

## GOVERNMENT LEASES FARM

SECURES USE OF 80 ACRES NEAR  
MIDLAND FOR 15 YEARS

### FOR DEMONSTRATION FARM

Project Engineer Patch States That  
Main Use Will Be to Provide  
Forage for Horses

A lease from C. E. Worden to the United States Reclamation Service was filed for record Tuesday with the County Clerk. The lease covers eighty acres in Section 32, Township 39-9, near Midland, and is for a term of fifteen years, but can be terminated by the Government at any time. The consideration is a rental of \$25 per annum, and Mr. Worden has to pay the taxes. During the term of the lease the lessor does not pay any water cost, but at the expiration of the lease the cost of the water right of \$30 an acre will become payable in ten annual installments. Project Engineer Patch, when asked as to the purpose of the lease, stated that the land would be put in grain and hay to furnish forage for the Government horses, and that in addition experiments would be made in growing other products. The provisions of the contract, however, state that the "United States shall be permitted to fence, level, ditch, irrigate, dyke, drain, install pumps and other machinery, erect buildings and carry out whatever operations may be necessary or convenient to the establishment of said demonstration farm and works."

This is the property which Soll Expert Bien secured a lease for from Major Worden over a year ago, for the purpose of establishing an upland experimental station, and which was turned down by the service at that time. The lease was approved on January 21, 1910.

### TROUT FISHING IN LINK RIVER

Fishermen Who Have Knowledge and  
Patience Are Well Rewarded

Rare sport is enjoyed by the favored few who understand the art of landing the wily trout in Link River. Every afternoon the banks, yes, and also the middle of the river is lined with would-be disciples of old Isaac Walton. Those who succeed in making the catches usually go fishing early in the morning when they exercise a peculiar charm over the finny tribe. It has been alleged that the charm consisted of a visit to the Upper Lake, the forbidden ground during the winter months. This, however, can not be substantiated as the fish wardens have reported no arrests.

It is safe to say that during the past ten days not less than twenty men have visited the river daily. Of this number not more than a half dozen have succeeded in catching enough to supply the Friday table. All this despite the fact that Link River is known as one of the best trout streams in Southern Oregon. Among those who are familiar with the habits of the fish to the extent they seldom fail to make a good catch are A. Hardenbrook, Fred Houston, Carey Ramsby, E. Sharp and a few others.

In a few rare cases some of the newcomers have been successful in catching enough to make a showing. Chester Hymer, a young man recently from Nevada, where he studied Waltonian doctrines on the Truckee, has managed to make a favorable showing. Charles A. Thomas, recently from San Francisco, for the past week has spent most of his time along the river. So far his efforts have been futile, but it has been suggested that this is due to the fact that he went out in the company of a certain real estate dealer. Newcomers, however, are not the only ones who have failed to make a catch. Frank A. Smith, who fished the turbulent Link when wickieups lined the banks of the stream, spent several days recently in a vain attempt to satisfy his craving for trout. On one occasion he went out early in the morning to familiarize himself with the peculiar charm exercised by A. Hardenbrook and others. The morning passed without so much as a strike. Noon came and he ate

beef, sent to him by his foreseeing wife, with a vengeance. In the evening he came home cold, tired and hungry, but his basket was still empty. H. M. Manning, who many years ago lived on the bank of the Link, is another of the unsuccessful old-timers. After fishing the river from Lake Ewauna to Shippington on the Upper Lake, he ate beef steak with a relish at the Long Lake boarding house. He came home with a fish, but this was entirely due to the generosity of a kind-hearted old gentleman who lives at the head of the river. The men mentioned are not the only ones who have had trying experiences. Their failure should not be taken to reflect too severely on the reputation of Link River as a trout stream. Fishermen who have the knowledge and the patience, are well rewarded. Trout abound in the stream and during the cold weather are of the finest quality.

### SHERIFF ON TRIAL

Charged With Assault on Person of  
C. C. Brower

Justice Court has been in session most of the afternoon, the case on trial being the State of Oregon vs. Sheriff W. B. Barnes. Mr. Barnes is charged with an assault on the person of C. C. Brower. The evidence adduced showed that the complaining witness went to the sheriff's office yesterday morning on business. The matter pertained to the serving of an execution. In the dispute that followed the sheriff ordered Mr. Brower out of the private enclosure in his office. Upon not complying with the order he was forcibly ejected by Mr. Barnes.

Mr. Brower was the only witness appearing for the State. The defense had as witnesses Deputy Sheriff R. E. Guthridge, Wm. Wagner and Mr. Barnes himself. At the time of our going to press, Mr. Barnes had not yet taken the stand in his own behalf.

