

**HEAD UNDER HEAVY BONDS.**

**DORRIS, April 22.**—Frank Peterson, who was captured as the man who set off the dynamite which wrecked the tunnel near Dorris last Friday night, was given a hearing in Judge Burns' court at Dorris on Monday. He plead not guilty and has no attorney to represent him as he said he had no money and could not get any one to act for him.

Forer baroness, foreman of the tunnel work, was the first witness. He said he had only known said Frank Peterson for about three weeks, or while Peterson had been employed in the tunnel. That Peterson was in the tunnel several times that evening bothering the men and that he (Starbuck) had ordered him out several times, and had even led him out and told him to go to the camp and not come back to the tunnel.

The next witness was Robert Cox, the steam shovel engineer, who testified that Peterson had made threats to him and others about how he was going to touch off the "cheap John outfit" that after the explosion he (Cox), with Ralph De Quine, the master mechanic, were coming over to the camp at about 10 o'clock and met Peterson, who told them that there had been a big explosion in the tunnel and that about half a dozen men were killed; that Peterson said he guessed he would get about six months for it, but that when he got out they would have a drink on it.

John Yost said Peterson was one of the first to arrive at the tunnel after the explosion, and assisted him (Yost) to the machinshop, as he had received injuries and could scarcely walk.

Peterson was bound over to the superior court at Yreka by Judge Burns, after being placed under \$25,000 bonds.

Deputy Sheriff Hatch came to Dorris and took Peterson to Yreka, arriving there this morning.

The explosion did \$5000 damage to the long tunnel of the California Northeastern railroad, near here, and injured seven men. Twenty-five men, working in the tunnel, were saved by a steam shovel between them and the explosion.

**RAILROAD REACHES MIDLAND.**

The track crew reached Midland at noon Tuesday with the rails, and thus completed the laying of the track for the railroad across the marsh. This has been the most difficult piece of work yet encountered by the track-laying crew, on account of the condition of the grade and the difficulty in securing men. It is said that Foreman Martin Dillon of the track gang discharged fifty men in two days. A man has to work in order to hold a job under Dillon, and on this account the crew has been reduced during the past week from 150 men to less than 100. Two engines with ballasting crews have been following the steel gang, and the track will be ready for heavy travel in a few days.

With the track across the marsh it will be a very simple matter to complete it to Klamath Falls. The engineers state that this will take about a week. The grade from Midland to Klamath Falls is solid and none of the difficulties across the marsh will be encountered. As the ballasting is done nearly as fast as the track is put down, it will put the railroad into this city ready for operation early in May.

Mrs. L. C. Sizemore returned last Tuesday from Oakland, Cal., where she has been spending the winter.

**◆◆◆◆◆ LONE PINE ITEMS. ◆◆◆◆◆**

Mr. Davis of Jacksonville brought in a load of dried fruit this week. He was accompanied by his niece and nephew, who are looking over the valley with a view to locating.

Mr. McClure has just finished clearing some sage brush ground.

Mr. Westfall from Nancy Bros. camp visited the Falls Saturday.

Judge Short rode to the Falls last Sunday.

Mr. Dervan has finished discing and has now commenced harrowing.

Our valley has been the scene of industry for the past two weeks. The weather has been fine and the farmers have about completed their spring seeding.

Bob Bunnell has completed his discing on his ranch, which adjoins the school house.

Mr. Beebe is much interested in reading "The Doctor" by Ralph Connor. There are a number of very interesting books in the travelling library, which is kept at Mrs. Kirkendall's. Any person desiring to read the books should apply to Mrs. Kirkendall, who will explain the uses and rules of the library association. The books may be taken out on Sunday and kept two weeks, and if necessary may be renewed for two weeks more.

Mrs. Beldin has her incubator running and she expects to raise chickens for the market.

Those having their names on the Roll of Honor for the past month for being neither tardy or absent were: Gertrude Steeman, Anna Beebe, Cathleen Dervan, Venus Booth and Gusala Beebe.

Mrs. Booth and Mrs. Beebe were Merrill visitors last Tuesday.

Mr. Erman visited his homestead last Monday.

Mr. Ingraham has his sage brush nearly all cleared.

Mr. Matney, Bob Bunnell and Jim McClure are building fences.

Miss Gusala Beldin of Merrill spent ten days on her homestead. While there she planted some fruit trees and had some sage brush cleared. Miss Beldin returned to Merrill Friday.

Mr. Kirkendall was in our district last Monday.

Charley Lewis, our genial school clerk, is planting potatoes.

The Government crew has now completed the headgates in Mr. Gray's field.

The well drilling outfit is putting down a well for C. W. Lewis.

A silver sugar shell was left at Lone Pine school house evening of the institute. If the owner will let Mrs. Kirkendall, the teacher, know, it will be returned.

Ed Allen and daughter, Lottie, are moving to Chas. Steeman's ranch. Lottie will be one of Lone Pine's school girls.

Gertrude Steeman, Madelin and Faye West and Neita Dicken attended church at Spring Lake Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Booth went to county seat Wednesday, and while there purchased a new cook stove.

