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BONE DRY BILL WILL SOON BE READY TO ENACT

MEASURE WILL BE INTRODUCED MONDAY AND WILL GO A SAILING.

HOUSE AND SENATE WILL RUSH MEASURE

Legislature Seems Anxious to Start the Ball on Its Way—House Adjourns Until Monday—Senator Bennett Introduces Bill for Two State Trunk Highways—Bill to Reduce Circuit Judges Salaries.

Salem, Jan. 12.—(Special)—It is planned to introduce the bone-dry bill Monday. The alcoholic traffic committees of both houses are preparing to that end. A joint committee will probably present the measure simultaneously in the House and Senate. Legislators are anxious to get the measure completed and passed.

The House met for half an hour, adjourning until Monday. It indefinitely postponed Staff-rn's bill increasing the Polk County district attorney's salary.

Schimpff of Clatsop, introduced a bill providing that victorious plaintiffs in equity suits be awarded attorneys' fees.

Dedman of Clackamas, presented a bill providing that communities may incorporate as municipalities for the purpose of issuing water bonds and levying taxes to secure water supplies.

Lafferty entered a bill removing game law protection from beavers. Senator Barrett introduced a measure designating two state trunk highways, and providing for their construction costs.

The Senate debated Smith's bill reducing circuit judges' salaries to \$3600 annually. It postponed action pending planning the consolidation of judicial districts.

The Senate unanimously passed Wood's joint memorial asking Congress to give Civil War officers full retired pay.

Bone Dry Law Prepared.

Portland, Jan. 12.—(Special)—Alcoholic traffic committees of the senate and house of the Oregon legislature were presented with a draft of a "bone dry" bill today by the union dry committee which bore the brunt of the fight for absolute prohibition in the recent campaign.

Judge Knowles' Brother Dead.

Circuit Judge Knowles received a wire this morning from Los Angeles that his brother, R. R. Knowles, had died this morning.

Two Burglaries Last Night.

Two burglaries last night were reported to Chief Lou Rayburn today. A thief broke into White's Grocery store, worked the combination on the safe and took \$10 or \$12.00 in cash. Two watches and a pair of lumberjack shoes were stolen from the Dalles Second Hand Store, next door to White's Grocery.

STRIKE QUESTION NOT TO BE CONSIDERED AT CHICAGO CONFERENCE

Brotherhood Representatives to Review Affairs Rather Than Plan New Moves—All Talk of Strike Foolish, Says W. G. Lee.

Chicago, Jan. 12.—(United Press)—The question of whether a general strike by railway trainmen will be called in case the supreme court declares the Adamson law unconstitutional and the railroads refuse to meet the demands of the unions, will not be considered at the conference of railway brotherhoods, in session here.

"All talk of a strike is poppycock," W. G. Lee, president of the trainmen said.

"The purpose of the conference here is to review what has already happened, rather than to plan what to do in case adverse conditions arise in the future," Lee said.

Garretson Is Not at

Three of the presidents, W. S. Stone of the engineers, W. S. Carter of the firemen, and Lee are already on the job for the preliminary conference. A. E. Garretson, who took the lead in the fight in Washington, is now traveling in the South Sea islands.

The rumor that the conference committee would come to Chicago to meet with the unions, was denied by J. W. Higgins, chairman of the General Managers' association.

Today's meeting will be the first general gathering of the representatives of the 400,000 train service employes since the Washington conference preceding the passage of the Adamson bill.

Subjects To Be Discussed.

The chief subjects which will be discussed are:

What action can be taken by the brotherhoods to defeat a proposal that congress pass legislation compelling the railroad men to submit their claims under all circumstances, to arbitration.

What action shall be taken in case the supreme court declares the Adamson law unconstitutional.

What action should be taken should there be any undue delay before a decision is reached?

What shall be done in case the supreme court upholds the law and the railroads still find means of evading obedience to its terms?

Unofficial comment was that unless some move actually meeting their demands was made, the brotherhoods would strike quickly and hard, "to bring the roads to their senses."

Nine Honor Pupils Are Announced

Principal A. C. Hampton today issued the names of nine high school pupils who, because of superior scholarship, have been exempted from every examination this semester. The list includes six seniors, two juniors and one freshman. The honor list includes the following seniors: Leta Kiddle, Wythel Wade, Genevieve Stoddard, Amy Miller, Lynn Larson and Eugene Millering; juniors: Imogene Orton and Dewey Glaze; freshman: Lila Mallory.

