

# The Evening Herald

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## THE LOWER LAKE CRIME

In all the history of the United States reclamation Service there has never been more arbitrary or unwarranted abuse than that meted out to the Klamath drainage district of this county. On November 30th, 1917, the United States Reclamation Service carried a deficit of \$290,000.00, in round numbers, charged against the lands of the lower Klamath lake. The government had absolutely nothing to show for this \$290,000.00, except possibly a few preliminary surveys, and superficial soil tests. At this time the Klamath Drainage district entered into its contract with the government whereby the government agreed to close the gates in the straits at Ady and keep them closed to the end that the Klamath drainage district could proceed with the reclamation of its lands by the method of evaporation and drainage, the same as that used for the reclamation of the Tule lake land.

In return for the act of closing these gates and keeping them closed the Klamath drainage district agreed to pay the United States \$104,898.15. The bargain was a hard one. The district got absolutely nothing for its \$100,000.00, except the mere act of closing these gates. Not one dollar's worth of canal lines, pumps, or property of any description. In view of the great work to be undertaken the district should not have been called upon to pay anything. In fact they were taking up the burden of the very work the government had fallen down on. But the district submitted to the terms of the contract and has since made its payments and lived up to the contract in full.

Now let us see what the government has done on its part. In place of cooperating in a whole-hearted way with the district and helping it in its great work; in place of aiding and befriending these people who took up the burden of paying into the United States reclamation fund the \$100,000.00 that been squandered and lost, the Interior department has continually harassed the district with investigations, investigations that have been a farce and have accomplished absolutely nothing except the needless expenditure of more money by the government and funds of the district that have been sorely needed to carry on the real work of reclamation. These investigations that have undermined the efforts of the farmers of this district to finance their construction work. The recent spectacle of a committee of soil experts standing in a field of grain and writing a report to the effect that the soil was not suitable for agricultural purposes is typical of the "investigations" that have been held by the Interior department.

With the continual threat of the government to open the gates in the straits at Ady and flood the lands, it has been a tremendous task to sell the bonds of the district so as to carry on the construction work. Only the steadfast backing of the governor of the State of Oregon and the state securities commission and the underlying faith of the friends of the district have made it possible for the district to carry on. Surely there are enough obstacles and discouragements connected with carrying forward a work of this great magnitude without being harassed and undermined by the one party who should be your friend.

The most dastardly part of the whole affair is that under the contract with the United States, the government would have no right to open the gates in the straits at Ady if the soil were absolutely worthless. Even the attorneys for the United States reclamation service have admitted that the question of the fertility of the soil does not enter into the conditions of the contract at all. The government agreed to close the gates at the straits and keep them closed, the only qualifications being: 1. That the plan of reclamation of the district should be practical. 2. That the plan should be accomplished in reasonable compliance with the provisions of the contract with the United States. 3. That the plan of reclamation should not interfere with the proper reclamation or use of the public lands.

That the plans are practical is admitted. At an unusually heavy expense they have been prepared by the district's engineer, revised by Stevens & Koontz, consulting engineers of Portland, and approved by the state engineer of the State of Oregon. It is also admitted that the plans are being accomplished in reasonable compliance with the provisions of the contract. The district has bonded itself in the amount of \$200,000.00, and is pushing the construction work as fast as conditions will permit. Neither does the plan of reclamation interfere with the reclamation of the public lands. As a matter of fact in order to meet the terms of the contract, the district has many heavy expenditures to enlarge its canals so as to be able to carry irrigation water for the public lands in California and thus reclaim them.

The director of the United States reclamation service

on his tour through the west continually prated about the "sanctity of contracts." With the history of the struggles of the Klamath drainage district before us it is a little hard to understand just what he means by the "sanctity of contracts."

Fortunately the reclamation of this great body of land is going steadily forward in spite of the undermining work of the Interior department. The State of Oregon is back of this project. The public lands in the lower Klamath lake were originally sovereign state lands and belonged to this great commonwealth. They were only ceded to the United States by the Act of 1905 in trust to be used for reclamation and agricultural purposes under the terms of the reclamation act. The United States has not only not used these lands for reclamation and agricultural purposes but is now doing all in its power to keep citizens of this state from reclaiming them for agricultural purposes. It has certainly breached its trust under the act of 1905, and the State of Oregon should take whatever steps are necessary to bring these public lands again under the domination of the State.

## CHRISTMAS SEALS

Tuberculosis Christmas-seals are again for sale on the candy-counters, cigar-stands, and hotel-desks of the country. Millions of them, too, are pouring into our homes by mail, with the request that we purchase the little stickers and so further strengthen the campaign against one of the world's greatest scourges.

This year the Christmas-seal comes of age. It is just twenty-one years since an obscure postal clerk in Denmark conceived the idea of a decorative stamp to be placed on Christmas mail as a means of raising funds for a hospital for tuberculous children. A few years later the first Christmas-seals that were sold in the United States raised \$3,000 for the purchase of a sanatorium-site in Delaware. Last year 1,250,000,000 seals were printed for the National Tuberculosis Association and their sale brought approximately \$4,500,000 into the coffers of the 1500 organizations affiliated with the national body.

