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The Weather

PORTLAND (AP) — Fair tonight and Saturday, fair excepting probably rain in northwest Oregon.

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3 ALLEGED MAKERS OF MONEY HELD

Mr. and Mrs. Jack McDonald and Thomas Murphy Taken

PRINTING OF PAY CHECKS CHARGED

McDonald and Wife Involved in Wartime I. W. W. Activities, Detectives State.

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—Jack McDonald, once an I. W. W. member, with his wife and another man, were arrested today in connection with the operations of a band of men accused of printing counterfeit Pennsylvania Railway pay checks, totalling about \$100,000, and cashing many of them.

Essential McDonald, whose wife is said to have been involved with him in the I. W. W. strikes and troubles during the war, Thomas Murphy was arrested with the McDonalds in their flat on the west side of the city.

Mrs. Anna McDonald, according to the police, was suspected of having knowledge of the carrying of dynamite to the strikers in Denver during the wartime activities of the Industrial Workers of the World.

Many of the counterfeit and forged pay checks are said to have been cashed in Gary, Ind., South Chicago and other points in the Calumet industrial district.

The trio were caught in a raid by a squad from a detective bureau.

Railroad investigators declared that McDonald, his wife and Thomas Murphy, seized with them, are not leaders of the band but were arrested in connection with the theft of a truck load of merchandise from the Huntington railroad and admitted having passed some of the checks. Approximately one dozen men are believed to be involved in the plot.

Wife Screams When Found To Be Guilty

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Vetter, Convicted of Killing Alonzo Storey.

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—Ernest Vetter and his wife, Marie, were convicted today of first degree manslaughter for the killing of Alonzo J. Storey, a former suitor of Mrs. Vetter.

Mrs. Vetter screamed and collapsed when the verdict was announced. Her husband put his arm around her and spoke consolingly.

The maximum penalty that may be imposed is 29 years imprisonment.

Storey was a former roomer and intimate friend of Mrs. Vetter before her marriage.

The prosecution introduced testimony purporting to show that Storey was invited to the Vetter home by Mrs. Vetter, May 11, last, and while there was beaten and stabbed to death by the husband and his wife. The body was alleged to have been cast into Jamaica Bay in a burlap sack.

Vetter's plea was one of self defense.

Game Law Violator Fined.

YENGE, Or.—Frank Stevens, a resident of the western part of Lane county, was arrested by a deputy state game warden on a charge of unlawful possession of venison. He pleaded guilty in the court of Justice of the Peace Wells in Eugene and was fined \$100.

That they will remain open tonight, Saturday and Monday nights until the time, usually observed as closing time Saturday evenings.

Gala Effect. More than ever the city as a whole is taking on the holiday garb. Christmas trees, evergreen, holly, mistletoe and crisp decorations, Santa Claus, and other manifestations of the Xmas season

SHOPPING



Mrs. Harry L. New, wife of the postmaster general, catches the Christmas spirit in the air, and does her shopping early. Snaps on a Washington street.

COUNTY COURT MAKES LEVY FOR TAXATION

Income Tax Estimate Cuts State's Portion of Property Taxes Down to Some Extent.

After an earnest session during which time the county court gave consideration to every feature of the budget, an announcement was made to officers of the court last evening that the county levy which includes county and state taxes for the coming year, is 17.8 mills.

Last year the levy was 17.1 mills showing an increase of seven-tenths of a mill. Included in this levy for 1923, was \$184,682.11 and bonds and the redemption fund established to redeem the bonds as they fall due.

Had not the computation of the amount to be derived from the state income tax been considered in levying the state tax the amount which the court would have been compelled to levy in Union county for state and county purposes would have been much larger.

The actual amount of the state levy for 1923 was \$184,682.91 and the new levy, for 1924, is \$146,335.59. The difference in the two levies illustrates the savings made by the income tax.

HOT LAKE COW LEADS LIST OF PRODUCERS NOW

HOT LAKE, (Special)—Another cow from the pure bred herd of Dr. W. T. Pfy to win recognition as a producer is Garfield Kai Ormsby. She is the only Oregon cow to be listed in the latest report of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America as among those making "leading records".

Two other animals from Dr. Pfy's herd were named in the report as making creditable records of production. They are Dyanore Mercedes Butter Queen, junior two year old, and Garfield Tiffany Fobes, in the junior three year old class.

Garfield Tiffany Fobes at the end of ten months has yielded 29085.1 pounds of milk, containing 551.13 pounds of butter. She is entered on long time test in the full aged class.

WALLOWA COUNTY HAS TWO LEVIES; NO CHOICE YET

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PRINEVILLE MAYOR DEAD IN PORTLAND

Passes at End of Thirty-Six Hours of Heart Trouble Illness

MARRIED IN 1885 IN LA GRANDE

Is Survived by His Wife, Nee Bertha Alexander; Was Prominent Stockman, Financier.

PORTLAND (AP)—William Wurzweller, mayor of Prineville and President of the Bank of Prineville, prominent for many years as a stockman and a financier in Eastern Oregon, died here early today after 36 hours of illness attributed to heart trouble. Wurzweller was born in Germany in 1855 and entered the livestock business in Pendleton in 1884, moving to Prineville in 1891. He married in La Grande in 1885 to Bertha Alexander, who survives him. He had several farms around Prineville, the largest, of 300 acres being near Sisters.

