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WEATHER LULL WILL BE SHORT SAYS BUREAU

Another Cold Spell Coming is Claim of Portland Weather Observer

THERMOMETER RISES

Holiday Season to be Cold Claims Forecaster. Rains Aid in Thaw Here

The streets of Ashland were washed clear of all snow and ice last night, when a heavy, warm rain which started about four o'clock yesterday afternoon and continued until late last night raised the temperature several degrees. Today, except for a few spots along the curbing, the streets are as clear of slush and ice as before the heavy snow of a few days ago.

Today the sun peeped out, sending down a little warmth, thawing out chilled pipes and feet, a welcome visitor after the week of below freezing weather registered here. Although the temperature is still far from the mark which allows the youngsters to visit the old swimming hole, and forces the removal of coats, it is so far above the marks registered here during the last week that the day is, by comparison, almost spring like.

PORTLAND, Dec. 22. — All hopes of a thaw in the Northwest, which were brought about by the rising temperatures here Sunday were upset today when the district weather forecaster in this city predicted a continuance of the cold spell which has held this section in its grip for the past week and a half. The weather man gave out the prediction that the cold spell which is to come will continue over the holidays. The relief yesterday was only temporary, he said. The thermometer jumped to sixteen degrees, to fourteen degrees above zero at Spokane and fourteen points upward at Baker, Oregon, from four degrees below to ten degrees above zero.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22. — A blizzard was roaring out of the West today, displacing the arctic temperatures which in a period of three days have wrought havoc throughout the Mississippi Valley and surrounding territory. Damage amounting to a million dollars is expected in the Mississippi Valley, with the death toll of the storm and cold in the Middle West placed conservatively at fifty. These included people frozen to death, victims of wires and from other causes.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22. — Three are dead in the metropolitan area from a cold wave which knifed its way out of the West, moving to the Eastern seaboard Sunday, and left its mark. The suffering is somewhat abated in this section today.

2496 AUTO CRASHES REPORTED IN STATE

SALEM, Dec. 22. — A total of 445 motor vehicle accidents was reported by state traffic officers in November, according to a report issued today by T. A. Rafferty, in charge of the law enforcement bureau of the state motor vehicle department.

Of these accidents 110 were due to failure of drivers to give right of way, 40 were due to defective brakes and 18 because of reckless driving.

There were 119 arrests, 110 of which were for speeding. Thirteen operators were arrested for reckless driving, while four were charged with intoxication.

Accidents in the city of Portland, which is not under the jurisdiction of the state traffic department, totaled 2051. Of this number 1327 were due to carelessness.

Arrests in the state for traffic violations, including those in the city of Portland, numbered 2496.

At Medford—Miss Ruth Aitken has taken a position in the Medford Book Store, starting work last Wednesday.

You are welcome to compare my Automobile rates with any other rates in Jackson or Josephine Counties; you can be the Judge. Phone 21. Yeo, of course.

KEWPIE DOLL GIVEN GIRL CAUSES TRAGEDY

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 22. — Enraged because a customer presented a kewpie doll to Miss Patsy Davis, a waitress in his establishment, John H. Fotas, local restaurant keeper, fired a shot at Miss Davis, the bullet grazing her hair and inflicting no damage. He then turned the gun on himself, succumbing a few minutes later as he was being rushed to a hospital.

LONE TULE LAKE CABIN SCENE OF RANCHER'S DEATH

John Nolan Slain in Knife Battle With James Howard, After Bootleg Orgy

KLAMATH FALLS, Dec. 22. — Stabbed through the heart and deliberately left to die unattended in an isolated cabin on the west shore of Tule Lake, was the fate of John Nolan, 50, who was found dead Friday afternoon after his alleged assailant, James Howard, 61, waited for nearly 24 hours before getting word to a physician that his services might be needed.

According to information gathered by Sheriff Lloyd Lowe and from statements made to Dr. J. G. Patterson, of this city, called to the lonely cabin after residents in Merrill had learned of the tragedy, the two men and Con C. Sullivan were drinking bootleg in the cabin about 6 o'clock Thursday night when Nolan and Howard became engaged in an argument. Sullivan, according to his story to Dr. Patterson, parted the two men after Howard had shoved Nolan into a corner and drawn his knife. Following this Sullivan claims to have left for his own cabin, a mile or so distant, believing that the argument was settled.

