

## WILL MAKE JOURNEY TO CRESCENT WITH AN AUTO

Judge Chas. Graves and F. M. Cleaves left here Sunday morning in the former's automobile for Crescent. This will be the first trip through the extreme northern part of the county, and Mr. Graves states that he does not know if they will encounter sufficient snow on the mountains to prevent the trip or not.

The snow in the mountains has been very heavy during the winter, and for that reason what remains is pretty well packed. This portion of the trip will probably be made at night after the crust has hardened, and it is hoped that in this way the auto will be able to get through all right. Mr. Graves will return the latter part of the week, while Mr. Cleaves expects to remain at Crescent two or three weeks.

## "DEAD MEN'S THINGS" WILL BE SOLD AT AUCTION SOON

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 22.—Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh has just ordered what will probably be the most unusual auction sale ever held in the United States. The general public will be invited to bid on a room full of valuables, the unclaimed property of Americans who died abroad alone, so far as known, friendless.

The property came from every quarter of the globe, whence United States consuls forwarded it to the state department. The government has been unable to find the heirs, and so the unclaimed personal estates, some of them worth thousands of dollars, have for years lain in a huge vault in the office of the "Auditor of the State and Other Departments."

Almost every variety of small article is represented in the heterogeneous lot which is to be auctioned off. There are penknives with broken blades and cavalry sabers. There are cheap brass rings and there are rings set with diamonds and rubies, bracelets studded with gems, and diamond solitaire earrings. One little package contains a watch the case of which is made of iron. Another contains two watches with solid gold cases and works of the finest make. There are also many packages of money from every known country. One of the packages to be sold contains five \$100 government bonds. Another contains nine \$10 Confederate bills and a \$1,000 bond issued by the government of "Jeff" Davis. Any number of packages contain property deeds and negotiable, interest bearing notes, long overdue, but which the government, in its self-constituted capacity of custodian, has had no power to collect.

All these "estates" will go, package by package, to the highest bidder, and those who have no squeamishness about buying "dead men's things" may pick up some rare bargains.

The government has long hesitated to sell its rather grewsome collection, but finally has been forced to, because according to a treasury official, "The stuff is piling up too fast, and we need the room."

The proceeds of the strange sale will be deposited in the treasury to await claimants which are never expected to appear.

## WILLIAMS AND SPAN ARE TRAINING HARD FOR BOUT

Frank Williams of Merrill and Kid Span, the Berkeley negro, who are matched for a twenty-round bout here Friday night, are training hard for the event, and each is determined to be in the best possible condition for the mix. When they met here once before a terrific scrap was witnessed by the crowd before Williams, after having his opponent nearly out, lost his head and struck the negro before he rose from his knees, thereby losing on a foul. This was a sad blow to Williams, and he is determined to win this time or know why. Span's supporters declare that when he met Williams before the dusky mit wielder was in no shape to enter the ring, and that he will come out of the fray with the long end of the receipts in his possession.

Both men are showing up well in their training, and their cleverness is being commented on by the crowds of sport lovers who daily flock to the training quarters to watch the boxers work out. A hard fought battle is expected.

Bobby Allen, a promising young local, has been matched against Kid Mack, a colored boxer from Colorado. Mack claims the lightweight championship of the Silver State, and he has all the science of the ring up his sleeve. The management of the Klamath Athletic club is making efforts to arrange a preliminary between Al Fitzsimmons, who claims the bantamweight championship of British Columbia, and Spider Walsh, a clever little 118-pounder, who has appeared several times before the Sacramento clubs. Walsh is residing here now, and is anxious to take on Fitzsim-

mons, who was here looking for a match a short time ago.

## SAN FRANCISCO CAUTALISTS SECURE BIG OIL PROPERTY

VISALIA, April 22.—The biggest oil deal in the history of Visalia was consummated when a San Francisco syndicate purchased the interest of Martin & Dudley in Lost Hills. This includes 1,800 acres of patent land and five wells, also locations on 1,200 acres of government land. The price was \$750,000, of which \$250,000 was paid in cash.

The new purchasers will sink many wells, develop the Lost Hills towns, and they also plan to build a railroad and pipe line.

There is likewise a deal by which the Shore Oil company, pioneers in Lost Hills, sells to the same syndicate 520 acres of patent lands for \$160,000 cash.

Dudley & Martin are owners of a half interest and C. J. Gidding, J. S. Johnson and E. C. Farnsworth are other prominent owners.