Both the State and the defendant were represented by counsel and a number of altercations between the attorneys occurred. During the entire proceedings the court room was filled with spectators.

### THIRD RESOLUTION TO INVESTIGATE COST

Members of Congress of Both Houses  
Still Urging Investigation of  
High Cost of Living

United Press Service.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 2.—The third resolution to investigate the high cost of living was introduced in the Senate today by Lodge. The resolution was referred to the Finance Committee. Senator Elkins introduced a similar resolution which is now before the committee. On account of the continued action of members in introducing new resolutions on this subject, the committee will be forced to make its report and it will thus soon be brought before Congress for action. The McCumber resolution is now before the Agricultural Committee.

### NELSON-WOLGAST FIGHT

Forty-Five Round Match to Take  
Place in Alameda on Wash-  
ington's Birthday

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 2.—Following a conference with Battling Nelson, who arrived here today, Promoter Sid Hester made the announcement that the 45-round match between Nelson and Wolgast would be held on Washington's birthday by the Alameda Athletic Club in Alameda. Hester stated that his failure to get a permit in San Francisco or San Mateo, caused him to make arrangements for the fight at Alameda.

### MEDFORD CLUB STARTS GOOD ROADS MOVEMENT

MEDFORD, Ore., Jan. 31.—The Medford Commercial Club last week filed the first gun in a campaign for good roads throughout Southern Oregon when it adopted a motion appointed a committee to draw up a petition invoking the initiative asking that a constitutional amendment be submitted to the people of the State of Oregon next November giving the counties of the State the power to bond themselves for the purpose of building good roads. The petitions will be circulated by the club and active press bureau work undertaken so as to make the matter a success at the election.

It is proposed to bond Jackson County for at least \$1,000,000 and to build good roads throughout.

## NORMAL FIGHT TO BE UP AGAIN

ALUMNI OF MONMOUTH WILL  
PRESENT BILL TO VOTERS

### BY AN INITIATIVE PETITION

Will Ask for an Annual Tax for Its  
Support—Other School May  
Follow Suit

The Normal School question which has been fought over during every session of the Legislature for many years will now be transferred from the State law making body to the voters of the State. Bills will be drafted and petitions circulated for signatures to place them on the ballot for the election in November next. Alumni of Monmouth, "Mother of the Normals," are back of the opening gun and have drafted a bill providing for continual maintenance of that college, which is to be placed before the voters of Oregon for their acceptance or rejection. This bill has now been prepared and within the near future will be printed and put in shape for its circulation for signatures, preparatory to putting it on the initiative ballot.

### Twenty-Seven Thousand Annually

It provides an annual tax of one twenty-fifth of one mill on all the taxable property of the State, which would produce at present approximately \$27,000 annually. At Hood River, steps have been taken to launch a bill providing for the establishment of one normal at Hood River, and it is probable that this bill will soon be going the rounds for signatures.

Ashland and Weston have not been heard from by any public action, but it is very probable that the friends of these two institutions will bestir themselves and put the claims of their schools forward for the recognition of the voters at an early date. In this way the normal school question will be presented squarely before the voters, and, it is hoped, settled once for all in November.

In launching their proposal the members of the Monmouth Alumni Association have given the question exhaustive study and thought, and have concluded to come into the field in support of their institution alone. At the same time, while standing back of their alma mater, they do not wish it to be understood that they are opposing the claims of either Ashland or Weston.

### Claims of Monmouth First

They decided, however, that it would be best for them to present the claims of Monmouth alone, in order that the people should be able to judge of the merits of each case to come before them individually, and not be bound by any combination of schools. In this way those who favor three schools can vote for that number, those who desire to see two schools can vote their choice, or those who back one school will have an opportunity to express that desire by their ballots.

### UNITED MINE WORKERS TO ASK FOR INCREASE

Demand Will Be Made on Operators  
for One Dollar a Ton

United Press Service.  
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 1.—The scale committee today reported to the convention of the United Mine Workers, recommending an increase of 10 cents a ton for mining coal. The present scale is 90 cents, and the new demand will bring the price up to \$1, the highest price ever asked.

Besides the increase asked for, the committee recommended that eight hours constitute a day's work, with a half-holiday on Saturday. The report also disagrees with the Lewis proposal, that no general strike be ordered should negotiations be pending when the present contract expires. The report further recommends that a joint conference be held to settle demands, and that in the event there is a prospect of a general strike, that organizers be rushed into non-union districts and enroll all workers in the union. The convention adopted the provisions of the report relating to the increase of wages and the hours of labor.

