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SLIGHT RAISE IN TEMPERATURE IS REPORTED

Mercury Drops to 6 Above, Two Degrees Higher Than Night Before

COLD SNAP IS GENERAL

Middle West Reports Coldest Weather Experienced in Years. Fire in Denver, Does Damage

Winter continued to hold this city in its icy grip throughout last night, with the thermometer dropping to six degrees above zero as a minimum temperature registered throughout the night and early morning hours. This is a slight raise over the temperature registered Thursday night when the mercury dropped to four degrees above. The four degree mark is the coldest chalked up here since 1919, when the official thermometer registered one degree below zero.

The cold spell which is causing much discomfort here seems to be general throughout the Middle Western and Pacific Coast states. Reports from the Rocky Mountain and Northwestern sections show the mercury hovering around the zero notch. California, alleged sunny throughout the year, is experiencing one of the coldest snaps in its history, with snow and ice reported throughout Northern California, and heavy frosts which have threatened to bring ruin to thousands of citrus fruit growers throughout Southern California. Central California from Stockton to Bakersfield reports the first snow in over a decade with all indications pointing toward a continuance of the cold spell.

DENVER, Dec. 19. — The lives of scores of persons were endangered here last night when tenants of an apartment building were forced to flee into the sub-zero weather in scanty attire when a fire was discovered raging in the upper stories of the building. The blaze was quickly controlled, but many of the tenants had fled from their apartments suffering from exposure.

Denver experienced the coldest weather in years when the mercury dropped to fifteen degrees below zero.

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 19. — This city is today shivering in the coldest December temperature it has experienced in thirty two years. The mercury has dropped to two degrees below zero.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19. — Near zero prevailed over the middle west here today. The extreme cold has interrupted wire service over the entire area. Traffic in the city has been paralyzed by the heavy ice and snow banks which have formed during the past twenty four hours.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 19. — Piercing East winds swept Port-

SMALL AUDIENCE GREETES THE FINEST SHOW OF SEASON

Probably the best show of its kind which has ever been presented in this city, and certainly the last, according to owners of the Vining Theatre, was presented here last night before the smallest audience on record here. Blossom Time, the show in question was as delightful a musical production as could be imagined, and furthermore was presented by the original company, but Ashland citizens did not seem willing to encourage the best offering in entertainment possible. Not more than fifty persons formed the audience in the seats downstairs, while scarcely more occupied the balcony.

Even in spite of this handicap, the members of the Blossom Time company are to be congratulated in their endeavor to put spirit and life into their production. Any ordinary company would have quit cold, but the members of the Blossom Time organization tried their hardest to please the handful which had gathered to witness their performance. Certainly they had every reason in the world to quit, but they never faltered, giving their best at all times.—T.R.J.

PUDDING HAS KICK SO WOMAN SWEARS OFF IT

DETROIT, Dec. 19. — Wine pudding may produce quite a "kick," Hattie Wilson, thirty-three, testified before Judge Harry B. Keidan. The Court evidently agreed with her, and she was sentenced to the House of Correction for ten days, or she must pay a fine of \$10. Miss Wilson was attending a party at which wine pudding was served, she said. She boarded a street car and spilled cakes and pudding on the car. "I'll never eat wine pudding again," said Miss Wilson, after hearing the Court's verdict.

GUNMEN IMPORTED TO AID RUNNING OF XMAS HOOTCH

San Francisco Office Reports Several Liquor Argosies Lying Off Harbor

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19. — A gang of 25 gunmen has been imported from New York and Chicago to protect smuggled rum shipments from seizure in the San Francisco bay region, it was learned today by the office of the federal prohibition enforcement director.

The gunmen have been hired to fight both the federal agents and the "hijackers," it was learned. Orders tonight were issued to all prohibition enforcement officers to carry side arms and be prepared for any eventuality.

In addition to arming agents, it was announced a special shotgun squad has been organized among prohibition enforcement forces to cope with possible attacks from bootleggers and smugglers. Samuel Rutter, prohibition director for California, was authorized for the statement tonight that large cargoes of high priced liquor lie outside the Golden Gate in "hootch" argosies, waiting to be smuggled in for the San Francisco Christmas trade, and that numerous fights have resulted lately between smugglers and "hijackers" over this liquor.

Prohibition enforcement here embraced many activities tonight. Search was being made for the owners of an alleged rum-running ship named Florence, abandoned in Half Moon bay, south of here, yesterday. Prohibition officers allege the ship was a feeder between large craft out at sea and shore receiving stations.

