

NEW OFFICIALS TAKE OFFICE

LINEN MILL TO BUILD IN NORTH SALEM

Deal Practically Closed For Eight and One Half Acres On Fairgrounds Road By Company.

Location of the proposed new twine and linen manufacturing plant headed by B. C. Miles and to be operated by local citizens has been decided on by the virtual closing of a deal for the purchase of eight and one-half acres of land on the Fairgrounds road directly across the Pacific Highway from the Upjohn gladiolus gardens. Consideration for the purchase is not given out. While all of the deeds have not been signed, definite arrangements have been completed relative to the deal and deeds will be signed as soon as the abstracts are approved. It is understood there are no legal tangles whatsoever in connection with the abstracts so nothing stands in the way of consummation of the purchase but legal formalities.

The property is being purchased by the new company from Peter Phillips, who has about four acres at 2199 Fairgrounds road, from Mrs. Ruth Dennison, who has about the same amount directly south of the Phillips property, and the balance from Harley O. White. The directors have not decided exactly as to just where the first building will be erected on the property, or just what will be the first move toward construction. These are details waiting on the ground plan which will be re-

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TRIO OF OUTLAWS SHOOT ONE IN KLAMATH HOLDUP

Klamath Falls, Ore., Jan. 5.—Police and sheriff's officers were without clues of any description today which might aid them in apprehending the trio of outlaws who early yesterday morning shot and killed Oscar Erickson, transient laborer in a \$400 holdup of a card game in the Scandinavian hall here.

Sheriff L. L. Low retired from office at midnight last night and he and his deputies devoted most of yesterday to straightening up their office affairs instead of prosecuting a vigorous manhunt.

Practically the same condition will be true of the police department where Police Chief George Humphreys and all patrolmen retire today. Humphreys admitted that he had devoted but a short time to the investigation.

Belief prevails here that the robbery and murder were committed by local men by reason of their knowledge of conditions in the supposedly secret card room, which was not under city license. It is also thought that the outlaws took advantage of the fact that the sheriff and police officials were retiring from office and timed the robbery with that in mind, knowing that the investigation would be less vigorous than ordinarily.

The inquest, which originally was scheduled for late yesterday afternoon, was postponed until this afternoon.

STERLING TOPS POST-WAR MARK

New York, Jan. 5.—Sterling exchange today reached its highest post-war price, the demand rate mounting to \$4.76 1/2, within 10 cents of parity.

The rise was a reflection of an early advance in London, an increased interest in the talk of an early restoration of sterling to a gold basis.

RAILROADS MEET TO PLAN EXTENSIONS

Expansion of Lumber Industry in Klamath Region Brings Conference On Construction.

Portland, Jan. 5.—Expansion of the lumber producing industry of the Klamath Falls region is back of the desire of the Northern railroads to extend a line from Bend to Klamath Falls, according to railroad officials today in discussing the announced plan for a conference at San Francisco Wednesday of executive chiefs, attorneys and engineers of the Great Northern, Union Pacific and Northern Pacific systems with Southern Pacific officials. At the conference, it was said, progress may be made in negotiations proposed by the northern lines toward carrying through their projected joint extension from Bend to Klamath Falls as part of the plan to provide central Oregon with railway facilities.

The northern lines have sought this conference, the Southern Pacific remaining in the position of yielding concessions.

The fact that the San Francisco conference will precede the date, January 17, for the railroads to submit their exceptions to the report of H. L. Kephart, examiner of the interstate commerce commission, recommending that the railroads now touching the borders of central Oregon be required to build jointly and east to west and also to connect Klamath Falls with Klamath Falls and Lakeview, affords some slight hope that the interested lines may get together in providing the proposed construction with out compulsion from the federal commission.

As an alternative route between Bend and Klamath Falls the Northern Pacific-Great Northern has a line located via the eastern edge of the Klamath county pine timber belt. The Eugene-Klamath Falls cutoff skirts the western edge of this great timber zone. To reach Klamath Falls from Bend by the easterly edge of the timber waiting to be cut into lumber would put the northern lines within easier striking distance to Lakeview. From Lakeview to San Francisco the northern lines would have to cross the Klamath county pine timber belt. The Eugene-Klamath Falls cutoff skirts the western edge of this great timber zone. To reach Klamath Falls from Bend by the easterly edge of the timber waiting to be cut into lumber would put the northern lines within easier striking distance to Lakeview.

In railway circles it is known that the Northern lines desire to go ahead with a long-deferred plan to invade California. Oregon lumber traffic is the chief attraction to them.

