

CRASH ON HAIRPIN TURN FATAL TO LOCAL MAN

NEW PERMIT RECORD HIT DURING MAY

Construction Nearing
\$750,000 Mark
Already

A new high mark in building for 1926, a record that gives promise of two million dollars invested in construction in Klamath Falls this year, was set during May, it was announced this morning by city officials.

Eighty-six building permits, involving an expenditure of \$185,203 were granted during May, 1926, by \$54,143, and is nearly three times that of the same month in 1924.

Building in this city at the end of the fifth month is but seven thousand dollars short of three-quarters of a million dollars. Figures show that since the first of the year \$718,855 has been spent here in erecting new business blocks and hundreds of new homes and smaller structures.

Just one-half the permits granted during May, 43, were for construction of new homes. The records continue to show a trend away from the "shack-town" regime which has reigned so many years in Klamath Falls. This is evidenced by the fact that of the 43 new homes last month, 29 cost \$1000 to \$7500, while 14 cost under \$1000.

In years past, the home that cost \$2500 or over was the exception and one-room "throw-togethers" were put over night by the score.

Three new buildings were started during the month: Underwood business block, corner of Seventh and Main street, \$25,000; hotel on Oak street to cost \$31,000; Melrose building on Main street, between Third and Fourth streets to cost \$24,000.

Following is a comparative tabulation of building construction for (Continued On Page Eight)

Yamsay Timber Sale Rumor Is Voiced Again

Officials of Long Bell and Forest Companies Here

Deep significance it attached here to the visit today of the president and vice-president of the Forest Lumber company and the general manager of the Wood Lumber company, of Wood, Calif., owned by the Long Bell Lumber company.

It is believed the visit indicates resumption of negotiations for the sale of the famous Yamsay tract to the Forest Lumber company. The Yamsay tract, owned by the Long Bell Lumber company, and located in north eastern Klamath, is recognized as the finest single unit of standing yellow pine timber in the world.

Officials here were R. B. White, Kansas City, Mo., president of the Forest Lumber company, C. C. Shepherd, vice-president of the same concern and J. M. White, general manager of the Wood Lumber company.

It is known that the Forest Lumber company has made tentative approaches toward purchase of the Yamsay tract, but recently it was learned that the body of timber was taken off the market. Presence of the representatives of the two big concerns indicates that the timber is again on the market.

OFFICIALS HOLD OWNER BURNED GRAIN ELEVATOR

Purchase of Lantern and Kerosene Seen as Suspicious Actions

LA GRANDE, Ore., June 1. (AP)—J. C. Blackington, 70, of Imbler, Ore., is in the county jail today held on an open charge while officers are investigating a fire which burned his warehouse at Imbler Sunday night. Today estimates of loss incurred in the burning of two warehouses, a grain elevator and its contents, run as high as \$100,000.

The state fire marshal is enroute to La Grande and is due to arrive here late this morning to take charge of the case.

According to Sheriff Jesse Brees, who arrested Blackington here yesterday, Imbler people report that Blackington spent most of Sunday removing articles from his warehouse and lodging them in other places.

Then he is said to have purchased a lantern and a gallon of kerosene, shortly afterwards buying a ticket to Island City, remarking to the ticket agent that "some hobo was smoking at my warehouse." He boarded the train at about 6 o'clock, and at 8:30 his warehouse burst into flames, the fire spreading to the other buildings.

Blackington has a family at Maywood, Calif., where he spent the winter. He returned to Imbler only a few days ago.

Plan Surfacing Road to Midland

Call Bids on Project to Cost About \$20,000

Bids for surfacing five miles of the Midland market road, a unit of the proposed Klamath Falls-Wood highway, will be called in June and the project will be completed this summer, it was announced today by County Engineer Joseph Jensen.

The county court has asked Jensen to prepare plans and specifications for the project, which will cost in the neighborhood of \$20,000.

The road will be improved from a point near Shaw-Bertram mill to Midland.

Contract for the grading of another unit of the Klamath Falls-Wood highway from a point south of Midland to Calor on the state line, will be let by the county court tomorrow afternoon. This project, five miles long, will involve expenditure of nearly \$20,000.

