

BIG REDUCTION MADE IN RATES BY EXPRESS CO.

ON SMALL SHIPMENTS IS CUT IN TWO

Rate From Here to Lakeview, Formerly \$9.50, is to be \$3.50 Under the New Tariff—Big Reduction Is Made in the Rates Between Here and Ashland—New Schedule Being Figured Effective February 1.

Reductions of about 50 per cent on small packages and about 35 per cent on packages over 100 pounds will be made in the rates charged by the Wells Fargo & Co. Express company, when the new schedule goes into effect next month. A change in schedules was ordered some time ago by the Interstate Commerce Commission. John J. Parker, local agent, has received the tariff sheets, and he and Arthur Leavitt, his efficient clerk, are kept busy figuring out the new rates, soon to go into effect. Some big reductions are noted.

The greatest reduction noted to date is the cut in the rate for sending packages from Klamath Falls to Lakeview. The new rate is \$3.50 for 100 pounds, while under the old schedule this is \$9.50.

The rate between Klamath Falls and Ashland, formerly \$2.50, is cut to \$1.40 for first class express. The rate for fruits, dairy products, etc., between these towns is reduced from \$1.75 to \$1.05.

Following is a comparison of some of the first class 100 pound rates figured out:

CITY	Old	New
San Francisco	\$ 4.25	\$ 2.45
Portland	4.50	2.80
Denver	11.75	7.75
Kansas City	12.25	9.20
Chicago	14.25	9.95
New York	16.25	11.00
Los Angeles	6.75	3.70

GOING IN FOR FANCY CHICKS

People passing the White building have been surprised recently to hear the lusty "Cock-a-doodle-doo-o-o" of a base-voiced rooster. Investigation develops the fact that G. W. White and Cale Oliver have imported a couple of barred Plymouth Rock birds from the state agricultural college with the intention of growing some fancy fowls.

Mr. Oliver has a number of pedigree hens, and from now on will keep a record of daily results from each fowl. His hens are from a strain that have an average record of an egg a day for 200 consecutive days, regardless of Sundays or legal holidays.

Mr. White has ordered two dozen blooded hens, and will also keep tab of results.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

NAMES OFFICERS FOR YEAR
At Tuesday night's meeting of the Klamath Chamber of Commerce, the following officers were elected to serve during the ensuing year:

President—George J. Walton.
Vice President—Wm. T. Lee.
Directors—S. B. Evans, Hunter Savidge, J. W. Stomens, Charles F. De Lap, Leslie Rogers, Charles Martin, H. J. Darling, Charles Graves and Richard E. Smith, Klamath Falls; J. Frank Adams, Merrill; F. W. Broad-sword, Bonanza; James Pelton, Fort Klamath.

Hunter Savidge, who retired as president, was warmly commended by the members for the successful administration he has just completed, and he was urged to run again. Upon the ground that he could not spare the time he thought the office needed, he declined.

The same reason for not accepting was given by R. H. Dunbar, who also was nominated.

The new president was one of the directors of the board last year, and is thoroughly acquainted with the aims and plans of the organization. A successful year is looked for by all. There is no question but what Lewis Wyld, the efficient secretary, will be returned by the board, as he has demonstrated his fitness for the position.

DOINGS OF THE OLENE PEOPLE

OLENE, Jan. 7.—Miss Florence Marshall, who has been spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Marshall, has returned to Davis, Cal., where she is engaged in teaching.

Mrs. Lobb, of Swan Lake, was shopping here Saturday.

Rowe Kinney spent Saturday with his brother, at Dairy.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Horton, of Hildebrand, stopped here on their way to Klamath Falls Monday.

Miss Eva Bour has returned to Klamath Falls to take up her school work again.

C. I. Robertson, of Klamath Falls, was here on business the last of the week.

P. E. Stiles, of Swan Lake, was here Monday.

T. P. Corpening was in Klamath Falls Monday.

Clarence McFall has gone to Central Point, Ore., with his cousin, who has been visiting him for several days.

SPRING WEATHER ON RESERVATION

KLAMATH AGENCY, Jan. 7.—Robin redbreast is still with us. Between this and the ideal weather since Sunday, we are thinking the winter is all over.

Mary Wilson, returned from the Big Klamath marsh and reports that the snow was three feet on the level when the rain first came. This reduced the depth to two feet, and now it is nearly all gone.

