

## HARDING PUZZLES OVER FILLING OF LABOR PORTFOLIO

By George R. Holmes  
Washington, Jan. 6.—(U. N. S.)—Reports emanating from Marion that President-elect Harding is having considerable difficulty determining upon a secretary of labor have been received with great interest in labor circles in Washington.

While the "federation crowd," of which Samuel Gompers is the leader, realizes that it is in no way to great favor with the Harding administration, due to Gompers' open avowal of Governor Cox during the campaign, it nevertheless has in no way relaxed its militant watchfulness, nor has it decreased its insistence that the secretary of labor must be a man acceptable to organized labor.

While organized labor wants the new secretary to be a man from its own ranks, one who is a hard worker, nevertheless is willing to accept Herbert Hoover for the job if the new president sees fit to appoint him. It is entirely "acceptable" to labor.

Hoover recently held a conference with the executive committee of the Federation of Labor here. They describe him as "fair, open minded and properly sympathetic" toward the principles of organized labor.

Further, he is an advocate of collective bargaining, and labor is convinced that if Harding selects him to sit in the cabinet, labor will have a friend in our Labor advocates here generally incline to the belief that Harding will ultimately appoint Representative John I. Nolan of California to the post in order to create harmony all around. Nolan is close to Senator Hiram Johnson. It is reported in labor circles that Johnson has demanded a place for California in the cabinet and that Johnson distinctly regards Herbert Hoover as "unacceptable." Nolan is a union man, one of the few in the cabinet and in the International Molders' union.

## Woman Goes Insane On Seeing Man She Jilted 22 Years Ago

(By United News.)  
Kenosha, Wis., Jan. 6.—Driven insane by a sudden meeting with a sweetheart she had jilted 22 years ago, Mrs. Grace Dreyer, daughter of a prominent family here, was Wednesday taken to the state hospital for the insane at Oshkosh.

Twenty-two years ago Mrs. Dreyer, then Grace Standard, and Ben Ames, automobile salesman of Chicago, were close friends. While friends were expecting the announcement of their engagement, Miss Standard suddenly married Otto Dreyer, a Flint, Mich., merchant.

Dreyer died in July, 1919. Mrs. Dreyer returned to Kenosha and, Mrs. Dreyer, to act as a bridesmaid for Miss Edna Waldou.

Going to the home of the bride with Mrs. Dreyer, Mrs. Dreyer met Ames face to face for the first time in 22 years.

"Mrs. Dreyer was visibly affected," said Mrs. Ripley Wednesday. "She became slightly incoherent and began to ramble in her speech. I got her home as soon as I could, but she became so violent that my husband, Dr. Ripley, had to call Dr. G. P. Adams to assist him."

Mrs. Dreyer had never shown any sign of mental disorder before, it was stated.

## British Expert in Forestry to Speak

Gilbert Rogers of the British Indian forest service will be the speaker at the meeting of the North Pacific section of the Society of American Foresters tonight at the home of Assistant District Forester T. T. Munger. Several other members of the Indian forest service who have been several weeks in the Northwest studying forestry methods will be present.

## Death Overtakes Watchman in Night

Joseph N. Fry, 68, nightwatchman for J. K. Gill & Co., 28 1/2 Second street, was found dead in the building when employees opened the store for business this morning. Deputy Coroner Leo Goetche, who investigated the case, reported that death was due to natural causes. Fry has been in Portland for 30 years. He came originally from Dallas.

## Roseburg Ministers Labor on Tabernacle

Roseburg, Jan. 6.—All ministers of Roseburg donned their working clothes and, with saw and hammer, were on the job of erecting a big tabernacle here for the Bulgin Lewis revival meeting, which will open next week. At noon the 75 men working were served with a dinner at the Methodist church.

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## Portland Boys in Toils in Albany as Robbery Suspects

Albany, Jan. 6.—Elmer P. and Albert C. Abell, twin brothers, aged 21, and Harold and Nelson Sharp, brothers, 16 and 15 years old respectively, are being held here for (Clackamas county officials on the charge of robbing an Oregon City store at 4 o'clock Wednesday morning. The four men were arrested Wednesday night at the Southern Pacific depot here on suspicion of having entered a local residence. They were found in possession of 25 loose packages of cigarettes and of three cartons. Each pair of brothers accused the other pair of perpetrating the robbery, the local police say.

The Sharp boys give their residence as Portland, while the twins say they came west from Gardner, Kan.

## Burglars Frightened Away

Oregon City, Jan. 6.—Prowlers were frightened from the store of A. B. Buckles, Eleventh and Main streets, early Wednesday morning, when the store was closed. The burglars, hearing the store moving around below, and hastened downstairs. A few packages of cigarettes and cigars were found missing.

