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THE CALIFORNIA-NORTHEASTERN HAS BEEN SOLD TO THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY

PRESIDENT NAFTZGER ISSUES FORMAL STATEMENT ON THE CONSUMMATION OF THE DEAL

THIS MEANS THAT KLAMATH FALLS WILL BE ON MAIN LINE SALE COMES AS A GREAT SURPRISE TO PEOPLE HERE

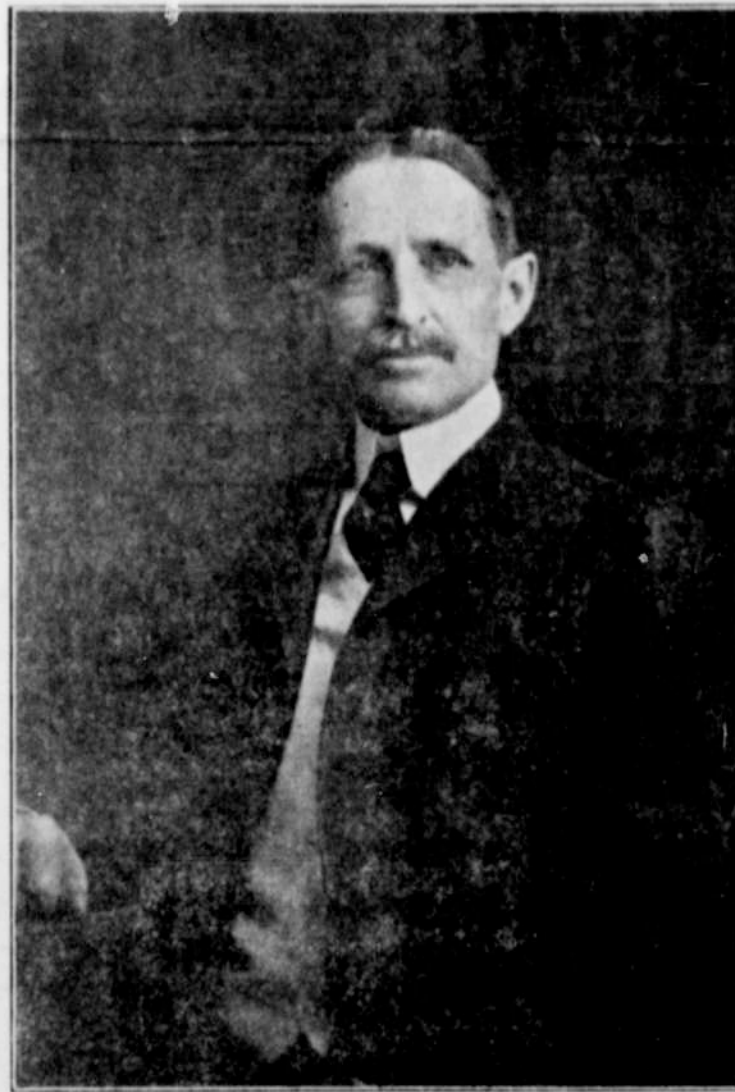
DEAL INCLUDES ONLY THE RAILROAD PROPERTY AND WILL NOT AFFECT LOCAL HOLDINGS

Development of the Addition and Townsites to Be Carried On As Before—The Head Offices of Which Are to Remain in This City

The news of the sale of the California-Northeastern, which comes to the public exclusively through The Republican, will be received with pleasure by the citizens of Klamath Falls and Klamath county, for it means the construction of a through route and the placing of Klamath Falls on the main line of the Southern Pacific between Portland and San Francisco. The acquisition of this property by the Southern Pacific means the construction of a first-class railroad, one that will meet all the demands of the heavy traffic that must necessarily pass over it on completion of the Natron branch.

"All necessary preliminaries having been completed, the Southern Pacific Company will immediately take full charge of the operation and completion of the California-Northeastern Railway.

Mr. Naftzger's Formal Statement



MR. A. H. NAFTZGER,
PRESIDENT CALIFORNIA-NORTHEASTERN RAILROAD.

"This will no doubt be very gratifying to the people of this region as it means certainty and thoroughness in building and the most efficient freight and passenger service into the Klamath Basin."

"A. H. Naftzger, President."

Will Not Affect Local Interests

When Mr. Naftzger was seen by a Republican representative he said, in reply to his query:

"No, the sale will not affect our local holdings. Only the railroad property was transferred. The townsites and other interests remain precisely as heretofore."

"Will it affect the recent freight and passenger deal, whereby this city is to be served via the California-Northeastern?"

"No, only to make it more efficient. The sale means much to this district, and I think the people will appreciate that fact as readily as I do."

