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OLCOTT VETO IS UPHELD BY SENATE

Exemption of Money Paid Under Bonus Act From Past Debts Bill Denied

COMMITTEE FAVORS SCHOOL SUFFRAGE

House Committee Approves of Kuehn Bill Prohibiting Change of Party Registration in Set Limit.

(By Associated Press) SALEM, Jan. 16.—The senate today sustained Olcott's veto of a special session bill proposing to exempt money paid ex-service men under the bonus act from debts previously contracted.

The house committee today approved the Woodward bill granting suffrage to all citizens in school elections and the Kuehn bill prohibiting the changing of party registration within thirty days before election.

MARKET QUOTATIONS

(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, Jan. 16.—Cattle slow, weak at fifty cents decline. Choice steers are \$7.00 to \$7.50; hogs and sheep steady; eggs two cents lower, buying prices thirty to thirty-four cents, selling prices thirty-four to thirty-eight cents; butter is steady.

RESPONDS TO RELIEF WORK

Churches in La Grande Subscribe Over One Thousand Dollars to Near East Relief Cause.

More than \$1050 was subscribed by churches of La Grande, Island City, Jewell and Alsea Sunday for the Near East relief.

"Generous as was this response to this appeal on the first day of the campaign, we must plan for largely increased gifts else our children will go hungry," stated J. J. Handaker, Oregon director this morning.

If we were concerned only with the care of our 1100 children, we could be well satisfied with this response, but millions are homeless now who weeks ago were comfortably situated and many could be classed as well to do. President Harding, sensing this situation, has officially called on the federal council of the churches of Christ, representing 20,000,000 Protestant people; the Knights of Columbus, the Jewish welfare board, the Red Cross and other organizations to help provide at least temporary care for the refugees from Asia Minor. The heart of this fight with death has fallen on Near East relief.

"The children at the Lutheran Sunday school voted to enter on three months of self denial. The C. E.'s churches are considering the 'adoption' of an orphan at a cost of \$48 per year. Grade school children are making their gifts on Wednesday.

A. E. Pryke, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. and county chairman of the Near East relief is organizing committees for the general canvass of the community.

ELOPERS CAPTURED

BEND, Ore., Jan. 16.—After an all-night search which carried him into Crook and Harney counties, Sheriff Roberts returned to Bend this noon bringing with him Albert Brownlee, 26, and Dorothy Armstrong, 14, who eloped here on Christmas day.

The arrest was made on the Crook and Harney county line at the De-Vine ranch, 125 miles from Bend.

Women of La Grande To Form Business Club

The business women of La Grande have decided to affect an organization to be known as the "Business Women's Club," with headquarters in the north side downstairs rooms in the Y. M. C. A. building, formerly occupied by the Ad club officials, the opening of the headquarters to be held in a reception to be given on January 25th.

Two committees, a reception committee, composed of Mrs. J. T. Richardson, Mrs. Margaret Williams, Mrs. E. G. Kirby, Mrs. J. D. Smith, Mrs. Chester Newlin, Mrs. W. P. Mohr, and Mrs. A. C. Hampton, and an organization committee, composed of Dr. Margaret Ingie, Mrs. C. E. Hapgood, Mrs. H. H. Weaver and Mrs.

KLAN MEMBERS DENY HAVING PART IN CASE

Witnesses at Bastrop Hearing Admit Klan Met to Discuss Expected Retaliation But Deny Part in the Plot.

BASTROP, La., Jan. 16.—New ground was opened Monday by state attorneys in their task of unraveling the mystery surrounding the kidnaping and slaying of Walter Daniel and Thomas Richard, victims of black-hooded kidnapers. Two members of the Ku Klux Klan put into the record a recital of an assembling of klanmen in a store here in anticipation that Mer Rouge citizens might swoop down on Bastrop in retaliation.

James F. Harp and "Jap" Jones, farmers of Bonita, a village in the southern part of Morehouse parish, both members of the parish klan organization, testified that after the kidnaping of Daniel, Richard and three other men on the Mer Rouge-Bastrop pike August 24, last, a dozen or more men, klanmen, gathered in a hardware store here, armed themselves and prepared for eventualities.

Both insisted that the klan had no part in the kidnaping but that the gathering of the klanmen was deemed advisable as a precautionary measure in view of the intense feeling prevailing in the parish.

CAGERS FEAR JOSEPH QUINT

Blue and White Squad Will Play Enterprise, Wallawa and Joseph This Week.