## Storms Halt Work On Irrigation Dam Near Grants Pass

Grants Pass, Or., Jan. 6.—The directors of the Grants Pass irrigation district announced Wednesday that construction work upon the \$500,000 irrigation dam being built across Rogue river would be suspended temporarily.

This action was taken on account of the incessant rains and the prospect of continued flooding of the river, so that work could proceed for any length of time without being hindered by high water, construction will be resumed. The engineers in charge of the building of the dam reported construction work had reached a point where danger of losing any of the permanent concrete work has passed. The stream, however, which has been held at the dam, will be put at canal building, and this part of the plans will be pushed through to completion as soon as possible.

Secretary Allen said that, despite delays, the farmers will receive water through the ditches as soon as the irrigation season opens.

Wednesday the water registered 10.1 feet at the Gold Ray dam—just one foot below the highest mark of the winter.

## Valuable Horse Is Lost in Slush of Ditch in Pasture

Weston, Or., Jan. 6.—E. E. Tucker, prominent Weston mountain farmer, lost under peculiar circumstances a beautiful bay horse, one of his driving team. The horse was in the pasture when a violent wind and snow storm swept over the mountain region. In endeavoring to reach the barn at evening for shelter, one of the horses broke through the crust of snow into a ditch filled with slush and slippery mud. The animal struggled to free himself, only to sink deeper into the slime and chilling water. When Tucker found the horse in the morning only its nose and a portion of the head were visible. Neighbors aided the owner in digging it out of the mud, but exposure brought on pneumonia which was fatal. Tucker valued the horse at \$250.

Weston citizens awoke New Year's morning to find water rushing down alleys and gutters and a thick coating of slimy mud upon walks and street crossings. A heavy rain during the night washed earth from a wheat field at the edge of town across lawns, garden plots and thoroughfares of the village.

## War Insurance for Massacred Victims' Relatives Asked

Washington, Jan. 6.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)—Representative Johnson of Washington today introduced a bill to pay war risk insurance to relatives of the four victims of the Centralia Armistice day massacre of 1919. Records show that three of them, Warren C. Grimm, Ernest Dale Hubbard and Ben Casagrande, held insurance policies, but had allowed them to lapse. No record of a policy for Arthur McElreath, the fourth victim, has been found, but Johnson decided to include him because of the confusion of the department records. Representative Volstead of Minnesota is presenting an identical bill, the parents of Hubbard being residents of his district.

The house appropriations subcommittee will grant a hearing tomorrow on the request of the agricultural department for a \$1,000,000 fund next year for a fire protection measure, it being strongly urged by the commercial and forestry organizations of Oregon and Washington.

## Soldier-Poet and His Affinity Live Happily in Mexico

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 6.—(U. N. S.)—Lee Shippey, Missouri soldier-poet, and Madeleine Babin, petite Parisienne, two figures in one of the war's greatest romances, are living happily in Montreux, Mexico. It became known here today. With them is Georges Shippey, their "love child," one of the war babies who left a trail of wrecked homes, broken hearts and shattered rainbows.

Mrs. Mary Woodson Shippey, wife of the poet, is still living in Kansas City, recovering from the nervous breakdown she suffered when first informed of her husband's war romance. When the Georgeette Babin, younger sister of Madeleine, who herself married an American, and Madame Babin, mother of Shippey's affinity.

## School Boy Missing; Sheriff Seeks Body

Albany, Or., Jan. 6.—Sheriff C. M. Kendall was called today to assist in the search for the body of a 16-year-old school boy, who has been missing since he started for school Tuesday morning. Because he left with nothing but his school books and had given no intimation that he had intended to run away, it is believed that he may have met with a fatal accident.

A search of the Southern Pacific tracks near Tangent failed to reveal a trace of the missing boy.

## PROPOSES CHANGE IN DRAINAGE LAW

Revision of the Oregon 'drainage' district laws to permit equalization of assessments and a more attractive method of financing was proposed in resolutions presented by Percy Cupper, state engineer, at the opening of the sixth annual meeting of the Oregon State Drainage association in the green room of the Chamber of Commerce at 11 o'clock this morning.

Interest in drainage work in the state is apparently keen, as 75 members of the association were present at the opening of the meeting. Over 50 drainage districts in the state were represented by delegates.

## SEEK BETTER WAY

Informal discussion of existing laws before the meeting convened brought forth the fact that a number of the delegates are interested in having the state drainage laws revised so that the circuit judge, instead of the county court, will be empowered to make assessments on drainage areas.

This is advocated to gain a better interpretation of the law and have less political influence. An attempt will also be made to devise better ways of financing drainage districts.

## DELEGATES WELCOMED

The meeting opened with an address of welcome by P. Hetherton, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, and a response was made by Thomas Filppen of the Multnomah drainage district. Reading of the minutes and a report of the secretary followed.