Enterprise Man in Baker.

F. A. Clark, of Enterprise, is spending a few days in Baker.

LATE NEWS BY WIRE

State Department May Ask Suspension of Consul Bopp. Washington, D. C., Jan. 12.—(United Press)—The state department may ask the suspension of German Consul Bopp in San Francisco, as result of his conviction of breach of neutrality laws. Officially it is indicated the suspension may remain effective pending an appeal.

Dr. Kuhn Says Thaw Is of Same Type As Jack the Ripper. Kansas City, Jan. 12.—(United Press)—Dr. W. F. Kuhn declared that Thaw's alleged whippings had made Frederick Gump a mental and physical wreck. He asserted the boy's back was melted and bruised. The boy told Dr. Kuhn Thaw had used two whips and lashed him for an hour. Finally he fell exhausted, pleading for mercy. Thaw forced him to kneel, kiss his toes, hands, cheeks and lips, saying: "I am your slave for four years. You are master. I will obey your orders."

While breakfasting Thaw made Gump kneel beside the table saying: "Thank you, master," continually while eating. Dr. Kuhn alleged Thaw was of the same type as Jack the Ripper.

Germans Announce Defeat of Russians on Eastern Front. Berlin, via Sayville, Jan. 12.—(United Press)—It is announced that Laburtes, Roumania, was captured by the Germans who defeated the Russians in the swamps between Braila, Galata. Night of January 10th, armed enemy ships attempted to sail the Danube. One was sunk, one grounded. German's captured positions on both sides of Oitooz Road, in western Roumania.

Physician Holds to Hope for Recovery. Says Baker Postmaster Will Return to Health if No Further Hemorrhages Occur—Blood Flow Now Stopped.

Baker, Jan. 12.—(Special)—Although the condition of John G. Foster remains but little changed today, D. C. E. Barton, the attending physician, states that as long as no further hemorrhages occur it is very possible that Mr. Foster will completely recover. The blood vessel burst on the left side of the brain, paralyzing the right side of the body. Mr. Foster has lost the power of articulation and it will be weeks or even months before he can recover, says Dr. Barton, who states the blood has apparently ceased to flow from the broken vessel.

CHAS. R. HARDING HEADS CAST FOR THE BIG ELKS' SHOW, LAST OF JANUARY

Local Celebrities Are to Take Part—Tickets Are Selling Rapidly—Elks' Gazoot May Be Out Next Week.

Chas. R. Harding heads the cast of principal characters for "A Night in Bohemia" for the big Elks' show January 25-26. The cast is as follows:

Cast of Characters. Edmund Keene, a retired actor, a good Elk and a thorough Bohemian. Chas. R. Harding Officer Callihan, "one of the finest" a little sore on tramps, but not a bad fellow after all. James C. Dell Dolly Nobles, the sunshine of Keene's villa, a little bit stage struck and a good little girl. Miss Leona Newlin Tommy Jiggs, an up-to-date boy, right from the streets of New York. Norman Desilet Dusty Rhodes, the tramp manager of a defunct comedy company. Adna B. Rodgers The Elks' Gazoot is coming out provided the publishers and type escape a mob of angry citizens which has been looking for Dad Coolidge, assistant editor, who, it is said is hiding in the basement of the Elks' club.

There will be general rehearsals Monday, Wednesday and Friday evening of next week. The cast is very nearly complete. Tickets are selling rapidly.

Bill to Prevent Strikes Under Way

Washington, D. C., Jan. 12.—(United Press)—Chairman Newlands told the senate Interstate Commerce committee he would soon favorably report the bill for the prevention of railroad strikes pending investigation of disputes.

Washington Democratic senators denied the report that they had agreed to hold a caucus Monday and refuse to pay salary increases the postal employes have asked.

German Consul Will Be Sentenced Friday

San Francisco, Jan. 12.—(United Press)—German Consul Franz Bopp will be sentenced Friday. Federal Judge Hunt set the date when Counsel Roche on defense declared appeal papers were unprepared as yet.

Judge Hunt intimated he might place Bopp and Vice Consul Van Schaack under ten thousand dollars bonds. District Attorney Preston strongly objected to Judge Hunt permitting defendants to remain at liberty without bonds until Friday Roche said Bernsorf agreed he would be personally responsible for Bopp's appearance Friday.