Assumes the Main Line

This sale removes the last doubt that lingered in the mind of the people of this county as to the certainty of the construction of the Natron branch and the placing of Klamath Falls on the main line of the Southern Pacific between Portland and San Francisco. When General Passenger Agent McMurray was here a short time ago, he knew whereof he spoke, when he said he hoped to soon see us on the main line. His wishes will be gratified within two years.

THE FIRE FIEND

Destroys The Steam Laundry and
Other Property

Fire broke out Friday morning shortly before 10 o'clock in the Klamath Falls Steam Laundry, owned by Campbell and Smith. It was totally destroyed as was also Grizzle Brothers' marble works and the residences of Geo. Grizzle and Mrs. Anna Slater. The fire started in the vicinity of the gasoline generator, and spread so rapidly that the manager, and employees barely escaped with their lives. Practically everything in the building was consumed.

Adjoining the laundry was the home of Mrs. Slater, and this quickly fell prey to the flames. Next in line of the destroyer was the marble shop and everything in it was consumed, the owners not having time to save the books.

By heroic efforts the volunteers were able to save the residence of Jos. Sed and that occupied by Neil Campbell across the street. Had Mr. Campbell's house caught, it would have consumed the large barn and hay stack back of the house.

The laundry loss was \$5,000, with \$1,700 insurance; Grizzle Bros. \$3,000 with \$400 insurance on the house.

Before the fire was out the owners of the laundry stated that a new one would be erected. They expect to establish an office down town in addition to their delivery service.

Grizzle Bros. deserve the sympathy of all for they lost accumulations of four years work but they will start again and hope to get back what they have lost.

A NEW ASSET

R. P. Kelley and wife of Eureka, Kansas, has been in the city for some time visiting Mr. Mason of Mason & Slough. Mr. Kelley is a gentleman of wide knowledge and attainments and has seen a considerable portion of the finest part of the United States and Canada. It speaks louder than words as to what Klamath county means as a place of residence when Mr. Kelley's intention is now to go back to his old home, close out his large property interests there and come back to Klamath Falls and make his home here. It is of a new country that Mr. Kelley's observations have been made but he foresees a great future for agricultural pursuits and when the "horny handed tiller of the soil" makes the opportunities that await him, subservient to his will, the great Klamath basin combining soil, climate, health, and a wonderful country will be the most favored spot of a great state.

GOLD EXCITEMENT

A new find of gold in the vicinity of Lakeview has set the people of that town fairly beside themselves and threatens to depopulate some of the nearby towns. The discovery is thought to be the famous "Blue Bucket" lost mine that has been searched for so persistently since the early sixties. A couple of tenderfeet have located valuable claims and are "camping on them" fearing to lose them. Many claims have been jumped and owners will do well to the spot. T. W. Stephens has left for the find to look after his interests and many other mining men have arrived on the scene while others are coming as fast as they get transportation showing that there is some foundation for the rosy reports that reached the world.

NEW STAGE SCHEDULE

W. E. Travis, manager of the Oregon Stage company, gives out the welcome information that he will put on a daily stage in the afternoon, leaving this city at 3:30. This will enable passengers to remain over night at Chase or Spencer's and thus avoid the necessity of getting up so early. Mr. Travis also promises to have the mail here not later than 3:30 p. m., by making earlier connection with the railroad at Pokeyama. The morning stage will leave here at 4:30 p. m. and will make connections with all trains. An office will be established here.

EXCURSION SUNDAY

The steamer service to Keno will be discontinued after Saturday and the Steamer Klamath will be placed on the run to Laird's Landing making connections there with the stage for Grass Lake on the Weed line. Sunday will be the last time this season that the people of this city will have an excursion rate to Lairds, the regular fare is \$1.50 each way but on Sunday a round trip rate of \$1.00 will be made. Three hours are allowed at Lairds before returning.

Hon. George T. Baldwin has been appointed by Governor Chamberlain as one of the fifteen state delegates to the National Irrigation Congress, his commission having reached him last night.

