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PIERCE IS OVERRULED

THE WEATHER
Oregon: Unsettled, probably rain in the north and west portions tonight and Sunday.

Business Firms Move—
William Matheson moved his barbershop in the Hoffman hotel building yesterday, to make room for the expansion of the Gilmore's women's wear store.

Improve Camp Grounds—
A new service and grocery store are soon to be erected at the auto camp recently established at the junction of the Pacific and McKenzie highways near Willamette river.

Rooms to Be Remodeled—
Two rooms in the Hoffman block at Ninth avenue and Willamette street, just vacated by the Matheson barber shop and the Scott Cigar store are being remodeled for Mrs. Gilmore's Women's shop.

Campaign Group Chosen—
Ten men have been named on the membership campaign committee of the Woodmen of the World, to plan and direct a drive for 100 new members in the next few weeks.

Dr. Finley Visits—
Dr. J. J. Finley of Corvallis, dentist, and family are in Eugene visiting relatives. Mrs. Finley is a sister of Mrs. H. Y. Spence.

Returns to Medford
C. F. (Daisy) Rhodes, civil engineer, has returned to his home in Medford after spending the holidays with his mother and relatives in Eugene.

Leave for Tacoma—
B. A. Daniel and daughter, Miss Frances Daniel, who have been visiting over the holidays at the Walter Zarewski home have left for their home in Tacoma, Wash.

To Open Gift Shop—
Miss Martha Smith has arrived in Eugene from Kansas City and is a

CASCADE TIMBER SALES ARE HEAVY
Timber totaling \$48,942.98 in value was sold by the Cascade national forest in 1924, according to the annual statistical report being compiled by Nelson F. Macduff, supervisor of the forest.

Farm Enumerator Works in Jackson
H. C. Jackson, farm census enumerator for Lane county who has completed work in his district has been reappointed and will have charge of the work in district 24 in Jackson county near Medford, according to announcement today of Ralph P. Laird, director of the census in this district.

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JAIL AND HOME THREATENED AT GOLD HILL, ORE.

Two Men Flee When Traffic Officer Is Attracted By Noise

Charge Of Dynamite With A Burning Fuse Found By Recorder

GOLD HILL, Ore., Jan. 3.—Gold Hill's city officials are investigating what they charge were attempts on Thursday morning to dynamite the police station and residence of City Recorder A. E. Kellogg.

The first attempt came, according to Terry Talent, traffic officer and constable, shortly after Talent had returned to the police station after completing his work of rounding up New Year's celebrants.

A noise attracted the constable to the rear of the station. He opened a door, he declared, and flashed his pocket light on two men. One of them, he said, he recognized. The pair fled, and Talent, after returning for his gun, gave chase.

His pursuit was halted when a terrific explosion near the station house attracted his attention. A charge of dynamite was carried away from the building, Talent believed, and was dropped by the fleeing men. The blast shattered windows on both sides of the street.

About the same time City Recorder Kellogg and his family were awakened by their dog, which Kellogg believes saved their lives. A charge of dynamite containing four sticks tied together, with the fuse burned almost to the cap before it went out, was found near the residence.

Mayor Miller charges that dynamiters are attempting retaliation for the city administration's enforcement of speed laws.

LOCAL DEALERS TO PLAN FOR MEETING

Preliminary details for the annual meeting of the Oregon State Retail Merchants association which will be held at the University of Oregon within the near future will be discussed at a meeting of Eugene merchants to be held at the Osburn hotel next Monday evening.

O. F. Tate of Portland, secretary of the state association, will be here to talk to the Eugene merchants and also officials of the school of business administration of the University of Oregon who are co-operating in the preparation of the program for the sessions, it is announced.

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Foster Parents of William McClintock And Their Home



Disinterested cousins forced the exhumation of the body of William N. McClintock, known as the "millionaire orphan," to determine the cause of his death. The bulk of his estate of \$1,200,000 goes to William D. Shepherd, his foster father, with whom he lived in Chicago.

NEW INCOME TAX RULING IS BLOW TO CITY WORKERS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Under a new ruling of the internal revenue bureau many employees of municipalities who heretofore have regarded themselves as exempt from the federal income tax, will be required to pay such a levy not only in the future but to cover several years past.

The ruling was announced by Revenue Commissioner Blair in a letter to Senator Shorridge, republican of California, holding that the employees of the water and electric light works at Riverside, Cal., must pay the federal tax.

Mr. Blair said that although municipal employees heretofore had been regarded as exempt under the federal law, a re-examination of the statutes revealed that certain classes could not claim such exemption. The tax must be paid, he said, by persons employed by certain utilities, like street car companies, which compete with private enterprises.

