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TALK STOPS

Lightning struck in the yards of the Pelican Bay Lumber company on Thursday afternoon during the electric disturbance which affected this district. No damage resulted from the bolt and no one was hurt. Several workmen were close by and dazed.

NO WORK NO PAY?

Klamath Falls has passed through the month of April without a single fire loss, according to Fire Chief Keith Ambrose. Although the month has been the driest April in the history of local weather observation, Klamath's highly efficient department has not been called upon at any time to save local property owners from loss.

THEY'LL UNDERSTAND

Two long-eared mules, with the freedom of Klamath's ranges still vivid in their minds, were placed in a truck and bound for Sacramento to enter the service of a road contractor for whom they will work 8 hours a day on California soil. The mules were sent south by J. Frank Adams to Harry Ogden of Sacramento, road contractor. They brought a price of \$250, according to Adams.

LOUIE COMES IN

Louie Polin, Chillicothe representative of the News, and live merchant in that community, was in town Friday. He had time to tell of his plans to attend the world's series baseball next fall.

WE WIN CUP.

To Klamath Falls club of Rotary International goes the second prize, a silver loving cup, for the second largest attendance during the Victoria conference this month.

W. E. Lamm, president of the Klamath Falls luncheon club, presented the cup during the meeting yesterday noon.

"Klamath Falls had an 11 per cent attendance and her members traveled 777 miles to the convention. She was close to Cranbrook, E. C., which led all clubs with an attendance of 5 out of 25 members," said Lamm yesterday.

The next meeting of Rotary will see Jack Kimball, president-elect, in the chair. Other officers will be P. O. Landry, secretary, and Arthur Wilson, treasurer. A new board of directors, six in all, will also take office.

RINGSIDE

Tom Watters, referee here in the days when local boxing was in its infancy, will be third man in the ring next Tuesday night. Joe Shirk wishing to take a layoff and work at least one fight from the vantage point of a ringside seat.

According to local fans the work of Tom Watters has always come as near satisfaction as it is possible for a ring arbiter to attain.

Grasshoppers, reported infesting the wheat fields of Klamath ranchers, have not made any headway in Oregon, but ranchers of northern Modoc county are suffering heavily by the pests, according to W. C. Dalton, large land owner of both Klamath and Modoc counties.

"None of my land has yet been infested by hoppers," said Dalton yesterday, "but land leased by Carr Dalton in the Tule Lake government section is thick with the pests. I don't think hoppers will get my land, however, as they are driving straight south and will probably go clear of my fields," Dalton said.

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Line Rebuilds Weed Route to Klamath Falls

Making ready for the great volume of traffic that is expected to flow over the Klamath line, north of the completion of the Natron cutoff within a few months' time, 700 laborers are being distributed between Chelsea station and Grass Lake, 63 miles by the Southern Pacific company, to rush the laying of 90-pound steel in the place of the 70 and 80-pound rails that are now used on the line.

From Chelsea, which is a couple of miles south of Klamath Falls, north through the local yards and over the cutoff, uniform heavy steel is used, and the completed line will be the best ballasted, best equipped, and one of the most substantial in the west, according to S. P. officials.

With the completion of the Grass Lake Delta cutoff on the new main line of the S. P., it is the intention of the railway company to scrap the present makeshift line into Weed. Application along this line has already been made to the interstate commerce commission by the S. P., it is understood.

One complication which may result from the abandonment is the certain isolation of sand deposits along the abandoned section. A great deal of this sand finds its way into Klamath at the present time.

Louie Polin Sits Pretty on Big Series

Louie Polin of Chillicothe, has his seat engaged in advance at all the games to be played in the world's baseball championship series next October, no matter where they are played or which team comes up as champion of the American and National leagues. This is by reason of an invitation to attend extended to Polin by Otto Floto, famous sports writer and owner of the Denver Post.

Sixteen years ago Polin was identified with the staging of the Jeffries-Johnson heavyweight fight at Reno, Nevada, and while there made Floto's acquaintance and lasting friendship and also that of Jack Curley for the past decade czar of the wrestling game.

Polin will have his flourishing business in such shape that he will be able to attend, he is sure.

GOODBYE GEESSE, HOPE YOU CHOKE

Tule lake farmers are in ecstasy over the movement north of the great flocks of wild geese which wintered there.

With a hankering for the tender shoots of newly sprouted grain and an extraordinary capacity for that provender, the geese have created damage in the lake country and one farmer said he had 160 acres of growing crop wiped out.

Owing to the vast area in the lake bed attempting to frighten the geese off the fields would be impractical and the only hope for the worried farmers is the summer heat which drives the hungry birds away to the chill of the northern marsh lands.