With three hard early season games successfully stowed away in the win bag, the high school basketball men will buy their tickets for Wallawa, Joseph and Enterprise. The Blue and White hoopers will combat the Wallawas Thursday evening, the Josephites, last year's champs, Friday evening, and will wind up one of the hardest trips Saturday evening against Enterprise. If La Grande can win the entire three it looks like sectional championship for them. "On to Salem" is their battle cry and they feel that they have a fighting chance for the honors, although several teams in the Union, Baker and Wallawa county division are strong, possibly stronger than the local aggregation.

Little is known of Joseph and Enterprise and Wallawa are rated in about the same class as Elgin whom the locals defeated Saturday by a fiero last minute rally. Elgin lost to Wallawa by two points and won from Enterprise by one point and on the brief margin of La Grande's six point win over the Elgin men does her hopes for a furtherance of her string of victories rest.

Joseph is the mostly feared quintette of the three inasmuch as her strength is unknown. Last year Joseph romped away with the sectional honors and with many of her former squad back, it is a surety that her cagemen will be strong this season. A hard game is anticipated at both Wallawa and Enterprise with the outcome undecided until the game is over.

Carl Snow, coach, is planning on taking about ten men on the trip, which is the hardest one of the season for La Grande.

LOCAL BOY EDITS PAPER

A copy of The Montana Oil Ledger, volume one, number one, fresh from the press, making its first appearance in the world of the reading public, arrived in La Grande last evening. The publication, issued in Shelby, Montana, is a six column eight page paper, devoted to news of the oil fields.

The editor and publisher of the Oil Ledger is none other than Kenneth B. Carpy, son of George Carpy, of La Grande. Kenneth is well known in this city, having completed high school here, then going to the University of Oregon, where he majored in a course of journalism.

A. E. Pryke, have been formed, one to make arrangements for the opening of the rooms and the other to perfect the constitution and by-laws of the organization.

The business club will be open to all business women in La Grande and when established, the headquarters will be open from seven until ten o'clock in the evening. The ladies are planning on decorating the headquarters, installing new furniture and making the rooms in every way modern and comfortable.

In all probability an election of officers and a permanent organization will be affected January 25th in conjunction with the opening of the clubrooms.

THREE VOTE GERMANY IS IN DEFAULT

Reparations Commission Decided Huns Back In Deliveries.

BRITAIN REFRAINS FROM CASTING VOTE

France, Belgium and Italy Vote That Germans are Wilfully in Default.

(By Associated Press) DORTMUND, Jan. 16.—The French by advancing to Dortmund and Lunenburg passed out of the neutral zone fixed by the Versailles treaty on the right bank of the Rhine from which German regular troops are barred into territory where the Reichswehr holds sway.

(By Associated Press) PARIS, Jan. 16.—The reparations commission today decided that Germany had wilfully defaulted in deliveries of coal, wood, cattle, dyes and building materials. France, Belgium and Italy so voted. The British representatives refrained from voting.

OILMEN GROUP ALLEGED RULER

Independent Oil Men Declare Prices in Industry are Fixed by Rockefeller Firms.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Control of oil prices, particularly gasoline, by the Standard group of companies was charged by representatives of independent oil concerns Monday at the senate oil investigation.

Appearing in the inquiry for the first time, the independents, one after another, presented grievances against practices of the companies commonly described as belonging to the Standard group. L. V. Nichols, of Omaha, president of the National Petroleum Marketers' association, said the Standard companies "not only fix their own prices, but the prices of the independents as well." Similar charges were made by W. H. Gray, of Tulsa, Okla., president of the National Association of Independent Oil Producers, who declared the Standard corporations, through control of the larger pipe lines and by reason of freight rates, often being discriminatory, were able to fix prices without getting together in conference.

STATUTORY CASE TO JURY

State of Oregon vs. S. L. Myers, Begun on Monday Morning, Goes to Jury

The case of the State of Oregon vs. S. L. Myers, charged with contributing to the delinquencies of a minor, went to the jury this morning at 9:30 o'clock and as the Observer goes to press, the jury is still in session.

The trial started yesterday morning at ten o'clock, the jury being chosen within a short time. E. R. Ringo represented the state and R. J. Kitchen represented the defendant.

The act of which Myers is accused occurred about a year ago in Union and Myers was tried about ten months ago on another charge, of larceny in a dwelling house, being convicted and sentenced to one year in the county jail which is still not completely served.

Four women are serving on the jury, it being the first time in history, according to authorities, that a woman has served on a jury. The list of jurors are R. H. Smith, W. W. Stearns, Hannah Conley, Helen Geddes, Hattie J. Eckley, O. H. Sloan, D. W. Murchison, Ole Bathison, Carrie Pickens, B. E. Slack, George W. Marshall and M. A. Harrison. They are expected to bring in the verdict some time this afternoon or early in the evening.

