

TAPE REMAINS AT HOT LAKE FOR A WHILE

O-W. LEASE EXPIRES AT MID-NIGHT OF FRIDAY SAYS ANNOUNCEMENT.

BONDHOLDERS WILL BE IN CHARGE HEREAFTER

Dr. Tape Announced as Temporary Manager for the Bondholders While the Hot Lake Springs Company Will Withdraw and Surrender Its Lease This Week.

Dr. W. G. Tape, manager of Hot Lake sanatorium under the Hot Lake Springs company which is, in reality, the O-W. R. & N. company, will remain at Hot Lake for the present and operate the place for the bondholders.

This announcement was made today by the committee appointed by bondholders some time ago to look after final disposition of the institution which has been leased for the past couple of years by the O-W. Dr. Tape had planned to leave January 1st for California, but has been engaged by F. L. Meyer, of the bondholders' committee, to remain in charge until other arrangements are made. After Friday night however, the bondholders will be in control, and not the leasing company. The Hot Lake Springs company, with headquarters in the Wells Fargo building at Portland has made the formal announcement that it will turn over all lease rights at midnight December 31st and will sever all connections with the institution on that date. It also announces that it will not be responsible for debts of any nature incurred subsequent to that date.

Local members of the committee handling the proposition for the bondholders, are not in position to say how long Dr. Tape will be kept at the place, or just when other managerial arrangements will be made. It was intimated however, that this may be a matter of several months. The present manager had laid all plans for departure January 1st for California where he and his wife were to spend a year or so before seeking a permanent location. Their plans are miscarried by the new arrangements.

EDUCATION URGED.

Senator Chamberlain Predicts "Licking" Under Present Ways

Washington, Dec. 29.—"There will be no conscription in America until we have been licked by some first-class power, as we will be some day," declared Senator George E. Chamberlain, of Oregon today. The chairman of the committee on military affairs continued by saying that "our immediate and principal need is to prevent conscription by universal military education."

"BIG CELEBRATION"

Friday Night Is Date for the Annual Big Time.

All Eagles have their wings spread and their heads erect in anticipation of the big celebration on Friday night, when the members of the order and their families and friends will eat, drink, listen to music, hear speeches and in a general way have a delightful time. Attention is called to the date which is Friday night—New Year's eve—not Saturday night, as first reported.

MEADE HELD OVER.

La Grande Man's Assailant Held to Grand Jury at Baker.

Baker, Dec. 29.—John Meade, whose preliminary hearing on a charge of assault with intent to kill, was bound over to the grand jury by Justice of the Peace Hubbard following his hearing yesterday morning in justice court.

C. O. Kaester of La Grande, complaining witness against Meade, took the stand and repeated his story of the assault, told to the district attorney day before yesterday, to the effect that Meade hit him over the head with an iron bar while the two were riding in a box car from La Grande to Weiser. The story was corroborated by Leroy Sargent, a young boy, who was also in the car. He is being held as a witness to appear before the grand jury. Mrs. Kaester may be brought from La Grande to testify and her husband hopes to find employment here until after the grand jury meets.

That there may be other developments in the case, involving others in the alleged plot to kill Kaester, is possible, but nothing has transpired yet to warrant publication of some of the charges that have been made.

OWNER OF SEIZED SHIPS.



Richard G. Wagner.

England has notified the State Department that it will take the steamers Hocking and Genesee of the American Transatlantic company to London for prize court adjudication. Richard G. Wagner, president and majority stockholder in the company, insists that only American capital is invested, and is protesting vigorously at the action of the British government.

CANNED MILK GOES TO WAR

COAST CONDENSARIES GET HUGE ORDERS.

Sudden Rise in Portland Retail Prices Explained.

Portland, Dec. 29.—The entire output of the Pacific Coast Milk condensaries for the next two months, besides all the supply on hand, have been purchased by England and France for army use, it is announced in explanation of a sudden rise in milk prices.

The sale exceeds a million dollars. The order is limited only by the capacity of the condensaries.

PENDLETON STREET CASE.

Action Brought to Foreclose Lien Under Re-assessment.

Pendleton has a street improvement case that is almost identical with that of the city of La Grande. In Pendleton there was a certain street improved and it was afterward discovered that through error in description the property owners were not compelled to pay the assessments charged against them. This was settled by a decision of the supreme court. Then Pendleton adopted an ordinance which was ratified by a vote of the people providing that the parcels of property in question could be re-assessed. The property owners still refused to pay and now there is a suit for collection of the assessments and foreclosure of the lien against the property. This will, of course, go to the supreme court, and the question as to whether the owners of the property abutting, or whether the city as a whole will have the bill to pay, will depend on what the supreme court says as to the validity of the ordinance providing for the re-assessment.