## MEDFORD WILL PAVE WITH ASPHALTIC CONCRETE

The city council at a special session held Wednesday afternoon accepted the bid of the Clark & Henry Construction Company for the paving of many additional streets in this city, and instructed the city attorney to draw up an ordinance entering into a contract with the firm. The council has decided to accept the asphaltic concrete pavement offered by the company at \$1.71 a square yard.

With the additional streets to pave and those included in the contract now under way but not as yet completed the company has approximately 250,000 square yards of pavement to lay in the city before they finish work here.—Medford Mail-Tribune.

## COUNTY IN KANSAS HAS NOT A SINGLE LAWYER

TOPEKA, April 22.—Stanton county, Kans., with a population of 1,034, has not a lawyer in its midst. State Senator S. M. Brewster of Doniphan county was today appointed special assistant attorney general and designated to act as attorney in a murder case in Stanton. Several weeks ago Marion Cole, Stanton county attorney, and the last lawyer in the county, died. The murder case thus held in abeyance will be tried next week.

## ORENDORF HOTEL SOLD TO AN EASTERN MAN

A. A. Bellman, formerly of Indiana, has purchased the Orendorf hotel property on Main street, from Emmett Beeson. The property has a frontage of 60 feet, and is a part of lots 5 and 6, in block 40 of the original town. The price paid was \$12,000, or \$200 a front foot.

It is stated that Mr. Bellman expects a little later to remove the hotel building now occupying the property and construct a modern business block.

## BRICK MANUFACTURER STABBED BY MINISTER

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., April 22.—E. E. Adkins, a wealthy brick manufacturer of this city, is dying as the result of being stabbed by Rev. M. C. Johnson, a Methodist minister. The men were both directors in a brick plant, and quarreled in the street.

Adkins felled Johnson with his fist, and the latter drew a knife and stabbed Adkins in the breast and neck. Both men are prominent here. Johnson has surrendered to the authorities and was released on bail.

## AMERICAN YOUTHS ARE RELEASED FROM PRISON

EL PASO, Texas, April 22.—Harry Brown, Converse and Blatt, the adventurous young Americans, who, on account of their activities with the rebel army in Mexico, were imprisoned by the federal authorities at Juarez, were released today. Although their release was hoped for, nothing definite was known till this morning, when the mayor of Juarez received word from President Diaz.

## BOMB EXPLODED AT OAKLAND LODGING HOUSE

OAKLAND, April 21.—An attempt was made at 2 o'clock this morning to blow up a lodging house on Fifth street by means of a crude bomb. The bomb exploded on the porch, partially wrecking the front of the building.

Nobody was injured, although twenty people were asleep in the house at the time. The police department is investigating the affair.

## Bishop Goes to Homestead

B. St. Geo. Bishop left Sunday for his homestead near Pelican Bay. Since being advised from Washington that the secretary had ordered his homestead application filed Mr. Bishop has been very much elated. He has had a long, hard fight, and his friends are rejoiced over his final success.

## MURRAY FILES PETITION AS CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR

There will be three candidates for mayor at the general city election to be held on May 1st. E. J. Murray has filed his petition, and his name will be placed on the ballot. He is running on a straight municipal ownership platform, and is opposed by C. F. Stone, an anti-municipal ownership man, and the present mayor, F. T. Sanderson.

## RATE FOR WOOD IS EXPECTED

Secretary C. T. Oliver of the Klamath Chamber of Commerce, who has been working to secure a better rate from the Southern Pacific on cordwood shipments to this city from Worden, is feeling somewhat elated over the interest taken in this matter by Travelling Freight and Passenger Agent I. L. Kelly, who was here from Sacramento yesterday in the interests of the railway corporation. Yesterday Mr. Oliver received a letter from General Freight Agent O'Gara, stating that the rate could not be granted, but when Kelly appeared on the scene Oliver buttonholed him, went to some pains in showing how things stood, and finally convinced Kelly to such an extent that he began to ask questions, took down notes, and promised to take the matter up with his chief.

"There is a wealth of treetops, etc., from the timber used by the sawmill in the hills within two miles of Dorris," says Mr. Oliver, but instead of its being hauled these two miles to the station it is necessary to haul this wood a distance of seven miles to the nearest landing on the Klamath River, where it is transferred to barges.

