THEY ARE TRYING TO MAKE GUNBOAT THINK HE IS A SCANDINAVIAN

Milaca, Minn., Family Named Eckblad Sees Picture of Fighter and Claim Him.

BRITAIN'S PUGILISM SADLY ON THE DECLINE

Boxing Has Not Languished but Somehow There Are No Winners.

By W. W. Naughton.

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—The manager of a champion pugilist has many annoyances to contend with, and Jim Buckley, who acts as guide, philosopher and maker of matches for Gunboat Smith, is not immune from irritating experiences, by any means.

One of the things which is disturbing Buckley's equanimity at present is the attempt on the part of certain well meaning, but misinformed, Minnesotans to make a Dane or Norwegian out of Jim's pet heavyweight.

It seems a number of the oldest settlers in Milaca, Minn., have decided that Gunboat is a member of an ancient family named Eckblad. They have seen Gunboat's picture in the paper, and they are not to be denied.

Sure He's the Guilty One.

They have heard that Gunboat has made affidavit that he is not the man they are after, but they look upon this as proof as strong as holy writ that he is really the guilty party.

They believe it is the proud and haughty Eckblad spirit with which they are so well acquainted that is keeping Gunboat from admitting that any of the ancient family could engage in anything so sordid and savage as boxing.

They are pestering Buckley with letters assuring him that it is not a case of mistaken identity, and urging him to bring the gunner to Milaca, so that the fatted calf may be killed and bonfires lighted on the headlands.

Used Pikes in Rebellion.

"Wouldn't that get your alpaca?" said Jim, flourishing the most recent communication received from the Milaca folks. "Why, Gunboat is not descended from the Norsemen, by a long shot. His ancestors usen't put to sea in them canoes with big figure heads. No, sir, they handled pikes in the Irish rebellion. Why, when this talk of Gunboat being a Norwegian, or whatever it is, first came up, I went to Philadelphia to look up the record of his birth. And there I found that Smith's father was an Irishman named Smyth, and his mother an Irish lady, named Mary Campbell. Gunboat himself was born in Philadelphia, so that those good natured, but misguided, folks in Minnesota are barking up the wrong tree."

Incidentally, Gunboat himself isn't perturbed in the slightest over the muddle. He considers it a good joke.

"He'll be different after I've taken him on a tour of Ireland, and have shown him the green hills where his forefathers dwelt," said Buckley. "Then he'll take pride in the fact that he's Irish, and will object to being called anything else."

Great Britain Going Back.

It's a ticklish subject to tackle, but, just the same, there is food for thought in the fact that Georges Carpentier, the best fighter in France, has defeated Bombadier Wells, the best fighter in England, for the second time.

It's a notably sad commentary on the pugilistic status of Great Britain, for the country referred to is the cradle of ring sport, whereas, it was but a few years ago when "Johnnie Crapaud" was believed to know nothing of jolts and uppercuts, with the exception of such as were delivered with the feet.

It certainly is not a case of—

"Ill fairs the land, to hastening ills a prey,
Where wealth accumulates and men decay."

For the wealth isn't evenly enough distributed in the tight little isle to cause energies to flag. No, sir, the pinch of necessity is sharp enough in England to keep the faculties keyed up in all lines of competition, and that's what renders the situation less easy to understand.

Advocate the Manly Art.

Neither can it be that boxing has languished through want of recognition and support, for England is one country where men in high places advocate the fostering of manly art, and where, in the army and navy, at any rate, Queensbury tourneys are held at stated intervals.

Whatever the cause of England's low rating as a pugilistic power at present, it seems as though it is a question on which "The Thunderer," or Daily Mail, might invite correspondence. We, for one, would like to see the subject threshed out by thinking men, who are on the ground.

In this connection a noted English authority said, not so long ago, that, what militated against latter day English pugilists was the fact that they were too academic in their motions of attack and defense, the argument being that they clung to old notions, and that what held good in boxing a quarter of a century ago was of no avail now.

Mace's Straight Left.

No less a personage than the notorious Jack Johnson once said:

"If Jem Mace were living today and battling up to his best standard, he would have his head knocked from his shoulders in a couple of rounds."

As the straight left was the best arrow in the Mace quiver, and as Packey McFarland and Jimmy Clabby, two exponents of the straight left, lead the successful boxers of today, it isn't easy to see that Johnson's argument was sound.

But what's the matter with British pugilists, anyway?