"The Operation of Oregon Drainage District Laws" was the subject of an address delivered by Percy A. Cupper, state engineer. Harry A. Kendall then delivered a short address on "The Elements Which Make the Drainage Bond Attractive to the Investor."

## MORE DRAINAGE NEEDED

Filppen declared that drainage was largely responsible for the 50 per cent increase in production in Multnomah county. Cupper informed the members that the certification and guarantee measures for drainage districts were available and that four districts were now taking advantage of the certification plan to the amount of \$30,000.

Copper discussed the Smith-Fletcher bill and said that more drainage was needed, as the bottom lands of the Columbia were particularly adaptable to drainage. A resolution committee composed of W. E. Wilson of Salem, chairman; T. A. Armstrong, Gaston; J. W. Cunningham, Portland; E. A. Geary, Klamath; A. A. Aya and J. W. Brewer, of Portland was appointed, and adopted a resolution urging appointment of a Western man for secretary of the interior on President Harding's cabinet.

The afternoon program included addresses by J. W. Brewer, George Mansfield, Phil Easterday, W. E. Wilson, J. T. Jardine and W. L. Flowers. A report of the resolution committee will be made this afternoon. A dinner at the Chamber of Commerce will conclude the sessions this evening.

## OREGON IRRIGATIONISTS TO MEET IN PORTLAND FRIDAY

Representatives of 62 projects, embracing an aggregate of more than 500,000 acres of agricultural land, will attend the tenth annual convention of the Oregon Irrigation congress in the green room of the Chamber of Commerce Friday and Saturday.

The convention will open at 9 a. m. Friday. Whitney L. Boise holds first place on the program with an address on the benefits of reclamation to Portland. Ben Morrow, chairman of the state land committee of the American Legion, will tell of the purposes of the Legion in cooperating with the irrigation congress.

Fred N. Wallace of Turmoil, president of the irrigation congress, will preside at the meeting and other prominent speakers on Friday's program are J. L. McAllister, assistant state engineer; E. Chandler, chief engineer of the Washington state reclamation board, and Commissioner Severson of the Idaho reclamation board.

## Wage Cut Rejected

Detroit, Jan. 6.—(U. N. S.)—By a vote of 1087 to four, the street car men's union today refused to accept the proposed 20 per cent decrease in wages.

## Progressive Men's Club Urges Singing Of Airs in Schools

Americanism in the public schools, symbolized by the opening and closing of the schools by the singing of the national airs, was adopted as a resolution to be placed before the civic clubs and school board of the city by the Progressive Business Men's club at its luncheon in the Crystal room of the Benson hotel this noon.

John A. Keating, president of the Lumbermen Trust company, delivered an address on "Credit."

Interim receipts were discussed and the proper use of them told as well as the different forms of abuse. "Americanism" at the opening and the "Star Spangled Banner" at the close of all schools was introduced by B. F. Boynton. The resolution was passed unanimously.

Judge Tansler sponsored a motion, that passed, giving the support of the club to the Community Club Benefit dance at The Auditorium and pledged the club to the sale of 400 tickets.

The report of the nominating committee headed by Eugene Brookings was read and adopted. Those nominated by the committee were: Dr. William F. Fiebig, president; William Layton, first vice-president; B. F. Boynton, second vice-president; Gerrard Effinger, treasurer; Byron J. Beattie, secretary, and a board of trustees consisting of D. C. Burntrager, Wilfred P. Jones, C. W. Hayhurst, T. H. Sherrard and O. H. Schwermann.

R. J. Huntington, district manager of the Otis Elevator company, acted as chairman for the luncheon.

## LINE OF S. P. TO COAST BLOCKED

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rising at Salem, it is indicating a fall at all other points. Without more heavy rain or a return of unusually warm weather the river will begin to fall slightly Friday and more steadily Saturday.

Snow storms hit Council Crest Wednesday but the snow melted before evening. During the night a light snow fell and the ground was white again this morning.

## LIGHTS AND TELEPHONES ARE LAID OUT AT NEWPORT

Newport, Or., Jan. 6.—As a result of Tuesday's and Wednesday's storms, Newport has been in darkness two nights. Electric light and telephone wires are badly tangled. Train service over the Yaquina branch of the S. P. was interrupted by two landslides, one near Summit, the other near Elk city. It is expected that mail will get through today by being transferred.

## FLOOD WATERS DROP SIX INCHES AT PARKPLACE

Oregon City, Jan. 6.—Residents in the vicinity of the Parkplace road reported that the water, which has kept auto traffic from the road for several days, dropped about six inches during Wednesday night. The water is still too high to permit automobile traffic, although machines have been hauled through by wagen. The river is at a standstill and expected to fall slightly during the day.