New Noses In Demand

Hollywood, Cal., Jan. 5.—Hollywood's demand for new noses has increased at such a pace that a new hospital specializing in plastic surgery will be erected here within a few months, according to plans made public today by the surgeon-promoters, one of whom "did" Jack Dempsey's nose last year while the champion heavyweight was acting in the movies.

Amateur Cracksmen Batter Up Safe but Fail to Secure Loot

Apparently the work of amateur feggmen, the same who have been attempting to get something here from empty safes on a number of occasions during the past few months, the Cherry City Milling company was again broken into last night and the safe badly battered and hammered but not opened. The would-be feggmen broke the nose off the safe, bent down the handle to the front door and broke the hinges.

Entrance was gained to the mill by prying the bolts off the back door. A few months ago the safe in the mill was attacked at the same time that a safe in the W. W. Rosebraugh property was made the objective of the feggmen and an effort was made to rob the Oregon Sand & Gravel company's safe. Also on the same night a safe in the Traglo warehouse was broken open by use of a sledgehammer but

Harlan F. Stone, Attorney General, Succeeds McKenna

Washington, Jan. 5.—Harlan F. Stone, attorney general, was appointed by President Coolidge today to succeed Joseph McKenna on the United States supreme court. The nomination of Attorney General Stone to succeed Justice McKenna, whose resignation had been announced earlier in the day was sent to the senate just before that body adjourned.

McKenna Quits Supreme Court After 30 Years

Washington, Jan. 5.—The resignation of Associate Justice Joseph McKenna was announced today from the bench of the supreme court. By virtue of the upward of 30 years' service on the supreme bench, Justice McKenna is the ranking associate justice of the court. He retires because of his advanced age.

SOIL SURVEY PROMISED FOR COUNTY SOON

Marion county ranks second in Oregon with regard to valuation of farm property, and first with regard to valuation of farm buildings, according to statement made this noon by W. L. Powers, soil professor at the Oregon Agricultural college, who spoke before the Salem chamber of commerce. Marion county farm land has an average valuation of \$107 an acre, said Professor Powers, and is led only by the Hood River district.

Approximately 80 per cent of the Willamette valley has been completely surveyed with regard to quality of soil, the work being under the direction of the state college authorities. All of Marion county and part of Lane county still remain to be surveyed, Professor Powers said.

Soil survey such as the college is carrying on has a definite practical value, in that it enables the farmer to know what crops to sow and what not to sow, said Professor Powers in explaining the activities of his department. The result, he said, is to stabilize agriculture and prevent waste.

In explaining the extensive analysis that the college carries on, he stated that the main problem confronting the farmers of Oregon is to maintain the productivity of the soil in the face of increasing population. Acreage cannot be increased, he stated. The only solution is to increase the productivity of the same acreage, using the poorest for pasture or timber lands. Many parts of the Willamette valley have already been under cultivation for as long as 65 years.

Marion county will be surveyed in the near future, the professor indicated.

FIRST WOMAN TAKES OFFICE AS GOVERNOR

Mrs. Nellie Ross Sworn In As Successor To Dead Husband In Wyoming; Will Carry On.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Jan. 5.—(By Associated Press)—Dedicating her efforts to the state and "relying upon divine help for strength and guidance," Mrs. Nellie Taylor Ross at noon today, was sworn into office as governor of Wyoming and became the first woman executive of any commonwealth in the United States.

In an atmosphere that was hushed and reverent to the memory of the newly elected governor's late husband, Governor William E. Ross, Chief Justice Potter of the Wyoming state supreme court, quietly administered the oath of office. The ceremony opened with an invocation by Bishop Thomas of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Wyoming. An audience that taxed the capacity of the senate chamber was strangely silent and undemonstrative as Mrs. Ross spoke. There was an occasional furtive tear and choked sob from those who recalled the tragic circumstances that resulted in Mrs. Ross' elevation to the office. Mrs. Ross' address was preceded by a short speech by Acting Governor Lucas.

The first woman governor's statement was short and simple, entirely in keeping with the atmosphere of the ceremonies, as was the widow's attire that she wore as she was escorted into the chamber by state officials and close personal friends.

In a low, clear voice, Mrs. Ross (Continued on Page Seven)

EUGENE HOTEL ROBBED OF \$45

Eugene, Or., Jan. 5.—A masked man entered the Smead hotel here at 3:15 o'clock this morning, held up Charles Mayhew, night clerk, at the point of a revolver and escaped with \$45 which he took from the cash register of the hotel.

While the robber was busy getting through the cash register, the night clerk made a break for the front door. He crashed into the cigar case on his way out, but gained the street without further mishap. He shouted "hold-up!" but could not locate the night patrolman.

