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...GGING LAKE ...R TWO BODIES

...To Find Victims Of ...dnaping, Reported as Drowned

...RFERENCE HALTED

... Men Released By ...oded Band Tell Of ...errible Experience While Captives

(By Associated Press.)

...ROUGE, La., Dec. 21.—The de... ...t of the national guard that ...erday drazzed a part of Lake ...e in an effort to locate the ...of the two men, reported mur... ...y a hooded band last August ...dnapping five prominent Mer...tizens, were unsuccessful and ...d detachment was despatched ...k today. The soldiers were ... to prevent attempts of out... ...nterfering with the diving op... A report was circulated that ...of the movement would inter... ...chart, prepared by special ...tors, shows where the bod... ...mmably weighted down with ...heels, were thrown.

...vent the bodies are re... ...open hearings, discussed by ...r Parker and other state offi... ...ill probably be instituted at ...the parish seat. Under this ...the state troops would hope to ...evidence upon which to con... ...bers of the band of 50 or ...ooded men, who, on horseback ...motor cars, swooped down ...party of five prominent Mer...tizens returning from a cele... ...carried them off into the ...nd severely flogged them. ...he victims, Watt Daniels and ...Richards, failed to return to ...es and in spite of a search ...part of officials and their ...have not been located. Many ...tent in the opinion the two ...men were murdered.

...of Terrible Experience

...ictims who returned told of ...experiences but declared they ...d identify any of the kidnap... ...they were clothed in masks ...s. One declared the men ...like what we know of the Ku ...n." Efforts of local officials ...the identity of hooded men ...successful and although a ...y was invoked, but little evi... ...as submitted, it being stated ...witnesses were being intim...

...or Parker later took on the ...of the case and announced the ...d set out to reach and prose... ...guilty. Detectives have been ...in the Merrouge vicinity for ...months.

...ture for the kidnapping has ...en definitely established. ...hway celebration and fes... ...held at Bastrop on August ...thousands of people from all ...Northwest. Louisiana attend... ...five victims of the hooded ...tended the celebration, wit... ...e baseball game between ...and Bastrop and then start... ...in the twilight of the even... ...automobiles. When they ...way between Bastrop and ...the hooded men galloped up ...back, or appeared on the ...in automobiles and seized ...Merrouge citizens.

...Davenport was released with... ...our after he was taken and ...r became current that the ...men were "mistaken as to his ...

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...rs for 24 hours tried to ...men who were kidnapped, ...day following the affair the ...niels and Andrews found ...back to their homes at ...in a serious condition. ...ries gave but little infor... ...regard to the kidnapping. ...while neither Daniels nor ...would discuss the case but ...ds told of how they were ...d on their way to Merrouge ...ed men and severely beaten. ...ral weeks Daniels was in a ...condition, because of his in... ...which, in his case, were aug... ...by old age.

...neral services of Mrs. ...Linam, well known resi... ...Garden Valley, who passed ...day, were held this after... ...the Chapel, with Rev. L. ...officiating. Many friends ...ibutes and the floral offer... ...beautiful.

SEN. BORAH URGES A NEW CONFERENCE

Suggests a Meeting To Take Up Matters Left Undone By Disarmament Conference In November 1921.

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Senator Borah of Idaho today offered an amendment to the pending naval appropriations bill instructing Harding to call a world economic conference.

The Borah amendment would replace the house provision encouraging the president to call a disarmament meeting to take up matters left undone by the disarmament conference in November 1921.

ARGUMENT CAUSES AN ADJOURNMENT

Wordy Battle Between Ex-Premier Venizelos and Turkish Delegate Was Very Bitter For a Time

(By Associated Press.)

LAUSANNE, Dec. 21.—A wordy altercation between Ex-premier Venizelos, of Greece and Riza Nur Bey, Turkish nationalist delegate, caused Signor Montanoa, president of the Near East commission on minorities to abruptly end this morning's session of the commission.

