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KLAMATH AND THE GOVERNOR

HOW many more insults and slurs is Klamath Falls to be handed by Governor West?

For the past two years there have been several occasions when the executive's course has been such as to put Klamath Falls in any but a desirable light.

The most flagrant, and the most ranted case of all, though, is the manner in which the governor spread the letter of a certain Mrs. Moore through out the state.

Mrs. Moore has been in Klamath Falls a matter of weeks. She has become so noticeable with her many stories regarding the cities she has cleaned up, and the treatment accorded her here, taking up the time of business men with her narrations, that there is talk of having her sanity examined.

In view of a possible acceptance of overtures for peace negotiations, all of the work being carried on with the warring nations are being kept profoundly secret.

Home From Visit. Mrs. John McLean returned Thursday from a visit of two months in Portland and in Middle Western cities.

NEITHER SIDE IS WINNING SUCCESS; BOTH STRENGTHEN. By WM. PHILLIP SIMS

PARIS, Sept. 18.—For five days the allies and the Germans have vainly tried to break through each other's lines, but so far there has been no distinct advantage scored by either army.

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WILSON HOPEFUL OF RETURNING OF PEACE ON EARTH

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GERMANY REPORTS HER ARMY SLOWLY MAKING ADVANCES

By KARL VON WIEGAND BERLIN, (wireless via Sayville), Sept. 18.—The following is from the war office:

"The battle between the Oise and the Meuse is unchecked, but there are sure indications that the French offensive is declining. French efforts to cut through the German right have been broken without notable exertion."

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ALFALFA CITY'S FAIR EVENTS IN SPLENDID ORDER

United Press Service MERRILL, Sept. 18.—With 1,500 in town, and a wonderful exhibit of products, the first Merrill district fair is on in full blast this afternoon.

Following the arrival of about 200 people from Klamath Falls, the street is lined with automobiles for several blocks. Everybody is enthusiastic, and visitor and host alike were cheered.

Headed by the Klamath Falls band there was a splendid parade. In this were automobiles, ladies on fine horses, elaborate floats, school children and many other features.

Following the parade the races were announced, and are now in session. Due to the splendid work of Guy Merrill, these are being held without delays.

Some of the results follow: Pony race—Pearl Dalton first, Paul Dalton second; prizes \$10 and \$5.

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HICKMAN EXONERATED BY THE CORONER'S JURY

Otis Hickman was released from custody late Saturday, following the following verdict by the coroner's jury:

We, the jury, impaled and sworn by Coroner Earl Whitlock, in the above entitled case, find the following as our verdict: First—We find that the person dead is Vivian R. Evans, a white male, of the age of 32 years, nativity, American.

Second—That he came to his death on the 18th day of September, A. D. 1914, at the ranch of his mother, Mrs. Mary Mark, in Poe Valley, Klamath county Oregon.

Third—That he came to his death by means of a bullet wound, the bullet being fired from a gun in the hands of Otis Hickman, on the 18th day of September, A. D. 1914, at about 6 o'clock p. m., the act having been performed at the ranch above mentioned, and we, the jury, judging from the evidence brought before us, believe that Otis Hickman was justified in firing the shot.

A heart-broken mother, telling of seeing her son shot by her daughter's husband, was one of the heart-rending scenes at the coroner's inquest this afternoon, when Mrs. Mary A. Marks told of the circumstances leading up to the shooting, and to seeing the fatal shots fired, and her efforts to restore life to the man who fell, pierced by a bullet.

Vivian Evans was shot and killed almost instantly by Otis Hickman, at the Marks ranch in Poe Valley just before dark last night. According to Hickman, he shot in self defense. His wife and his mother-in-law, who is also the foster mother of Evans, were eye witnesses of the affair, and they corroborate his statements.

While there has not been real enmity between he and Evans, Hickman states that there has been some coldness, the two merely speaking when they would meet. He says that when Evans and Mrs. A. Marks, the mother of Mrs. Hickman, there is bitterness, and that each has forbidden the other to cross their lands. As a result, Evans has had to take a circuitous course to reach his ranch, when he could have made the trip shorter across the Marks ranch.

