

THIRSTY CITIZENS HAVE CHANCE YET

Local Drouth Not Possible
During Present Generation,
at Least.

HOTEL FIRE CLAIMS SIX

Deaths on National Forestry Bill
Today—Newspaper Men
and Paper Manufacturers
Are Represented.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Announcement is made today that the United States Forest Service will not be "dry," as it is commonly known, but that the department has come to the conclusion that the country generally is not growing stronger for protection. Expressing the thought that as long as the present generation there will be considerable quantities of intoxicants used, the service of the coming generation is such as to insure practical protection, Mr. Kramer said.

Six Die in Fire.
FIRELAND, Ark., Jan. 7.—Six persons perished and two more were injured in a fire which destroyed the Royal hotel in this city last night.

Secretary Resigns.
LONDON, Jan. 7.—Lord Milner, secretary for the colonies, has resigned his office. His successor has not yet been named.

Dr. Houck Named State Board Health

SALEM, Jan. 7.—The state board of health just named by Governor Olcott is composed of Dr. J. C. Smith of Portland; Dr. Geo. E. Houck of Roseburg, and Dr. J. H. Rosenberg of Prineville.

Dr. George Houck, who was named by Governor Olcott today as a member of the state board of health, is at present in New York, where he was some weeks ago to take a post graduate course, but he is expected home in a short time. Dr. Houck is one of the best known medical men in the state, having served with the army at the Mexican border during the disturbances there, and at the entrance of the United States in the World War, where he was on active duty until the close of activities, his distinguished ability winning recognition from the government.

Dramatic Club Will Give Play

At a meeting held at the high school last night a permanent organization was drawn up giving a permanent foundation to the high school dramatic club. A constitution was drawn up and the following officers were elected: president, Lorraine Conlee; vice-president, Iris Rice; secretary and treasurer, Adele Beama. Miss Robbins, English teacher was selected as faculty advisor. The club will have as its aim the developing of dramatic talent and will at all times be students of the very best there is in modern drama. The members, of which there is a large number, are very enthusiastic, and hope to make the club a permanent factor in high school life, with an increased membership each year.

TILLER ROAD MAY BE IMPROVED

Delegation Before Court With
Subscription Fund Asks
For Help

TO REDUCE THE GRADES

Two Dangerous Points Must Be Eliminated Before Out-of-Cut Can Be Used as a Detour for the Pacific Highway.

In order that the Tiller cut off may be available as a detour for the Pacific highway, while the highway is being paved between Grants Pass and Canyonville, it is necessary that Sellert Hill and Parker grade be at least partially eliminated, and in order to finance the improvement a delegation composed of Ed Renfro, J. W. Wright and Guy and Howard Pennell, representing the residents of the Tiller road district, appeared yesterday afternoon before the county court with a plea that the county court match district funds dollar for dollar and attempt to secure state aid in making the two needed cuts. The delegation carried a list of personal pledges amounting to \$369, while it is stated that this will be increased to \$500; while an additional sum of approximately \$500, raised four years ago for widening Parker grade will become available in a short time. This makes practically \$1,000 that the district will be able to put into the proposed improvements.

Mr. Buker, acting as chairman of the delegation, stated to the court that the assistant state highway engineer, after inspecting the road between Canyonville and Perdue, stated that the two grades mentioned must be removed before he would recommend that the route be used as a detour while paving operations were in progress. These two points are said to be dangerous. The road is steep and narrow, and will not bear heavy traffic, such as it would be forced to bear should the highway detour be proposed.

Mr. Buker stated that the district, realizing the intense need of such an improvement voted a 10 mill tax as a special levy for this purpose. However, through an error, one of the notices was posted outside of the boundary of the road district, and as a result the tax could not be collected. Not desiring to see the work halted, the residents interested, at once started out with a list, and within a short time raised \$369 in pledges, while they are confident that \$500 will be raised by this method. In addition, labor to the value of \$100 has been promised and will be donated by the residents of that vicinity.

Mr. Buker, and Mr. Renfro, who also spoke, asked the county court to match the money raised by the district and then go before the state highway commission with the plea that this amount again be matched with market road money. The subsequent sum, it is believed, would be sufficient, with strict economy, to complete the project.

Forest Supervisor Ramsdell states that the forest service will do all in its power to assist in this work, and to this end he stated that he will attempt to secure some of the government powder recently made available for road work. In the event he is able to arrange for the explosive, a great saving will be experienced by the county, as the work is all through rock, necessitating much blasting.

