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NORTHERN LINES DEVELOP OWN TONNAGE - HART

Trunk Attorney In Appeal To Federated Clubs Says No Axe To Grind With S. P.

Appearing late yesterday before the Klamath Federated community clubs, an organization which is represented by leaders of every community in Klamath county, C. A. Hart, attorney for the northern lines, made a clean cut and forthright argument for the entire of the northern lines of the Klamath country.

Hart made it clear that the disturbed financial condition in 1914 stopped the Hill from building southward from the Southern Pacific was in no predicament as regards expansion programs at that time. "We did not intend to stop at Bend," he said.

Opens New Market

Little of the Klamath country grade pine timber has in the midwest markets, but told the board members, that all of it has gone to the Pacific. Mr. Hart explained they need all the present tonnage to take care of their present expansion program. But we can get enough tonnage for two years. The timber development in Klamath county will be much more than any other system serves a community. Entry of our system means larger development and tonnage.

To Bring Own Traffic

Expect to bring in our own traffic, Mr. Hart declared, and that not only a railroad now in Klamath field. Sooner or later the region must have better rail service to the east than it now gets through the Sacramento canal. This region is in great need of development sooner than later, and if we are allowed to develop will follow. The Southern Pacific have nothing to fear because of our coming. They will benefit as well as we in the field.

Will Develop More

You accept the proposition that will never be any more tonnage than you now have, there is need for another railroad," Hart concluded.

You accept the proposition that there is future possibility because what is in sight, we believe we show them that there is need for another railroad."

Mr. Hart argued, Mr. Hart pointed out that the Klamath country is the largest in the west without a railroad competition, unless it be the lower Willamette valley, from Eugene.

The next Federated board meeting is two weeks from yesterday. The Southern Pacific will present their arguments.

Secretary Is About To Resign

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—(United Press)—President Coolidge is on the point of accepting the resignation of Secretary of War Weeks, and naming a successor at once, according to informal circles here.

Following his long illness, Weeks' illness forbade him to return to active activity and his resignation has been in the president's hands several weeks.

At the desire of Mr. Coolidge a cabinet seat for Mr. William M. Butler of Massachusetts, chairman of the national republican committee, in case his friend is defeated at the polls, has delayed appointment of a new war department secretary. It is understood. Under such conditions, Weeks is said to be willing to return to his desk temporarily.

Reed Bids Low On New Midland Market Project

When Charles Martin, sitting by himself in the Klamath county court room, opened bids on the Midland market road yesterday, he found that J. B. Reed, of Klamath Falls, had made the best offer.

Due to the fact that Mr. Martin was all by himself, there was but little he could do. No action was taken on the various bids.

Mr. Reed's bid was \$15,422.10. His closest competitor was the firm of Stebbins & Rocco, which submitted an offer of \$15,746.96.

Other bidders on the project were H. F. Vicory, \$16,612.25; and W. D. Miller Construction company, \$17,231.55.

Absence of County Judge R. H. Bunnell and County Commissioner Burrell Short, who are in Portland, will make it necessary to postpone the awarding of bids until Monday when the county court will meet.

Grading on the Midland road will be started at once in order that the job may be finished before winter snows. By spring, it is believed, the road bed will be sufficiently settled to allow surfacing.

Bids were also opened on the Harpold dam bridge project, a span to be constructed across Lost River, west of Bonanza.

Bids on this project were divided into three units, one unit for construction of concrete abutments or stone abutments; the second for the bridge approaches, and the third for the bridge itself.

Stebbins & Rocco were the low bidder for the concrete work.

Their offer was \$1,920. W. D. Miller bid \$2,820; J. A. Maddox, \$3,600 and H. F. Vicory, \$4,500. The Portier Construction company bid \$3,960.

Although the low bidder for the stone masonry for the abutments, Julian Oss may lose the job because he did not enclose a certified check in the amount of five per cent of his bid.

Oss bid \$1,732.50; Stebbins & Rocco, \$1,775, and J. A. Maddox, \$2,730.