IDAHO HAS FIRST HANGING IN 15 YEARS

BOISE, Ida., Dec. 19. — The first hanging in Idaho for fifteen years was carried out here today when Noah Arnold, negro, was executed early this morning on the gallows for the murder of W. Crisp, a Hope, Idaho, merchant, July 16, 1923. Arnold contended that Mike Donnelly, a companion who is serving a life sentence for participation in the crime, killed Crisp. Arnold, however, admitted five other murders.

TWO ARE BURNED TO DEATH IN LA GRANDE

LA GRANDE, Dec. 19. — Mr. and Mrs. W. Church were burned to death here early today when fire destroyed their home. Both were apparently suffocated. Efforts of their neighbors to rescue them were unsuccessful.

MISS STEVENS AIDS IN OFFICE ANNOUNCED

Miss Delilia Stevens, county clerk-elect, has announced the following office force: Mattie Stevens, chief deputy; Leora Godward, Mrs. Etta Robertson, deputies; Mary Truax, book-keeper; Mrs. Jack Martin, Nora Childreth and Nida Neal, typists. All are at present employed in the county clerk's office, except Mrs. Robertson and Leora Godward.

WILLIAM GREEN WILL SUCCEED SAM GOMPERS

Official of Mine Workers Organization Is New Labor Leader

GOMPERS' CONFIDANT

No Opposition to New Chief, Although Some Organizations Voiced Their Disapproval

NEW YORK, Dec. 19. — The American Federation of Labor executive council this morning elected William Green, one of its members, and at present treasurer of the United Mine Workers of America to the presidency of the Federation, the post left vacant by the sudden death of Samuel Gompers. Green is a resident of Goshocan, Ohio, and is fifty one years of age. He has been a miner since he was eighteen.

Green was one of the closest friends of Gompers, and was very closely associated with the late leader in his work of aiding the laboring forces of America. Gompers relied greatly upon Green in many matters, and the new president is in close touch with the affairs of the organization. He was a confidant of the dead president during many of the late years of Gompers' tenure of office, and is thus able to carry on the work started by the latter. Gompers was elected for his last term a little over a month ago at the convention in El Paso, Texas, and thus Green will fill the office until late next fall, when the Federation again gathers in convention, this time at Atlantic City.

There was little opposition to Green's election, according to reports on the meeting. It was understood before the gathering that he was the favored candidate, but many high officials in the organization believed his affiliation with the mine workers' body would bar him from office, since it is claimed he would have to favor the latter organization in any disputes which arose. Even in the face of the opposition by several labor organizations affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, who voiced their opinions in opposition to Green, he was elected by a unanimous vote of the executive council.

Green will be forced to resign his office as treasurer of the mine workers, and it is expected there will be a stiff fight for the vacant position. No names have been officially mentioned for the office, and newspapermen in close contact with the body are unable to predict the candidacy of any person.

KIWANIANS TO ELECT OFFICERS AT NEXT LUNCHEON MEETING

Routine business matters occupied the attention of the Kiwanis club members at their weekly luncheon meeting at the Hotel Ashland today. Several communications received from other clubs throughout the country were read and referred to the committee in charge of communications for action.

The announcement was made that H. G. Galey had been selected by the board of directors as secretary of the club, to fill the term until the election of officers.

President Henry Enders, Jr. announced that the annual election of officers for the coming year would be held at the next meeting of the club. The ballots will be counted and the names of the officials selected made.

Although a program had been arranged which was to include the appearance of several members of the Blossom Time company, it was announced that since the city did not appreciate the show enough last night to attend the performance, the members of the company did not deem it wise to appear today.

Little Miss June Erickson, the daughter of one of the guests at the hotel, offered her services in entertaining the members. She rendered three clever readings which were greatly appreciated by her hearers. Miss Erickson, nine years of age, is really a talented performer, and her work was excellent.

There's a message in The Tidings Want Ads.

MEN AND WOMEN IN NEWS OF THE DAY.



Above: MRS. ASA G. CANDLER & ASA G. CANDLER. Below: SECY. JOHN W. WEEKS & SECY. CURTIS D. WILBUR.

