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THE WEATHER Oregon. Cloudy tonight and Tuesday with probable local rains. Moderate temperature; strong westerly winds.

BANK ROBBERS FOILED

Klamath Man Is Slain By Hold-Ups

THREE BANDITS ESCAPE AFTER FATAL ROBBERY

Belief Expressed That Hold-Up Men Lived In City; Officers Inactive

Sheriff And Police Forces End Terms, So Fail To Aid In Man Hunt

CLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Jan. 5.—Police and sheriff's officers were without clues of any description today which might aid them in apprehending the trio of outlaws who early yesterday morning shot and killed Oscar Erickson, transit laborer, in a \$400 holdup of a card game in the Scandinavian hall here.

Sheriff L. L. Low retired from office at midnight last night and he and his deputies devoted most of yesterday to straightening up their office affairs instead of prosecuting a vigorous manhunt.

Practically the same condition was true of the police department, where Police Chief George Humphrey and all patrolmen retire today. Humphrey admitted that he had devoted but a short time to the investigation.

Belief prevails here that the robbery and murder were committed by local men by reason of their knowledge of conditions in the supposedly secret card room, which was not under city license. It is also thought that the outlaws took advantage of the fact that the sheriff and police officials were retiring from office and timed the robbery with that in mind, knowing that the investigation would be less vigorous than ordinarily.

The inquest which originally was scheduled for late yesterday afternoon, was postponed until 4 o'clock this afternoon. Earl Whitlock, coroner, announced.

Ben Forbes Chosen Secretary of State Public Service Body

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 5.—Ben F. Forbes, who for several years has been a reporter for the public service commission, was today, at the re-organization of the commission, elected secretary. It was said the election was temporary.

Forbes succeeds Edward Ostrander, who today succeeded Newton McCoy as a member of the commission. Ostrander was elected in November to represent the western division of the state on the commission. McCoy was elected in a recall election several years ago.

Justice Resigns



JUSTICE M'KENNA LEAVES BENCH OF SUPREME COURT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Harlan F. Stone, attorney general was appointed by President Coolidge today to succeed Joseph McKenna on the United States Supreme court.

The nomination of Attorney General Stone to succeed Justice McKenna, whose resignation had been announced earlier in the day was sent to the senate just before that body adjourned.

JUSTICE RESIGNS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The resignation of Associate Justice Joseph McKenna was announced today from the bench of the supreme court.

Chief Justice Taft, making the announcement as soon as the court met, said the resignation had been accepted by President Coolidge.

Justice McKenna is in his 82nd year and three weeks from today will mark the twenty-seventh anniversary of his elevation to the supreme bench by President McKinley. Before that appointment, he had served in congress as a representative from California, had been a United States circuit judge under the Harrison administration and had occupied a place in McKinley's cabinet as attorney general.

His health has been unusually robust for a man of his years and he has applied himself with great vigor to the heavy tasks of the high court. Several months ago, however, the death of his wife added an additional weight of sorrow and loneliness to the burden of the advancing years and he decided to lay aside the official cares which for so long had taxed to the highest capacity his brilliant capabilities.

SMEED HOTEL IS ROBBED BY MASKED MAN

Charles Mayhew, Night Clerk Breaks For Help, But Cannot Find It

Hold-Up Makes Escape With \$45, Taken From Cash Register

A masked hold-up man entered the Smeed hotel at 3:15 o'clock this morning, held up Charles Mayhew, night clerk, at the point of a revolver, and took \$45 out of the cash register.

Mr. Mayhew made a break for the front door while the robber was busy going through the cash register. The clerk, who was standing with his back to the hold-up man, facing the windows on Willamette street, crashed into a corner of the cigar case on his way out, nearly breaking a rib.

When he reached the street, Mr. Mayhew turned and shouted "Hold-up! hold-up!" at the top of his voice, but could not locate the night patrolman. In the meantime the masked man attempted to escape from the back door of the Smeed, but found it locked. He then came out the front door, keeping his revolver pointed at the clerk, and disappeared down the alley.