Friday afternoon, however Howard is said to have seen Park Dyer of Merrill driving along the west lake shore and told him that Nolan might need a doctor. Dyer informed Guy Merrill when reaching Merrill and Dr. Patterson was summoned only to find that the man had been dead for hours. Two knife wounds were found in the region of the heart and one in the abdomen.

In the meantime Sheriff Lowe had been notified and ascertained that the crime had been committed some 12 miles over the Oregon line in Siskiyou county, California. Sheriff A. S. Calkins of Yreka was notified. He asked Sheriff Low to inform John Clyburn, a Siskiyou deputy, who was in Merrill, to seek Howard and if found to arrest him. He also stated that a deputy coroner or the coroner would start immediately for Klamath Falls and proceed to Merrill for the victim's remains.

Arrived Yesterday—Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Fry of Roseburg arrived in Ashland yesterday to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rose of this city.

Kirby's for best groceries. 94—17

To Klamath Falls—Dr. Bertha E. Sawyer has gone to Klamath Falls where she will spend ten days with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Goeller of that city.

Crater Lake pictures 95c to \$25.00. Darling Studio. 83—17

No Meeting Tonight—There will be no meeting of the Ladies Art Club tonight on account of a broken radiator at the Civic Club House.

Our Christmas candy boxes, wrapped in Holly paper free of charge. The Rose. 95—37

Gone South—Mrs. E. T. Allen of the Hotel Ashland left Thursday evening for Los Angeles to spend the holidays visiting with relatives and friends.

Coming Here—Mrs. W. O. Smith and Margaret and Buford Hargress who have been spending the winter at Eugene where the latter are attending college, will spend the Christmas vacation here as the guests of Mrs. Smith's mother and sister, Mrs. I. D. Applegate and Mrs. C. E. Peil.

HUGHES SILENT ON CONTENTS OF ARMS NOTE

Refuses to Release Contents of Message Received From England

GUNS MADE BASIS

Protest by Britain of Elevation of Guns on Texas is Conjective of Political Experts

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22. — Secretary of State Charles Evans Hughes let it be known today that there is but slight immediate prospect of Great Britain's note to the United States government on the question of gun elevation on battleships, being made public despite the fact that a resolution has been introduced in Congress which would force the hand of the state government by having all communications with foreign governments on gun subjects be given to the naval affairs committee.

The powerful newspaper unions of the East have been pressing the government in their endeavor to obtain the contents of the note received by the state department. Although, so far, they have been unsuccessful, the influence of the large papers has been felt in Congress.

It is believed that the note received from Great Britain was in protest of the elevating of the guns on the battleship Texas. The Texas was one of the ships which was used in sinking the battleship Washington, which was sunk in accordance with the terms of the disarmament conference. At that time it was discovered that the guns on the Texas were lower than the disarmament conference delegates agreed upon. The guns were then raised to bring them to the elevation which was authorized. Although this information is in reality a conjecture, most of it is based on bits of information gathered from the state department at various times, joined with the knowledge at hand.

Hughes announced that as yet no answer to the note had been dispatched, but he was preparing an answer which will be delivered to the British Foreign Office after the holidays.

HIGH SCHOOL FIVE TO MEET CENTRAL POINT TOMORROW

The Ashland High School 1924-25 basketball team will make its first public appearance of the season here tomorrow night when the Central Point High five will be entertained in the Armory. The game will be a warmup affair, and it is certain that a flock of players will get into the tussle, which is expected to be a real battle, even though it is a pre-season game.

Coach Walt Hughes, local mentor, has been putting his charges through some plenty tough practice periods since he issued his first call for basketball men to turn out. With a squad of nearly thirty five men, most of whom have had some basketball experience, and with several veterans of last year's squad turning out regularly, indications for one of the fastest quintets in the history of the high school are very bright.

The probable starting lineup for the locals tomorrow night will be Marske and Butterfield, forwards, T. Bryant, center, and Ramsey and N. Katzer, guards. In addition, Coach Hughes will probably run in a bunch of his squad in order to get a good line on the ability of his men.

