

ASK MERCHANTS TO HELP SOLVE COST PROBLEMS

MILLS WANT PRESENT STANDARDS KEPT

PRICE CUT FORESEEN

Drop Will Average One-Third, Say Business Men, Indicating Lower Wage Will Have Same Purchasing Power As Present Scale.

Asking for the cooperation and assistance of the merchants of Bend in doing their share toward maintaining the present standards of living here, T. A. McCann, manager of The Shevlin-Hixon Company, appeared before a meeting of the Merchants' association yesterday and explained the situation which necessitates a reduction in the wage scale at the local mills. Beginning Monday, he said, a new minimum scale will go into effect. The Bend mills have kept from making the change as long as possible, but now that it has come, the companies hope that the merchants will do their share, even at a loss on their old stocks, in passing on price reductions to their customers, who were made up so largely of mill employes. Manager H. K. Brooks of the Brooks-Scanlon company, who was present, said that Mr. McCann spoke for both companies.

The meeting was held in the council room at the fire station and was attended by representatives of many of the leading business houses.

Freight Rates Are Hardship.

In opening the meeting, Mr. McCann said that since September 1 the companies had operated under a severe handicap in the matter of freight rates, the percentage increases put into effect at that time having raised the rate to Chicago from 58 to 76 cents for local lumber, as compared with only a 10 per cent advance, or from 30 to 40 cents, in the case of southern pine. At the same time, wages in the South had been lowered to \$1.80 in Florida and \$3.20 in Texas for a 10-hour day.

In an effort to stimulate business, the Bend mills have reduced lumber prices from \$15 to \$25 per thousand, he continued, but with no appreciable effect on orders. The price reductions amount to an average of \$16 per thousand feet, while the wage reductions represent only \$1.50 per thousand in the cost of producing lumber. In order to meet competitive conditions, the change in the wage scale was necessary, but if the merchants would follow the companies' lead in reducing the price of their product, he believed that the present standard of living might be maintained with little difficulty. The one thing necessary was to let their goods go at present prices without reference to their cost.

Following Mr. McCann, Carl A. Johnson mentioned instances of complaints concerning service that had come to his attention, and Paul Homer, employment manager for Brooks-Scanlon, told of the complaints made to him that living costs in Bend were higher than in other Oregon towns. Carrying the idea further, Frank Anderson, Shevlin-Hixon employe, said that in his long and varied experience in all parts of the country, he had never anywhere else come into contact with the criticism and dissatisfaction he had found here over living costs. Prices which he found quoted in newspapers from many parts of the country, he charged, were much lower than Bend prices and, to give especial point to his statement, he read from an advertisement in a Roseburg newspaper of December 16 a long list of grocery prices offered there.

Reply Is Made.

Apparently interested more for the moment in replying to Mr. Anderson than in considering the matter suggested by Mr. McCann, the merchants who followed the former called attention to some of the differences between the Bend situation and that of Roseburg, which would go to account for conditions here. These included much higher freight rates and the fact that some of the articles mentioned were raised near Roseburg, and none of them here.

These facts were pointed to by J. O. Gibson of the Union grocery, while

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Cost Of Shirts Is Cut One-Half By Big Company

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin)
* CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—It will cost less in 1921 to give your best friend the shirt off your back. A prominent shirt company today announced a 50 per cent reduction in prices. *

GANGSTER GETS LONG SENTENCE

KRUVOVSKY MAY SERVE UP TO 50 YEARS FOR CRIME OF ASSAULT — PUGILIST UNMOVED AS PENALTY IS PRONOUNCED.

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin)
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—Ed Krivosky, prize fighter, was sentenced to a term of from one to 50 years in the state penitentiary today as the result of his conviction on a charge of assaulting Jessie Montgomery. Krivosky looked Judge Ward in the eye as he heard his sentence, while the gangster's wife nervously fingered her handkerchief.

IRISH PRESIDENT HOME ONCE MORE

Secretary In New York Says De Valera Has Landed, But Refuses To Give Location of Chief.

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin)
NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Eamonn De Valera, "president of the Irish republic," has returned to Ireland, his secretary, Harry Boland, today announced. He refused to say when or where De Valera landed. It is assumed that he went as a member of the crew of a liner.

MOOSEHEART LEGION INSTALLS OFFICERS

Ceremonies Conducted Under Direction of Mrs. H. H. DeArmond—Mrs. Marie Smith Head of Order

Installation of officers for 1921 was held last night by the Mooseheart Legion, under the supervision of Mrs. H. H. DeArmond, assisted by Mrs. George Sellars as grand guard and the 1920 officers of the order. Mrs. Marie Smith, as senior regent, is the new head of the Mooseheart Legion and other officers are as follows: Mrs. Ida Baker, past regent; Mrs. Jennie Holmes, junior regent; Mrs. Ella Oster, chaplain; Mrs. Taylor Rhodes, treasurer; Mrs. Rose Innis, recorder; Mrs. G. D. Taylor, guide; Mrs. Rose Ash, assistant guide; Mrs. John Haglin, sentinel; Mrs. Emily Trog, Argus; Mrs. R. D. Ketchum, organist.

