

AMERICA SHALL NOT BE UMPIRE STATE SENATORS

JOHNSON AND MOSES DISAPPROVE BORAH'S PROPOSED CONFERENCE

FEAR IS EXPRESSED REGARDING MEETING

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Johnson said: "It will embroil us in European controversies and make America a part of the European system."

Moses said, "for America to sit in the European game means it would have to act as umpire between England and Belgium on one side and France and Italy on the other in a reparations muddle. Our national game demonstrates the comfortable position the umpire occupies. I have no desire to see Uncle Sam 'beamed' by a pop bottle thrown from European bleachers."

MANY HAVE NO LIGHTS DUE TO SHORT CIRCUIT

For more than three hours Thursday night, four men of the city electrician's department were kept busy between 6 o'clock and 9 o'clock, in an effort to locate a short circuit that caused six blocks to be without lights. All outside terminals and leads into residences were tested.

Fuses at the terminals were placed, only to be "blown" immediately. After innumerable attempts to locate the trouble, one fuse was finally inserted and no further trouble occurred. The supposition is that a short circuit occurred on an inside lead in one of the residences or business houses in the district affected, as all outside wiring was carefully inspected. Whether the short circuit was the result of carelessness or deliberately done is not known.

BROCCOLI CROP COMING ON EARLY IN JANUARY

ROSEBURG, Dec. 29.—According to Forest Butler, of the Umpqua Broccoli exchange, the work of harvesting the crop will begin early in January, provided the weather continues favorable. He made it plain, however, that much depends upon conditions because if a hard freeze should come it might delay the heading at process considerably. Present indications are very favorable for a big crop and several car loads of crates have been received at the warehouses here and are being distributed to growers. Crates for the Riddle and Edenbower sections are also being delivered this week, and everything will be in readiness for taking care of the crop early in the month.

GOVERNOR-ELECT'S DAUGHTER INJURED

LA GRANDE, Dec. 29.—Lucille Pierce, daughter of Governor-elect and Mrs. Pierce, is suffering considerable pain as the result of injuries received in an automobile accident. The car driven by Aln Hunter and occupied by himself, Miss Pierce and others, became uncontrollable and veered into a parallel ditch. Miss Pierce was the only one injured, but indication are she will recover rapidly. She is a teacher at Union.

MARRIAGE KEPT QUIET FOR MORE THAN A WEEK

Andrew Bilderback and Miss Nellie Trefren slipped quietly away from the city Thursday afternoon, December 21, and were married by Rev. F. C. Becker, of Jacksonville. The announcement of the wedding came as a surprise to both friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Bilderback are at present living at the Edward Barron ranch. They expect to make their future home in or near Ashland.

TWO M. C. GRANDDADS



Little Miss Virginia Aswell Cantrill, age two months, who has the unique distinction of being the granddaughter of two congressmen, Aswell of Louisiana and Cantrill of Kentucky. Virginia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Cantrill of Washington.

LOS ANGELES SEES ONE MORE BUILDING EVERY 20 MINUTES

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29.—"Los Angeles is adding to its population a whole city the size of Fort Worth, Texas; Cambridge, Mass., or Albany, New York. For two years there has been constantly in course of construction 15,000 buildings."

This astounding statement is quoted from Southern California Business, official publication of the chamber of commerce.

Continuing the article says: "New buildings are being completed at the rate of one every 20 minutes. To carry on this work it is estimated that at least 145,000 persons are constantly engaged in building operations."

"The buildings completed so far this year, each placed on a 50-foot lot, would make a street 190 miles long, built solid on both sides of the street."

The building permits for 1920 amounted to \$60,023,600; in 1921, they ran up to \$82,761,386, and for 1922 they will run well over the \$115,000,000 mark.

"This makes a total of \$243,784,986 for the three years and is about the total of the assessed valuation of all Los Angeles property 12 years ago. In other words in three years the city has added new buildings equal to the assessed value of all the property in the city up to 1910. This is a record that will stand out in the world's building history."

