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WATSON TELLS OF TROUBLE AT SCHOOL

Further information regarding the "Attorney Knox" who figured in the petition for the closing of Williamson and Sprague rivers to logging has just been brought to light.

In addition to his efforts for the closing of the rivers to lumbering Knox was instrumental in stirring up other trouble at the reservation, chiefly charges against Indian Agent Edson Watson.

"Knox made a number of charges to the Indian Bureau, regarding me, charging inefficiency, etc.," said Mr. Watson today.

"An investigation was made, and the greater part of these allegations were swept away. One was looked into further, regarding the ownership of a colt."

Sylvia colt was supposed to be a year older than the other man's colt. I appointed a committee to examine the colt as to age, etc., and their verdict was in favor of the other claimant.

"The matter was taken up by another committee later, and they held that it must be the Sylvia colt. There was also some trouble as to the ownership of a cow on Klamath Marsh, many Indians claiming it in addition to Mrs. Sylvia."

According to residents of the upper country, a former forest guard was largely responsible for the agitation against Watson.

Regarding the whipping of the Indian boys, which resulted in the removal of Principal Sims and figured in the Watson case, Mr. Watson gave out the following:

"The four boys concerned during the holidays, committed criminal assault upon a young girl at a dance. Upon her complaint, I had the matter taken up with the Federal District Attorney at Portland, who stated that it would be considered by the grand jury."

"The boys upon their return to school, were treated as prisoners, pending the action of the grand jury."

During the play hours, they had work assigned to them, and after school and meals, they were kept in the dormitory.

"Complaint was made by the matrons that the boys, all in their teens, were smoking cigarettes and chewing tobacco in the dormitory, expectorating on the beds, on the floors, etc., and making the place filthy. Mr. Sims took the matter up with the boys, but was unable to cause them to stop the practice."

"Mr. Sims finally came to me to ask about corporal punishment and I advised him that this was used only as a last resort in extreme measures. He, as disciplinarian of the school, believed this to be an extreme measure, so he and the industrial teacher took the boys to the carpenter shop where they whipped them."

"The industrial teacher was new at the agency, and finding a whip made of a piece of tug, which an Indian used for a quirt, and had forgotten, he thought that this was used to whip the incorrigible children with. The boys were therefore tied over a table with their feet manacled, and whipped."

"Sims explained that the boys were bound for fear that they might fight the instructors, but I did not approve of this, and would have prevented it had I known. It was without my knowledge that the strap was used too. There were no marks on any of the boys from this."

"I called up the parents of the boys, and told them of the whipping, and they all seemed to feel that the boys should get punished if they deserved it. It was not for several days that complaint was made, but I was held responsible for the acts of my subordinates."

"Another charge was that there was gambling on the Reservation, and I'll venture to say that there is on nearly every other reservation, the same as any town, despite efforts to suppress it."

"I have done my best to suppress this practice, and have taken the matter up with inspectors, but I have never received any support from them. In fact, I have been advised that had my efforts been the cause of trouble, I could not have secured any backing from the Department."

Watson, in giving the resignation asked for, requests a complete investigation, in order to settle some of the matters now cloudy. He will remain in charge until his successor is sent here."

MAKE PROGRESS TOWARD SEWERS

That the city can issue bonds to pay half the cost of installing the fifth sewer unit in Mills, Industrial and Second Hot Springs Additions, and the property owners can have ten years in which to pay the remainder was the report made at last night's meeting of the interested property owners, held in Mills Addition hall.

Another meeting will soon be held. At that time it is the plan to show the expression of a majority in the matter. Signed statements, either for or against the improvement, will be asked from the property owners."

Jess W. McCoy, who has resided in San Diego for the past year, is now employed as head clerk in the postoffice in that city. In an examination, which was held last November for first class postal clerks, Mr. McCoy passed the highest on the list in a class of ninety. Word to this effect was received by J. W. McCoy recently.

After two weeks vacation, Miss Hazel Barnes is again at the long distance switchboard in the exchange rooms of the local telephone company.

TOOK THE BLAME TO SAVE MAN

WASHINGTON, May 22.—Because he realized that if Morgan, the man really to blame for the New Haven trouble, was to be indicted, it would kill him, Charles S. Mellen, former head of the New York, New Haven & Hartford today told the Interstate Commerce Commission that he concealed the truth and accepted his own indictment.

In return for this self-sacrifice, Morgan's son "practically fired" him. With a remarkable statement embodying this contention, Mellen completed his testimony this afternoon.