CORNELL ALUMNI AT WORK ON NEW STADIUM

Cornell university alumni are getting busy on the fund for the new stadium and expect to have that structure started as soon as possible to hold the big football games there next fall. It will be the University of Pennsylvania's year to go to Ithaca for the annual game and as Coach Albert Sharpe's eleven overcame the hoodoo by winning from the red and blue at Franklin field, Philadelphia, on Thanksgiving day, a big turn-out will no doubt occur when the Ithaca eleven tries to make it two straight victories, having the advantage of its home field.

Journal Want Ads bring results.

SPORTS OF ALL SORTS

Denver is to see its first roller polo contests this winter.

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Guthrie, Okla., has just dedicated its $75,000 municipally-owned medical bath house.

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Richmond amateur athletic federation is talking of erecting a $25,000 municipal club house.

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Massachusetts and also Michigan agricultural colleges are to have new athletic fields.

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Toledo Bowling association has been incorporated.

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Joe Horner Jr, the former Michigan university athlete, will go to Germany to assist Coach Alvan C. Kraenzlein in preparing the athletes of that country for the 1916 Olympic games, which will be held in Berlin.

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Toronto, Canada, parks committee will spend $19,000 on 32 free skating rinks and 28 hockey rinks in that city this winter. The city will operate checking booths at the rinks, from which, it is expected, $2000 will be received.

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Soon after the new year the major league baseball clubs will submit contracts for next season to their players, and it will be interesting to note how many of them will obey the reported edict of the Players Farternity not to sign until instructed to do so. The requests of the players will be considered by the National Commission, consisting of Governor Tener, president of the National league; Garry Herrmann, chairman, and Ban Johnson, of the American league, at its meeting in Cincinnati in January.

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During the past horse racing season just concluded in Ireland, 698 races were run, worth $338,775 and the number of horses that ran was 1239. The amount of stake money is the best on record for Ireland, the previous highest total having been $317,780.

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"Jimmy" Duffy, the crack Canadian distance runner, will go to Athens next year, to run in the Marathon, and hopes to emulate "Billy" Sherring, who won for Canada the 1906 Marathon in Greece. Duffy finished fifth in the Stockholm Marathon in 1912.

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In reply to a query, 123 out of 159 colleges replied that they required of freshmen physical exercise under proper instruction.

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The University of Pennsylvania won first blood for the Eastern Intercollegiate football championship by defeating Haverford college eleven by 2 goals to 0 at Philadelphia. The league includes Harvard, Columbia, Cornell and Yale.

BLIND STUDENT STARS IN AN INDOOR MEET

New York, N. Y., Dec. 20.—Jos. Harris, a blind student, furnished the sensation in the annual indoor games of the public schools of New York held today in Madison Square Garden. Despite his great handicap, Haris went through the trials and semi-finals for the sixty yard dash and only failed by a "nose" in winning a place in the finals.

For the purpose of guiding the blind youth, a string was stretched the entire length of the course and he ran with his side rubbing the string.

Skating Dates Fixed.

The dates for the international figure skating contests have been arranged as follows: World's championships, February 21-22, at Helsingfors. European championships February 8, at Vienna; ladies' and pair skating championships, February 24-25, at St. Moritz; world's speed championship, February 14-15, at Christiana; European speed championship, February 7-8, at Berlin.

Motor Boat Race July 22.

The Philadelphia to Baltimore motor boat race of the Delaware River Yacht Racing association is to be held on July 22, 1914. This is the date agreed upon for the start off the Camden Motor Boat club in the Delaware river and the finish will be off the Maryland Motorboat club on the Patapsco river, at Baltimore, about July 24.

REDMOND CLUB IS BEHIND THE GOVERNOR

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)

Salem, Or., Dec. 20.—The Redmond Commercial club has indorsed Governor West's plan for state and federal cooperation in taking over and completing the north canal unit of the Central Oregon Irrigation company's project in Crook county. W. S. Rodman, president of the club, wired the governor today, as follows:

"The Redmond Commercial club is with you in your plan of completing the north canal. The dispatch and character of the work on the Tumalo project to date is a good testimonial of what the state can do. Please command us if there is anything we can do to help this thing along."

ALBANY WINS CASE AFTER LONG DELAY

Albany, Or., Dec. 20.—After pending for over a year the city virtually won a suit today through a decision rendered by Judge Kelly in the case against W. H. McColderick and the Title Guaranty & Surety company, a Pennsylvania corporation which grew out of the granting of a gas franchise some time ago, and which was to collect $1000 for alleged failure to comply therewith. Some time ago the city interposed a demurrer to the first and second further and separate answers of the defendants. This Judge Kelly sustained today, and the case is virtually ended. It is understood that those concerned will accept the action on the demurrer.