PROBABLY FATAL SHOOTING ON CANAL

Frank Smith, a German-Austrian about 20 years of age and who had charge of the gang of Austrians brought from Portland to work on the canal, shot, and perhaps fatally injured another Austrian, Steve Yerlick, who was employed as foreman on the night shift at camp 3. It seems that the Austrians to the number of twenty-one had been secured by an employment agency at Portland with the understanding that the agency was to advance them railroad fare which amounted to \$9.20 and which was to be kept out of their first pay. They having signed a written contract to that effect, Smith took the money when pay day came around and then trouble started with the men accusing him of defrauding them. They proceeded to use a few weapons on him and had severely injured him when stopped by some white men employed near Smith then started to the camp house where he was washing blood and dirt from his wounds when Yerlick and two other men came up and proceeded to finish what they had commenced, Smith being a small man then retreated to his tent and procured a revolver telling them he would defend himself to the best of his ability, but closing in on him with stones and clubs he drew the weapon and fired, the bullet penetrating the breast of Yerlick near the center and just below the heart and just below the shoulder blade. The other two men then jumped upon Smith, took his gun away and proceeded once more to finish him when they were again stopped by white men. Yerlick was removed as soon as possible and Dr. Cartright attended him but little hope is held out for his recovery. Smith fled the camp and wandered about all night in the hills back of the canal fearing the law on one side and the vengeance of his countrymen on the other but at 2:30 A. M. he went to the camp from whence he was brought into town by some of the men who arrested Sheriff Obenchain and he was locked up; but as he acted in self defense and as no one would swear to a complaint against him Sheriff Obenchain acting on the advice of the prosecuting attorney turned him loose and he proceeded to make tracks for Portland.

Dr. Cartright, who is attending Yerlick says that unless complications ensue he will probably recover. That he was resting easily Wednesday.

A NEW COUNTY DIRECTORY

With the enterprise characteristic of The Klamath Republican and in keeping with its policy to be abreast of the times, the announcement is made that a new directory of Klamath county will be published giving the names of every resident, location of his home, nearest post office, etc., in such a manner that it will be a credit to Klamath county and every man in it.

CHAMBER OF COM- MERCE MEETING

The Chamber of Commerce met last week and among the most important actions taken was the appointment of a committee to make a collection of Klamath county products for exhibition both here and in Portland. F. I. White, M. L. Burns and H. E. Spencer were the ones appointed.

BLOWN TO ATOMS

Several boys shooting at a target near a powder house on the outskirts of Yreka caused an explosion of about 3,000 pounds of giant powder, three of the boys being blown to atoms. Fred Holland, Paul Smith and Chas. Crawford, son of Chas. Crawford who has been employed on the ditch here, were the ones killed and little of the remains was found to identify them. Chas. Crawford left Monday morning having received news over the phone.

The auto that was stalled on the road to Crater lake is again in commission, at least in that it is able to start the teams about the city on a rampage. Three known runaways in as many days are scored against the owner and trouble is predicted by some of the indignant owners if more care is not exercised in handling the machine.

Judge H. L. Benson is able to be up and walk around his home.

PROFICIENT PEOPLE

Entertained by J. D. Carroll At His
Henley Ranch

Hon. C. M. Idelman, ex-attorney general of this state, Dr. Cornelius, A. B. Manley, president of the Pacific Trust company, all of Portland, Henry Hewitt of Tacoma, president of the Hewitt Land company, Mr. Swartout of Everett head of a large real estate company and S. J. Chapman of Everett, of the Chapman-Uphes Lumber company, have been for the past week guests of J. D. Carroll at his ranch at Henley. Most of them have left for their homes. Mr. Hewitt, who is considered one of the wealthiest men in the state of Washington, left for his home Tuesday morning. When seen for the last time Monday evening by a Republican representative, he said:

"I have nothing to say for publication. I don't go around with a bell on. I came here to see your section, and I am satisfied with it. It is alright."

When asked if he expected to return here, he said, after a moment's hesitation: "Yes, I will be back; probably in three weeks." Further than this he would not talk. If Mr. Hewitt takes hold here, it will be on a large scale, for he has unlimited means to carry out all of his purposes.

DANGEROUS BRIDGE

"The bridge across Link River at the foot of Main street is made for the heavy traffic that is now carried." This coming from an engineer of considerable knowledge on the subject should awaken the city officials to the necessity of doing something to render the bridge safe for the rapidly increasing traffic. The bridge originally was constructed in as cheap a manner as possible, with a minimum amount of iron work, the laterals are too light and their tensile strength reduced to the danger point, the factor of safety being reduced far below the danger line. There is approximately a breaking strain on the center cord of 74,570 pounds or about 18,642 pounds on each chord bar. The bars are now about one-half the size they should be in order to give the proper resistance with the means that each chord bar in the center panel should have two square inches of cross section in order to comply with modern bridge requirements. The poor condition of the bridge should be looked after for it means costly damages against the city in case of injury from accident and it is in such a condition that human life is not safe. To see the vibration that is caused by a loaded wagon crossing, is sufficient to show the lack of resistance on the lateral bars which are entirely too small.

THE SUNDAY MAIL

The Sunday mail train service from Thrall to Pokeyama has brought forth considerable effort on the part of the citizens here and of General Manager Abbott of the Klamath Lake Railroad. Where it will end is at present problematical though it has been proposed that the citizens support the railroad company by having their freight billed over that line. Mr. Abbott proposes to assist the county in repairing the road between Pokeyama and Keno, and to that end has offered to expend \$250, if the county will contribute a like amount. General Manager Abbott is non-committal as to the restoration of the Sunday train, and still continues to interview the business men.