Wilson reports the road between here and the Marsh open, and believes that now the road would be in fine shape on the summit.

The suckers are now running above Chilquin by the hundreds. We suppose this spring-like weather fooled them, as they do not usually run until March or April.

There is something peculiar about this run, as they do not run up the river usually until they are ready to spawn, and it is too early for that.

The snow at Modoc Point has disappeared entirely, and this is the case all along Williamson river. The mornings there are all warm and nice.

TOM MOORE IS TURNED LOOSE

After testimony pro and con had been given for several hours, Justice of the Peace G. G. Owen on Tuesday dismissed the charge of a threat to kill against Tom Moore. This was made by Robert Perkins.

There has been much dispute in the Meadow Lake country, where the interested parties live, and both factions had a number of witnesses in court. A trial out of this same bitterness was held a short time ago in the justice's court.

JENNINGS COMES OUT FOR OFFICE

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Al Jennings today announced his candidacy for the democratic nomination for governor of Oklahoma.

At one time Al Jennings was the leader of as desperate a gang of train robbers as ever infested the "territory." When the gang was broken up and most of its members captured Jennings was among those sentenced to serve terms in the penitentiary.

After he was released he went back to the scenes of his former crimes, and has since been trying to live down his past.

NIGHT COURSE IN MANUAL TRAINING IN GRADE SCHOOL

WILL BENEFIT YOUTHS WITH AMBITION

Dunbar Solves Problem That Has Long Been Bothering Parents and Many of the Boys—Two Sessions Will Be Held Each Week Under Instructor Morris, and No Charge Will Be Made for Use of Tools, Etc.

A long stride toward helping the ambitious youth who is just over the school age, or who, through force of circumstances is unable to complete his school course, has been made by the board of directors of the local district, in the establishing of a night school course in manual training. This will be open to all boys between the ages of 16 and 21.

The plan may go into effect next week. Sessions will be held from 7 to 8:30 Wednesday and Thursday nights of each week at the Central school. D. C. Morris, in charge of the manual training department, will instruct the night school.

The same opportunities offered the grade pupils in this department will be open to those attending night school. They will be granted free use of tools, etc., and will be taught wood-working, staining and other useful branches.

The plan is one devised by City Superintendent R. H. Dunbar, who has always had the interest of the boys at heart. In talks with many of the boys and with their parents, he has learned that many who are unable to continue their schooling would be glad to utilize their spare time in this way to better their condition. When the matter was put up to the board by Mr. Dunbar it was heartily favored.

A LIGHTHOUSE TRUST, CHARGE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Sensational charges made recently by Representative Bartlett, of Georgia, that the lighthouse bureau was favoring a certain concern which manufactures buoys, and that the government is being overcharged for acetylene buoys, will be delved into at the hearings begun here today.

Secretary of Commerce Redfield, Assistant Secretary Sweet and Director Stratton of the bureau of standards are conducting the hearing.

Representative Bartlett's charges included a demand for explanation of why so many contracts have been let to a concern with which A. Conover, formerly a deputy commissioner in the lighthouse service, is now connected.

A general investigation of the entire lighthouse service, it was declared today, will be made to aid in rehabilitating the service and bring its business methods up to date.

PRESIDENT DISTRIBUTES CANDY TO THE KIDDIES

PASS CHRISTIAN, Miss., Jan. 7.—President Wilson appeared in the role ascribed to Santa Claus this morning, when he distributed boxes of Christmas candy to Pass Christian schools.

While on his way to the golf links the president ordered his automobile stopped in front of the Long Branch school, where the pupils were enjoying recess. He asked them to form in two lines, and he presented each with a box of candy.

It has been recess time at the school each time the president has passed on his way to the links this year, and the children have shrilly cheered each appearance.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Van Bellen returned Saturday from San Francisco, where Miss Adelaide Anderson became the wife of the Regal Shoe Man last week.

F. H. Riddle, a contractor and builder of Los Banos, Calif., left Monday for that city, after having spent the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Dr. Stacey Hemenway of this place.

ESTABLISH NEW CAMP IN FIGHT AGAINST BEETLE

MANY SENT TO OBSERVE PROGRESS MADE

New Station Will Be Placed in Charge of Fire Warden Chitwood—State Forestry Office and Other Branches Will Send Men to Watch the Methods Used in Combatting This Peril to Western Timber.

