

LOCALS

Mr. Stanton, district manager of central division of Shell Oil company has been here several days on business. He left yesterday for his home in Redding.

John Donnelly of Yonka valley was in town on business yesterday.

Thomas Sparks and son William were in Klamath Falls from Bonanza yesterday.

Zephia Rogers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Rogers left yesterday morning to enter into the typing contest which is being held at Corvallis.

Word has been received here by the local representative of the Union Savings & Loan association, Momyer

& Momyer, of the marriage of R. J. Kirkwood and Miss Opal Brown. Mr. Kirkwood was until very recently president and general manager of the association and Miss Brown secretary. Both have severed their connection. Mr. Kirkwood being succeeded by W. P. Olds, formerly of Olds, Wortman and King. This firm recently changed hands and Mr. Olds has taken over the active management of the Union Savings & Loan association.

J. W. Deput of the Merrill highway was among out of town visitors today.

Dr. C. V. Rue and Dr. Paul W. Sharpe of San Francisco have signified their intention of making Klamath Falls their future home by renting a suite of three offices in the Hopka building on 8th and Main. Business will detain the physicians in California until about June 1st at which time they will open up their offices here. Dr. Rue is a son of Professor Rue, who holds the chair of professor of education in the University of California.

Hudson county court house and knocked one of them to the floor in a court room where a trial was in progress.

ALBANY, N. Y., April 16.—Mrs. Florence Knapp, secretary of state issued her first order to prospective census takers as follows: "Don't go!" "No person who serves in this state census is going from one house to the next and pass along information about the neighbors," she explained. "I shall make an example of any one caught at it."

OMAHA, April 16.—Leaving a note that she was "going to get drunk and go to hell in a hand basket" Mrs. Ethel Wray, 35, committed suicide here because her husband gave a number of kittens to a woman of whom Mrs. Wray was jealous.

PORT WAYNE, Ind., April 16.—Mrs. Margaret Putnam, obtaining a divorce was also given \$50 alimony with which to buy a new set of false teeth. "My husband promised me a new set of false teeth for a wedding present," she told the judge. "Instead he gave me a pair he had dimherited from a relative. They didn't fit and were worse than no teeth at all."

DORRIS REMOVAL MAY CAUSE ROW IN GAME BOARD

PORTLAND, April 16.—Removal of Ben Dorris from the state game commission by the government Wednesday is considered by sportsmen of the state as an open declaration of war by Governor Pierce and the beginning of a movement to get the official scalps of A. E. Burdick, state game warden, and M. L. Ryckman, superintendent of game hatcheries.

In spite of the apparent truce that has existed between the governor and the sportsmen since the recent session of the legislature the ousting of Dorris is believed by the sportsmen to be a move to do just what they do not want done.

There is no doubt expressed by the sportsmen that Dorris was sacrificed so a new line-up could be affected and control of the commission could be shifted to the support of a new group of officials for the game department.

The sportsmen through Dorris, I. N. Fleischner and Harold Clifford have fought against inclusion of Diamond lake in Crater Lake national park where R. L. Price is manager of the concessions, and have opposed all movements to place state game refuges under federal control. Burdick and Ryckman as employees of the commission, have fought the same battle.

MANY BIDS FOR NEW SCHOOL BLDG.

Many bids for the main contract and sub-contracts, were received by the board of directors, sitting in special session Monday night for the purpose of receiving bids on the construction of a new school building on High street, between Seventh and Eighth. More firms from the outside territories were represented at this meeting than the school district has ever been able to interest before in its construction program. John Almerston of Portland, was the lowest bidder with an offer of \$129,260, while W. D. Miller, local bidder was the highest with a bid of \$159,195. Neither of these bids included heating, plumbing, or electric wiring. Campbell Construction company of Sacramento was a close second to Almerston with a difference of but \$440, while W. D. Cofer varied from the Miller Construction company bid by \$1,562. The lowest possible combination of the bids presented would have made the proposed building cost \$167,509. There being far from this amount of funds available the board found it necessary to ask the architects to figure on various methods of saving in the plans. As is customary in such instances the two lowest bidders will present to the board later a proposal as to the cost after eliminating wherever possible to save costs. The two lowest bidders courteously expressed their willingness that the other bidders be allowed to have an opportunity to estimate also on the proposed cuts. No bids were rejected but all were held pending further action in the matter.

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS TO BE HEAVILY FORTIFIED FOLLOWING MANEUVERS

By THOMAS L. STOKES
WASHINGTON, April 16.—The Hawaiian islands, dots in the great expanse of water, hold the key of successful warfare in the Pacific ocean whether it is aimed toward the long unprotected coast of the United States and the Panama canal or directed toward the Orient. Therefore if the battle fleet theoretically "captures" them in the coming maneuver, it would disclose the need of stronger fortifications. If the battle fleet, with all its auxiliaries, is successful, however, the result will overturn the consensus of opinion among military experts of this government. And if the fleet is unsuccessful, it will prove to all practical purposes that they are impregnable, as the sea forces employed against them are as strong as could be gathered by any other nation, and stronger than most.

The ultimate plan of fortification of the Hawaiian islands is as yet not realized. When it is, the islands will be practically impregnable in the opinion of military experts, if the United States fleet is in the Pacific. How do the Hawaiian islands hold the key to the Pacific? Principally because they are the only "stopping point" in the 5,000 miles between North America and the Orient. A fleet cannot operate this distance adequately without a base where it can re-fuel. On Oahu the United States has such a base, now being developed to meet all needs, and strongly fortified.

The United States now holds this base. As long as it does, no enemy fleet could operate across the Pacific toward the shores of this country without almost insurmountable difficulties. In the first place it could not support itself for maneuvering about in the Pacific or for a drive toward the United States. In the second place it would not dare to make a drive for the American coast if the United States fleet were based on Hawaii, well supplied for all needs, and ready to cut it off upon its return.

The islands themselves, of course, cannot defend the entire coast from

Alaska to the Panama canal. Their prime function is as a base at the cross roads of the Pacific, in advance of the Alaska-United States-Panama canal line. With the fleet in the Pacific, and based on Oahu, no enemy could approach this line without having that base on its flank.

With the islands in the hands of an enemy, on the other hand, they would be a base from which offensive operations could be conducted against the American coast line. A particular advantage to an enemy would lie in the fact that they are closer to the Panama canal than any other site that could be used as a base.

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