

JOHNSONS OFFER \$18,750 FOR LOT

PRESENT OFFER FOR PIECE OF COURT HOUSE SQUARE

The Announcement Comes Following the Decision of the County Court to Start Work at Once on the Construction of the New Court House. County Judge Worden Thinks the Offer is a Good One

Following announcement Thursday night of the intention to start work next day on the construction of a new court house in Hot Springs addition comes the offer of S. O. Johnson and W. P. Johnson, of the Klamath Development company of \$18,750 for 65 feet frontage on Main street, on the corner of Main and Fourth streets, running through to Klamath avenue, in court house square.

The offer has been made in writing to Judge Worden of the county court, and will be accepted unless a higher price is offered.

"Court house square will be surveyed in to 25-foot lots soon," said Judge Worden last night, "and these will be placed on the market. With the proceeds from the sale of these lots and the fund of about \$70,000 already available for the purpose, we will not be handicapped for funds to complete the new building."

The offer of the Johnson brothers for a strip of court house square was the subject of considerable comment on the streets, especially as it is impossible to tell from the written offer just what rate per foot is offered for the Main street frontage.

The offer of the Johnson brothers is as follows:

"Klamath Falls, Or., July 16, 1912. To the Honorable County Court, Klamath Falls, Ore.:

"Understanding that you contemplate selling the site occupied by the present county court house, in Klamath Falls, Klamath county, Oregon, I am prepared to make you the following offer:

For that portion of said site described as follows:

"Commencing at the corner of Fourth street and Main street of the court house property; thence running sixty-five (65) feet west on Main street; thence sixty-five feet frontage to run through the block to Klamath avenue.

"I will pay you the sum of eighteen thousand, seven hundred and fifty (\$18,750.00) dollars, taking delivery of said property when you can turn same over to me free and clear of all encumbrances, except street improvements not yet due; provided that two installments on the street improvements shall have been paid, and that all building shall be removed from the property. Respectfully submitted, S. O. JOHNSON, W. P. JOHNSON."

The announcement of the starting of work on the court house was accompanied by a statement from the members of the county court. In this the intention of employing only home labor, as far as possible, is signified. A registration bureau will be opened and, before employment, each applicant will be investigated so that there will be less opportunity for any worthy person being overlooked.

BRAVE WOMAN

CATCHES FISH

The distinction of being the first woman to fish in Crater Lake this season goes to Mrs. L. Poole, wife of a prominent San Francisco dentist. She succeeded with little difficulty in catching the legal limit, five large mountain trout.

While a number of women have made the trip over the snow from Arant's camp to the rim of the lake, Mrs. Poole was the first to venture over the dangerous trail to the water level. The trail at the time was covered with snow, in some places at least ten feet deep. This made walking very dangerous, and few men, even, have been daring enough to attempt to negotiate it.

The hotel company has made ample provision this year for guests to go out on the lake. Six new row boats and two launches have been put in service.

UNCLE SAM WILL

SELL MACHINERY

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 20.—The biggest bargain sale of machinery in history is promised upon the completion of the Panama canal. To dispose of machinery costing more than \$15,000,000 is the problem confronting government authorities when the canal is opened.

Although understood in a general way, Colonel Goethals, superintendent of the canal work, reports actual figures of machinery bought since the United States began digging the "big ditch." Here are a few of the principal items:

Steam shovels, 102; cars, 4,181; locomotives, 189; rock drills, 735; cranes, 79; dredges, 14; barges, 44.

Many of the locomotives and cars will be useful in operating the canal and the Panama railroad, but most of the dredges, steam shovels and moun-

tains of other steel implements will be put on the block for sale.

Secretary of the Interior Fisher has suggested the plan of transferring much of the discarded machinery to Alaska for use in constructing a government railroad to the interior of that territory. If congress does not authorize the federal railway in Alaska, however, most of the Panama machinery will be sold at the best price it will bring.

