

Klamath Basin Busy Section During 1929

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Events of 1929 in the Klamath Empire show that "something happened nearly every day" in this live and fast-growing section of Oregon.

Nearly any kind of event one might care to mention took place here from the opening of the Southern Pacific Klamath Falls-Altoona Eastern Cutoff to dedication of the city's second six-story building.

Included in the list of events were crimes, trials, visits of prominent personages of the nation, state conventions of lodges, and many business transactions. The main events are listed below, as recorded during the year in the Klamath daily papers.

JANUARY

- 1—Million dollar suit filed against California Oregon Power company by Fort Klamath Meadows Co. is dismissed by Judge A. L. Leavitt.
- 2—Judge Leavitt announced decision to open law offices. Louis Mueller appointed a special Indian officer for government.
- 3—New county and city officials take office. Plan for securing local armory presented to county court.
- 4—Aviation committee of the chamber of commerce starts plans for municipal airport.
- 5—Murder trial of Alberto Ortiz opens. He was sentenced to life imprisonment in the state penitentiary.
- 6—County Engineer E. R. Henry authorized by county court to locate rock quarry where prisoners would be put to work. Fire believed incendiary destroys warehouse at Bray Mill.
- 7—Opening of Ninth street proposed to council by property owners.
- 8—Trial of Fern Morley charged with murder starts. Morley later acquitted of killing James Randall.
- 9—Pelican Theatre Opens.
- 10—Opening of Poole's Pelican theatre.
- 11—Aviation committee asks that plans of suitable locations for airport be submitted.
- 12—Big snow throughout county.
- 13—Trial of William "Bill" Thompson, accused of shooting of Buck Pearson opens. Was acquitted of charge on January 26.
- 14—Klamath Gun club holds first regular shoot of 1929 with Everett Hardenbrook taking Class A trophy.
- 15—Shaw-Bertram Lumber company awarded Sycan timber unit of one-half million feet.
- 16—Chamber of commerce receives word of passage of pine beetle control bill in congress.

FEBRUARY

- 1—Bill introduced at legislature by Andrew W. Collier as the first step in securing armory for Klamath Falls.
- 2—Orpheus theatre damaged by fire.
- 3—Battery D of national guard receives word of leading the state in percentage of drill attendance.
- 4—G. C. Lorens was awarded 150,000,000 feet of timber in Whiskey creek unit for \$1,065,200.
- 5—Get O. and C. Money.
- 6—William "Whitney" Ward found murdered in cabin at Chilgoquin. Perry John, Indian, held for questioning. Later convicted and sentenced to McNeil's Island.
- 7—Money received from California Land Grant fund divided among county school districts.
- 8—\$150,000 school bond issue voted.
- 9—Great Northern railroad company asks permission to extend line from Klamath Falls 80 miles south to Lookout, Calif.
- 10—Thirty-six carloads of livestock leave Klamath Falls for San Francisco markets. County court authorizes clerk to advertise for bids for crusing 50,000 acres of timber.
- 11—Dr. T. C. Campbell, prominent physician succumbs to pneumonia.
- 12—Hold Winter Carnival.
- 13—California state legislature petitioned by chamber of commerce to complete six roads in northern California to connect with six Oregon highways.
- 14—Crater Lake ski race and winter carnival held at Ft. Klamath with Emil Nordene winner.
- 15—Announcement made of purchase of Campbell-Towle Lumber company mill on Sprague river by G. C. Lorens.
- 16—Klamath Retail Gas and Oil Dealers association formed to create better service and friendly spirit between all dealers.
- 17—Albert Austin, of Paso Robles, Calif., purchases Hotel Willard from Thomas Dillon.

MARCH

- 1—Announcement that Walker and Hovey to immediately start preliminary work for cutting 20,000,000 feet of logs.
- 2—Petition filed by 14 organizations of southeastern Klamath county asking Great Northern to route new line through Olney gap and Malin.

- 3—Council authorizes police committee to start work on marking streets for parallel parking.
- 4—Battery D given high praise by Lieut.-Col. J. L. Long, federal inspector.
- 5—Start G. N. Survey.
- 6—Earl Whitlock and A. E. Whitman purchase Main street property from Joe McDonald for \$60,000. Orpheus theatre transferred from Greenville Macpherson to Harry W. Poole.
- 7—Survey of Great Northern 80-mile extension started by crews.
- 8—Klamath News makes survey of gasoline situation in city. S. E. Henderson of Portland announces plans to construct three large modern apartment houses in Klamath Falls.
- 9—Courtney Eaton, wanted in Kelso, Wash., on Mann act charge is bound over to federal grand jury after arrest here.