RUM RUNNERS NOW MENACE NAVIGATION

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—Captain Perry, attached to the coast guard headquarters announced today that the commander of the vessel arriving from the West Indies reported difficulty in crowding its way through the fleet of rum runners standing off the Jersey coast. A complaint was made that the fleet constituted a navigation menace.

URGES PROMPT ENROLLMENT

"With the new semester scheduled to start officially on next Monday morning, January 22," A. C. Hampton, superintendent of schools, stated today, "it is necessary that all children, who plan upon enrolling in the schools at that time, be prepared to appear promptly Monday morning, so as to eliminate any curtailment of their school work and to give them a chance to swing into the work promptly with no time lost." Mr. Hampton's desire for prompt enrollment applies both to the high school and grammar schools. The present week is being spent by both branches of the city schools in examinations.

THROUGH!



RAIL ROW TO BE HEARD ON NEXT FRIDAY

All Parties to Central Pacific Controversy to Be Heard.

PLAN FOR TENTATIVE SETTLEMENT IS MADE

Suggestion as to Method of Compromise is Given by the Commission; Minor Details to Be Worked Out.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The interstate commerce commission is to hear all parties to the Central Pacific controversy on a tentative plan for settlement next Friday. So far no formal response has been received from any railroad as to the tentative plan outlined by the commission.

SALEM, Jan. 16.—The Oregon public service commission was advised today by Chairman Meyer, of the interstate commerce commission, considering the disposition of the Central Pacific, that the commission will give careful consideration of the oral arguments of January 19th, a plea by the Oregon commission for common use privileges of facilities in the state by the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific.

OMAHA, Jan. 16.—Settlement of the controversy between the Union Pacific railroad and the Southern Pacific railway involving control of the Central Pacific lines between Ogden and San Francisco, merely awaits determination of minor details of a traffic agreement, according to statements from authoritative sources here yesterday, says the Oregonian.

The settlement leaves the Southern Pacific as owner of the Central Pacific lines, but protects the Union Pacific in its right to use the latter line as its connection to the central Pacific coast. The arrangement is declared to be entirely satisfactory to the Union Pacific.

Trust Act Held Replaced. By the new arrangement, Omaha loses its chance to become the headquarters of a railroad reaching directly from San Francisco, as it is of one reaching Portland and Los Angeles. On the other hand, it retains and extends the advantages accruing from heavy transcontinental traffic routed from the Pacific coast via the Central Pacific to Ogden and thence by Union Pacific through Omaha.

LODGE DONATES. J. J. Handaker, connected with the Oregon Near Eastern relief work, appeared before a meeting of the K. K. P. Lodge last evening and delivered an address on the Near East conditions. One hundred dollars was donated to the cause by the members of the order.

IRREGULARS HAVE RUMPUS IN IRELAND

Most Serious Fighting Since the Siege of Four Courts Took Place Last Night.

(By Associated Press) DUBLIN, Jan. 16.—The most serious fighting took place here last night since the siege of the four courts. The Irregulars launched a sudden attack at several strategic points and although driven off by Free State troops continued firing until early today.

BROTHERHOODS MEET TONIGHT

Combined Fellowship Organizations of City are to Gather in the Methodist Church.

Officers and members of the Church Brotherhoods of La Grande are particularly anxious to have it generally understood that any man, regardless of his church affiliations or lack of them, is cordially invited to be present at the Methodist church tonight when the local joint brotherhood will have an interesting session.

The Reverend Mr. Chester, pastor of the Methodist church at Baker, will be the speaker and his topic will be "What the West Can Learn from the East." His particular subject will be India, than which there is no more interesting or important a country in the orient because of the re-creation now going on in that country. Every reader and student of world events has his eye on India to see what is going to happen there. Mr. Chester has recently returned from that country and is in position to give first hand information and survey of that land of wonders.

DEAD BANDIT IS IDENTIFIED

DENVER, Jan. 16.—The slain mint bandit was identified, late Monday as J. C. Sloan, of Casper, Wyo. Rugg Williams, chief of Denver's police department, announced the bandit was one of the men the police have sought since December 18, last, the day the bandits made away with \$200,000 in currency from a federal reserve bank trunk in front of the mint, killing Charles T. Linton, a guard.

