News Notes of Pendleton

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 26-27—Meeting of Oregon State Bee Keepers Association in annual convention.

Business Suspended Today

Business people generally have had two vacations on account of Christmas this year. They observed the day with the Christmas dinner yesterday, on Christmas Day, and today, business has been suspended in the main. The banks were closed, and the day has been observed as a holiday.

Hard on Rabbits.

This cold weather and the snow blanket which covers the earth are two elements, which taken as a combination, are making life a hard proposition for jack rabbits. The supply of strychnine has been almost exhausted but some is still on hands at the Bank of Stanfield and at the office of the Co-operative Hay Growers' association at Hermiston, according to Fred Bennion. William Hoskins who came in yesterday from Stanfield declares that rabbits are to be found by the ten thousands near the mouth of Stage Gulch. More pre-baiting is being done this year than ordinarily, due to the fact that alfalfa is cheap, and this is assisting in increasing the efficiency of the poisoning work. Bennion will spend next week in the west end of the county assisting in this work.

Boys Will Eat Ducks

The boys of the church and Bible school of the Christian church will eat roast duck Wednesday night at a feed which is being planned by the young men of the church. Charles Gerking is a committee of one to bring in the ducks, and he has been busy for several days on the river.

Yakima Sheriff Not Guilty.

E. F. B. Ridgway, state special agent, has returned from Yakima where he has been as a witness in the case of Sheriff Paul R. Taer, charged with extortion. The officer was freed of the charge by the jury which heard the testimony. There were two women on the jury. Albert Keyes was the complainant. He was arrested here in February of this year by Ridgway just after his arrival from Topenish, Wash., with 40 gallons of whiskey which was brought here in a car. With him on the trip were Bill Hart, Jimmie Osborn and two Indian women. Ridgway declares that the sheriff at Yakima is pushing the prosecuting of liquor violations but that the city officials of Yakima are not. The sheriff so far has refused to interfere with law enforcement within the city limits. As a result, according to Ridgway, bootleggers have moved into Yakima and are boldly operating in the city.

Waiter is Released.

Cleve Fortier, waiter, was released this morning from the city jail where he spent the night as the result of a "round house" in which he figured last night. Fortier is said to have been under the influence of the juice that brings forgetfulness. He was released under bail.

Baked Chicken for 13.

There were 13 prisoners in the county jail to spend Christmas. The menu was in keeping with the spirit of the day, baked chicken and baked apples with other appropriate trimmings being served.

They Had Turkey

There were just two prisoners left in the city jail to spend Christmas Day, and they received turkey with trimmin's. They were Bert Sweeney, held on a charge of selling drugs, and John Doe, held pending an investigation. Several old-timers were guests of Chief Jinks Taylor, but they promised him they would go to church and then spend the day with their families if he would release them. He did. They are not back in jail—yet.

Bootlegger Pays Fine.

Charlie Johnson was arrested Saturday by Deputy Sheriff Jake Marin on a charge of operating a still. His seat of operations was located in the sand hills south of the Umatilla river between Hermiston and Umatilla. Between eight and ten gallons of first-run whiskey was secured. Johnson was brought to jail after he had been fined $200 and costs by Justice of the Peace E. P. Dodd of Hermiston. His fine was paid last night by a friend and Johnson was released after having spent Christmas Day in jail.

WORK TO REPAIR DAMAGE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—(I. N. S.)—The San Francisco bay region, and as far east as Sacramento and south to San Jose set about repairing the damage caused by the hundred mile gale Sunday which took a toll of three lives and caused hundreds of thousands of dollars damage, and endangered the lives of hundreds of boats in the bay.

AUTO STICKS IN CEMENT.

ELYRIA, Ohio, Dec. 26.—(I. N. S.) Thinking he was driving onto a newly completed concrete road, George Spencer, of Grafton, put on the gas. The auto struck the recently laid cement. Spencer called on the police for aid to chop out the auto before the car set too tightly.

'PRAYING COLONELS' AND 'WILDCATS' CLASH

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 26.—(U. P.)—Center College, "praying Colonels" of Kentucky, and Arizona's Wildcats are prepared to battle in the San Diego stadium today in the first intersectional contest. Rain is falling. Center is favored to win. The game starts at 2:15 this afternoon. Thousands are here from out of town.

PACKERS' STRIKE CONTINUES

OMAHA, Dec. 26.—(A. P.)—The fourth week of the packing house strike opened today with disorders in which two men were shot and wounded. The police reported a picket wounded when a negro packing plant worker shot at him, following an argument and that the negro was wounded when fired upon by police officers from whom he was trying to escape. Neither men were seriously injured.

SUICIDE SUSPECTED IN CASE OF FLOYD BOOTH, SON OF COMMISSIONER

EUGENE, Dec. 26—(A. P.)—Floyd Booth, 35 years old, son of R. A. Booth, chairman of the highway commission, was found shot to death in the basement of his home this morning. The coroner said suicide. Booth was married and has four children. No reason for the act was given.

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