Death Came Unexpectedly.

Lents, Or., Dec. 20.—The funeral of Charles Kirschenman, who died suddenly early Friday morning at his home, Ninth avenue and the car line, will be held at 2 p. m. Sunday from Odd Fellows' hall, under the auspices of the local Odd Fellows' lodge, of which he was a member. He was a carpenter, 30 years of age, and is survived by his parents and his brother, Will.

Tanner Rallies Well.

Olympia, Wash., Dec. 20.—Attorney General W. V. Tanner, who was operated on at noon for appendicitis, rallied rapidly from the anesthetic and was able to receive visits late this evening. Mr. Tanner was at his office yesterday morning and walked to the hospital for the operation.

Applies for Homestead.

Welches, Or., Dec. 20.—Mrs. Galbreth, of Seattle, has put in an application for a homestead near Rhododendron tavern, adjoining the property of H. S. Rowe.

Twenty inches of soft snow were reported Sunday near Government Camp.

LENTS WILL HAVE A NEW STRUCTURE TO COST ABOUT $9000

Frame Buildings Being Torn Down to Make Room; Oratorical Contest Held.

Lents, Or., Dec. 20.—Frame buildings on the northeast corner of Main street and the carline were razed today for the concrete building to be erected there for Mrs. Minnie Yeager, to cover four lots. It will cost $9000 and will be finished in March.

One portion of this building will be occupied by a new moving picture theatre, and the Multnomah State bank, a branch of the Scandinavian-American bank of Portland, will move into the new building. The bank will occupy 23 by 50 feet, which will treble its present floor space. The deposits of this bank are now at the highest point in its history.

Plans are being drawn for a concrete structure to be erected by J. Yott on 50 by 100 feet on the east side of Main street, near Foster road. This will adjoin the two story concrete store and office building to be erected on the northeast corner by Mrs. Hattie Yott.

The business people of Lents are expressing satisfaction over the macadamizing of Foster road and Main street, which was done this week.

Lents branch library will be closed Christmas eve and Christmas day.

The local postoffice will be kept open until 6 p. m. Christmas day.

Principal A. F. Hershner of Lents school has announced that the work in the night class in woodwork in the training shop, in which the class is restricted to 24 men and boys who meet three nights a week, will be followed by mechanical drawing.

The W. C. T. U. oratorical contest was held yesterday afternoon at the schoolhouse, preceding the Parent-Teacher association meeting under the joint auspices of the two organizations. After a chorus by room 14 and a concert recitation by room 13, the pupils declaimed as follows: "The Deadly Cigarette," Clevis Sines; "His First Cogar," Earl Page; "The Boys," Everett France; "Heroes Brave," Walter Christenson; "Be Careful What You Sow," Oliver Bohna; "Papa Does," Fred Smethurst; "Tobacco Man," Walter Stoner; "Two Boys and a Cigarette," LaRoy Letcher; "A Warning," Clyde Cox; "A Case of Charity," Winnifred Smith.

The Women of Woodcraft will hold a Christmas entertainment, with a tree, for their own members after their regular meeting in Odd Fellows' hall the evening of Friday, December 26.

Lents Adventist church today ended a special week of prayer, in which services were held nightly.

The stock in Grange hall has been sold, and the money has been invested in a mortgage.

Among the students returning home for the holidays will be J. Stanford Moore, son of Rev. and Mrs. W. Boyd Moore, who is at Willamette University.

N. Girling returned to his home on Second avenue near the carline yesterday after a six weeks' visit in his old home in Midvale, Idaho.

Funeral services for Miss Edith Dunbar, the 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dunbar, of Ninth avenue and Cummings street, who died Monday, were held Tuesday afternoon in Lents Friends church. The pastor, Rev. John Riley, officiated. Interment was in Mt. Scott cemetery. The cause of her death was heart trouble, following a severe attack of la grippe.

ARLETA SCHOOL WILL HAVE MILLINERY CLASS

Instruction to Start in Near Future; Illustrated Lectures on Civic Affairs.

Arleta, Or., Dec. 20.—Arleta school teachers continue to yearn for new worlds to conquer, and the latest wrinkle in practical education will be a spring millinery class. Women who may consider joining this class, which will start soon, may consult Miss Johnson or Mrs. E. M. Higgs.

Mrs. Higgs, who exhibited last Friday afternoon winter hats made by the millinery class in the night school, is considering starting an afternoon class the first part of the new year.

An enrollment of 278 has been recorded in the night school, which has been in existence two months. A new term will be started after New Years.