IRRIGATION CONGRESS

Col. M. G. Wilkins, president Klamath Chamber of Commerce is in receipt of a letter from Tom Richardson, secretary of Portland's Chamber of Commerce calling attention to the National Irrigation Congress, which will be held in Boise, Idaho, Sept. 3 to 8. It is desired that a strong delegation from Oregon be present and the railroads are making a single fare for the round trip. Gov. Chamberlain of Oregon and Gov. Pardee of California will be present as well as many others.

Currin-Bryant

Robert H. Currin and Miss Sallie Bryant, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Bryant, were married at the residence of the bride's sister, Mr. and Mrs. John V. Lewis, Sunday afternoon, Rev. H. L. Grafton, officiating. It came as a surprise to the many friends of the young couple, and they hastened to extend congratulations and best wishes to the bride and groom. Mr. Currin is an employee of The Republican, and is fully deserving of the trust and confidence reposed in him.

John Martin and Miss Mabel Low, both of this city, were united in marriage Sunday by Rev. H. L. Grafton of the Methodist church. Only the members of the two families were present, owing to the serious illness of the groom's mother.

HONEST FIRE INSURANCE COMPANIES

Common report based upon the experience of insurance men as well as of policy holders in dealing with 120 insurance corporations in the San Francisco districts, divides these concerns into classes from all that has been ascertained, the proper classification would appear as below. Wherever there has been a doubt, that doubt has been resolved in favor of the corporations.

Class "A" companies that are making honorable settlements concerning many of these, there has at no time been any question as to their ability and willingness to do the fair thing with the policy holder. Others have gradually fallen in line. Each can be recommended to the people at large as having settled dollar for dollar on their losses: Liverpool, London & Globe; Actna; California; Royal; Queens; Home of New York; Connecticut; Springfield; Continental; New Zealand; Scottish Union & National; Northern & London; Phoenix of London; New Hampshire; Hartford; Atlas; North British & Mercantile; Sun of London; Law Union & Crown; Union of London; London Assurance; Pennsylvania; Insurance Co. of North America; New York Underwriters; Niagara; Pelican; German-American; German Alliance; Alliance of Philadelphia; Victoria; Glens Falls; Agricultural; American Central; Mercantile; St. Paul; Caledonia.

There is another list of companies that are settling on a basis of 75 cents and up but they are not to be recommended and come under class "B," but we will not publish them in this issue for the policy holder can look over the above list and find enough reliable companies without trying any of the poorer ones and many fall in class "C" which is composed of companies that settle below a 75 cent basis and again others come in class "D" who refuse to pay any losses at all. So the policy holder should look for his policy being paid in case of loss by the companies that have stood by the people of San Francisco in their hours of need. In the roll of honor there are two companies that stand out clearly head and shoulders above the rest—the Liverpool, London and Globe and the Actna. These companies have literally poured out money and have settled in many instances claims at 100 cents on the dollar upon face values of policies. They have paid out about \$3,000,000 each and have few claims left unpaid. The Royal and the Queen of America have paid about \$5,000,000 between them, while the Hartford has paid out so far \$5,000,000 and sustained a total loss of \$10,000,000 which will be paid. The Springfield paid out \$1,500,000, and while not so large are fully up to the standard, and in fact the list above will set at rest all doubts about whether they are good or bad, for if your company is not on the list above you can make sure that they are quitters.

The fire Friday brings to the attention of all the fact that fire protection and fire insurance is a necessity, and in looking over the list of fire insurance companies that have been dealing fairly with the people of San Francisco, after their disaster, the names of the companies that are represented by T. W. Stephens are beyond any shadow of a doubt. The Liverpool, London & Globe and the Actna companies set the pace for the others to follow and they deserve special mention. The California was a loyal friend of the people and came out with flying colors. Every stockholder of this brave little company came to the fore and though it was their first year in the field after having been reorganized they were as busy as bees adjusting their losses which amounted to over \$2,000,000. The Northern London and the New York Underwriters also the Atlas came through with the reliable people and all things considered the companies represented by T. W. Stephens are in a place in the insurance field above par and Mr. Stephens has given another proof of his "aim to be reliable" in every walk of life.

Out of 800 policies involved in the San Francisco disaster, 506 claims were settled by July 25, 1906 and the balance is settled by this time, and all paid on a fair dollar basis. This is the record of the Continental Insurance company of New York, represented by

W. T. Shive, Agent.
Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Mills returned Friday from a visit to Pelican Bay.