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Snow Visits the Capitol City



Preparing for Spring Paving in La Grande

DECEMBER 31 IS LAST DATE FOR ASKING "LOAN"

December 31 will be the last date when ex-service men in Oregon can make application for the soldiers loan. Further information can be secured from Otis Palmer, adjutant of the American Legion post No. 42 of La Grande.

IMBLER BUTCHER SHOP PILFERED

IMBLER, (Special)—Officers here have as yet found no trace of the robbers who raided the Imbler Butcher Shop Wednesday evening.

The butcher shop was broken into, entrance being effected by way of the back door, and a quantity of meat was stolen. Mr. Keefer believes that he has an inkling of the identity of the person responsible.

RYLAND ARRESTED ON TWO CHARGES

J. H. Ryland was fined \$15 and costs for speeding in the justice court this morning by Judge of the Peace Hugh L. Brady. Ryland was also charged with driving while intoxicated and will be tried on this charge this afternoon in justice court.

Remarking the controversy relative to the parking of auto stages on Adams avenue, which has met with much opposition by citizens of La Grande, it was announced that the stages had agreed to park on Chestnut Street, between the Foley building and the Foley Hotel building.

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City Commissioners Create New Improvement District

Meeting last evening instead of Wednesday evening, the city commissioners of La Grande passed resolutions creating improvement district No. 122 and also accepting plans and specifications for the same district. Actual construction work cannot be begun until spring but the commissioner's plan is to have every thing in readiness for the first warm weather when the construction can begin.

Improvement district No. 122 embraces M avenue from Fourth street to Oak street, N avenue from Fourth to Second streets, and Second street from O avenue to M avenue.

The district will be improved by installing pavement, sidewalks, curbs and gutters.

An estimate was allowed on improvement district No. 122 in favor of the P. J. Lalley contract and a warrant was authorized, issued for \$2,088.04 in his favor. This district embraces the sidewalks on the northside.

Dr. Riley came before the commissioner and protested relative to the extension of the highway on Elm and Madison streets. The commission decided that this matter did not come within their jurisdiction so no action was taken.

No parking on Adams.

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CORRIDORS FULL; AWAIT THE VERDICT

Interest in Philip Fox Trial in Atlanta at Intense Point

CASE WENT TO JURY THURSDAY

Talesmen Did Not Commence Deliberations Until Early Today, However.

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP)—Hundreds of persons crowded the corridors in the court building today awaiting the verdict in the case of Philip S. Fox, former K. K. Klan editor, charged with the murder of William S. Cohn, attorney for the Klan.

The case went to the jury late last night but it is understood that deliberations were not started until early today.

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP)—Philip S. Fox, Ku Klux Klan publicity representative, Thursday was seemingly unconcerned as opposing counsel delivered their speeches to the jury which is to pass on the charge that he murdered William S. Cohn, a Klan attorney, on November 6.

Tale and haggard, Fox, who defense witnesses testified, is a paranoiac, displayed no interest when Assistant Solicitor-General Stephens said he was not immune but "a red-handed murderer, guilty of one of the most heinous crimes ever committed in the state of Georgia."

Fox also was apparently unmoved by the statement of Ambert W. Allen, Dallas, Tex., a member of defense counsel, that the defendant's case was the most remarkable case of insanity that has been proven in a court of justice in the history of the world.

MOSEBOW, (AP)—Foreign Minister Schlichterlin today denied charges by Secretary Hughes of a real plot existing in the United States. He declared if documents exist indicating that the Soviet government attempted to influence American workers parties, they are forgeries. He said Russia would like to submit the question of their authenticity to arbitration.

Would Give Leadership To U.S. Man

Reparation Commission Wants Charles Dawes as Probe Board President.

PARIS (AP)—The reparation commission today decided to offer Charles G. Dawes, of the United States, presidency of the committee which is to examine the German finances.

HERB MIRES IS ARRESTED ON 3 ACCUSATIONS

Trial of Herb Mires in the police court, on the charge of drunkenness, disorderly conduct and resisting an officer, will be held this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

According to the officers, Mires is accused of striking Officer Gusselt and then resisting arrest while in an intoxicated condition.

Late News Flashes

Request for Resubmitting of Nominations

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senators McNary, of Oregon, and Underwood, of Alabama, today urged the president to resubmit the nominations of Haney and Thompson, as members of the shipping board. The White House indicated that the withdrawal did not necessarily mean that the nominations of Haney and Thompson would not be resubmitted.

Plan to End Rebellion

VERA CRUZ (AP)—General Sanchez, chief military supporter of Dela Huerta, is reported to have gone to Esparanza, in the fighting zone, to confer with other rebel leaders regarding a plan to end the rebellion. The military situation is quiet today.

To Receive Road Construction Bids

SALEM (AP)—The highway commission at Portland January 8th is to receive bids for the resurfacing of the crushed rock Umattilla-Echo section of the Old Oregon Trail, about 20 miles; the surfacing of the Coquille-Bandon section of the Roosevelt highway, about 16 miles; the building of a timber trestle on the Coquille-Bandon section near Coquille. The commission will also receive proposals for the privilege of operating a confectionery at Bradley Park, Lower Columbia highway, Clatsop county.

THE TAIL THAT WAGS THE DOG



Spirit of Yuletide is Manifest in La Grande

With but two shopping days before Christmas—Saturday and Monday, Santa Claus, in the form of father and mother and sister and brother, is frequenting the business sections of La Grande, intermingling in that famous rush period of the year—the Christmas shopping time. Many of the stores, with the realization that extra hours will be required in order to permit all to do their shopping, have announced

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