

The Commission to Hear Utility Question

KENO POWER CASE UP FOR HEARING TOMORROW

SESSION TO BE HELD AT COURT HOUSE

Oregon Public Service Commission to Decide on Entrance of Keno Power Company into Local Field—Commission Now Has Authority to Prevent Competitive Utilities From Entering Territory Already Served.

The question as to whether the Keno Power Company will be permitted to proceed to serve the city of Klamath Falls with light and power, as voted upon by the people at an election last November, will be up for a hearing tomorrow morning before the Oregon Public Service Commission at the county court house. The session is scheduled for 10 a. m.

That there will be a highly interested audience at this hearing in view of the preceding interesting developments, is a foregone conclusion.

A bill passed by the last session of the Oregon legislature, known as the public service convenience bill, gives the public service commission authority to use its discretion in allowing a second public utility to enter a field already served by one utility, and also that this legislation was enacted after the local election, the commission expects to extend its authority to handle the Klamath Falls case.

A spirited controversy occurred here last fall over the advisability of allowing the Keno Power company a franchise to enter the local field in competition with the California Oregon Power company. The matter was referred to a vote of the people in a straw vote early in the season, and passed by a heavy majority in favor of the Keno Power company.

The Keno company refused to accept the franchise offered them by the city council, claiming it was not in accordance with the terms voted upon by the people at the straw vote. With-out negotiating further with the council a petition was circulated and the matter put before the public at a regular election, which was again in favor of the competitive service. Public debates were held at which the matter was argued, the Keno Power company offering lower rates than at present obtained, and the California Oregon Power company maintaining the added expense of another utility service to one now furnishing adequate service, would ultimately revert to the consumer.

Celebrated Orator to Be Here Wednesday Night

Irving E. Vining, the celebrated speaker, whose wonderful address on Red Cross work was so deeply appreciated when given here a few weeks ago, has been secured for another meeting to be held at Houston's opera house Wednesday evening.

Mr. Vining will speak at this time on the important topics of the day, including food conservation.

Next week is National Food Conservation Week, and the public is especially urged to come and hear the plans of the government for this year.

Reclamation Head on Visit to Klamath Falls

SUIT BROUGHT FOR COLLECTION

VAN RIPER BROTHERS BRING ACTION AGAINST THE KLAMATH LOGGING AND TIMBER COMPANY FOR UNPAID ACCOUNT

Van Riper Brothers thru their attorneys, Rutanic & Yaden, have filed suit in the office of the Circuit Court clerk for the collection of \$647.09, alleged due from the Klamath Logging and Timber Company.

Three hundred and forty-seven dollars of this amount is declared from merchandise which the defendants agreed to pay by June 15th. The remaining amount was an account taken over from W. E. Strofeld by the plaintiffs.

WELL KNOWN MAN DIES AT ASHLAND

JAMES WELLS, A WELL KNOWN PIONEER, PASSES AWAY SATURDAY NIGHT—DEATH CAUSED BY HARDENING OF ARTERIES

James Wells, a pioneer of Western Oregon, father of County School Superintendent Edna Wells and Mrs. Katherine Cole of this city, passed away Saturday night at his home at Ashland, at the age of 70 years. Hardening of the arteries caused his death.

Mr. Wells was a brother of John Wells, a Klamath pioneer stockman, who died last spring. He is survived by his wife and several children, Mrs. E. H. Mays, Mrs. Champ Payne and J. P. Wells, beside the two living here.

Mr. Wells crossed the plains in 1853, at the age of six years. His life has been devoted to horticulture and stock raising. A host of friends over Oregon mourn his passing.

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FIRE DAMAGES SPRING WORKS

BUILDING OF KLAMATH AVENUE SHOP AND MANY TOOLS DESTROYED IN BLAZE LATE SATURDAY NIGHT.

Fire which started in some manner in the rear room of the Klamath Auto Springs Works at 11:45 Saturday night, seriously damaged the building, destroyed five auto trailers and a large number of tools owned by William Crosby. The tools in the blacksmith department are not believed damaged.

The Auto Spring Works is directly adjacent to the Oregon Moline Plow company building on Klamath avenue, and the efficient work of the fire department prevented a disastrous blaze from spreading to that block.

The losses of Mr. Crosby are well covered by insurance, and he expects to be in shape to proceed with his business in a short time.

Mr. Crosby hopes that the flag which flew from the pole above his shop and was reported picked up, will be returned to him.

SHIPYARD STRIKE ENDS TOMORROW

WORKERS TO RESUME PLACES. ALL BUT TWO UNIONS ACCEPT PLAN OFFERED BY FEDERAL BOARD

PORTLAND, Oct. 22.—The shipyard strike is over here, but workers will not report until tomorrow.

All but two unions have voted to accept the federal board settlement plan. Those two meet today. It is hoped to make the acceptance unanimous.

At all events, the others will return to work tomorrow, as the majority rules.

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The Public Must Have Cheaper Meat

CHICAGO, Oct. 22.—The American public has reached the breaking point in high meat prices—further large increases will mean a boycott.