Following the installation a social hour was enjoyed, with dancing and refreshments.

RELIEF FUND GROWS TO \$2664.61 IN COUNTY

\$474.61 Raised By Redmond Organization, And \$61 By Baptist Church of That City.

Deschutes county's contributions to the European relief fund stood at \$2664.61 today, when the Redmond committee telephoned that \$474.61 had been raised through the organization covering the north end of the county, and that \$61 had been secured by the Baptist church of Redmond. Contributions already reported in the Bend district were \$2129.

No reports have as yet been received from La Pine, where the quota was set at \$75.

PRESIDENT SIGNS HENDERSON BILL

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 31.—President Wilson signed today the Henderson mining bill, granting temporary relief to miners who have been unable to do the required work on their claims during the last year.

AUTO BANDITS ROB AND KILL

PAYROLL OF \$4,500 IS TAKEN

Officials of Manufacturing Company Stopped By Car Which Crashes Into Machine—Shots Are Fired Without Warning.

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin)
CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 31.—President Sly and Vice President Fanner of the Sly Manufacturing Co. were shot and killed by five automobile bandits on the open street here today. The bandits escaped with the company payroll of \$4500. The bandits used two automobiles for the hold up.

An Sly and Fanner were driving at fair speed toward their plant, another machine crashed into them. When Sly and Fanner clambered from the wrecked machine, another car drove up. The occupants of the car which caused the wreck demanded the names of the officials, blaming them for the wreck. Witnesses told the police that the bandits drew revolvers after a moment's parley and deliberately shot down Sly and Fanner without warning. Then they seized the money bag and sped away.

FIUME UNDER A NEW REGIME

LEGIONNAIRES TO BE WITHDRAWN SHORTLY, AND POET COMMANDER WILL LEAVE CITY AT THE SAME TIME.

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin)
ROME, Dec. 31.—A new government, supplanting that of Gabrielle d'Annunzio, is being organized in Fiume. A council, comprising the Signors Grossich, Gigante and Venturi, was put in charge. Legionnaires who composed d'Annunzio's military force, will be withdrawn shortly. It is semi-officially announced that the poet will leave the city at the same time.

ROBBER KILLED \$50,000 REGAINED

HOBART AUSTIN SHOT BY SHERIFF AFTER DAYLIGHT BANK ROBBERY NETTING FORTUNE IN LIBERTY BONDS.

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin)
SPRINGFIELD, Tenn., Dec. 31.—After a lone-handed daylight robbery of the Peoples bank here, which netted \$50,000 in Liberty bonds, Hobart Austin was killed by Sheriff Jett in a gun duel today. The bonds were recovered.

DOUBLE LOSS FELT BY BEND FAMILY

Eight Year Old Son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Williamson Dies Short Time After His Sister.

For the second time in little more than a week the family of Peter Williamson of Jefferson place has suffered a sad bereavement. Their 7-year-old daughter died suddenly Wednesday of last week after a sickness of only a few hours, and yesterday their oldest boy, Earl, 3 years old, died in the same sudden manner. Scarlet fever is stated to be the cause. Their third child is also ill at present and is reported to be very low. By reason of the nature of the disease, the family is quarantined and the neighbors who desire to be of service are unable to help. Funeral services for Earl were held this afternoon.

SPEED THE PARTING



BULLETIN TO OBSERVE NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY

New Year's will be observed as usual as a holiday by The Bulletin. There will be no issue of the daily tomorrow.

OHIO STATE IS NOW FAVORITE

EVEN MONEY WAGERED ON 7 POINT HANDICAP—SPECIAL REPORTS ON THE NEW YEAR'S GAME SECURED BY BULLETIN.

The Bulletin has made arrangements for returns on the California-Ohio State gridiron classic, which will be played at Pasadena tomorrow. The score will be received at 5 o'clock and may be had by calling The Bulletin office, or the Metropolitan, where returns will be posted.

PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 31.—On the eve of the great intersectional gridiron battle between Ohio State and California, considerable even money is being wagered that the Buck yes will triumph by at least seven points.

California adherents had been so confident of a western victory that for some time the odds were about 3 to 2 in favor of the Bears. Then the splendidly trained Ohioans appeared on the ground. Snap and fire exhibited by the easterners caused Pacific coast backers of the Berkeleyites to become more discreet.

Some California experts have doped the Bruins to win because of the class of their substitutes, but coaches and football experts in general seem to be of the opinion that the Berkeley eleven will be unable to pierce the powerful line of the Columbus aggregation.

Ohio's baffling last-minute offensive will be pitted against California's steady, dogged aggressiveness. Both elevens have relied much on the forward pass for the majority of their scores. Each is known to have spent much time perfecting an "anti-aircraft" defensive. That trick plays, novel formations and inside football will be given a whirl is certain.

FOREIGN TRADE VOLUME DROPS

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS BOTH LESS FOR NOVEMBER, BUT GAIN WAS SHOWN DURING FIRST 10 MONTHS OF YEAR.

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 31.—United States exports and imports decreased for November, 1920, compared with November, 1919, the department of commerce announced. However, both increased for the first 10 months of this year, compared with the similar period last year.

