

WORK FOR THE GRAND JURY

Men Sent to Railroad Camps by Employment Offices Pleaded for Justice.

It is time that some action was taken by the authorities of this county to investigate the charges being daily made by laborers sent to the railroad camps here by employment agencies in San Francisco, Sacramento and Portland. This paper has refrained from usurping the duty of the courts of justice of this county in the hope that some action would be taken in the matter, but when hundreds of men are compelled to go without food and shelter for days, it is time for something to be done. These men are able-bodied and ready and willing to work, and were sent to the railroad camps for that purpose, only to be told that they are not wanted, or to be given one or two days' work and then discharged without cause or explanation.

It may be true that there are some men who slip from these employment agencies who wouldn't work if they had a chance, but it is ridiculous to assert that there can be any justice in large bodies of men being discharged daily from the camps after they have worked but a few days.

The average number of men being shipped here daily is very large, many days the number is as high as twenty-five. They are all shipped from C. R. Hansen & Co. of Portland and Murray & Reidy of San Francisco and Sacramento. These men pay \$2 for the privilege of being sent here. At arrival they usually are compelled to walk from one camp to another seeking work, the last camp being over fifteen miles from the first one. If successful they are allowed to work one or two days, when another bunch arrives and the first ones are freed. They get their time, and after being deducted for board and hospital fees find they have 25 cents coming. That is, they pay \$2 cash, travel hundreds of miles, and work two days, and receive in compensation 25 cents.

It would be impossible to tell the story of each, as there are too many, and what is worse, the list is growing daily. Mr. Seehorn of the American hotel, the county judge, the sheriff and others are said to have furnished a night's bed and food to a number, but it would be impossible for an individual to assist all. Ten or more of these men were interviewed, and they tell practically the same story. A number were absolutely refused work, although their contracts call for return transportation in case work is not given them. Here are a few of the men: H. H. Ramsey, Portland, no work and pass taken from him; Chas. Haines, Sacramento, same; Roy Kelley, San Francisco; Frank Cody, Portland; Vincent Bull, San Francisco; George Johnson, Portland; Mike Markovitch, San Francisco; H. Neustadt, San Francisco.

These men are without money, food or shelter, and are asking either justice or some means of getting back to the city. The grand jury has not been discharged yet. Why not give these men the right which the law allows, of telling their stories to the grand jury?

ONLY ONE SEEKING JOB OF CENSUS ENUMERATOR

Nine Enumerators to Be Appointed for Klamath County in the Spring

There is a chance for nine people in Klamath county to get a job next April in compiling the census of the county. Both men and women are eligible and only an ordinary education is necessary. Enumerators will be appointed from the different precincts of the county. The following letter has been received from the supervisor of this district, who is located at Siskiyou:

Dear Sir—There will be nine enumerators to be appointed for Klamath county next Spring. So far I have received only one application, that of L. L. Whitworth of Klamath Falls. I will be pleased to receive other applications from people who are competent to do the work. Very respectfully,

R. J. HENDRICKS, Supervisor.

TWENTY MILL TAX LEVY IS MADE AT BAKER CITY

The city council of Baker City has made a tax levy of 20 mills, which is the legal limit under the city charter. Ten mills for general expenses will raise \$28,500, and liquor licenses will raise \$16,000, leaving a deficit of \$6,500 unprovided for. The estimate for general expenses is \$51,000. The city will spend \$39,471 for paving street intersections. The tax will raise \$25,946, and a bond issue will provide for the balance. Of the tax levied \$2,500 will be used for a public library. The levy is the highest ever made in this city.

The jury in the Ward case, charged with obtaining money under false pretenses, brought in a verdict Tuesday afternoon of not guilty.

100 PER CENT INCREASE ON CITY PROPERTY

Sinking Fund Is Created for Payment of Interest and Outstanding Bonds

One million, four hundred and ninety-six thousand, seven hundred and eighty-six dollars is the assessed value of personal and real property in the city of Klamath Falls. This is an increase of 100 per cent over last year. The council made a levy Monday evening of 9 mills for general purposes and 2 mills for paying the interest on outstanding bonds and to create a sinking fund.

The council last year found it necessary to go the limit and make a levy of thirteen mills, but the present council was opposed to making the taxes any higher than was absolutely necessary. The particular reason for not making the levy higher was that the property owners in the business section will be asked within a year to pave Main street, and the members of the council felt that a larger levy would be too great a burden.

This is the first time that the council has seen fit to create a sinking fund for the payment of bonds, and the public is practically unanimous in the opinion that it is a step in the right direction, and one that should have been taken many years ago. The estimated expenses of the city for the coming year as submitted by the police judge and recommended by the finance committee are \$15,690, and were apportioned as follows:

For salary of police judge	\$ 6.00
For salary of city marshal	1,089
For salary of police	1,800
For salary of city treasurer	150
For salary of city engineer	300
For salary of city attorney	600
Light and water service	3,500
Sergeant at arms	120
Printing	150
Drayage	150
Board of prisoners	50
Health officer	250
Lumber for crosswalks	300
Interest outstanding warrants	2,400
Street sprinkling	700
Streets and crosswalks for which street fund is inadequate	500
Interest on water and sewer bonds	2,600
Total	\$15,690

In addition to the general fund the city has a street fund, which includes all fines and license money. During the past year this income averaged about \$75 a month.