The revenue commissioner based his ruling on a circuit court of appeals decision in a proceeding by the Los Angeles Gas and Electric company, against the city of Los Angeles. In that case, he contended, it was held that quasi private enterprises, competing with private organizations, should be placed on a similar footing before the law in regard to certain features of taxation.

Internal revenue officials themselves are still in the dark as to how sweeping the effects of the opinion will be. They apparently expect to determine in each case as it arises whether the new principle applies, and would not undertake to say today in how many cities the situation might parallel that at Riverside.

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Heavy Storm Is Reported On Seaboard

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Winter's heaviest snowstorm has descended on the Atlantic seaboard. Forecasters predicted that it would end today and would be followed by rising temperatures and cloudy weather.

The storm, which started early yesterday, did not spare any section of the eastern states. A 68-mile gale piled 15-foot waves on the beach at Atlantic City and drove shipping dangerously close to shore. Street traffic and wire service in Baltimore and Washington were seriously crippled.

In New York ten inches of snow fell. In spite of the efforts of 700 motor plows, six hundred trucks and approximately 13,000 shovelers, the streets were badly clogged today.

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This gap was cut by the water around one end of the bridge but the span was not damaged to any considerable extent. Traffic over the McKenzie highway is now routed over the new road. The Elk creek bridge will be abandoned next summer when the new road is ready for traffic, it is stated.

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COUNTY COURT LIFTS LIMIT ON AUTO WEIGHTS

Trucking To Be Resumed Monday, According To Announcement

Danger To Roads Passes With Warmer Weather, Officials Decide

Trucking on the roads of Lane county will be resumed Monday morning, according to announcement of the county court today that the drastic order issued last Saturday would be lifted at that time.

The limit of 200 pounds per inch of tire which was ordered last week practically halted all trucking and in many cases large passenger cars were prevented from using the county roads.

With the frost practically out of the ground now it is not considered there is so much chance for damage to the road surfaces and the weight limit has been raised.

The truck owners of the county showed good cooperation with the county and there were but very few violations reported during the past week, the members of the court state.

Many county mills and logging camps were effected by the order last week and with the lifting of the restrictions it is expected that there will be considerable hauling as many plants were unable to transport logs and lumber for a week prior to the issuing of the restrictive order owing to adverse weather conditions.

FINAL HEARING IN M'CLINTOCK CASE WILL BE TUESDAY

CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—A final opportunity to present any other information he may have regarding the death of William McClintock, "millionaire orphan," will be given Tuesday to Harry Olson, chief justice of the municipal court, who instigated an inquiry into the death, found by chemists and physicians to have resulted from typhoid.

Judge Olson has offered to consider whether he would reveal the reasons for the investigation if released from liability by Mrs. Shepherd and William D. Shepherd, chief beneficiary and foster father of McClintock, who died at the Shepherd home, while his fiancée, Miss Isabelle Pope, waited with a license to marry him.

Shepherd in a statement after the chemists reported they had found "nothing abnormal" in their autopsy, declared his name had been "besmirched by the repetition of vile insinuations and innuendoes," and that "the public and I are entitled to know the animus and malice that are behind all this."

Judge Olson replied that the rights of possible heirs were involved and he could not disclose his information unless Shepherd signed a waiver of any libel action, based on the statement of disclosure.

The coroner's inquest will be concluded Tuesday, Coroner Wolff said.

POSTOFFICE WILL BE RE-CLASSIFIED

SPRINGFIELD, Jan. 3.—(Special)—Although no official figures have been given out, Postmaster F. B. Hamlin has announced that the receipts at the Springfield postoffice for 1924 have exceeded \$8000. This is the figure set by the postal department as the amount necessary to place third class offices in second class, and it is expected that Springfield will receive this classification within a short time.

This exceeds the postal receipts for 1923 by almost 15 per cent, \$7000 having been taken in during that year. If a second class office is authorized the change will take place next July. Several improvements in the local service will be made with the change. All clerks will be required to pass a civil service examination and they will also receive higher salaries and will have more regular hours. As the postmasters pay is based upon the yearly receipts, Postmaster Hamlin will also receive a higher salary.

It is also hoped that Springfield will be granted free city delivery. An inspector looked over the situation about two weeks ago and it is supposed that his report has been made. No word has been received from Washington as yet.

Chancellor Marx To Form Cabinet

BERLIN, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Chancellor Marx this evening accepted a commission from President Ebert to form a non-party cabinet.

Speculation Runs Riot In Stock Market

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Speculation ran riot in today's stock market with violent bullish demonstrations in the radio and allied electrical shares, several of which recorded extreme gains of four to nine points, as the outstanding features, so furious was the pace of trading that it was not until 42 minutes after the market closed that the ticket recorded the final quotations, the longest delay on record.

Total sales approximated 1,500,000 shares.