J. A. Maddox was the lowest bidder for the construction of approaches to the bridge, with an offer of \$2,679. H. F. Vicory was bid \$21 higher with a bid of \$2,100. Stebbins & Rocco bid \$2,374.

Maddox was the only bidder for the construction of the new bridge with an offer of \$1,350 for the building of a frame structure.

Man 52 Marries His Young Step-Daughter Because He Loves Her

PLAINFIELD, N. J., Aug. 29.—(United Press)—"I love her and she loves me. That's all there is to it. None of that 'Cinderella' bunk about this affair."

Thus August Laggren, 52-year-old manufacturer of Plainfield, who returned today from a honeymoon with his former adopted daughter, now his bride, indignantly repudiated suggestions that he was a modern "fairy godfather" after the manner of Edward W. Browning.

Laggren's bride, whom he married August 7, is a little 15-year-old Italian girl, Alice Amelia Veraceo. Laggren and his first wife adopted the child, an orphan, in 1919. The first Mrs. Laggren died last Christmas.

FARMER BOY KILLS MARRIED TAXI MAN

DUNCAN, Okla., Aug. 29.—George Pickett, 18-year-old farmer boy, shot and killed Maxey Sewell, 35, taxi driver, on a crowded main street corner late today.

Young Pickett refused to make a statement. Witnesses said the youth fired without warning.

Sewell has a wife and two children.

Relatives Of LaDieu Here To See Crater

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. LaDieu and Mr. and Mrs. Shields arrived here last night for an extended visit with A. E. LaDieu, circulation manager of the Klamath News. The two will visit the many scenic attractions of the Klamath country, including Crater lake and will return to Oakland next week.

NORTHERN LINES NEED SENTIMENT OF K. F. SAYS BUDD

Chief Executive Of Great Northern Gives Sincere Prediction Of Klamath's Assured Future

Sentiment of the Klamath country on new rail construction is going to play just as important a part and will be just as important a factor as the cold facts and figures regarding tonnage and other statistics when the fate of Klamath insofar as railroads, are concerned, is placed in the hands of the interstate commerce commission, starting October 5, in Portland. This was the statement of Ralph Budd, president of the Great Northern railroad, to the Klamath News last night.

Mr. Budd urges that Klamath people through various organizations, make their decisions now, and not let matters end with that. They should appear personally with their arguments, or present them in writing to the commission.

Without Misrepresentation

"We have our cards on the table, so to speak," Mr. Budd declared. "We have stated our desire to come into the Klamath country in simple terms in our application to the commission. We have played the game squarely and stand our ground on just what we have promised the people of Klamath we will do, if we are permitted to build here. There have been no misrepresentations." And Mr. Budd in his conversation talked with much sincerity.

"I have just completed an inspection of our route down here from Bend. Truly, we are opening up a new rail territory by coming down here on our own line, rather than the common user with the S. P. from Odell south. Of course, we are forced to parallel the S. P. for a few miles in coming from Bend to Skookum, because of the Walker range. But it is but for a few miles, and then we come down the Williamson and Sycan rivers into a new territory, not penetrated by other roads."

Impressed With Klamath

Mr. Budd is greatly impressed with the Klamath country. He remained here last night that he might ride over the Green Springs mountain to Ashland, and thereby make that scenic drive in daylight. Devoid of flattery, Mr. Budd sincerely predicted an industrial future for the city of Klamath Falls, providing all proposed rail extension programs are carried out, that would equal that of Spokane. "The future of Klamath Falls is assured," was the way Mr. Budd put it.

Mr. Budd did not wish to go on record as saying Klamath Falls would be the center of big railroad shops of the northern lines, at least not at the outset. "Klamath Falls will be the terminal. It will have a roundhouse and small shops upon completion of the Oregon Trunk to this city. Our expenditure in building down here will be around \$7,500,000. But that does not include what Weyerhaeuser and Shevlin-Hixon will bring to the city." (It has

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Hauger's Garage Will Test Lights

With the new 'headlight' law going into effect next Tuesday, there will doubtless be a scramble on the part of motorists who wish to play safe and comply with the law from the start.