A movement has been started by the Siskiyou county court to construct a new highway from Calor south to connect with the Pacific highway at Weed. Completion of the Klamath Falls-Wood highway will shorten the distance to San Francisco and will create a closer connection between northern California communities and Klamath.

Boston Bean Finds New Land to Rule

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., June 1. (AP)—The Boston Baked Bean has migrated again—this time to South America, where it is displacing native dishes, the General Federation of Women's clubs was informed by a Buenos Aires correspondent. Corned beef and cabbage and other culinary idiosyncrasies of the United States have joined the invasion, but disguised with Spanish names.

Another Candidate for Asylum Berth

CHICAGO, June 1. (AP)—Water alone will sustain George Hasler Johnston on an attempted thirty-day hike from Chicago to New York. Starting today he expects to consume five gallons of water a day on his peregrination and to get 15,334 steps to the gallon.

Hatchet Attack On Railway Man Weird Mystery

DENVER, Colo., June 1. (AP)—With Frank Martz, 57, of Oroville, Calif., a railroad engineer, believed dying in a hospital here today from hatchet wounds in his head, county and city officers joined in an effort to find his assailant and uncover the motive for the attack.

Martz was found by farmers near Byers, Colo., 50 miles east of here, yesterday, wrapped in a tarpaulin and apparently asleep in an automobile. When the tarpaulin was removed, they found that Martz was seriously wounded and brought him to Denver, where examination showed that he had seven cuts, evidently made by a small axe, in the rear of his head. His skull was fractured in several places, and although he was still alive early today, physicians held out no hope for his recovery.

One man was held for questioning, Paul Cain, 24, who said he was from California, and on his way to Kansas seeking work, was found walking along the highway near where Martz body was found, and taken into custody. Officers said last night that his account of himself was not satisfactory and he will be questioned today.

In Martz' pocket, a letter from Hazel Martz of Parsons, Kansas, was found. The letter was addressed to "Dear Dad" and was believed to be from his daughter, whom he was planning to visit.

In a pocket of the automobile in which Martz was lying, officers discovered a bloody hand axe, with which they believe he was assaulted.

Postal Receipts Here Take Big Jump in May

Klamath postal receipts for May, 1926, were 45.81 per cent greater than during May, 1925, according to a report compiled by R. L. Griffith, assistant postmaster. An increase such as this, practically one-half over last year, has never been recorded here in any previous season, Griffith declared. An even greater percentage of increase is expected during the coming summer when tourists mail will augment the general receipts.

Klamath Births Double Deaths

Marriages Also Show Gain on Divorce Figures

Thirteen Klamath residents breathed their last during May, while in the same period 26 pairs of baby eyes opened for the first time. This is the report this morning from the Klamath County Health unit, offices, which places births during the past month at just double the deaths.

Over in the county clerk's office D. Cupid, archer extraordinary, displayed the first real smile for several months and for a good reason; there were nine more marriages than divorces during the month. Records show that eighteen couples obtained marriage licenses from County Clerk De Lap while during the same period, eight divorce cases were started in circuit court. As usual, the weaker sex appeared to be more weary of the marriage state, for five of the eight cases were started by women.

Evolution Debate Proves a Fizzle

CHARLOTTE, N. C., June 1. (AP)—The much heralded debate on evolution attracted a group of newspapermen, but a small audience. "The most contemptuous group was the newspapermen waiting for something to happen," said the Charlotte Observer. Nothing happened.

1926 BEGINS DRIER THAN PAST YEARS

Rainfall During May Almost Zero, Report Shows

Klamath, during May experienced one of the driest spring months on record when but .13 of an inch of rain fell, it was announced this morning from the reclamation office. This is 82 per cent below the average for May which is .75 of an inch.

Klamath is far below the average in precipitation for this year and indications point to even a drier year than 1924.

During the past eight months, from October the beginning of the water shortage period to the present date, but 6.45 inches of rain have fallen. During the same period in 1925-24, 5.64 inches had dampened the Klamath country. The average precipitation for this period during the past 20 years is 10.70. Last year by June 1, 14.59 inches had fallen.

