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OREGON RANKS SECOND STATE FOR LUMBERING

Washington Leads Country in Production of Timber Supplies

FIGURES ARE GIVEN

Timber Cut in Two Leading States Totals Largest Amount Ever Recorded

PORTLAND, Dec. 26. — The lumber cut of Washington and Oregon for 1923, in accordance with statistics collected by the Bureau of Census in cooperation with the Forest Service, was the largest ever reported amounting to 10,643,739,000 feet, as announced by the District Forester's office. The total lumber cut of the United States during 1923 was 37,165,540,000 feet, the largest since 1916.

Washington is by far the leading producing state. Production of lumber, lath, and shingles in 1923 was: Lumber, 6,677,656,000 feet, an increase of 14.4 per cent as compared to 1922; lath, 835,339,000, an increase of 35 per cent; shingles, 3,983,188,000, a decrease of 12 per cent. Lath production in the United States in 1923 amounted to 3,328,013,000, an increase of 13 per cent as compared to 1922; shingle production to 7,506,869,000, a decrease of nearly 8 per cent.

Oregon ranks second, Louisiana third, and Mississippi fourth, in lumber production. Lumber, lath, and shingle production in Oregon for 1923 was: Lumber, 3,966,083,000, an increase of 31.2 per cent as compared with 1922; lath, 393,942,000, an increase of 43 per cent; shingles, 414,629,000, a decrease of 15 per cent.

The two predominating woods were Southern yellow pine, which contributed nearly 35 per cent of the total lumber cut of the United States for 1923, and Douglas fir, which contributed slightly over 22 per cent, their nearest competitor being western yellow pine, with 7.5 per cent.

With the exception of cypress, the cut of which decreased 5.7 per cent, all the principal species of the country showed increases for 1923 as compared with the preceding year. The lumber cut of Douglas fir, largely produced in Oregon and Washington, amounted to 8,222,860,000 feet in 1923.

JURY GETS MCCOY CASE FOR VERDICT

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 26. — Following the reading of instructions by Superior Judge Crail, the jury in the case of Kid McCoy, accused of the murder of Mrs. Teresa Mors, his sweetheart, retired shortly before noon today to consider the verdict.

33 LIVES LOST, 40 INJURED IN BLAZE OF BURNING SCHOOL

HOBART, Okla., Dec. 26. — With the list of identified dead already placed at thirty three, and with forty others in hospitals throughout this city, with several of the victims expected to die, this community was today preparing for an inquiry into the fire which Wednesday evening burned the Babbs school here and turned Christmas Eve from a night of joy to a night of horror.

An all day search through the ruins of the school house, and a farm to farm check, made by a crew of volunteer workers, today failed to disclose any additional missing persons or bodies.

LAWYER'S CLUB HONORS CHIEF JUSTICE MARSHALL

NEW YORK, Dec. 26. — The one hundred and twenty-fourth anniversary of the appointment of John Marshall, as Chief Justice of the United States, will be celebrated January 20, by the Lawyers' Club, with a dinner in the Hotel Astor.

ASSURANCE GIVEN THAT DIVISION IS NOT YET SELECTED

Klamath Will be Given Opportunity to Set Forth Claims, Railroad Manager Tells Officials

KLAMATH FALLS, Dec. 26. — A reiteration of the assurance that the Southern Pacific company will not determine the location of its division point which will serve this section of the Klamath Lakes Route now under construction, was conveyed Tuesday to the directors of the chamber of commerce when H. D. Mortenson, president of the chamber, met with that body for the first time in some weeks.

Mr. Mortenson, in his last absence from the city, and during a visit in San Francisco, took occasion to call upon the general manager of the road, J. H. Dyer, and was again told that no division location had been determined upon or would be without Klamath Falls first having an opportunity to set forth its claims.

Although this assurance has been voiced before at meetings of the directors and is in no manner at variance with that which has been stated in the past, it appeared timely in view of a recent move on the part of the board wherein the belief was expressed that further steps should be taken in regard to ascertaining locations of the division.