## Slides Block Tracks

Centralia, Wash., Jan. 6.—A mud slide near Castle Rock blocked the O-W. R. & N. line for two hours Tuesday night and a slide near Olympia caused the Northern Pacific to route its train to Aberdeen through Centralia and resulted in cancellation of the local Aberdeen train.

## River Work Is Halted

Ridgefield, Wash., Jan. 6.—Due to the high water logging operations and tie-clogging on the Lewis river near here have been practically halted.

## Water System Broken

Willamina, Or., Jan. 6.—A heavy slide a mile south of Willamina tore out the city water pipe lines Tuesday night.

## Air Record Broken

Salt Lake City, Jan. 6.—(U. N. S.)—Jack Knight broke the record for an air mail flight here today when he flew to Rock Springs, Wyo., a distance of 155 miles, in one hour.

## CORK LORD MAYOR IS GIVEN PAROLE

Washington, Jan. 6.—(U. P.)—Donald O'Callaghan, lord mayor of Cork, today was paroled by Secretary of Labor Wilson on his own recognizance pending decision of his case.

## Jail Inmate, Held As Federal Witness, Tries to Kill Self

Despondent over continued confinement in the county jail, where he has been held since September as a witness in a government case, C. B. Schultz, 35, attempted suicide this morning by cutting his throat with a razor. He was hurried to the county hospital, where it is said he might recover.

Twice a week prisoners at the county jail are given razors with which to shave. Schultz obtained one of these razors and cut his jugular vein. The flow of blood was stopped with the aid of ether, quick application of which saved his life, until he was taken to the hospital, where further emergency treatment was administered.

## Reprisal Is Urged On Britain in Oil

Washington, Jan. 6.—(U. P.)—American oil should be denied Great Britain until the United States is given an even share in Mesopotamia and other British oil fields, Senator McKellar, Tennessee, declared in the senate today. He urged passage of his bill cutting off American oil to any nation that maintains a policy of "closed door" to its oil fields.

## A. E. Reames' Law Library Damaged

Medford, Or., Jan. 6.—The \$1000 law library of A. E. Reames in his office on the fourth floor of the Liberty building was damaged by the fire in that structure Sunday. It is one of the best and most complete law libraries in the state and was heavily insured. H. H. Pomerooy, state fire marshal, is here making an investigation into the cause of the fire.

## Farmers Consider Agencies to Cut Out Profiteers

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 6.—(U. N. S.)—Establishment of central buying and selling agencies in St. Louis and Kansas City is under consideration by the Farmers' Equity union, which opened its tenth annual convention here this morning. The agencies would dispose of products of the member farmers to the consumer and buy from the factories supplies which farmers require, thus eliminating the "too many" profits and grafters, who, President C. O. Drayton of the union declared, "exist between the producer and the consumer."

The organization, composed of 546 local exchanges and representing 25,000 farmers in 14 states, now operates buying and selling agencies in Denver, Chicago, Aberdeen, S. D., and Lima, Ohio. President Drayton recommended changing the name of the organization to "Equity Union" and making it a "real consumers' union by eliminating all reference to class, calling or condition."

## Disturbed Sleeper Fined \$10 Because Of 'Bad Language'

"Blessed be the man who first invented sleep, but for him who interrupts it in the middle of the night." The rest of Charles Christensen's quotation, as censored, Christensen is the janitor at the Auditorium Court apartments. Sunday night at 11:30 he rose from his bed and protested vehemently against the laughter over a "500" game in the apartment of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Moody on the floor above.

Wednesday afternoon Judge Rossman heard the phrasing of Christensen's complaint and fined him \$10 for using that kind of language.

## Organization for Fire Protection in Gold Hill Formed

Gold Hill, Or., Jan. 6.—After having been without a fire department for about six years, Gold Hill has completed a fire protection organization. An informal banquet in the new city hall quarters officers were installed and practice work was laid out for 1921 intended to reduce what are considered excessive insurance rates.

New equipment, construction of a new fire station on the south side of the

## Husky Burglar Gets Away With 2 Copper Boilers

Two copper boilers were sent to the shop of F. S. Crynes, 711 Clinton street, by an old customer to be repaired. Wednesday night a burglar entered the place and passed up everything of value except the boilers. "Alas," said Crynes to Inspector Morak, "he killed two birds with one stone. My customer lost his boilers, and I have lost my customer."

## Ten-Day Shift for Upland Bird Season, Sportsmen's Desire

Sportsmen of Hood River county are seeking to have the season on upland birds shifted 10 days later than the season is at present along with other changes in the game laws for the Central Oregon district, according to P. N. Brown, chief deputy state game warden, who attended the annual meeting of the Hood River Game Protective association at Hood River Wednesday evening. Brown delivered a brief address at the meeting.

Consideration of proposed game legislation will be given at a meeting of the state fish and game commission in the Oregon building Saturday morning. This meeting will be followed by a joint meeting of the commercial and game commissions in the afternoon.

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