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THE EVENING NEWS

THE WEATHER
Probably Rain.
Highest temp. yesterday 58
Lowest temp. last night 37

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BOOZE TRAFFICER IS HEAVILY FINED

Judge Riddle Shows No Mercy—Assessed \$400 and 60 Days in Jail.

APPEAL WILL BE TAKEN

In An Effort to Change Findings of Justice Court—The Case Will Be Tried Before Judge Hamilton.

GOES TO JAIL.

P. D. Pinkerson, who has appealed his case to the circuit court for final disposition, was late this afternoon before the county jail in default of \$200 bonds. This case to have been punished, early today, but up to the time of going to press they had not been posted and as a consequence Mr. Pinkerson will be forced to remain in custody until sufficient bond money is forthcoming.

The most severe sentence that has yet been meted out to booze traffickers since John Harbergren took the count a number of years ago was given to P. D. Pinkerson, who was yesterday convicted in the justice court on a charge preferred by the state of having sold and delivered intoxicating liquor within the corporate limits of the city of Roseburg, contrary to statutory laws governing the case in question.

Pinkerson was arrested in Portland a short time ago charged with having carried on illicit sales of liquor in that city and was fined in the sum of \$10. He was immediately re-arrested and required to post \$200 bonds to appear here in a like charge. Evidence having been secured after much searching by the state of Sheriff Quinn and Special Officer James Mahoney, of the Southern Pacific Company, to warrant Pinkerson's apprehension for the ownership of the "banana car" house. According to the officials Pinkerson left this city late in September and purchased a quantity of liquor at some California point and shipped the cargo to this city for commercial purposes. The consignment was discovered in the local railroad yards, but not until the accused had removed part of it. Pinkerson was subjected to a severe grilling at that time and his home was searched. However, no liquor was found. Pinkerson, who had been employed in the local railroad yards as a switchman left this city soon after the liquor had been rediscovered at Portland and ever since his departure the authorities have been earnestly wanting a catch of evidence around the suspect, which never seemed to be accomplished.

The situation in Palestine is favorable and with the exception is slight reverses near Japan. British troops are making steady gains. North of Jaffa British patrols were driven back for a short distance to the southern side of Nahr el Avdiel. British cavalry is now three and a half miles west of Jerusalem and closing in on the Turks from the south.

The Russian situation shows no improvement and the country is on the verge of a civil war. The second army on the northern Russian front has resumed its offensive, agreeing in the offensive the army proposed and pleading support to the extremists. The United States government has received notice of the armistice proposed from the Bolshevik government and the matter will be considered.

General Khabizov, a noted Russian leader, is said to be in command of the Russian situation. His forces control the grain growing section of the empire as well as the gold reserves. He is linked to the revolutionaries and is said to have secured the release of the prisoners of war. The Russian situation is said to be in a state of confusion. His forces control the grain growing section of the empire as well as the gold reserves. He is linked to the revolutionaries and is said to have secured the release of the prisoners of war. The Russian situation is said to be in a state of confusion.

TAXPAYERS LEAGUE DATE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the members of the Taxpayers League that the next meeting will be held at 7 o'clock on Wednesday, December 5, at the Douglas county court house. The date having been set by the court to discuss the budget proposed for 1918. The meeting is of great importance to all taxpayers and a good attendance is desired.

J. L. STOCKTON DIES IN SALEM RECENTLY

J. L. Stockton, pioneer citizen and merchant of Salem, died Saturday morning at his residence in that city from a stroke of paralysis and funeral services were held yesterday afternoon. The deceased was well known in this city where he visited in the past on several occasions in connection with his official position with the Oregon Retail Merchants Association, of which he was president for four years.

Mr. Stockton was actively interested in all state affairs and was one of the best known and most influential citizens of Salem. The Douglas County Merchants Association, with headquarters in this city, today sent a telegram to the bereaved family containing the following message of sympathy: "To Mrs. J. L. Stockton and family: Salem, Oregon. With sincere regrets we learn of your sad bereavement. In the death of Mr. Stockton the state has lost one of its foremost and ablest citizens. We extend our deepest sympathies. Roseburg and Douglas County Merchants Association."

