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THE FIGHT FOR \$300,000

Mayor Goddard is deserving of the everlasting appreciation of the people of this city for his placing before the Interstate Commerce Commission the city's demand for return of the \$300,000, and interest, that was given Robert E. Strahorn, to be used in the construction of a railroad from Klamath Falls to Bend, a railroad that would furnish the connecting link over which would come the Northern lines to this city.

Mayor Goddard went to Portland at his own expense. He went there under the handicap of not being officially designated to represent the city by the city council. If Klamath Falls had a city council that was working in the interests of the people of Klamath Falls and not in the interest of the Southern Pacific, it would have sent Mayor Goddard and City Attorney Carnahan; it would have officially intervened; it would have enabled the city's legal representative to have set in at the hearing and examined Mr. Strahorn and the Southern Pacific officials.

Instead Mayor Goddard had to appear before the Commission as the representative of the Public Service Commission of Oregon. But through his individual, unaided efforts, we were able to learn that Robert E. Strahorn, as far back as 1919, when he was doing so much talking about "my railroad," when he was carrying on the negotiations for "bonds" to the city in lieu of the \$300,000, was flirting with the Southern Pacific and finally did make an out-and-out deal with that corporation in 1923.

What Klamath Falls needs is a city council that is not owned by the Southern Pacific. The second ward is going to have an opportunity to select one on the twenty-eighth and on that selection will depend whether or not Mayor Goddard's efforts to protect the city will be set at naught through the power of the council to pass over his veto measures and resolutions that he may disapprove. Back of the candidacy of O. A. Smith are the men who have been doing the dirty work for the Southern Pacific in this city in its desperate effort to shut out the Northern lines. If he is elected, it will mean that the mayor will be powerless to maintain the stand that has been so fortunate for this city. Smith must be defeated; he must be overwhelmingly defeated, so that these men and the Southern Pacific, as well as those who are trying to steal the public thoroughfares of the city, will understand that Klamath Falls is, for all time, through with their questionable methods.

TAX REDUCTION TO HAVE FIRST SAY IN SESSION

Congress Will Go to Work First Thing on proposed Plan

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17. —(P)—Definite agreement has been reached among house administration leaders to give the prospective tax reduction bill right of way upon the opening of congress in December.

Chairman Green of the house ways and means committee, which meets here Monday to prepare the bill which it is expected will cut at least \$300,000,000 from the tax payers' toll next year, said today a measure will be ready for presentation on the opening day of the session.

The house will be able to pass the bill before Christmas holidays, Mr. Green predicted. With senate leaders planning to rush action on it there, final enactment of a measure, fifteen days before first payments of the new year are due, is believed possible.

Interest centers mainly in the proposed reductions in income taxes, with leaders of both parties prepared to ask slashes in both the normal rates and surtaxes. Among others favoring increased exemptions also. Representative Garner, Texas, ranking democrat on the committee, has come out with a proposal by which about 3,000,000 persons would be relieved of paying any income tax, he would raise the exemption for single persons from \$1000 to \$3500 and

SMALL FIRE

A small fire in the Hub Tire shop was extinguished this afternoon at 3 o'clock before any damage had occurred. The fire originated from a back draft in a boiler. Volunteer Fireman Hughes was slightly injured when he fell off the fire truck as it was speeding to the scene of the blaze.

for married persons from \$2500 to \$5000.

Representative Garner presented this plan, which he predicated on a proposal to retire the national debt in 22 years instead of 25, to Secretary Mellon yesterday. Although the treasury head is withholding any public indication of his views prior to his appearance before the ways and means committee Monday, it is understood he believes the treasury could not stand reductions.

MRS. HALLWELL HERE

Mrs. G. A. Hallwell of Oroville, California, with her son Junior, are visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Chastain of Chilopuk. Mrs. Hallwell is well known here where she formerly lived. Mr. Hallwell will motor up from the south this coming week to join his family here.