Hickman and his wife have been living at the Marks ranch. Last night, Hickman says, he went out to get his cows, and found Evans' calves in his pasture. He drove them out in the road, and then returned home and began splitting wood. On the trip to the pasture he took a rifle with him, and when he returned his wife took the weapon and stood it at one side of the house.

At about 6:30, Hickman says, Evans rode up to where he was splitting wood, and demanded to know who turned his calves out into the road. Hickman answered that he did. Evans, according to Hickman, got off his horse, and as Hickman turned to take his gloves off, struck him on the shoulder with a club. Hickman then retreated, but Evans followed, swinging the club, and striking Hickman on the hand.

Hickman says he was pursued in this way until he reached the house, and came to the rifle. He says he picked this up in the hope of stopping Evans' onslaught, but that Evans still came on with the club, so he pulled the trigger while the gun, under his arm, was pointed backward. The bullet pierced Evans' heart. Floyd Brandenburg and two others were driving by the Marks place just at this time, and Hickman called to them, after which he went to the H. H. Roberts place, and telephoned the officers and the neighbors. When Brandenburg and the others reached the body the muscles were still quivering, but Evans was dead.

Deputy Sheriff Lloyd L. Low and Coroner Whitlock went out to Poe Valley, and Hickman surrendered himself. The body of Evans was brought in for an inquest. Evans was 35 years of age, and his ranch is about a quarter of a mile south of Marks'. He was married about a year ago to Miss Zella Buesey.

LONDON, Sept. 19.—A dispatch to the Reuters News Agency from Petrograd, states that the Russian pursuit of the Austrians still continues, and that the Austrian force is suffering heavy loss. The Russians have occupied Sandomir, after capturing several columns of the Sixth and Fourth Austrian corps, in addition to thirty big field guns and an enormous amount of ammunition.

Near Javorow the Russians took 5,000 prisoners. The war office reports that in addition to the Austrian troops, the German cavalry is also fleeing before the Russians.

APPALLING LOSS OF LIFE IN THE TWO BIG ARMIES

London War Office Looks for Several More Days of Fighting Before Either Force Will Make a Movement That Is in Any Way Decisive. Losses of Allies Figured at 100,000—Germans Twice That.

LONDON, Sept. 19.—The war office states that the fighting continues without change. It is believed that the losses of the allies have been at least 100,000, and it is possible that the number will reach 50,000 more. It is insisted that the German losses outnumber the allies two to one.

The heavy rains are doing great damage, and many of the trenches are filled with water. It is reported that large numbers of the British soldiers are suffering from rheumatism, caused by the wet and cold. It is admitted that Tuesday night the Germans attempted ten times to break through the Smith and Dorrien's second corps, but failed.

The war office says that it may be several days before the conflict will show any decisive results. Nowhere have the allies been compelled to withdraw. However, the allies are now losing as heavily as the Germans did in the Marne battle. The war office is confident that the battle will end with the Germans defeated.

HEAD FORESTER GRAVES EXPECTED THIS WEEK. Henry S. Graves, forester and chief of the forestry service, is expected from the East some time next week, for the purpose of looking over the roads in national forests in Klamath and Jackson counties. He will go to Crater Lake from Medford, and from the lake will come here.

The Chamber of Commerce has not fully outlined its plans for the entertainment of the forestry head, but already plans are being made for a reception and entertainment that will do the town justice. The following letter, from Will G. Steel, superintendent of Crater Lake National Park, tells of the possibilities from Graves' trip:

"For some time past I have been trying to discover by what means we can reach the forest service, and get help for the roads of Klamath and Jackson county within the national forests. Chamberlain has had the matter up with Graves, and wires me that he will be in Portland about the 24th inst., and he thinks he (Graves) will probably arrange matters satisfactorily, and for us to take him to Crater Lake, etc."

"I can arrange here to get him to Crater Lake if you will attend to getting him to Klamath Falls as the guest of the Chamber of Commerce. I will go clear through if I can be of any service in any way, or I will stop in the park. "In my opinion, if this matter is handled diplomatically, we can get very material assistance in the way of roads."