Colonel Goethals emphatically declares, however, that the French plan of leaving discarded machinery to rot and rust will not be adopted by this country. Uncle Sam is too thrifty. Old, corroded, discarded machinery once used by the French in their attempt to dig a canal were monuments of their failure, lining the canal route until the Americans too charge. Some of the old French material was used, but most of it was dumped into the jungle, far away from the excavations.

SWISS SETTLERS MAY COME HERE

PORTLAND MAN BELIEVES PORTIONS OF THE KLAMATH COUNTRY PARTICULARLY SUITABLE FOR CLASS OF IMMIGRATION

There is a possibility of the settlement in the Klamath country of a number of the Swiss colony shortly to start for the United States.

The colonists will come here under the guidance of Ambassador Paul Ritter of Switzerland, who is now in Oregon looking over the country. He has been entertained in Portland and other cities in the north.

L. J. Knoll of Portland, who is in the city after a trip to Crater Lake, is of the opinion that this country would be particularly favorable for the Swiss immigrants. These are among the best of the foreigners who come to the United States, and there are portions of the Klamath country very similar to that of Switzerland.

"I have relatives in the old country," said Mr. Knoll, "and it is my intention to write to them fully of this section. It is more than likely that some of them will come out with the party for which Dr. Ritter is now arranging."

DEMOCRATIC FUND WAS

OVER HALF A MILLION

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 20.—Herman Ridder, ex-treasurer of the democratic national committee, testified before the senate investigating committee. He said that in 1908 the receipts were \$620,644, while the expenditures were \$1,000 less than that sum. He said that Bryan instructed that no contribution of over \$10,000 be accepted, and not a cent from corporations. Ridder himself was the largest contributor, giving \$10,000 in his own name and \$9,000 in his son's name.

Lightning Strikes Tree

Tourists who were at Crater Lake last Thursday witnessed a magnificent sight when lightning struck a tree across the lake. Although the tree burned, the fire did not spread, probably because of the wet condition of the forests.

HANFORD PROBE

NEAR AN END

SEATTLE, July 20.—The Hanford probe is expected to be concluded at a long session tonight. Further testimony that Hanford used his office to get favorable terms from the Northern Pacific for the Hanford irrigation company in purchasing lands was taken up today. Letters from Hanford were read, urging the sale of 12,000 acres which were finally acquired by the irrigation company, and saying that "it would accommodate him."

YUAN BELIEVES HIS

REGIME IN DANGER

PEKIN, July 20.—President Yuan is trying to reconcile the factions in the national assembly to secure imperial cabinet appointments. The trouble is blamed on foreign interference, and it is reported that Yuan fears his regime is endangered.

PASADENA, Calif., July 20.—

Jewelry heirlooms kept in a secret drawer by Mrs. B. S. Paul in her home in the Altadena millionaire row, were stolen recently. Just when Mrs. Paul does not know, for she was so confident of the secrecy of her drawer that she had not looked at the jewels for a long time.

She wanted them today, and the drawer was empty. Their intrinsic value was put at \$1,000, but she would not have taken many times that sum for them. The burglars overlooked jewels of much greater value in a far more accessible place.

Mrs. J. Smith Mounce and daughter, Miss Mildred Mounce, of Lewiston, Idaho, arrived here Saturday morning to visit Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Flinn. Mrs. Mounce is Mrs. Flinn's mother.

CHOICE OF TAFT TO LEAD TO ROW

REPUBLICAN FACTIONS PLANNING FIGHT IN CONGRESS

The Entire Chicago Convention Fight May Be Gone Over in the Senate and the House of Representatives to Test Its Legality—Both Sides Preparing Speeches, and a Warm Time Is Expected

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 19.—Republican factions are preparing for hot debates in both houses of congress when the legality of President Taft's nomination will be attacked. Vigorous defenses are being framed, and the entire Chicago convention fight will probably be threshed over.

Senator Root plans to speak in the senate, defending the nomination. Congressmen Bartholdt and Mondell will speak for the defense in the house. The speeches are planned for delivery next week.