ALL THE ADDITIONS WANT WATER AND LIGHT

A number of the residents of North Klamath Falls, an addition to the city, attended the meeting of the city council Monday evening and asked that they should expect in return in case they should vote their addition into the corporation. They stated that they particularly desired connection with the water system, and asked if the council could promise they would get it.

They were informed by the Mayor and members of the council that wherever there was sufficient population to justify it and a petition was presented by the property owners, it had been customary for the council to order the water put in. Their attention was called to the fact, however, that their only chance of getting water, lights and other improvements was by becoming a part of the city. As long as they remained separate it was a foregone conclusion that they would have to remain without water unless they put in their own system. Their attention was also called to the fact that the sewer bonds would not be payable for twenty years, and by that time all of the present additions would be a part of the city anyway. The only additional taxes they would have to pay would be their percentage of the general expenses and interest on the bonds, which in individual cases would be a very small matter.

MEDFORD HAS PLANS FOR CITY BEAUTIFUL

A special election is to be held at Medford for the purpose of submitting a proposed amendment to the charter and regulating the planting of trees along the residence streets of the city. This is to enable the ladies of the Greater Medford club to carry out the plan outlined for a uniform system of tree planting which will insure a city beautiful in the future. The new water system, complete sewer system, large number of streets to be paved and many miles of cement sidewalk already laid, give assurance of the right conditions of a pretty city, if the streets are parked and shaded by fine trees. A few of the older streets are already finely shaded by magnificent maples and black walnuts, which trees are especially adapted to conditions here.

Joseph Arzner of Lakeview arrived in the city Monday on his way to Siskiyou county to visit relatives.

UTILIZE SAWDUST

Waste Lumber Made Into Wood Flour Means Industry for Oregon Lumbermen.

The biggest problem that is going to confront the lumbermen of Oregon, if it does not confront them already, is the matter of utilizing their waste products. In the past from one-fourth to one-third of every tree cut represented waste. This has been partially remedied through the manufacture of odd-length lumber. Various means have been suggested by millmen for utilizing the waste lumber, but for the sawdust nobody has expected to find any profitable use. Now there comes all the way from Norway the suggestion that sawdust can be profitably transformed into "wood flour."

The flour in question is not the kind which goes into the making of light, fluffy biscuits, and the other kind which are not light, or flaky pastry, but it is an ingredient of dynamite, linoleum, xyolite, which, for the information of the man on the street, is a kind of artificial mooring, and other things. It is not put forward as a new discovery, for it has been in use for several years in Europe, and to a small extent in this country.

The wood is ground in cheap mills, very similar to those which grind corn and rye. Pine and spruce sawdust is used in Europe, and after passing through the stones and the bolting chest, it is sacked or baled for shipment. It is then worth \$12 to \$13 per ton.

The flour has a number of uses, one of which is the making of dynamite. It is the absorbent for the nitroglycerine, the explosive ingredient. Wood flour dynamite is inferior to that made with infusorial earth as the absorbent; but it serves many purposes and is cheaper. But dynamite is one of the smallest prospective uses for the product. Linoleum makers mix it with linseed oil and give body to their floor coverings. It is not considered quite equal to ground cork for this purpose, as it is less elastic; but it is cheaper, and meets requirements for medium grades.

The flour fills an important place in the manufacture of xyolite, a kind of artificial flooring, resembling wood in weight and stone in other respects. It is used for kitchen floors and in halls, corridors, safes, restaurants and public rooms. It is impervious to water, and is practically fire proof. It is floor material in some of the German war vessels.

PLAN A CONFEDERATION

Five Central American Republics May Form United States of Central America.

A recent dispatch from Washington says:

Plans are afloat, it is believed, for the consummation of a confederation of the Central American republics. Proof of this is offered to the minds of Central American diplomats here in the sudden disappearance of Dr. Louis Anderson.

Dr. Anderson was here as special representative of Costa Rica and was the candidate of Mexico for president of the proposed "United States of Central America."

He left on receipt of a telegram and it is learned that his destination is Cartage. Before going he had an interview with Senator Creel, former Mexican ambassador to the United States, and now here as a special envoy.

Central American diplomats fear there may be a confederation. It is believed that Anderson hurried south in anticipation of such an eventuality. He has the endorsement of Mexico and holds the confidence of at least two other states on the isthmus. The Mexican government is committed to the amalgamation of the five fiery little republics on the Central American isthmus.

Senator Creel has declared that his government would like to see such a consolidation, though qualifying by saying that he did not believe the time ripe. Although the United States has been deliberately and studiously shying at the subject, it is understood that this government would not entertain any great enthusiasm over such a consolidation. It would mean that Mexico could exercise a far greater influence over such a group, and that the United States would lose prestige by the close alliance of the Latin-American race.