ALLIES GAIN ALONG LINES BATTLE ZONE

Civil War Imminent in Russia—Troops Are Suffering From Hunger.

ARE NEARING JERUSALEM

British Cavalry Closing in On Turks—West and Southwest of the Ancient Holy City in Palestine.

Associated Press Wire Leads, Nov. 27.—Renewed attempts by German troops to drive the British from their positions in Bourlon wood and the high ground dominating the region about Cambrai have failed. Fighting at the northeast corner of the wood was severe, but the British held their positions. The first question asked was: Do you follow our most accurate reports that we are in the war? The answer was: Not only are we in the war, but we are winning it. The British are now within a few miles of Jerusalem.

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Everything throughout the United States is in an unsettled condition at the present time on account of the tremendous task of rebuilding the nation. It is thought that a firm base will soon be reached and some idea can be gained as to what extent this country is going to wage the war and how many soldiers will be sent overseas.

GRANTS PASS BOYS ARE FOUND NOT GUILTY

David and Frank T. Grant, the two boys who were arrested in the case of the stolen money, were found not guilty by the jury.

ROSEBURG MEN RETURN FROM EAST

Seely and Harding Visited Several Cities and State War is Chief Topic.

De A. C. Seely and W. C. Harding, two well known local residents, returned to this city last evening after a two week's business trip to eastern cities, during which time Chicago and Washington, D. C. were visited. These gentlemen when interviewed this morning regarding their business conditions throughout the east stated that everything is turned towards the war and that is the principal topic of conversation. Mr. Seely has an instance, the rise in food prices as a result of the war and said that the common "flapjack" which is usually served for breakfast cannot be bought any cheaper than ten cents each, three for thirty cents. Everything is high in price in proportion and will undoubtedly continue that way as long as the war lasts and supplies are sent to the allies from this country.

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PEOPLE DEMOCRATIC

Get-Together Spirit Dominates the East and Middle West—Generally Believed War Will Last Some Time.

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W. C. Harding when interviewed the following day said: "Everything from Portland to Washington was war, war was how to win it, and an over-optimism, if we win at the expense of the allies that is what the surprise has not yet been revealed. We heard estimates as high as a hundred billion dollars and five million American soldiers. One million more American boys are on their way. The war is going to be a long one, but we must keep our spirits up and our hearts in it. The people of the west don't realize it really has started. The war is taking on the character of a civil war, and that is all over here. It is the general opinion throughout the east that the war will last some time and that many more men and supplies will be sent overseas."

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PROWELL-WEBER CASE AIRED FRIDAY

Attorney B. L. Eddy Retained By Defense Arranges For Client's Bonds.

ONE SIDE BLAMES OTHER

Prowells Claim Other Brothers to Blame For Trouble While Webbers Allege Prowells Wholly in Fault.

Attorney B. L. Eddy, who has been retained as counsel for the defense in the Prowell-Weber shooting case, yesterday afternoon appeared in court and arranged for bonds for his clients, a Prowell and a Webber. J. A. Prowell with a dangerous weapon and a Smith Prowell with a Smith Prowell. The former was released on \$1000 bond and the latter was required to furnish a bond of \$500.

The cases which brought the brothers to the attention of the court, occurred last Saturday night in the vicinity of Green station and both claim that the other side is at fault. However, the fact is that no person shall carry concealed weapons, and the fact that the Prowells did, according to his own statement, make a gun play, is a crime in itself and cannot be excused.

The Webber group claims that they were waylaid by the three Prowells who were all armed with various weapons and that the Prowells followed them with a gun. The Webbers were shot and the Prowells were injured. The Prowells claim that the Webbers were the aggressors and that they were shot in self-defense.

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CASTLE'S GIVE BOND TO KEEP THE PEACE

Complaint Filed by Wm. Austin Charges Defendants Threatens Bodily Harm.

TROUBLE OVER ROAD

Plaintiff Alleges Castles Refused to Allow Him to Gravel County Road Opened by Court—Wants Protection.