France Proposes Military Action

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—France has informally informed the United States of her contemplated military invasion of the Ruhr valley. This action was determined necessary because of the alleged failure of Germany to effect disarmament of the Ruhr district. United States officials are reported to regard the proposed action as inopportune, although the state department has conveyed no intimation of its attitude in the matter.

Jap Problem Put Up to Government

By Associated Press.
SACRAMENTO, Jan. 7.—A resolution asking the United States government to agree to no treaty with Japan that will in any way nullify the California anti-alien law, or that will grant citizenship to Japanese, was today adopted by the California state senate. The vote on the resolution was 29 to 0.

CHANGE IN FISH LAW EXPLAINED

J. A. Zachary of Reedsport Is
Here to Represent the
Umpqua Fishermen.

WANT LONGER SEASON

Fishermen Ask That Season Be Extended So That They Can Gather in the First of Run to Compete With Other Fishermen.

That the fishermen of the lower Umpqua river are asking only what they believe to be just and equitable, and that they have the support of the state fish commission in their request for a change in the open season, is the statement made by J. A. Zachary, of Reedsport, who arrived this morning to represent the commercial fishing interests before the Douglas county delegation which met at the city hall this afternoon to discuss with individuals and committees matters pertaining to legislative affairs. Mr. Zachary is alone in representing the lower river fishermen, as the condition of the roads makes it almost impossible for a large delegation to reach the city.

In regard to the change in dates Mr. Zachary states that the new season asked for is only 10 days longer than the one now in force, and that as many fish will reach the upper river as at present. The change is desired in order that the lower Umpqua fishermen may compete with the fishermen from other parts of the coast in the early run.

At the present time the season is open from January 10 to April 15, and from May 15 to November 20. The desired law is open season from December 20 to February 10, and from March 20 to May 1, and June 1 to November 20. No change is asked in the present Saturday law which gives 24 hours open season each week.

Under the present system the lower Umpqua fishermen have only about 12 days during the season of the spring run, whereas the majority of the run goes through during the month of closed season," said Mr. Zachary, who has been fishing on the Umpqua for the past five years. "The fishermen of the lower Umpqua have thoroughly taken this matter up with the fish commission and have not offered to take any action that failed to meet with their approval. Up to last season, under the present law, the lower river fishermen could not obtain enough fish to pay for oil and hanging their nets. They have passed a resolution to place a tax of one-fourth cent per pound on commercial fish for the purpose of building up the hatchery to the highest state of efficiency, and as spring chinook are the only fish hatched, the fishermen, under the present law, receive practically no benefit."

"As to steel head fishing, unless there should be a very late run of silverside salmon, which run until November 20, the lower river fishermen catch practically no steelheads."

"This year there was no late run of silverside salmon and up to the present time there has not been a hundred pounds of steelheads taken on the lower river, and after the opening of the season on January 10 there will be a very few, owing to the fact that the run has gone thru. The fishermen on the lower Umpqua ask to open on December 20 for steelheads, whereas Coos Bay, Bandon, Siuslaw and so far as I have been able to learn, all other coast streams, open December 10. But the fishermen of the lower Umpqua did not think 20 days sufficient time for the steelhead run to go thru and therefore ask to open Dec. 20."

"As to the means of fishing employed on the lower river, there is only about six hours out of every 24 when nets are in the water. And for all except silver salmon the season closes from Saturday evening until Sunday evening, making an additional 24 hours of closed season. When nets are in the water they are only permitted to fish two-thirds of the stream, and owing to snags, shallow water and other inconveniences in the majority of the river can never fish closer than about 100 fathoms from shore. In addition to this there are only short drifts that can be drifted at all, thereby leaving more than 50 per cent of the river entirely unfished."

"It is useless to fish with a drift net on ebb tides until after half tide or the tide is half gone out. And useless to fish on flood tide until from two to three hours after high water. In no case can fishermen get more than one high and one low water during one night therefore rendering it impossible to catch more than six hours in any one 24 unless it should be in case of freshet in the river and muddy water, whereby they could fish in the day time, which is a case I have not seen in five years experience on the Umpqua river."

Mrs. C. E. Gray, of Wilbur, spent today in Roseburg shopping and visiting with friends.

GOVERNMENT AT LAST AIDS HERO

Acknowledges Error After Much
Suffering Been Caused
By Neglect.