The situation over a portion of the street improvement in La Grande is so nearly similar to that of Pendleton that a part of the revised charter, recently adopted, was copied essentially from the Pendleton ordinance relating to re-assessment of property and other procedure for street improvement.

MUST PAY SPECIAL TAX

Applies to Certain Lines of Business and Legal Papers.

The emergency stamp tax enacted by congress a year or more ago has been re-enacted for another year.

All places of business that were subject to the government license have until February 1 to obtain it, but after that a 50 per cent penalty will be attached. They may apply for the necessary blanks any time from now on, so that the license or special tax is paid by the first of February. Such business men as brokers, pawnbrokers, proprietors of theatres, museums, concert halls, and circuses, dealers in tobacco, proprietors of bowling alleys, pools and billiard halls, manufacturers of cigars and cigarettes, and commission merchants, are subject to license, and many legal documents must have attached the revenue stamp.

GRESHAM MAN SOUGHT BY AN ANGERED MOB

GIRL-BRIDE, VICTIM OF ASSAULT, IN HOSPITAL IN CRITICAL STATE.

HUSBAND OF INJURED GIRL VOWS VENGEANCE

Mrs. Mabel Myers Found Naked, and Shot Through Breast, Near Cabin of Man Now Suspected of Having Hand in Her Assault—Every Possible Clue Followed Up.

Portland, Dec. 29.—Mrs. Mabel Myers, 19, a bride of a month is in a serious condition at the Good Samaritan hospital today. Posses are trailing every clue to find E. B. Kemp, a farm hand, near whose cabin the girl was found—naked—crawling through the snow last night. She was shot through the breast and badly maltreated. The chief clue connecting Kemp is a letter bearing a special delivery stamp delivered to Sheriff Hurlburt last night, telling him to rush rescue to "a poor woman assaulted by a tramp." Kemp is missing and his description has been sent broadcast.

Eugene officers this morning arrested a suspect.

O. H. Myers, the husband, who is a young farmer at Gresham, has vowed vengeance and is aiding in the search.

COLD SNAP BITES.

Chilly Winds and Low Temperature Initiates Real Winter.

La Grande's coldest day of the winter—that is the situation here today. Mercury dropped rapidly after last evening's mildness and though no extremes were reached, the biting wind prevalent, led citizens to believe a whiff of Alaska breezes had reached the valley. As a matter of fact the mercury was not below 20 above from early morning on. On the other hand, only on sunny roofs did the snow melt.

Railroad service continued uninterrupted last night and today but in this respect the company was fortunate. Had a heavy wind gotten its work in last night, the rotaries would not have been able to keep the tracks clear.

New York, Dec. 29.—Storm warnings have been flashed today from the Gulf of Mexico to the coast of Maine. Storm-tossed vessels have crept into port and those inside are prepared for relief. Alarm for the Thessalonica, reported distressed, has increased.

Western Pennsylvania is stombound. Dozen of towns are isolated and heavy sleet is turning into snow. This cut off several Ohio towns where telephone and telegraph are prostrated.

St. Louis, Dec. 29.—Sleet and snow centering in Indianapolis, has crippled communication east of here. Trains are delayed.

IRRIGATIONISTS CONVENE

Portland, Dec. 29.—Three hundred and fifty men were present this morning when the Irrigation congress convened. L. M. Rice, a Seattle engineer, denounced the evils of land speculation in irrigation districts. Addresses were made by Judge Graves of Seattle and Attorney General Brown of Oregon, who approved the district plan of irrigation.

"Jack" O'Neil in Town

J. H. O'Neil, traveling passenger agent for the Southern Pacific, is a visitor in La Grande today. He is in charge of the U. of O. Glee club.

LATEST PHOTOS OF ACTRESS WHO IS NEAR DEATH.



These photographs of the great Sarah Bernhardt, who is reported to be near death, are the very latest taken of her. She posed for them less than a month ago. They were obtained by John Tippet, European representative of the Universal Film Manufacturing company, for its screen production, "Jeannette Dore." Mme. Bernhardt told Mr. Tippet many facts about her life.