LIQUOR SMUGGLERS BRING XMAS CHEER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Liquor smugglers imported 100,000 cases of whiskey, worth \$10,000,000 at bootleg prices during the week before Christmas, government investigators say.

They say the fleets are able to make safe landings in America with booze since prohibition vessels are held within the three mile limit.

YOUNGER SET ENTERTAINED AT MCCOY RESIDENCE

Miss Margaret McCoy entertained last evening a party of the younger set. Games and music sped the time until even the wee sma' hours. Sherbet and cake were served at small tables in the dining room.

Those present were: Misses Yeo, Hake, Daugherty, Robison, Plummer, Tilton and Brown; Messrs. Misch, Fred and Paul Koehler, Rush, Wright and Robison. All enjoyed the evening thoroughly.

Council to be Feted

The Civic Improvement club will be hosts at a 6 o'clock dinner at the Civic club building this evening to Mayor C. B. Lamkin and members of the outgoing city council. On Monday evening, January 1, Mayor Lamkin will have the other members of the council to his home for a farewell dinner.

1923 PROMISES BRIGHT FUTURE IN U.S. INDUSTRY

PAST 12 MONTHS REGARDED SATISFACTORILY BY HOOVER

NEW YEAR WILL KEEP UP PROSPERITY STRIDES

Unsettled Conditions in Many Foreign Countries, Particularly Europe, Held to Depress Trade and Prices of Agricultural Products.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Business and industry in America now approaching the beginning of the New Year, can regard its progress in the past 12 months with satisfaction and look forward to continued prosperity next year, Secretary of Commerce Hoover said today.

He pointed out that "unsettled conditions in foreign countries, particularly in Europe, are still depressing our trade to a certain extent and have kept prices of agricultural products below the level of other commodities."

The figures show that textile mills are 20 per cent more active than last year, while the iron and steel industry increases its output about 70 per cent. Other industries also show gains.

STREET ACCIDENTS ARE FATAL TO TWO

PORTLAND, Dec. 29.—Two more street traffic victims died today. O. McConnell, who was struck by a street car yesterday, and Mrs. Louise Lowell, 86 years of age, who stepped in front of an automobile driven by George Hutchison. It is probable that inquests will be held.

Tidings classified ads get results.

Many Accomplishments Feature Work of Council During Past Year in Annual Report by Lamkin

TO THE HONORABLE COMMON COUNCIL AND THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND:

In compliance with the provisions of our city charter requiring a yearly message from the mayor, I hereby make the following report and recommendations:

Our water department is entirely out of debt, and we have \$24,452 in cash and in bonds in the treasury. We have recently bought pipe for a new water main on "A" street, have raised the lower dam and put in a large rotary screen (which works splendidly in separating sticks, leaves or anything that may drop into the creek and work its way into the pipes), and have built a settling tank of two compartments. This gives the meters a fair chance to function properly, thereby making it possible for everyone to get what he pays for, and to pay for what he gets—which is perfectly fair.

We have paved the Pacific highway from the hospital to the city limits, paved Mill street from the Park garage to the lithia fountain, widened and paved north Main street from the Plaza to Water street, put in sidewalks on South Pioneer avenue, First and Second streets, built an electric light building on First street, made a new road from Scenic Drive to the top of the hill near Wilmer Heights. This latter improvement was made as formerly the roads all went directly up the hill, and at certain times it was almost impossible to draw a load up the hill.

We have also built new roads from Terrace street to Glen View drive and from Nutley street to Strawberry lane, established police patrol up Ashland creek canyon, made a new electric light contract with the California Oregon Power company at a reduction of \$100 per month, secured dismissal of a lawsuit in the supreme court, secured a receipt for a \$2500 heat bill, which we felt we should not pay, and the power company in addition gave up

COMING EVENTS

December 31—Christmas cantata (repeated). Watch services. Methodist church.
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Monday, January 1, 1923.
January 1-5—Week of prayer in Ashland churches.
January 8—School reopens.
January 9—Theresa Sheehan company, Lyceum course.
January 26—"Captain of Plymouth." High school opera.