ALLOWANCE INCREASED

Douglas County Boy One of First to Go Across Return Wounded—Gets Only Small Amount For His Maintenance.

Wounded severely while fighting in the fore front of the American Legion, doing his part at Chateau Thierry, Belle Woods and other of the great American battles, a Douglas county boy, one of the first to go overseas, was terribly wounded and was sent home as unfit for further service. Unable to work, crippled, in poor health, he was returned to his home while a swivel chair dignitary in Washington or some able bodied, high salaried, well housed clerk, pigeonholed his case as one of minor importance, and "graciously handed" the boy \$35 per month on which to exist.

The boy tried to go to work after many pain ridden months in hospitals, but in spite of his efforts, found himself unable to make a living, and with his strength spent, he was forced to fall back on the government allowance.

Effort after effort he made to obtain an increase in his allowance but he was unable to obtain recognition from a government once busy in handing out fat cost-plus contracts. At last, however, he despaired, but his mother—as a mother does—refused to give up, and appealed to Umpqua post of the American Legion.

Meantime the war hero, veteran of many of the fiercest battles fought by the American army, was taken to the local hospital, where, fortunately, he became better, and remained there only two days.

This fact was included in the report made by the adjutant of the local post to the government officials, and at last, after considerable time an answer was received, stating that the claim of the ex-soldier had been re-opened and that he had been granted \$85 per month for the time he was in the hospital, (two days) and that upon his discharge from the hospital his allowance would be cut again to \$35.

This made the adjutant "mad" and without delay he penned another letter to the official in charge containing additional information and at the same time sent the data back to the executive headquarters of the American Legion. Without delay the organization, composed of ex-servicemen, "not busy" and published the facts of the case where the influence could be brought to bear against the neglectful officials. As a result a letter was received today by the local post of the Legion to the effect that the young man had at last been accorded such treatment as a man deserves, and that his claim has been recognized in the sum of \$80 per month, retroactive to the date of his discharge from the service.

This is only one of the cases in which the American Legion has assisted deserving men in securing their just dues. The local post has in many other ways assisted men who have "done their hitch" regardless of whether or not they were affiliated with the organization.

Debs Case Comes Up Consideration

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The department of justice is investigating the cases of many persons convicted under the espionage act, including that of Eugene V. Debs, to fully determine whether the facts will warrant recommendations for pardon.

Influenza Causes Death J. G. Scripps

(By Associated Press).
SAN DIEGO, Jan. 7.—James G. Scripps, aged 35, the eldest son of E. W. Scripps, founder of the Scripps chain of newspapers, died of influenza complications here today.

BUTTER PRICES DROP

PORTLAND, Jan. 7.—Butter took a four cent slump in the Portland market today. The best grade commands a wholesale price of 45 cents. Eggs held steady at 45. Livestock quotations are unchanged.

BRIDGE ACROSS ROCK CREEK WANTED

County Court Hears Delegation With Plea For Rebuilding Structure.

SEVERAL TALKS MADE

Rich District Being Rapidly Settled and at Present Time Residents Have No Means of Crossing Stream Except Cable.

In the interest of the rebuilding of the Rock creek bridge, a large delegation composed of members of the chamber of commerce and of Umpqua post of the American Legion, together with representatives of settlers and property owners, yesterday afternoon went before the county court and asked that body to take such action as is necessary to rebuild the bridge early in the spring months.

Several speakers appeared before the court in support of this improvement and propounded the need of the replacing of the structure which recently collapsed.

A very interesting talk was made by Forest Supervisor W. F. Ramsdell, who offered the co-operation of the forest service in as far as such aid and assistance is possible.

"This bridge is extremely important to us," said Mr. Ramsdell. "It connects with the main trail into the Umpqua national forest and we are forced to cross the stream many times during the summer months with men and supplies going in to protect this vast timbered area from fires. As the matter of road building has been taken over by the bureau of public roads, the forest service is unable to give any great assistance in this matter, but I can promise you that our department will do all within its power."

Mr. Ramsdell pointed out that the bridge was used by tourists from all parts of the country who made trips up the North Umpqua river. However, he stated, that this was a secondary matter, for the furnishing of a suitable crossing for men and supplies going into the forest, often times in a great hurry, to reach some spot where a fire might be in progress and destroying a large amount of property.

He also mentioned the road from Rock creek to the forest boundary which he stated he hoped the county would see its way clear to improve at some time within the near future.