The dispute was over the question of liberty of immigration.

Venizelos bitterly attacked the Angora government protesting against the alleged deportation of Greeks by the thousands from Rnatolia.

Riza Nur Bey replied in the same vein, charging that Venizelos was responsible for the Turco-Greek war. The voices of the two delegates rose to a high pitch.

GOV'T TO FILE MANY NEW SUITS

Uncle Sam Will Institute Suit Against Harness Concern Within the Next Thirty Days

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Civil and criminal suits, one or both, against the United States Harness company of Ranson, West Virginia, will be ready for institution by the government within the next thirty days, Col. Henry T. Anderson, of Richmond, Virginia, special assistant to the attorney general, testified today before the House Judiciary committee.

MINNESOTANS LIKE DOUGLAS CO. PRUNES

Minnesota friends writing to R. H. Grinstead, of West Roseburg, said that at a recent neighborhood party there which was attended by several families, the hostess served Douglas County prunes. The fruit was so delicious that the guests wanted to know where they could get some of it, and on being told pooled their orders which amounted to 500 pounds and forwarded them to Mr. Grinstead.

ROSEBURG WOMAN DIES AT SALEM

Word was received yesterday evening from Salem, of the death of Mrs. H. L. Boucock, wife of the proprietor of the Willard Battery Serive Station. Mrs. Boucock, died Tuesday at Salem where she has been spending the past two weeks receiving medical treatments. She had been in poor health for some time and came here about a year ago from Canada. Two weeks ago she went to Salem to take treatments from a specialist there in the hope of benefitting her condition, but failed to receive help. The body will be taken back to Canada for burial.

The deceased was a member of the Methodist-Episcopal church, and was dearly loved by all who knew her. In spite of her own pain and suffering she always had a smile for everyone and her kind manner endeared her in the hearts of all who became acquainted with her.

She is survived by a husband a 6 year old son, Verdun, of this city, a mother and several sisters and brothers at Carstairs, Alberta Canada. The death of her father on Thanksgiving Day, is believed to have had a great effect in causing Mrs. Boucock's death as she grieved greatly over his loss.

COUNTY REDUCES COYOTE BOUNTY

1923 Fund Exhausted And Only State Bounty Is Available

NEW PLAN CONSIDERED

Cooperation With Clubs Of Stockmen and Trappers May Be System Used Next Year

Because of the fact that the amount appropriated in the 1922 budget for scalp bounties is practically exhausted, the county court today adopted an order which went into immediate effect, abolishing the additional bounty on coyotes. Until a new order is adopted the county will pay an equal amount with the state and the bounty on coyotes will be $3 for males and $4 for females, instead of $13.50 and $14.00 as paid formerly.

In the 1922 budget the sum of $5,000 was appropriated for the payment of bounties. All of this fund has been exhausted with the exception of $200, County Clerk I. B. Riddle reports and as there are no further funds to pay the bounty some restriction on future payments is necessary.

The county has been paying a bounty of $12 on each coyote killed. In addition the state pays $1.50 on males and $2 on females. The county court has decided that because of the depleted condition of the fund, it will be necessary to discontinue the payment of the additional bounty and only the state allowance will be matched.

It is probable that when the new 1923 budget becomes effective that the county court will take up some new policy of handling the bounty. It has been proposed to the court that additional bounty be paid only where clubs are formed and the county's payments matched. If this plan is adopted the county court will probably provide that where clubs of a certain size exist and will make bounty payments that the county will pay an equal sum.

Club membership of 30 or more will probably be required, and a certified copy of the membership list must be filed with the county clerk. Bounties on coyote scalps will be paid only to club members and only after the clubs have made payment through the county clerk or have submitted satisfactory proof that the payment has been made.