PIONEER WOMAN OF BELLEVUE CALLED BY DEATH THURSDAY

Mrs. Ann Gowland a resident of this section for more than 30 years, passed away at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Gowland, in Bellevue, Thursday evening at 6:45 o'clock, at the age of 86 years, six months and 17 days. The remains are at the J. P. Dodge & Sons undertaking parlors. Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon, 2:30 o'clock, from the Episcopal church, with the Rev. P. K. Hammond officiating. Interment will be made in the family plot in the Hargadine cemetery.

Mrs. Gowland was born in London, England, and after her marriage, moved to the United States, locating at Mankato, Minn., in 1886. She and her husband came to Ashland in 1889. Mr. Gowland died in 1901. She was the mother of three sons, one of them, James E. Gowland, of Bellevue, surviving.

In the death of Mrs. Gowland the community loses one of its pioneer women, and it is with the greatest regret that word of her death was learned.

Homer Billings III—

Homer Billings, of the Billings real estate and insurance agency, has been confined to his home this week on account of a severe cold.

Visiting from Salem—

J. P. Stearns, of Salem, brother of H. Stearns, of the Plaza market, is spending a few days in Ashland.

take water from Nell creek, turning in irrigation district water to take the place of the water we would take out of Nell creek at a higher level.

With the Nell creek water thus secured, it could be brought in in pipes and dropped into Ashland creek above the light plant and about as much electricity as we now are making could be produced, and also have the water for irrigation and domestic purposes. Should the council decide to do this, the electric light department would have the greater part of the expense to bear. The main thing is to buy the water from the district, and thus have it as an ever-ready resource to fall back upon.

During the past two years several new sewer districts have been constructed and bonds issued in payment thereof. We have also refunded the deficit in the Bancroft paving bonds, amounting to \$37,000 and to take care of such refunding issue have created a sinking fund which should produce sufficient funds to take care of the said refunding issue at its maturity.

There are scores of other minor improvements, financial savings and economies which have been effected by the present administration, which are too numerous to mention in a report of this kind.

I have been your mayor for the past six years, and if I remember rightly, I have missed only two regular meetings. I wish to thank you all for the many kind words of encouragement and advice I have received, also thank you for electing me for three successive terms, the last two terms not even having anyone nominated against me. I have tried to use all of our people as I would like to be used, and as far as possible to give everyone a square deal.

While the work has taken a great portion of my time, and the responsibility has been heavy at times, I am glad that I have been mayor of the cleanest and best city of its size in our fair state of Oregon. Sincerely, C. B. LAMKIN.

NEW YORK SHORT FUEL WHEN HIT BY HARD STORM

PRESENT SUPPLY WILL BE CONSUMED WITHIN 48 HOURS

INCLEMENT WEATHER PARALYZES TRAFFIC

Trains Unable to Bring Commodities To City While High Winds Halt Steamship Trips; Gale Estimated At 60 Miles Per Hour.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—While New York shivered in 20 degrees above zero weather, the city is menaced by the worst fuel crisis in its history, as there is but 48 hours' supply on hand.

Snow has blocked many railroad lines leading to freight terminals where fuel is unloaded. The storm began with a gale which swept all the eastern states, the rain turning to sleet, and the sleet to snow. A 60 mile gale is blowing.

Fog, snow and high wind has halted steamship traffic, while deep slush is frozen over the streets.

MARSHFIELD MAN NAMED ATTORNEY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Judge Coke, of Marshfield, has been recommended by Senators McNary and Stanfield for federal district attorney for Oregon. The recommendations will go to the senate next week. This will allow Governor Olcott to fill the circuit court vacancy caused by the retirement of Judge Coke.

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KLAN FOR A SPORTSMAN



Gov. John Parker of Louisiana, who is trying to stamp out the Ku Klux Klan in his state, is an enthusiastic sportsman. This exclusive photograph of him was taken when he was out hunting recently.

