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F. To Have New Suburb Eastward Paved Altamont

Tract To Be Opened By Wishard; Acres Opened At Once; To Be Sold In 5 Acre Plots; Roads Will Be Improved; Many Irrigation Votes.

Extensive suburban home development plan for Klamath will be launched at once by A. L. Wishard, former owner of the Klamath irrigation district, at "Altamont," a 107-acre tract of land purchased from the Ladd & Clark of Portland. This tract is located to the right of the highway between Garich's auto camp and the first Midway. Following the disposal of this land it is understood that the tract will be divided into 5-acre plots and sold immediately on the south, which he now owns. Wishard desires to give Klamath people of moderate means a better living conditions than the usual cramped city lots. He wishes to take up the platting and sale of the tract at this time. The "Altamont acres" as the name implies, will be made up of lots, which will be sold at from three to five hundred dollars each. A free water right will accompany each lot. The tract is sold in the new district. Modern improvements, consisting of a cinder paved, graded roadway front of each lot, city water, electric light, and telephone connection will be provided. There will be three and a half blocks in the main plat of the district, each block containing sixty-foot roadways running north and south, and roads running east and west, and each block enclosed by a woven wire fence with ornate posts painted white. A road running parallel with the present highway out to the south, will also run through the sub-division. One of the advantages to the prospective home owner is the new sub-division, Mr. Wishard pointed out, is a very facility in the way of light, water, phone, etc., to be found in the most up-to-date city home available for the residents of his tracts, and besides, owing to the location lying just outside the city limits the residents will be faced by less than half the taxes of the city. The most important of all, they would have sufficient room to keep a cow, chickens, and to raise a great many garden produce which they are now forced to buy on the market. "These people will be on the most fertile soil with plenty of water, and if one acre is not sold they will sell them five-acre tracts. That will be the individual holdings within the district." The tract is already surveyed and platted, and the active sale for its sale will be launched just as soon as fences and streets surrounding the blocks can be installed. The tract owner in "Altamont acres" will be a voter in the Klamath irrigation district matters, such as the election of directors for the district.

Member Road Paved As Class Road By Assembly

PORTLAND, April 24.—Under a bill originally passed by the legislature last year, the assembly today passed a bill which would be divided into A and B primary systems and a secondary system. A and B roads would receive 30 per cent respectively of the state road building funds. The bill would also provide for the construction of a new line from Crescent City to the line from Red Bluff to Bieber, and from Alsea to the line from Alsea to Oregon line are classified as A or main trunk roads measure.

Jim Thorpe's Indian Bride Wins Divorce

TULSA, Okla., April 24.—Iva M. Thorpe, wife of Jim Thorpe, famous in athletics, has been granted a divorce on the grounds of abandonment. It became known today. Mrs. Thorpe, a Cherokee Indian, was granted \$125 a month alimony for 15 years, and custody of three children.

GEOLOGIST KILLED

ARTESIA, N. M., April 24.—Albert R. Beymer, 45, Tacoma, Wash., geologist was instantly killed, and Calvin H. Cass, 40, also a geologist, of Casper, Wyo., was injured today when their automobile collided with another machine.

TRAFFIC MEETING MONDAY

The traffic committee, representing civic organizations and the general business element, met yesterday afternoon in the chamber of commerce and after discussing the congested conditions of city streets, decided to hold a meeting from 2:30 to 4:30 o'clock Monday afternoon, to which everybody interested in traffic conditions is invited to come. From the decision made at this meeting the committee will appear before the city council and recommend certain traffic changes. The committee is composed of R. B. Amiecke, K. Sugarman, Andrew Collier, J. W. Kerns and J. H. Martineau, chairman.

Torpedo Boats Of Fleet Seen Off Hawaiians

HONOLULU, April 24.—A brace of advance torpedo boat destroyers, scouts of the blue fleet, were sighted off Hilo, island of Hawaii at 4:30 o'clock this morning according to Harbormaster James Reid, who said the vessels disappeared almost immediately after a swift survey of the Hilo coast.

Siege of Oahu, chief island of the Hawaiian group, and America's mid-Pacific outpost, is expected to begin about 5 o'clock Saturday morning. Then the mighty blue fleet, representing for tactical purposes, the armada of a hostile power, will begin the theoretical bombardment of the cleverly concealed fortifications of this sub-tropical paradise.

If this attack, admittedly made by the most powerful fleet ever likely to be assembled in the Pacific falls, then the American Pacific coast from Alaska to the Panama canal is safe from sea attack. If the island fortifications and the resources of Pearl Harbor, the Hawaiian naval base, crumble before the attack, the United States must find new means of defense as a guarantee of security and peace.

Honolulu Excited

Honolulu has changed over night from a sleepy city of terra cotta buildings and flowering trees, shimmering beneath a hot sun, to the aspect of a beleaguered stronghold. Army trucks take the right-of-way over all other traffic as they rumble through the narrow streets. They are guarded by steel helmeted, fully armed soldiers.

