of outdistancing any craft in the coast guard service.

HEARING OVER

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 14. (AP)—The hearing on applications for railroad development in central and southern Oregon and nothern California, which has been in progress here since October 5, was concluded at 12:35 today when the state public service commission completed its case. December 1, was set as the date when briefs must be in. Arguments will be heard at a time to be set later by the Interstate commerce commission.

Another important witness for Klamath Falls was R. E. Bradbury, who testified concerning the donation of the terminal site for the Strahorn line. Mr. Bradbury was one of several citizens who made a personal canvass of the county to procure rights of way and terminal facilities for the Strahorn line.

Mayor's Statement

Mayor Goddard's statement to the commission follows:

On or about August 18, 1916, after making a careful investigation of the transportation needs of Central Oregon and particularly Klamath Falls and Klamath county, Mr. Robt. E. Strahorn proposed to the citizens of Klamath Falls, that in order to secure adequate railroad transportation to Klamath Falls and vicinity and free the citizens from the "exhormitant freight charges" of the Southern Pacific, he, Robt. E. Strahorn would build a railroad from Klamath Falls via Silver Lake, Oregon, to Bend, Oregon, to connect with the Oregon Trunk and Union Pacific railroads, said railroads to enter Klamath Falls over this proposed "independent line," which is now known as the Oregon California & Eastern. Ultimately a line was to be built from Bend, Oregon to Crane, Oregon, there to connect with the Union Pacific and

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$200,000 FIRE SWEEPS SEATTLE

SEATTLE, Oct. 14.—(AP)—While a fog that completely concealed houses and vehicles at one hundred yards lay over Puget Sound and Seattle today three firemen were hurt in fighting a $200,000 blaze. The Zellerbach Paper company and neighboring concerns lost heavily.

SOLON NEAR DEATH

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Oct. 14.—(AP)—United States Senator Samuel M. Ralston, suffering from heart and kidney trouble, lapsed into unconsciousness early today, Dr. John M. Cunningham, attending physician, announced.