Miss Aileen Brong, a graduate of the Boston Conservatory of Music, who is instructor of the dramatic class at Arleta Social Center, will take the part of Iago in the Portland Shakespeare club's production of "Othello," January 5.

The course of lectures, illustrated with lantern slides, to start December 30 at Arleta will deal, among other things, with Portland's fire department, building permits, street cleaning, police system, etc. "Protection of Life and Property," one of Dr. W. F. Ogburn's lectures, will be illustrated by 50 slides.

Arleta branch library at Kern Park, will be closed Christmas eve and Christmas day.

Arleta Camp, 805, Woodmen of the World, will give a grand prize masque ball at the W. O. W. hall at Arleta December 25th.

Playgrounds will be the topic of discussion at the January meeting of Arleta Parent-Teacher association, and school gardening will be taken up at the February meeting.

Exercises at Laurelwood.

Laurelwood, Or., Dec. 20.—Laurelwood M. E. church, of which Rev. V. Willing is pastor, will hold Christmas exercises in the church Wednesday evening, with a tree. Instead of presents being given to the children, they will be expected to bring gifts to be given to the poor.

Lepper Lectures on Canal.

Woodmere, Or., Dec. 20.—At the meeting of Woodmere Parent-Teacher association at the schoolhouse last night, L. M. Lepper delivered a lecture on the Panama canal, illustrated with stereopticon views.

Meeting at Belrose.

Belrose, Or., Dec. 20.—The next meeting of the Neighborhood Improvement club here has been set for the night of Saturday, January 3.

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EXPECT CONTEST ON EAST FORK PROPOSAL

Eccles Interests See Danger to Their Dee Plant in New Plans.

Hood River, Or., Dec. 20.—That the attempt of the East Fork Irrigation district to appropriate 200 second feet of water from the east fork of Hood river in addition to the 61.6 second feet secured by assignment from the East Fork Irrigation company with which to irrigate the 12,320 acres within the newly organized district will be strenuously contested is now evident from the fact that the Mt. Hood Irrigation company claims a prior right by the appropriation of 25 second feet a short distance below where the new district proposes to divert the water, and the Oregon Lumber company claims a prior right to 350 second feet of water.

Charles T. Early, manager of the Eccles interests in the west, who resides at Hood River, where the company has an approximate investment of $750,000 in railroads, timber and milling plants, discussing the matter today said:

"An appropriation of water, such as we are advised the newly organized irrigation district contemplates, would mean, practically, the confiscation of our lumbering plant at Dee. Therefore, we will resist it as long as we can.

"When this irrigation district was first talked of, we offered to relinquish our prior claim to a reasonable amount of water provided the district would furnish us in return whatever power it secured through our relinquishment. However, this proposition of ours has been ignored. The purpose of this offer upon the part of my company was to aid the farmers in the proposed district, and we felt then as we do now, that it was more than fair, and was all that could reasonably be asked of us.

"As to what action our company will take on the present bond issue of $150,000 authorized by the irrigation district, the sale of which has been advertised and the proceeds of which, we understand, will be used in the purchase of the present system, I am not prepared to say at this time. The entire matter has been placed into the hands of our attorneys for such action as they deem necessary for the protection of our interests.

"Regardless of the water supply, I would consider the property of the district involved gilt edged security for the proposed loan. However, the bonds will probably not sell at par, and when it comes to distributing the water, providing the district secures it, over the entire district, will it not take a much larger bond issue than the present one to complete the work?

"If the district does not succeed in securing the additional water asked for, whether it be for 1000 or 3000 acres, it would seem that there would be great dissatisfaction in the matter of distribution, and the supply will be limited indeed when spread out over the 13,000 acres in the newly organized district.

"Our company is advised that its prior rights cannot be taken from it by this proposed appropriation of water by the irrigation district, and if it was possible to do so, have the people of the irrigation district considered the cost? Our loss would be exceedingly heavy in the adjudication of our rights."

It is estimated that the appropriation of this additional water by the irrigation district will affect property rights in the amount of approximately $1,150,000, as the Hydro-Electric plant and the Pacific Power & Light company's electric light and power plant are below the point of diversion.

State Engineer John H. Lewis made a lengthy report on the situation several months ago, stating that the appropriation sought by the new district might be of doubtful value in view of prior rights on the river and in that event an additional bond issue would be required to place the ditch in condition to afford a distribution of water to all whose land would be assessed for the payment of the $150,000 issue to be used in the purchase of the Bone plant, as this plant is capable of irrigating only about 3000 acres of the 13,000 acres that would be bonded.