POSTAL RECEIPTS FOR YEAR SHOW 16 PER CENT GAIN

Breaking all records in the history of the Eugene postoffice, total receipts in all departments of the office during the year 1924 were \$114,770.31, according to announcement made today by Darwin E. Yoran, postmaster. Last year, the previous high year on record, saw receipts totaling \$98,507.80.

The amount taken in this year, according to Mr. Yoran, shows a total gain of 16 1/2 per cent over the receipts of last year.

Every month of the year showed a healthy gain.

"Since postal receipts may be taken as an indication of the growth of a city, it certainly looks fine for Eugene to have a record like that," declared Mr. Yoran.

New Trial Denied In Sweetin Case Sentences Passed

MOUNT VERNON, Ill., Jan. 3.—Judge J. C. Kern today overruled a motion for a new trial for Mrs. Elsie Sweetin and the Rev. Lawrence M. High, deposed pastor, convicted of the poison murder of her husband, Wilford Sweetin, and formally passed sentence of life imprisonment on the man and 35 years on the woman.

Arnold Collier to Arrive Next Week

Expectations are that Arnold Collier, appointed assistant county superintendent of schools and club leader, will be here early next week to prepare for his work in Lane county during the coming year.

Mr. Collier who has been at Corvallis taking social work at the Oregon Agricultural college. No definite plans have as yet been outlined for the club work of Lane as yet, according to word received here from the state club leader.

RESERVE DECREASES

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—The actual condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week (five days) shows a deficit in reserve of \$3,105,510. Reserve decreased \$28,471,000 compared with last week.

TODAY

—Mr. Warfield's Plan About Potato Bugs —Snakes On Stockings

(By ARTHUR BRISBANE) (Copyright, 1924, by Star Company) S. Davies Warfield, president of the National Association of Owners of Railroad Securities, plans an increase in profits for railroads, and better freight service for the public, through common sense consolidation of boxcar service.

There are in the country 1,100,000 ordinary boxcars owned by the different railroads. The life of these cars is wasted in being hauled back and forth, or stored on sidings empty. Mr. Warfield suggests a central agency to handle care for the benefit of all railroads and all carrying business. That would be legal under the plan that Mr. Warfield suggests. It couldn't be accomplished otherwise except by putting all railroads into one great consolidation. That doubtless will come.

Britain forbids importation of United States potatoes. Too many potato bugs, Canada also has potato bugs, but Canadian potatoes are not shut out. Secretary Hughes' protest calls for equal treatment with Canada. He will learn from Great Britain that potato bugs within the empire have important redeeming qualities. The British empire takes care of the British empire, and all inside it. Therein it differs from some of our mushy imitation statesmen, everlastingly worrying about outside nations. Why not take a few of the millions we lavish on foreign countries, and use them to kill off systematically all potato bugs, mosquitoes and such enemies? If cattle ticks can be killed off why not other pests? How many billions would it be worth to get rid of

COURT RULING ON REPRIEVE HANDED DOWN

Judge Skipworth Passes Decision That May Have State Bearing

All Reprived Prisoners In State Put On Status Of Escaped Men

Declaring that Governor Walter M. Pierce had no authority to grant a reprieve to Leon R. Edmunson, disbarred Eugene attorney, who has been serving time in the Lane county jail on liquor charges, Judge G. F. Skipworth of the circuit court this afternoon handed down a decision that is expected to have considerable bearing on all other reprieve cases of the chief executive.

Reprived Last Spring Edmunson who was serving a six months sentence on a liquor charge was reprived last spring by Governor Pierce and at the time it was announced that this was done on account of the aid that the prisoner had been to the state authorities in curbing the liquor traffic.

He was rearrested on a liquor charge recently and at the request of the district attorney Governor Pierce again committed him to jail for violating provisions of his parole. The writ of habeas corpus was brought to have him released again.

Under the authorities, the reprieves granted by the governor to Edmunson were void, that is to say, the governor has no constitutional or statutory right to grant a reprieve except in a capital case.

A reprieve may be defined as follows: "A reprieve is the withdrawing of a sentence for an interval of time whereby the execution is suspended." Decision Given.

The decision on Edmunson states "He is in no better position than if he had broken jail, or if the sheriff had deliberately without any apparent authority unlocked the jail and permitted him to go at large."

Edmunson who is represented by Paul C. Dormizer, attorney, of Portland was remanded to the custody of the sheriff. An appeal for the temporary release of Edmunson was made following the decision of Judge Skipworth. Late this afternoon no decision had been made on this but it was expected that bail of \$1500 might be set.

As the decision will have a bearing on all prisoners released by the governor and the status of these holding reprieves is that of "escaped prisoners," there may be others arrested, according to the opinion expressed by county authorities.

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