In the meantime the masked man attempted to escape through the rear entrance of the hotel, but found the door locked. He then returned to the front, again covered the clerk with his revolver and disappeared down the street.

Mr. Mayhew described the robber as 5 feet 11 inches tall, wearing a tattered cap pulled down over his face, with holes cut in to see through. He wore a soiled yellow slicker coat. Mr. Mayhew is convinced that he has met the man, as the voice sounded very familiar, he said.

DAUGHTER BORN TO IRENE CASTLE

Chicago, Jan. 5.—Irene Castle McLaughlin late last night became the mother of a seven pound daughter.

Mrs. McLaughlin, first married to Vernon Castle, the dancer, and then to Captain Robert Tremaine of Troy, N. Y., was married to Major Frederick McLaughlin of Chicago November 25, 1923. At that time she announced she had abandoned her stage and motion picture career and therefore would devote herself to her home.

The McLaughlins toured the Orient on their honeymoon, and since have spent the greater part of the time in Chicago, where Major McLaughlin is a wholesale coffee dealer.

Pierce Absent as Board of Control Begins Its Regime

The absence of Governor Pierce, who is visiting his ranch in Union county, sort of took the edge off of state governmental changes today, when the state shifts from democratic to republican control. This is the regular date for a meeting of the state board of control on which T. B. Kay, the new state treasurer, succeeds Jefferson Myers. Since the governor is not here the meeting may not be held. However, Secretary of State Kozar and Treasurer Kay, as a majority of the board, have authority of law to go ahead and meet to transact state business. Whether they will meet some time today has not been decided.

It is not likely that the first meeting of the new board will be startling. It is virtually certain that Carl Abrams will remain as secretary for some time, and the position is not likely to be mentioned at the first meeting. It is not probable that immediate changes will be made in any state institutions.

No radical changes in the personnel of the treasurer's office were made by Mr. Kay today. George Griffith of Salem went in as deputy treasurer to succeed John Bryant of Albany. Miss Grace Gilliam of Pilot Rock, Umatilla county, and for five years treasurer of that county, will receive a position in the department, probably as cashier, where she would succeed Clarence Thompson. Alexander Hamilton of Portland, who was appointed by the late treasurer, O. P. Hoff, and who was retained by Myers, will also be retained by Kay as bookkeeper. (Continued on Page Seven)

LABOR LOOKS TO NEXT CONGRESS TO BE FRIENDLY

St. Petersburg, Fla., Jan. 5.—Contrary to general belief, the American Federation of Labor's political activity during the late presidential campaign resulted in greater prospects for legislation favorable to labor from the next congress than has been received from the present body, according to Frank Morrison, national secretary of the organization.

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The federation is now waging through the state bodies of the affiliation orders an intensive campaign for the ratification of the child labor enabling act, Mr. Morrison said.

FORBES ELECTED AS SECRETARY

Don F. Forbes, who for several years has been a reporter for the public service commission, was today, at the reorganization of the commission, elected secretary. It was said the election was temporary.

Forbes succeeds Edward Ostrander, who today succeeded Newton McCoy as a member of the commission. Ostrander was elected in November, to represent the western division of the state on the commission. McCoy was elected in a recall election several years ago.

CHANGES IN PERSONNEL OF COMMITTEES

Mayor Giesy Announces Appointments For New Administration — Two Resignations Tonight.

Several important changes in the personnel of committees of the Salem city council have been made by Mayor John B. Giesy, for his new administration which begins today.

A list of the committee announced by the mayor today is in some respects tentative because of the probability that two members of the council will resign tonight. These are C. Van Patten and A. F. Marcus, who probably will be succeeded, respectively, by Damon Fleener and Paul V. Johnson. If these resignations and elections take place at the meeting tonight, the mayor says re-adjustment of the committee will not be simply a substitution of the new members on the committee places where he has named the present members.

The health and police committee, one of the most important, is entirely new, according to the mayor's list. Marcus is named chairman, but if he resigns a change will be necessary.

B. B. Herrick succeeds George Thompson as chairman of the sewer committee, though Thompson remains on the committee.

George Wenderoth remains chairman of the street committee, and Herrick retains his place on the committee.

L. J. Simeral remains as chairman of the ways and means committee, while Purvine and Rosebraugh succeed Dancy and Patton.

The list of committees as announced by the mayor is as follows: (Continued on Page Seven)

WOMAN SHOT BY SENTRY AT FORT

San Diego, Cal., Jan. 5.—Mrs. Charles M. Rockwell was shot in the back and probably fatally wounded yesterday afternoon by Private Sterrett, sentry at Fort Rosecrans here. A two-year-old baby held in Mrs. Rockwell's arms at the time escaped injury.

