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## S. PRICE KID FAKER

B. C., Committee  
Report Today to  
Local Association.

## "CURES" DIE

of 11 Clergymen,  
ans, 3 University  
ors and One  
Make Report.

## EVER, B. C., Dec.

0 persons anoint-  
ared to have been  
as cured by Rev.  
evangelist, here  
214 experienced  
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7 grew decidedly  
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a report by the in-  
committee pub-  
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## mittee included 11

eight physicians,  
ersity professors  
yer.

## rt was presented

a meeting of the  
inisterial associa-

## AMERICA

## MORE QUAKES

Dec. 22.—Earthquakes  
day on the Ecuador  
where three thou-  
several days ago.  
shocks were felt in  
headquarters of  
of areas.

## WINS OVER

## WARDS IN BOUT

Dec. 22.—Billy Mas-  
round decision over  
last night. Weldon  
decision in ten rounds  
points.

## COUPLE MARRIED

inbotham and Miss Mary  
of Oakland, were  
this morning at the  
Judge George Quin-  
ceremony was wit-  
by the immediate rela-  
contracting parties. They  
afternoon to Oakland  
room holds a responsible

## ED THIS MORNING

tion of Sutherland and  
of Wilbur were married  
at the office of County  
Judge George Quinlan  
The immediate rela-  
were present at the  
Mr. Christian is a farm-  
his bride is well  
known young ladies  
of Oakland.

## PIONEER DIES IN FLAMES

SEATTLE, Dec. 22.—United Press.—Henry Bining, aged 77 years, one of the oldest pioneers was burned to death last night in a cabin at Utsalady. Bining lived alone and the cause of the fire is not known. When help arrived the cabin was in flames. Bining and Ed Clay are the only two residents of Utsalady, which was at one time reckoned as a business competitor of Seattle. Clay is left alone now, the only man in the town.

## WINE SEIZED IN BOOZE RAIDS

State, County and City Offi-  
cers Join in Search for In-  
toxicating Liquor.

## SALES ARE CHARGED

Three Men Held Charged  
With Possession and Sale  
of Intoxicants—State  
Agents Are Active.

Liquor raids made by state, county and city officers last night, netted three defendants, a large quantity of wine, and some mash. Carl Berger was arrested charged with possession of mash, Frank Grant, a resident of South Jackson street, was held for having two gallons of wine in his possession and Cal Reed was charged with the sale of liquor. The raids were made by Chief of Police Ketch, Officer John Ison, and two state agents, Howard Watson and William Swift.

The state operatives have been in the city for several days procuring evidence. They claim that on two occasions they purchased liquor from Reed. They also went to Drain, where they claim they bought liquor from Melvin Richardson, from whom they also took two gallons of wine. V. R. Howeth was also arrested by them charged with having venison in his possession. The venison was obtained when the officers raided his place looking for booze.

The raids in Roseburg were made last night at about 11:30 p. m. At Berger's place the officers claim that they found some wine and several gallons of a mash from which wine apparently was being made.

At Grant's home two gallons of wine were found. Nothing was located in the raid on Reed's home, but he was charged with the sale of liquor.

Berger appeared this morning in the local justice court and entered a plea of not guilty to the charge of having mash in his possession. The so-called mash is merely unfermented grape juice, he alleges, and is not in a fermented state. Attorney Elbert Hermann, who appeared for the defendant, asked that the state immediately have the mash analyzed to determine its alcoholic content. The sheriff promised that this would be done.

Berger claims that his arrest is due to spite work. The state agents who have been obtaining evidence under the direction of Sheriff Starmer, have had rooms at the Berger rooming house, Mr. Berger said. He also stated that they were ordered to leave, when Mrs. Berger found a young woman in their room. They were forced to leave, he claims, and did not pay their bill. He asked the court for a warrant, charging them with maintaining a girl in their room for immoral purposes, but was advised to see the district attorney.

## A. C. MARSTERS WINS DECISION

Klamath County Court Holds  
That State Had No Ground  
for Fraud Charges.

## IN COURT TWO YEARS

Is Considered Strange Why  
State Should Attempt to  
Raise Question 20  
Years After Sale.