LENTS CHURCHES TO HAVE SPECIAL MUSIC

Lents, Or., Dec. 20.—Special Christmas music will be provided in all Lents churches. A chorus of 30 voices, under the direction of Alvin K. Bradford, assisted by Mrs. E. W. Morrill at the piano, will render a Christmas cantata at the Evangelical church at 8 p. m. Sunday. The cantata, by E. L. Ashford, has for its theme Franz Gruber's Christmas carol, "Holy Night." Three numbers from other favorite cantatas are included. The soloists are Mrs. H. A. Goode, Miss Elsie Bright and Mrs. W. O. Ash, sopranos; Mrs. Hazel Mull, contralto; H. V. Retherford and J. S. Ash, tenors, and L. C. Bradford, N. G. Hedin, H. A. Goode and W. O. Ash, bassos.

The Christmas sermon at the Evangelical church will be delivered by the pastor, Rev. P. Conklin, at 11 a. m. Sunday. At 9:45 Sunday, Christmas exercises will be held for the primary department, whose members will bring gifts.

The annual Christmas musicale will be given by the choir at Lents Methodist church Sunday evening. A Christmas program, with a tree, will be given for the Sunday school Christmas eve. Rev. W. Boyd Moore is the pastor.

Friends' church, of which Rev. John Riley is pastor, will have its Christmas program, given by the primary department, Christmas night, with a tree. A chorus under the direction of Mr. Fox will render special music.

Sunday evening a chorus will sing special music at Lents Baptist church. Wednesday evening Christmas exercises will be held by the Sunday school. Rev. J. M. Nelson is the pastor of this church.

St. Peter's Roman Catholic church will hold masses at 6 and 8 o'clock Christmas day, and at high mass at 10:30 Peter's Christmas mass will be sung. There will be special decorations.

TWO CENT FARE IS M'EWEN MAN'S IDEA

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)

Salem, Or., Dec. 20.—Two cents a mile passenger fares on all steam and electric railroads in Oregon is to be the purpose of a measure John Edmiston of McEwen says he intends to initiate at the next election. He has written Secretary of State Olcott for information as to how to prepare the initiative petitions.

ST. JOHNS CITIZENS TO MEET TO RATIFY PARK SITE QUESTION

Mass Meeting to Be Held Monday; Tango Dance Reaches the City.

St. Johns, Or., Dec. 20.—The next step in the park site acquisition question will be a ratification mass meeting for all citizens to be held at 7:30 Monday evening at the city hall. Three questions will be voted upon at the meeting: Whether to ratify or reject the recommendation of the North St. Johns mass meeting that the Catlin tract be selected and the recommendation of the South St. Johns mass meeting that the Dr. Cook tract and the Caples tract be selected; whether or not these tracts shall be voted for, at a total cost of approximately $26,500, and whether each tract should be voted upon separately, or all three together, or whether there should be no park election at all.

Will Vote on Bonds.

At the recent First ward mass meeting, A. W. Davis stated that the Jaeger tract on Dawson street had been withdrawn as a possible park site. The Stearns-Allen tract, which lies above the drydock and has a splendid view of the river and Portland, was not recommended by either mass meeting.

The park bonds will probably be voted upon at the primary or general city election this coming year and a two-thirds vote will be necessary for the bonds to carry.

The Caples tract is on Dawson street, adjoining the ice plant, contains nearly three acres and it set at $10,000. The $6000 Dr. Cook tract of three acres is on Tyler street, east of the streetcar loop on Fessenden street. The Catlin tract is composed of two adjacent parcels of land, bounded by Willamette boulevard, Edison street and St. Johns avenue. One and one fourth acres owned by Mr. Markwart are held at $7500, and J. F. Gillmore, as agent, offers a tract of a little less than an acre for $3000.

The tango arrived in St. Johns last night, when a small dancing party imported a Portland teacher and practiced the new steps in Eagles' hall.

New style gas posts were installed on Jersey street today.

The basketball team of James John High school will play the Portland Trade school team here Tuesday at 8:15. The team will be picked from Bugbee, Baybrook, Thayer, Hiatt, Plaskett, Kreuger, West, Thurmond, Bellinger, McGregor, Lear, H. Smith and Wright.

Misses Maggie Dickie and Hazel Hall have been selected as the affirmative debating team; Misses Catherine Gensman and Lulu Day as the negative, and Homer Plaskett and Drott Larsen as alternates.

The Christmas vacation will extend from December 24 to January 4.

Bulletin Board Installed.