Oliver has pointed out to Kelly that wood could be shipped by the S. P. to this point at as cheap a rate as it can be shipped by water, and that the shortened haul would cause the woodmen to patronize the railway exclusively.

## DIKE ALONG LAKE WILL START SOON

Charles W. Eberlein, president of the Enterprise Land and Investment company, has returned from the East to San Francisco. It is understood that he will arrive in Klamath Falls by the first of the month to start the dike work along the shore of Lake Ewauna, of which mention was made in the Herald about two months ago.

This company is also bringing large tracts of their land under cultivation this season by clearing away brush and plowing. This work is mostly attended to by the company's foreman, Otto Schoenfeld. Mr. Schoenfeld is also in charge of the sinking of several artesian wells on the lowlands toward the mountains overlooking the Enterprise ranch house.

## FINE WEATHER AHEAD—THE GEESSE ARE FLYING NORTH

For the past few days, but especially last night and today the air has been filled with thousands of geese passing this city in the northward journey, while their "honk honking" can be heard nearly all the time. Barely does one flock get out of sight than another V-shaped band is seen to the southward, and before these are lost to view another flock is in sight.

The old timers, "the men who know," are rejoicing at this migration, as they say that it is the most reliable sign of good weather to be found, either in or out of an almanac.

## They All Like George

It does one good who visits the court house to note the presence in the clerk's office of George Chastain, the former county clerk, behind the counter of that office, assisting in the business of the county. George was out at the Dave Shook ranch all winter, playing cowboy, as of yore, but the lure of the town was too much for him, and he came back late in March, bought a home in town and brought his family with him. Mr. DeLap was fortunate in securing his services in the clerk's office.

## CONVERSE AND BLATT REPORTED LIBERATED

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Mexico City reports state that President Diaz has ordered the release of Converse and Blatt, the young Americans imprisoned at Juarez. This is said to come as a result of the plea made by the father of Converse.

## EXPOSITION SITE WILL TO BE DECIDED UPON

SAN FRANCISCO, April 21.—It was intimated today that the exposition site would be selected when President C. C. Moore returns from the East on May 8th.

The world's longest bridge is over the Danube at Czermovoda, having a length of 12,705 feet.

## STAHLMAN WITHDRAWS AS FIRST WARD COUNCILMAN

Fred Stahlman of the First Ward, who received a tie vote for councilman with R. A. Alford, has announced that he will not qualify, but will withdraw in favor of Mr. Alford.

The race for First Ward councilman will be between R. M. Richardson, who received the highest vote at the primaries, R. A. Alford and Percival Sholl, the socialist candidate.

## REBELS TAKE UP STRONG POSITION IN THE FOOTHILLS

DOUGLAS, April 21.—According to rumors prevailing in this city today, the city of Agua Prieta is again to be the scene of a conflict between the subjects of President Diaz. Couriers arriving in Agua Prieta report that Juan Cabra and Colonel Ajo, two officers in the insurrecto army, each leading a force of five hundred rebel troops, are at that town organizing their forces preparatory to moving on Agua Prieta for an extensive attack.

It is known that the insurgents have taken up a very strong position in the foothills, twenty miles to the southwest of Agua Prieta. This position was well chosen, as the topographic surroundings make it so strong that it will take a superior force of men to dislodge them, and then only after a hard fight.

## EL PASO CITIZENS DECLARE THEY WILL RETURN FIRE

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Officials here fear that if Madero attacks Juarez, there will be a repetition of the Douglas incident, but of more serious consequences. The American troops have been ordered to prevent any casualties on the American side. The citizens of El Paso threaten to participate in the shooting if any Mexican bullets fall on the American side of the line. This stand is taken despite General Woods orders to the soldiers to prevent the participation of the citizens.

The Mexican Foreign Office has withdrawn the offending portions of the reply of President Diaz to Taft. It is generally believed here that this part was intended for home consumption. The revised reply from the Mexican government is expected here at almost any moment.

## JAUREZ AWAITS START OF BATTLE

EL PASO, Texas, April 21.—At noon today 500 rebels were seen moving from the hills toward Juarez. It is believed that they are taking their positions preparatory to making an attack on the city.

A council of war was held at Madero's headquarters this morning, and the military board of strategy presented a detailed plan of battle, which was considered and finally adopted. It is believed that the battle will begin at 3 o'clock, the scheduled time announced by Madero.