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News of the Klamath Country

Editor:

I have read the report of the soil experts on the tule lands and would say that they are evidently not familiar with reclaimed tule lands. I have worked on some of the land in the district north of Lower lake and this year have cut 24 sacks of rice to the acre. The land is peat and is good depth and everlasting as to production. I have farmed for the last 30 years in reclaimed lands and some of the land, where not burned to great depth, is still the most productive in California, and is valued at \$150.00 to \$300.00 per acre. The Delta lands of San Joaquin and Contra Costa counties are mostly owned by small holders of 80 to 200 acres. Some large tracts are still owned by individuals. The peat land here is not so coarse and is inexpensive to work, compared with California tule lands.

They state that there is a small acreage planted, the rest in weeds. What is needed is the cultivation of the lands, and there will be an astonishing result in 3 or 4 years, for the more peat land is farmed the better it gets. At present these lands in Oregon are in the same condition as the peat lands were in California 25 years ago when land could be purchased for \$10 to \$40 per acre. Of course the burden falls upon the ones who put the lands in state of cultivation and if they are assisted and can see the pioneering through, will come out with fortunes.

I am not a soil expert, but a practical farmer, and can speak from experience, not theory.

The land after being worked two or three years will then be in condition for diversified cropping. It is, of course, to be expected, bad years. They are so in any country. What ought to be done here is that in some way people holding these lands be compelled to cultivate them or be subject to a tax which would make it compulsory for them to do so.

The soil experts say the land is porous and spongy. Who ever saw peat land that wasn't? Cultivation overcomes this.

Speaking of irrigation and drainage: Wherever reclaimed lands are irrigated there must be a system of drainage. There will then be no alkali and the land can be washed out, freeing it from alkali. This also puts into peat lands what is needed, potash and phosphates, which comes in from upper land with the water. The peat lands have an over abundance of nitrogen. Regarding pumping, I will cite one case of a company owning 7000 acres in one of the islands of San Joaquin county. They have a system of drainage and operate five pumping plants of 100 horsepower each. The cost of operating is about \$1.00 per acre per annum. Of course the lands here have some advantage over California, natural water fall for irrigation. Many places in California have to pump the water for irrigation.

The advantages are greater here many instances than down there, for here we do not have flood waters to contend with.

I own a farm of 280 acres on one of the reclamation projects in San

Joaquin county, that has been farmed for 28 years, and today is as productive as at any time before.

I may be presuming in taking this stand against the soil experts of Washington, but I would suggest they make a study of the history of California reclaimed peat lands, and it probably would enlighten them on the future of reclaimed lands in Oregon.

(Signed) F. E. LANE, Midland.

Stewart's Daily Letter

By CHARLES P. STEWART NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON.—Although the council of the Interparliamentary Union refused even to consider the plea of Carl Lindhagen, mayor of Stockholm, that the union adopt a common language for the whole world, yet comment among his fellow delegates indicated that Lindhagen's proposal would have had many supporters, provided they had considered it possible of realization.

They didn't so consider it, however, and felt it would have been a waste of time to discuss it.

Some of the English-speaking delegates at the interparliamentary gathering did seem to think their language's spread promises to make of it, ultimately, a medium which may prove serviceable for the transaction of all business at Polyglot assemblies, but it was noteworthy that the non-English-speakers almost all thought otherwise.

In short, as perhaps might have been expected, each nationality at the interparliamentary meeting seemed to feel that its idiom was the one which, for beauty, simplicity, clarity and all other good qualities ought to be chosen if there were to be an agreement on any single one out of the entire collection.

Made-to-order languages had few advocates, most of the opposition to them being based on the ground that they must inevitably be based largely upon one of the older tongues, or perhaps upon some group of tongues, and can only be popular with those to whom the latter come naturally.

Even Lindhagen addressed the interparliamentary sessions in French, not Volapuk or Esperanto.

Intended for short men, suspenders have been patented with an extra attachment in front to button on the front of trousers.

New Items Of Interest From Oregon Cities

GOLD IS MINED

Several Marshfield people were at the John B. Anderson ranch on Sunday where the Fraer brothers are operating Chibukam mining property, and saw the result of an eleven hour cleanup which the operators made. The result of the cleanup gave returns of \$200 in gold, and those who were there to watch the proceedings were shown the yellow metal which represents the amount mined.