"Rain, during the first 10 days of April of this year is what brought this year slightly above 1923-24 in point of precipitation," H. K. Smith, reclamation engineer said today. "But on the other hand, in August of 1924, there was a heavy rain fall for several days, which was unusual, so by the beginning of the storage water year, October 1, precipitation may be under 1924 or at least virtually the same."

Klamath suffered from killing frost during the month. During the nights of May 5 to May 9, inclusive, the mercury ranged from 33 to 32 degrees and again on May 26, the temperature dropped to 31 in Klamath Falls, which indicated a lower temperature in agricultural districts.

Maximum 82 Degrees
Maximum temperature for the month was 82 degrees, on May 18 and 31. Minimum was on May 8, when it dropped to 23 degrees. Sunshine from dawn to dark prevailed on 13 May days; ten were partly cloudy and during eight, the sun was obscured the entire day.

Century Old, Has Coolidge Greeting

NIAGARA FALLS, June 1. (AP)—Mrs. Catherine Schneider was happy today. Friends in great numbers helped her celebrate her 100th birthday, and in addition she had a letter of congratulation from President Coolidge.

Man With Pronounceable Name Chosen as Polish President

WARSAW, Poland, June 1. (AP)—Professor Ignatz Moscicki is the new president of Poland. He was elected by the national assembly today to succeed President Wojciechowski, who resigned following the recent military coup led by Marshal Pilsudski.

The election came on the second ballot today. Professor Moscicki received 281 votes as against 200 for Count Uninski, candidate of the right parties, and one for M. Marek, socialist. Sixty three ballots were left blank. Seven parliamentarians were absent, which meant 274 were necessary for election.

Deduction of the 63 blank votes from the total of 545, however, had the effect of lowering the majority necessary to elect. Most of the blank votes were cast by the Plast (peasant) national workers, Slav and the white Russian parties. These parties, therefore, indirectly helped to elect

MERCHANTS NOT ENTHUSED OVER JULY 4TH FETE

Refuse to Guarantee Money or Solicit for Proposed Celebration

"Yes, we'll admit a Fourth of July celebration would be appropriate and we will contribute to the cause. But—and we are united on this—the merchants of Klamath Falls will not guarantee \$3000 nor will they take upon themselves the job of soliciting for the celebration fund."

In so many words, this is the careful answer of Klamath Falls merchants to the proposed Fourth of July celebration submitted this morning by the American Legion. A representative gathering of business men considered the Legion proposal at a special meeting in the chamber of commerce this morning.

"Here's the proposition," A. M. Collier, chamber president explained at the chamber directors' luncheon this noon. "The Boy Scout drive for \$5500 starts tomorrow. This afternoon merchants will solicit for \$1500 for the Klamath Falls band in the face of those two drives. It is doubtful whether the money for the celebration could be raised."

One merchant at the meeting believed that the merchants should not be forced to carry the burden of every community undertaking.

"Let the restaurant man, the confectionery proprietors and the pool halls do their part; we sure have done ours," he said.

While no official action was taken at the directors' luncheon, the general reaction was to "keep hands off."

Auto Plunges in River; 3 Killed

GRANGEVILLE, Idaho, June 1. (AP)—William C. Noble, official of the Nez Perce national forest, his wife and ten year old son were drowned in the Clearwater river yesterday when an automobile driven by Mr. Noble went over an embankment into the river.

They were on their way to Koon-kla ranger station at the time and the car went into the middle fork of the Clearwater near Koon-kla. The bodies were recovered.

George Baker Dies In Few Minutes After Car Tips; 3 Others Injured

Mrs. Baker and Two Small Girls Seriously Injured, in Local Hospitals; Locked Brakes Cause of Wreck

Crushed underneath a heavy touring car, George Baker, 1224 Garden avenue, was killed on the Ashland-Klamath Falls highway at a dangerous hairpin curve three miles west of McCollum's mill yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.

