

BLAST OVER REGION

Zero Along
Desert.

SIX BIG ACTS FOR XMAS OF ELKS TONIGHT

The Antlers theatre should be crowded to capacity tonight for the Elks' Charity Vaudeville. The vaudeville company arrived in Roseburg this morning and the scenery was taken at once to the theatre and erected.

TAX MEETING WILL BE HELD ON NEXT SATURDAY

The annual meeting of the Douglas County Taxpayers league will be held on Saturday, Dec. 20, starting at 10 a. m., and from all indications will be one of the best meetings the organization has conducted for several years.

COMMITTEES HAVE MADE INVESTIGATIONS AND ARE PREPARED TO SUBMIT RECOMMENDATIONS.

The meeting is being held for the purpose of selecting the officers for the ensuing year, and also to make recommendations to the county court concerning the county budget for the year 1925, which is to be adopted on that day.

TEACHERS TAKE EXAMS.

The regular December examinations for teachers were held today at the office of County Superintendent O. C. Brown. About 20 teachers took examinations today. Some are taking only a few of the examinations, holding exemptions in some subjects.

WRANGLE OVER MUSCLE SHOALS BILL STARTED

Proposed Private Lease Is Scathingly Denounced by Sen. Norris.

"RAPE OF TREASURY" Situation Compared With Teapot Dome Scandal—General Electric Company Is Grabber.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Asserting that the Underwood Muscle Shoals bill would make "Teapot Dome look like a pin head," and "Doheny and Sinclair look like pliers," Chairman Norris of the senate agricultural committee told the senate today that enactment of the legislation would later become known as "the rape of the treasury."

FORBES HAD THE INSIDE ON ALL HOSPITAL JOBS

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Telegrams from former Director Charles R. Forbes of the United States Veterans Bureau to members of his staff and various contractors in June and July, 1922, were read to the jury today in the trial of Forbes and J. W. Thompson, Chicago contractor, charged with conspiracy to defraud the government through hospital contracts.

COP'S PRESENCE DOESN'T PREVENT \$50,000 ROBBERY

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—A policeman in uniform who entered a jewelry store at 612 South State street while five robbers were looting the store today, did not perturb the holdup men. "Hands up, quick—"

HENRY FORD SUED FOR AGENCY LOSS

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 17.—A second action against Henry Ford, his son and the Ford Motor Car company was instituted in the circuit court here today by W. C. Winslow for the E. A. Mitchell Tractor company of Washington, to collect \$364,000 for damages alleged to have been sustained by the tractor company when the agency for tractors for Washington, Northern Idaho and Western Montana was taken away from the Mitchell company.

SCUTARI SAID TO HAVE FALLEN TO ALBANIA REBELS

BELGRADE, Dec. 17.—A dispatch from Podgorica announces the capture of Scutari in Northern Albania by rebels. The garrison of the city is said to have joined the insurgents. The latest dispatch from the frontier speaks of a fierce struggle yesterday in the Valona region. Government troops are reported from the north by Traana Bey. His forces are declared to be in control of the district of Jrosia, 12 miles from the capitol. Dispatches say the insurrection is clearly a carefully organized movement directed by the former premier, Ahmed Bey Zogu, who has issued a proclamation inviting the Albanian people to join in the "struggle against oppression."

FIRPO TUSSEL WITH LAW OUTDO RECORD IN RING

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Luis Angel Firpo again sails the seas, this time to the eastward. Having cast off the last tenacle of a legal octopus that caught him at every turn, the South American seeks rest in Europe. Behind him is word that when he comes back to the United States he will re-enter the school of Jimmy DeForest, veteran ring master.

PERCE PLEADS FOR THE NEEDY EX-SERVICE MEN

SALEM, Dec. 17.—Urging against the employment of married women by state departments while thousands of ex-service men and women are seeking vainly for employment, Governor Pierce has written a letter to the heads of all departments of the state government that are under his jurisdiction.

MERCURY DROPS TO 16 1-2 DEGREES

The weather took a decidedly colder turn last night, and Roseburg people today had their first real taste of cold temperatures for the winter. The mercury last night went down to 18 degrees, but this morning with a raw wind blowing carrying flurries of fine snow, brought the thermometers to still lower levels and at 8 o'clock Weather Observer Wm. Bell reported a minimum of 16 1/2 degrees above zero. A light, fine snow fell during the early part of the morning, but this stopped about 10 o'clock, when the sun appeared. At noon the mercury was up to 24 degrees. Auto owners were careful to keep their cars well covered, while garage men were answering calls of many worried motorists who had finally despaired of starting their cold engines. Plumbers are reaping their harvest from broke waterpipes which were reported in all parts of the city. The cold snap caught many householders before they had time to wrap exposed pipes, and thawing out the water systems was a popular indoor sport this morning.

CONNECTICUT NAMES BINGHAM

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THAW DISMISSED WHEN WITNESS FAILS TO APPEAR

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Three indictments charging Harry K. Thaw with second degree assault, kidnapping and conspiracy were dismissed today by Judge McIntyre in the Court of General Sessions. The indictments were returned in 1917 and alleged that Thaw assaulted and kidnapped Frederick Gump.

AGREEMENT REACHED WITH COMPANY HEADS AVERTS VOTED STRIKE

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—The differences between the Southern Pacific company and its workers in engine service, which resulted recently in an overwhelming vote, to strike, have been amicably settled, according to an agreement made public last evening by the company.

FOUR CLASSES BENEFIT INCREASES, RETROACTIVE FROM SEPT. 1, MEAN \$500,000 MORE IN PAY YEARLY.

The agreement will mean a total wage advance of approximately \$500,000 a year on the Southern Pacific system, the company announced. The new wage agreement is retroactive to September 1.

TURKEY DANCE TO BE GIVEN

Something new in the way of dances will take place at the Armory Saturday night, a turkey dance having been announced. A general admission of ten cents will be charged, each ticket entitling the holder to a chance on one of the two large turkeys which will be given away. Numbers will be drawn, the holder of the lucky numbers having to chase their turkeys over the hall until caught. There will be other amusements. The Blue Devils orchestra will play.

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