The bullet, which lodged in Mrs. Rockwell's right lung, has not been removed, but an operation will be performed when she is transferred from the fort hospital to a San Diego hospital this morning.

Sterrett is said to have fired in an effort to halt the automobile in which Mrs. Rockwell was riding. He was placed under arrest and held awaiting a court martial trial.

Mrs. George S. Cook, who was driving the car, climbed down at the reservation gate and when Sterrett walked across the road in front of the machine and nodded, she thought he was signalling for her to go ahead. As the machine sped away Sterrett called three times to the party to stay, he said. When the driver failed to obey his commands he fired. The bullet glanced into the automobile 150 feet distant.

FEW CHANGES IN OFFICIALS AT COURT HOUSE

Roadmaster Culver, Inspector Van Trump and Mrs. White Retain Positions; Terms Begin.

Roadmaster W. J. Culver, Juvenile Officer Mrs. Nona White and County Horticultural Inspector S. H. van Trump, are all county appointive officers who will retain their positions under the administration which was formally inducted into office today. While Van Trump is appointed by the state board of horticulture subject to ratification by the court, appointment and ratification both will be made it was learned today.

The court also re-appointed Dr. W. H. Byrd as county physician, Dr. C. E. Cashatt as county health officer and Dr. W. G. Moorehouse as county veterinarian.

Other county elective and appointive officers who have filed their oaths of office qualifying for new terms are as follows: County judge, J. T. Hunt.

County commissioner, John H. Porter. County clerk, U. G. Boyer; deputy county clerks, A. A. Arme, A. P. Tasto, C. F. Eschwig, Ruth E. Wallace, Lila K. Clark.

Sheriff, O. D. Bower; deputy sheriffs, F. T. Wrightman, S. J. Butler, Roy Bremser, S. O. Burkhardt, J. W. Lewis and B. R. Smith. Assessor, Oscar Steelhammer; deputy assessors, A. A. Lee, R. Shelton.

County treasurer, D. G. Drager; deputy treasurer, W. Y. Richardson. County school superintendent, Mary N. Fulkerson.

County trustee officer, Cora E. Reid. County surveyor, B. B. Herriek. County coroner, Lloyd Rigdon; deputy coroner, Dale J. Taylor.

County recorder, Mildred Robertson Brooks; deputy county recorders, Helen E. Crawford, Eva Crannell, Lila K. Clark.

F. O. Johnson and H. S. Swart also were sworn in as deputy county roadmasters.

STATE CHAMBER WILL ASK \$50,000 OF LEGISLATURE

Already endorsed by a majority of chambers of commerce throughout the state, a measure to be presented at the coming session of the legislature by Representative Andrew M. Collier of Klamath Falls, asking for an appropriation of \$50,000 a year for two years to assist the state chamber of commerce in its work of exploiting Oregon.

Under the provisions of the bill the expenditure of the money will be directed by a board of five consisting of the three members of the state board of control and two to be named by the state chamber. In this manner the state will at all times retain supervision of the disbursement of the funds allowed.

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CUPID AHEAD IN RACE WITH DIVORCE

In the race of Cupid against cupidly in Marion county Cupid is still a few laps in the lead as shown by the marriage records. During 1924 there were 420 marriage licenses issued as against 107 divorce suits filed. The divorce suits filed just lack eight of being 25 per cent of the number of marriage licenses issued. September brides are in the lead for 1924 with 52 compared to 37 for June, the usual month of brides and roses.

Divorce suits filed reached their apex in the second quarter from March to July when there were 43 compared to 24 in the first quarter. 17 in the second and 23 in the last quarter ending December 31.

Mills Proposes Plan To Revive Convention System in Oregon

Falling into a pre-session situation already charged to excess with expensive possibilities that expire 40 striking days and nights of legislative excitement when the legislators gather here next Monday for the semi-annual battle, alleged friends of Oregon's direct primary system have dropped a bomb that promises to ignite the whole arsenal and bring forth such a display of legislative fireworks as has never before been exploded under the dome of the capitol.

With A. L. Mills of Portland, president of the Direct Primary league which gave the state its present law, put forward as the author of the plan, it is now proposed to ask the legislature to refer to the people by resolution a constitutional amendment which would once more inject the convention system into Oregon politics. In summary the plan contemplates the following:

Retention of the principal features of the present primary law, with the added proviso that a candidate to receive the nomination of his party must receive at least 40 per cent of the vote cast for the nomination he seeks. Creation of post-primary county and state conventions to nominate where no candidate received the required 40 per cent vote. Candidates in primary may be candidates before convention by filing proper notice, but the convention must be held.