RESORT PERMIT ON ODELL LAKE GIVEN BY FOREST SERVICE

Portlander Gets Long Lease on Hotel Rights at Resort. Recreational Center Planned

PORTLAND, Dec. 19. — A permit for a \$30,000 recreational development project at Odell Lake, on the Natron cut-off, near the summit of the Cascades, has been granted to George H. Watson, hotel and restaurant man, by the forest service. A hotel of not less than 30 rooms of rustic log construction, a store, a gasoline station and a boat landing are included in the permit, which provides the development must be completed within three years.

The permit extends over a twenty-year period, Watson being given preference for renewal. Odell Lake, in addition to being on the Natron cut-off when that road is finished, may also be reached from Bond or Crescent over The Dalles - California highway. It is the second largest mountain lake in Oregon, about one mile wide and five and one-half miles long. It lies at an elevation of 4271 feet and is on the Skyline trail.

FOUR GIRLS BURNED TO DEATH IN W. VA.

SISTERVILLE, W. Va., Dec. 19. — Four girls were burned to death and Mrs. Olive Jones, mother of the girls was probably fatally burned when a fire here destroyed the Jones home today. The blaze started from an oil explosion when Mrs. Jones lit a fire under her oven.

DEDICATION SERVICE FOR MAUSOLEUM TO BE HELD SUNDAY

Building Will Then Be Closed to the Public for all Time

With the placing of the beautiful windows tomorrow afternoon, the memorial mausoleum now under construction at the Odd Fellow's Mountain View Cemetery will be completed and ready for the dedication ceremonies to be held Sunday afternoon. The mausoleum here has been claimed the most beautiful building of its kind in the state, by authorities who have viewed it during the course of construction. Of Egyptian architecture, the building is constructed of reinforced concrete, marble and glass, without a piece of wood in it, and is a fitting memorial to the pioneers who made Southern Oregon the wonderful section it is.

The dedication services Sunday afternoon at 2:30 will furnish the final opportunity for the public to inspect the memorial. After that it will be locked and only those who own space in it will be permitted to enter. A special program has been arranged for the dedication services with Irving E. Vining as principal speaker. Vining will trace the history of the memorial idea of burial from the ages. The program Sunday follows: Invocation; Number by Lithian Quartette; Introduction of speaker by O. H. Johnson; Address by Irving E. Vining; Number by Lithian Quartette; Benediction.

Arrives Home

Harvey Woods who is attending the University of Oregon arrived home last evening to spend the Christmas vacation with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Woods.

UNDER HAND DEAL IS FOUND IN M'COY JURY

Judge Admits Tampering With Jury Members Is Found by Officers

MAY CALL OFF TRIAL

McCoy Takes Stand in Own Defense. Testifies to Last Words of Slain Woman

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 19. — Judge Charles Crail, sitting in the superior court hearing the trial of Kid McCoy, on trial for the murder of his sweetheart, Theresa Mors, today announced that the name of a man who had attempted to "fix" John Aptell, a member of the McCoy jury was known, and that he would be arrested immediately.

He stated that a grand jury investigation of the entire affair would be launched, and the friends of McCoy, who are known to have approached other members of the jury will be arrested for tampering with jury members. It is believed that members of the sporting fraternity on the Pacific Coast, most of whom are close friends of McCoy, have been furnishing money in an endeavor to obtain the acquittal of the former pugilist.

Judge Crail admitted to newspapermen here this afternoon that the trial of McCoy might be halted at any moment and a new trial ordered to be started, owing to the attempted frameup of the jury which has been going on during the past few days.

Kid McCoy this morning took the stand in his own behalf. With his voice half sobbing, and his pallid face flushed he told the jury that the night before the death of Mrs. Mors she cried, "Don't leave me Norman—I'm going to end it all." He claimed Mrs. Mors used the same words the following morning, just before she turned the gun on herself.

OFFICER ARRESTED FOR TAKING LIQUOR

PORTLAND, Dec. 19. — Regardless of whether he turns back the liquor he seized aboard the British Steamer London Merchant, state prohibition officer Cleaver will face charges of violating the international treaty relations, United States District Attorney Coke announced today. Cleaver was arrested yesterday after he, along with 30 other deputies went aboard the ship and removed 300 bottles of liquor held "under the customs seal." Cleaver is out on \$1,500 bail. Captain Anderson of the London Merchant contends Cleaver removed the liquor without a warrant and that the British American treaty allows liquor to be brought in when a manifest is made out before the collector of customs, which is being done in this case.