St. Johns library is considering remaining open between 5:30 and 7 p. m. if there is sufficient demand for the change. To insure quiet for reading and studying for adults children under 12, who are given particular attention in the afternoon, are requested not to come to the library in the evening unless accompanied by parents. A bulletin board has been installed for notices of local meetings and local items of interest.

Over fifty men are now employed on the dry dock. The dredge Chinook, recently cleaned and repainted, was the largest ship ever on the drydock here.

The topics for Sunday's sermons at the First Baptist church are "The Wise Men" in the morning and "The Guiding Star" in the evening.

General Compson W. R. C. held a dinner at their hall from 12 to 2 p. m. today. A Christmas gift sale was also held. The officers recently elected are: President, Minnie M. Murphy; senior vice president, Anna Starr; junior vice president, Anna Shelter; treasurer, Carrie Vanderburg; chaplain, Catherine A. Cheyne; conductor, Mary Simmons; guard, Sallie Nolan.

The Royal Neighbors recently elected officers as follows: Oracle, Mrs. Charles Sagert, re-elected; past oracle, Mrs. Maud Reed; vice oracle, Mrs. Addie Crow; chancellor, Mrs. Nellie Rice; recorder, Miss Vina Swan; receiver, Mrs. Ida Dickey; marshal, Mrs. E. Corbett; assistant marshal, Mrs. Viola Johnson; inner sentinel, Mrs. Elsie Garlick; outer sentinel, Mrs. Margaret Lewis; managers, Matthew Swan and Mrs. Anna Moore; musician, Miss Ida Fassett. Mrs. Charles Sagert, with Mrs Maud Reed as alternate, was named delegate to the state convention.

FUNERAL OF E. J. DAVIS HELD IN WOODMERE

Woodmere, Or., Dec. 20.—The funeral of Elgin James Davis, aged 64, who died suddenly Tuesday evening of apoplexy, was held from Lents Baptist church, the pastor, Rev. J. M. Nelson, officiating. Interment was in Multnomah cemetery. Davis was a native of Aylmer, Ont., and had resided here for seven years. Besides his widow, Portland relatives who survive him are: Mrs. F. C. Wilson, Jay H. Davis, Grace A. Davis, now in Little Falls, Wash.; and Daisy E. Davis, now in Chicago. Two sisters, Mrs. J. H. Smith and Mrs. M. J. Bidwell, reside in San Diego, and a brother, S. H. Davis, in Watertown, S. D.

DELIVERY TEAM RUNS AWAY IN FIRLAND

Firland, Or., Dec. 20.—Two horses attached to a delivery wagon of the Spring Valley Wine company laden with bottles, became frightened at Stewart's station this morning and ran away. They confined their flight to the car track and were stopped at Firland, without any damage having been done. Not even a bottle was broken.

Street mud, which was practically crushed rock, was put in as a basis for sidewalks along Foster Road in Hazelwild and Firland this week, and when covered with sand and gravel offered a satisfactory improvement for this section.

FAR FAMED PREVARICATOR IS DROWNED IN ARIZONA

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 20.—Joe Mulhattan, known through the entire southwest because of his aversion to the truth, was drowned at Kelvin, Arizona, according to statements received today. Mulhattan formerly traveled out of Louisville for a hardware house. In his spare moments he would think up the most weird and impossible tales and would give them out as facts. His reputation became so widespread in the southwest that when men wanted to show their disbelief in a story they would say: "That sounds like Joe Mulhattan."

PERSONAL MENTION

Weighing the mails only once every four years imposes a great hardship upon the rail carriers, according to Guy Adams of Chicago, mail traffic manager of the Union Pacific system, who is in Portland. Mr. Adams was appointed December 1 and is making his first trip into this territory. His prime object is to prepare for the quadrennial weighing of mails in this territory, which begins the first of February, continuing 105 days. "The way it pinches the railroads is that for four years, they must carry the mails, regardless of increasing volume, at the rate contracted for after the weighing season is over," said Mr. Adams. "The enormous growth of the parcel post will increase this hardship, because the increased weight of parcels authorized by the postoffice department, will not begin to show much in volume of business until after the weighing season is over. Then, for four years, regardless of what proportions this business assumes, we will have to be content with the contract price for hauling it as based on the results of this weighing."

Mr. Adams favors an annual weighing of mails in all the four mail districts of the country. This, he says, would result in a more equitable apportionment.

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Dr. M. Kirkpatrick of the Mallory hotel left Portland last night for an extended visit in the east and Europe. He will stop in Los Angeles, New Orleans, Washington, D. C., and New York, sailing from the last named city, January 8 for the Mediterranean on board the Cunard liner "Franconia." He will visit Algiers, Naples, Alexandria and Cairo before going to Vienna for several months' study and clinical work. Dr. Kirkpatrick has been a resident of Portland for some years.

