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ROSEBURG, OREGON, MONDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1924.

NIGHT COP A PUBLIC NUISANCE.

For the past several weeks, according to reports received at this office, the local night officer has been playing tag with automobiles passing through this city at night, and when this traffic is not of sufficient strength to keep the noisy cop busy he has been hailing local drivers, stopping their cars and making a lot of nonsensical inquiries that is of no concern to him. In fact, he seems to have taken the law into his own hands, or rather, has assumed a self-authorized attitude to run the affairs of the local police department to his own liking. Tourists passing through Roseburg have been subjected to his brazen attitude, when not the least suspicion has been directed at them for any wrong doing, causing more or less embarrassment. It is a common occurrence for local citizens to be followed for blocks by the officer, a flash light poked at their face, interrogated in an ignorant manner, all for no apparent reason other than to satisfy the cravings of a "peeping Tom." This paper admires an officer who performs his duty in a fearless and energetic way, but it certainly abhors a petty official whose chief ambition is to concern his activities to matters where there is not the least suspicion, or act, that would in any way lead to the belief that the occupants of a car "spotted" by the novice contained an army of bootleggers, thieves or cut-throats.

It is just as important that an appointed officer of the law have sufficient gray matter in his cranium to carry out his authority as his superiors. It is a dangerous practice to give any person authority to administer the law whose judgment is not tempered with a little common sense and business-like judgment.

CHILDLESS MARRIAGES.

The opinion has lately been expressed, that if a marriage proves childless at the expiration of two years, the union should be declared terminated, so that either party could marry again. It is argued, that owing to the large families raised by recently arrived aliens, the natives of the country must make more effort to have children if they wish to have ideas control the development of the nation. It can be said however, in behalf of these children of recent comers, that many of them are very ambitious young people who are making good in every way. Such a proposition however, would be hard among many childless families where the husband and wife dearly love each other, and would never consent on their own motion to dissolve their union. Their happy marriage may furnish the foundation for a great deal of useful service. If they had to part so that other relations could be formed more likely to produce children, they might both be very unhappy and their usefulness as citizens would be impaired. There are other duties in the world than having and bringing up children. Also such a proposition would increase the idea, already too prevalent, that marriage is a kind of temporary relation, which is to be dissolved if all the results do not work out satisfactorily. The people believe at heart in the idea that it is a sacred and permanent tie, to be dissolved only for serious wrongs. Nevertheless, many married people of a fine type who could have children, are too indifferent about doing so, or they should have more, so as to pass on to the community their high standards. They owe it to their country to raise reasonable sized families if they can, and send out into the world children who shall preserve the ideals of the nation.

Our lawmakers should busy themselves on policies for reducing taxation, both state and national. They should study methods for equalizing the tax burden, rather than adopting tax measures which fill the public treasuries by special taxation on special branches of business or industry. They should consider measures which will help enlarge the market for manufactured and agricultural products. There are hundreds of constructive measures on which they can work which will be of benefit to all the people. There is absolutely no excuse for advocating or supporting destructive measures which discourage or unsettle business and prevent investments or capital, to the detriment of the whole nation, remarks an exchange.

Surely some good is going to come out of all this agitation for lower taxes, and the coming session of the state legislature can do a whole lot of good for the people of this great state by heaving to the line, and the News-Review is of the opinion that the boys are going to accomplish some good, constructive legislation.

We are thankful today for the change in weather conditions and the outlook seems quite agreeable for the new year.

Too many cooks are supposed to spoil the broth, but it's a long time since there were too many cooks in this country.

Let's all resolve to put over 1925 as the banner year in the history of the nation.

Get ready for the New Year—and start off right.

RIVER FREIGHTER
CRUSHED BY ICE
ON RIVER BOTTOM

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 29.—The river freighter Relief, operated on the Portland-Salem line of the Inland Transportation company, which several days ago was crushed by an ice jam at its mooring in the Willamette river here, nearly this morning took a further list on its port side and sank to the bottom with about half of the boat protruding above the water. Damage is estimated at several thousand dollars.

The steamer will be raised, temporary repairs made, and floated to the Portland dry dock as soon as the ice flow on the river permits.

The breaking of the ice jam in the river did other damage to houseboats and floats estimated at around \$4,500, the Denison bath house and boat house was reduced to kindling and piled up against the bank about 25 yards below its mooring.

Ice was still flowing in the river here this morning, but the Southern Pacific railroad bridge and the Polk-Marion bridge were believed to be out of danger after a period of 24 hours in which their safety was feared.

The Men's Glee Club of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, under the direction of J. B. Browbridge, is one of the best organizations of its kind on this coast.

They will sing at the Presbyterian church, Tuesday evening at 8 p. m. Admission free.