A decision was filed in the circuit court at Klamath Falls yesterday in favor of A. C. Marsters, Ida F. Marsters and the Fort Klamath Meadows company, in a suit brought by the state of Oregon upwards of two years ago to set aside the sale by the state of a considerable body of swamp lands in Klamath county. The people in Douglas county and many in other parts of the state will be pleased to receive news of the favorable decision for the defendants. Briefly stated, the facts out of which the case arose are as follows: About twenty years ago Mr. A. C. Marsters and a number of other persons, some of whom were friends and relatives of Mr. Marsters, conceived the idea that these swamp lands, consisting of several thousand acres, could be easily reclaimed, by reason of the fact that, as was supposed, the United States government was about to lower the waters of Upper Klamath lake, on which said lands lie. Some twenty or more persons made application to the state land board to purchase 329 acres each of these lands, and these applications were allowed and the state was paid its price. Before allowing the applications, however, the state land board required some of the lands to be offered for sale at public auction and some of the tracts were purchased by the applicants in that manner. The applicants expected to co-operate together in a scheme of reclamation, draining the lands and preparing them for agricultural use. After a time, it became apparent that the government would not lower the waters of Upper Klamath lake, and that the expense of reclaiming the lands would be very heavy. Therefore, the purchasers from the state began to grow weary of their investments and disinclined to carry the expense of taxes. From time to time these purchasers sold out their interests to Mr. Marsters, and some ten years ago he purchased the last of these tracts. Mr. Marsters said taxes on the lands for many years, but the expense of reclamation promised to be so great, that he, although a man of some means, could not undertake the enterprise, and about three years ago he sold the lands to the Fort Klamath Meadows company, a corporation formed by California capitalists, who formed a large project for the drainage of these lands and a large body of other lands of the same character in the same locality. Some time after this corporation had begun work and had expended about \$150,000.00 on its project, the state of Oregon filed suit to set aside the conveyances of the land made by the state, alleging that the original purchasers from the state had made agreements before they purchased the lands to sell them to Marsters.

The case has been pending in court for upwards of two years and has been hard fought. Mr. Marsters was represented in the case by R. L. Eddy of Roseburg, A. M. Crawford of Portland, and C. F. Stone of Klamath Falls. The Fort Klamath Meadows company was represented by A. E. Reams of Medford, and the state was represented by L. A. Liljeqvist, assistant attorney general of the state, and M. E. McGilchrist.

It is understood that the decision just made is a sweeping one in favor of Mr. Marsters and the Fort Klamath Meadows company, and in effect holds that the state had no grounds for its charges of fraud, and that on the law and the facts it cannot recover.

The many friends of Mr. Marsters are rejoicing greatly over his victory. It has been considered strange that the state should attempt to raise such questions as were raised in this case nearly 20 years after the state had sold the lands and received its price.

## LEVIATHAN NOT DAMAGED BY SAND

(United Press.)  
NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—A preliminary inspection of the Leviathan, after it was removed from the sand bank last night, today showed no damage. The liner will be kept at the Hoboken pier for the usual winter overhauling until next March.

## FLORENCE BANK ROBBERS CAUGHT

(By United Press.)  
PORTLAND, Dec. 22.—(A. P.)—Murray and Eddie Walker were arrested last night as suspects of the Florence bank robbery and identified today by Jack Herring, Heceeta farmer. They were taken to Eugene today. Although Murray confessed, Walker today continued his silence. The police are still holding Jimmie Wells, Mike Dennis and Floyd Melicoff, taken in a gang clean-up. They will undergo further examination today. The police are looking for more loot in addition to the \$1500 recovered last night.

Taken To Eugene.  
PORTLAND, Dec. 22.—(A. P.)—Murray and Walker were taken to Eugene today after being partially identified here by Jack Herring, one of the Lane county ranchers under arrest charged with harboring the fugitives in their flight from Florence. Herring was brought here from Eugene by Lane county sheriffs. Wells, one of the five taken into custody last night, was charged today with having kept \$1500 of the bank loot for Murray, but not with participation in the holdup. He was taken to Eugene with Murray and Walker. Mike Dennis and Floyd Melicoff were also taken into custody last night but were cleared today by the police. Melicoff was released. The police said Dennis will probably be freed later today.

Searching for Money  
PORTLAND, Dec. 22.—(Associated Press.)—The police and private detectives today are endeavoring to locate more of the money stolen from the Lane County State and Savings bank at Florence on December 11th, following the arrest here last night and the recovery of \$1,426 which one alleged robber had given a Portland woman for safe keeping.

Tom Murray, the leader who was caught at a house here that he had rented and furnished, confessed. Eddie Walker was caught in Murray's house. He refused to talk, but the police say he gave Ida Chase the money they recovered. Three men were arrested at the Chase woman's house and are being held for investigation.

## REBELS LEAVING CITY OF PUEBLA

(Associated Press.)  
VERA CRUZ, Dec. 22.—The rebels have evacuated the city of Puebla for reasons of military expediency, their headquarters here announced today. They held the city for several days.