He gave details of the deal between the New Haven and the Grand Trunk. The close of the hearing was rather dramatic. It is not believed that Mellen can be prosecuted under the indictment charging violation of the Sherman act.

Mellen explained the Grand Trunk affair as Morgan's doing. He added that he desired to shoulder the blame in it, knowing the condition of Morgan's health at the time.

"I knew positively that indictment would have killed him," said Mellen. "There was nothing I would not have done for Morgan."

At this point the witness' eyes filled with tears and his voice broke. "I told Morgan's son about it," he added, and he told me that it would be best for me to leave the New Haven system."

"I told him that this dismissal was not what I thought proper reward for what I had done in accepting disgrace to save his father. He felt badly, and assured me that if his father had been indicted, it would have hastened his death."

"Nevertheless, he accepted the resignation."

Joseph W. Folk, chief counsel for the Interstate Commerce Commission, announced that William Rockefeller, George McCollough Miller, Samuel Morehouse and H. M. Hochberger filed physicians' certificates, stating that their lives would be in danger if they were forced to testify at the hearing.

"But Rockefeller was able to attend a meeting of the New Haven directors yesterday," said McChord.

Mellen told McChord that Rockefeller's condition was such that he could not answer a dozen questions consecutively without a breakdown.

An adjournment was taken until Tuesday.

KLAMATH BEATS EM ALL--KELLER

All three as corpuent and smiling as ever, and tickled to get back to Klamath again, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Keller and son returned Thursday night from a five months' trip. They spent the greater part of their time at their former home in the middle west, but have also visited Chicago, St. Louis, New Orleans, El Paso, Los Angeles, San Francisco and other cities.

"Klamath Falls is as lively as any small city that we visited, and a great deal livelier than the most of them," said Keller today, pausing to give his right arm a chance to rest from the many vigorous shakings it is getting from friends.

"From what I heard and saw in other towns along the coast, I believe there is more business and building here than in any other coast town—and it sure is good to get back again."

Keller formerly conducted Keller's Cafe, disposing of it to A. J. Wingins when he left last winter. He has considerable property interests here, and the family will remain in Klamath Falls.

Today's news in The Herald.

LOCAL ELKS WILL VISIT LAKEVIEW

About forty or fifty members of the Elks lodge will visit Lakeview the latter part of this month. This was practically decided upon at the regular meeting of the lodge Friday evening and a committee consisting of Chas. I. Roberts, Leslie Rogers and Chas. J. Martin was appointed to arrange for the trip.

The Elks of Lakeview have a very flourishing club and during the winter have fitted up very fine club rooms. An invitation has been extended by the Lakeview members to Klamath Falls lodge to visit them in their new home, and the Elks here have been waiting until the roads were suitable to make the trip.

It is planned to have ten or more autos make the trip and they will probably leave here Saturday morning, May 30 and return Monday forenoon. In addition to the members of the lodge the directors of the Rodeo Association will go along and place their advertising for the big July show.

HIGH SCHOOL IS ENJOYING PICNIC

High school students and their Friday enjoyed a picnic on the Lake. Leaving in the morning on the Winema, the jolly party proceeded to the picnic grounds between Harriman Lodge and Rocky Point, where three hours were spent in picnicking.

Many picnic parties took basket lunches. For those who did not, the high school served a cafeteria lunch.

The studies for the term were completed yesterday. The first few days of next week will be devoted to exams, followed by commencement.

DAN LISKEY IS COMING STRONG TO ELKS' RODEO

Dan Liskey is in the city to look over the program for the Elks Rodeo. Liskey will have at least seven horses to enter in the deersteeple event and is now laying out a track at the ranch on which to train his horses. Liskey will have a relay string and he boasts that he can clean up anything in the county and says he already has first money won in the relay race.

He will also enter in the potato race and the tug of war for saddle horses. He offers to furnish two good bucking horses and a number of wild horses, besides four horses for the chariot race. It will be Swan Lake against the county according to Liskey and from the showing he made last year it is a safe bet that he will do some of the county will have to go some if they beat him.

Liskey has just received a letter from his brother at Hornbrook to the effect that about four hundred people from that section are coming to the Rodeo in July.

NEIGHBORHOOD ROW GETS INTO COURT

Charged with obstructing a highway, and with pointing a weapon at Fred G. Brown and threatening to kill him, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Wyland, Clarence Hunt, their hired man, and their daughters, Blanche and Irene Dodge and Mildred Vose, were arrested at their homestead near Crystal yesterday by Constable John Schallock, and brought here for a preliminary hearing.