As a preliminary game, the high school second team will tangle with the Talent High School five. The game should be a real tussle, since both the high seconds and the Talent outfit have a bunch of good men included in their lineup.

The preliminary battle will get under way at 8:00 o'clock, with the second game starting about an hour later.

At Klamath—J. E. Welch of this city is a business visitor in Klamath Falls in the interest of the Modern Woodmen of America.

Photographs of Quality. Studio Ashland on the Plaza. 87—17

MEN AND WOMEN IN NEWS SPOTLIGHT



Below: Mrs. Clyde Byfield & Mrs. Woodrow Wilson. Below: Sir Bertram Hay & Col. George Harvey.

Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, widow of the War President, presented a pathetic figure when she attended memorial services for Mr. Wilson in the hall of the House of Representatives in Washington. A "confidence man" has duped men and women of many thousand dollars in New York City by posing as Colonel George Harvey, former American Ambassador to England and now editor of a Washington newspaper. Mrs. Clyde Byfield has been granted a new trial by Atlanta, Ga., courts of her \$100,000 suit against Walter S. Chandler, son of the Coca Cola King, whom she charged with attacking her on board the liner Berengaria on the way to Europe two years ago. Sir Bertram F. Hay has completed his last voyage as master of the liner Majestic and retired to become a farmer in England.

WITNESS ABSENT, ALLEGED SLAYERS ARE TURNED LOOSE

Klamath Falls Pair Released After District Attorney Fails to Produce Witness

KLAMATH FALLS, Dec. 22. — William Johnson and William Sievers, who were to be tried Friday on a manslaughter charge, for the killing of Frank Brown, at Crescent on July 4, were released by circuit Judge A. L. Leavitt on the statement of C. C. Brower, district attorney, that his principal eye witness to the affair was either in Idaho or Montana, and could not be located in time for the trial. H. M. Manning, counsel for the defendants insisted on the constitutional provision guaranteeing a speedy trial, with the result that the case was dismissed. The altercation ending in Brown's death came when Johnson and Sievers were buying a bottle of moonshine from Brown and Brown refused to give them any change, according to their statements at the coroner's inquest on July 6. Sievers has been in jail here since July 5, but Johnson gave bail the latter part of July, and was released.

AGED RESIDENT DIES AT HOME

Samuel B. Tallman, aged 77, died at his home in Ashland Sunday morning at 5:30. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. S. B. Tallman.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at 2:30 from the Dodge funeral chapel. The body is being shipped this evening to Salem and will be held there for burial Tuesday.

ARSONISTS ARE TO BE PUT ON PAROLE

PORTLAND, Dec. 22. — Joel and Albert Coe, brothers, convicted of the burning of the St. Nicholas cafeteria, which they owned were today sentenced to eight years each in penitentiary by Circuit Judge Hewitt, but were paroled. Parole is in accordance with the recommendation of the jury.

COLUMBIA RIVER IS COVERED WITH ICE

PORTLAND, Dec. 22. — The Columbia river at Vancouver, Wash., is frozen an inch thick and ice floes are coming down the Columbia so thick that navigation is menaced. The Willamette river in the Portland harbor is only kept from freezing by fire boats which continually break the ice formations.

JOHN LEWIS TO SUCCEED DAVIS SAY LEADERS

Mine Workers' Chief Will Be Made Secretary Of Labor

IS POWERFUL LEADER

Election of Green to Leadership in Labor Organization Removes Him As Candidate

BRIDGEPORT, Ohio, Dec. 22. — That John Lewis, President of the United States Mine Workers Union of America will be selected as secretary of labor by President Coolidge to succeed James Davis, present secretary who is expected to retire on March 4, 1925, is the anticipation voiced by the officials of the United Mine Workers. The anticipation is based upon the elevation of William Green, secretary - treasurer of the mine workers, to the presidency of the American Federation of Labor.

Green was prominently mentioned as Davis' successor before the death of Samuel Gompers, late president of the American Federation of Labor. Upon his succession to the presidency of the labor organization it became positive that Green would not accept the cabinet position if it were offered him. Lewis, the second most powerful labor leader was then interviewed, and it was determined that he would accept the office.

It is believed certain that Coolidge will appoint Lewis to the office, since it is known that the president is anxious to put a man in the office who is thoroughly in accord with the laboring forces of the country. Davis is such a man and Coolidge feels keenly his loss.