Mr. Mayhew is convinced that he has met the hold-up man, as the voice sounded familiar. The robber is described as about 5 feet 11 inches tall, wearing a toboggan cap pulled down over his face, with holes cut in it to see through. He wore a dirty yellow slicker.

Seventy-one dollars was saved to the hotel owing to the fact that just previous to the entrance of the bandit a check for that amount had been cashed by Mr. Mayhew.

SPRINGFIELD YOUTH CRIPPLED FOR LIFE

Wayne Hawke, 18, a Springfield boy, will never be able to walk again, doctors say. Wayne was hurt in a motorcycle accident recently so seriously that one leg had to be amputated, and the other injured so badly that it is useless. The boy and a companion accidently ran into a wrecked wagon standing without lights on the highway.

Because the youth is in need of money to pay doctor bills, and because of his popularity in Springfield, where he was a leader in athletics, the American legion post of Springfield is sponsoring a benefit basketball game tomorrow night, much along the line as the Tiny Shields benefit in Portland. The game will be between the high school and alumni.

Non-Voters Are Dropped From Lists

More than 6000 postal cards are being sent out by R. S. Bryson, county clerk, to Lane county voters informing them that as they have failed to vote for the past two years that their names will be dropped from the registration lists unless the office is notified and registration is completed.

"In many cases these cards are sent to voters who have moved to other precincts of the county but who have failed to cancel their old registration," Mr. Bryson said.

Voters who received the cards and who know that they have voted in some other precinct has never been cancelled and it is that that will be dropped from the lists.

In some cases there may even be three addresses if the voter has moved twice during the past two years," the county clerk explains.

About 2100 names are on the county registration rolls at the present time, but this will be cut down considerably as a result of the check now under way.

NEW CITY COUNCIL TO BE INSTALLED FORMALLY TONIGHT

Old and new Eugene city councils will meet tonight at the city hall. Mayor E. B. Parks announces. The business to be transacted is as follows:

Adoption of the city budget. Passage of the budget ordinance. Installation of new councilmen. Organization of new city council. Appointment of department heads for 1925.

Little discussion is anticipated when the city budget comes up for consideration, it is believed. At the last council meeting the only citizen to appear was Ben F. Keener, county assessor, who pointed out a discrepancy under the statutory 6 per cent limitation. This has been remedied, it is announced, by reducing still further some of the items on the city budget, until now the document is ready to be certified over to the assessor.

The oath of office will be administered to the new councilmen by Judge Gilmore and the council will organize for the coming year. Most of the committee heads and members of the various committees have already been announced. They are as follows: Finance—Carl G. Washburne, chairman. R. A. McCully, Ramey Rugh, Printing—Fred Lamb, chairman, Ramey Rugh, It. A. McCully. Police—Ramey Rugh, chairman. E. Large, George W. Monroe. Judiciary—E. Large, chairman. L. E. Simmons, Mr. Lamb. Street—George W. Monroe, chairman. Mr. Washburne, Mr. Simmons. Fire and Water—Mr. Simmons, chairman; A. L. Williamson, Mr. Large. Health—R. A. McCully, chairman; Mr. Williamson, Mr. Lamb. Sewer—Mr. Williamson, chairman. Mr. Washburne, Mr. Monroe. S. M. Calkins will be appointed new city attorney, and some changes may be made in the personnel of the police department. All department heads will remain the same as in 1925.

PURCHASE OF MILLS IN LANE IS NEGOTIATED

Kays-Anderson Mill And Stevens-Farris Plant Are Being Sold

Considerable Development In Lumbering Industry Is Forecast

Negotiations now under way for the purchase of the Kays-Anderson mill and the Stevens-Farris sawmill both near Walton are expected to be closed in the near future and this is forecast as the first move in considerable development of the lumbering industry in Lane county.