During these years the Christmas-seal has helped to finance hundreds of local, State and national campaigns to secure hospitals, sanatoria, clinics and dispensaries. At least 20,000 public health nurses are at work in the schools and homes to educate children and parents in the rules of healthful living. In this way minor physical defects are detected and, because of early treatment, a physical breakdown in later life with tuberculosis or some other serious disease is often prevented. Every large city nowadays has its open-air schools, preventoria and nutrition classes where the children of tuberculous parents and others below par are brought to normal weight and strength. Approximately 3,000 such institutions are in this country at present. The Christmas-seal has made possible the Modern Health Crusade, the largest childhealth movement in the world, through which 8,000,000 schoolchildren have been taught daily habits of cleanliness, diet, exercise and rest so that they may develop into robust men and women.

Our participation in the annual Christmas-seal sale is an investment in individual and community health. More than that, we become a part of the message of hope which the seal carries to the many thousands who otherwise become victims of a preventable and curable disease. In all truth, the mission of the Christmas-seal is joyous health.

## Outside Concern Fleeces Klamath Falls Residents

A salesman, who states he represents a photographic concern, has fleeced several Klamath Falls residents into purchasing articles they did not order, according to reports received today.

The salesman, it is said, approaches the prospective customer with a proposition to make an enlargement of some prized camera snap shot. The order is taken, and later, after the salesman has departed, the enlargement returns, and also an expensive frame and glass for which the customer is billed anywhere between \$30 and \$50 extra. One customer who ordered enlargements has refused outright to pay for the frames and defies the company to prosecute him.

## Out Our Way



## STEWART'S WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON. — The Rhineland-er case has caused a deal of talk here as, doubtless, throughout the entire country.

Comment on it is Latin American diplomatic circles sounds odd to a North American. It seems equally odd to the Latin American that such a rampas should have been raised over a white man's marriage to a woman with a little negro blood in her veins.

Latin Americans long resident in the United States, to be sure, are aware of the hard and fast racial lines drawn here. If Mrs. Rhineland-er were a full blooded negroes perhaps they themselves would agree that she made a rather inappropriate wife for a Caucasian. To object, however to a union between pure white and just a dash of color strikes them as super-staleky.

But marriage between a youth of Leonard Kip Rhineland-er's social position and a servant girl! Ah, quite different. The Latin American continent recognizes that as a bad mes- allance from the Rhineland-er stand- point. It can't see that the former Alice Jones' small fraction of African ancestry signifies much.

"If," as one secretary of legation from south of the equator remarked to me, "young Rhineland-er can't live with his wife in America, why does not he take her to some part of the world where American color prej- udices don't exist?"

"He could locate, say, in Rio de Janeiro and become a Brazilian. He and his wife would be in perfectly good standing socially. They might be the parents of a future president."

## Woman Injured by Accidental Shot

MEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 7.—Mrs. Minnie Norman of Jacksonville, is under a doctor's care with a rifle shot in the leg as a result of the accidental explosion of a gun in the hands of her son, Lloyd, at their home yesterday. Mrs. Norman will recover.

## See that Your Car

Receives the proper crank case service and it will serve you better at less cost.

GENERAL  
FIRESTONE  
and  
OLDFIELD

## Klamath Tire House

"Cap" Calkins

Klamath Ave. & 6th St.  
Firestone, General and  
Oldfield Tires.

## WHAT OTHERS ARE DOING Bits of News From Towns Throughout the State FROM ALL OVER OREGON

### PICTURES OF CAMPUS

Three scenes of the Oregon campus occupying a half page in the rotogravure section appeared in the November issue of The Wiley Bulletin, published in New York. The views were of the Pioneer statue, Johnson Hall, and the entrance to Commercial Hall.

The Wiley Bulletin is published by John Wiley and Sons, Inc., scientific publishers and is distributed to college professors and users of business books.

In the section with the scenes of the Oregon campus were pictures of Syracuse University, Louisiana State University, Ohio State College and the Massachusetts Agricultural College. This section also included pictures of faculty members of outstanding institutions of learning in the United States.—Oregon Emerald.

### TWO MEDFORD BOYS

To the Editor:  
Jesse Dressler and Hans Holmer, two well-known Medford boys, starred in a traditional football game at West Point on Thanksgiving day. The game was between the goats, composed of the last twenty-two men of the class of 1927, and the Engineers, composed of the first twenty-two men of the class of 1927. Needless to say, Dressler played on the Goat team and Holmer did likewise on the Engineer team.

The game is traditional and most important because it generally predicts the results of the Army-Navy game. If the Goats win, then the Army is scheduled to win also. This year, the goats won by an impressive score of 22 to 6, and the Army won in its annual battle with the Navy at the Polo Grounds in New York.