A road up the North Umpqua river is one of the big projects of the county, he states, and referred to the river as being the most beautiful in the state. The trail now used as a route into the forest is one of the best, he says, and further states that the road between the forest boundary and Rock creek is the worst part of the trail between Roseburg and Diamond Lake.

Attorney Dexter Rice stated that he represented the summer campers at Rock creek, the settlers in that vicinity and the Kendall Lbr. company, which holds a large amount of timber in that vicinity. Mr. Rice gave a very interesting history of the road and the bridge at Rock creek. The North Umpqua trail was one of the first trails in the county, he stated, having been made by the Umpqua Indians on their way to Cape Ilahee, the old Indian rendezvous and horse race track. When the first settlers and trappers came into the country they built a rough bridge across Rock creek, which bridge served for a number of years and collapsed.

A short time after that the county court donated the lumber, the forest service the money, and the settlers the work for the next bridge, which only recently collapsed.

Mr. Rice called attention to the need of a new bridge, as the continuation of one of Douglas county's most popular resorts. He stated that many people, including himself, had summer camps at Rock creek and that hundreds of people went to the stream during the summer months for an outing of a few days. Tourists, also, he said, made side trips to Rock creek to glimpse one of Oregon's most scenic attractions.

Mr. Rice stated that without doubt the Kendall Lumber company would be willing to donate any of the heavy timbers that might be needed. Mr. Ramsdell stated that the forest service has \$250 which he will be willing to use for rebuilding the bridge, while he also promised the labor of a man and a truck for a short time, provided the work is done in the spring before the equipment is tied up with other work. The settlers have promised to donate labor and it is believed that the bridge can be built at a comparatively small cost to the county. It is roughly estimated that the bridge will cost \$1800, this amount providing for a structure of standard width and with new abutments.

Although the court did not commit itself, it expressed the sentiment of its members as being heartily in favor of the proposed improvement

SPECIAL TRAIN LEAVES SUNDAY

Bulgin-Lewis Special to Give
Excursion Trip for Two
Thousand People.

READY FOR HIGHBALL

Conductor Has Orders, Crew is All Ready, Right of Way Has Been Given and Everything is to Be Sidetracked for Train.

(By C. H. Hilton)
All aboard for the great Bulgin-Lewis special, which leaves station on Jackson St., between Lane and Mosher, promptly Sunday night at 7:30. This trip will be made thru the wonderland of the Bible and all arrangements have been made to see that it is one of the most enjoyable excursions ever conducted.

The train will be in charge of conductor Bulgin, who will guide it properly. Engineer Lewis, who is already on the ground in preparation, will engineer, and Mrs. Lewis will put the pep in the firebox to make things move along at the proper pace. On this train will be a special coach for 300 singers, who will go to make the trip more pleasant. There is also a coach for an orchestra that will add to our pleasures. A coach with a throng of little folks will be the sunshine chorus for this trip. It is thought that at least 2,000 people have signed up to start with us on Sunday night. There are some arrangements made to make the journey more profitable to all.

J. E. McClintock has been secured by the company to make known all the wonders we pass and will handle the fog horn of publicity. Mrs. A. C. Marsters has been secured to help over the hard places by having a prayer circle, so that the higher power will help us to be free from wrecks. Mr. A. S. Ben Starrett is to watch the train for all necessary repairs, having been in the lead in construction. We are going to have all kinds of music on this trip, as Mr. John Love has been secured to look after the management of this line, and to secure all the musicians who will help to make the journey more pleasant. To get the children to fill the land with sunshine, Mrs. G. A. Burchard has been signed up, and she will have a number of assistants. To look after the personal interests of those who make the journey, and see that personally they are made happy, Mrs. J. A. Walker has charge. To see that everyone is properly seated on this train, Dr. S. L. Delapp will have charge, and will be assisted by some of the best men of the community. There will be a great many high school students take this four week's journey, and that they may be properly chaperoned, Mr. A. I. Geddes, an active member of the school board has promised to take charge. There will also be some chosen to have invitations out with special orders to join this train, and for many outside communities to join us.