The bandit's frozen body with a bullet in the heart was found Sunday night in a private garage near Seventeenth and Gilpin streets. Officials declared the bandit was instantly killed by a bullet from the revolver of Pete Keldinger, a guard employed at the mint. At the time he was shot Sloan was standing on the running board of the bandit car, shooting at the mint guards.

THE WEATHER

PORTLAND, Jan. 16.—Tonight and Wednesday, rain in the west and rain or snow in the east portion. Fresh to strong southerly gales.

Near East Relief Worker Appeals to The Ad Club

A vital appeal for aid to the Near East relief work was the subject of J. J. Handaker's address given this noon at the weekly dinner of the Ad club, held in the Methodist church. Mr. Handaker scheduled to talk on "Oregonians who have helped in the Near East," told of the work of Francis Gates of Portland, who saved fifty Christian girls from a fate worse than death, and also dwelt upon the actual conditions that he had met on a recent trip to the Near East. The chairman of the day, Hugh Brady, referred Mr. Handaker to the secretary of the club and a committee to act jointly with the Near East relief work, will be appointed.

Mr. Chester Speaks. The Reverend Mr. Joseph Chester, of Baker, who was to deliver a special address before the Ad club, dwelt briefly upon the subject "British and American Similarities." He will appear before the joint fellowship brotherhood meeting to be held this evening in the Methodist church.

Road Question Comes Up. Karl Stackland, representing the commercial organization of Cove, asked that a resolution be made by the Ad club, giving their united support to the building of a permanent paved road between Island City and Cove, as good "as the money voted" on the table until next meeting when it is understood that the Cove chamber of commerce will be present to take up the question with the local legislators.

HUN TROOPS GATHERING AT DORTMUND

Twenty-Five Thousand Men Concentrated North of the City.

ORDER IS RESTORED AFTER BOCHUM CLASH

Financial Panic Strikes Berlin When French Threat to Arrest Coalmen Reached City.

(By Associated Press) DORTMUND, Jan. 16.—The French general headquarters has information that 25,000 men of the German Reichswehr are concentrated north of Dortmund. The French have advanced to both Dortmund and Luenen, the outposts of the French and German forces at some points being only eight to ten miles apart.

Berlin Has Panic. LONDON, Jan. 16.—The French threat to arrest German coal directors in the Ruhr valley has caused a panic in Berlin, says a dispatch. On the Berlin exchange today a dollar was quoted around 18,000 marks.

Restore Order at Bochum. (By Associated Press) PARIS, Jan. 16.—Order has been restored at Bochum where a clash occurred between the German demagogue and French troops last night.

HARDING GIVES JAP BAN FAVOR

YAKIMA, Wash., Jan. 16.—A detailed statement has been received this morning by J. Vincent Roberts, department commander of the American Legion, from A. B. Falls, secretary of the interior.

The secretary comments on the fact that he has received numerous letters "which bear the Seattle postmark, and each of these numerous envelopes is addressed in typewriting and evidently upon the same machine," asking for consideration for the Japanese.

"I am more or less familiar with propaganda," the secretary says, "I am not an anti-Japanese, in fact I recognize the great strength of the individual Japanese and of the Japanese people." The secretary then traces the gradual diminution of the public domain and says the exclusion action was to safeguard what remains of the nation's public lands for its own citizens and particularly ex-soldiers.

"I may say for your information," the letter concludes, "and without the betrayal of confidence, that I had previously discussed this matter with the president of the United States and the action taken by myself as secretary of the interior was the policy of this administration. Should that policy be reversed, it must be reversed by the president of the United States direct."

Elmer Stoddard asked for the support of the Ad club in opposing the severance tax, which he states will burden the lumbermen of the state. He dwelt briefly upon the tax and the measures its adoption would cause.

Entertainment Excellent. Mrs. Florence Lynch Miller, one of La Grande's premier musical artists, rendered a couple of selections on the violin accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Lynn Wright. The faultless execution and full, beautiful tone and the excellent artistry on her violin and piano met with hearty approval. Mrs. Miller, in her last number, sang the last chorus.

The Methodist ladies, who served the dinner, showed that they knew just what the business man likes to eat. Chicken dinner, cooked "just like mother used to," and all that goes with it, hit the hearts of those present through that most vulnerable part, the stomach and all were unanimous in proclaiming the dinner "just right."

Good Attendance. About one hundred members were present and following the saying of grace by the Reverend Mr. Ira R. Aldrich, the secretary announced that seven new members had been enrolled during the past week. Hugh Brady, chairman, preliminary to adjournment, announced that Carl Helm would be chairman next Tuesday. The dinner will be held in the Methodist church, the Methodist ladies to serve luncheon instead of the usual dinner.