Mrs. Geo. Jory and Mrs. Carl Robely visited with Mrs. Dervan Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tallman and daughters, Maggie and Bessie, were at the Falls Wednesday. The girls have recovered from an attack of the measles, and Maggie will return to school Monday.

Hervey Beldin is now living on his homestead.

George Jory is spending a few days in Merrill having his house

fumigated and getting ready for his family to move in.

Pink Barks has returned to his homestead.

Mr. Steeman transacted business in Merrill Wednesday.

Ed Allen took a load of posts to Mr. Steeman's Wednesday.

Mrs. Wright visited Mrs. Barks this week.

A family by the name of Smith has recently moved to Fred Bueching's ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stuckle passed through Lone Pine this week on their way to the metropolis.

Mr. Bunnell is hauling grain from J. W. Jorey's place.

Pink Barks put a woven wire fence around his orchard to keep the rabbits out. Bunny found his way in, and Mr. Barks failed in the painful necessity of sending the unfortunate rabbit to rabbits' heaven.

Sam Combs was hauling lumber Friday.

Mr. Ward is again out on his ranch. Mr. Ward went to the Falls, where he had been confined to the house with the measles.

The ditch man came to board with Mrs. Chas. Steeman Thursday.

Joe Dervan bluestoned wheat at the Bunnell ranch Wednesday.

**CHANGE IN SERVICE.**

Since Project Engineer W. W. Patch assumed charge of this Project somewhat of a re-organization has taken place in the administration of the affairs of the Service. Heretofore certain departments reported to the Supervising Engineer direct. Now everything passes before Mr. Patch, and by him is sent on to his superior. One of the cases is that of the department of operation and maintenance, in charge of W. H. Helleman. Mr. Helleman now reports to Mr. Patch instead of to Mr. Hopson. This will result in expediting the matters that must be dealt with by Mr. Helleman and will be productive of more satisfactory results, since it places the control of all matters pertaining to the control and management of the Klamath Project in the hands of the local officers.

**REDUCED RATES TO SEATTLE.**

The Southern Pacific announces that tickets will be on sale at Klamath Falls for the Pacific-Yukon Expedition from May 25 to September 30, inclusive. Tickets limited to two months from date of sale. Final limit not to exceed October 31.

As the train will not be in operation to Klamath Falls until about the middle of May, the exact rate cannot be given, but it will be one regular 30 day fare to Portland, plus \$7.50 for the round trip to Seattle. This makes it simply one fare for the round trip to Portland with the addition of \$7.50, which is the round trip rate from Portland to Seattle.

Swift and Company announce that they plan to begin actual packing operations in their new plant at Portland in July. This brings to the surface the necessity for the farmers of Oregon to raise more hogs. Pigs can be raised until they are three months old on vetch or other roughage at practically no expense other than for pasturage. A fat 200 pound hog in Portland today is worth \$15.50 cash, live weight. The packers will have to get a supply—must they send the money for the hogs to Nebraska, or will we raise them in Oregon?

Chas. N. Meyers has moved to Mrs. Meyers' homestead on the Fort Klamath road.

**HAMAKERS TO BUILD.**

One of the greatest improvement to Main street property in the vicinity of the postoffice is that contemplated by Roy Hamaker. The Hamaker estate is the owner of the entire block on Main street opposite the postoffice. This block is at present occupied by one office building and several residences, but the property is on the side of the hill and ranges from ten to fifteen feet above the grade of the street.

If permission can be obtained from the city council for the buildings to be removed temporarily, the east half of the block fronting on Main street will be excavated to a level with the street. O. B. Gates of the Midway Telephone and Telegraph Company has offered to take a contract for removing the dirt, which he wishes to use in grading their portion of the street in front of the office on Klamath street, and also for filling in the lot. If permission can be obtained from the city the contract will be made and work will commence at once.

With this half block graded to a level with the street, it would make a wonderful improvement in the appearance and value of the property. With the good work started, other property owners on the upper side of the street would see the benefit and would probably follow the example. This grading of the Hamaker property is the first step in arrangements for the construction of a modern office and store building which will be built on the corner of Main and Third. The decision on building will be made as soon as Chas. Hamaker, one of the heirs of the estate, returns from San Francisco.

**PROGRESS ON PROJECT.**

A copy of the Reclamation Record for April has just been received by his office. In its report of the work on the Klamath Project, it states that 37 per cent of the entire project is completed. During the month the following contracts were completed: Maney Bros., schedules 1, 2 and 3, South Branch Canal; W. H. Mason, schedules 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, South Branch Canal; Campbell & Huffman, South Branch Canal flume. The lining for South Branch Canal was completed by force account. The lateral system under the first unit of the project is now 87 per cent completed.

The telephone line along the South Branch and Adams Canals has been completed to Adams Point. The total length of line built this year over the system is about eighteen miles.

The pumping plant on the marsh demonstration farm, has been operated continuously throughout the month. Surface water has been removed from this tract and test wells are now being dug to study the conditions for under ground drainage. The weather during the month has been favorable.

Capt. J. M. McIntire arrived in the city Saturday from Los Angeles.

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