To further carry on the fight for the eradication of the Western pine bark beetle, or genus dendroctonus, the Klamath-Lake Counties Forest Fire Association has opened another camp. This is located at Parker Station, and will be in charge of Fire Warden Chitwood.

Under Chitwood there will be a force of twelve or more men. Besides these there will be men from the forestry bureau and other branches, detailed to observe closely the methods used in combatting the spread of the beetle, and report to their respective departments.

The camp will make a careful survey of the timber in that district, marking any trees where infestation is noticed. These trees will be cut and burned, thus killing the beetles and their eggs, and preventing a spread to other trees.

Extensive work is being done all through Southern Oregon to stamp out the threatened spread of the bark beetle. By this early start it is believed that this menace will be obliterated while in its incipency.

BRITISH ARTISTS ASK RECOGNITION

LONDON, Jan. 7.—British artists want to participate in the Panama-Pacific International exposition, and they want to do so officially.

Sir Edward Poynter, president of the Royal Academy, and many distinguished artists have petitioned the government to officially recognize the British fine arts section in the exposition.

TWELVE INDIANS CHOSEN TO REPRESENT TRIBE

KLAMATH AGENCY, Jan. 7.—One of the biggest events of the month at the Klamath Indian reservation was the election of twelve councilmen who will represent the Indians in all negotiations for the tribe as a unit before Superintendent Edson Watson.

The men elected for the council were Joe Ball, Edwin Wilson, Clayton M. Kirk, Fred Hendricks, Harry Wilson, John LeBall, Jeff Riddle, Elmer Lynch, S. Clinton, Levi Walker, Watson Duffy and Tom Barclay. The greater part of these are young men.

The elections were held Saturday. Six were chosen at the Klamath Agency, and six at the Yainax sub-agency.

The twelve councilmen are supposed to transact all matters for the Klamath Indians with the agent. Whatever the case may be, they are expected to bring it up, if it needs attention.

Quite an interest was taken in the election, and there were a great many Indians out.

Woman Is Postmaster

President Wilson has appointed Mrs. Cora Sharp postmaster at Foraker, in Osage county, Okla., to succeed State Senator William R. Dutton, who resigned to locate in Missouri. Mrs. Sharp won the appointment in a competitive examination, defeating several other contestants.

Conzelman Back.
"Billy" Conzelman, superintendent for the L. M. Scofield Company, is back from a two weeks' visit with his family in Berkeley.

Ernie Bubb of the Klamath County Abstract Company returned Sunday night from San Francisco and Palo Alto, where he spent the holidays with home folks. Ernie states that the New Year's celebration in San Francisco was not so strenuous this year as has been in former years.

OLD TIMERS SAY RAIN WILL HELP

PLEVNA, Jan. 7.—The heavy rains and warm days of the past week are considered by the oldtimers to be unusual for this time of year, but are going to be of great benefit to the farmers, for the soil is almost as wet now as it generally is in the spring. Owing to no irrigation, the farmers of Plevna are looking forward to large grain crops next season, should the spring season open moderately early.

Geo. Kerns and wife were city visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Shell and D. W. George were in Klamath Falls on business Saturday.

J. A. Bushong was a business visitor in Klamath Falls Saturday.

Miss Myrtle Ess returned to Klamath Falls Sunday to resume her high school work, after a two weeks' visit with her parents.

Geo. Ager took a load of fat hogs to the Klamath Meat Company's slaughter house Saturday. Mr. Ager has sold about fifty head of fat hogs this fall, all averaging about 225 pounds.

Jim Thomas, a Plevna rancher, was a business visitor in the city Saturday.

Miss Ruth George was quite ill last week from an attack of la grippe. Miss George has the sympathy of nearly everyone in the community, for few have escaped from la grippe this fall and winter.

Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Ess and Miss Rose Quast were city visitors Saturday.

Charles E. Sevits returned to the city Saturday after a two weeks' visit with his brother, G. F. Sevits.

Geo. Heavilin and J. W. Adkins were Klamath Falls visitors Saturday. Mr. Adkins took in a number of coyote pelts to secure the bounty.

At the weekly meeting of the Matter of Fact Literary Club Saturday night no program was given, owing to the Xmas and New Year festivities held during the two weeks previous, but a good program is promised for next week and the meeting will surely be well attended if the mud is not too deep—and it does take some mud to keep Plevnaites away from literary club meetings.