FERN MADDEN GUESSES WEIGHT OF BIG STICK

Miss Fern Madden, six year old daughter of A. A. Madden, 163 Pine street, proved to be the best guesser in the city. She sized the giant stick of candy at the Plaza as weighing 19 pounds. When the officials, E. N. Butler and Chief of Police McNabb, put the stick on the scales, it tipped the balance at 19 pounds, 2 ounces.

Miss Jean Alstead also guessed the stick to weigh 19 pounds. To break the tie, it was necessary to put the two names in a hat and Master Albert C. Myers, was called upon to draw the lucky number which proved to be his neighbor's, Miss Madden.

Honorable mention is due to Lloyd Keene, 19 1-2 lbs.; Dr. G. H. Addis, 19 lbs., 7 oz.; Albert C. Myers, Jr., 19 1-2 lbs.; A. N. W. song, 18 lbs., 10 oz.; and Elva Moon, Fort Klamath, 19 lbs., 8 oz.

FLYERS THOUGHT LOST APPEAR UPON SCENE

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26. — All fears for the safety of Lieutenants Oakley Kelly and H. Miller, flying from the Vancouver Barracks to San Diego were dispelled when the flyers reached Crissey Field here shortly after one o'clock. They stated that they had spent the night in Marysville, Calif.

WEATHER MAN PREDICTS COLD SPELL TO HOLD

Willamette Valley in Grip of Sub Zero Weather, Salem Five Below

PORTLAND SHIVERS

Southern Oregon Enjoys Almost Balmly Weather While Rest of State Continues to Freeze

PORTLAND, Dec. 26. — A few signs of a gradual easing of the frigid weather which has held Portland in its grip for the past two weeks appeared on the weather map today, but they are so slight that the district weather office in this city reported them as not worth mentioning, or even taking into consideration, and issued a forecast for fair and continued cold, the same type of weather that has prevailed here for the past week.

The weather observer at Salem today reported a temperature of five degrees below zero, the lowest mark the thermometer has reached in that city in the past thirteen years. Albany, another Willamette Valley city reported a temperature of three degrees below. Boise, Idaho, reported the lowest temperature ever recorded in that city in December, when the mercury slipped down to the eighteen degree notch.

The heavy ice floes in the Columbia river have complicated shipping in this vicinity until at present almost all of it has stopped, only a few steel holl ships daring to face the ice. Only one ship moved up stream from Astoria yesterday, and the crew on it reported the navigation was very difficult. A thin sheet of ice covers the Columbia from shore to shore at St. Helens.

With Northern Oregon, especially the Willamette Valley section still in the grip of the cold spell which has been prevalent over the state for the past two weeks, Ashland continues to enjoy almost balmly weather. Louis Dodge, weather observer, announced today that the minimum temperature recorded for the day was 22 degrees, while with the sun shining brightly, the mercury in the official thermometer moved up to forty two degrees. The entire southern end of the Rogue River Valley appears to have been benefited by a break in the cold spell, and to have regained a normal temperature.

GOVERNOR PIERCE PLAYS SANTA, MAN GETS DAY'S FREEDOM

SALEM, Dec. 26. — Playing the role of Santa Claus, Governor Pierce Saturday issued an executive order authorizing William Lawler, serving a term of 12 years in the state penitentiary here for assault with intent to commit robbery, to spend Christmas with his parents in Portland.

Under the order Lawler must report at the prison today. The order followed a lengthy conference between the convict's mother and Governor Pierce in the executive offices. Mrs. Lawler pleaded that the boy's father is blind, and that he has only a short time to live. It was this appeal, the governor said, that induced him to grant the temporary release of the prisoner.

An effort has been made to obtain a pardon for Lawler and his case probably will go before the state parole board at its meeting in January. Lawler's partner in crime, who was sentenced to a term of 10 years in the penitentiary, was released from the institution Wednesday on a commutation order issued by Roy W. Ritner, acting governor, in December, 1923. Lawler has served five years of his sentence, the officials said.

