

POTATO LETTER GIVING US ADVICE

RECEIVED BY CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMERCIAL CLUB SEED COMMITTEE FROM LEADING CALIFORNIA GROWER

T. H. Stephens, chairman of the seed committee of the Klamath Falls Commercial Club, wrote to one of the largest potato growers in California for his advice as to potato growing in the Klamath Basin. The following is the answer:

"I am very glad to acknowledge your letter of the 6th inst., and glad indeed to give you any information that I have at my command.

"First, in reference to barley. My impression is that you will produce as good an article as can be grown anywhere. To get the best results the seed you secure from Oregon would, I think, be the most desirable.

"Now, in regard to potatoes. The United States government will submit you samples of many different varieties that can be tested out, and you can determine which will be the best for your particular soil. Write to the department of agriculture. If two or three different parties will write for samples, each could test that which they receive, and in this way give them a fair trial. By all means get samples of the government and advise others as to doing so at once. In the last two years they have sent me sixteen different samples. Only two or three of them were good for our conditions here. We find that a potato that does well in one section is very frequently nearly a failure at another point and under different conditions. I am well acquainted with the blue potato that you speak of. It is known here as the 'Centennial.' This, however, is not the correct name. It is a very healthy, good potato to grow, of good flavor, and a fine yielder, but the trade throughout the country are discouraging, by non-use, all colored varieties. The trade demands a white potato, and it don't pay to buy anything else. It would be very difficult for you to get true seed, such as you want, this season, and price will be quite high.

"We find that we get the best results from seed potatoes by getting them from the East, and on my own land I get a few cars of Eastern potatoes each season. I have brought out five cars of Wisconsin Prides this season. These potatoes have produced the best results of any potatoes that we have ever grown.

"The Burbank, for a late potato, in most sections is a very popular and perhaps deservedly the best liked potato that has ever been produced.

"Good California seed could be had of this variety, and at less cost than any other variety that can be furnished.

"The 'Peerless' is a good potato, but grows uneven and sometimes very large in size. The 'Snowflake,' 'Money-maker' and 'Gold Medal' are good, and there are many other varieties of white potatoes that are popular. I will mail you a catalogue today that will give you much potato information.

"The variety that you speak of 'Roughskins,' are what are raised in Colorado, and are called 'Pearls,' and do well in some sections, poorly in others. It is not a popular variety.

"The 'American Wonder' has proved itself one of our very best potatoes, and is a very desirable potato to plant.

"We have had a couple of cars here from Klamath that have been very satisfactory. I trust this information will assist you. The catalogue I send is from a seed potato grower in Maine, but we never go that far East for potatoes on account of the high freight rates. Yours truly,

"W. A. CURTIS."

Cowley Out for Assessor

Another candidate for county assessor, R. C. Cowley, a republican, has announced his intention of fighting for the office. He will oppose Captain J. P. Lee, democratic incumbent. Mr. Cowley is a Langell Valley man, living near Lorella. He is a stockman and farmer, and has many warm friends who have known him for years and believe in his ability. He expects to get warm support from these.

Fine Work by Rebekah's

Prosperity Rebekah Lodge No. 104, I. O. O. F., held their regular meeting in Odd Fellows' hall Thursday night, and initiated 9 candidates into that degree of Odd Fellowship. It was the first time the new degree work had been used and under the directions of Captain Sauber the work was admirably performed, visitors complimenting the captain and team very highly for their efficiency.

PRINT CHARTER.

COUNCIL ORDERS

At council Thursday night the new charter was not sprung by Mayor Fred T. Sanderson and City Attorney Horace M. Manning, but a resolution adopted providing for its printing de-

veloped the fact that the instrument is complete and ready for typographical treatment. It will probably be offered at the next council meeting.

The council has been doing gum shoe work on the charter in order to free itself from the annoyance necessarily involved when such a measure or enterprise is handled in the open. All the council have seen the document and know its contents, and believe, for the greater part, that it will, if adopted, prove sufficiently adequate for the needs of the city for some years.

WIFE APPEALS AS HUSBAND DIES

Sheriff William B. Barnes is this afternoon in receipt of a telegram from the wife of R. H. White, telling of his death from consumption at Yuma, Ariz., and asking for funds.

