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City Should Take Over Chautauqua Building

LEADING CITIZENS GIVE OUT OPINIONS

Suggestions Received by The Tidings Unanimously Are That City Officials Should Take Over Building Through Small Bond Issue. Other Ideas to be Published Here Later.

With the foreclosure proceeding instituted against the Southern Oregon Chautauqua Association, to obtain possession of the Chautauqua building in payment of a loan made the association several years ago, rapidly taking form, the leading citizens of Ashland are awakening to the possibility of the famous building, a landmark in the city, passing into private hands.

For many years the big building has stood as a central meeting point in the city. Whenever a photographer wished to really represent a view of the city, the Chautauqua building was the center of his picture. Thus, as skyscrapers represent New York City, as the Ferry building represents San Francisco, did the Chautauqua building represent Ashland.

Erected in the hey day of the Chautauqua, when the local association had a vast surrounding country from which to draw patrons to the circuits made famous by William Jennings Bryan, the building was a paying proposition for a time. Later, when the cities in this vicinity began forming Chautauqua associations of their own, Ashland lost many patrons, and as a result the association's popularity waned, and the building became a liability. The holder of the mortgage on the structure was very lenient in his collection of the interest, but lately has decided that if his interests are to be protected, he must foreclose on the building. This attitude has been appreciated here, and the people of Ashland can see only fairness in his dealings.

The Tidings a few days ago asked for suggestions from the people of Ashland as to means for keeping the building intact. Many of these suggestions have been received from leading citizens, and the consensus of opinion seems to be that the city should take over the building. In what manner the building should be used varies with the different suggestions.

Dr. F. G. Swedenburg, well known physician advocates the raising of the amount of the indebtedness on the building by popular subscription, and has offered to start the campaign rolling with a contribution of \$100.

Some of the opinions expressed in answer to the Tidings call for: **GEORGE A. BRISCOE, Superintendent of schools**—"It is too bad for the city to lose control of the building and it should not be allowed to go into private hands. The city should use it as part of the park system."

E. V. CARTER, President, First National Bank—"It might be a good idea for the heads of the civic clubs in the city to get together with the council in order to evolve some plan for keeping the building under the control of the city. An organized group of the heads of the clubs could work out some plan by which it could be redeemed and be used by the city."

V. O. N. SMITH, Cashier Citizens Bank—"Some public spirited man should take over the management of the thing in order to make it a paying proposition. He should manage it for the association, in order to clear up the indebtedness, and thus keep the building under the control of the public."

Other opinions and suggestions will be gladly received by the Tidings. Several of the leading citizens of the city, including E. D. Briggs, attorney representing the interests foreclosing on the property, G. H. Billings, former manager of the Chautauqua Association and F. C. Homes, well known resident of this section are preparing statements which will be published later.

V. D. MILLER, Ashland manager, Standard Oil Company—"The city should take over the Chautauqua property and retain the ownership because it is essential in connection with the park. Ashland needs a cool building like the Chautauqua as a municipal auditorium, especially during the hot summer months. It is the second largest of its kind in the United States, and is unique as an advertising attraction. It is a splendid place for exhibi-

CITIZENS MEET TO DISCUSS LAWS WITH PRESIDENT COOLIDGE

Conference Across Breakfast Table Held at White House. Prohibition Upheld

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Across the White House breakfast table this morning, President Coolidge was urged to impress vigorously upon all Federal officials, both those having charge of the enforcement of the law, and those otherwise engaged, the importance of enforcing the law of the land, both by "precept and by the personal example set by themselves."

The enlistment of Presidential aid in the matter was in the form of a resolution, adopted by the Citizens' Committee of One Thousand for law enforcement, and was conveyed to the chief executive of the country by Judge Gary, president of the United States Steel Corporation, chairman of the committee who presented the resolution calling upon all officials of the country to obey the laws.

John D. Rockefeller Jr. spoke at the conference this morning and commended President Coolidge for his personal conscientious obedience to the prohibition law.

The conference this morning was primarily called in order that the committee representing the most powerful and influential citizens of the country, might be able to personally meet President Coolidge, in a conference in which they might express their ideas on law enforcement, and might impress upon the President their regard for the prohibition law, and urge him to use every means to enforce it.