By requiring a large membership it will be impossible for two or three trappers to get together and form a club and secure the county bounty without making any club payments. The requirement demanding proof of payment from the club will assure the county that its payment has been matched. As payments are made only to members of the clubs trappers killing coyotes in other counties will be prevented from bringing the pelts to Douglas County to collect the additional sum provided. In districts where the stockmen form no organizations and no clubs are active only the state bounty will be paid, according to the proposed plan.

At the present time the scalp bounties are costing the county from $600 to $700 each month. With only $200 left in the fund, it is held necessary that some new plan be devised, particularly as December is one of the heaviest months from the standpoint of bounty payments.

Just what plan will ultimately be decided upon is not known, but some new system, probably that of cooperation with clubs of stockmen and trappers, will be adopted.

TAX LEVY FOR STATE HALF MILLION LESS

(United Press)

SALEM, Dec. 21.—Oregon taxpayers must raise over $8,835,000 for state purposes under the 1923 tax levy, according to the levyy promulgated by the state and tax commission officials today.

This amount is over a half million less than the sum raised for expenses during the current year.

LOCAL ROTARY CLUB TAKE UP BOYS' WORK

Effort Will Be Made At Once To Organize More Scout Troops, Other Communities Are Also Interested.

At the regular meeting of the Rotary club today the matter of taking care of the boys of the city, especially in affiliating them with the boy scout movement was taken up by Dr. A. C. Seely. The speaker asserted it was time for action and no delay would be countenanced from members who have been selected to look after the interests of the boys of Roseburg, and, beginning with next Thursday's meeting the fireworks would start in behalf of the youngsters. At the present time inadequate quarters as a meeting place for the scouts has been a drawback to filling up the ranks and a committee in charge of this phase of the work will be in a position to make a full report at the next meeting and it is hoped new quarters secured for the boys.

The boy life survey of Roseburg which is now complete and being assembled and segregated by the committee will be ready to present to the club members at their next meeting and this will give the club a good foundation to carry on its work in behalf of the boys. The large number of boys signifying their intention of joining the Boy Scouts is evidence that the membership of this worthy organization is going to be filled to the limit and several different troops will have to be formed in order to take care of the new recruits.

Other communities in the county are forming scout troops and it is the intention of the club to have a county scout master to look after the welfare of these clubs, including Roseburg.

President Dexter Rice, just recently came home from Long Beach Calif., told of his visit to the Rotary club of that city during his absence and gave the members some valuable pointers in reference to their future conduct, which they absorbed and will assimilate later.

Important work to be done by the club in this city, and which has been under formation ever since its organization, is now beginning to percolate and the members are taking to their responsibility like a duck takes to water and the year 1923 is going to show some fine accomplishments initiated by the local organization.

The boys are rarin' to go and will start the New Year off with a bang.

WOMAN TELLS OF ALLEGED MURDER

Portland Police Investigating Story Told to Them By Mrs. Helen Leary

AGED MAN IS ARRESTED

Declares That Cash Weir Killed Young Girl On Boathouse And Threw Body Into River.

(By United Press.)

PORTLAND, Dec. 21.—The police today held Mrs. Helen Leary, aged 20 years, and Cash Weir, aged 51 years, in custody and sought Earl Weir, Cash's son, in connection with the alleged ghastly murder of a 15-year old girl on a Willamette river boathouse last September 23rd.

Mrs. Leary told the police last night that she witnessed the scene on the Weir boathouse with the older man coaxing the girl and thus causing her death.

Earl Weir helped dispose of the body in the river, she alleged.

Although put to a severe grilling the Portland police were unable to shake her story and it is believed that the woman is telling the truth.

The aged Weir charges slander, stating that the story is false and was prompted, because he opposed the woman's association with his son.

Five detectives are conducting an investigation today.

Watched Through Knothole

PORTLAND, Dec. 21.—(A. P.)—The police announced early today, after a long questioning of Miss Helen Leary, waitress, aged 20 years, and Cash Weir, aged riverman that they were unable to decide as to the accuracy of the story told by the woman that she had witnessed through the knothole of a houseboat the killing of an unidentified girl, aged 15 years, by Weir on September 23rd last.