The Goat-Engineer game was hard fought and marked by good football. In the first half, the Goats took the Engineers by surprise and scored three touchdowns. The Engineer team improved perceptibly in the second half it was almost impossible to gain through the line. Jesse played a whiz of a game as the Goat center. His pass- ing was accurate and his defensive work was only equalled by that of Holmer, the Engineer's left tackle. Dressler broke through and stopped the Engineer backs for losses time and time again. The sole purpose of the Engineer offense was to take out Dressler, Hans smothered all the off tackle plays and end runs that came in his direction. In fact, the defensive work of these two men stiffened both defenses and made it impossible for either team to gain, except by passing.

It is indeed a remarkable coincidence that among the twenty-two men assembled from all over the United States and its possessions, that these two men from the town of Medford should be selected to play in this historic encounter. This fact aroused much comment among the members of the corps of cadets. The cheering sections soon took up the cries "Come on Jesse" or "Do your stuff Hans!" Jesse and Hans certainly showed that they had real Oregon fight and determination. Let us all hope that they will take this fight and determination with them into Uncle Sam's army.

JOHN R. LOVELL,  
Cadet Corporal Class of 1927,  
West Point, Nov. 28.  
—Medford Tribune.

### COACHES MEET

For the purpose of outlining a schedule for the coming season a meeting of all high school coaches of boys and girls basketball teams will be held in Coquille, Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. J. F. Cramer, president of the Coos county athletic association, announced today.

Coquille high school won the county championship last year but Arago won the district championship and participated in the state tournament at Salem. Members of the county association are Marshfield North Bend, Coquille, Bandon, Myrtle Point, Powers, Coos River and Arago.

Western Lane, western Douglas, and northern Coos counties have organized for the winter with six games for each team in the league, which comprises Mapleton, Lakeside, Smith River, Reedsport and Florence. They start playing on December 12.—Marshfield News.

### VICTIM OF CANCER

F. D. Clesson, 63 years old, Curry county contractor and farmer, died of cancer in the Keizer hospital at noon today. He entered the hospital about a week ago.

For the past two years, Mr. Clesson had been engaged in road contracting work in Curry county, but

lately he had retired to his farm near Port Orford where he engaged in farming.

Two brothers, Walter Clesson of Decatur, Ill., and William Clesson of Lincoln, Neb., are the only known relatives.—Marshfield News.

### WAS TRUE SCION

Judge W. J. Rust, who died yesterday was a true scion of the frontier breed which kept conquering every new western wilderness from the lush loam lands of Illinois to the Pacific coast.

Judge Rust often told of the slogan made by his grandfather: "When ever I can't wake up in the morning and shoot at least two deer from my bedroom window it is time to move farther west."

His grandfather was a pioneer of four states, Illinois, Iowa, California and Oregon. His father was a pioneer of Illinois and California. When Judge Rust was three years old Illinois had become too tame for his father so the family packed their possessions and young William in ox-wagon and crossed the plains to California.

When Judge Rust was about 40 California had become too tame and that was the reason for his migration to Coos Bay, then a remote and unsettled section of Oregon. At that time it was one of the last stands of the old west—and it was bounded by the Pacific ocean.—Marshfield News.

## Local Man Gets Patent on Labor Saving Machine

A unique and practical invention, by which a better shoe shine may be secured at a saving of labor and time, has just been perfected and the patent secured, according to announcement this morning by the inventor, C. Ingles, 626 Main street.

Mr. Ingles calls his labor saving device the electrical shoe shining brush. Its principal feature is a rotary spreading brush, which is propelled by a quarter horse power motor at the rate of 2000 revolutions a minute. The motor weighs but four and one half pounds.

Mr. Ingles plans to have several of the machines manufactured next spring and summer. A California machine company will supply the motor and the Acme Motor company will install the rotary brush and put the machines together.

## Roundtable of Scout Leaders Meeting Held

Scouting is getting pretty well organized in Klamath Falls at the present time. The Scout Leaders Roundtable is creating a lot of interest among the scout leaders and the men are getting the training and help that they need to handle their job in the best way. Friday night there was scout meeting held in various parts of the county as follows:

Troop One of Klamath Falls was under the leadership of M. R. Bolland, assistant scoutmaster. S. P. L. Swanson is getting some good patrol competition under way and the boys are advancing rapidly in Scouting. Howard Barnhisel, one of the Round Table's special instructors, was on hand and gave instruction in semaphore signaling. The scout executive was present and delivered to the boys their drum and bugle equipment, flag and other property. George May was named bugler, Ronald Ulrich, drummer. Troop one is going right ahead.

Troop Four, under the leadership of Frank Moser, held a very good meeting. Howard Metcalf, special instructor of the Round Table, helped the boys on their ten-derfoot subjects, specializing on knots.

Meetings were also held at Bonanza under the leadership of James Luecke and C. A. Kieler, and at Chiloquin under the leadership of W. C. Balfour, Frank Bell, and De Fore Crumblitt.

Monday evening Troop two holds its meeting at the Presbyterian church under the leadership of Percy Murray, William Mueller and Dr. Cole.

### MARRIAGE LICENSE ISSUED

A marriage license was issued Saturday afternoon to Charles E. Lusk, local salesman, and Mariel Newbill, also of this city. The couple are both well known and connected with local stores.