Mrs. George Baker lies at the Klamath General hospital seriously injured. Her daughter Josephine, aged 9, is suffering from concussion of the brain and shock, and Louise Pomroy, 12, incurred a broken left collar bone and severe cuts and bruises.

MAY GIVE REWARD FOR DYNAMITERS OF ELLIOTT HOME

Governor Pierce Advocates That \$1,000 be Offered for Local Arrest

SALEM, Ore., June 1. (AP)—The payment of \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the persons who dynamited the home of District Attorney E. L. Elliott, at Klamath Falls, is recommended to the state legislature in a proclamation issued today by Governor Pierce. The state has no funds from which the reward can be paid now, but, according to custom, the governor recommends it to the legislature.

"The explosion of the bomb," says the governor's proclamation, "partially wrecked the building, several members of the district attorney's family narrowly escaping death. This is one of the most atrocious crimes ever attempted in the state of Oregon. In the absence of evidence to the contrary, it is to be presumed that this attempt upon the lives of the district attorney and his family resulted from prosecution of criminal cases in that county, and is a direct blow aimed at our government and law enforcement officers."

Hotel Loser as Thieves Operate

Do Thorough Job; Take Register and Cash

Thieves, with original ideas as to what constituted a good thorough piece of work, early this morning stole \$35 in a cash register from the lobby of the Central hotel, 834 Main, during the temporary absence of James Kelly, night clerk.

The morning was warm and Kelly left the front door of the hotel open while he went to waken men on the upper floors.

When he returned in a few moments he found only vacant territory on the counter where the register had reposed.

The wrecked register was found today in the rear of Connolly Bros. store.

Woman Auto Racer Fatally Injured

DENVER, Colo., June 1. (AP)—Mrs. J. A. Walker, who entered a five-mile Memorial day auto race as the "masked marvel" was killed when her racing car overturned. Her husband was entered in other racing events on the same card.

Locked Brakes Cause
Locked brakes, as Baker was making the sharp turn, caused the accident. The rear of the car swerved to the right, into loose gravel, on the side of the road, and then toppled over the steep grade. It rolled over once and came to a stop right side up at the foot of a tree.

Baker lived a half hour. His skull was crushed, one hand was nearly torn off and ribs over his heart were crushed. He died in the ambulance.

The four occupants of the ill-fated car were thrown from the automobile, but apparently the car rolled over Baker before as was thrown clear.

Dies in Ambulance
Two ambulances arrived a full hour after the accident. Mr. Baker succumbed in the Klamath Valley hospital ambulance. Mrs. Baker was taken to the Klamath General hospital. She is suffering from a broken hip, a broken pelvis bone and possible serious internal injuries. Unless internal injuries prove fatal, her physician believes she will recover.

Josephine Pomroy, suffering from concussion and Louise Baker, from a broken collar bone, were rushed to a hospital by William Jorman of this city. Both girls will recover, physicians stated.

Baker, according to his wife, apparently did not realize the proximity of the turn. He was coasting down the straight-away grade which leads to the turn, at a speed near 30 miles an hour and did not slam on his brakes until he had started to turn.

On Extreme Right
Tracks of the death car showed he was on the extreme right hand of the road. When the brakes locked, the back wheels of the car swung to the right, as if on a pivot. Deep gravel and dust on the side of the road did the rest.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker and daughter, Walter Pomroy and daughter and John Quibell, Pomroy's nephew, left Saturday afternoon to spend Sunday and Monday on Pomroy's ranch near Grants Pass. After a pleasant outing the party started back to Klamath Falls at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Quibell, in his car, led the party until he reached Medford where a puncture forced him to stop for repairs. Pomroy left Baker's car to help his nephew repair the tire.

Failed to Overtake
Pomroy and Quibell failed to overtake Baker and came onto the scene of the tragedy several minutes after it occurred. When they arrived the four victims were lying by the roadside, where they had been carried. The car Baker drove was owned by W. J. Raymond, a business partner. Baker's car was in need of repair.

Careful Driver
Baker was a careful driver, his friends told County Coroner Edith Whitlock this morning. He was known for keeping to the extreme right of the road at all times, and

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