Both are being held pending an investigation.

The police are endeavoring to locate Earl Weir, son of the riverman, for his version of the alleged affair. The woman said the son entered the houseboat just after the girl had been killed and aided his father in disposing of the body.

The elder Weir scouted the story, declaring that it was entirely manufactured.

Still Maintains Innocence.

PORTLAND, Dec. 20. (United Press).—The officers, after quizzing Mrs. Leary and Cash Weir, went to Ross Island where they will make an investigation of the alleged murder and examine the house boat where it is alleged the crime was committed.

Weir is still maintaining his innocence.

Earl Weir, alleged to be involved in the disposal of the girl's body, is on a tugboat working in the river off St. Helens.

His arrest is expected before night.

ELKS DANCE TONIGHT

Many are planning to attend the Elks dance tonight which will be in the form of a Christmas party. Santa Claus has sent word that he will be present, and a huge Christmas tree has been prepared for him. The hall is elaborately decorated, and dainty refreshments have been prepared. A record breaking crowd is expected.

TURKEY PRICES MAKE BIG DROP

Prices Today Were 34 Cents Compared With 37 Cents of Yesterday—Retail Prices Dropped Also

(By Associated Press.)

PORTLAND, Dec. 21. — Turkey prices broke fully three cents wholesale here today.

The buyers were paying 33 and 34 cents, compared with 37 cents for best birds yesterday.

The break was due to a deluge of poultry the last three days. One large commission firm shipped out twelve tons of dressed poultry since Sunday.

Retail prices dropped from 45 to 40 cents.

ENGLAND AROUSED OVER DEATH ORDER

Nation Wonders Whether Condition of Woman Will Have Any Effect On Home Secretary of Britain

(By United Press.)

LONDON, Dec. 21.—England is stirred over the condemnation to death of Frederick Bywaters and Mrs. Edith Thompson, convicted for the murder of Percy Thompson, the woman's husband.

Bywaters is Mrs. Thompson's lover and accomplice.

Mrs. Thompson is with a child. The home secretary is the only person who can save her. England is wondering whether her condition will affect the sentence against her.

HOLLYWOOD PAPER ATTACKS WILL HAYS

Says Hays Has Outlived His Usefulness On Account of Giving a Pardon To Fatty Arbuckle

(By United Press)

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 21.—The Daily Hollywood Citizen, a newspaper in the movie colony, today declared that Will H. Hays has outlived his usefulness because of his pardon to Roscoe Arbuckle, which was granted yesterday.

The paper condemned Hays for his action editorially.

Word has been received here that many cities are already preparing to ban the Arbuckle films.

WITNESSES TELL OF MINE MASSACRE

Foreman of Power Plant Says He Saw 220 Men Shot Down During Fight But Cannot Identify the Slayers

(By United Press.)

MARION, Ill., Dec. 21.—A. W. Stecler, foreman of the power plant where the Herrin massacre took place, testified at the trial of the five accused miners today saying that he saw fourteen men shot down. His distance from the scene of the alleged crimes prevented his identifying the slayers, he said.

Ward Trovillion, rural mail carrier, testified that Otis Clark ringleader of the massacre, showed him bullets he had obtained from the pockets of C. K. McDowell, mine superintendent, killed by the mob.

C. F. Schaffner, hardware dealer at Herrin, said that Hugh Willis, head of the local miners' union okehed the sale of rifles and ammunition to a group of 20 men.

NEWSIES WILL BE GUESTS AT BANQUET

The Roseburg News-Review carriers will be guests of the firm on Saturday noon at a big Christmas turkey banquet at the Hotel Umpqua. Ye ed. of Prune Pickin's will preside as toastmaster and the husky youngsters will not be interfered with until they have had their fill of turkey and all the trimmin's. The clank, clank of knives and forks will be heard promptly at high noon Saturday and the chef at the Umpqua has promised a real feast for the boys.