The Whites are well known Indians and went to Yuma last fall in the hope of benefitting the health of the husband. The sheriff is unable to meet the request for the amount asked by Mrs. White, and believed publication might induce friends of the couple to come forward and help them. Following is the telegram:

"Mr. R. H. White died last night, and we are in need of some money to ship his body home. Will you pay back as soon as we reach the Falls. Can you send \$500? Telegraph immediately."

BOOSTERS ARRIVE AND POSSESS CITY

COMES, SINGS IN RAIN FOR PURE JOY OF LIVING, EATS BANQUET AND HAS A GENERAL GOOD TIME

When the Eugene Boosters arrived here about 5 o'clock p. m. Thursday they stood in the rain at the depot to sing a boost for Klamath Falls and themselves, a sort of outburst of felicitation over the assurance of the Natron-Klamath Falls cutoff. At the station they were met by Secretary Caleb T. Oliver of the Klamath Chamber of Commerce and others, and in the evening they were tendered a banquet at the White Pelican hotel, which was presided over by Judge Henry L. Benson. President M. J. Duryea of the Eugene Commercial Club responded to the toastmaster's welcoming remarks, after which the Eugene quartet sang. E. S. Rolfe spoke on Eugene as a distributing center, while others who spoke briefly included Dell V. Kuykendall, W. A. Delzell, Samuel Evans, C. S. Williams, L. L. Lewis and Alexander Martin Jr.

After the banquet some of the delegates were entertained at the Elks Club. All were greatly pleased with the reception, and at the development of the city, which they found decidedly surprising.

Unfortunately for the visitors the weather has not been propitious, but they were circulating today and enjoying themselves despite the elements. Tomorrow morning they will leave for Grants Pass, where there is to be a reception in their honor. From there they return to Eugene.

BINGHAM'S SUIT AGAINST MAYOR GAYNOR COMING UP

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—General Theodore A. Bingham's \$100,000 suit against Mayor Gaynor for alleged libel committed in a letter to Mayor McClellan is set for hearing today in the supreme court. General Bingham, at the time of the letter episode, was police commissioner of New York Mayor Gaynor, then a justice, is said to have criticized him severely for his action in the celebrated Duffy case.

Duffy was a Brooklyn boy, and was said to have been repeatedly arrested by the police of that borough without warrant or any real charge against him. Mayor Gaynor is charged with accusing Bingham of persecution.

VISCOUNT CHINDA LANDS ON CHINO MARU CRAFT

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16.—Viscount Chinda, the new Japanese ambassador, has arrived here on the Chino Maru. He remains here a couple of days. He will be privately entertained.

ANNIVERSARY OF MAINE DISASTER OBSERVED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 16.—Yesterday was the fourteenth anniversary of the destruction of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor.

The anniversary was marked by the starting of a funeral cortege from the Cuban capital, bringing the bodies recovered from the wreck to Washington for burial in Arlington National cemetery.

The Very Rev. Father John J. Chidwick, who was chaplain of the ill-fated Maine at the time of the explosion, will accompany the remains here from Havana. Father Chidwick officiated at the funerals of the victims of the explosion recovered in 1898.

FEMALES ARRESTED FOR STEALING RIDE

And Begging Food Along Way—Woman Is Mother of Girl, Who Had Been Awarded to Father in Divorce Proceedings against Wife

OROVILLE, Calif., Feb. 16.—Female tramps, Mrs. Florence Ivy and her 13-year-old daughter, are under arrest here, after riding from Portola by freight train and begging their food.

Mrs. Ivy is wanted on a bench warrant issued in Auburn for splitting the girl out of Placer county. The child had been awarded to the father in divorce proceedings. Both mother and daughter admit they walked for many miles over the railroad ties to escape arrest.

WATER REFORMS CONGRESS ASKS

When Abel Ady, president of the Klamath Water Users' Association, went to Chicago in December as the delegate to the Federated Water Users convention from that body, at its expense, he stayed a week over time at his own expense in order to do some missionary work for reform of methods in irrigation matters at the Nineteenth National Irrigation congress.

Mr. Ady was a member of the subcommittee on irrigation of the convention to which he was a delegate, and got two other members of the committee to remain to the irrigation congress convention. They succeeded in getting the resolutions committee of the congress to report the following:

"We recommend an amendment to section 4 of the reclamation act, approved June 17, 1902, such amendment to provide for repaying the cost of any project by the land owners under it in installments covering a period of not less than twenty years; these installments to be in equal or graduated amounts payable at such time or times as may be determined by the secretary of the interior.