APRIL

- 1—Installation of officers of Pomona county grange held. School bonds totaling \$150,000 awarded American national and First National banks on joint bid.
- 2—Plans for new sewer system approved by council.
- 3—Lloyd L. Low, sheriff, offers \$200 to anyone furnishing evidence or information on cattle stealers. Red Men's lodge formed here.
- 4—J. E. Green, employee of Pelican Bay lumber company, dies from skull fracture.
- 5—Construction of two-story building on Main street near Hotel Willard announced by W. D. Miller.
- 6—First open market opens in location of Palace Market. Piggly Wiggly and Quality Delicatessen.

MAY

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- 2—F. A. Oulton states bus service would be started by middle of July, after being awarded franchise.
- 3—Crater Lake lodge opened for summer season.
- 4—Special airport election of November, 1928, pronounced illegal by city attorney Gene O'Grady puts K. O. White, Chicago negro, down for count in boat at Pelican theatre.
- 5—Indian congress, sponsored by local post of American Legion, opens.
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SEPTEMBER

- 1—All Klamath county schools open.
- 2—Irene McCann being investigated on bad check charge attempts to commit suicide.
- 3—J. Frank Adams dies from injuries received when thrown from horse in Lava Beds. Six couples held in county jail on white slave charges after several raids made by officers.
- 4—K. Sugarman holds annual fall opening of men's styles. Swan lake fire under control but guarded by 100 men.
- 5—Open S. P. Cut-off.
- 6—Formal opening of the new Southern Pacific 98-mile cut-off to east, extending from Klamath Falls to Altoona. J. J. Miller, Southern Pacific district freight and passenger agent, dies suddenly following Klamath Falls-Altoona celebration.
- 7—400 acres of rye and wheat destroyed by fire in Tule lake district.
- 8—Klamath Falls officers accused by William Ferguson of allowing immoral conditions to exist in the city, and also questions legality of airport bond election. Charges later withdrawn.
- 9—Final rites held for J. J. Miller of Southern Pacific company.
- 10—Timbermen examine assessment books and are expected to file tax protests.
- 11—Timbermen Protest.
- 12—Klamath News checks county books and reveals serious financial conditions.
- 13—J. C. Barnum announces purchase of 171 feet on Main street for erection of two-story building.
- 14—Four timber companies file protests against tax assessments.
- 15—First snow of season arrives in county.
- 16—Theodore Hoover, brother of President Hoover, visits city from his home at Palo Alto, Calif.

OCTOBER

- 1—Formation of Klamath Dairymen's association completed and plans made to install a plant in Klamath Falls. Stolen cars hauled from government irrigation canal.
- 2—Residents of Tule lake plead with duck hunters to remain out of district until after rains on account of fire danger.
- 3—Thomas Barclay, Indian, commits suicide at home at Sprague River.
- 4—Consumers Gas corporation announces intention of locating plant in this city.
- 5—Annual Klamath Dairymen's banquet held at exhibit building.
- 6—Merchants Organize.
- 7—State tax commission accepts invitation to sit with county board of tax equalization to hear tax protests from timbermen.
- 8—Check-up on county financial situation shows enough money is available to run through October.
- 9—W. J. Kennett elected chairman of Klamath County Merchants association at initial meeting.
- 10—Klamath county drawn into whirlpool of tragedy and mystery in cult murder case of Los Angeles involving Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Rhoads and adopted daughter, Willa Rhoads.
- 11—State Tax Men Here.
- 12—Charles Galloway and John Carlin, both members of

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JANUARY

- 1—All crossings on Modoc Northern line except one near Shaw-Bertram approved by state.
- 2—Timber owners meet at the court house to discuss tax levy.
- 3—Annual high school May day held in court house yard. Attended by Governor Patterson.
- 4—Annual chamber of commerce

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In every type of enterprise, commercial or professional, there are, of necessity, certain leaders.

In the business or profession concerned, these leaders are generally known and recognized, but frequently the public finds it hard to distinguish them.

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