

Photographic History



New Bridge Major Change In Keno From Early Days

Keno, a Klamath county town which was named for a bird dog, is the subject of today's old-time picture.

The view, from the Baldwin collection, was probably made around 1910, and shows the old wooden bridge which crossed the river at that point in those days. Below is a picture taken this week of Keno, which shows the town has not grown much, if any, but that it has a handsome concrete state highway bridge instead of the shaky structure of earlier times.

According to McArthur's "Oregon Geographic Names," Keno was first called Klamath River. Postal authorities objected. McArthur says their complaint was that it might be confused with Klamath Falls, but this seems unlikely because Keno was called Keno as far back as 1887, whereas Klamath Falls was not adopted as the name for the county seat until the 'nineties.

Next, according to McArthur, Captain O. C. Applegate, Klamath pioneer, suggested the name of Plevna. This was accepted, and is still the name of a justice court district. But the postal authorities moved Plevna post office to another location and local residents, incensed, set up another post office and called it Keno. The name was that of Captain D. J. Ferree's dog, which had been named after a popular card game of those days.

It will be seen from the two pictures that at least two of Keno's present-day buildings, the store and the building across from it at left, were there when the early-day picture was taken.

The History of Central Oregon, published in 1905, carries the following notation on Keno:

"This is a small-sized town 12 miles southwest of the county seat, on Klamath river. Besides the business houses necessary for the trade of that section, it is the shipping point for the products of two

sawmills. The town is eligibly located on Klamath's big stream and where its waters cease their tranquility and go roaring and foaming down miles upon miles of canyon. Kissing the border of the town is dense forest on the south, it has for its northern boundary the Klamath river, which at this point is broad and deep.

"Keno has two sawmills, two general stores and a hotel and two blacksmith shops. On the site of Keno was located one of the first grist mills in the county, but it was not until 1887 that the town of Keno came into existence. March 23, 1888, the Klamath Star said: 'Keno now has all the requisites necessary to make a first class town, one grocery and dry goods store, one hotel, one blacksmith shop, one saloon, besides other attractions. Keno will surely become quite a town at no distant date.'

"On October 19, of the same year, the Star added: 'The town of Keno, though just one year old, has a long street on which are two large, freshly painted hotels, a large mercantile establishment, blacksmith shop, livery stable, saloon, wagon shop, stage station and private residences.'

Boy Actor Runs Away From Home

NEW YORK, Feb. 28 (AP)—Nine-year-old James Grimes' professional pride — among other things — was hurt when his mother paddled him for playing hookey from school. So the negro boy actor ran away from home.

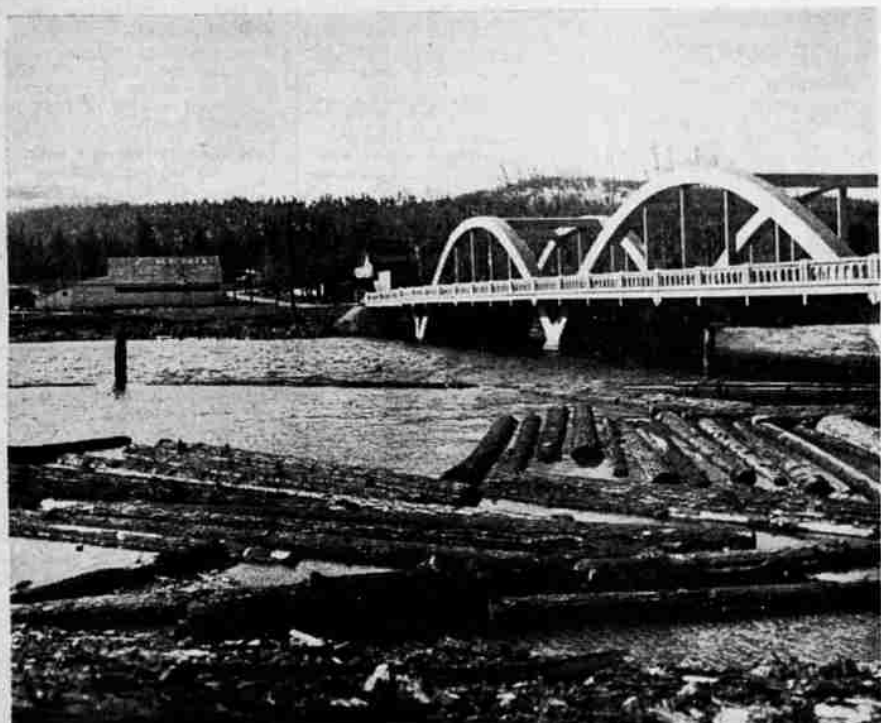
The mother, Mrs. Margaret Grimes, told police yesterday her son had been missing since Thursday, just after the spanking.

She said James, who has a role in the Broadway show, "Pinian's Rainbow," warned her: "You cannot strike an actor."

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When Wes Guderian, Herald and News photographer, went to Keno this week to take a picture for comparison with the old-time shot above, he found he could not show the same general scene in its entirety because the new bridge and some trees blot out part of the view as shown in the old picture. But he went ahead and took the smaller picture from the same general location.

Soil Men Hold Klamath Meet

Objectives of the soil conservation service, its practices and mechanics of operation were thoroughly discussed at a three-day training program held Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in the Klamath Falls office.

The purpose of the program was to acquaint new men in the service with the organization, its scope of activity and conservation problems in this district.

Speakers were Joseph Rogers of Bend, George Goshline of Corvallis, Andrew Christianson and Maynard Brown of Redmond, and Lester Davenport of Lakeview. Klamath Falls men present were William Badurina, A. E. Everts, Ray Wyrick, Lowell Bell and Edward Grallan and of these Badurina and Everts spoke on the relation of soils to drainage.

Other subjects covered at the conference were the farm plan reporting system, preparation of irrigated farm plans, monthly safety meetings, getting practices applied on irrigated land and the preparation of group facility plans in Oregon.

Railroad Head Sees Good Times

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 28 (AP)—There's to be four or five years of good times, says R. B. White, president of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. While on a visit here he told reporters:

"We have had a drop in the commodity and stock markets and we may have another. But I see nothing ahead but four or five years of good prosperous business. We have never had hard times when there was a lot of construction going on. The big depression between the two wars was preceded by slack construction."

Queen Charlotte Tremor Recorded

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 28 (CP)—The Dominion public weather station here said today it had received

report from the radio range station in the Queen Charlotte islands of an earth tremor at 5:58 p. m. (PST) yesterday.

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WHEREAS, In 1947 the Red Cross expended a sum in excess of eleven million dollars on account of disasters alone, aiding the victims of the greatest number of calamities in any single year of the organization's history; and

WHEREAS, In response to a growing need recognized by numerous medical leaders, the Red Cross has now embarked upon a national blood-donor program designed eventually to furnish whole blood and blood derivatives to the entire nation without cost therefore; and

WHEREAS, The Red Cross must stand ready to provide assistance to millions of American war veterans in their readjustment to civilian life and to furnish added comfort, entertainment and relaxation to those in government hospitals; and

WHEREAS, This organization which exemplifies the noblest instinct of mankind—the desire to aid one's fellow man—is now issuing its 1948 appeal for contributions totaling seventy-five million dollars;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harry S. Truman, president of the United States of America and honorary chairman of the American National Red Cross, do hereby designate March, 1948, as RED CROSS MONTH, and I urge every citizen to respond as generously as possible to this humanitarian cause.

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