BODY OF MAN IS FOUND IN RUINS OF BURNED HOME

BEND, Jan. 8.—With the head hacked almost beyond recognition by an axe or a hatchet, the body of Alex Rouchek, fifty-five, a Russian, was found in the ruins of his shack which had been destroyed by fire early this morning. The police have advanced the theory that the murder was com-

WEATHER CHEATED COP OF HIS SNOW EVIDENCE

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Jan. 8.—If prognostications of weather observers had run true to form and a heralded cold wave had come on schedule, Patrolman Wren, of East Syracuse, might be acclaimed a great detective, but the vagaries of the weather have snatched away the wreath of laurel. When the snow was young and fresh and impressionable someone robbed the W. C. Jones garage of four batteries. Patrolman Wren investigating the case, found it an open book. There were plenty of freshly made tracks in the snow, and one of these he scooped up and preserved carefully. Then he went out and found a young man with a foot which, he alleges, fitted the print perfectly. He locked the young man up, took the evidence to the office of Justice of the Peace Glen H. Reis, and deposited it on a window-sill outside, where it would keep intact. Then the weather went and changed. Temperatures mounted and the footprint went the way of the holes in doughnuts. "I had him cold," Wren commented sadly, as he viewed the wet spot where the evidence had reposed.

TIMBER OF JACKSON COUNTY CONSIDERED IN STATE MEETING

Pierce to Call Conference to Discuss Means of Aiding Timbermen in Shipping Product

SALEM, Jan. 8.—Development of the federal government of Oregon's harbors, now partially improved, to the end that the vast timber resources of the coast counties may be marketed and saved from certain decay, was requested in a letter received at the executive offices here today from I. N. Day of Portland, ex-member of the state legislature and for many years closely identified with the development of the Pacific coast.

Following a conference with Mr. Day this afternoon, the governor issued a statement in which he approved the proposal contained in the letter, and said he would call a conference of Pacific coast governors, port officials and representatives of the United States government, to be held in Portland January 16 and 17. At this conference every effort will be made, Governor Pierce said, to impress upon the government the merits of the request.

"There are in Tillamook, Lincoln, Lane, Douglas, Coos, Curry, Jackson and Josephine counties, on government owned land, 100,101,577,000 board feet of timber, much of it overmatured and turning to decay. There also are 96,820,000,000 board feet in private ownership and in the same condition. It cannot now be marketed because of transportation difficulties.

"The six coast counties, with Jackson and Josephine excluded have a combined area of 9,467,520 acres. Of this 4,650,964 acres are within the boundaries of national forests, Oregon and California and Coos bay land grants. On these government-owned acres stand 87,800,930,000 board feet of timber.

"The six counties have in addition a combined area of 4,816,556 feet of standing timber. "Jackson and Josephine counties have 1,479,616 acres of government-owned and 1,456,966 acres of privately-owned land. On the government lands are 12,300,647,000 board feet and in the private holdings are 6,820,000,000 board feet of timber.

"In the entire district embracing 61,230,580 acres of government and 6,272,620 acres of private holdings stand 100,101,577,000 board feet of government and 96,820,000,000 board feet of privately owned timber.

LEGISLATOR SEEKS TO DIVORCE WIFE.



MRS. EDNA JAMES SCOTT. Mrs. Scott's allegations, which have thrown Washington society into a furor, have been made against Mrs. Edna James Scott, wife of Representative Frank D. Scott in the latter's action for divorce in the courts at Alpena, Mich. He accuses her of extravagances and indiscretions. She denies his charges in toto. Meanwhile, Harry Wyckoff, cashier at a fashionable Washington apartment hotel, whose name has been mentioned in the case, is threatening suit for libel against those seeking "to make me the goat in the Scotts' marital fight."

KLAMATH WILL VOTE ON ISSUE TO CLEAR UP ALL OLD DEBTS

Warrants Issued Years Ago Still Outstanding, and Must be Met by Payments

KLAMATH FALLS, Jan. 8.—Klamath taxpayers and voters will be called upon some time within the not far distant future to pass upon a bond issue to redeem outstanding county warrants if present plans carry and the legislature authorizes the proposal.

At the present time Klamath county owes approximately \$140,000 and accrued interest on warrants issued prior to the adoption of the six per cent limitation law. These warrants were issued years previous, some of them eight and ten years old. At the time it was generally conceded that the debt incurred was essential and in fact much of the paper was in payment for official salaries and school upkeep.

Supported by members of the county court, and advocated by many others, a bill has been drafted and it is the present intention to have the same presented at this session of the state legislature. Judge Robert Bunnell, head of the commission body is known to strongly favor clearing up the old debt and was in conference with Representative Andrew Collier concerning the proposed legislation just prior to the latter's departure for Salem.