Lewis has long been a powerful factor in the American Federation of Labor field. For several years he strenuously opposed the actions of Gompers, but during the past few years has been reconciled to the activities of the organization and has lent all his influence in putting the program arranged by Gompers through to a successful completion. On one or two occasions he was nominated to succeed Gompers as president of the federation, but the dead leader was always too strong for the miner chief. At the last convention, held at El Paso, he refused the nomination, in opposition to Gompers.

INCREASED TAX ON GAS PROPOSED FOR STATE NEXT YEAR

PORTLAND, Dec. 22. — Oregon motorists may be confronted with a 6-cent tax on gasoline if a plan now being prepared for the legislature to adopt should be enacted by the lawmakers. There is at present a 3-cent tax. The idea is being debated by directors of the Oregon State Motor association and the most ardent advocates of a higher gasoline tax are some of the officials of the organization.

In a nutshell, the plan is to cut motor vehicle license fees 50 per cent and make up the difference with an increased tax on gasoline. Furthermore, three directors of the association have been promised places on the senate committee on roads and highways, which would have the handling of bills dealing with revision of license fees and the gasoline tax.

Automobile legislation promises to be a bone of contention when the Oregon legislature meets next month. There are between 300,000 and 400,000 people of Oregon's 800,000 population who drive cars. All of these, and the rear-seat drivers, will be affected by much of the motor vehicle and road legislation which is now being cooked up. Some of the legislation has been hatching for months, which accounts for 15 senators wanting to be on the road committee and about 30 representatives asking for assignment on the house road committee.

Motor vehicle license fees are used to pay interest and principal on outstanding state highway bonds. If the license fees be reduced, then to make sure that enough revenue will be raised to meet those payments, a higher tax must be placed on gasoline.

Home For Holidays—Miss Beth Johnson, who is attending the San Jose Normal, is home for the holidays visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Johnson.

Special Auto Accident Policy for \$5.00 a year. Phone 21. Yeo of course. 24-17

Receive News of Death—Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Greenwood have received the news of the death of their son-in-law, Thomas Lurch who died at Merrill, Oregon, after a lingering illness.

We put the chicken in our tamales. The Plaza. 82—17

ALPINE GUIDES BALK AT MOTOR CAR SLED

BERNE, Switzerland, Dec. 22. — Even the hardest of Alpine guides refused to ride down a snow-covered hill in a newly invented automobile on sled runners. So the manufacturers of the new amusement device made the initial tryout by sending the sled-car down a hill without passengers. The experiment was a success.

PORTLAND OUTFIT HANDS LOCALS A 33-21 TROUNCING

Elks Show Lack of Practice in First Game of Season. Tilt Is Rough Affair

BY TUT JACKSON
In the game which more nearly resembled football than basketball, the Portland Municipal Basketball Club quintet trounced the Ashland Elks, 33-21, Saturday night, in the first game of the season. Thirty two personal fouls were chalked up against the two teams, the locals being called twenty times, while twelve black marks were registered against the visitors. According to an agreement made before the game, players were not put out of the game for four personals, and as a result the game soon took on the appearance of a real battle.

Clyde Young, husky guard on the local quintet was the only player who failed to have a personal foul registered against him, but Dale Young more than made up the family falling by being caught in eight times.

Guthrie, Elk forward was high point man of the tussle, chalking up twelve markers, all of them scored in the first half. Eight of his points came from field goals, while he sank four free throws.

For the visitors, Reeves, lanky forward was high point man with ten points. Reeves scored three field goals and one free throw in the first half and one field goal and one free throw in the second quarter.

The first half was plenty rough, and with Referee Walt Hughes calling them close, the thing was a continual battle. The half ended with the Portlanders leading 22-15. The second period was slightly less rough, but the visitors stalled their way through, content to keep the lead run up in the first half. In the second period, the locals showed several flashes of form, but on the whole their play showed their lack of practice.

In the preliminary to the big tussle, the Boy Scouts handed the high school freshmen a 24-17 beating. The game was a nip and tuck affair, but the superior weight of the Scouts put the game on ice for them.