## BRYAN SAYS FORD MADE A MISTAKE

(Associated Press.)  
MIAMI, Florida, Dec. 22.—William Jennings Bryan, candidate for delegate to the national democratic convention from Florida, in a statement today declared that Ford's endorsement of Coolidge would cause a reaction hurting Coolidge instead of helping him. "Ford as a millionaire champion of the poor of the country would make an inspiring spectacle, but Ford loses his prominence when he joins with the rest of the big business men in support of a reactionary candidate," said Bryan.

## FOX IS SENTENCED TO SERVE LIFE TERM

(United Press.)  
ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 22.—Phil E. Fox, Klan publicity man, was sentenced to life last night for the murder of W. S. Coburn, a rival klanman. He is expected to appeal today.

## MAYOR'S ANNUAL MESSAGE GIVEN

Mayor N. Rice Urges Council  
to Guard City's Expendi-  
tures During Year.

## BRIDGE IS OPPOSED

Expense of Building Bridge  
Not Justified by Returns  
Mayor Rice States as  
His Opinion.

Opposition to the expense of constructing a bridge to Umpqua Park addition, and the inclusion of that territory within the city limits, while some more important projects are pending, was expressed last night by Mayor N. Rice in his annual message to the city council.

The property which the city is to receive in return for the bridge, and the additional expense which would be incurred if the outside territory should be taken in does not justify the expense which such a bridge would incur, the mayor holds.

If a bridge were put across the river the city would be required to go to the expense of providing fire protection, take care of the sewerage system and make other improvements which would be costly.

At the present time there are more pressing matters demanding attention, the mayor states.

Within a short time the city will be forced to adopt some measures to take care of the disposal of sewerage. At the present time there are several sewers emptying into the river at various points, and the water flows on through the city bearing its contaminating burden. In the summer time, during low water, the condition becomes bad from a health standpoint and in the near future it will be necessary to build a large trunk line sewer down the river to empty at some point outside of the city limits. This will be very expensive and the mayor says should be provided for.

The mayor also touched on the city beautiful campaign and urged the council to continue that important matter. The text of his message in full, is as follows:

To the City Council:  
Gentlemen: In submitting to you my annual report, as the Charter calls for at this time, I will be as brief as I can, but there are several things of vital importance to your city that I want to call your attention to, and I hope you will give them your careful consideration.

First, is this bridge question that has been before the county court and your honorable body since 1918. But the county officials have outgeneraled us. They have placed it back in your hands to pay the bills of the engineer for submitting plans and estimates on a different location; that someone may suggest, also, advertising for bids, before we know just what we could do. This, I consider a waste of money. Would you run your own business in that way? Would you give what this bridge and road and other additional expenses will cost the city for what it will receive in return? Have you investigated this thoroughly, and know just what the city is to receive in return? If you haven't I urge you to do so. And, I wish every taxpayer would do the same. And when you investigate, consider it just the same as though you were doing business for yourself. Keep in mind the city's interests first, last and all the time. Do not be misled by someone who has some personal interest.

## CHRISTMAS MAIL DEL.

Postmaster Helldine announced today that there will be no carrier delivery of mail on Christmas day. The general delivery, stamp, registry, parcel post and carrier windows will be open from the hours of 9 to 11 a. m., however. Parcel post carriers will deliver packages on the 23rd and on Christmas day. There will be no rural carriers on Christmas day but star routes will be served as usual. All mail will be collected and dispatched as on week days.

## FIRST CARD OF FISTIC SERIES

Sutherland Club Stages Three  
Events as Opener of  
Season Program.

## FOUL ENDS MAIN BOUT

Lightweights Put Up Fast  
Battle for Two Rounds,  
Then One Lands Low  
—Good Bill.

(By L. F. REIZENSTEIN)  
The Sutherland Athletic Club opened its season for the fighting game at Sutherland Friday night with a bill of three events that had no dull moments, although the headline, between Joe Hoff, 130, of Portland, and Chick Rocco, 134, of Seattle, ended disappointingly in the third round, when Rocco was awarded the decision on a foul after a whirlwind battle.

It was about an even break for the first and second rounds, with the milling fast and clever, but marred by Hoff's occasional low hitting. The bad headed veteran began the third round by crowding Rocco into a corner and nearly finishing him with a shower of rights and lefts, some of them landing in the forbidden zone.

As Rocco wobbled from the broken clinch that had momentarily saved him, he muttered complainingly to Referee McGee that he was being hit too low.

In the next melee, immediately following, both fighters went down, Hoff to his knees and against the ropes, Rocco on his back from a nasty blow in the groin that caused the referee to promptly award him the decision. The spectators recognized the justness of the verdict, but they were anything but pleased over such an ending for a scheduled main event.

