

POE VALLEY CANAL LUMBER ARRIVES

WATER IN THE MAIN CANAL IS TURNED ON FOR PURPOSE OF TRANSPORTING MATERIAL TO SOUTH BRANCH HEADING

Twenty carloads of lumber from Portland, consigned to the reclamation service, have arrived in Klamath Falls via the Southern Pacific railroad, and will be used in construction work on the Poe Valley extension of the irrigation project. There is 500,000 feet of lumber, and in order to transport it the government officials have decided to put the main canal in commission for a time. The headgates were adjusted on Monday to admit the aqua, which is not necessarily pure, but good enough for marine purposes.

The canal is now running with a good head of water, there being nearly five feet of it flowing at present. Thursday commencement of shipping the lumber was witnessed, and the material will be floated to the south branch heading, about nine miles from the city. The lumber will be cast upon the waters at the Southern Pacific branch in Hot Springs.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—The United States grand jury has returned indictments against three railroads, two passenger agents and a number of theatrical concerns charging them with rebating in the transportation of burlesque companies by a scheme whereby the railroads paid excess prices for advertising on theatrical programs.

Indictments were returned against the Big Four, Michigan Central and Lake Shore railroads and Passenger Agents Harry Rhein and William Underwood; Rud Hyncke of Cincinnati, a lieutenant of George B. Cox, former political boss of that city; James Fennerty, a manager of a burlesque company; the Heuck Opera company of Cincinnati; the Enquirer Circuit company of Cincinnati and the Columbus Amusement company of New York. It is alleged the companies rebated 25 per cent of railroad fares.

CITY PRIMARIES FAIL TO CHANGE MATERIALLY

SEATTLE, Feb. 23.—With 233 precincts out of a total of 281 heard from, results of the city primaries here remain practically unchanged.

Former State Senator George F. Cotterill, progressive democrat, and Hiram C. Gill, standpat republican, former mayor, who was recalled last year, are the nominees. Thomas A. Parish, republican, ran third, and M. A. Wells, socialist, was a close fourth, with nearly 9,000 votes cast for him.

The socialists nominated E. J. Brown for corporation counsel, Frank Hillebrand for comptroller, and B. F. Jacobs and John Burgess for councilmen. It is estimated that the total vote was about 60,000 out of a total registration of more than 74,000.

TAFT AGAINST FEDERAL OWNERSHIP OF WIRES

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 23.—President Taft opposes government ownership of telegraph lines, the pet project of Secretary Hitchcock. Today he aired his views on the matter in a special message, submitting the report of the postal commission, approving its recommendations that rates on newspapers and magazines be doubled from 1 to 2 cents a pound, this will cost the publishers from \$7,000,000 to \$10,000,000 more annually. The message with the commission's report makes 50,000 words—one of the bulkiest messages President Taft ever sent.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Feb. 23.—By a vote of 49 to 45 the constitutional convention tabled a resolution inviting Governor Johnson to address the convention. This was following an attempt to make a farce of it by adding the name of Champ Clark and a further amendment to have the members of the initiative and referendum caucus act as a bodyguard for Johnson.

Later—the convention reconsidered and voted to invite Governor Johnson to address it. Amendments to the Johnson resolution inviting Senators Burton and Pomeroy and ex-Senator Foraker to address the convention also carried.

PRESIDENT TAFT FAVORS RECLAMATION IN OREGON

PORTLAND, Feb. 23.—Oregon's poor showing in getting reclamation appropriations from the general government has been a common scandal throughout this state for years. Presidents heartily in sympathy with the West have done no more for Oregon in this particular than those hailing from the Atlantic seaboard.

It has remained for President Taft to come to a thorough realization of conditions here in Oregon and a telegram from him read to the Oregon irrigation Congress at Portland this week shows that relief appears to be in sight. He wired as follows:

"I fully appreciate the situation of

Oregon with regard to distribution of reclamation fund, and am disposed to encourage activities of the reclamation to the extent that proper projects are shown and available funds permit. I am informed that interior department has under immediate consideration with prospects of favorable action undertaking of west extension of Umatilla project."

ROSE PLANTING DAY IS OBSERVED AT FLORAL CITY

PORTLAND, Feb. 23.—Rose planting day was observed here yesterday under the auspices of the Rose Festival Association, which is in charge of the rose carnival held annually in the Oregon metropolis each June. The ban on straw hats was removed for the day, and the men of Portland donned their summer clothing, while the women added color to the occasion with gay costumes and dainty tinted parasols. Governor West, Mayor Rushlight and James J. Hill were among those who delivered addresses.