ASKS PROBE INTO
POWER TRUST OVER
SHOALS OUTCOME

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The Federal Trade Commission would be directed to investigate an alleged "power trust" under a resolution introduced in the senate today by Chairman Norris, of the agriculture committee.

The Nebraska senator's proposal was incidental to the bitter congressional fight over Muscle Shoals, during which it has been charged on the senate floor that a communication of power interests was seeking to dictate the governor's final decision. Senator Norris has been active in opposing the Underwood bill for government ownership of the Muscle Shoals property, with a provision for its lease to private concerns.

Mr. Norris asked for immediate consideration of his resolution, but Senator Edge, republican, New Jersey, objected and it went over for one day under the rules.

The resolution would require an investigation into the ownership of stocks and bonds and the directorates of power companies and into the interest of manufacturers of electrical supplies, banks and trust companies in the business. The president would be requested to give the investigating committee access to official treasury records bearing on the subject.

Senator Edge declared that such a far-reaching resolution should not be considered hastily. He said "millions of dollars" would be required to conduct such an inquiry.

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HUGE SUM IS ASKED
FOR MAKING SURVEY

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—An appropriation of \$150,000 for two by the reclamation bureau is conducting economic surveys of reclamation projects was recommended to congress today by the Budget Bureau.

The appropriation is intended also for carrying out the reclamation provision of the new reclamation law. The work will be organized at Denver, January 1.

The investigations to start shortly thereafter will determine the cause for inability of settlers to pay construction costs on projects. Results of the new surveys will be completed in time to submit the findings to congress at its session next December.

KLAMATH FALLS TO
HAVE NEW SAW MILL

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 29.—Construction of a new mill plant with a capacity of 100,000 feet a year will be started at Klamath Falls, Ore., by the Shovel-Hill Lumber Co. as soon after the first of the new year as weather conditions permit, according to information obtained here today from E. C. Shovel, a stockholder in the company.

"This mill is to handle tim-

MASONS ATTENTION

Grand Master Bro. O. P.

Coshaw will pay Laurel Lodge

No. 12, an official visit Tues-

day evening, Dec. 30. All mem-

bers are requested to be present.

Dinner will be served at

6:30.

By order of the W. M.

W. F. HARRIS.

HE'D BE GOOD AT
CROSS-WORD PUZZLES

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

BASEL, Switzerland,

Dec. 29.—By his invention

of a hochdruckkondensa-

tionsampflokomoitive ex-

tensioned steam locomotive

professor Kurt Westfinger of

the Zurich Technological

University has not only

demonstrated his capacity

as an engineer, but also as

a connoisseur of long words. His

invention with the 37 let-

ters named means high-

locomotive.

It is claimed that it will

mean a saving of about 50

percent of coal.

AGGIES BARNSTORMING

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

HOLLYWOOD, Calif.,

Dec. 29.—The Oregon Ag-

ricultural College basket-

ball team which arrived

here yesterday on a barn-

storming tour, will meet the

Hollywood Athletic Club at

the club gymnasium to-

night.

ber cut from holdings recently

acquired tributary to Klamath

Falls, said Mr. Shovel. "I

will give employment to about

700 men, including the logging

forces and those working in the

mill."

Meet your friends at the Armory

New Year's Eve and dance to the

latest dance music to be played by

the Blue Devils. Concert from 8 to

9 p. m. Dancing from 9 to 12.

STONE TAKES HAND
IN JUSTICE FIGHT

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Solu-

tion of the problem presented by

the controversy between depart-

ment of justice officials and the

New Jersey district attorney's

office was approached today with

the return of Attorney General

Stone from a brief rest.

Likelihood that the third confer-

ence for which the attorney gen-

eral has asked United States At-

torney Winne and Assistant United

States Attorney Van Riper to come

to Washington would be held today

raised the prospect of an early

settlement of the dispute.

Hear Ellomay Wilson whistle at

the Armory Wednesday, Dec. 31.

New Year's Eve Ball.

EXPANSION CAUSED
CRISIS IN BUSINESS
SAYS ECONOMIST

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—The ex-

tent to which the business expan-

sion was allowed to go in 1919

and not the deflation policy of

the banking system brought

about the crisis of 1920, Dr. Geo.

W. Dowrie, dean of the school of

business, University of Minnesota,

told the American Farm Econ-

omies Association today. The

pressure of an increasing popu-

lation, will not bring a food

shortage in the opinion of Dr.

Alonso E. Taylor, of the Food

Research Institute of Leland

Stanford University.

"A national dietary compar-

able to the present and full com-

petent in the nutritional sense,

can be supplied for a population

of 175,000,000 in 1920 with such

increase only in number of do-

mesticated animals and in area

of harvested crops and improved

land as lies readily within the

agricultural capacity of the coun-

try," Dr. Taylor said.

Have you something to sell, to

trade, to give away. Use News-

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