

PLANS FOR PEACE IN LOCAL WAR

JOHN HAGELSTEIN OUTLINES HIS POSITION

Commissioner Denies That He Has Authorized Any Person to Use His Name in Intimidating Any Member of the County Court—One Plan for Cessation of Hostilities Has Been Rejected.

Rumors were current on the street this afternoon that prominent citizens of Klamath county are planning a campaign having for its purpose the settling of vexing matters which have put Klamath county in an undesirable light before the outside world.

It is rumored that several prominent Klamath Falls men have been in communication with members of the county court, and that a treaty of peace has all but been signed. It was impossible this afternoon to secure an interview with any member of the county court except Mr. Hagelstein, but he did not desire to publicly express himself on this particular phase of the matter at this time.

"What Klamath county needs right now is co-operation on the part of the citizens and taxpayers," said a prominent citizen this afternoon. "I have been one of those who bitterly opposed the moving of the court house to the Hot Springs addition, but I am convinced now that no good can come of a further continuation of this war. Let us have peace."

One plan which was suggested, but which, it was stated, is not practical, is that every bit of available money derived from taxes this year be used for the paying off of the county debt, and that the work on the new court house be delayed until next year. Because of the advanced stage of the work on the new court house, this plan did not meet with the favor which it was expected.

"The insinuation of the morning newspaper today that I am in favor of 'tearing down' the new court house and that I am attempting to retard public improvement work in Klamath county is absolutely untrue."

This was the positive declaration of County Commissioner John Hagelstein this morning.

"I protested against the issuance of warrants for the payroll for work on the new court house from January 25 up to February 8," continued Mr. Hagelstein. "I did not consider that the weather was favorable for carrying on steel work, and there was a question in my mind as to the legality of the building of a shed, which I had understood was to have come under a contract to be let later on. I had asked the district attorney for legal advice on this matter, but did not receive it until after I had entered my protest."

"The last court house payroll was presented to the county court Wednesday. I had considered the matter carefully, and by Judge Benson's advice I signed it."

"You may state positively that I have not authorized any person to use my name as a club to influence the action of any other member of the county court."

Mr. Hagelstein's statement came in explanation of the following affidavit: I, C. Guy Merrill, of Merrill, Oregon, hereby under oath depose and make affidavit, as follows:

That about 8:15 o'clock a. m. of Saturday, February 8th, 1913, while in the office of the Hotel Hall, of Klamath Falls, Oregon, I was called into the office of Mr. Alex Martin, president of the first National bank of Klamath Falls, his office being adjacent to and adjoining the said office of the Hotel Hall, and that I went into Mr. Martin's office at his request.

That after I had entered said office and the door had been closed, Mr. Martin did then and there make the following remarks or statements to me:

"This thing has gone far enough. You've got to stop that court house. You can do it. Hagelstein will stay with you. He'll enter a protest all the way down the list if you don't. I can bankrupt the whole Merrill family, but I wouldn't do it if you tear the court house down. If you will do this, I will hold you immune from everything."

That I replied, "You can bankrupt us all right," and did not make any further reply to him about the court house.

That I immediately left his office, and proceeded to the rooms of the county court, and in about an hour and a half I signed the warrant with County Judge William S. Worden for the wages owing laborers at the new court house up to February 7, 1913, which Commissioner Hagelstein refused to sign, and against which he entered an official protest.

C. GUY MERRILL.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of February, 1913.
LOUISE E. SARGENT,
Notary Public for Oregon.

Ross Findley of Bly is here today on a business trip.

BLACKBIRDS START FOR NORTHERN FIELDS TODAY

Thursday was "Blackbird Day," known to "Old Timers" in the early history of Klamath Basin, and looked forward to especially in the higher valleys by the Indians and white people alike as the day on which the blackbirds will be likely to return with balmy breezes from their winter migration to the Sunny South.

The blackbird is domestic in its nature, and is a concomitant of civilization. He has remained to sing cheery songs for us all winter from the shade trees in our city and in other places where his proximity to man assists him in finding food during the winter months, but old timers guarantee that this very day he will pass over to Swan Lake Valley and Sprague River, and even appear as a harbinger of spring where the Indians are feeding their cattle around the margins of Klamath marsh.

NOT EMPLOYED BY TIMBER CONCERN

ALTHOUGH APPRECIATING THE COMPLIMENT, LOCAL ATTORNEYS STATE THAT THEY DO NOT REPRESENT CORPORATION

Feb. 19, 1913.