Should Lawler later be pardoned by the governor he will be compelled to obtain employment and assist in supporting his aged father and mother. Violation of this condition, the governor said, would result in Lawler's return to the prison to serve out the balance of his sentence.

Pendleton — 25-year franchise granted to Pacific Power & Light Company.

SABRE SLAYER HELD DESPITE FATHER'S PLEA



GEORGE SHAW, MRS. H.W. BRADY & BRUCE A. SHAW

George Shaw, of Oak Park, Ill., fashionable suburb of Chicago, has been charged with the murder of his wealthy father, Bruce A. Shaw, in water and author, slain with a sabre while the son was in-mad, according to police. Mrs. Hazel Howard Brady, divorcee, whom younger Shaw took home with him after a drunken orgy at a roadhouse, police allege, testified at the inquest. Bruce Shaw was attacked after he upbraided his son. With his last breath he pleaded for his son, who, he said, had been shell-shocked in France and was not accountable for his murderous impulses.

BOOTLEGGERS HANDED STIFF SENTENCES BY CO. JUDGE GARDNER

Fines and Jail Terms Given Two Men Taken in Recent Raids in Jackson County

JACKSONVILLE, Dec. 26. — Heavy sentences were meted out Wednesday by County Judge Gardner to a pair of liquor law violators, who entered pleas of guilty, to complaints sworn to by M. V. McMills, a state prohibition officer, who has been conducting an investigation of "the wet spots" in this vicinity, the last ten days. McMills, according to county officials, figured in a sensational liquor episode in Coos county a year or so ago.

L. A. Gillick of Medford, on his plea of guilty, was sentenced to pay a fine of \$300 and serve three months in the county jail. William Lacy, a resident of the Talent district, under the same charge was sentenced to four months in the county jail, and given a \$400 fine.

Jonas Spitzer, also of the Talent district, charged with possession of a gun and a bottle of rum at the same time, entered a plea of not guilty and his hearing will be set later.

Melvin McGrew entered a plea of not guilty to the charge of possession of intoxicating liquor, and his preliminary hearing will be set later. Eli Dahack, well known resident of the Eagle Point district, entered pleas of not guilty to three complaints alleging sale of intoxicants, and his hearing will be later. Dahack was indicted by the last grand jury on three counts involving alleged violations of the prohibition laws, and in the trial of one of the indictments the first of the month, the jury disagreed after 27 hours deliberation. One of the selling offenses alleged in the new complaints, is alleged to have taken place a few days after this legal occurrence.

Two John Doe warrants charging liquor violations are still to be served.

INCOME TAX BLANKS FOR EMPLOYERS OUT

PORTLAND, Dec. 26. — Blanks for the use of employers in reporting the names of all employees to whom payments of \$1000, or more, in wages, salaries, commissions or compensations in any other form were made during the year 1924 are now available at the office of Clyde G. Huntley, collector of internal revenue, at the custom house in this city. These reports must be forwarded by every employer direct to the commissioner of internal revenue at Washington, D. C. on or before March 15. This is one of the requirements of the federal income tax law which provides penalties for failure by an employer to furnish the commissioner of internal revenue with the required information.

Benton county will hold economic conference January 13-14.

EXPECT REPORT ON CAUSES OF YOUTH'S DEATH

Physician Will Submit Report of Cause of Death of Young McClintock

ATTORNEY RETURNS

Will be Questioned in Chicago by State's Attorney Crowe. No Foul Play Discovered Yet

CHICAGO, Dec. 26. — While leading physicians and toxicologists were today preparing to submit the results of their poison tests to the coroner, made after the examination of the exhumed body of William McClintock, "Millionaire orphan," William Shepherd, foster father of the dead youth was hurrying home to Chicago from Albuquerque, New Mexico, in order to answer questions to be put to him by States Attorney Crowe.