Oliver Castle and L. H. Castle, well known residents of Douglas county, were today in court this afternoon on a complaint filed by William Austin, a neighbor, who alleges that the defendants have repeatedly threatened him with bodily harm. The plaintiff further alleges that the above named defendants wrongfully and unlawfully obstructed the plaintiff and complaining witness from entering to and from his farm and at several times within the last year have prevented him from improving the road of easement leading from the county road to his residence and on November 16 of this year again threatened him with injury.

The plaintiff is afraid that the defendants will carry threats to execution if not required to keep the peace and therefore caused the case to appear before Justice of the Peace E. H. Riddle, who promptly notified the defendants that they would be given until tomorrow at 2 o'clock to secure the services of an attorney and arrange for bond.

According to information received today the trouble between the Castles and Austin has been brewing for some time and a clash has been magnificently averted on several different occasions in the past few months.

It seems that the county court opened the road in controversy which leads from the county road to the Castle home through a portion of the Castle property. Mr. Austin is desirous of traveling the highway and this morning traveled over the strip more for winter's use and with a view he has attempted on several occasions to carry out his plan, but according to his allegations set forth in the complaint filed today this work he was not able to carry out owing to obstruction raised by the defendants and the improvement had to be abandoned pending a suitable settlement of the matter.

Mr. Castle claims that the road is to be vacated through their estate and is all ready to have made the road if anyone would be so kind as to do so.

The case has not been set for trial and what disposition will be made of the action is not known at this time.

MRS. PEARL RITCHEY ASKS DIVORCE, ALIMONY

Was 35-year Ritchey today filed a suit in the circuit court against her husband, Herbert J. Ritchey. It is alleged that the plaintiff and defendant were married in 1908 and that the defendant was a drunkard and a gambler and that he had abandoned her and that she had no support.

The plaintiff asks for a divorce and alimony and for the custody of her two children. She also asks for the return of her property and for the costs of the suit.

BAKER CITY BOY IS KILLED BY GERMANS

A young boy from Baker City, Oregon, was killed by German soldiers in the war zone. The boy was named John Smith and was only 15 years old. He was killed while on a mission to deliver supplies to the front.

SUCCESSFUL SALES MANAGER IN CITY

Edward Johnson, a successful sales manager, has moved to this city. He has been in charge of sales for several years and has a reputation for his ability and energy.

NEPHEW OF H. GUEST WOUNDED IN FRANCE

Mr. and Mrs. H. Guest, of this city, recently received word from their nephew, Donald McKee, a member of the Canadian expeditionary forces, who has been fighting in the first line trenches in France, telling of his recent injuries while fighting in the vicinity of Verdun. Mr. McKee received gunshot wounds in the right shoulder, arm and back and is now in a convalescent hospital "somewhere in France." The young man was formerly a student at the Fargo Agricultural College, and several years ago visited this city at the home of his aunt and uncle. In Mr. McKee's letter interesting data is related of the fighting in Europe, coming from one experienced, the tale is vividly narrated.

WEST ROSEBURG LADY DIES

Mrs. Anna Baker, of West Roseburg, died this morning after an illness of several days and funeral services will be held tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock from the Free Methodist church. Mrs. Baker was beloved by all who knew her and her sudden demise has cast a gloom upon the entire community.

ASKS CO-OPERATION OF FOREST INDUSTRY

Government Will Enlist Every Loyal Member in the Pacific Northwest. Campaign Tomorrow.

Organization to Be Known As Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen—Includes All Men Engaged in Logging.

PORTLAND, Or., Nov. 27.—Under authority of the secretary of war, a campaign will be begun tomorrow to enlist every loyal member of forest industry in the Pacific northwest in support of the government's war program through hastening airplane and ship construction. An organization known as the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen has been established by the war department, members of which pledge their cooperation for the duration of the war and wear a government badge signifying that this patriotic service to their country has been officially accepted. It is to include all men engaged in logging and ship work. A large force of army officers has been detailed by Col. Bruce P. Disque, with headquarters in Portland, to visit camps and mills for the purpose of explaining the urgent need of such co-operation and personally receiving the membership pledges.

The Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen is promoted entirely by the government itself. Its primary purpose is to impress upon all woods and mill workers and operators that their present patriotic service of great urgency and that the government appreciates this service as it does all other services. The government badge of the Legion will be evidence that the member is doing his bit for his country in the way he can help it most. His liberty, honor and employment relations are in no way restricted for he merely provides the government his best effort personally to see out the material which has become so much tremendous military supplies.

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115 SUBMARNINES SUNK BY U. S. DESTROYERS

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 27.—Gen. Marshall has admitted the loss of 115 submarines all due to the effectiveness of the United States naval patrol operating in the sea fighting zone, according to a letter from a chief carpenter's mate, Thomas Powers, aboard a destroyer, who writes to his brother here, a city supervisor, and if the same store were to con-

OREGON GAS CO. TO INCREASE RATES

Petition Public Service Commission to Do So December 15.

A LOSING PROPOSITION

Company Sets Forth That Large Sums Have Been Invested—No Profits—Commission to Fix Hearing Date.

According to information received at the city recorder's office this morning, the Oregon Gas & Electric Company, with branches at Roseburg, Talent, Ashland, Phoenix, Medford and Grants Pass, have filed an application of authority with the public service commission at Salem to increase the present rates for gas, used for cooking, lighting and heating purposes, and in turn the public service commission has served notice on City Recorder Whipple, in the form of a copy of the application specifying therein that the matter will be set for hearing and that notice of time and place of the hearing will be announced at some later date.

The new rates petitioned for are as follows: \$1.75 per thousand feet if from 1000 to 5000 feet is used a month. \$1.67 1/2 per thousand feet if from 5000 to 7500 feet is used a month. \$1.60 per thousand feet if from 7500 to 10000 feet is used a month. \$1.52 1/2 per thousand feet if from 10000 to 14900 feet is used a month. \$1.25 per thousand feet if from 15000 to 14900 feet is used a month. \$1.20 per thousand feet if from 15000 to 14900 feet is used a month. \$1.10 per thousand feet if 50000 or over is used a month.

The above prices are subject to discount of 10 per cent per thousand feet if paid on or before the 10th of the following month in which the gas is used.

Quantity discount on consumption between the respective limits shown above shall not exceed the net bill on minimum consumption entitled to the next higher discount. However, there is a charge of one dollar per month minimum.

The Oregon Gas & Electric Company respectfully ask that the above prices be effective on and after December 15, 1917, and owing to this fact it is the belief of those close in touch with the affair that some action will be taken relative to the application submitted in the near future.

The company sets forth that they have invested large sums in an effort to give satisfactory service, and they hold that this investment has not been productive, in other words, it has been a losing proposition since it was started. Owing to the large increase in the price of materials, supplies and labor as well as the inability of the company to earn any bond interest or taxes under former normal conditions, the stockholders were forced to assess themselves to pay for these items and now that conditions are abnormal, everything being higher, the Oregon Gas & Electric company respectfully asks the public service commission to allow the slight raise petitioned for.

MRS. JOHN BLOWER PASSES AWAY

Word was received in this city today of the death of Mrs. John Blower, mother of Mrs. E. L. Watson, of West Roseburg, at the home of her son, Dr. J. E. Blower, of Gloucester, Ohio. Mrs. Blower formerly lived in this city at the home of her daughter and has numerous friends here who greatly regret to hear of her demise.

BUDGET ADOPTED BY VOTERS YESTERDAY

Voting opened at two o'clock yesterday afternoon at the school house, the object being to vote on the tax budget for the coming year and the polls closed last evening at 7 o'clock. There were 47 votes cast, the results standing 28 for and 9 against adopting the budget. The election board in charge was composed of M. L. Webb, J. L. Rogers and Walter Singleton, judges, and Boscoe Green and A. J. Goddes, clerks. At a regular meeting of the school board, which was held last evening the votes were tallied and the budget was adopted. A few minor matters were passed upon and the session was adjourned.