DRUNKARDS KEEP SILENT IN MEMORY OF COMRADE

LONDON, Dec. 19. — A unique use of the two-minute silence usually observed on Armistice Day was to a nation's fallen was made at the funeral of a well-known local thief, and inebriate at Salford recently. The deceased man used to frequent two local saloons, and on the way to the cemetery the funeral procession stopped outside them, while his drinking companions observed a two-minute silence in approved Armistice Day fashion.

ELKS' QUINTET IS PREPARING FOR A STRENUOUS BATTLE

Portland Tossers Considered One of Fastest Quintets in Northern Oregon

When the Portland Municipal Basketball Club quintet steps out on the floor at the Armory tomorrow night for their tussle with the Ashland Elks' five, basketball fans here will see one of the fastest outfits in Northern Oregon in action. The Portland five is made up of some of the fastest tossers in that city, many of them former high school and college stars, with several years of basketball competition behind them. Most of the members of the quintet have played together for three or four years and as a result they know their stuff perfectly. The Portland five has gone up against the toughest teams in Oregon and Washington already this season, and have yet to finish on the short end of the score. They hope to take the locals into camp by a decisive margin, for they are out after the state title this year.

Several practice scrimmages between the high school and Elks' outfits which were engaged in during the past week show the locals have prospects for one of the fastest fives ever developed here. Most of the fellows are in perfect shape the entire year, so no conditioning period was necessary before the toughest kind of practice could be engaged in. Although they are taking on a fast outfit in their first start, the members of the local aggregation feel they can take the first fall of the season out of the Portlanders, and have hopes for one of the most successful seasons on record.

A good squad has reported for practice every night during the past two weeks, and in practice scrimmages the men have shown remarkable team work considering their short practice period. As in the case of the Portland outfit, the local casaba tossers have been playing together for a number of years, and several members of the Elks' quintet were formerly high school stars here.

A good preliminary game, starting at 8:15 has been arranged to supply the spectators with entertainment before the main event, which will get under way about nine o'clock. It is expected that one of the largest crowds to witness a basketball game here will be on hand when the referee calls the outfits together.

LOCAL GARAGE HAS A CLEVER DISPLAY

A very clever window display has been arranged at the Automobile Shop. A ship was made completely of auto accessories with bumpers as the sides, tire pumps as masts and horns taking the place of the funnels. The ship is loaded with Christmas gifts and is headed for Ashland docks. A Santa Claus awaits at the docks ready to receive it. So that they can see to anchor the ship a stop signal has been arranged to light the way. Dan Kay hopes to win one of the prizes which is being offered by the automobile company for the best window display.

MERCHANTS DUFED WITH BOGUS BILLS

POSEBURG, Dec. 19. — Local officers Wednesday issued a warning to all points along the highway to watch for a young man passing \$1 bills which have been cleverly raised to \$10. One of the bills was passed here on a theater, but the man escaped, although a good description was obtained. The government has been notified, as well as police officers of the state.

TWO HOMES ARE DESTROYED BY FIRES IN CITY

Total Losses Caused by Blazes Which do About \$5000 Damage

RESULT OF COLD SPELL

Buildings Owned by Pratt and Clarence Lane Burned in Bad Blazes

Two fires, one of unknown origin, yesterday and today totally destroyed two homes in this city, causing damage estimated by Fire Chief Clinton Baughman at \$5,000.

The fire department was called out late yesterday afternoon when the home of Carroll Pratt, 438 N. Main was reported burning. When the department arrived on the scene of the fire, the building was a mass of flames, and although every effort was made to save the structure, the flames had too much of a start and the building was a total loss. Furniture and clothing belonging to members of the Pratt family was also destroyed. The loss in this blaze was estimated at \$5,000, completely covered by insurance, according to Baughman.

The origin of the fire is undetermined, although a thorough investigation of the ruins was made. Pratt stated that although he and his wife were in the building at the time the fire started, two rooms were ablaze before they were aware that the house was burning. By the time the fire department arrived at the blaze the house was a mass of flames and little could be done toward saving it.

This morning at 9:30, the department was called to 217 Granite street, where a residence owned by Clarence Lane, and occupied by Frank Voss was completely destroyed. Although the fire had a good start before the department was called, most of the furniture was saved, but the building was a total loss. The loss on the building was estimated by Chief Baughman to be approximately \$1,000, covered by insurance.