"We hold that homestead entry men on lands to be irrigated under any reclamation project should receive patents on making final proof on payment of such portion of the charges apportioned against such tracts as may then be due, under regulations safeguarding the collection of the remaining charges apportioned against such entries.

"Holding that a full understanding of the plans, progress and cost of irrigation works on the part of Water Users' associations will promote good will and harmony between the representatives of the government and the water users, we recommend that hereafter complete plans and specifications of any work contemplated on any project shall be delivered to the project Water Users' association before the work begins; we further recommend that itemized semi-annual reports of all charges and expenditures under any irrigation project shall be furnished to the officers of the Water Users' association under such project.

"We favor such administration of the reclamation act as shall provide that before any contract for the sale of power developed by any reclamation project is made, it shall first be submitted to and approved by the officers of the Water Users' association under such project.

"We hold that adequate provision should be made for the disposition of seepage and waste waters in irrigable areas under reclamation projects."

Mr. Ady said this morning that these suggested changes are the very things the water users have been trying to get, and which have been strongly opposed by the department of the interior.

BALLARD MOVES SALOON UP TOWN

Ed H. Du Fault has bought from Mayor Fred T. Sanderson the Goodrich corner at the southeast corner of Main and Seventh streets, for \$12,000. The property fronts 24 feet on Main street. The Goodrich store effects have all been removed from the property, which was formerly occupied by the Sanderson Bros. store.

J. Kent Ballard Thursday got a permit from the council to remove his saloon from 68 Main street to the property above described.

MAIN STREET'S RUNAWAY SCENE

A team of horses drawing a wagon belonging to the delivery company ran away on Main street about 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon, creating more than the usual excitement on the principal boulevard of the city.

The team started from the Van Riper store and ran down past Houston's opera house. Here one of the horses fell, and this stopped the flight. The horse was not hurt. A large crowd of interested and curious human beings flocked to the street to see what was doing.

TO TEST PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

Friendly Suit to Test Validity of Restricting Voter to But One Ballot Out of Ten for Conventions and One of Five for Electors

SALEM, Feb. 16.—A friendly suit will be started immediately to test the validity of the presidential primary law in so far as it restricts the voter to but one vote out of ten delegates to be chosen for political national conventions and one out of five presidential electors.

This was the announcement made by Dr. J. M. Keene of Medford and J. S. Dellinger of Astoria, members of the committee sent by the republican state central committee to interview Secretary of State Olcott and Attorney General Crawford in regard to the institution of a friendly suit, immediately after their interviews.

While Secretary of State Olcott assured the visitors that he was neutral on the question, and would not resort to technicalities or other methods to cause unnecessary delay in getting the matter before the courts, if they saw fit to institute the suit, still he expected to defend his position and the law as it has been given him by the people to carry out.

"I am fully convinced that it is without the province of the secretary of state to question the constitutionality of any law directing his acts or defining his official duties," said Secretary Olcott, "and unless the courts direct me to do otherwise I shall certify to the county clerks' instructions to prepare the ballots so each voter will vote for but one candidate to the national conventions and but one presidential elector."

The question arose as to whether suit could be started to restrain the secretary of state from following the provisions of the law until he had actually begun the work of preparing his instructions to county clerks, but the attorney general held that Secretary Olcott's statement, made in reply to an inquiry from C. H. Carey, in which he declared his intention to follow the law, was sufficient ground on which to base a suit.

Dr. Keene said his committee would have all the preliminaries for suit ready by the time the committee was to report to the republican central committee, February 26th, so the suit could be started immediately after.

CITY SAFE FROM SUIT OVER CANAL

No suit against the city will result from the obstruction placed in the Ankeny canal when the city council health committee was making its crusade for a cleaner city to keep down typhoid fever. The municipality has promised to be good, and not offend in the same way again, so that the government lawyers will not go ahead with proceedings. Official notice of the removal of the construction, which was done by stealth a month or more since, was sent by City Attorney Horace M. Manning to the Portland legal representatives of the government.