Norris of Nebraska said today: "The progressives will have something to say if the Taftites try that scheme. I will insist on being heard in reply, and will discuss the frauds which resulted in Taft's so-called victory."

Other progressives plan to aid Norris. Clapp and Cummins plan to defend Colonel Roosevelt in the senate.

COOKED TO DEATH WHEN

STEAM PIPE BURSTS

NEW YORK, July 20.—The Italian liner Principe de Piedmont has arrived. On Wednesday a steam pipe burst and six firemen caught below decks in a compartment filled with steam. Five of the men were cooked to death and one was rescued living. Twenty-two were slightly burned, but escaped.

Social Events of the Week

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS NOT NUMEROUS, PROBABLY ON ACCOUNT OF THE WEATHER, AND THE ABSENCE OF MANY ON THEIR VACATIONS—EVENTS OF THE WEEK

July, so called by the great Julius Caesar himself—named for him as his birth month. Perhaps—who knows, being born under the burning rays of a southern sun, he may have inherited some of the sun-powers of might and force that made him so superlative among the sons of men. Julius Caesar is but a name for greatness—July is our most impassioned month. The ruby, with its deep, glowing fire, is a fitting emblem of this twelfth of our solar year; and over these thirty-one days, it sheds its warm red light, as the gem royal of birth stones. The water lily, too, dedicates its beauty and fragrance to this majestic month, with its ivory petals and golden heart, it rides the water surface among its deep green leaves and offers to each lapping wave the kiss of the summer.

Our social happenings have but partly filled the week. Mrs. I. J. Knapp, on West Main street, was hostess on Tuesday, both afternoon and evening. The afternoon party was the entertainment of the July-novel Club and a few invited guests. Bridge was the diversion of the hour, and a prize of two beautiful point lace doilies was won by Mrs. Will Baldwin. Refreshments were served to the following guests: Mesdames Geo. Baldwin, Will Baldwin, W. I. Clark, C. H. Daggett, O. H. Harslberger, Thos. Hampton, J. T. Henley, A. D. Miller, Fred Melhase, G. R. Manning, C. O. Morgan, Stuart and Frank Ward.

In the evening Mrs. Knapp invited her guests for a game of "500." Punch was served throughout the evening, and at its close refreshments were partaken of. Mrs. Fred Melhase and Mr. Don Zumwalt held the highest scores and captured the prizes. Those present were: Miss Maud Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. K. G. Cummings, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Goeller, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Hampton, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Meldrum, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Melhase and Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Zumwalt.

Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Thos. Connor entertained the Leisure Hour Club at her home on Sixth and Grant streets. "500" was played and refreshments were served to the following guests: Mesdames Fred Melhase, Fred Schallock, Clara Daggett, Bert Withrow, Thos. Hampton, W. H. Newnam, R. E. Smith, Chas. Martin, O. W. Robertson, N. Rounseville, Chas. Meldrum and J. F. McGuire.

On Thursday afternoon Mrs. Fred H. Mills opened her attractive new home for a party of guests, which included the following ladies: Mrs. E. R. Reames, Mrs. Frank Jennings, Mrs. Helen Marks, Mrs. R. C. Spink, Mrs. W. O. Smith, Mrs. W. S. Fish, Mrs. Wm. Hopkins, Mrs. R. M. Richardson, Mrs. W. H. Mason, Mrs. Frank Ward, Mrs. D. J. Zumwalt, Mrs. O. H.

A CLOUDBURST IN NEVADA KILLS

RESCUERS ARE STILL SEARCHING FOR BODIES

Early Reports Convey the News of the Death of Nine People, and the Serious Injury of Nine Others—The Injured Are Taken to Lovelock—Great Property Loss Is Also Reported

RENO, Nev., July 19.—Dispatches received from Mazuma today bring news of a terrific cloudburst in that section last night. Nine persons are known to have been killed, nine are injured and nine people are missing. The bodies were found three miles down the canyon, which was converted into a raging torrent by the tremendous fall of water.