BUDGET SLASHED EIGHT THOUSAND

County Court Tentatively Agrees Upon Reductions In Expenses

ONE INCREASE IS MADE

High School Fund Forgotten And Additional $20,000 Will Be Required In Budget

A total reduction of $21,969.93, was recommended by the Douglas County taxpayers league in its annual meeting yesterday, when the budget for the year 1923 was thoroughly discussed and recommendations made to the county court. The meeting originally recommended reductions totally $41,919.93, but in the closing moments revoked the recommendations regarding the elimination of the Bridge fund and Emergency fund and consequently the total cut advised, amounted to almost $22,000.

All of the reductions proposed to the county court were in minor sum, with the exception of the elimination of one-half mill of market road levy. This action it is stated will save Douglas County $16,779,93 if approved by the county court but will prevent the county from securing any of the surplus from Multnomah county's apportionment unless the state will recognize the $6,000 surplus left from last year, which will enable the county to secure a portion of the surplus.

The league recommended $775 be eliminated for the assessor's office for tax extension clerks. It was also advised that the salary of the first deputy in the tax department remain at $1,680 instead of $1,800. The commissioners have been receiving $3575 yearly for salaries and expenses, and it was recommended that this be cut to $2,400, a saving of $1,175.

A saving of $840 by the elimination of clerk hire was advised, it being recommended that a stenographer from the Clerk's office be detailed to do the county work. A cut of $400 was proposed in the item of printing and stationery for the county court. A total cut of $125 was proposed in the Justice court, $25 being eliminated from three items and $50 from the printing and stationery provision.

The health office was slashed $205 in the recommendations of the league, the juvenile court $600, ferries $600, school supervisor, $300 and the extra janitor $50.

Aside from the reductions advised by the league, it was recommended that the county court create a redemption fund to take care of outstanding bonds, and that the forest revenues amounting to about $5,000 and auto licenses amounting to about $20,000 be carried in this fund. These monies have formerly gone to the general county fund.

It was also proposed that the county agent be retained but that the county agent's office and that of the fruit inspector be combined.

It was further recommended that the Court appoint a member of the Executive Committee of the Douglas County Tax Payers League as a member of the Budget Committee and this member be a dirt farmer.

A committee of three consisting of the District Attorney, President of the Sheepmens Association and the Cattlemens Association was selected as a committee to formulate plans for paying scalp bounty. The legislative Committee was instructed to investigate and ascertain a method of paying scalp bounty whereby the County Court will have the handling of the funds in order that scalps from outside counties cannot be brought into Douglas County and the bounty collected unlawfully.

The Legislative Committee was also requested to see if the matter of county bridges cannot be taken out of the hands of the Highway commission and be handled by the County Court.

At a late hour this afternoon the county court had tentatively agreed upon most of the recommendations of the taxpayers' league. At the last moment it was discovered that through an error a constitutional levy of $21,101.94 had been forgotten in making up the printed ballot. As this levy is prescribed by law, the court had no alternative and consequently included the appropriation. The levy is made against property not within organized high school districts. In other words, school districts not supporting high schools are required to pay into this fund, which is used to pay the tuitions of pupils from those districts who attend high school in adjoining districts.

As the extension of the tax rolls is necessary and the court found that it could not be done without additional help, the $775 provided for that purpose was allowed to stand in the budget.

It was decided to cut the $840 appropriation for clerk hire in the road-

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TEACHER TORN FROM BRIDE AS BIGAMIST

Professor Ralph French, 26, of Mountain View, N. J., is the principal figure in a bigamy case that has aroused New Jersey. He was arrested while on his honeymoon with Mrs. Frances Tyack French, on charges preferred by Mrs. Helen Bryant, of Dover, N. J., who declared she is his legal wife No. 1 and that he has never obtained a divorce. His brother, Andrew French, school principal, of Montclair, N. J., is held as an accessory to the alleged bigamous marriage.