GOLD SPRINGS LAND WILL BE TAPPED BY PROPOSED RAILROAD

Way Will Be Offered to Get Wheat Into the Markets of the Northwest—Colonel J. H. Raley of Pendleton Buys \$200,000 Ranch from W. J. Furnish.

Pendleton, Or., Jan. 12.—(Special)—Construction of a 25-mile railroad that will tap the wheat land of the Cold Springs country and furnish a means of easily getting wheat to market via the Columbia river from Cold Springs landing is in project. Behind it are several well known business men and farmers, headed by Col. J. H. Raley, who has completed a \$200,000 deal, purchasing from W. J. Furnish his 3600 acre farm in that district.

An economical means of getting the wheat to market is necessary. At the present time it is said farmers in that section must necessarily haul their wheat eight and 12 miles. With a railroad running from German Hall to Cold Springs landing on the Columbia, the long trucking would be eliminated and boats could be used through to Portland or Astoria.

The intention of the new owners is to cut the big wheat tract, which is 30 and 40 bushel land into smaller ranches and sell them. Much of this land is at present under lease. Farmers in that vicinity may come in on the railroad project which would be greatly beneficial to them in the handling of their crops. They will be asked to cooperate with the local syndicate.

He's Just Old and Childish To the Poorhouse For Him Rides There in a Taxicab. He was over 80. His hair was unkempt and uncut; his eyes watered. His shoulders stooped as if they would have him guard his small package of belongings more closely. He was deaf. He was without money.

James M. Sommers sat in the La Grande O-W. passenger depot Wednesday waiting for a taxicab to take him to the Union county poor farm. His ride in a taxicab contrasted strangely with his present condition. Perhaps James Sommers didn't think about that. It would be better had he not.

James Sommers is a father and a grandfather. He has worked, perhaps hard. And yet, as his life draws toward its close he has nothing laid away. Refuge in charitable institution is his only hope.

James Sommers came to Union county from the coast not long ago. He has lived with his grandchildren in Kamela for some months. But he is too old now and is becoming childish. He is hard to get along with. So the grandchildren have sent him to the county poor farm.

Alertness of Deputy Sheriff Dexter McElroy prevented the escape from the county jail Tuesday evening of Louis Brill, a La Grande youth bound over to the grand jury from the justice of the peace court for burglary, and the possible escape of the other prisoner in the jail. When discovered by McElroy Brill had dug out one brick from the wall and was enlarging the hole. He had hung a comfort to prevent a possible view from the corridor.

Brill was discovered at five when McElroy went into the jail to lock the prisoners up for the night. During the day the prisoners are permitted access to the entire room, which is used as a jail. At night they are locked into the steel cage in the center of the room. Tuesday evening Deputy Sheriff McElroy kicked the jail door open and asked the prisoners if they had gone into the steel cage. There was no light in the jail at the time. Each man answered that he had gone into the cage but the reticence of Brill and the tone of his voice made McElroy suspicious. Investigating he found Brill at work. The prisoner made two starts as if to attack McElroy but stopped when he realized the deputy sheriff had a gun.

Brill has been surly since his attempt to escape. Before Tuesday he had been considered a quiet man. Since the attempted escape a light has been placed in the jail and the next county court will be asked to provide for the steel reinforcing of the jail room.

Changing motors attached to The Observer's press occasioned the delay in getting out tonight's paper.

Alfred R. Banks Died Today. Alfred R. Banks, aged resident of north La Grande, died this noon. The remains are at Bohnenkamp's chapel and Hal Bohnenkamp is now corresponding with supposed relatives.

Wheat at Colfax Sells for One-Fifth

Colfax, Wash., Jan. 12.—(United Press)—Davis ranch sold one hundred thousand bushels of wheat to Balfour Guthrie for \$1.50 a bushel. It will probably be shipped to Great Britain.

THE WEATHER. The United States weather forecast: Fair, east winds.

Captain Robert Bartlett Plans A Polar Trip

Equipped for a Study of the Northern Regions, First Purely Scientific Expedition Will Sail the Summer of 1918—Ten Men, All of Tried Caliber, Will Be Taken—Attempts Will Be Made To Sound the Bottom of the Arctic Ocean.