The train as it goes through the wonderlands of the Bible will pass through Faith and Repentance streets, down Obedience boulevard, and then out on the highway of Happiness. We are going to pass Mt. Calvary, and see the beauties of the Paradise garden. We shall pass the River of Life, and get a view of the wonderful stream. We shall see the Valley of Death, but it will be passed at the time when the sun of Righteousness is shining upon it. We are going to pass through the following places on this trip: Righteousness, Sacrifice station, Service City, Faith Villa, Virtue Park, Knowledge, Temperancevale. We shall climb Patience mountain. To see below may make us shudder, but we have a higher view of things as we pass along. We are going to stop for a while in Unity city, and when we reach the most lovely place that is known as Loveland, we shall all be joining in the wonderful song of Peace and Happiness that will accompany us. On this trip will be all sorts of stunts and drills, exercises, songs, tricks for the young and other things of interest. Mr. Lewis, who is engineer of the trip, carries with him apparatus of a mechanical, magical and chemical nature that cost him more than \$500. It is something absolutely new and unique, and is used especially for boys and girls, but it will no doubt be of interest to all.

Every one get ready. Do not miss this wonderful trip. Get on board the first night. No sleepers on this train.

Mrs. J. C. Wamsley, of Yoncalla, who has been spending the last week in Roseburg, visiting at the home of her son, C. C. Wamsley, left for her home this afternoon.

and if funds are available the bridge will doubtless be constructed as early in the spring as possible.

INCOME TAX IS NEXT IN ORDER

Government Gets Many Letters in Regard to Exemptions—Gives Rules.

MUST FILE RETURN

Certain Exemptions are Fixed for the Head of the Family and Rules Are Given to Assist in Preparing the Returns.

Thousands of letters passed in correspondence last year between the Bureau of Internal Revenue and the persons claiming exemptions as the head of a family. Circumstances surrounding each individual case will determine largely whether or not the person is entitled to such exemption. The fixing of his status, in many instances, whether his income is taxable or non-taxable. In either event, if his net income for 1920 was \$1,000 or more if single, or \$2,000 if married, he must file a return.

A head of the family is defined by Treasury regulations as "a person who actually supports and maintains in one household, one or more individuals who are closely connected to him by blood relationship, relationship by marriage or by adoption, or whose right to exercise family control is based upon some moral or legal obligation."

A married person living with husband and wife, in addition to the \$2,000 exemption allowed such persons, can not claim a \$2,000 exemption as the head of the family, irrespective of the question of support of others of the household.

Single Persons.

A single person—the term including widows, widowers and persons not living with wife or husband,—is the head of the family if he is the sole support of one or more relatives living in the same house with him, and if he exercises control over the household affairs. The \$1,000 additional exemption allowed a single person as the head of the family can not be divided between two members of a household. A division of the responsibility for "control of household affairs" excludes both parents from the claim. Whether a person who does not live continuously in the same house with dependent relatives is entitled to the \$2,000 exemption depends on the character of the separation. If the parent is absent on business part of the year, or a child or other dependent away at school, or on a visit, then the exemption applies, if the common home is maintained.

If a parent is compelled to maintain his dependent children with relatives or in a boarding house, the exemption may still apply. If, however, the dependent continuously and without necessity makes his residence and home elsewhere, than with his benefactor, the latter is not the head of the family, irrespective of the question of support.

A taxpayer may not be the head of the family and still be allowed an exemption of \$200 for each person dependent upon him for chief support if such person is under 18 years of age, or incapable of self support because he is mentally or physically defective. The words "physically defective" refer not only to cripples, but to persons defective because of age or ill health. Neither residence, relationship nor legal dependency are factors in determining the right of a taxpayer to such an exemption. To establish his claim, the taxpayer must have contributed during the year more than one half the sum needed for the dependents support and maintenance.

Allowable Exemptions.

The following are concrete examples of circumstances which govern the exemptions allowed the head of the family and for dependents.

A son who has left home sends his mother more than half the sum required for her support. He is then allowed the \$200 exemption, unless the mother is able to support herself, in which case, the money sent home is considered as a gift.

A son living at home supports an invalid mother in the same household. He is allowed a deduction of \$2,000 as head of the family, plus an additional \$200 for his dependent, who is physically incapacitated. (It should be noted that the \$200 additional for dependents does not apply to husband or wife, although either one has become a total burden upon the other.)

A single man lives with and supports a mother 50 years old, and two sisters 19 and 21 years old, all in good health. His exemption is \$2,000 as the head of the family. Since his mother and sisters are neither under 18 years of age, nor mentally or physically incapacitated, he can not claim an additional exemption for dependents.

A widower is the entire support of a child under 18 years of age, but (Continued on Page 6)