

NEWS IN BRIEF

Character Close-Ups

THIS LONG NAILED CHAP HAS THE FIRST QUALIFICATION OF A GOOD SALESMAN—HE IS NOT HOT-HEADED

Diamond Mines in Oregon?

Are there diamond mines in Oregon? Who knows? John Peacock found a brilliant stone 20 years ago near Plush, Lake county, which, sent to be polished, was identified as a diamond worth several hundred dollars. W. A. Snider, commissioner of Lake county, a resident of Paisley, says that he knew Peacock and saw the stone, but doesn't know whether it was a diamond. When Commissioner Snider left home for Portland a few days ago, there was a report in Lakeview that a group of Oregon people had organized to find diamonds and were operating in the vicinity of Plush, where the supposed Peacock diamond was found. A similar rumor was current a couple of months ago when residents of Grant county were on a scouting tour with engineers looking for indications of diamonds. The Grant county folk said that diamonds had been found, they understood, in Harney county. According to Commissioner Snider, the search for diamonds near Plush is being carried on with considerable secrecy, but that it is reported machinery has been installed and one of the prospectors went to Lakeview for dynamite. "I don't know about diamonds but there may be, some," confessed the county commissioner. "I do know, however, that there are some magnificent opals in Lake county. There was a chap called 'Shorty Opal' who used to gather them, and he received his name because he was always carrying opals around with him. He gave me a large one which I had made into a stickpin. The jeweler reported that it was a very fine stone. Opals have been known in Lake county for many years, and there are stories that several have been found which were valued at many thousands of dollars. There are opal operations now going on near the Oregon-Nevada line."—Oregonian.

Discusses New Route

"Glass buttes, which was a bone of contention, for the obdurate splinters would slash a tire with the ease of a razor blade, is to be avoided by the new route of the Bend-Burns section of the Central Oregon highway," reports J. S. Ines, commissioner of Deschutes county, in the city from Bend. "The new work swings further away from the buttes. The obdurate is the material from which Indians made their arrow and spear heads and their knives. It is a volcanic glass and the butte is a mountain of the stuff. Work on the Bend-Burns section has been interfered with by the recent storm, but during the long working season a large amount of grading was accomplished. This route, when completed, will shorten the time between Burns and Bend materially."—Oregonian.

Green Springs in Fine Shape

The information department of the chamber of commerce announced this morning that the Green Springs highway is in splendid condition. All highways except the Weed-Klamath Falls and the two routes to Altrura are open. The snow-plow had a little difficulty in opening up the Lakeview highway, but it is now clear and in good shape.

Dr. Glazebrook to Talk

Dr. Larkin W. Glazebrook of Washington, D. C., who is traveling over the United States delivering a series of lectures, particularly to men, will speak Thursday night at the parish house of St. Paul's Episcopal church. Dr. Glazebrook will speak to the men of Klamath Falls, and all are welcome to attend this meeting.

Announce Birth of Twins

Announcements have been received by friends of the birth of twins to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. "Chuck" Taylor of Corvallis, on December 14. They have been named Joyce Estelle and Jerry Everett. Mr. Taylor is deputy fire marshal, and is often in Klamath Falls on business.

Torch Blamed for Fire

Fire, thought to have been caused from a blowtorch used in thawing frozen water pipes, last night caused a small loss to a house at 221 Oregon avenue. Damage was slight, but the fire department was called out. The house was occupied by a man named Fisher.

Howard Ralph Left

Howard Ralph, former salesman for the Union Oil company, left the first of the week for Medford where he has been transferred. Mr. Ralph will replace Mr. Williams of the valley city who was promoted to the position of agent. Howard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Ralph and has received promotions very rapidly since he began working for the Union Oil company. He is well known here as well as throughout the Klamath Basin and has been popular among members of the younger social set here.

San Francisco Visitors

A. F. Sadler, E. J. Levy, J. Y. Lambeth, S. R. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. K. Kruger and Frank Evans are San Francisco visitors in Klamath Falls today. Other Californians registered at local hotels include George W. Edwards, Chico; W. M. Conger, Oakland; and Robert Stewart, San Diego.

Elder Will Lecture

Elder Preston D. Alder of the Mormon church will speak tonight at the city library auditorium on the "Fruits of Mormonism." The lecture, which will be illustrated with colored slides, will begin at 7:30. The public is invited.

Endeavor Worker to Speak

A. J. Shurtle, treasurer and field secretary of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, will speak to Endeavorers and others of Klamath Falls at the Presbyterian church on Monday evening, January 27.

Minneapolis Visitor

Miss Edith Whitman of Minneapolis, Minn. arrived in this city last week to visit her cousin, Mrs. T. R. Abbott. Miss Whitman will remain in Klamath Falls for several months.

Girls and Women to Play

Altamont Women's Athletic club and Altamont Girls' Basketball club teams will meet Friday night at 7:30 on the gym floor of the Altamont school. Admission of 15 cents for adults will be charged.

Bowling Prices Reduced

Announcement was made last night that the Klamath Bowling alleys has reduced the price of bowling from 40 cents a game to 25 cents a game.

Klamath Agency Visitor

Mrs. R. H. Bittney is leaving soon for Portland, where she is taking her little son for treatment.

Shopping in City

Mrs. S. W. Egeline of Alameda was shopping in the city Tuesday.

Lloyd Porter On Vacation

Lloyd Porter, assistant cashier at the First National bank, left Tuesday morning for San Francisco and Los Angeles to spend his annual vacation and will enjoy a fortnight in the south. His mother, Mrs. G. T. Porter, who accompanied him south, will remain in the south for about two months and will visit in Temple City with her daughter, Mrs. R. H. Walker. Mrs. A. M. Collier is another one of Mrs. Porter's daughters.