Beyond the harbor entrance, the slender tube of a periscope shows occasionally, as submarines from Pearl Harbor maintain a constant vigil. Mine sweepers drag the waterways, and passenger vessels are arriving and departing under naval escort.

Overhead the "eyes" of the defending black force are constantly alert—the Wheeling airplanes, scouts and bombers. The drone of their motors is heard from sudden dawn until long after night has dropped like a curtain across the purple hills.

Local Sportsmen To Help Referendum For No Increased Taxation

Steps have been inaugurated in Portland to invoke the referendum against House Bill No. 502. Sportsmen of the state are behind the movement and their interest lies in an objection to the ten per cent tax to be added to the general taxation fund when they buy hunting and fishing licenses.

The bill title has been secured and if no appeal is filed by opponents to the move the petitions will be circulated over the entire state right away after Sunday, April 26. It will be necessary to secure the signatures of 13,000 registered voters and the certified lists must be in the office of the secretary of state by noon, May 27. Local sportsmen will assist in the work.

FOURTEEN MEN TRAPPED FOR HOURS IN BURNING MINE, RESCUED

WALLACE, Idaho, April 24.—Fourteen men trapped in the Star mine, through a fire which broke out in the Hecla mine, were rescued about 4 o'clock Friday afternoon. None of the rescued miners suffered injury, but all showed effects of their harrowing experience.

The fire is now under control and soon will be extinguished. The pumping station on the 2,000 foot level, adjacent to the shaft was destroyed, the shaft was saved by turning in a deluge of water from the level above.

Later rescue workers equipped with smoke and gas helmets descended the shaft and turned a stream from a hose directly on the fire, which soon was sufficiently under control to release the imprisoned men who had taken refuge in the Star workings.

The Hecla mine is one of the large producing silver and lead mines of the Coeur d'Alene district. It is connected by drifts with the Star mine, the main workings of which are nearly two miles away. It was believed by officials that the miners held prisoners by the flames had sought safety in the latter.

WHEELER FOUND NOT GUILTY ON FIRST BALLOT

Mont. Senator Exonerated From Misuse of Office Charges

GREAT FALLS, Mont., April 24.—Just before the jury returned a verdict finding him not guilty, Senator Burton K. Wheeler received a telegram from Washington, announcing he was the father of a baby girl, weighing seven pounds. The girl is Wheeler's sixth child.

FEDERAL COURT ROOM, GREAT FALLS, Mont., April 24.—Senator Wheeler was found not guilty of the charge that he misused his senatorial office in the verdict of a jury returned in federal district court here tonight.

The jurors declared the leader of the Daugherty investigation innocent of allegations that he had appeared before the interior department to represent Gordon Campbell, Montana oil man, in connection with oil permits.

The jury reached a verdict on the first ballot. There was practically no discussion. The jurors said they would have rendered a verdict in five minutes after they went in, but wished to have final dinner at government expense before voting.

Wheeler was indicted about a year ago when he was at the height of his sensational senate committee investigation, which resulted in the resignation of former Attorney General Harry M. Daugherty. The indictment was returned by the federal grand jury here in Great Falls, without warning.

Shortly thereafter Wheeler arose in the senate and demanded that a committee be appointed to determine his innocence, because if he were guilty of such a charge he would be expelled from the senate. The charge was specifically that he violated section 116 of the penal code, which states that no member of congress can act as attorney for any private client before any of the government departments. It was contended he received \$4,000 from Gordon Campbell on a promise that he would clear up certain oil permit matters, which Campbell then had pending before the interior department.

Girl's Death Caused By Grandma's Whipping

TILLAMOOK, Ore., April 24.—Defense in the case of Mrs. M. C. Paton whose granddaughter is dead as the result of punishment administered early Tuesday morning will be handled by C. R. Chapin, attorney of Tillamook it was announced today.

Chapin has made no statement about the nature of the defense and will await developments of the grand jury report which is expected early Saturday evening after the arrival of Judge George Bagley from Hillsboro.

Chapin spent some time in the city jail with Mrs. Paton, after some points in the case and also for further sanity examination in the office of Dr. J. E. Shearer, county health officer.

Huge Flock Of Million Geese Fly Over City

Fully a million geese passed over Klamath Falls yesterday morning, squawking their way northward to their summer month haunts in the Pacific northwest. According to the handful of men who saw them it was a sight not easily forgotten—the passing of the geese. About 5 a. m. they were seen on the horizon to the south. Fifteen minutes later the sky was a veritable huge tornado cloud of geese, and witnesses say that had the flight over Klamath Falls been a few hours later, daylight would have been turned to dusk, so numerous were the birds. The sky was filled with them from horizon to horizon. Scores of Klamath Falls residents reported hearing the squawky creatures as they passed over the city. The flocks, instead of being formed in groups of 70 or 80 in their V-shaped flying formation, were reported in flocks of 250 and 300. The hundreds of flocks presented the aspect of a whale's skeleton with their peculiar formation.