MINERS ENTRAPPED WHEN EXPLOSION TAKES PLACE

McALESTER, Okla., Feb. 23.—A mine explosion at Lehigh entrapped 50 men yesterday. Over twenty are believed to be dead. Seven corpses have been recovered and over a score escaped. Indications are that at least fifteen others perished.

BOND PROPOSAL IS MADE TO CITY

ULEN & CO., CHICAGO, SAY THEY WILL GIVE PAIR, ACCRUED INTEREST AND PREMIUM, IF THEY TAKE CITY HALL BONDS

Ulen & Co., Chicago bond house, has wired to City Recorder Thomas F. Nicholas a proposition on the city hall bonds, turned down by E. H. Rollins & Sons of Denver. The message, dated yesterday at Chicago, in part, follows:

"Letter received. To get matter definitely before you we make following proposition: For \$40,550 legally issued 6 per cent bonds of Klamath Falls, delivered to us in Chicago, \$30,000 due in 20 years, balance due in 10 or 20 years, as desired by city, we will pay par, accrued interest and premium of \$1,150, and furnish blank bonds. We agree to give you answer two weeks after receipt of transcript of record authorizing this issue and pay for bonds as soon thereafter as same can be delivered by you."

The Ulen company wired some days ago for information, but the recorder sent them a letter saying that the matter had once gotten into the hands of a house causing the delay, and the city wished to avert further obstruction. That the Ulen house is keenly interested is shown by the wire received this morning.

CHEER MANUEL AND POPE WHEN INFANTRY CHARGES

LISBON, Feb. 23.—Hundreds of monarchists paraded, cheering King Manuel and Pope Pius. A battalion of infantry charged and fired several volleys before dispersing the throngs. Many were wounded.

ALL TRAFFIC WILL BEAR ON PACIFIC TONNAGE IS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—J. N. Teal, the Portland economist, is here calling on many senators relative to Panama canal tolls. He thinks the intermountain rate cases may be argued Monday.

Regarding the report of Professor Johnson on canal tolls, Mr. Teal says: "Professor Johnson has finally made his recommendations on Panama tolls. He treats it as a purely commercial proposition. His views are of decided interest to the coast."

"On coast to coast traffic it seems to be his view that the highest rates can prevail, while on European traffic now using the Suez canal competition rates will have to be made. It is not improbable that this will be the principal adopted, unless those interested are more active. In other words, the charge on all traffic will bear on our own tonnage, but we must be sure to make it low enough on the tonnage of foreign nations in the foreign trade so we will get their traffic through the Panama canal."

"The collection of tolls seems of vastly more importance than the developing of our own commerce. Just how it will all wind up is hard to say, but it is altogether possible that the American merchant marine will get but little comfort out of it and that the American commerce will pay the high rates."

KNOX PARTY SAILS SUNS GREETING BIG OFFICIAL

KEY WEST, Feb. 23.—The Knox party sailed on the cruiser Washington. Nineteen guns greeted the secretary on his boarding the boat. The first stop will be Port Antonio, Jamaica.

RODEO INCITES SPORTS TO WAGER

JOHN ELLIS AND BILL SMITH RISK A HUNDRED PIASTERS EACH ON QUINTETS OF RACERS FROM THEIR DIGGINGS

(By Sapient Screecher)
Things traveled in booster style at the meeting of the Elks lodge Thursday. The coming rodeo which is to be given under the direction of Klamath Falls Lodge was under discussion when John Ellis of Fort Klamath, in an enthusiastic speech remarked that the Fort Klamath country would send a relay string of five horses for the relay race that would wipe the other skates off the track.

Bill Smith, who hails from Bly, was sitting across the hall, and instantly called Ellis' attention to the fact that there are some horses up in the Bly country that can go some when you "get 'em in the high."

Ellis remarked that he never talked through his headgear, and if Bly or any other section of the country thought they could give dust to Fort Klamath to step up to the pie counter and lay down the currency.

"Here's a hundred bones," said Ellis, "to back the Fort Klamath string."

"You're on," says Bill, "write your check," and in less than the time it takes to tell the story, the two checks each for a hundred bones, were signed, sealed and delivered, and in the hands of the secretary.

The fun did not stop here, for Ellis again came to the front with the remark that things up in the Fort Klamath country were so prosperous that everyone was just lousy with the coin, and that he felt there was no question about who would have the money, so he would just put the whole business into the Portland fund of the lodge.