SCHOOL CLASSES PARADE STREETS

Over a thousand children from the five Klamath grade schools participated in a colorful march up Main street yesterday afternoon, the occasion being a county health display demonstration.

Many attractive banners designed by the students of the different schools played up the health movement idea. American flags were also prominent in the display.

The parade extended over six blocks in length with the boys and girls marching in orderly double rank. The local police force was scattered along the line of march and directed traffic away from Main street as effectively as possible while the parade was passing.

LIGHT FOOTED

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., April 30.—Everett Crossley and Mrs. Edith Silva put on newly dyed shoes. Within a short time both pairs turned blue. When the shoes were removed they returned to their original complexion.

Political War Halts Gang Sift

Chicago Split Over Control of Action for Murder War

By EARL JOHNSON
CHICAGO, April 30.—(United News)—Politics, which has been blamed for the amazing freedom with which outlaws roam the streets of Chicago, has bobbed up to delay investigation of the gangland beer war in which 42 men, including a district attorney's assistant, have been killed here.

All angles of the probe excepting the work of detectives and police came to a halt Friday while State's Attorney Robert E. Crowe, the press and civic leaders clashed over how the prosecution of the latest gang outbreak should be conducted.

Forestalling the attempts of opponents to take the case out of his hands Crowe went before the criminal court and obtained an order for a special grand jury to meet Monday to sift the slaying of William H. McSwiggan, the hanging prosecutor, and two of his underworld companions by beer runners in Cicero last Tuesday night.

Crowe said he would take personal command of the prosecution. Harry E. Kelley, president of the Union League club, and Chicago newspapers had demanded vigorously that the affair be placed in the hands of a special prosecutor. Coroner Oscar Wolff had challenged Crowe's right to carry on in the probe because of his political affiliations.

April Permits Reveal Lively Building Pace

Although April building permits, aggregating \$171,190 do not come up to March permits of \$175,653, the past month surpasses the past three years' permits, according to figures compiled yesterday in the city clerk's office.

Of the 94 permits issued this month, 61 were for new buildings, amounting to \$165,800; 33 permits for alterations amounting to \$590, in the majority the new permits are for homes.

In April of 1925, 59 permits were issued for new buildings, 21 for alterations, aggregating \$99,815.

Permits issued during April, 1924, amounted to \$56,425 with 35 permits for new buildings and seven alterations.

During April, 1923, only 5 new building permits, and five building alteration permits were issued, amounting to \$16,760.

"Spring building has slackened a bit," stated Lem L. Gagghagen, city clerk, yesterday, "but I still hope we have a chance to retain our third place among Oregon cities in building."

Permits were issued yesterday to Olaf Johnson, 300 house on Wantland avenue; E. Yennitt, \$700 house on Laguna street and H. L. West, \$1900 house of Lavey street.

FANS HAVE WAY, UMPS REACH JAIL

OAKLAND, April 30.—(United News)—Two Pacific Coast league umpires have completed a night in jail as the result of a street disturbance in which the men figured.

According to police reports, William Burnside and Jack Carroll, the "umps," were picked up by officers outside the Burnside home. It was explained that Carroll had been a guest there, and that Burnside's wife had objected to the two men leaving together. She had fired a gun at her husband's automobile to frighten them and prevent their departure. It was said, Carroll and Burnside were released Friday when no charges were preferred.

GAS IS HIGH.

COLUMBUS, O., April 30.—Edward Davis, 8, of Cadiz, Ohio, made a five-hour trip on his scooter to see his mother in Wheeling, W. Va., 25 miles away.

Veto Is if It Were Not Little Joke

Yesterday our friend, Judge Stone, who admits he is a humorist, and who dearly loves to watch the mob squabble, every now and then tossing them a bone, played a seasonable joke. He gave Ed Murray, another jokester, who loves to tease the public, the benefit of a back-handed opinion.

Judge Stone said in effect that in his opinion something was, if something else wasn't. What wasn't it simply a question of veracity, the benefit of the doubt belonging to the city clerk.

Obscured Ills Cause of Orin Dadmun's Death

Orin Dadmun, age 39, yard superintendent of the Big Lakes Box company, died suddenly at the Good Samaritan hospital at Portland at midnight Thursday, telegraphic word having been received here early yesterday from Mrs. Dorothy Dadmun, his wife, who had accompanied him there.

While working about his new home at 615 Lincoln street, April 18, Dadmun was suddenly stricken by a lesion of a blood vessel in his brain. He became speechless for a time. Not realizing his serious condition he worked for part of the following week. Dr. E. D. Johnson was called and he ordered Dadmun to Portland immediately, where he could be put under the care of Drs. Bean and Cathey, specialists.