Hill Poole, the 29 year old behemoth of the Cottage Grove High School, won on a technical knockout from Earl Couch, of Eugene, when the latter's second, to save him from further punishment, tossed a towel into the ring during the fourth round. The weights of the men were announced at 160 pounds each. Couch looked that figure and no more, but Poole appeared from 19 to 15 pounds heavier.

Couch never had a look-in, although he drew blood on Poole's nose in the opening round and landed first in nearly every scuffle. For three rounds, by covering and clinching at dangerous moments, Couch managed to postpone defeat. In the fourth Poole waded into Couch without hesitation, first nearly sending him over the ropes with a barrage of jabs, then knocking him through the ropes by a second attack that almost carried Poole outside the ring also. When Couch regained the ring he was too far gone for further hope, and the timely toss of the towel undoubtedly saved him from a knockout. Several times during the fight, Poole's blows did not land in fair territory, due to his lack of boxing skill and very limited ring experience. Neither Couch nor the referee made any complaint, but those at the ringside let their voices be heard.

Ray Jacobs, 118, of Eugene, won the decision over Kenneth Padelford, 119, of Sutherland, at the end of a substantially fought four-round battle. Padelford started out like a winner, gaining the opening round by knocking Jacobs through the ropes, forcing him into clinches and outfighting him generally. Jacobs threw a big surprise into the crowd by coming back strong in the second round and forcing the Sutherland boy to take the count of nine. Round three was about even, with Padelford beginning to tire. In the final round, Padelford was forced to seek resting periods twice with his gloves on the mat and oftener against the ropes, while the better conditioned and more clever Eugene boy piled up the winning points by unceasing aggressiveness.

## WOMEN'S CLUB PRESENTS PLEA

Petition Asks Special Election  
for \$18,000 for Public  
Library.

## URGENT NEED IS CITED

Club Offers Every Assistance  
in Helping in Election and  
Eliminating as Much  
Expense as Possible.

Preceding the regular business meeting of the city council last night a body of women representing the Roseburg Woman's club appeared before the council with another plea for the library campaign. Rev. C. H. Hilton spoke for the ladies in presenting a petition signed by a large number of citizens requesting the council to take action in boosting the library by calling a special bond election.

In presenting his request and petition to the council Rev. Hilton brought to light the fact that by the first of February it would be necessary for the present library to move its location and there would in all probability be no place suitable to which the books could be moved. Figures given by the speaker showed actual need also of many more additional books. He explained that the need lies with the younger people and students more than any place else and that some action should be taken.

Although an effort has been made throughout the past two years to raise funds, only \$2,500 in cash has been raised. Ten thousand dollars in subscriptions have been raised, but will be automatically cancelled in the event the bond election is carried out. Through all the channels which have been tried it has been found that immediate action was not forthcoming. In presenting the matter to the council the club requested as prompt action as would be possible and was assured it by the mayor.

The proposition calls for a special election called by the initiative petition which was presented, the amount of the bonds to be \$18,000. The petition included in it an offer of the ladies to select members of their organization to serve in the capacity of judges and clerks at the polls and thus eliminate the expense of election to the city.

In the regular business meeting which followed the presentation of the petition the matter was given careful consideration by the councilmen and discussed by them. Upon the advice of City Attorney George Neuner, however, the decision of the council in the matter was postponed until the document had undergone the proper legal inspection and it had been ascertained whether or not the proper number of signatures was attached. Although there is little doubt of the fact that the petition is legal and properly filled out, it was deemed best to make sure of the fact before any action was taken. The matter was referred to the next meeting of the council and will be voted upon at that time.

This action of the Woman's club was considered very commendable by the council and the ladies are due much credit for the work they have done throughout the past years. In the event of a special election there is little doubt that the bond issue will find favor with the voters, and with that amount of money a library for Roseburg is assured.

## SOVIET ISSUE CHAL- LENGE TO HUGHES

MOSCOW, Dec. 22.—Challenging Hughes to produce before an impartial court of arbitration and the documents made public, which represent Communist propaganda to re-entertain American revolution, Foreign Minister Tchitcherin demanded an unconditional withdrawal of the documents or submit them to arbitration.

Hughes Stands Pat.  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Hughes will not withdraw or submit to arbitration the documents made public after his refusal to negotiate with Soviet Russia, a high official of the state department said. He said the government was fully convinced that the documents were genuine.

home-town boy was entitled to a draw, gave Referee McGee an unpleasant five minutes. His verdict was approved, however, by a counter-balancing burst of applause.