She told him her age, which heretofore has only been guessed at. She said she was born Oct. 23, 1844, at 265 Rue St. Honore, Paris. That would make her seventy-one years old. Her real name is Rosine Bernard. She was the eleventh of fourteen children. Her father was French and her mother was a Dutch Jewess.

COLLEGIANS INVADE CITY

U. OF O. SINGERS PERFORM TO-NIGHT.

Merlin Batley, Club President, Back in Old Home.

Under the direction of Ralph Lyman, dean of the school of music, the University of Oregon Glee club will appear in concert this evening at the Sherry theatre. The twenty-two young collegians who compose the organization arrived today from Pendleton, where they sang last evening. A good house is promised for the entertainment this evening. The following is the personnel of the club:

First tenors—J. Bothwell Avison, '16, Pendleton; Roy T. Stevens, '16, Portland; Everett B. George, '16, Newberg; Carl E. Nelson, '19, Chicago; William Morrison, '19, Eugene; Warren Edwards, '19, Cottage Grove. Second tenors—Walter Grebe, '18, Portland; Ivor Ross, '19, Astoria; Earl Fleischmann, '18, Eugene; Robert W. Langley, '17, Portland; C. B. Corbett, '18, Enid, Okla.; Ross Giger, '19, Portland.

Bartones—Merlin G. Batley, '16, La Grande; Lewis A. Bond, '16, Eugene; Harold F. Humbert, '16, Eugene; Albert Gillette, Jr., '18, Eugene; Raymond Burns, '19, Coquille; George Gates, '19, Medford. Basses—John A. Black, '16, Portland; Harold Hamstreet, '17, Sheridan; Ho-Sheng Huang, '18, Portland; Don Newbury, '18, Klamath Falls.

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IRISH AND MARRIED MEN NOT SUBJECT TO CONSCRIPTION

London, Dec. 29.—A decision to resort to conscription to raise new armies is England's answer to Germany's latest "Peace feeler." The Wolff bureau has sent out the following possible terms by which Germany will talk peace:

Evacuation of Belgium and France. Establishment of a Polish kingdom dominated by Germany.

Russia to pay Germany large sums annually.

Belgium to pay the amount she formerly spent annually for military preparation.

Return of captured German colonies.

Allies to pay \$3,600,000,000 indemnity.

Guarantee that Belgium will not enter into anti-German alliances.

Parliament Battle Due.

A great parliament battle is foreshadowed by the announcement that a conscription bill will be introduced next week. The lines for and against the measure are being drawn at informal conferences of Laborites.

Irish to Oppose It.

Irish members of parliament plan to oppose the bill solidly if Ireland is included, but it is reported the government will exclude Ireland from operation of the measure thus escaping Irish opposition. It is believed the cabinet will first draft unmarried men.

TUCKEY GETS PROMPT ACTION

HAINES JUDGE THROWS OUT CASE

Without Himself Going on Stand La Grande Man Wins Case.

Haines, Dec. 29.—(Special)—C. E. Tuckey, charged with selling liquor without a license, was found not guilty by City Police Judge N. E. Dodd after his hearing in police court this morning. Tuckey, who opened the J. D. Toney saloon after releasing the attachment against the property in his suit to recover payment of a note for \$600 and receiving a bill of sale from Toney, represented that he was acting for the trustee of other creditors. Toney's testimony was somewhat contradictory, but he stated that he had never formally given possession to Tuckey and that the bill of sale was merely given to secure Tuckey's claims after the attachment was released.

Other charges had been preferred against Tuckey, but on motion of Attorney Frank E. Mitchell, city attorney for Haines, the charges were dismissed. Attorney James H. Nichols appeared for Tuckey.

Tuckey was accused of operating a saloon without a license. The facts as shown by the city's evidence were as follows: Tuckey had a note against J. D. Toney which had been assigned to him for collection; Toney gave Tuckey a lien on the saloon to secure the debt which was in effect a mortgage on the saloon; the city marshal thought because Tuckey had this lien that he was the owner of the saloon, and Tuckey was arrested by the city marshal of Haines for operating a saloon without a license; the city's evidence showed that Tuckey had never sold a drop of liquor to anyone; Tuckey had never gone behind the bar, and had never sold a drink to anyone.

At the close of the city's case, Attorney James Nichols of Baker, who represented Tuckey, made a motion to dismiss the case as the uncontradicted testimony showed that Tuckey was not guilty. It appears that it was a mistake on the part of the city officials who made the arrest. The court promptly granted the motion to dismiss the case.