TWO ASHLAND BOYS HAVE BIG SUCCESS WITH RADIO OUTFIT

Two Ashland youths, yet in their teens, are meeting with marked success in the radio station they have constructed. Work was begun about a month ago and the station is now performing even beyond their expectations. Nearly every night they are able to pick up Lyons, France, while code messages from the radio station at Funsabshi, Japan, are also received.

Richard Ring, age 17, and Eugene Willard, age 16, are the two boys who built the station at 128 South Pioneer. The material was bought piece at a time, and the two boys, without outside aid, erected the entire set. The aerial is 20 feet in height and 120 feet long, consisting of a two-step audio-amplifier. The station is also equipped with a transmitting set of one-half kilowatt spark. The boys plan on adding a phone set in the near future.

While Seattle is the best distance in transmitting, music has been picked up from Washington, D. C., and from Hawaii.

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KLAN MEMBERS ARE DESTROYING ROBES, RECORDS

FEAR OF EXPOSURE RAMPANT THROUGH MER ROUGE DISTRICT

WHOLESALE ARRESTS ARE BEING EXPECTED

Lips That Once Boasted of "100 Per Cent Americanism" Now Silent; Most Sensational Probe in Nation's History Is Looked For.

BASTROP, La., Dec. 29.—Disintegration of the local branch of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, through fear of wholesale arrests and the prosecution of members resulting from the kidnapping and murdering of Watt Daniels and Thomas Richards, is rampant all throughout Moorhouse parish. Reports have it that the klansmen have silently disbanded on the orders of Exalted Cyclops Skipworth, and that members have agreed to keep locked behind their own lips the identity of every member.

Persons who once spoke freely of "100 per cent Americanism" are now silent when asked concerning the persons who are said to have taken the law into their hands. One prominent planter of this district, who was closely connected with the clan, stated that 40 klansmen gathered in the solemn darkness of the Louisiana forest near Spyster and set fire to all robes and records of the clan to evade entanglement in what promises to be the most sensational probe in the history of the nation.

Spyster is the home of T. Burnett, the first man to be arrested.

DEER GOES THROUGH GATE AT SAVAGE RAPIDS DAM

A big buck deer went through one of the gates of the Savage Rapids dam, struck the deep pool at the bottom and came out alive recently, according to a story told by the dam tender in the Grants Pass Daily Courier. The deer, chased by a dog, started to swim to the north bank just above the dam, but could not get up the steep wall. It followed the boom around the pump house, and plunged through gate No. 3 on the north end of the dam. It struck the pool but managed to get to shore and climb to safety. It had an 18-foot fall over the dam, the gate being down.

Although the rains of the past three days have kept the irrigation ditches of the Savage Rapids project filled with water which drained from the hills, they went through undamaged. In places, the outlets have been tampered with and serious damage might have resulted had they not been discovered in time. A thorough investigation of the canals is being made.

AID ASKED FOR INDIANS ON KLAMATH RESERVATION

KLAMATH FALLS, Dec. 29.—The proposal of Fred A. Baker, superintendent of the Klamath Indian reservation, to postpone repayment of the loan made by the government to the Indians, was given the approval of the chamber of commerce board of directors, with the recommendation that the Indians pay whatever may be possible.

Of the original loan of \$400,000, \$50,000 has been paid, leaving a balance of \$350,000. Pointing out that a payment at present would work a hardship on the Indians, who have shared in the general depression of the last two years, Mr. Baker sought the support of the chamber to urge the government to grant an extension of time. The loan was made for the purchase of livestock. It is payable from funds derived from sale of timber on the reservation.

PEACE PARLEYS ARE OPENED AT DUBLIN

DUBLIN, Dec. 29.—Secret peace negotiations were opened yesterday between Free Staters and Irish Republicans. The seat of negotiations was not revealed, but the correspondent is informed that they are taking place in a town outside of Dublin. Several heads of the civil administration and army left Dublin during the morning.