BY CAPT. ROBERT A. BARTLETT, (Commander of the projected Bartlett polar expedition.) Editor's Note—Captain Bartlett, next to Admiral Peary, is one of the best equipped men for such an enterprise now living. He has accompanied Peary on four arctic trips, was master of the ship Roosevelt; and was a member of the Steffanson expedition in 1913.

Washington, Jan. 10.—Equipped for a scientific study of the Polar regions, 800,000 square miles of which never have been sailed or trod by man, the Bartlett Polar expedition, the first purely scientific expedition to enter the far north, will sail from the Uni-

BIG BANQUET OF SPORTSMEN HELD LAST NIGHT

WING, FIN AND FLEETFOOT CLUB MEET AT THE FOLEY HOTEL FOR FEED.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED FAVOR NEW GAME LAWS

Trout Hatchery at Minam Is Favored and Change in Season for Deer Hunting—Prizes Are Awarded for Destruction of Magpies, Hawks and Sparrows—Speeches Made and Clams Consumed.

Resolutions passed at the banquet of the Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot club of La Grande in the Foley dining room last night urged the present legislature to—

Re-establish a hatchery at near Minum, upon the site now owned by the state and equipped with the necessary buildings and water;

Provide for the propagation of China pheasants at the Eastern Oregon branch of the Oregon insane asylum, the experiment station at Union, and upon the various county poor farms throughout the state;

Take no action designed to amend the present law granting the right of expenditure of the sportsmen's fund to any but the state fish and game commission, or to consolidate this fund with any other fund in the state's care;

Change the dates of the open season for deer, August 15 to October 31, to September 1 to November 15.

A copy of the resolutions will be mailed to State Senators Walter M. Pierce and C. A. Barrett, State Representatives Chas. A. Small and Fred Ashley, and to such other members of the legislature as the executive board of the club may see fit.

Prizes were awarded to members who had killed the most magpies, crows, sparrows and sparrow-hawks. With glee, members sprang from their places around the table and subscribed prizes for the killing of hawks in the coming year and upon motion President L. M. Hoyt appointed Roll Baker, T. L. Fisher and Joe Kenney committeemen to obtain prizes for the destruction of pests in 1917.

Prizes for the past year were awarded as follows:

Destruction of magpies and crows—H. L. Becker, Lower Cove, first, 230 magpies and 19 crows, \$6 pair of shoes, N. K. West & Company; C. Becker, second, 189 magpies and 22

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Pioneer Mills Buy Big Quantities of Wheat

The Pioneer Milling company of Island City reports the purchase of three big lots of wheat the past few days, about 73,000 bushels at \$1.50, or approximately a total of \$109,000. Walter M. Pierce sold 40,000 bushels of his 1915 and 1916 crop; Fred J. Holmes, 24,000 bushels, and Blockmand Brothers, 9,000 bushels.

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Land Applications Recorded Are 161

That Numbers of Eastern Oregon People Desire Homesteads Being Offered by United States Government in Grant, Union and Wallowa Counties. Recorder Skiff's Force Is Rushed to Care for Land Hungry Men and Women.

Applications received to January 6 of the following persons for land under the recent order of the government allowing entry upon grazing lands in Umatilla, Grant and Wallowa counties have been recorded by Register Skiff:

Charles B. Whitney, Walla Walla, 160 acres.
Jens A. Jensen, Walla Walla, 120 acres.
Robert L. Marshall, Walla Walla, 241.28 acres.
Lee R. Devore, Enterprise, 322.27 acres.
Arthur C. Haggerty, Enterprise, 280 acres.
Lowell Williamson, Durkee, 320 acres.
Joseph R. Williamson, Durkee, —.
Robert D. Shook, Durkee, 320 acres.

Jay M. Millering, La Grande, 324.56 acres.
Ben Weathers, Enterprise, 40 acres.
Humphrey Best, Enterprise, 320 acres.
Robert L. Day, Enterprise, 320 acres.
Carl Roe, Enterprise, 320 acres.
Adna W. Haggerty, Enterprise, —.
Charles H. Zurcher, Enterprise, 320 acres.
H. G. Yound, Wallowa, 160 acres.
Charles E. Wilson, Baker, 80 acres.
George Legler, Hamilton, 80 acres.
Jonas L. Roe, Enterprise, 320 acres.
Ben Weathers, Enterprise, 600 acres.
Ada E. Vest, Enterprise, 320 acres.
William W. Zurcher, Enterprise 320 acres.

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