This has been frankly admitted by packers themselves, who are here attending the convention of the American Meat Packers Association. The packers were practically unanimous in favor of lower prices, despite the fact that they claim they are now operating several branches of their industry at a loss.

"Lower prices mean a larger consumption, and the packing industry is founded on the principle of volume," was the way Edward LaBarth of Chicago puts it. "People will quit eating meats and take to other foods if they are asked to pay much more than the present prices."

The packing industry will welcome government regulation thru the licensing system, because lower prices are virtually assured, packers attending the convention said.

Dreary Outlook for Honolulu Imbibers

HONOLULU, T. H., Oct. 22.—By January 1st the supply of Scotch and other imported whiskeys in the Hawaiian Islands will have been exhausted, judging by the supply now on hand and the normal consumption. After that time the imbibers of imported brands must do without, as under the federal food law importations are prohibited.

For the drinker of imported gin there is a longer reprieve, the supply on hand being equal to six months' demand, while of American whiskeys it is estimated that the amount stored in anticipation of the prohibitory ban on liquor manufacture will suffice the needs of the alcoholity inclined for three years.

Evangelistic Meeting to Be Held Here Soon

Rev. W. H. Cox of the Eleventh Street Baptist church and Major J. W. Ingalls left this morning as delegates from the local church to the Baptist state convention which convenes at The Dalles.

On his return, October 29th, he will be accompanied by the Rev. Dr. Driver and wife in the chapel car "Goodwill."

TREMENDOUS FORCES NOW BEARING ARMS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 22.—At least 22,000,000 men are now bearing arms in the world war at this time, over 1,000,000 being Americans, according to a statement issued by the war department today. The allied forces boast of 27,500,000.

County, with the purpose of looking out for the comfort of soldiers from this locality in France. Letters of cheer to the men will be among the remembrances to be sent. It is announced, as well as more substantial presents.

HOTEL MEN MEET TOMORROW

There will be a meeting of all the hotel keepers and restaurant proprietors tomorrow afternoon at the Hall hotel to consider the requests made by the government regarding the conservation of food.

These matters are being taken up at this time all over the country, and the urgency of immediate action is great.

NEW RELATIVES FOR SOLDIERS

MILES-CITY, Mont., Oct. 22.—The "Godmothers of Families" has been organized among the members of the Order of the Eastern Star in Custer

WILL R. KING IS IMPRESSED BY PROJECT

CONFERENCE HELD WITH WATER USERS TODAY

Reclamation of Nearly Hundred Million Acres of Land May Be Taken Up Following Passage of Bill by Chamberlain—Government to Get Behind and Finance Reclamation on Wholesale Scale.



JUDGE WILL R. KING

Greatly impressed with the wonderful future in store for the Klamath country, Judge Will R. King, chief council of the United States reclamation service, who arrived Saturday night with President J. T. Hinckle of the Oregon Irrigation Congress, completed a flying trip yesterday over the vast area of the Klamath project. This is Judge King's first visit to Klamath, and he appeared surprised to note the natural advantages and resources here.

A conference is being held today with the Water Users Association directors and members regarding the changing of the association into an irrigation district, the election for which is to be held in December. This change is heartily endorsed by all officials of the service, and it is believed that the project will be built absolutely under the direction of the government, and will be operated by the government until it is paid for. That will contribute largely to furnishing assurance which will mean that utmost confidence will be centered in the new projects.

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FAMOUS RING CHAMPION DIES

ROBERT FITZSIMMONS GIVES UP STRUGGLE AT CHICAGO AFTER PROLONGING LIFE FOR SEVERAL DAYS BY DETERMINATION

CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 22.—Robert Fitzsimmons, the noted prizefighter, died here last night, following an illness from pneumonia. His life has prolonged several days just by his grim determination to live, according to physicians.

The funeral services will be held Wednesday at the Moody Tabernacle.

There will be no substantial opposition to it.

Judge King, with Engineer A. P. Davis, composes the reclamation commission at Washington. Judge King has charge of the legal department, while Mr. Davis handles the engineering work.

The present trip is a tour of inspection over the sixteen government projects, looking toward the reclamation of a vast increase of acreage by the reclamation department provided for by a bill now before congress introduced April 6th by Senator Chamberlain.

The reclamation of 95,000,000 acres may be undertaken at the conclusion of the present war by the government, according to Mr. King, to take care of the great army of working men, which will appear when the armies commence to disband. He explained that the complete adoption of the Chamberlain bill by congress will contribute to the reclamation of tillable soils on a wholesale scale on grounds that the government will get behind the bonding and financing of either arable lands or water-logged lands that may be set in a program for reclamation.

"The government guarantees projects which will come under the new act in such a manner that it will not be difficult to finance them," said Judge King. "But the projects will be built absolutely under the direction of the government, and will be operated by the government until it is paid for. That will contribute largely to furnishing assurance which will mean that utmost confidence will be centered in the new projects."

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New Blow at Enemy Near Ypres is Successful

By Associated Press DATELESS—In co-operation with the French forces, Field Marshal Haig has launched a new blow along the narrow front at the German lines northeast of Ypres. Early success has been reported.

The operation is apparently aimed at bringing the left flank of the allied advance further forward to support the center, where the wedge is driven farthest.

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