Washington state capital is interested in the project, according to local lumbermen and plans are tentatively under way for the installation of seven to eight miles of railroad up the Chickahominy creek where considerable timber acreage is now held under option by the buyers of the mill plants.

The Kays-Anderson plant has been closed down for the past two years but the Stevens-Farris mill has been in operation. Both plants have a combined output of approximately 60,000 to 70,000 feet per day, according to present estimates.

Representatives of the Washington lumber interests which recently closed operations in that state have been here within the past two weeks inspecting the Lane county plants and timber tracts adjacent. The Stevens-Farris mill is on the rail line and the Kays-Anderson plant is about one and one-half miles from the line.

It is the intention of the new owners to install mill equipment recently in use in Washington mills and the capacity of both plants is expected to be considerably increased.

HOUSE AND SENATE SEAT PLANS READY

Lane county's delegation will be "sitting pretty" at the legislative session which opens next Monday as choice seats in both the senate and lower house have been assigned to the senators and representatives from here. Representatives Judge E. O. Potter, H. C. Wheeler and Elmer Howard will have seats 26 and 27 and 28 in the third row. Senators Fred Fisk and J. S. Maglady will have numbers 19 and 20 in the second row in the senate chamber.

Evidently no chances are being taken on any of the law makers becoming confused in finding their proper places as diagrams of the house and senate with each plainly marked have been sent out to each of the delegation.

Inaugurated Today



MRS. NELLIE TAYLOE ROSS

WOMAN GOVERNOR BEGINS DUTIES AS CHIEF EXECUTIVE

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Jan. 5.—(AP)—Dedicating her efforts to the state and "relying upon divine help for strength and guidance," Mrs. Nellie Tayloe Ross, at noon today, was sworn into office as governor of Wyoming and became the first woman executive of any commonwealth in the United States.

In an atmosphere that was hushed and reverent to the memory of the newly elected governor's late husband, Governor William B. Ross, Chief Justice Potter of the Wyoming state supreme court, quietly administered the oath of office. The ceremony opened with an invocation by Bishop Thomas of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Wyoming. An audience that

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Seizure of Ship Declared Legal

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5.—Seizure of the British steamer Quador, with its reputed cargo of liquor valued at \$500,000 by the coast guard cutter Shawnee of San Francisco recently, "was legal in every way and the crew of the Quador violated the law of the United States," United States District Judge John S. Partridge decided here today.

LEADERS AGREE ON BILL

Leaders agreed late today upon the passage of this session of \$38,000,000 rivers and harbors bill. The bill, as reported, carried \$57,000,000, but the rivers and harbors committee plans to meet tomorrow to pare down the figure to the amount agreed upon by the leaders.

By ARTHUR BRISBANE (Copyright, 1924, by Star Company) If an angel sent all the way down to do a favor as the new year begins, offered you any two qualities, which two would you select, leaving out high moral quality that you doubtless possess already? Concentration and personality are the two qualities most desirable in the opinion of this writer, and of others more important. Personality is largely hereditary, the power of concentration also. But power to concentrate can be developed through the will. And with concentration comes personality.

TWO MEN AND WOMAN TAKEN BY OFFICIALS

Confession Is Alleged To Have Been Made By One Of Men Held

Detectives Searching For Others Of Party Who Planned Hold-Up

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 5.—Two men and a woman were held by the police today, and officers were seeking two others in connection with an alleged plot to hold up the State Bank of Beaverton, a suburb.

According to the detectives who made the arrests a confession was made by George Jacobs, 20, one of those held, that he had been hired to drive an automobile which was to have been used in the hold-up today. The others being held are Eddie Rush, whom the police charge used several aliases, including Hoyer, Burger, Blonde and Whitey; and Mrs. Nettie Brace, 35.