The mine is on south inlet, about five or six miles from the Charleston Bay Bridge. Fraer brothers recently disposed of their grocery business in Marshfield to take up this mining enterprise which had been operated some in past years, but never paid any substantial returns.

The Anderson ranch is one on which John B. Anderson lived for many years before disposing of it. On selling, Anderson packed up his belongings and returned to his native home in Sweden.—Marshfield News.

BLOOD POISON FATAL

Elmo D. Burr, five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Don T. Burr of Englewood, died Sunday morning at five o'clock at the family residence. Death was caused by blood poison following an infection in the mouth.

Funeral services were held this afternoon from the Ellingson and Groskopf chapel with Rev. Frank Lin of North Bend officiating. Burial

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SEEKING HER SON

Seeking to communicate with her son, Joseph Monson, who is believed to be employed by a dairy farmer somewhere in Lane county, an appeal has been made by Mrs. Inghard Monson of Loesch, Mont.

The mother writes that her son wrote her that his address was general delivery at Eugene but that her letters have been returned unclaimed. The only clue as to the son's whereabouts, according to his mother, is a letter he wrote August 13 in which he stated that the farmer by whom he is employed had just installed a milking machine.—Eugene Guard.

HOME COMING SLOGANS

Homecoming slogans one of which will be the "war-cry" of the 1925-26 Homecoming, scheduled for November 13 and 14, are wanted. The contest starts today and the committee in charge expects 3000 suggestions, more or less, from which to select the prize winner—one suggestion, at least, from every student in the University.

The prize, incidentally, will be two grandstand seats to the Oregon-O. A. C. football game, the feature of Homecoming week-end.

Rules for the contest are simple. Students, alumni, faculty members and all others will be allowed to submit slogans—as many as they wish.—Oregon Emerald.

At the PINE TREE

Heart interest, pathos, tragedy, love, suspense, thrills, laughs, excitement—all these are found in "The Making of O'Malley," the big picture which opens tomorrow at the Pine Tree Theatre, with Milton Sills in the stellar role.

This is Milton Sills' first starring vehicle, and he is seen at his best in the role of a New York policeman. The story is laid in New York and interweaves the lives of a society girl who has tired of her social position and the policeman. There is a beautiful love theme running through the plot, at the end of which the policeman wins the wealthy girl. But the refining influence of the woman has had its effect on this two-faced man of the force, and lifts him up to a higher and finer appreciation of life. In short, O'Malley is a re-made man when the picture ends.

Not even in "The Sea Hawk" did Sills battle more effectively than he does in this picture. But beneath the gruffness of the "cop" lies a kindly heart softened by pity and sentiment.

"The Making of O'Malley" is a powerful story. It was adapted from Gerald Beaumont's recent magazine success of the same name by Lamber Hillyer. Hillyer also directed the picture under supervision of Earl Hudson, head of First National's Eastern units, the man who produced the screen sensation of years, "The Lost World."

Heading the supporting cast is Dorothy Mackall.

Texas editor refused to pay a \$50 fine. Mighty hard, but he could make it back in ten or twenty years.

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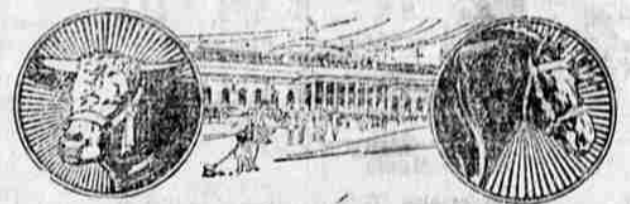
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"On To Portland" is the slogan of many farmers who desire to see and study the greatest exhibits of purebred beef and dairy Cattle, Horses, Sheep, Goats, Swine and Poultry ever assembled under one roof in America. The Pacific International Livestock Exposition will be held there October 31st to November 7th. Do not miss it!

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