## BOARD SHOWS PARTIALITY

DIRECTORS PREVENT COMPETITION IN SUPPLYING MATERIAL

### CLAY BRICK SPECIFICATION

Will Not Consider Concrete, Cement  
Brick or Other Material at  
Any Price

Bids have been advertised for the construction of the new \$20,000 school building which is to be erected in this city on the west side of the river. The specifications for the material to be used in the walls eliminates everything but what is called "good hard burned brick." As it is an admitted fact that these specifications can never be met with any clay brick ever manufactured in Klamath Falls, it would appear that it would be necessary to ship material from the outside for the construction of the new school building. It is true that burned brick can be manufactured here, but it has never, to anyone's knowledge, been called "good." This leaves the contractors rather up in the air as to what the directors might consider good brick.

The Hydraulic Stone & Brick Company, manufacturers of concrete blocks and cement brick, has asked a number of times to allow its material to be considered in submitting bids, but no satisfaction has ever been received, further than the statement that the Board did not consider the blocks strong enough. Offers were made to demonstrate the strength, but the Board evidently was not open to conviction as the offer was refused.

The Ferguson System of hollow concrete walls, the rights for which in Klamath County are owned by the Hydraulic Stone & Brick Company of this city, is used all over the United States in buildings where strength, fire proof qualities and beauty are essential. The power house of the Chicago Drainage Canal is a recent demonstration of a Ferguson System building. This structure is built entirely of concrete block with no reinforcement. It is 386 feet long, 64 feet wide and 46 feet from foundation to roof plate. All trusses and roof are carried on the walls, which are 50 per cent hollow. The Board of Engineers of Chicago, after the most rigid tests, specified this material for the building, to the exclusion of brick or natural stone, the walls of which must withstand vibration by 30,000 horse power. The contract price was \$282,000.

If the Directors are partial to brick there is nothing here stronger or that would make a neater building than cement brick. Every one of these are uniform in size and would make a handsome structure, equal in appearance and strength to pressed brick, which would cost nearly three times as much.

As the members of the School Board are not spending their own money, but that of the taxpayer, it would seem that it was their duty to get bids on more than one material, if they were fulfilling their trust and working for the best interests of the people. As they are absolutely without knowledge of the cost of any other material than clay brick, it would appear that they were careless, to say the least, of the best interests of the taxpayers whose money they are spending.

### RECEIVED LIFE SENTENCE

Mrs. Ledoux Goes to San Quentin for  
Murder of A. N. McVicar

STOCKTON, Cal., Feb. 2.—Mrs. Emma Ledoux, who recently saved the county \$15,000 by pleading guilty of the murder of A. N. McVicar, was sentenced to life imprisonment and taken to San Quentin today. Mrs. Ledoux absolutely refused to make any statement and resisted all efforts to secure an interview.

### SHIPMENT OF STOCK

Convenience of Shipping Facilities  
Great Advantage to Stock-  
men of This County

Tuesday a train load of cattle and horses was loaded at the Klamath Falls yards for shipment to San

Francisco. There were eighteen car loads of cattle, shipped by Jack Horton, and one car load of horses belonging to E. Stewart, of San Francisco. Mr. Stewart has made several shipments of horses within the past few weeks.

Mr. Stewart recently purchased about nineteen head of mares and colts of Howard VanValkenburg, among which was a three-year-old mare raised in Klamath County which weighed 1999 pounds. Klamath County horses are of the best grade and bring a good price in the market.

Since the completion of the railroad to this city, the stockmen and shippers of the county have found it very convenient for them as it enables them to hold their stock until the market is right in the cities. Heretofore they have been compelled to drive the stock to railroad points many miles distant when the conditions of the weather were most favorable, and this very often happened when the market was at the lowest.

### SITES OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS

They Should Be Selected With an Eye  
to the Future

(San Francisco Chronicle, Editorial)

There is a controversy in the enterprising town of Klamath Falls, Ore., over the location of a new County Court House which presents some interesting features to the outside world, because it appears to have had infused into it the spirit which inevitably, when it gets control, results in impeding progress, and therefore may be used as a valuable object lesson. At present the court sits in a very inferior building which stands on a lot far below the established grade and which it would cost about \$6,000 to fill. The desirability of the site for business purposes is generally recognized, and the county has received offers for it ranging as high as \$40,000. At the same time the Klamath Development Company has offered the county a tract of five acres on an eminence across the Government canal from Main street, which includes the grading of streets, the laying of cement sidewalks, the construction of a bridge across the canal, free water for irrigation purposes and hot water from the hot springs for heating, the whole gift having a cash value of at least \$30,000, which will be enhanced in the future.