Chas. Inman had a runaway with a four-horse team and bob-sled at the H. F. Murdock ranch Monday. A smashed hay rack and a case of "nerves" was the only damage.

School was resumed at the Plevna school Monday, after a two weeks' vacation. The school house was thoroughly cleaned and the floor oiled during the vacation period by Chas. Sevits.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Murdock were in Klamath Falls on business Saturday.

Geo. Heavilin and family visited at the Ess ranch Saturday.

D. W. George, G. F. Sevits, Geo. Heavilin, Geo. Shell, R. A. Alford and Geo. Ager were in Klamath Falls Monday on business.

Geo. Ager and family visited at the Alford ranch Sunday evening.

Jess Jarvis, a Klamath Falls butcher, was in Plevna community Monday buying beef.

Clifford Sevits returned to Klamath Falls Tuesday to resume his studies in the junior class of the county high school.

From Ranch.

Mrs. Lou Lobb drove in Saturday from the Lobb ranch in the Swan Lake district to spend Sunday in the city. Mrs. Lobb states that Sawm Lake contains more water at the present time than at any time in many years.

A seal has known to remain twenty-five minutes under water.

ENGINEER DARLEY SEES NO REASON FOR A HIGH COST

LOOKS FOR WATER FOR \$30 OR LESS PER ACRE

Attorney Ferguson is instructed to Look Up the Legal Status of the Plan to Issue Script for Labor on the Horsefly Project—This Script, Issued to the Water Users, Can Be Used in Paying the Charges.

BONANZA, Jan. 7.—That there has been nothing found to date to indicate that the cost of the Horsefly Irrigation district will be as high as \$30 per acre, was the report made by Engineer C. T. Darley at Tuesday's meeting of the directors of the district.

Darley has been pretty thoroughly over the ground, and has completed all of his field work. He says that he sees no reason so far to change his former opinion that the project would cost less than \$30 per acre.

Charles J. Ferguson, whose firm is legal adviser for the district, was present at Tuesday's meeting. Many routine and special matters were attended to at this time.

One of the important matters considered at this meeting was the figuring out of the denominations and retiring dates of the \$30,000 bond issue, which has been made for paying for the dam site and the preliminary work. The form of the bond was arranged in detail.

Another important matter considered is the plan to issue script to land owners under the project, in turn for services rendered by them in the building of the project. The script thus issued can then be used by them in paying off construction, operation and maintenance charges.

Attorney Ferguson was instructed to look up the legal questions involved in this plan.

CAMP INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS

Local Encampment No. 46, I. O. O. F., at regular meeting Tuesday night installed the officers who will control the affairs of that lodge for the ensuing term. District Deputy Grand Patriarch Percival Sholl assisted by District Deputy Grand Warden Frank Armstrong conducted the installation ceremonies.

The following are the officers installed:

Acting Past Chief Patriarch—Nate Otterbein.
Chief Patriarch—O. H. Brenneman.
High Priest—M. R. Doty.
Senior Warden—Thomas Grubb.
Junior Warden—F. B. Bremer.
Scribe—Arlie Worrell.
Treasurer—Fred Buessing.
The following appointive officers were also installed:
Guide—Wm. Hurn.
First Watch—O. B. Dews.
Second Watch—Theodore Frolich.
Third Watch—W. D. Cofer.
Fourth Watch—Chas. Meldrum.
Inner Sentinel—Carl Adams.
Outer Sentinel—Jasper Bennet.
First Guard of Tent—A. D. McCoy.
Second Guard of Tent—Robt. Emmett.

TITANIC TRAGEDY TOLD IN COURTS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 5.—Whether the liability of the Oceanic Navigation company, as owner of the ill-fated Titanic, which went down off the Newfoundland banks nearly two years ago, with 1,635 persons, on the ships maiden voyage from London to New York, shall be governed by the American or British law, will be decided by arguments scheduled to begin today before the United States supreme court.

Miss Elizabeth Houston has returned from a visit with her sister, Miss Edna Houston, who at present is taking a course in nursing at the Flabio hospital in Oakland. Miss Edna is making such rapid progress that she will graduate next year, finishing a four year course in three years. She is specializing in the department of surgery.