Rescuers are now searching the debris for the missing. The injured are being taken to Lovelock. The property loss is impossible to estimate at this time, but it is estimated to be great.

INDIANS FLEE

FROM DISERSE

The Piute Indians, who hold forth in the vicinity of Burns, but who recently decamped because of a smallpox scare, are returning to their homes. This is the word brought from the Northeast.

Two months ago Burns had a smallpox scare, there having come in from outside points two persons afflicted with the disease. Quite a number of people were exposed, but prompt action by the local health officers prevented the spread of the disease.

The Piute Indians near Burns are very much afraid of smallpox, besides being very superstitious regarding its presence. As soon as the Indians be-

came aware of the existence of the disease there was an Indian exodus that depopulated their camps. They went as far as Winnemucca, Nev. The hotels, restaurants and families dependent upon Indian labor for laundry purposes, wood sawing, etc., have been obliged to shift along unsatisfactorily. The Indians were glad to get back, being hungry and hard up for cash.

QUAKES WRECK

MEXICAN CITY

GUADALAJARA, Mexico, July 20.—Earthquakes are continuing here following the severe shocks of yesterday. Enormous buildings have been wrecked. There were twenty-three shocks yesterday.

Revolution Reported

PARIS, July 20.—A revolutionary uprising in Lisbon is reported today, but there are no details.

MOTORISTS WILL MISS KLAMATH

DELEGATION TO ANNUAL HIGHWAY CONVENTION IN SAN FRANCISCO WILL TRAVEL VIA WESTERN OREGON

SAN FRANCISCO, July 20.—Judge J. T. Ronald, president of the Pacific Highway Association, has announced definite plans for the advance guard of the motorists who will tour to San Francisco to attend the third annual Pacific highway convention, August 5, 6 and 7.

According to the schedule laid down by Judge Ronald, the first party will leave Seattle July 22d. A stop-over that night will be made at Chehalis. Next morning, July 23d, leaving Chehalis, Portland will be made that night. Mr. Samuel Hill has invited all who care to, to visit him at Maryhill July 24th. The party will go to Maryhill by way of North Bank train, leaving the station at Eleventh and Hoyt streets at 10 o'clock. Mr. Hill will show the visitors the roads he has built at Maryhill. The return will be made during the afternoon by train. Next morning, July 25th, the delegation will leave Portland and drive either to Eugene or Cottage Grove. Some will stop at both places, as the hotel accommodations at Cottage Grove are not sufficient to take care of everybody. July 26th, leave either Eugene or Cottage Grove and drive to Grants Pass. July 27th leave Grants Pass and drive to Shasta Springs.

Stop over all day Sunday at Shasta Springs. July 29th, leave Shasta Springs and drive to Red Bluff. July 30th, leave Red Bluff and drive to Sacramento. July 31st, the Sacramento Chamber of Commerce will entertain the delegates until 4 p. m., when all will go to Stockton to stay overnight, which is a distance of 52 miles over hard surface road. August 1st, drive from Stockton to San Francisco by way of Livermore Pass.

Those who care to can ship back by boat, which will practically cut in half the elapsed time absent from Seattle. Several may not care to arrive in San Francisco as early as this, and they can follow this same schedule a few days later.

A day may be cut off from this schedule by going from Redding and Red Bluff direct to Vallejo Ferry and taking a 35-mile ferry trip from Vallejo or Benicia to San Francisco. The run can be made from either Redding or Red Bluff to these ferry points in one day, and an evening ferry can be caught which will land the visitors in San Francisco, which cuts off two days from the other schedule, including stopover in Sacramento.

Arrangements have been made with all railroads running into San Francisco for special fare and one-third rates on the certificate plan. This means that all delegates who go by train will be required to pay the regular one-way fare and take a receipt for same, which, when properly countersigned by the secretary of the association, will be good for the return trip, when accompanied by one-third of the regular rate.

POLICE BLOCK

L. W. W. MOVE

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., July 20.—Chief of Police Mason announced today that he would stop tomorrow's parade of the Industrial Workers of the World, whose members are on a strike in the textile mills, even if the police are required to use revolvers.