It would seem that Klamath Falls would jump at the offer, as it means a gain of at least \$70,000 to the county, whereas the maintenance of the Court House in its present location would involve an unnecessary outlay of cash to bring the site to grade. Opposition, however, has developed. Property owners near the present location fear that its removal will depreciate their holdings. It is difficult to comprehend how this could occur if the site was sold for business purposes. In that event the new use to which it would be put would contribute much more to the value of surrounding property than the retention of the Court House. Business never benefited by the immediate proximity of public buildings. Doubtless the erection of a Court House in a town promotes its growth but its location in an undesirable spot would not contribute nearly so much to that result as its erection in a place where it would be an ornament as well as a convenience to the community.

The controversy derives its interest from the fact that it brings into view a tendency of American communities to think too much of the present in dealing with problems like that now confronting Klamath Falls. The result has been to fill the land with towns whose public buildings are not located as they should be, thus depriving them of an advantage which a little intelligent provision might have secured for them. Klamath Falls will make the same kind of a mistake if it allows present considerations to interfere with the placing of the Court House on the spot where it would present the most imposing appearance.

### THOMPSON PROMOTED

Southern Pacific Agent F. M. Thompson has been appointed traveling agent for the company between Sacramento and Ashland, and Weed and Klamath Falls, and expects to enter upon his new duties within a week or so. The bulletin announcing his successor has not been published yet by the railroad, but it is expected within a week.

## HERMANN IS ON THE STAND

EXHAUSTIVE CROSS EXAMINATION  
CONDUCTED BY HENEY

### DEVELOPS BATTLE OF WITS

Hermann Admits School Lands Could  
Be Used for Fraudulent  
Exchange

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 2.—Binger Hermann, who was placed on the stand in his own defense, was subjected to an exhaustive cross examination during the entire day by Heney. Questions were hurled at him covering the early history of Oregon and carrying him up to the time when he became Commissioner of the General Land Office. Heney forced Hermann to admit that he had a general knowledge that school lands could be, and perhaps were, being used for fraudulent exchange.

The entire session was an interesting one for the spectators, as it developed a battle of wits between the prosecutor and Hermann, in which first one and then the other got the better of it. No testimony of real importance, however, was secured, although the rapid-fire questions of Heney kept Hermann working his brain overtime to keep from unguarded replies which might have hurt his case.

### BRIDGE CLUB ENTERTAINS

Brilliant Reception Given Last Even-  
ing in Honor of One of the  
Members

One of the most brilliant social events of the season occurred last Tuesday at the White-Maddox hall, when the members of the Ladies' Bridge Club tendered a farewell reception in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Shore Smith, who are soon to leave to make their home in Eugene. 500 was played during the early part of the evening, after which an elaborate luncheon was served in the large banquet room. Mrs. Smith was presented with a handsome cut glass dish as a token of the esteem in which she is held by the members of the club. Beautiful favors were also presented to the successful ones in 500. Mrs. Francis J. Bowne received first ladies' prize, and Fred H. Mills the gentlemen's prize. Consolation prizes were won by Mrs. C. P. Mason and B. St. Geo. Bishop. The Ladies' Quartette, consisting of Mesdames Zumwalt, Henry, Mason and Gates, rendered several delightful selections, while Mrs. Don Zumwalt favored the guests with a vocal solo and encore. After the luncheon dancing was engaged in until a late hour, the music being furnished by the Baldwin Orchestra.

Those present were: Messrs. and Mesdames Richard Shore Smith, Chas. F. Stone, O. B. Gates, D. S. Painter, B. St. Geo. Bishop, E. J. Murray, George Noland, G. Heitkemper Jr., Don J. Zumwalt, C. H. Underwood, W. O. Smith, W. S. Wiley, Burge Mason, F. H. Mills, R. M. Richardson, Alex. Martin Jr., C. Ross Anderson, E. B. Henry, C. P. Mason, Francis J. Bowne; Mesdames C. F. Powers and W. J. Brennan; Misses Elizabeth Bell and Marie McMillan, and Mr. E. K. Temple.

### MINE EXPLOSION

Thirty-Three Dead and Many Missing  
in Kentucky Disaster

United Press Service.  
DRAKESBORO, Ky., Feb. 2.—Thirty-three dead, two missing and over a dozen fatally injured in the complete report of the casualties in the explosion of the White mine at Browder, near here, which occurred yesterday. Many of the bodies were so mutilated that they were beyond recognition, and many still remain unidentified.

### EPISCOPAL SERVICES

Bishop Paddock, of the Episcopal Church, will arrive here this week and will hold services at 7:30 on Friday evening at the Methodist Church. Morning services will be held on Sunday in the Opera House at 11 o'clock. Sunday evening services will be announced later.