

DRAINAGE SESSION TO BE JANUARY 1-2

Noted Authorities to Speak at Corvallis Meeting.

BANQUET TO BE GIVEN

Conference Will Be Held at Agricultural College During Farmers' Week Gathering.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The call has been issued for the sixth annual conference of the Oregon State Drainage association to convene at Corvallis, January 1 and 2.

The session will be held at the Oregon Agricultural college during farmers' week and will precede the meeting of the Oregon irrigation congress.

Plans for obtaining a trenching machine will be discussed.

"The Jones bill now pending in congress should aid irrigation by drainage, as well as irrigation, as the Oregon laws permit the reclamation to contract with the drainage districts," says W. L. Powers, professor of soils at the college, and secretary of the association.

"All the 38 drainage and 44 irrigation districts in Oregon are entitled to and should have representation in the conference. It is planned to have a joint irrigation session January 2 in which members of the Oregon irrigation congress have been invited to participate."

Needed improvements in the water laws of Oregon will be considered at the joint conference, Friday, January 2, and members of the legislative assembly have been especially urged to attend.

THEFT OF GOODS CHARGED

Man Accused of Occupying Apartment and Taking Furniture.

Russell Moxley, 34 years old, was arrested on a warrant charging him with theft of \$500 worth of household furniture from Mrs. Lillian Goodman, 334 North Nineteenth street.

Mrs. Goodman reported that Moxley had moved into her apartment at 235 Seventeenth street, during her absence, and had lived there for a month, after telling the landlord that he had her permission to remain.

Mrs. Goodman said she knew nothing of his presence in their home until she sent an expressman to move some of her property. Moxley is alleged to have refused to let the man take the goods.

When Mrs. Goodman heard that her rooms were occupied, she went to investigate, and alleged that Moxley had moved with all her furniture and clothing before she arrived.

RETAIL FOOD PRICES UP

Staple Articles Increase Despite Efforts of Government.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Despite efforts of the government to reduce the cost of living, retail cost of 22 staple food articles showed an average increase of 1.6 per cent in November as compared with October, the bureau of labor statistics announced tonight.

Eggs went up 13 per cent, onions and sugar 10 per cent, raisins 9 per cent, butter 6 per cent, storage eggs and prunes 4 per cent, milk, cream, fresh milk and potatoes 3 per cent, rice and bananas 2 per cent, evaporated milk, condensed milk, beef, lard, crisco, bread, flour and macaroni 1 per cent and coffee and tea, less than five-tenths of 1 per cent.

LOS ANGELES IS MENACED

Either Japanese or Mexican Mayor for City Visioned.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 21.—Los Angeles eventually will have either a Japanese or Mexican mayor if present agricultural conditions in southern California continue, Dr. Thomas F. Hunt, dean of the college of agriculture of the University of California, said in an address yesterday on alien land settlement at a meeting of the better-farming section of the better-community conference in session here.

Dean Hunt voiced his prediction in connection with the plea that the fertile land should be reserved for Americans.

ITALIAN REGIME UPHELD

Chamber of Deputies Votes Confidence in Government.

ROME, Dec. 21.—(Havas.)—The chamber of deputies today adopted an order of the day expressing confidence in the government.

The vote was 242 to 216. Premier Nitti, it is believed, will change several members of his cabinet to strengthen his position.

BURGLAR WANTS EX-WIFE

Seattle Offender to Waive Extradition Following Remarriage.

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TWO LANE ORANGES ELECT

Officers Chosen by Trent and Four Oaks Organizations.

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