The score of the final game follows:
Ashland (21) Portland (33)
Guthrie (12) F Reeves (10)
Heer (2) F Pollock (9)
Grubb (6) C H Weiss (7)
C. Young (0) G T Weiss (6)
D. Young (1) G Olson (1)

Substitutions: Ellis for Guthrie, Guthrie for Ellis, Ellis for Heer, Heer for Ellis, Dean for Grubb, Bentley for C. Young, C. Young for Bentley, Ellis for C. Young.

J. W. FINNELL DEAD; ILL THREE WEEKS

John W. Finnell died in Ashland Sunday evening following an illness of three weeks. The funeral services will be held from the home of his cousin, Miss Phoebe McCoy, 363 Iowa street, Tuesday at 2 o'clock p. m. Friends are requested to omit bringing flowers.

Mr. Finnell lived in this city for seventeen years. He was born in Ohio in 1848. Funeral services will be conducted by Rev. S. J. Chaney.

MIXUP ON PLAY'S NAME

Last week an advertisement of the play to be given at the Bellview school tonight was given to The Tidings. Through an error, the first line, which read: "Don't miss the famous movie thriller—'Not by a Dam Site'—was published in The Tidings as follows: "Don't miss the movie thriller—not by a — site." The Tidings is glad to acknowledge that the joke is on the paper and that swearing was not intended in the advertisement, as the publication in the paper might have indicated.

COMMISSIONERS COMPUTE LEVY FOR NEXT YEAR

Tax Total in State to Reach \$7,492,761.47 According To Mark Given Out

MORE THAN IN 1924

Building Program for Year and Accident Commission Fees Included in Figure

SALEM, Dec. 22. — The state tax levy for 1925, as computed by the state tax commission as a special meeting held Saturday, was fixed at \$7,482,761.47. This is \$32,591.47 in excess of the levy for the current year, \$7,450,170.

Included in the total levy is \$5,569,712.62 which represents millage levies outside of the 6 per cent limitation amendment to the state constitution. To be raised by direct levy within the 6 per cent limitation amendment is \$1,923,048.79. The direct levy also represents the difference between \$4,757,134.73, the total amount estimated expenses of the state for 1925 within the 6 per cent limitation amendment, and \$2,834,105.94, the aggregate of estimated receipts and unexpended balances.

Included in the \$4,757,134.73 was the uncollected portion of the state income tax, which was estimated by the state tax commissioner at \$600,000. This tax was created by the legislature two years ago, but was repealed by the voters at the general election held November 4 this year.

In computing the state tax levy there was taken into consideration a building programme estimated to cost \$500,000, \$65,000 for the public service commission, and \$50,000 for the state industrial accident commission. These items were omitted from the budget of estimated expenditures in the report of the state budget commission given out Thursday.

HEARING OF ROSS OPENED BY PIERCE

SALEM, Dec. 22. — Hearing of the charges against Dr. Tom Ross, member of the state fish commission, preferred by Governor Pierce, who sought to remove him from office recently opened this morning over the objection of the Ross counsel. Attorneys for Ross contended the Governor had no right to hear the case in judgment of charges preferred by himself and that the proper place for the hearing is in the court of justice. The governor charged Ross with extravagance and the purchase of liquor from an Astoria policeman.

SPEEDER FINED

L. Lasater, tourist, was fined \$20 at Judge Gowdy's court Saturday, charged with speeding. Lasater was arrested by J. J. McMahon.

GOOD ATTENDANCE IS EXPECTED AT FORUM LUNCHEON

One of the largest assemblies of the year is expected tomorrow at the regular weekly Forum luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce to be held at the Hotel Ashland. A special feature program is being arranged for the luncheon by J. H. Fuller, secretary of the local chamber, and one of the best meetings of the season is expected.

The luncheon has been named the Christmas Forum, and everything in connection with it is being arranged to carry out the holiday spirit. According to Fuller, the tables will be decorated in Christmas attire, and with the dining room of the hotel hung with Christmas decorations, the luncheon will take on a general holiday appearance.

As a special feature of the program, the Rhonda Welsh Male Glee Singers will appear, presenting several of the numbers of their regular program. The singers will appear in a public presentation at a local church tomorrow evening.

Santa Claus will be present at the luncheon, and will hand out gifts to the members present, according to those in charge of the arrangements for the meeting.