## Rebels Favored

EL PASO, Texas, April 21.—Mexicans here are unanimously in favor of the rebels. Senora Madero, wife of Francisco Madero, has arrived from San Antonio. She will stay here until the revolt is over.

Dr. Cook, who lectured here last night, visited the Madero camp this morning.

## The Wife's Work

The man who makes his wife get up in the morning to start the fires at last saved enough money to buy an automobile. One day while going up a hill the machine stopped.

"You'll have to get out and push, Fannie," he said, "because I've got to stay here and guide it."—Lippincott's Magazine.

## In New Location

Clyde E. Witter, the plumber, who was "burned out" of a location by the fire in the old Masonic Temple a short time ago, is now ready for business in his new location on Main street, next to the City Bakery. Mr. Witter has put in a glass door, and made many improvements to the building.

## Remodel Office

During the past few days the office of the Johnson-Collins Realty company has been remodeled, and among other changes a private office has been partitioned off, enabling the realty men and their clients to discuss business matters without being interrupted.

## Here From Kansas

H. D. Gray, an Ottawa, Kans., contractor, is in this city. He is thinking of investing, and perhaps will locate here.

Rhode Island has the densest population among the states, with Massachusetts next and New Jersey third.

## WHY WE HAVE NO DISASTROUS FLOODS

IT IS a well known and established fact that the streams of Klamath county seldom if ever rise to a stage which floods the creek or river bottoms to a degree that is destructive of property on the adjacent lands. Just why this is so very few people stop to consider or study out. But there is a reason. Though it is true that the snows of winter often fall to a depth of ten and sometimes twenty feet in the mountain regions surrounding the valleys, these snows melt so gradually and the water runs off with such an even current that the streams never rise more than a few feet above a normal stage. Warm days come in March and April, and were it not for the cool, frosty nights—which have the effect of halting or stopping the melting of the snow—the streams would be flooded. How often in March, for instance, one sees the sun come out with a warmth in the morning hours that betokens a summer day's heat in the afternoon. The snows on the slopes of the ranges begin to melt and send up little clouds of vapor. There are joined to other cloudlets, and by the midafternoon the sky is overcast, and mayhap before night a shower of rain or snow is precipitated over the earth; and the threatening flood of water passes away for the day. And so the process goes on, day after day, until the possibility of danger from that source has vanished.

But that is not the only safety valve which protects these valleys from disastrous floods. Link River and the Klamath Basin have the great Upper Klamath Lake for a reservoir, many miles in extent, which receives the flood waters of Annie Creek, Wood River, Spring Creek, the Williamson River, the Sprague River and many smaller tributaries, distributing their waters evenly over its vast surface before these waters flow off into Link River and the valley below. As to Lost River, it also has Clear Lake and Horseshoe Valleys for reservoirs, each holding the water back to almost an even stage, and preventing the possibility of flooding the valleys below.

Thus we see that while most of the other large streams of the country are subject to great changes in their stages of water, Klamath's rivers have almost an even flow throughout the year. At Cincinnati the water gauge on the Ohio River often shows a difference of fifty-five feet between its flood and its low water, while on the Klamath the difference between the high and low water mark is scarcely ten feet, and, strange to say, the greatest divergence is caused, not by a flood of water in Klamath Lake, but by the course of the wind. That statement may sound strange to those not acquainted with the peculiarities of Link River, but it is, nevertheless, true, and the reason for it is found in the fact that if the wind is in the south for any length of time, it has the effect of blowing the water northward, so that little of the lake's waters reach the head of Link river; while if the wind is in the north the opposite effect is produced, and there is a rise in the waters of Link River.

## NON-IRRIGABLE LANDS SUBJECT TO ENLARGED ENTRY

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 24.—During March 227,574 acres were designated by the secretary of the Interior as non-irrigable and subject to entry under the enlarged or 320-acre homestead act. The lands are in Idaho, Montana, New Mexico and Wyoming. During February 152,412 acres were so designated and during January 239,200 acres.

## If We Had to Pay for It

"I regard conversation as a gift," remarked the studious woman.

"It usually is," replied Miss Cayenne. "If people had to pay for it there would be much less of it."—Washington Star.

Charley Parrish of Portland is spending a day or two in the city, looking after business. To the old-timer the sight of Mr. Parrish is like meeting a long-lost friend. Twenty-five years ago he was known to every man in the county, was at one time deputy sheriff, and was known to all for his good fellowship. Hope he stays for good.

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