The men are charged with obstructing the highway, and the women with threats to kill. Through their attorneys, Stone & Gale, all waived preliminary examination, and will tell their story to the grand jury.

The complainant is Sherman A. Brown. He alleges that the men built a road fence across the high-

way and that when his brother went to remove it, the women pointed a loaded gun at him, and threatened to kill him. Fred G. Brown was a candidate for county surveyor in the recent primaries.

According to the defendants in the action, this was only one of a series of persecutions inflicted upon them since they took the homestead. They say their claim has been contested, and they have suffered other annoyances.

Two of the girls are crippled, and weigh less than 90 pounds. They state that in the absence of the men from the place, Brown struck at them and their mother when they sought to restrain him from tearing down the fence.

WAR MAD CLERK RECRUITS ARMY

SAN RAFAEL, May 22.—An attempt to organize a squad of soldiers and march on Mexico has brought Geo. Henry Kloff, caretaker of a manufacturer's residence into trouble with the authorities.

In the afternoon Kloff secured a high powered rifle and went out on the highway and began to execute military evolutions and firearms drill. Four actors of a moving picture company watched him and laughed. Then four laborers came down the road and also laughed.

A shout of mirth went up when Kloff announced that he was getting

ready for war with Mexico. Suddenly Kloff brought the rifle to his shoulder levelled it at the eight men and commanded them to fall in. They fell in.

For half an hour Kloff drilled them up and down the dusty highway. He made them march and counter march, march slowly and on the double quick single file, double file and four abreast.

Meanwhile the sheriff's office was notified, and when the amateur soldiers were ready to drop, a deputy sheriff stole up behind Kloff and laid him out. The gun was examined. It was empty.

RIVER IS THERE SAYS ROOSEVELT

NEW YORK, May 22.—"It's there, and at least a third of it is navigable. Anyone desiring can see it for himself, and I'll tell him how to get there," said Colonel Roosevelt today, when questioned regarding the new river he discovered.

Roosevelt did some work at the Outlook office, dictating to a stenographer, for some time. After this, he devoted his time to unpacking his specimens at the American Museum of Natural History.

A rancher has applied for rental of 320 acres of the Pike national forest, Colorado, to be used in connection with private land for raising elk as a commercial venture.

The public will please take notice that the undersigned will, on Monday the 15th day of June, A. D. 1914, at 10 o'clock a. m., or as soon thereafter as he can be heard, apply to the County Court of Klamath County, State of Oregon, for a retail liquor dealer's license. For further information you are referred to the copy of the petition hereinafter set forth.

JOSEPH L. RINGO, Applicant.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Klamath County: PETITION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE

To sell, exchange or otherwise dispose of spirituous, malt, vinous liquors, near beer or fermented cider, commonly known as hard cider, in quantities less than one gallon, in Odell Precinct, Klamath County, State of Oregon:

To the Hon. W. S. Worden, Judge of the County Court of the State of Oregon, Klamath County, and to John Hangelstein and N. S. Merrill, Commissioners for the State of Oregon, County of Klamath:

We, the undersigned legal voters of Odell Precinct, Klamath County, and State of Oregon, would respectfully petition that a liquor license be granted to Joseph L. Ringo, to sell, exchange or otherwise dispose of spirituous, malt, vinous liquors, near beer or fermented cider, commonly known as hard cider, in quantities less than one gallon, in the Town of Crescent, Odell Precinct, County of Klamath and State of Oregon, upon the following described premises, to-wit: Lots 13 and 14, in block 39, and in the building situated thereon, said building has the following dimensions, to-wit: 50 feet by 70 feet, and is two (2 1/2) and one-half stories high, and is known as the Crescent Hotel;

That the aforesaid building is a legitimate bona fide hotel, with accommodations for not less than fifty (50) guests, and that same is not situated within one mile of any university or college, nor within six miles of any state or government irrigation project in actual course of construction;

That said license be granted to Joseph L. Ringo for a period of twelve months from and after the date of the granting of said license.

And we pray for himself says: That I have personally signed this petition, and that my residence, postoffice address and voting precinct are correctly written after my name;

That I am a legal voter in Klamath County, in the State of Oregon, and am now and have been an actual resident of Odell Precinct, in Klamath County, in the State of Oregon, for more than thirty days last past.

Table with 3 columns: NAME, Residence, Voting Precinct. Lists names and addresses of voters in Odell Precinct, Klamath County, Oregon.