For the convenience of car owners, H. E. Hauger of the Buick and Star garage, has installed complete equipment for the testing and adjusting of lights.

While the necessary approval has not yet been received, Mr. Hauger announces that the required authority will in all probability be received Monday and that he will be ready to make inspections on September 1.

Milton Sills' Wife Is Asking Divorce

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 29.—(United Press)—Milton Sills, motion picture actor, was sued for divorce by his wife, Gladys E. Sills, here late today. The porrayer of many romantic screen roles was charged with desertion.

The couple were married May 26, 1910, in London and separated, according to the complaint August 11, 1924. They have a daughter, Dorothy, aged 14.

Rumors of the marital break up have been denied by both Sills and his wife and the filing of the complaint was a surprise to friends. The actor is in New York.

Cyclone Sweeps Wisconsin Doing Damage to Crops

OWEN, Wis., Aug. 29.—(United Press)—Seven persons were injured and property damage estimated at more than \$75,000 was caused when a cyclone swept through northern Clark county late today. Farm homes, barns, graineries and several threshing outfits were destroyed by the wind.

Five barns and homes were demolished in the vicinity of this city, while at least twelve barns and other farm buildings were twisted to the ground in the vicinity of Abbotsford.

The steeple of St. Bernard's church at Abbotsford was torn away and considerable damage was done to the church.

Automobiles were scattered all along highways between here and Abbotsford, where the storm seemed to have centered. Several tourists were reported injured. Wire service to the stricken area was interrupted. Information was being brought here by courier.

Although the list of injured is expected to increase, there have been no deaths reported.

The storm entered at a point six miles south of this city and lasted about ten minutes. Farmers were the worst sufferers. Many persons in the rural section are believed to have been injured.

PROHIBITION RAID BUT FIND LITTLE

It was a fairly peaceful moonlight night last night with little moonshine. Prohibition slipped up on the two saloons owned by Ted Lewis about 10 p. m. and got nothing. Undaunted they repeated their attack an hour later and got nothing—except 8 quarts of gin 20 feet away from the Lewis property. No arrests were made there.

Still undaunted they kept an eagle eye on the Black Pelican resort owned by H. H. Hines. They did not enter. It was not necessary. Hines came outside and sold a bottle of moon in the moonlight. The officers saw. That was enough.

Still undaunted they found J. H. Flemming, John Cameron and Pat Shankey having a little moon party in the moonlight on East Main street. To make matters more difficult they were in a nice car. That was enough. Prohibition officers retired early.

Crack Train Hits Car; Two Are Dead

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 28.—(United Press)—Two persons were killed when the crack St. Louis to Pittsburgh train on the Pennsylvania railroad crashed into the car in which they were riding at Laurel Hill crossing, 17 miles west of Pittsburgh late today.

The dead: Stanley Kutkowski, 42, Laurel Hill and his niece, Mrs. Stella Eklawicz, 22.

Kutkowski was driving his niece to the station where she was to take a train for Chicago when the onrushing train crashed into the car carrying it down the tracks, a distance of 50 yards.

Hollywood Mourns its Loss Of Mrs. Roberts

HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 29.—(United Press)—All Hollywood tonight mourned the passing of Mrs. Florence Smythe Roberts, 47, famous for years on stage and screen.

Mrs. Roberts was the wife of Theodore Roberts, dean of film stars. The noted character actor was at her bedside when death came suddenly from heart disease this morning. His own health has been at low ebb since his collapse at Pittsburgh two years ago, and it was feared the shock might add complications to his convalescence.

NON-STOP FLIGHT S. F. TO HAWAII STARTS MONDAY

Pick Of Navy's Aviation Forces Will Attempt Adding New Laurels To American List

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 29.—(United Press)—Lumbering down the shallow waters of an inlet to San Francisco bay, three huge monsters of the sea and air will slowly climb into the ozone Monday afternoon and be off in the United States navy's latest ambitious aerial endeavor—a non-stop flight to Hawaii.