LIGHTING CONTEST PRIZE WINNERS ARE PRESENTED AWARDS

At 2:30 o'clock this afternoon an assembly was held at the Ashland Senior High School for the purpose of awarding prizes to the Ashland Boys and Girls who were prize winners in the Better Home Lighting Campaign conducted by the Jackson County Lighting Committee.

Bardary Joy of the Ashland High School, was the winner of the first prize among the Boys in the Jackson County District, which consisted of a cash prize of \$50.00 and an engraved medal. Margaret Elizabeth Creason, 526 East Main Street, Ashland, Oregon, of the Hawthorne School, received second prize among the Girls in the District, which consisted of \$20.00 in cash and a medal. Douglas B. A. Finch, 347 Almond street, of the Ashland Junior High School, and James Miller, 121 Bush street, also of the Ashland Junior High, who

AMERICAN NAVY VERY DEFICIENT SAYS WILBUR

Secretary Declares Fleets of Japan and Great Britain ADVISES NEW PROGRAM

Meeting of House Naval Affairs Committee Is Scene of Report by Secretary of Navy

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The modernization of the entire American navy, including making the ships oil burners, and the construction of at least four new capital battleships of the first class will turn the American fleet into a real, high class fighting organization, but not above the authorized strength of 5-5-3 in comparison with the fleets of Great Britain and Japan, Secretary of the Navy Wilbur today declared before the House Naval Affairs committee.

He, however, admitted that even this building of ships would not arise the navy to 5-5-3 treaty strength, since the submarine, cruiser, destroyer, submarine chaser and air forces were far under the strength recognized and authorized by the members of the disarmament conference committee, and advised and recommended his twenty year program of construction to accomplish this. Under Secretary Wilbur's program the next construction of ships would be started early during the next year.

Secretary Wilbur admitted before the committee that the ships in the American fleet, at present rated as first class vessels, were very deficient in range and speed, and far under the navies of Japan and Great Britain in these respects. However, he said with a little reconstruction on the vessels, the installation of better and bigger guns, and the equipping of the boats with better driving equipment, they could be made equal to any vessels in the world.

The calling of Secretary Wilbur before the Naval Affairs committee today was a direct slap at President Coolidge. The President, a week ago, asked the House to recommend the calling of an other disarmament conference, to be held in Washington. At that time, without even considering President Coolidge's request, the House committee announced that Secretary Wilbur had been instructed to draw up a report as to the condition of the navy, with recommendations as to how it could be improved, to be delivered before a special meeting of the committee. This report was delivered today. As yet, no action has been taken by the House on Coolidge's request for a recommendation in the calling of a disarmament conference.

It is believed that a bill, authorizing the recommended changes in the navy will be drawn up immediately, and presented to the House of Representatives by those members present at the meeting today.

MRS. TED COY IS GRANTED DIVORCE

PARIS, Jan. 8.—Mrs. "Ted" Coy, wife of the former Yale football star, considered one of the greatest of all time, was granted a divorce here today by the French court. Mrs. Coy was awarded the custody of the Coy's two minor children. The dispatch stated Mrs. Coy obtained the divorce upon the grounds of desertion.

CAMPAIGN STARTED TO KILL AMENDMENT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—A well organized and liberally financed campaign of misrepresentation has been launched throughout the country to defeat the child labor amendment to the constitution, recently submitted by Congress to the states for ratification. Senator Walsh of Montana, Democrat charged on the floor of the Senate chamber this morning.

ENGINEER IS KILLED BY PROTRUDING ROCK

Jackson Ga., Jan. 8.—Alleging carelessness caused the death of her husband when a protruding rock in a cut knocked him from his seat in the engine cab, Mrs. Marie P. Hancock, widow of Guy N. Hancock, Southern Railway engineer, has filed suit against the railroad for \$50,000, and asks an additional \$10,000 from the railroad and A. J. Burke, who was conductor of the train Hancock was driving.

The plaintiff alleges the train proceeded more than a mile from the scene of Hancock's death before he was missed and the train sent back for his body. She further asserts that the body was placed on the pilot, with the face against the hot boiler and then taken to McDonough. The hot steam, the widow declares, caused decay to set in. She asks that the road and the conductor of its train be punished for this. The first suit is filed under the Federal Liability act.

At the point where Hancock was killed many rocks protrude from the face of the cut, and the widow presumes one of these struck her husband as he leaned from the window to inspect the engine's machinery.