To Whom It May Concern:

We realize it is a compliment to us, though probably not so intended, for the Northwestern to state that persons of so great intelligence and business ability as the Weyerhaeuses company have retained us as their attorneys, but in justice to that company and their attorneys, we wish to state that there is no truth in the statement that we have ever been or are now attorneys for that company, or that one cent of its money has been paid or pledged to the payment of any of the litigation we have filed or expect to file, or paid or promised to be paid to this firm or either member of it for any purpose whatever.

Believing that this will meet the attempt of Mr. Evans to discredit us with those who are opposed to large corporations, we remain. Yours very truly,

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MORE DAIRY CATTLE TO BE SHIPPED TO KLAMATH

Six carloads of standard bred dairy cattle are to be shipped here from Chicago for distribution among the Klamath county farmers, according to word received by Agent Bailey of the Southern Pacific last Thursday. The cattle will be shipped by one of the leading firms of Illinois.

Mr. Bailey is in receipt of a telegram from the freight traffic department of the Southern Pacific, stating that the Mokel Cow company intends to ship six cars of dairy cows here, and asking Mr. Bailey to ascertain the names of farmers who are in the market for cattle of this type.

The fact that the Southern Pacific is taking such an interest in having the shipment made seems proof to local people that the firm is to be relied upon, and already several Klamath county farmers have left their names at the local Southern Pacific freight office.

PETERSON WANTS PUPILS TO SPELL

To check the tendency toward poor spelling, County School Superintendent Fred Peterson has arranged a definite system for teaching orthography, which will be put into use at once.

He prepares lists of words frequently misused, and these are sent to the different schools, there being separate work for different grades. After study is given the words submitted, spelling matches are recommended.

Among the words for Seventh grade pupils are the following:

Tuition, excellent, predicate, stern, league, mutilate, oxygen, nucleus, parable, pennant, permeate, protestant, motor.

The word as outlined at present is for the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh grades. Not more than four new words will be taken up at any one lesson.

The idea is to give the pupils a clear mental picture of the word, and they will be required to spell them orally and write them. In addition the pupils will learn the proper pronunciation and the definitions of the words.

MIDLAND MERCHANT SUES ON ACCOUNT

Suit to recover \$395.63 was commenced in circuit court Friday by R. O. Vincent against George S. Kelly. W. H. A. Renner represents Vincent.

The plaintiff is a merchant at Midland. The amount sued for is alleged due on account.

MERRILL TO STAY COMMISSIONER

REASONS FOR CONSIDERING RESIGNATION ARE GIVEN BY WELL-KNOWN MERRILL RANCHER. MONEY INVOLVED

Guy Merrill, member of the county court, will not tender his resignation. He made this announcement last night.

Some time ago Mr. Merrill indicated that he intended to quit, and, at the time, announcement to this effect was made in The Herald. Since then Mr. Merrill has changed his mind, and last night made known his reasons for having considered such a step.

"It was not because of any fear of what the grand jury might do that had caused me to consider resigning as commissioner," said Mr. Merrill last night, "but it was because of pressure which was being brought to bear by financial interests."

"I was convinced that unless I took the course laid out by one of my creditors, I would be ruined financially. A few days ago I made arrangements for the money necessary to get me out of the power of this creditor, and it was then that I made up my mind not to quit."

"My uncle advanced me the necessary money to pay a mortgage on my Merrill farm."

THOMPSON TELLS OF THE SECTION

W. Lair Thompson, state senator from Lake and Klamath counties, is the latest addition to the ranks of boosters who contend that this was the original land of Cain.

The Portland Oregonian has the following to say of the matter:

"When Cain started forth in his roving over the world, after slaying Abel, he would naturally select a spot wherein to settle similar to that of his nativity," emphatically declared Senator W. Lair Thompson, of Crook, Klamath and Lake counties, in talking with several other legislators about Professor Charles Hallock's theory, as set forth in his report to the Peabody museum at Harvard.

"The thought never occurred to me before in that exact connection, but I am satisfied that Professor Hallock is right. Cain selected as his abiding place the Garden of Eden of the continent, which, of course, is South Central Oregon. He found Crater Lake, 2,000 feet deep and 2,000 feet from the top of the crater to the surface of the lake. He found Wood River Valley, fed by streams of limpid water, alive with fish, and all this in a country flowing with milk and honey and of most delightful climate. Why, gentlemen, all these things are there yet."