Several small flocks of white pelicans brought up the rear, driving the great geese herds before them. The pelicans anchored in the Upper Klamath.

Bids For Road Work Awarded By State Highway Commission

PORTLAND, April 24.—The state highway commission today awarded the contract for re-paving Astoria-Svenson section of the Columbia river highway to Simonsen and Hefty, on a bid of \$261,402 for a cement type of pavement.

The bid was in excess of a bid by the Warren Construction company of \$251,991 for bituminous pavement. A total of eight bids were made on the job.

Contract for work in Lake county was awarded as follows:

Lake county—Surfacing 6.64 miles, Chalk Cliff-Hunter section of Lakeview-Primeville highway, H. J. Kildeburn, \$47,051.

Completion of the John Day highway is in sight.

At its meeting next month the state highway commission will call for bids for grading the final section between Unity and Cow valley, Malheur county. The section is 22 miles in length and the work will be divided into two units. The estimated cost is approximately \$120,000.

Time Is Here For Hill Line's Entry To Klamath--Budd

Officials of Three Big Trunk Lines Address Portland Men on Railroad Situation in Oregon; S. P. Official Asks Understanding Between Communities and Roads.

A full report of the speeches of Ben C. Dey, chief attorney for the Southern Pacific, Ralph Budd, president of the Great Northern, and Carl R. Gray, president of the Union Pacific, before the annual meeting of the Portland chamber of commerce last night, was transmitted faultlessly to The Klamath News by the radio receiving facilities of the Earl Shepherd Co.

As far as it is known this was the first practical test of the use of the radio here as a conveyor of the full details of a vital news event. In this case the radio has supplemented perfectly the special United News leased wire, which flashed the announcement of the important Portland meeting earlier in the evening.

In their speeches last night the distinguished spokesmen for the three great railway systems intimated clearly the designs that each have on the future development of the railroadless empire of central and southeastern Oregon, and particularly the Klamath country.

Mayor George L. Baker of Portland welcomed the honored guests at the great Portland meeting, attended by several thousand of the leading business men and citizens of the Oregon metropolis. The mayor said: "Portland's 350,000 people appreciate the visit of the representatives of the great railway systems. They are extended a regular Portland welcome, and every citizen appreciates the wonderful development possibilities their coming means to the whole state of Oregon."

Ben C. Dey, chief S. P. attorney, speaking for Julius Kruttschnitt, chairman of the board of directors, and William Sproule, president of his company, said: "Our president and our head of the board of directors desire me to express the deepest regret at their absence. They are unable to be here tonight because they are in New York, engaged in the moving of the headquarters of the Southern Pacific railroad from New York to San Francisco, on our Pacific coast." (applause.)

Natron Cut-Off Ready Ahead of Time

"At this point you will pardon me if I say a few words in tribute to Julius Kruttschnitt, our venerable chairman of the board of directors, who is retiring on May 31, after nearly fifty long years in the service of the system. To him we look as a model of our service, his career has been from the lowest ranks, as all great railway men I have known has been, to the highest peak of achievement. It was the promise of Julius Kruttschnitt that was responsible for the building of the Natron cut-off, which is now well underway. Forty-five miles of track has been laid and is being operated, six miles out of Oakridge, in Lane county, and thirty-nine miles out of Kirk, in Klamath county. Eighty-three miles of grade has been completed. There are but twenty-nine miles to be completed, and the work on that is well underway. The tunnel at the summit of the Cascades, 3300 feet long—the longest tunnel on the new line—is all completed but 1200 feet. That means that all the building operations will be on this side of the mountains by this fall. The most favorable progress on the work to date indicates that the line will be completed early in 1926, ahead of our allotted time."

Rail Heads Human

"I am not a railway president, not even a vice president, so I want to say a word in support of railway high officials. They are human, but they are often most unjustly abused. They want their lines to serve the people efficiently and well; they want the understanding and trust of the people. An individual's or a community's trouble with a railroad is generally due to a lack of understanding."

"I have nothing to say at this time of the railroad situation in Oregon—what lies in the future I don't know. If the business men of any community will call upon our executives and try to come to an understanding with them and their problems, the public interest in the long run will be sooner and better served."

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MALIN TO HAVE ITS RODEO RAIN OR SHINE ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Rain or shine, Malin will have its rodeo tomorrow afternoon. This was the announcement yesterday of Malin officials who are in charge of the events. The rodeo scheduled for last week had to be postponed because of the delay in arrival of the central figure, Jack Kane, Hollywood movie man who will purchase 30 of the wildest bucking horses that perform in the events tomorrow. Kane has been in Lakeview the greater part of the week, but arrived yesterday in Malin and the show will be a sure thing tomorrow.

A field is in readiness just outside Malin for the staging of the events, which will include bucking contests, wild horse races, steer throwing and steer roping contests. Lake county buckaroos will compete with Klamath cattlemen for steer roping honors. A wild west barbecue will add to the rodeo program.



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