Bill was on the spring line in an instant, and came back at Ellis like a true sport with the remark that Bly was the only spot under God's sky where they bred game sports; that Bly's end of that purse was in the Portland fund right now; that he would leave in the morning with a freight team for Bly, and when he came back to the rodeo with that relay string he would have the freight wagon loaded with a ton or more of U. S. coin. If Fort Klamath wanted to trot in the same class with the boys from Bly, just tell them that they'd have to "keep 'er in the high."

Guy Merrill learned of the affair by telephone and it is rumored that Merrill and Tule Lake will have something to spring about a relay string in a day or two that will make them all sit up and take notice, and so the "rodeo" is under way.

DIVORCE GIVEN IN RATLIFF CASE

In the divorce suit of Mrs. Anna Ratliff vs. John Ratliff, the testimony was taken before a commissioner, R. M. Richardson, the defendant making no appearance. A decree of divorce was awarded the plaintiff by Judge Henry L. Benson. The Ratliffs are well known Merrill people, having been identified with the hotel business there for several years. They have several grown children.

FISH PROMISED FOR LOCAL WATERS BY W. C. HAWLEY

Secretary C. P. Stewart of the Klamath Falls Commercial Club, has received a letter from Congressman Willis Chatman Hawley, dated at Washington, D. C., February 17 in which the representative says:

"Receipt is acknowledged of your favor of the 10th instant. I will be very glad to assist you in securing a supply of fish to stock the streams of Klamath county. As you state you have written to the bureau of fisheries relative to the matter, they will probably send you the proper blanks to use in such cases. After you have filled in the same please send them to me in the enclosed franked and addressed envelope, and I will take the matter up with the commissioner of fisheries, and think I can secure a good supply for you. With best wishes I am, truly yours,

"W. C. HAWLEY."

SACRAMENTO RIVER LOSES CHANCE FOR IMPROVEMENT

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 23.—California congressmen state that no appropriation for improving the Sacramento River will be included in the house rivers and harbors bill. Chairman Sparkman said he opposes it at this session. It is reported that the Sacramento item was stricken from the bill at a secret session of the committee today.

NO TRANSCRIPT FOR ROGERS IS RULING OF JUDGE

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 24.—Judge Hutton denied Attorney Rogers' petition for a complete transcript of the Darrow grand jury evidence. The Darrow case went over. The trial date will be set next week.

TAFT PRECINCT VICE PRESIDENTS

LIST OF OFFICERS ADDED TO OFFICIAL ROSTER OF NEWLY FORMED KLAMATH FALLS POLITICAL ORGANIZATION

Members of the Klamath Falls Taft Republican Club's executive committee have prepared the list of vice presidents of that organization, the names determined being as follows:

Wood River, John Hessig of Fort Klamath; Tule Lake, Fred Stukel of Merrill; Lost River, J. O. Hamaker of Bonanza; Plevna, Sam Padgett of Keno; Sprague River, Charles H. Patton of Bly; Langell Valley, R. C. Cowley of Lorella; Mallin, Walter Adams of Mallin; Midland, Walter Turner of Midland; Pine Grove, T. N. Cunningham of Klamath Falls; Poe Valley, Charles H. Kester of Bedford; Klamath Lake, D. G. Brown of Odessa; Odell, Joseph A. Pringo of Crescent; West Klamath Falls, Leslie Rodgers of Klamath Falls; East Klamath Falls, E. B. Ramsby of Klamath Falls; Second Ward, E. L. Elliott of Klamath Falls; Third Ward, R. A. Emmitt of Klamath Falls; Mills, Ben S. Owens of Klamath Falls; Dairy, W. P. Sedge of Dairy; Shippington, H. J. Lochwood of Klamath Falls.

The club will hold a rally tomorrow night at the court house.

VASQUITAS GOING TO JAUREZ AND CITY MAY NOT RESIST

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 23.—A thousand vasquitas have reached Sabinal, en route to Jaurez, and a thousand more are reported to be marching to Chihuahua. Probably Jaurez will not resist them. Ciudad, Chihuahua, is isolated by rail and wire, and Americans are unable to escape.

Oroeco Deserts Madero United Press Service

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 23.—General Steever has communicated to the war department unofficial reports that Oroeco has deserted Madero, and is now en route to Jaurez, heading 1,400 insurgents.

Rebels Will Attack Chihuahua United Press Service

EAGLE PASS, Feb. 23.—It is reported that 1,800 rebels, Emilio Campa commanding, are concentrating and planning to besiege Chihuahua. Rebels have seized the smelting trust plant at Arasco, Durango.