AUSTRALIA PLANNING HUGE WHEAT EXPORT

MELBOURNE, Australia, Dec. 31.—It is estimated by the Australian wheat board that 5,000,000 bushels of wheat will be available for export before the next harvest. The acreage under wheat this year is 11,552,000, which nearly constitutes a record, having been exceeded only once, in 1915-1916. The outlook for the coming crop is exceedingly favorable.

FOREST SPENDS MUCH ON ROADS

\$18,151.39 USED IN NEW CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE—RANGER LABOR AIDS MATERIALLY IN WORK.

A total of \$18,151.39 in new construction and maintenance was spent by the Deschutes National forest service on roads during the calendar year, Supervisor Plumb reported this morning. Of this amount, \$2223 went for maintenance, including \$1044.42 from maintenance road funds, \$1078.95 in the form of ranger labor, and \$100 from private cooperation.

On the Bend-Sparks lake road, \$9063.89, plus \$653 of county money, was expended; on the Newberry crater road, \$801.42, plus \$250 from the county, and on the Crane Prairie-Davis lake road, \$622.60 was used. In addition, there was ranger labor to the amount of \$763.88 on the Sparks lake road, \$309.59 on the Crane Prairie road, and \$1015.92 on the Newberry crater road.

BEND MAN HAS GOOD BACKING

T. A. McCANN, WILLIAM POLLMAN, FRANK INGELS, WILLIAM HANLEY, D. H. NELSON ENDORSED FOR HIGHWAY BOARD

SALEM, Dec. 31.—Endorsements of prominent Oregonians living east of the Cascades for the position of state highway commissioner, left vacant by the death of E. E. Kiddle, have flooded the office of the state executive during the last two days. The favorites for the post are T. A. McCann of Bend, William Pollman of Baker, Frank B. Ingels of Dufur, William Hanley of Burns and David H. Nelson of Pendleton. McCann, vice president and general manager of The Shevlin-Hixon Lumber Company at Bend, is strongly endorsed, and David H. Nelson of Pendleton has a number of supporters. Indorsements also have been received for William Hanley of Burns and Frank B. Ingels of Dufur. It is understood, however, that Hanley is working for McCann.

SPECIAL SESSION OF COURT UNNECESSARY

All cases set for January 3 in the Deschutes county circuit court have been disposed of for the present and it will be unnecessary for jurors to report on that date, County Clerk J. H. Haner announced today.

GERMANS MUST YIELD WEAPONS ASSERT FRENCH

SHOULD COME BEFORE NAVAL HOLIDAY

U. S. HELP SUGGESTED

Gradual Disarmament To Be Policy of Harding—Naval Situation Is Considered Key To Question of World Wide Peace.

By Henry Wood. (United Press Staff Correspondent.)

PARIS, Dec. 31.—France will be glad to join in an international conference on disarmament "when German pockets have been emptied of concealed weapons," the French foreign office today told the United Press. A high official declared that France secretly had begun partial disarmament, but developments in Germany have made it impossible to proceed with that program.

"If the United States will join in forcing Germany to empty her pockets of concealed pistols, France will be delighted to join in a general disarmament scheme," he said.

GRADUAL DISARMAMENT

MARION, Dec. 31.—Steps toward gradual disarmament will be taken by President-elect Harding early in his administration, according to authoritative information here.

MOVEMENT SPREADING

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The movement for limitation of naval construction is spreading so fast throughout the world as to make it a more immediately effective instrument for world peace than the League of Nations. America controls the world's naval situation. Whatever the United States says, will be done.

America alone has financial resources sufficient for an indefinite expansion of warship construction. If America is willing to declare a naval holiday, other powers will eagerly seize the opportunity to cut down their own expenditures.

FIGHTING SPIRIT WILL RULE CUBS

Every Hut Must Be Run Out, Is Declaration of Johnny Evers, New Manager of Club.

By Henry L. Farrell. (United Press Staff Correspondent.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—"Every Cub on my club must run out every hit,"—Johnny Evers.

Sounds like a peculiar policy, for a major league manager, but there's a lot back of it.

It's not the physical exertion required in dashing to first at top speed on an almost sure out that counts so much as the spirit behind it.

"Spirit is half the assets of a winning ball club," John A. Heydler, president of the National league, said recently.

"Nine of the best players in the country might fail to produce a winning ball club, if the spirit wasn't there. A club of less capable players with the spirit to dash down on every hit, to run after seemingly impossible fielding chances will get the results."

"Look at the world's series last fall. Spirit made Cleveland win. After a discouraging start, the Indians kept it, taking advantage of every break and taking every chance. Brooklyn's spirit was not the same when things were breaking wrong." Evers, the new manager of the Cubs, one of the most fiery players of his day, has similar ideas on spirit.

COBB WRITES OF CENTRAL OREGON

The first of the magazine articles on Central Oregon, for which Irvin S. Cobb gathered material during his recent visit to Bend, appeared in this week's issue of the Saturday Evening Post. The writer refers specifically to his quest for the lava bear, and to East lake, Crater lake and the headwaters of the Metolius in his descriptive narrative.