"I happen to represent this district wherein, I am satisfied now, Cain found his final abiding place. Professor Hallock's theory cannot be otherwise than correct, and I am satisfied that it was in the Klamath country that the world-old story of this man seeking out a new country for himself and his family was enacted, and it was there that Cain located the city of Enoch, just as Professor Hallock says he did."

Nobody disputed Senator Thompson.

"Silence gives assent," said he. "They all know what I say is true."

MURDER MYSTERY SPOILED BY DOG

OAKLAND, Feb. 20.—It was reported to the grand jury here today that the supposed human bone, around which revolved the trial of Charles Rudge on a charge of murdering Helen Johnson at Sunol, near here, is in reality from the remains of a dog or coyote. The bone was unearthed near the scene of the alleged crime. Steps are being taken to release Rudge.

The story of Mrs. Mary Anderson, connecting Rudge with the crime, is discredited by the jury.

AMERICANS CLAIM BIG DAMAGE SUM

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 20.—The government must adjudicate claims for damages against the Mexican republic made by Americans for destruction of property. These claims will reach from \$50,000,000 to \$75,000,000 around Mexico City alone, it is stated.

American Ambassador Wilson is making an investigation of the claims. He says that many homes of Americans were wantonly wrecked and looted by soldiers.

FILIPINOS WILL ASK FOR FREEDOM

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Manuel Quezon, commissioner from the Philippines in congress, announced today plans to stump the United States to secure the independence of the Philippines. He will visit Wisconsin first, and will start his campaign March 24.

WATER RESOURCES REPRESENT COIN

ENORMOUS SUMS INVOLVED IN WATER DEVELOPMENTS, ACCORDING TO REPORT OF UNITED STATES SURVEY

The water supply of the United States is undoubtedly its greatest single mineral resource. The study of water resources is therefore one of the most important governmental investigations. The United States geological survey has been making a systematic study of the rivers and other water supplies in the United States, and during the last seventeen years has published over 300 reports presenting the results of this work. Perhaps the most useful phase of the work is the measurement of the flow of streams. Records of stream flow are absolutely essential to any intelligent river development, whether it be in the interest of navigation, flood prevention, of irrigation, of land drainage, or of power development. In a report just issued by the survey dealing with the surface water supply of the Ohio River basin—Water Supply Paper 283—attention is called to the importance of long-time records of stream flow, inasmuch as all rivers vary greatly from year to year. Experience has shown that such records should cover all stages from absolute minimum to absolute maximum, and should embrace periods of 5, 10 or for some streams even 20 years.

At first glance these may seem excessive lengths of time for the simple determination of a river's capacity, but when the vast interests involved in river development are considered it will be recognized that great care should be taken to obtain trustworthy information.

Records of stream flow have been obtained at nearly 2,000 different points in the United States. The surface water supply of small areas in Seward Peninsula and the Yukon-Tanana region, Alaska, and in Hawaii has also been investigated. During 1910 regular gauging stations were maintained by the survey, and co-operating organizations at about 1,100 points in the United States, and many discharge measurements were made at other points. Data were also obtained in regard to precipitation, evaporation, storage reservoirs, river profiles and water power in many sections of the country, and will be made available in the series of papers on surface water supply published from time to time. Consideration of the large expenditures made by nation, states and individuals show the need of this basic study of streams.

In developing inland navigation the federal government alone has expended in the neighborhood of \$300,000,000, and prospective expenditure will approximate or exceed this sum. It is obvious that the determination of stream flow is necessary to the intelligent direction of these large disbursements. In irrigation the United States government is now expending on reclamation systems about \$700,000,000, and this amount if far exceeded by the private expenditures for this purpose in the arid West. It is further obvious that the integrity of any irrigation system is based absolutely on the amount of water available. The highest use of water is the use for domestic supply, and in connection with this phase of the subject not only quantity but quality of water is of prime importance. In very recent years water power has become a matter of great national moment. Before the day of improved electric transmission the importance of water power was confined largely to the locality at which it was generated, but it has now become a public utility in which the individual citizen is vitally concerned, and as the amount of water power that may be made available is dependent on the flow of rivers, the investigation of the stream flow is a prerequisite to the intelligent management of this source of energy.

G. W. Deniston, a local attorney, addressed the students of the Klamath county high school this morning, taking up the question of "Good Citizenship" in an interesting as well as convincing manner.



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