Lifting their bulk above the waters, the seaplanes, each as large as a fair sized bungalow, will move into triangle formation and head westward through the golden gate, cheered by thousands of San Franciscans, lining the bay shore.

Hazardous Task

Fifteen daring young men, the pick of the navy's flying forces, will be at their positions in the planes, intent upon the hazardous task of effecting a perfect getaway.

Directing the course in the leading craft will be Commander John Rogers, in command of the flight. Piloting the plane will be Lieut. B. J. Connell, second in command.

To the rear and at one side of the pace-setting machine will be one in charge of Lieutenants A. P. Snoddy and Arthur Gavin. Their craft is, like the first, of the PN-9 type, weighing almost 20,000 pounds when fully loaded with fuel, provisions and men.

Ready For Action

To the other side of Commander Rogers' flying boat will come the PB-1, with Lieut. Commander J. H. Strong and Lieut. Ralph E. Davison in charge. It is even larger than the PN-9's weighing 24,000 with cargo.

The twin craft flew this afternoon to the starting place in San Pablo bay, ready for the final test tomorrow. The PB-1 will join its mates tomorrow, and sometime in the afternoon all three will take the air in final trial flight, with crews aboard and carrying all the weight with which they will start the long voyage to the islands.

Clustered around the two planes at the starting point in San Pablo bay are gasoline launches and supply ships, with the mother ship, the U. S. S. Gannett, also standing by.

115 Miles An Hour

As the aerial adventurers start westward Monday they will be trailed by two smaller PN-7 escort planes, which will cover the first 200 miles, to the first guard ship, the destroyer William Jones.

The speed will range from about 108 land miles per hour, when the gasoline cargo is heaviest, increasing to perhaps 115 miles near the end of the journey.

DISASTROUS FOREST FIRE SWEEPS MICH.

SAULT STE MARIE, Mich., Aug. 29.—(United Press)—An immense fire that has moved four miles during the past 24 hours, is threatening to attack valuable timber property, west of Kinross unless rain falls within the 24 hours, Fire Warden Charles MacKenzie, in charge, reported today.

Families living in the path of the on-coming flames have made preparations to move.

JAIL BIRDS IN DAY; RUM RUNNERS NIGHTS

TAMPA, Fla., Aug. 29.—An investigation of reports that several prisoners in jails of Dade county were confined only during the day, and allowed to become rum runners at night, has been under way several days, it was revealed here today by Judge W. M. Gdner, United States district attorney for this district.

K. F. Boy Badly Cut Up In Car Crash at Tracks

Willard Taylor, 517 Klamath avenue was rushed to the Klamath Valley hospital early this morning, following an auto crash on Sixth street at the Southern Pacific crossing.

Taylor, an occupant of a Ford coupe was injured when the car crashed into the rear end of a Dodge touring car. According to meagre information the two cars had been waiting at the tracks for a switch engine to pass. The Ford which was behind the Dodge attempted to pass the larger car immediately after the locomotive had passed.

Taylor was thrown headlong through the glass and was badly cut up. The other occupants of the Ford and three occupants of the Dodge were not injured, it was said. The Ford was badly wrecked.

Tule Marsh Murder Nears a Solution

OAKLAND, Calif., Aug. 29.—(United Press)—Hope of solving the marsh murder mystery of Mrs. Bessie Loren was strongly expressed tonight by officers in the case, surrounded by a maze of clues, which kept them gathering evidence in many directions. Portions of the woman's chopped up body were found early in the week in tules of Contra Costa county and identification followed.

Science was summoned late today when Dr. E. O. Heinrich, Berkeley criminologist, was given articles of the woman's clothing and fragments of her scalp for laboratory investigation.

On the clothing may not be those of Mrs. Loren but those of the murderer instead, prompted the scientific examination under the microscope.