OLD MAN JAILED, NOT RESPONSIBLE

Deputy Sheriff John G. Schallock Thursday picked up Henry Heier Sr., a well known former rancher, and placed him in jail. The old gentleman, who has been known hereabouts for a score of years, is hardly able to look after himself as well as in years gone. He recently sold his place about sixteen miles out on the road toward Dairy, and since then it has been a problem to take care of him, as someone has to be with him all the time. He has a son, Henry Meier Jr. It was decided Friday that he should be sent to the county infirmary.

DOLBEER QUILTS BUSINESS HERE

W. H. Dolbeer has sold his interest in the Dolbeer & McMillan furniture store to his partner, W. P. McMillan, left Sunday morning for San Diego, California, where he will join his wife, who has been spending the winter in Southern California. Mrs. Dolbeer was compelled to go to a lower altitude on account of her health, and it was for this reason that Mr. Dolbeer decided to sell his interests here.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE ALLIES OPEN CAMPAIGN FORMALLY

LONDON, Feb. 24.—Ten thousand ardent advocates of woman suffrage packed Royal Albert Hall last night for the normal opening of their winter campaign. Especial interest attached to the meeting in view of the fact that Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer, was the chief speaker, and that recently it has been strongly intimated that he will likely succeed Asquith as premier should the present differences in the cabinet over the votes for women question result in its dissolution. Other members of the cabinet, including War Secretary Haldane, Indian Secretary Morley and Foreign Secretary Grey, who were to have addressed the meeting, backed out the last minute.

The lady managers of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Society, under whose auspices the demonstration is to be held, assured Lloyd George that there would be no rough house, there being an agreement among the various branches of the suffragette movement that none shall disturb any meetings of the others. The immense hall was gorgeously decorated in suffragette colors, and with the banners carried in the big procession of last June. All of the ushers were women. The fact that those selected for this duty are most-

ly of athletic build is said to have no special significance.

More than seventy-five members of parliament whose votes are pledged for woman's suffrage occupied seats on the platform.

A big counter demonstration is to take place in the same hall next Wednesday under the auspices of the National League for Opposing Woman Suffrage, to be addressed by Lord Chancellor Loreburn and Colonial Secretary Harcourt.

WE have position for a good man with a fair education who can furnish reference. We will give steady employment and pay a straight salary to the right party. People using intoxicating liquors save your stamps. See our big "adv." in this paper today. National Light Co., Baraga, Michigan.

BOMBARD SYRIAN CITY, ITALIANS CAUSE PANIC

LONDON, Feb. 24.—An unconfirmed Beyrout dispatch says three Italian warships started to bombard Beyrout shortly before noon. Shells burst in the principal streets and casualties were heavy. The population is in a panic, and many have gone to the interior.

In the case of C. E. Reed vs. Clyde Witter, the attorney for the plaintiff, James C. Rutenic, reported to the circuit court that the claims had been met, and had the case dismissed.

CREAMERY SUE ON NOTES GIVEN

D. G. HORN BRINGS ACTION AGAINST BONANZA CORPORATION FOR PRINCIPAL, INTEREST, AND ATTORNEYS' FEES

Suit has been entered by D. G. Horn, through Noland & Crane, against the Bonanza Creamery, a corporation, on two notes, each signed by D. F. Driscoll, president; H. L. Holgate, secretary, and Fred McKendree, manager. Both notes were originally payable to the Bank of Bonanza, of which John S. Horn was secretary and Jacob Reuck, vice-president.

The first note for \$1,000 was dated June 29, 1907, to run six months at 8 per cent. On this plaintiff asks \$1,000 and interest at 8 per cent from December 29, 1908, with \$300 attorneys' fees and costs.

The second note for \$1,350 was dated December 3, 1908, payable in one day at 8 per cent. On this the plaintiff asks \$1,347 and interest at 8 per cent from January 19, 1909, with \$400 attorneys' fees and costs of action.

THRILLING ESCAPE OF MAN WHO FELL IN DEEP WELL

C. W. Sherman, who is in the city 'rom his home near Dairy, relates a very thrilling accident which happened to Henry Stoehsler, one of the prominent young ranchers of that section on Tuesday of this week.

A wire from the telephone line, which had been run into the well as a ground wire, caused trouble by the end catching on the bucket when drawing water. Mr. Stoehsler got inside the boxing around the well, and in attempting to pull the bucket loose fell headlong into the well. The well is seventy feet deep, and the water comes to about twenty feet of the top, making the depth of the water fifty feet.

A stone curb is constructed for about ten feet at the top of the well, and below that the wall is of a chalk formation. Mr. Stoehsler was able to brace himself with his feet against the sides, and with his fingers dug holes in the chalk and gradually worked his way upward until he was able to get hold of the rope and get out. It was fully four hours before he made his escape.