Although Mr. Tuckey's many friends in La Grande are having much fun joking him about the case, he has the smile that won't come off when he tells how the case was thrown out without his ever going on the witness stand.

SHIP FIRM PROMOTED.

Big Concern to Run Line from Tacoma to the Orient.

Tacoma, Dec. 29.—Preliminary steps have been taken for organization of a company to build, and operate three big steamships, at a cost of a million and a quarter, to ply from Tacoma and Seattle to Hawaii, the Philippines, Australia and New Zealand. R. M. Calkins, traffic manager of the Milwaukee railroad, heads the movement.

Lumberman Returns.

J. H. Minnaugh, manager of the Minnaugh-Nibley Lumber company of Wallawa, returned to his home this morning after spending a few days on business in this vicinity.

PRIMER GIVES SALIENT PARTS OF PROHIB LAW

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS COVER CHIEF POINTS IN THE DRY LAW.

ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS SANCTION ANSWER IN IT

Questions Asked by Anti-Saloon Forces and Answered With Authority—Goes Into Full Details of the Law Which Becomes Operative Next Friday Midnight.

That the public at large may acquaint itself with as many provisions of the prohibition law as possible before it becomes operative January 1, and not violate it through ignorance, a primer has been prepared by Attorney General Brown and Attorney Baker of the Anti-Saloon league, who have drafted a set of questions and answers pertaining thereto. The questions are assumed to come from the anti forces and to be answered with authority. The book is called the "Voter's Primer" and is being distributed by the Anti-Saloon league from No. 611 Stock Exchange Bldg., Portland.

The Observer has republished these questions and answers as follows:

General Provisions.

Q. What is the policy of Oregon on the subject of intoxicating liquor? A. By constitutional amendment adopted November 3, 1914, it abolished the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors.

Q. When does the amendment become effective? A. January 1, 1916.

Q. What is the Anderson Law? A. A law passed by the legislature of 1915 to carry out the terms of our "dry" constitutional amendment.

Q. Where can this law be found? A. In the Public Acts of Oregon for 1915 at pages 160 to 170.

Q. When is this law effective? A. January 1, 1916.

Q. What is the purpose of this law? A. Generally to make it unlawful for any person to manufacture, sell or barter intoxicating liquors except for scientific, pharmaceutical, medicinal and mechanical purposes.

Q. For what purpose was this amendment and this law passed? A. To protect the public health, peace and morals of Oregon.

Q. What is intoxicating liquor? A. All spirituous, malt, vinous or fermented liquors, and all mixtures or preparations likely to be used as a beverage, which contain more than one-half of one per cent of alcohol by volume, and all other mixtures which are intended to produce intoxicating liquor.

Q. Who has power to administer this law? A. Any magistrate. Namely, any Justice of the Peace, District, County, Circuit, Superior or Municipal Judge, or other officer having the powers of Justices of the Peace.

Q. Who prosecutes violations of the law? A. The "prosecuting officer," who is the district attorney, his deputy or assistant, or any prosecutor appointed by the Governor to enforce this law.

Q. What liquors may a person manufacture for his own use? A. Unfermented wine or non-intoxicating cider, wine for sacramental use, vinegar and non-intoxicating wine for use and sale from fruit exclusively grown in Oregon.

Q. May liquor be sold for any purpose? A. Yes. Ethyl alcohol only may be sold at wholesale to druggists for medicinal, pharmaceutical, scientific and mechanical purposes, and for external use, and druggists may sell ethyl alcohol only for scientific, pharmaceutical, medicinal and mechanical purposes and for external use under regulations hereafter explained.

Q. May a druggist sell any other kind of intoxicants but ethyl alcohol? A. No.

Q. May a doctor? A. No. Q. Suppose a person does not sell it, but gives it away, or furnishes it to evade the law; what then? A. Any shift or device or subterfuge to evade the law is an unlawful sale.

Pharmacists.

Q. May pharmacists sell ethyl alcohol? A. Yes, for medicinal, pharmaceutical, mechanical and scientific purposes, and for external use, by complying with conditions imposed.

Q. May they keep other liquors? A. No.

Q. What must they do first? A. Give a bond to the State of Oregon for \$250 not to sell in violation of law. The bond must be approved by and be filed in the County Clerk's office of the county where his store is located. He pays \$2.00 to the clerk for filing.

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