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In keeping with his annual custom, J. W. Phillips, division commercial superintendent of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company left Portland last night for San Francisco, where he will spend the holidays with his mother, sister and brother. He plans to return to Portland after the first of the year.

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S. J. and F. W. Bersford, merchants of Salem, are guests at the Perkins.

D. R. Livengood, a business man of McMinnville, accompanied by Mrs. Livengood, is registered at the Multnomah.

Fletcher Holman of Salem, is a business visitor in the citl. He is stopping at the Imperial.

Jack Berkshire, proprietor of the Raymond hotel at Raymond, Wash., and his partner, Frank Ockenfels, are in Portland for the purpose of purchasing furniture for a new hotel which they will soon open at Raymond. They are at the Multnomah.

George V. Williams, prominent in business circles of Lincoln county, is registered at the Perkins from Newport.

John P. Kennedy of Eugene and Mrs. Kennedy, are guests at the Multnomah. Mr. Kennedy is engaged in the lumbering business.

Dr. E. J. Stewart of the Oregon Agricultural college, is registered at the Oregon.

J. M. Ayers, lumberman of Kelso, Wash., is in the city on a business trip. He is putting up at The Imperial.

S. Wallace and wife of Vancouver, B. C., are guests at the Oregon.

W. W. Catlin, an Alaskan mining man, is at the Multnomah. He registered from Venice, Cal.

W. F. Shaw and P. M. Church are guests at the Perkins. They are from Sheridan.

Dr. C. T. Norman of Goldendale, Wash., is stopping at the Imperial. He is accompanied by Mrs. Norman.

DENIES THAT PRIEST WAS SHOT IN HAND

Oregon City, Or., Dec. 20.—That the story published in a Portland morning paper to the effect that Father J. J. Conway, pastor of St. James Catholic church, at New Era, five miles south of here, had been shot in the hand by a man who entered his house early Friday morning, was entirely untrue, is vouched for by Dr. W. E. Hemstead. Dr. Hemstead says the wounds on the priest's hands could not have been made by a revolver bullet. Dr. Hemstead says the priest told him that his hand was cut when he accidentally put it through a pane of glass.

Sheriff Mass, too, denies the published statement that he had been notified of the shooting and that he was looking for the culprit.

The story is declared a "pipe dream."

NEWBERG FRUIT MEN WILL HAVE CANNERY

Newberg, Or., Dec. 20.—Addressed by President R. E. Strahorn of the P. E. & E., and other speakers, a mass meeting of about 600 fruitgrowers of Newberg and vicinity resolved itself this afternoon into a cooperative association for the handling and selling of fruit. It is planned to purchase the cannery abandoned by the California Fruit Packers' association, and ample assurance has been given of cooperation in supplying the plant and making it a success.

FOREST GROVE'S NEW BANK IS COMPLETED

Forest Grove, Or., Dec. 20.—The new First National Bank building, a model in every detail and appointment, is completed and will be given a housewarming about January 1. The bank quarters, finished in mahogany and onyx, with marble floors, will occupy the ground floor of the three story building. The rest of the space will be devoted to office purposes. The bank was organized 10 years ago, and President E. W. Haines is being congratulated on the growth of his institution and on its new home.

TWO NEW CONCERNS FILE THEIR ARTICLES

Articles of incorporation of the Minnesota Log & Lumber company, capitalized at $1,000,000, were filed yesterday with County Clerk Coffey by Andrew Porter, J. P. Porter and H. P. Dutton. Articles of the Northwestern Automatic Sprinkler company, capitalized at $10,000, were filed by W. Irving Spencer, W. F. McGill and H. E. McKenney.

Finds Cache of Loot.

Oregon City, Or., Dec. 20.—Quite a quantity of hidden plunder, supposed to be a cache of the person or persons guilty of the several burglaries around Oak Grove during the past few weeks, has been found in the woods near that place and Deputy Sheriff Miles is lying in wait for the return of the hobo who often camps near the spot where the stolen goods were found.

Accident Proved Fatal.

Pendleton, Or., Dec. 20.—Frank Hardman, whose back was broken by a fall from a scaffold at the Eastern Oregon State hospital Thursday, died this morning after an operation failed to relieve his condition.

BUSINESS ENCOURAGED BY NEGOTIATIONS OF TELEPHONE COMPANY

Attitude of Wilson Administration Seems to Be to Give Trusts Chance to Behave.

(By the International News Service.)