The first reports of the physicians are expected to be very meagre, containing only the reports of the apparent cause of the youth's death, which was given as typhoid fever by the attending physician who attended McClintock during the fatal illness. The complete report, to be made later, will likely show whether the typhoid was contracted naturally or by murderous administration of typhus germs, either in food or by means of hypodermic injections.

No evidence of foul play has been found in the early investigation, according to reports by detectives working on the case.

Shepherd, in interviews with newspapermen at Albuquerque denied emphatically that he had attempted to keep Isabelle Pope, McClintock's fiancée from the young man's death bedside, but virtually admitted to his interviewers that a proposed death bed marriage had been prevented by his false statement that it was necessary for both parties to obtain a marriage license. He explained that McClintock has wanted to wait until the original date set for the wedding, but that Miss Pope had insisted upon an immediate wedding, and that McClintock had finally agreed.

The investigation was first started when it became known that Shepherd had been the sole inheritor in the will of young McClintock. It was discovered that Shepherd had left for an extended vacation in New Mexico soon after the burial of McClintock, and now that the investigation has started, although he had not been summoned to return to Chicago, returning of his own accord in order that he might aid the police in their work.

S. F. FORECASTER SAYS WEATHER IS WARMER

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26. — Higher temperatures for the Pacific Coast states to come within the next thirty six hours were promised here this afternoon by the San Francisco weather bureau in a special forecast. Moderate weather, to be accompanied by snow in Oregon and Washington and rain in Northern California is what the weather man forecast.

HUNTER, LOST NEAR KLAMATH, SPENDS NIGHT IN THE OPEN

KLAMATH FALLS, Dec. 26. — Russell Trewartha, Algoma lumber worker, missing since Monday morning in the Tule Lake district, was located by a searching party Tuesday night, unharmed after spending all of Monday night alone without a fire or adequate protection.

Trewartha left Monday morning to search for a watch, lost during a previous hunting trip. Arriving at the hunting grounds he carefully searched over the area in which he had passed previously.

Returning to his car late in the evening he found it frozen up. Due to the gathering darkness and his unfamiliarity with the region he decided to stay with the car rather than to attempt reaching a settlement in the dark.

He passed the night alone without a fire and kept from freezing by running around the car. When the searching party found him he was still trying to start the car.

CAN'T SEE THIEF BUT REMEMBERS HIS VOICE

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 26. — Ben Boyd is blind. He could not see a man who robbed him. When George Sang was arrested as a suspect he was brought before Boyd in court and ordered to speak.

MCCOY IS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE KIWANIS FOR 1925

Officers Chosen to Guide Club During Coming Year. Reports of Committees Heard

Election of officers for the coming year, clearing up of odds and ends of business, and the reading of reports of the various committees on the work of the year occupied the attention of the Kiwanis Club at the last meeting of the year, held at the Hotel Ashland today.

J. W. McCoy, cashier of the First National Bank was elected president of the organization, succeeding Henry Enders Jr. who has occupied the office during the past year. Other officers elected were, Vice President, George W. Dunn, Treasurer, Fred S. Engle, Trustee, H. K. Tomlinson, Directors, S. J. Chaney, Louis Dodge, Fred C. Homes, E. R. Isaac, Dan F. Kay, Thomas H. Simpson and Fred D. Wagner.

According to the report of the attendance committee, the Ashland Kiwanis Club attendance during the past year compares very favorably with the attendance recorded for clubs throughout the country.

J. W. McCoy, chairman of the membership committee reported that seven new members had been obtained for the club during the year. Three of these new members, William Briggs, Jr., James Bowers and V. V. Mills were introduced at the luncheon today.

BOY SETS FIRE TO SHED WARMING PLACE FOR SANTA

A young boy, attempting to heat a wood shed, in order that Santa Claus would have a warm place to park his reindeer, Wednesday afternoon nearly resulted in the loss of the wood shed. Only the quick response of the fire department to a residence on Central avenue saved the building. Although no damage was done according to Fire Chief Clint Baughman, it is probable that Santa was forced to find a new stable for his reindeer.