Easily Answered

The teacher had written a difficult problem on the blackboard. "Now, children," she said, "what is the first thing to do with this?" "Erase it!" shouted the bad little boy on the front seat.—Exchange.

Just Possible

"Man was made to mourn," quoted the moralizer. "Yes," rejoined the demoralizer, "And woman was made to see that he does it."—Chicago News.

MODOC WANTS WATER FOR 30,000 ACRES

Land Owners in Upper Project Have Not All Complied With Government Requirements

Information comes from Alturas that there are approximately 30,000 acres in Modoc county which it has been demonstrated can be irrigated by the water from Clear lake, and steps have already been taken by the supervisors to secure the water for these lands. It is quite probable that the California congressmen will bring the matter before congress at this session.

It is known that there will only be sufficient water in Clear lake to cover the lands in the upper project in Klamath county. As only about 18,000 acres in the upper project have been signed up to the government, it is feared that the reclamation service will be compelled to use this water in Modoc county unless the land owners in Oregon comply with the demands of the government at once, and all the lands are signed up.

It can readily be seen what the result will be if the land owners continue in their attitude, as there is not enough water for both projects and California is ready and wants the water, and it is certain that a strong fight will be put up by the people of that state. There seems to be no assurance, simply because the government has gone ahead with work on the Clear lake dam, that the water will be used on the upper project. No ditches have been built yet in this section, and it would be as easy to construct them in Modoc as in Klamath county. This is a serious matter for this section, and something should be done at once.

SPLENDID EXHIBIT

The following letter was received from F. M. Thompson, the Southern Pacific agent at Klamath Falls, who recently visited Omaha while on his wedding tour:

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 14, 1909.

Dear Sir—Upon my recent visit to Omaha, Neb., it is with pleasure that I call your attention to the splendid exhibit shown by Klamath county, and through the efforts of Mr. C. T. Oliver, the best advertisement that I have ever witnessed has been given this exhibit.

I have personally observed the tireless efforts of Mr. Oliver to bring the attention of the public to our display, and it is indeed creditable.

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Looked That Way

Mrs. Newlywed—George said he went to a Turkish bath last night, and that's what kept him out so late. Mother—I don't believe there is such a thing as a Turkish bath. Mrs. Newlywed—You don't? Why? Mother—Because I saw a Turk once.

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We have the largest and most complete line of high-grade Christmas presents that has ever been brought to this city, and we are better prepared to attend to your holiday wants than ever before.

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Of course it was a pretty little parlor, for that Spider was a wise one—wise beyond his generation—and had furnished his pretty little parlor at the store of E. W. Gillette & Co. (Mang Block, Sixth street), where he found that he could get everything that goes to make a home pretty and comfortable at prices that were easily within the means of a Spider that had to do his own drumming up of business. The fable goes on to relate that this particular pretty little parlor was so cosy and "comfy" that Mr. Fly could not resist the temptation to enter, with disastrous results to Mr. Fly, but to the entire satisfaction of the Spider.

The story goes to show that when you want to furnish a house—parlor and all other rooms—if you will hire yourself to E. W. Gillette & Co. you will find that you can furnish it complete in the most comfortable and attractive manner, and make it so pleasing to the eye that an invitation into your "pretty little parlor" will be sure to be met with pleasure. Another thing about this house is that it doesn't take more to furnish the house than it does to build it. But you will find prices so reasonable that you will wonder why you didn't take advantage of it and have all those nice things long ago. Just drop in some day and get their prices on all house furnishings. You will be surprised. You will find that you can afford that easy rocker; that new carpet; one or two of those pretty rugs or art squares that you have wanted so long to brighten up some particular room. And get the prices on some of the other things that you think you can't afford at present; you'll find that they are not beyond reach after all, but that you can afford them now and not have to wait.

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Two water wagons, oil drums, rotary pump, two low-down water pumps.

For particulars write W. H. JONES, Nelson, Butte County, Cal.

SUMMONS

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Klamath. Suit in Equity for Decree of Divorce.

Arthur Newby, plaintiff, vs. Minnie Newby, Defendant.

To Minnie Newby, the above-named defendant: In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit, on or before the 20th day of January, 1910, that being the day of the last publication of summons, and the last day within which you are required to answer, as fixed by the order of publication of this summons. If you fail to appear and answer, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint. Said suit is brought to secure dissolution of the bonds of matrimony existing between yourself and plaintiff.

This summons is published in the Klamath Falls "Republican," a weekly newspaper printed and published at Klamath Falls, Oregon, by order of Honorable George Noland, Judge of said Court, and dated December 6th, 1909; the first publication to be made on the 9th day of December, 1909, and the last publication thereof on the 20th day of January, 1910.

12-9 1-29 BENSON & STONE, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

A FEW BARGAINS.

Five lots, sign, location, \$1500. Can loan \$750 on the deal. A nice cottage with bath, large lot, \$1700. A good buy. A large residence, five lots, \$3500. Three cottages on three lots. Room enough for another cottage; \$2250. MASON & SLOUGH.

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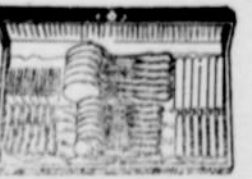
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