New York, Dec. 20.—Vice President N. C. Kingsbury of the American Telephone & Telegraph company, who conducted negotiations with the government for the settlement of the telephone-telegraph combination, believes President Wilson has now revealed his policy of dealing with the large corporations. The policy is to be one of negotiation.

"Of course, it is all right," Mr. Kingsbury said, referring to the president's action in settling the question without recourse to litigation, "And it is a thousand times more desirable from every standpoint—to settle all such matters in friendly fashion and between individuals. But—except in so far as it works out practically—any one conversant with the laws of the land knows that in no individual is vested the right to bind the government to any specific action.

"But this is of less significance in itself than is the fact now established that the administration has declared itself regarding its attitude toward big business generally.

Opportunity for Settlement.

"When the department of justice wants to find out whether any corporation is doing something it has no business to do, all that is going to happen is that the corporation will be invited to Washington to talk the matter over.

"If the corporation plays fair and shows a willingness to be decent—there you are. In a word, Attorney General McReynolds is imbued with the same spirit as animates the president. 'You behave decently and I shall behave decently', that's their attitude in a nutshell.

"I told the attorney general long ago that the American Telephone & Telegraph company would never do a bit more—by way of traveling in the straight and narrow path of business righteousness—after litigation than it was willing to do before litigation. I told him if we were doing wrong in any way we ourselves wanted to know it. And to know it, with us, would be to stop it.

Long Litigation Avoided.

"Fortunately for us, the matter did not end with the attorney general. The president became interested. He expressed approval of our attitude in the premises. And the result was even more fortunate than we could have hoped. Instead of being obliged to defend a lawsuit that would have cost us hundreds of thousands of dollars and endless months of time, we had merely to listen to the opinions of the department of justice, and having listened, to coincide with those opinions.

"Naturally there is nothing in the world to prevent the administration from prosecuting us next week. There is nothing to guarantee a continuance of this method of procedure by the authorities in Washington. In Great Britain such commitments are legal and binding on parliament forever. But here it is altogether a case of individual honesty of intent. And it is inconceivable that, during the presence in office of the present administration, any change in front will be made."

Commenting on the published reports of the action of the department of justice in its severance of the telephone and telegraph in this, Mr. Kingsbury expressed indignation that reference should have been made to a "dissolution of the telephone trust."

No Coercion Used.

"There never has been a merger," he said. "Therefore there cannot be a dissolution. And there has been no coercion. The department of justice has not ordered the American Telephone & Telegraph company to do anything."

"Would you say that the department of justice required your company to do something?" was asked.

"No, hardly 'required,'" Mr. Kingsbury replied. "I should put it that the attorney general and the president suggested the best course for us to follow." Of course," he added, smilingly, "it is only fair to add that within the velvet scabbard was the steel edged sword."

Approaching the question of the future administration of the Western Union Telegraph company, Mr. Kingsbury was most emphatic in his declaration that there would be no increase in price of service nor decrease in efficiency.

"I am sure there is nothing in our understanding with the government which prohibits our maintaining cooperative offices," added Mr. Kingsbury. "I expect wherever there is a joint telephone and telegraph office it will continue as heretofore. It is economical and efficient. I can see no reason for a change."

INTEREST PROMISED IN LIQUOR SELLING CASES

Roseburg, Or., Dec. 20.—It seems probable that the trial of S. E. Krohn, a Roseburg druggist, who recently was arrested charged with alleged violation of the local option law, will prove an interesting affair. It is charged that the prescription on which Krohn sold whiskey to Ale Smith was undated and had been changed to call for two quarts of whiskey instead of one as originally, and that the whiskey bottles did not bear the prescription label the law demands. The prescription books from Krohn's store and those from other drug stores have been examined and it is rumored that numerous similar laxities have been found to exist. The trial will be held in open court on December 29, and may bring forth some unlooked for surprises.

CONVICTS HELP AT EXECUTIVE MANSION

Olympia, Wash., Dec. 20.—Governor Lister made public today the fact that he had two honor convicts from the penitentiary doing housework for him. One of the men, a Hungarian, does the cooking, and a Japanese is house boy and waiter. Both are long termers. The men are given 40 cents a day and board. The servant problem was perplexing to the executive, women servants refusing to stay at the mansion because of the arduous work and its isolation. The convicts have been there two months and the governor states their conduct is good. They are not allowed to leave the grounds.

"Old-Timers" Beat "Regulars."

Pacific University, Forest Grove, Or., Dec. 20.—Pacific University Alumni basketball team won from the "regulars" tonight by a score of 21 to 17.