The doctors decided, following a consultation, that the rupture of the blood vessel was due to some form of poisoning, and not entirely the result of a lesion due to strain. A telegram sent as a night letter to friends here by Mrs. Dadmun told of the report of the doctors, and said that her husband was resting easily. When the end came she sent a straight message which was received simultaneously with the more hopeful message.

Dadmun had just completed building his new home, much of the work having been done by himself during his spare time. It is regarded as one of the show places of Klamath Falls. He was working at terracing the lawn when stricken.

He was a graduate of the Oregon Agricultural college with the class of 1919, and a member of Sigma Nu fraternity. He was married five years ago, and had been a resident of Klamath Falls for three years. He was born in Montana, but his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Dadmun, are now residents of Independence, Oregon.

The funeral will be held on Saturday from the Edward Holman & Sons' undertaking parlors in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Sabin and Thomas Dezell left yesterday to attend the funeral.

QUIET IN WOOL BUYING, REPORT

PORTLAND, April 30.—(United News)—Lack of activity is indicated in the market for wool at Pacific Northwest primary points. Practically all local operators have returned from the inland empire and report their inability to secure supplies at a price they can bid.

Opinions continue to differ as to the relative value of wool. With the domestic trade the cheapest in the world, appearances indicate that little, if any, reaction can be forced. This opinion is by no means shared by all of the leading operators. Some of them feel that one cent to two cents reduction is likely.

TUNES ARE CATCHY

The music-memory contest at Henley school Thursday night was a success, and 400 people were entertained, according to the report. This musical event will be an annual affair, it is planned.

SURRENDER

LOS ANGELES, April 30.—After furling a white flag over his front porch, August Zellner, 51, entered house and killed himself with a shotgun. The body was discovered Friday. Police believe the suicide occurred two days ago.

Mayfield Road Bill Is Killed

Fails to Get Out of Committee and Dies Is Message

PORTLAND, April 30.—(United News)—The house interstate and foreign commerce committee has voted not to consider the Mayfield bill, which if passed, would permit immediate railroad development in Oregon, according to a telegram received Friday from Washington by the Oregon Journal.

Chances were slender for congressional endorsement of the Mayfield bill, which would permit railroads to make line extensions without necessity of obtaining interstate commerce commission permit, according to advice received Friday from the Washington bureau.

Although the measure was passed without a roll call in the senate, following introduction of Senator Mayfield, rough sailing was indicated for it in the house, where the committee of interstate and foreign commerce has voted not to consider it, and has laid on the shelf a similar house bill by Jones of Texas.

The opinion was expressed at the national capital that the bill probably will apply in such a situation as the Oregon Trunk, which now has an application pending for permission to extend its line from Bend to Klamath Falls.

Officials of the Oregon Trunk and all other railroads interested in central Oregon territory gave careful attention to the bill and its possibilities.

Five Years Is Church Pastor Record Service

Next Sunday will mark the close of the fifth year of service for the Rev. Arthur L. Rice in the First Presbyterian church of this city. Mr. Rice came to Klamath Falls in 1921, succeeding the Rev. E. P. Lawrence, who is now the pastor of the Methodist Presbyterian church. Klamath Falls has not been noted for long pastorates, and the present records of the Presbyterian church, reaching back for nearly 20 years of the 41 years of the church's life, disclose the fact that this has been the longest pastorate the church has known.

Leadership in other Klamath Falls churches has changed rapidly so that Mr. Rice became senior pastor in point of service 18 months after he had arrived. Rev. A. F. Simmons, pastor of the First Baptist church, came to take up his work only a few weeks later than Mr. Rice, and has remained in that pulpit for now nearly five years. In all the other churches, however, there have been changes, with the total number of successive ministers being as many as three or four in some cases.

CONTRACTS LET FOR ROAD WORK

PORTLAND, April 30.—(United News)—Contracts for grading and surfacing 20 miles of roadway at an estimated cost of \$167,000 were awarded by the state highway commission Friday. They include:

Klamath county—Surfacing 13.45 miles of Bly Mountain-Beatty section of Klamath Falls-Lakeview highway, R. W. Stevenson, \$76,700.

On the Lakeview-Klamath Falls highway, the commission decided to advertise for contract at the May meeting for the grading of a 10 mile section between Beatty and Bly.

ONLY GASSING

CARSON CITY, Nev., April 30.—A jury will examine the mental condition of Guadalupe Acosta, condemned slayer, who believes himself a "spirit" immune to the effects of lethal gas. Attorney General M. A. Diskin will ask that Acosta be executed on the ground that his unnatural behavior is merely reaction from fear of impending death.

Strange Bloom From Holy Land Holds Interest

Attracting a great deal of interest since its installation in the windows of the Flower basket floral shop at 1926 Main street, is a peculiar plant of the cactus species known as the Crown of Thorns or Crucifixion Cactus. The plant is owned by Mrs. Martha Grimm of 925 Rose street, and is said to be from a plant brought direct from the Holy Land.