"The industrialists are not going to run New Bedford," said the chief. "Not only that, but the members won't want to live here after we get through with them. We won't go to the limit that San Diego did, because we won't have to."

THROWS BAG OF FLOUR

AT PREMIER ASQUITH

DUBLIN, July 20.—A Suffragette threw a bag of flour at Premier Asquith in the town hall square, but missed. The suffragette was arrested and jailed.

ANOTHER BUSINESS BUILDING HERE

FINISHED IN WHITE TILE AND ART DECORATED

Class A Building to Be Erected on the Corner of Eighth and Main Streets Is Leased for Six Years to Portland Store and Baldwin Hardware Company—Makes Eleventh Fire-Proof Structure This Season

One of the Quickest and most important deals was closed Thursday when C. A. Jordon of San Francisco made a contract for the purchase of the Miles and Soule estate property on the corner of Eighth and Main streets, east of the Hales Market, and in addition made a lease with two local merchants for six years for the building which he is to erect. The price to be paid for the property is \$17,000.

Mr. Jordon left for San Francisco on the train Thursday afternoon for San Francisco, where he is to secure plans for the building and let the contract. According to the leases the building is to be ready for occupancy by August 15th.

According to Mr. Jordon the building is to be two stories and a basement store, and will be of reinforced steel and concrete. It will be the first really Class A building in the city. The interior will be art decorated, and the outside finished in white tile. According to the announcement the building is to be one of the best for its size between San Francisco and Portland.

The corner store, which will be 30 x 90 feet, has been leased to the Portland store, as well as the basement, which is also to be finished for a store. The next room has been leased to the Baldwin Hardware company, and will be 35x110, built in L shape, and with a 20-foot entrance on Eighth street.

With the buildings already about completed and under construction, and the new buildings contemplated, including the new court house, building activity in Klamath Falls will be rather brisk for the remainder of the season.

Four new fireproof buildings have already been completed this season. The Reidy building, which is to be occupied by the telephone company; the Offenbacher building; the Evans building and the Slough building.

In course of construction there now are store buildings by D. A. Lamb, C. F. Riley, Crisler & Stilts, G. W. White, three stores, and the Melhase hotel and store building. In prospect for early construction are the court house and the Jordon buildings.

OLENE MAN IS

WELL PLEASED

Olene farmers are as well pleased with crop conditions this year as the farmers in other sections of Klamath county.

H. C. Tipton, a well known farmer of that section was in town Saturday. He says that everything is looking fine in his neighborhood and farmers should be prosperous as a result.

Mr. Tipton has an orchard that demonstrates well the possibilities of fruit raising here. This orchard has never been irrigated, yet the trees are healthy and this year will yield a very good crop. The orchard was planted six years ago.

The government forces are working as fast as possible on the irrigation project in the vicinity of Olene," said Mr. Tipton, "and this gives an additional air of activity to the Olene district."

Ban Placed on Hat Pins

HAMBURG, July 20.—The police authorities have today issued an order whereby any woman who enters a street car with unprotected hat pins is liable to ejection by the conductor. For the benefit of strangers the company has provided its conductors with hatpin protectors, which they are now selling for a cent apiece.

PATHFINDERS LEAVE

FOR PELICAN BAY

The Pathfinders left on Saturday morning on a trip on the lake in W. P. Johnson's yacht, the White Pelican, as his guests. They will spend the day cruising on the lake, and Saturday evening stopped at Harriman Lodge. Sunday morning the party started on the return trip to Portland by way of Fort Klamath and Bend.

C. H. Lowery and John Parmlee started on Sunday morning for Crater Lake. They will go on the boat to Pelican Bay, and will walk from there to the lake.

CONGRESSMEN VISIT

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE

SEAGIRT, N. J., July 20.—Governor Wilson spent the morning drafting his letter of acceptance. This afternoon 200 congressmen are expected on a special train. A reception will be held on the lawn and veranda informally.