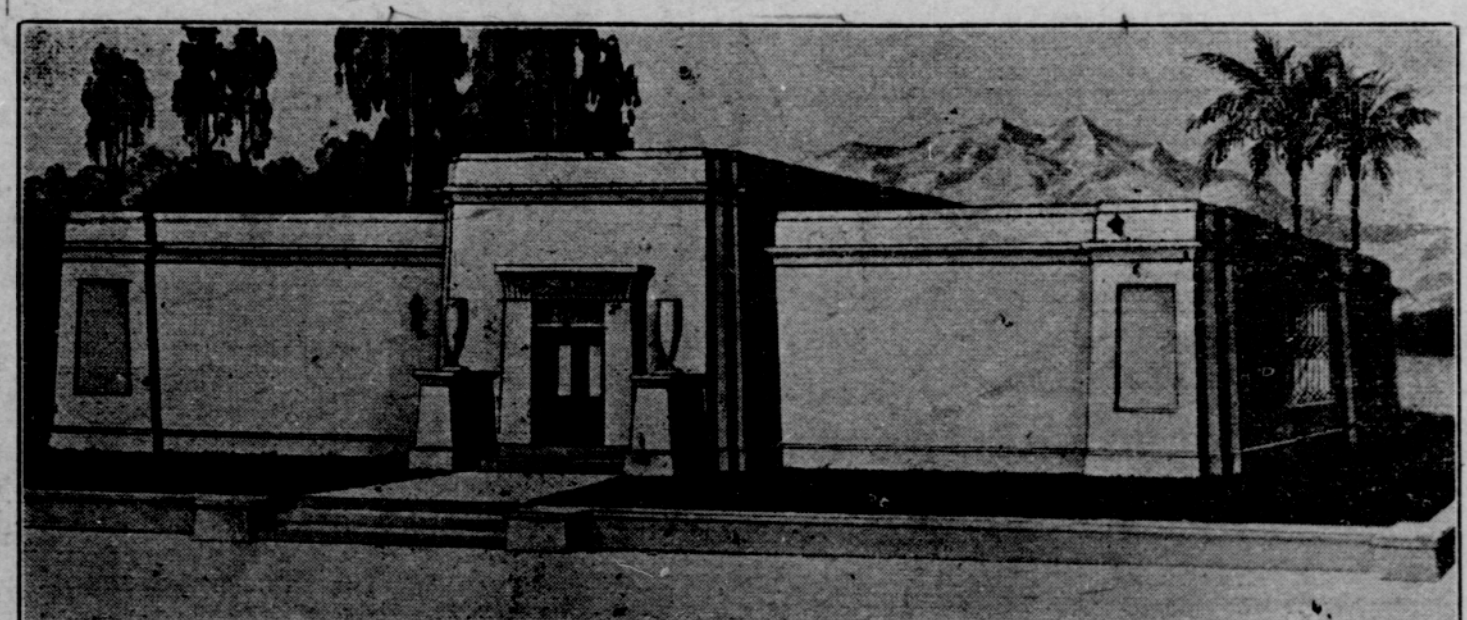
Voss explained that he had been thawing out frozen water pipes and had cut a hole in one of the walls, in order to reach one of the pipes. A blow torch used in the thawing process ignited the wall, and in a few minutes the room was in a blaze, and by the time the department arrived, little could be done to save the building. The work of fighting the fire was made very difficult because of low water pressure. The building, located high on the Granite street hill was outside the high water pressure district, and as a result the work of extinguishing the blaze was difficult.

CHRISTMAS RUSH IS ON AS POSTMASTER WAGNER REPORTS

Yesterday marked the first real rushing day of the present holiday season at the Ashland post-office and Postmaster Wagner reports that the long lines of holiday mailers were handled with little waiting and that the force of clerks maintained their usual courteous and cheerful spirits despite the fact that the heating plant which serves the postoffice building failed. The employees worked in a cold room on the coldest day Ashland has seen in five years. The heating plant uses gas as fuel and the supply failed for some reason or another. Today the shortage continues but electric and kerosene heaters have been improvised to meet the emergency and it is hoped to have no break in any department of the postoffice service.

Incoming holiday mails are comparatively light as yet locally but the Southern Pacific is running a special Christmas parcel train as a second section of train 13 to handle all the Christmas mail and express traffic.

Mausoleum to be Dedicated Sunday



The Mausoleum Memorial nearing completion on the Pacific Highway a few miles from this city, which will be officially dedicated at services to be held there Sunday afternoon. The public is invited to attend the services and inspect the beautiful structure, which will then be closed excepting to families owning space in it.