Planning Dance

Members of the G. A. A. high school girls' athletic organization, are planning a dance to be held Friday evening from 8 until 9 in the high school gymnasium, following the basketball game. The affair is to be a "Flunker's Frolic" and the flunkers will be honored guests at the dance. Several clever and original features are being planned by the girls in charge.

Donald Pauline in City

Donald Pauline, now a resident of Portland, is a business visitor in Klamath Falls for a short time. Mr. Pauline is a former resident of Kallispell, Montana, where his father was mayor and Montana state senator for many years. Mr. Pauline visited here several months ago.

Returned to San Francisco

A. J. Barclay and son, A. J. Barclay, Jr., have returned south to San Francisco having completed their work here. Mr. Barclay was chief engineer of construction on the Modoc Northern and was accompanied south by his chief clerk, Mr. H. A. Gabriel.

A. H. Onstad Here

A. H. Onstad, chief engineer for the Weyerhaeuser Timber company, with headquarters in Tacoma, Washington, is in the city for several days conferring with officials of the local Weyerhaeuser mill. Mr. Onstad is a guest at the Willard hotel while here.

J. C. Boyle Here

J. C. Boyle, assistant general manager for the California Oregon Power company, arrived here yesterday from his headquarters at Medford to spend a short time on business and visiting friends. Mr. Boyle was formerly with the Klamath Falls Copeco office.

Baby Girl Named

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Aiken have named their baby daughter Constance Marie. The little girl was born at the Hillside hospital on January 13. Mrs. Aiken was Miss Mildred Lucas before her marriage.

Washington Visitors

C. D. Vosselson, Seattle; Virgil R. Smith, Seattle; A. W. Du Rose, Seattle; and Eugene French, Chehalis, are among the Washingtonians in Klamath Falls today.

Rash Romance

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CHAPTER XII

Arthur Knight followed his daughter up the steps. His eyes met Judith's wide, startled gaze. "Never mind, Honey," he said softly, touching her arm. She just—well, it was a sort of a shock, I guess. There, there! Everything's going to be all right."

The man looked distressed. He and Judith went into the house. Tony was not in sight.

Mrs. Wheeler stood in the hallway. She was staring up toward the staircase, but when she heard them she turned. Her honest eyes showed plainly she knew something was wrong.

"Miss Tony went right up to her room, sir," she said to Knight. "Didn't even—didn't even speak to me!"

Judith and Arthur Knight exchanged glances. The girl was first to speak. "Haven't you better go up to her?" she asked in a colorless voice.

Knight looked at his wife. Did she really mean it? He was not accustomed to dealing with hysterical females. And how hysterical Tony had lashed against her stepmother during the drive. Tony had always had a temper. He had seen mimic tantrums ever since the youngster was 4 years old. But nothing like this! Nothing ever like this!

She was upstairs now—alone and doubtless in tears. Impulse told Knight to rush up those stairs, kiss his pretty daughter, tell her things were all a mistake and coax her into smiling.

But here stood Judith, his wife. Was it to be Tony now or Judith? "Haven't you better go upstairs to her?" Judith Knight was repeating.

"Yes, I'll go up," he said, and mounted the stairs.

Mrs. Wheeler came nearer to the girl.

"What in the world—?" she asked in a stage whisper. "What's happened?"

"Miss Tony—she's feeling well," Judith tried to make the explanation sound plausible. "It was the trip, I think. Her father will let you know if she wants anything."

At last she heard his footsteps. Knight came down the staircase slowly. It must have been an ordeal. Judith remained where she sat, and Arthur came into the living room.

"But I've known the child since she was that high!" the woman spoke indignantly. "And not a word to me! She just sailed past with her head up in the air as though she was seeing ghosts!"

Judith moved toward the library. She could not stand there discussing Tony Knight with the housekeeper; neither could she remain motionless. She wanted to get away by herself, to be doing something.

"If Miss Knight wants anything," she said a second time over her shoulder, "her father will let you know."

It was close to 10 o'clock when Arthur Knight went upstairs and knocked at Tony's bedroom door. It was two hours later when he came down again.

All that time Judith had waited in the living room. The first reassurance to her happiness with Arthur Knight had arrived and Judith was waiting for judgment. She was aware Arthur had spoiled his daughter hitherto. What would he do now?

She sat on the divan where last night she and Arthur had watched the firelight so happily. There was a fire burning on the grate now. The flames were leaping merrily, but Judith did not even remember last night. As a matter of fact, her hands were cold.

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"Well?" he said in his quiet voice.

"Arthur—is she going to be all right?" The girl had sprung to her feet. Her face was white and tense.

"Oh, yes," he said. "Tony's going to be all right. I told Mrs. Wheeler to send up a tray. She'll probably want to stay in her room a little longer."

He took Judith's hand, drew her down beside him on the davenport.

"You mustn't think too hardily of Tony because of—this morning," he went on, evidently feeling for words carefully. "The child has always been high strung. I suppose we've humored her. Of course I should have written Tony about our marriage right from the first. That was my mistake, and I realize it. I'm going to get a letter off this afternoon to Junior."

"But, Arthur," she persisted, does she understand now? Is Tony going to be—friendly?"

She, too, was careful of the words she chose.

Knight patted her arm and smiled reassuringly. "Everything is going to be all right, Judith, I promise you. We'll just have to—"

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