James F. Hoey, assistant district attorney of Contra Costa county, where the evidences of the murder were found, spent hours this afternoon again going over the scene, seeking additional clues.

Two hundred boy scouts of Richmond and Berkeley were called on to aid in the hunt.

LEAVES \$150,000 TO TRAIN POOL 'SHARKS'

LONGMONT, Colo., Aug. 29.—A gift of \$150,000 to this city and a suggestion that it be used for the erection of a gymnasium where boys can be trained to become "billiard sharks and prize fighters" was revealed when the will of Fred G. Sigley, was filed for probate at Boulder, Colo., today.

Sigley was a wealthy bachelor and lived on a farm near Longmont.

He spent much of his time attending sporting events and playing pool.

Tries To Save Chicken; Instantly Electrocuted

GOLDEN, Colo., Aug. 29.—Picking up a chicken that had been killed by current from a high voltage wire, Mrs. Mary Mason, of Chicago, was electrocuted here late today.

Lightning struck a high voltage power line, breaking the cable, and throwing it across a barbed wire fence. The current traveled down the fence 150 yards and killed the chicken, which was sitting on the fence.

Seeing the plight of the chicken, Mrs. Mason picked it up. The current shot through her, killing her instantly. Hearing her screams, three prize bull dogs rushed out to Mrs. Mason and were also electrocuted.

2 Bandits Fatally Wound Grocer Clerk

SEATTLE, Aug. 29.—(United Press)—Two bandits shot and probably fatally wounded Ellsworth Pickering, 29 years old, in a hold-up of the Grange Mercantile company's store at Issaquah, 26 miles from Seattle at 7 o'clock this evening.

Eight other men and a woman in the store were held up. P. W. Knoernschild, manager, was struck in the head by one of the robbers. The bandits obtained \$700 from the cash register, \$50 from the manager and about \$50 from the others.

No reason for the shooting of Pickering could be given, as he was kneeling in the room with the other victims, when one of the bandits suddenly shot him.

Pickering is in a Seattle hospital in a dying condition.

FAMILY OF EIGHT KILLED IN RAIL CROSSING CRASH

Father, Driving Waits For One Train To Pass But Fails To See Passenger Bound Opposite Way

LODGE POLE, Neb., Aug. 29.—(United Press)—Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Nein and their six children, ranging in age from six months to 13 years, were instantly killed here tonight, when the automobile in which they were riding was struck by an eastbound Union Pacific passenger train.

The family left home at Mitchell, Neb., today to drive to Sedgewick, Colo., where they planned to visit relatives.

Nein, who was driving, had stopped his car at a grade crossing on the outskirts of Lodge Pole, to permit a westbound freight train to pass. He drove his car onto the tracks in front of the passenger train, which was approaching on another track, and apparently was not seen by him.

The Dodge touring car, in which the family was riding, was thrown nearly 150 feet. Nein's body caught on the pilot of the train and was carried more than one-half mile.

Mr. and Mrs. Nein and their four sons and two daughters were killed almost instantly, so terrific was the crash. The speed of the passenger train was estimated at 50 miles an hour.

Editor And Publisher Becomes Just A Newsy

SAN DIEGO, Aug. 29.—(United Press)—With the editor and publisher as newsie, the first issue of San Diego's new morning daily went to press here tonight. Frank Schroeder, who sold papers on the streets here 20 years ago, took the first hundred papers from the press and lead the gang of boys who called San Diego Morning Independent for the first time.

John L. Bacon, mayor of the city was editor in chief for the day. Airplanes will this morning deliver the paper to more than 20 of the back-country towns.

Tom Word And Dillard Elkins Mentioned For Salem Pen Wardenship

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 29.—(United Press)—Tom Word, former sheriff of Multnomah county and until recently an investigator for the United States department of justice, is considering the proffered appointment to become warden of the Oregon state penitentiary.

Another possibility in the executive mind, it is said, is Dillard Elkins, a member of the state industrial accident commission. Elkins it is understood, does not warm to the suggestion and under no consideration would accept the responsibility as a permanent appointment.

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