When Oliver P. Morton Jr., who represents the government in some law matters, was here late in the fall, he had in hand the gathering of data for an injunction suit against the city for trifling with the government's property. At that time he consulted with City Attorney Manning, who deprecated the action of the city officials in doing what they had no right to, and who wished to arrange the trouble amicably. His arrangements succeeded, but just who tore out the impediment was never made public.

That it was done by the city authorities and at the expense of the taxpayers is generally inferred, although the bill, if one went through the council, was never plainly indicated as being for that purpose.

The government wanted the city council to take official cognizance of the offense, and "back water" on it, but Manning said that it was not the council's doing having been without authority of that body.

It took three men two days to put in the dirt which interrupted the peaceful flow of the canal, and the same number of men had to work about a day and a half to remove the earth.

ENGINEER AWAY FROM COUNCIL

When Councilman G. W. White brought up last night before the city's governors the question of the city's need of a cement tester, City Engineer Den J. Zumwalt was not present to give an explanation of what should be had.

"I insist on his attendance on council meetings," said Councilman M. G. Wilkins. "He gets the highest price of any man employed by the city in town. He gets \$2,400 a year, and don't attend our meetings. From now on I shall insist that he be here."

The city engineer's salary is \$2,000 per year, the contract to run until June 1st.

FIRE ON OLD GLORY IS CHARGE AGAINST CHINESE

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif., Feb. 16.—Mrs. Roy R. Service, who is in San Bernardino after two years as a missionary in China with her husband, who was famous as a California university athlete, declares that the Chinese brigands in the interior on several occasions fired on the American flag when her party was fleeing to the coast.

"We were at Chintoo, far in the interior," said Mrs. Service, "when the trouble broke out. We escaped down the river in houseboats. On dozens of occasions I heard bullets sing past my head. Many of them struck the house. An American on the boat that followed ours was shot in the jaw."

Mrs. Service said the stories of the atrocities of the Chinese printed in this country are tame compared to their actual deeds.

MEXICAN CONSULATE IN BORDER CITY GUARDED

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 17.—American troops are guarding the Mexican consulate here as a result of the demonstration by Mexicans against Mexican Consul Llorente, because he insisted upon the release of American soldiers who inadvertently invaded Mexico. Jaurez is tranquil, and a federal force is en route to that point. Torreon is surrounded by rebels.

POPE FORNIST EXTREME FASHION

Plus Opposed to Many Current Style Wrinkles, His Special Aversion Being Gowns of Unusually Low Altitude—Order May Have Effect

ROME, Feb. 16.—For a long time it has been known that Pope Plus was intensely opposed to some of the tendencies of current fashions, his special aversion being the extremely décolleté evening gowns, and from the beginning of the present pontificate the vatican has urged the Catholic clergy throughout the world to discourage so far as possible the wearing of them by Catholics.

There is, therefore, no surprise at the edict issued today, in which Pope Plus forbids cardinals and all other church dignitaries to accept invitations to social functions where women are permitted to wear décolleté gowns. The pontiff believes his order will tend to do away with a lot of low cut gowns in Catholic circles.

ANTI-CONSUMPTION CAR TO CARRY ON EDUCATION

BALTIMORE, Feb. 16.—In building an anti-tuberculosis car to be used in carrying on a campaign of education against the dread disease, the Baltimore & Ohio railroad has joined the crusade against the white plague. The car is now completed, and arrangements were yesterday finished for its dedication.

Governor Goldsborough will formally open and inspect the car. Other municipal authorities and railroad officials will take part in the ceremonies marking the occasion.

The car is to be enameled in white, inside and outside, and has been fitted up according to plans of the Maryland Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis.

IS FIRE LIMIT ORDINANCE GOOD?

When Councilman Charles McGowan wanted to get the opinion of City Attorney Horace M. Manning on the legality of the fire limits ordinance for the edification of the council Manning was not present, having gone early in the game.

A motion was made by Councilman Russell A. Alford to have the city attorney draw up necessary papers to bring before Police Judge Thomas F. Nicholas the persons who put the front in the aMin street store room to be occupied by the Klamath Falls dye works. The front was put in without a permit from the council. The motion prevailed.