MANY KILLED WHEN LIME DAM BREAKS

SALT VILLE, Va., Dec. 26. — Rescuers toiled here today, throughout thousands of tons of half frozen muck, searching for the bodies of victims in the Christmas Eve tragedy which fell on this community Wednesday night with the breaking of the dam on the Mathieson Alkali Works, snuffing out dozens of lives.

BOYS ARE DROWNED WHEN ICE BREAKS

EUGENE, Dec. 26. — Stacey Swanson, 12, and his brother, Clark, 10, were drowned Christmas afternoon in a frozen slough a few miles south of here. The boys were skating when the younger lad's hat fell into the water at the edge of the ice. In attempting to recover it, he fell into the icy waters, and his brother made a brave effort to save him. Both boys, chilled, sank after a short struggle.

Every ad has a message.

CONFESSION OF MAN WANTED IN CITY RECEIVED

F. W. Cate, Former Employee of Local Cafe, Tells Story of Robberies

MANY ARE IMPLICATED

Arrested in Astoria on Charge of Stealing Car, Suspect Makes Complete Confession

E. W. Cate, formerly a dish washer at the Plaza Cafe, arrested in Astoria on a charge of burglary and the theft of an automobile, has made a full confession of the robbery of the Plaza Cafe and Enders store here, implicating several members of what is believed to be an organized gang in this section. A copy of this confession follows:

Affidavit of Everett W. Cate to H. J. Slusher, December 12, 1924.
Q. What is your name?
A. Everett W. Cate.
Q. What is your occupation?
A. Laborer.
Sheriff H. J. Slusher—Mr. Cate you are here under investigation concerning the charge against yourself and it is my duty to inform you of your rights. No man is compelled to give testimony against himself, neither has any officer a right to extort this statement or testimony from you, through any threats or by any promises. Any statements that you make here might be used against you in any future trial of the case, and might be used against you before the Grand Jury. And such statement is voluntarily given, of your own free will and without promise of reward or immunity. Answer all the questions if you choose and if you choose to remain silent that is also your privilege.

Q. What was the last place you worked?
A. Plaza Cafe Ashland, Ore.
Q. Who was the party you left with?
A. With Morton Hansen and his wife.

Q. Where did you go to from Ashland, Ore?
A. To California.
Q. How did you go?
A. By Automobile.
Q. What kind of an automobile?
A. It was an Elgin Auto.
Q. Where did you disband this automobile?
A. Near Merced, California.

Q. Do you know what time of the month this was?
A. No sir. I don't know.
Q. Did this man Hansen steal a Chevrolet 1920 model at Merced?
A. Yes sir.
Q. Did he leave his Elgin Auto there?
A. Yes, in a camping ground.

Q. Did you leave that same night?
A. Yes sir.
Q. Where did you go to?
A. We went to Klamath Falls.
Q. Did this man Hansen steal this auto you now have in Klamath Falls, Oregon?
A. Yes sir.
Q. That was on the 19th of November?
A. Yes sir.

Q. Who drove this auto?
A. Hansen drove it two blocks, and then I drove it to Medford, Oregon.
Q. What did he do with the auto he stole in California?
A. He left it at his uncle's place.
Q. Who took the sunvisor of
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CHRISTMAS MAIL IS WELL HANDLED AT LOCAL POST OFFICE

The Christmas mails were well cleaned up at the Ashland Post-office when it closed for the half holiday yesterday at 11 o'clock a. m. Belated parcels, however, continued to arrive on the late afternoon and night trains and made today another heavy one for the carrier and delivery departments. The Christmas business just closing has been quite a satisfactory one. Postmaster Wagner states, but figures have not been compiled to make comparisons with previous years. It can be stated though that the postal business for the entire calendar year approximately has broken all records and that receipts will show at least a 20 per cent increase over last year, which previously held the record.

WEATHER
Maximum—42
Minimum—22
Set Maximum—29

Tidings Want Ads are go-getters