In falling his neck struck the end of the wire, which cut a gash around his throat nearly a quarter of an inch deep. After getting out of the well he made his way to the house, where he lives alone, and telephoned for assistance. Help arrived, and he was taken to his father's home and Doctor Harris summoned. The cut was sewed up and Mr. Stoehsler is now on the way to recovery. It is stated that he lost a large amount of blood, the water in the well being discolored and a trail of blood running from the well to the house.

HIGH WIND BLOWS SMOKE DOWN FLUE

Owing to high wind Friday morning, which blew down signs of ambitious real estate agents, swished the skirts of unsuspecting femininity, and was generally more boisterous than the occasion seemed to call for, the high school had to dismiss early.

The trouble at the high school was that up on the hill, where the circumambient air was most active, it blew smoke, which by all that's proper should have gone up the chimney, down instead. The smoke got in the rooms and made them a poor place to be. Hence the curtailment of the cultivation of higher intelligence.

DISAGREEMENT IN SHIDLER CASE

JURY STAYS OUT ALL NIGHT UNTIL 10 O'CLOCK A. M., AND THEN STANDS 7 FOR CONVICTION, 5 AGAINST

After being out all Friday night, standing 7 to 5 for conviction, the jury in the case of Horace Shidler, charged with cutting A. E. Gale, a Langell Valley rancher, failed to agree. At 10 a. m. it reported to Judge Henry L. Benson that it could not agree, and that there seemed to be no possibility of it getting any nearer together, so he discharged it.

Once the voting stood 6 to 6, while at another time the side for conviction had eight votes, later losing one. In a criminal case, in order to convict, it is necessary that all twelve men agree, while in a civil case three-fourths of the twelve is sufficient to render a verdict.

FISH FOR KLAMATH WATERS WILL BE PLENTIFUL IF—

Much interest has been aroused in the matter of getting the lakes and streams of this section stocked with different varieties of fish. The Commercial Club has been very active along this line, and Secretary C. P. Stewart reports receiving a large number of encouraging reports from men in a position to aid in the movement. Locally there has been considerable discussion and argument pro and con about introducing catfish, bass, perch and other species of fish into Klamath waters. Speaking along this line the Commercial Club secretary said:

"It was not our intention to stock the trout streams of this section with these fish. We are aiming to get the still waters now unoccupied by trout stocked with a food fish. There are a number of lakes throughout the Klamath country that are devoid of fish life, so to speak. They would make ideal places for catfish and bass. The best trout fishing of the Klamath country is in the northern end of the county. It is so far removed from this city and the farming district that the average business man and farmer finds it inconvenient to take the time to go there on a fishing trip. What we are aiming to accomplish is to get food and game fish into the lakes and waters close to the population center.

"The interest that has been aroused is sure to result in good. Every one in authority who has been asked to aid the movement to get an ample supply of fish fry for all the Klamath waters has promised to assist in every way possible. All that seems to be needed is for us to keep up the good work to get a liberal supply of all kinds of fish desired.

"We have already promises from the state fishery and United States commissioner of fisheries of a very liberal supply of trout fry. These will be planted in Spring Creek, Williamson River, Crystal Creek and Recreation or Short Creek.

"These shipments will arrive here this spring, and will be taken to the different streams immediately upon their receipt. We feel that we should have other fish besides trout, and are working toward this end."

TEMPLARS BUSY ON COMMANDERY

On the question of Klamath Falls Knights Templar forming a commandery the Ashland Temple, to which the matter was referred for its indorsement, acted favorably. The matter now awaits the next step in the process, which is for those who wish to form the new institution to get demits from their old commanderies in other cities. The members are arranging now to secure their honorable exits from the bodies with which they were formerly identified.

ELECTRIC MEN SEE WALTON

R. A. Balzari, J. E. Bridges and C. D. Herbert, representing the San Francisco branch of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, were in the city Friday, conferring with Manager George Walton of the Klamath Falls Light and Water company.

C. B. Coon, formerly of Ashland, will shortly embark here in the electrical fixture business, opening in the Slade building.

STUDENTS DEBATE COMING MARCH 4

There will be another high school debate here on Monday, March 4, when the debating team of the Grants Pass high school will come to Klamath Falls and endeavor to wrest Demosthenic honors from the local students of forensic proclivities.

MRS. HOUSEWIFE, stop cleaning old smoky lamp chimneys; send for one of our new 36 candle-power White Light Burners. Cut the coupon out in our big "adv." in this paper today. National Light Co.