VARIETY PEOPLE CHANGE DATES

Cameron's entertainer did not finish the week at the Houston opera house, but concluded their engagement there Wednesday night the show not being of sufficient merit to suit Manager John V. Houston. The trained animal exhibit of 48 mice and rats, mostly invisible, and Miss Albertine, Cleopatra cobra dancer, who dalled with live snakes during her torchesheeran diversion, went to Merrill to play a short engagement, while Guerin, the man who slips from the milk can without revealing the means, slipped from Klamath Falls for other parts.

At San Quentin, Calif., penitentiary today, Edward Delehantle, negro, ran amuck in the breakfast line with a knife improvised from a file, fatally stabbing William Kaufman, who killed Policeman William Robinson of San Francisco and William Peterson, burglar, from San Francisco.

EXPERIMENTAL FARM NOT FORSAKEN

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE DID NOT, AND RECLAMATION SERVICE COULD NOT, APPROPRIATE FUNDS

Lack of funds and not an intention to abandon the experimental farm at Ady was given this morning by Project Engineer W. W. Patch of the reclamation service, as the reason for the quiet which has prevailed there lately. It seems that the department of agriculture, which had been furnishing the funds for the work on the farm failed to have an allotment for the experimental work last season, and for that reason no work was done. The law prohibits the reclamation service from diverting any of its funds for work in that direction, so that the situation is that the agriculture department did not and the reclamation service could not furnish money for the undertaking.

The forty acres which the government leased from Abel Ady is fenced, and the lease has about ten years to run. An additional 100 acres were leased for a short term, which has about a year to run, and this lease will not be renewed. The reclamation service had the implements and portable paraphernalia used at the farm carted away and stored, in order to keep them from being stolen or tampered with.

So far the government has expended \$15,078 on the experimental work at the farm.

BUILDINGS WILL BE CONSTRUCTED

Building permits were allowed by the council Thursday night as follows:

S. E. Owens, two green houses, 15 x22 feet, both to cost about \$600, on lots 11 and 12, block 58, Hot Springs addition.

Fred Buesing, two-story frame building, 60x60 feet, with brick flues, storeroom below and rooms above, on 15 feet of east side of lot 9 and 15 feet of west side of lot 10, block 49, Nichols addition; cost \$4,000.

J. W. McCoy, barn, 20x30 feet, on lots 3 and 4, block 20, original town; to cost \$340.

MONTH OF WORK NEEDED ON CANAL

It will be about a month's work under fairly favorable conditions in order to get into shape the canal which will carry water from Lost River to the Klamath River. The contractor at work on the east end of the canal is J. W. Jory, who has but a comparatively small stretch of digging to finish. Near the west end, about a mile and a half of finishing work remains to be done by Contractor W. H. Mason. Mason is not doing much work just now on account of the weather, and would like fairly well to see a respite from rain and dampness, so he might more readily get his work in shape.

The bridge which will furnish a crossing for the Midland road over the canal is completed, but the fill between the road and the bridge is not yet done. With this done, which will be shortly, the bridge and road will be ready for traffic.

Water has been flowing over the dam since a month ago yesterday.

MARCHO REMAINS FOR TREATMENT

William Marcho, who had an encounter with the twin Moore brothers on Main street a couple of weeks ago, has been unable to return to his ranch, owing to the need of staying here under a doctor's care for the wounds to his left arm inflicted by a knife used by one of his assailants.

In addition to that he got blood poisoning in one of his hands where he struck one of the men. The blow landed on the man's mouth, and contact with the teeth cut the fist.

Despite the blood poisoning, Marcho at no time has had any fever, which is regarded as significant of his healthy condition. He is at the Washington house.

HILL ROAD IN CALIFORNIA SEEMS LIKELY FROM THIS

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 16.—Articles of incorporation of the California Air Line railway, capitalized at \$20,000,000, are on file here. The expressed object of the corporation is the construction of a railroad between Los Angeles and San Francisco. The incorporators are C. Elliott Craig, Glen Behymer and L. Gelfrin, attorney; Ralph S. Twombly, a Pasadena capitalist, and Mrs. Leonora M. Thompson. A half million dollars of the capital stock has been paid in for immediate expenses.

According to well defined rumors J. J. Hill and George J. Gould are concerned in the venture. During a recent visit to Los Angeles, Vice President Johnson of the Missouri Pacific, stated that the Gould interests were planning to enter Southern California. The incorporators refuse to divulge the names of the men behind the plan.