Standing about two feet in height, and bearing sharp cactus needles, the plant is in the shape of a cross. At the top of the main stem blossoms of blood color have appeared, and these are said at times to appear on the other points of the cross, corresponding to the bleeding of the head and hands of Christ on the cross. This plant was brought by Mrs. Grimm from Bemidji, Minnesota two years ago, and was obtained by her as a slip from a large plant. There are few if any other plants of this kind existing in the country at the time, it is said. Mrs. Grimm would not part with her plant for money, she averred.

Father Losier examined it with interest, remarking that he had heard of the plant before and had long wanted to see one.

Users Argue New and Old Water Rights

The old days are clashing with the new in the Sprague river water adjudication cases which have taken up the past three weeks' time of a score of witnesses and a squad of attorneys at the Klamath county court house. According to state water board authority, under whose jurisdiction the hearing is held, another week or ten days will be required to clean up the thirty odd potential law suits in the present action of the Sprague settlers.

Old Families. Against three families, the Wells, Walkers and Parkers, who claim to hold the oldest water rights in the valley, are arrayed over thirty late settlers who have suffered the pinch of a water famine on one or two occasions, and who attribute their misfortunes to the fact that the aforementioned ranchers are said to have gobbled up more than their share of water during the late years of restricted flow in the south.

FORUM THRESHES CHARTER CHANGE

Open forum on the commission-manager plan of city government, as embodied in the charter to be voted May 21, was held last evening at the chamber of commerce, acting chairman Andy Collier, member of the budget committee which recommended the new plan last November, favored it as including the advantageous features of a business corporation. Leslie Rogers explained how the local school board, hired a superintendent from outside to take charge of school affairs. He favored the new plan as embodying this principle.

Carl Roberts, member of the city council, favored the plan on account of its centralization of authority. He said that the present system makes for disharmony and poor administration of city business, because of divisions between mayor and council, and because mayor and councilmen lack time to watch business closely. B. A. Gilkinson outlined main features of the plan, and quoted extensively from the provisions of the new charter. Fred Baker, candidate for county judge, cited his experience as superintendent of the Klamath reservation and said centralization of appointing and removing power in the city manager is necessary. Questions were asked that tested the mettle of the charter proponents. The experiences of Ashland and Astoria with city managers were cited during the meeting.

SPUDS GO BYE BYE

Seventeen sacks of potatoes were stolen from the cellar of Harry Booth, rancher of the Midland section, Thursday night, according to word received in Klamath yesterday. This is the third time the spud cellar has been broken into, according to report.

England's Strike In Full Blow

Coal Miners Cease Work and Serious Menace Follows

LONDON, May 1.—(United News)—Paralysis of the English coal mining industry and a lock-out of one million miners began at midnight following the despairing announcement of Premier Stanley Baldwin that weeks of negotiations between the warring miners and operators had failed.

One-fifth of Great Britain's highly unionized are now idle and the bulk of the remainder are subject to possible orders for a partial or a general sympathetic strike. Transport workers throughout England may be called upon to join in what may develop into the greatest national catastrophe since the war.

The miners asked a fortnight's postponement of the lock-out with a continuation of the government's subsidy so as to permit further negotiations. The miners flatly refused to accept any reduction of wages, whereon Baldwin announced the failure of the negotiations.

The government is expected to declare a state of emergency within the next few hours which will give Premier Baldwin powers making him in effect a dictator. He will assume authority under the emergency act which will enable him to use the army, navy and air forces to operate industry, transport services and protect the nation against trouble. If this power is given Baldwin it will be the first time in the history of Great Britain that the emergency powers set has been used. The entire country is organized and divided into districts and civil commissions with a staff of volunteers in readiness to lend the premier every assistance.

Baldwin may call upon the army and navy to continue industry and transport services, and in general to place the entire country under what would amount to martial law.

The government is prepared to commandeer radio broadcasting to keep the mine element "silent." The mines throughout England are deserted today except for guards who have been stationed in the pits.

Some industrial towns have a three weeks' supply of coal on hand, but if the paralysis of industry continues the country within a few days—even barring the possibility of the strike spreading to other industries will begin to feel the effects of reduced train service.

SHE CAN PAY ON CAR WITH THIS

SANTA ROSA, Calif., April 30.—(United News)—Mrs. Elizabeth Burbank, widow of the late Luther Burbank, has been granted an allowance of \$750 per month from the plant scientist's estate.

The action was taken Friday by Superior Judge R. L. Thompson when the Burbank will was admitted to probate here.

Mrs. Burbank is the executrix of the estate, which has been left entirely to her. The allowance will continue during the probate period.

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