UNIVERSITY HIGH FIVE TO BE MET HERE ON FRIDAY

Ashland High Quintet to Tangle With Eugene Outfit in Next Big Tussle

With two overwhelming victories over the Newberg high five to their credit the Ashland High basketball team is ready for its next big game of the year, to be staged at the Armory here Friday night when the University High quintet of Eugene will furnish the evening's entertainment.

Although the Newberg outfit was considered weak, the two scores run up against this outfit were exceptionally good. Any time a basketball outfit can run up a total of 112 points in two games, against a team from a school of equal size, that basketball team, has a powerful offense. And while the locals were running up these scores, they stopped the Newberg five with but 22 points, nine in the first game and thirteen in the second tussle. In the second battle a bunch of second stringers were allowed to cavort against the Newbergers, and these boys outscored the visitors. Medford high, using second and third string men handed the visitors a 25-9 defeat Monday night, ending a rather disastrous road trip for the Newberg outfit.

Although little is known of the University High quintet, Coach Walt Hughes, local mentor has enough dope to know the game will not be another affair similar to the two Newberg games. The visitors will have had the advantage of an competent coaching of any high school five in their section, with having the added advantage of being near the University of Oregon, and thus being able to scrimmage with the University Frosh and varsity outfits, thus picking up a lot of basketball knowledge.

Hughes will probably start the same outfit against Eugene as he pushed into the opening game with Newberg, with Marske and Butterfield forwards, Captain Bryant center and Ramsey and Katzer guards. This outfit is fast developing into a great quintet, and fans are hoping for a clean sweep of victories over Medford, with the possibility of a state championship. Early season predictions are odious, but if the locals improve as rapidly during their next few games as they have during the past two weeks, they will make any high school outfit in the state step a few to take them into camp.

HALF BREED IS NOW SOUGHT ON DEATH CHARGE

Alleged Slayer of O. Erickson at Klamath Falls Is Seen on Street

STOLE AN AUTOMOBILE

Victims of Holdup Declare Man Was Seen in Stores at Klamath. Clues Uncarried

KLAMATH FALLS, Jan. 8.—A half-breed Indian with a criminal record is being sought by authorities to be questioned concerning his whereabouts early Sunday morning when three masked outlaws shot and killed Oscar Erickson in the robbery of a card game in the basement of the Scandinavian hall shortly after midnight Sunday morning. From an official source came a report that one of the hold-up victims feels confident that he will be able to identify the half-breed as the leader of the bandit gang who shot their way into the secluded gambling room and escaped a short time later with \$400 in their pockets and a charge of murder hanging over them.

The much-wanted man was seen about the streets of Klamath Falls Saturday night. But since then he has been missing from his usual haunts. Nobody, apparently, knows of his whereabouts at the present time.

As a connecting link in the circumstantial chain of evidence which is being welded like a noose about the mans gaunt neck was the recovery of the Chevrolet touring car which was stolen on Main street Saturday night. The stolen car was found a short distance from where the half-breed has been living since his return to Klamath Falls early this fall.

The car was stolen from Lloyd Cox some time before 11 o'clock Saturday night from in front of the Winters building. Authorities believe it was used by the gang of outlaws in making their escape from the scene of the robbery and murder.

Mr. Cox this afternoon said that the speedometer showed that the car had been driven but a short distance. A rear tire had been removed, as well as a chain. Another significant feature was the fact that the fuse had been removed from the car, indicating that those who stole it had driven away without lights as though as to escape detection.

The man now being sought for possible connection with the crime was arrested early this fall on a slaying charge but escaped conviction. He has also been arrested at different times on other charges.

According to information gained here the man of late has been an almost constant frequenter of the gambling houses about the city, and knew of the game which was in progress in the basement of the Scandinavian hall.

Authorities say that he is at least six feet tall and weighs about 175 pounds. He also is said to have been wearing high-topped boots and logger's garments. This is the description which victims of the bandit trio say fits the leader of the outlaws who raided the poker game and shot Erickson to death.

OVER 50 DISTRICTS REPRESENTED AT CO. TEACHER CONVENTION

MEDFORD, Jan. 8.—About 55 delegates representing the school districts of Jackson county, met at the Presbyterian church yesterday. Twenty-four of the districts represented being rural.

The convention opened with a roll call by districts, giving improvements made during the year. There were very interesting and quite varied, ranging from schoolhouse cleaning to repairing holes made by woodpeckers.

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