Miss Louise Benson and Miss Marguerite Williams have planned a delightful little farewell luncheon for Miss Marjorie Sellers, to be given at the White Pelican hotel Saturday noon. The guests are the Misses Marjorie Sellers, Lottie Williams, Ruth Sauerman, Irma Cole, Beattie Applegate, Irene Steinman, Waive Jacobs, Vera Cozad, Elizabeth Houston, Louise Benson, Katherine Williams and Marguerite Williams.

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MADDOX GRANTED ONLY A VERDICT

One dollar was the extent of the damages awarded J. A. Maddox by the circuit court jury chosen to decide the merits of Maddox's suit for damages against Charles Loomis. The verdict was brought in Thursday, after a deliberation of five hours. Maddox brought suit for \$2,000 damages alleging that in trading his ranch for the Maddox building, Loomis misrepresented the ranch to Maddox. This Loomis denied, and three days were consumed in the trial of the action. J. H. Carnahan conducted Loomis' case.

SINNOTT BILL IS A BENEFIT. The homesteaders have cause to rejoice, since the passage of N. J. Sinnott's homestead bill, adopted by both the house and senate, and recently signed by the president. This provides for leave of absence by entrymen in one or two periods. Under the old law, the entryman was compelled to take his leave of absence in one period. The bill, as signed by the president, follows: "An act to provide for leave of absence for homestead entrymen in one or two periods."

"Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled, That the entryman mentioned in section twenty-two hundred and ninety-one, Revised Statutes of the United States, as amended by the act of June 6, 1912, Thirty-seventh Statutes, 123, upon filing in the local land office notice of the beginning of such absence at his option shall be entitled to a leave of absence in one or two continuous periods not exceeding in the aggregate five months in each year after establishing residence; and upon the termination of such absence, in each period, the entryman shall file a notice of such termination in the local land office; but in case of commutation, the fourteen months actual residence, as now required by law must be shown, and the person commuting be at the time a citizen of the United States."

ASTORIA, Sept. 19.—News has been received of the wreck of the steamer Frances Leggett, which was caused by the deck load of lumber shifting in a storm, causing the boat to turn turtle. According to passengers on the steamer Beaver, which arrived here this afternoon, but two lives were saved out of the crew and passenger list of 74. A business meeting of The Decena will be held this evening. At this session officers will be elected and plans outlined for the coming year's work.

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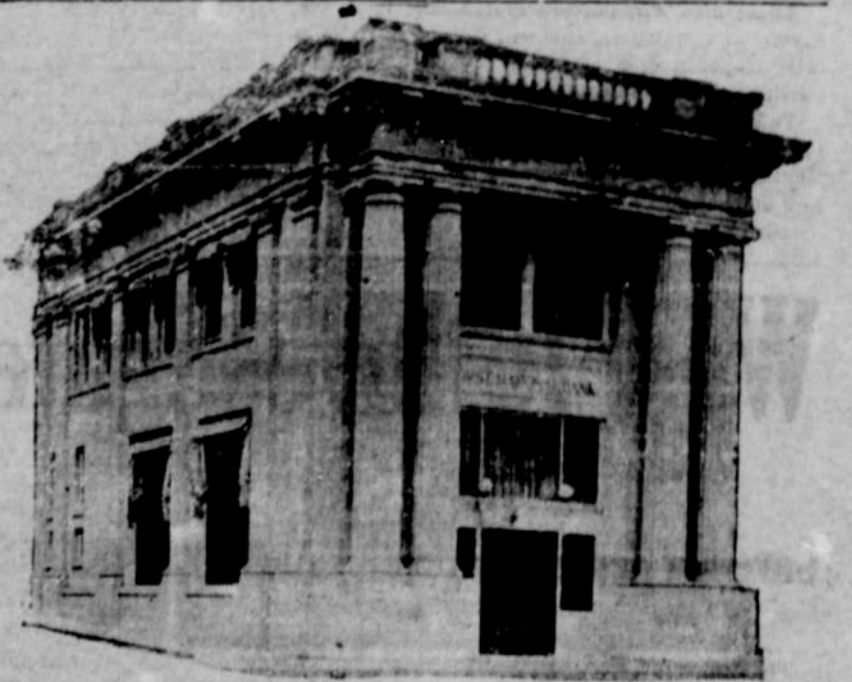
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