Ralph Huff, brother of Mrs. Grace, was being sought today. Huff, his wife, Eddie Rush and two other men, came to Portland the first of last week from Roseville, California, and for a time bunked in the basement of Mrs. Grace's home.

According to detectives, the plan was to enter the bank after the vaults were opened, get away with the money and flee towards Portland in a waiting automobile. On the Canyon road, they were to abandon a rented car and enter one in which Mrs. Grace was waiting. Two of the robbers were to crouch in the rear of the car so as to divert suspicion of officers who would be expected to start a hunt.

Vote On Veto To Be Taken

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Efforts of administration leaders to prevent a straight vote on President Coolidge's veto of the post-aid pay bill failed late today in the senate.

A motion to recommit the measure to the postoffice committee was defeated and the senate must vote on the veto. The vote was 52 against 30 for recommitting the measure.

On the basis of this vote, friends of the bill are three short of the two thirds majority necessary to override the president's veto. With 82 votes cast, 55 would be necessary to pass the bill over executive objection.

Robert Lansing, once secretary of state, forcibly removed by Woodrow Wilson somewhat as a dentist removes a tooth, has discovered that there is no danger whatever of war between the United States and Japan. Why, do you ask? "For the reason," if you please, "that Japan hasn't enough iron to carry on a war."

Mr. Lansing apparently imagines that war still depends on the firing of large round iron bullets. Did Mr. Lansing notice that one of the Japanese ships unfortunately on fire at night, was carrying in Japan a very large cargo of nitrates. Nitrates (Continued on page four)

CITY WATER TO BE SHUT OFF AWHILE

A number of water users in Eugene will be affected by a temporary shut-down of the water supply for the purpose of making repairs Tuesday morning, announces C. A. McClain, superintendent of the city water board.

At 8 o'clock tomorrow morning water will be cut off on the 12-inch main running from the railroad crossing on Eighth avenue east to High street, on High street from Eighth avenue to the alley between Ninth and Tenth avenues, in the alley between Ninth and Tenth avenues to Willamette street.

The repair work will take only a short time it is announced.

Christian Church Revival Is Opened

The Childers Holmgren revival meetings opened Sunday at the First Christian church, and four new members were added during the day. The Sunday school drew a large attendance, and the evening meeting taxed the capacity of the church.

Prof. Childers preached on "Fundamentals," which was a plea for the faith of the individual to be founded upon three great truths—the fact of God, the supremacy of his word and the deity of his son.

Oregon's National Forests May Gain Additional Lands

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—About 697,000 acres of private land would be added to the Umatilla, Wallowa and Whitman national forests in Oregon, timberlands less valuable for forestry purposes being given in exchange under a bill passed today by the house and senate to the senate.

Trading Frenzied On Stock Market

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Frenzied trading characterized today's stock market, which opened irregularly, reacted sharply before noon, rallied briskly after midday and sold off again in the late afternoon.

The day's sales crossed the 2,000,000 share mark shortly after two o'clock.

Lieuts. Miller And Kelly Forced Down

ROSEBURG, Ore., Jan. 5.—Lieutenants Kelly and Miller, flying from Vancouver to San Diego, were forced down here this afternoon when they were unable to fly through Canyon Creek pass, south of Roseburg. They tried to negotiate the canyon between Canyonville and Glendale, but met such a storm of rain and fog that they could not get through and turned back, reaching Roseburg with barely enough gas to make the landing. They refueled their planes, and will try to reach Medford tonight if the weather clears sufficiently.

TWO DIE IN WRECK

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Jan. 5.—Mrs. Dan Mulken, Los Angeles, and J. P. Nolan, Centro, were killed and Mrs. Sons Miller, San Pedro, was injured so seriously she is expected to die, in a collision of two automobiles here early this morning. Four other persons were injured.

FUNERAL ANNOUNCED

Funeral services for Andrew C. Sorenson, who died at his home here Saturday, will be held from the Veitch chapel Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock, it is announced. Remains will be sent to Albert Lee, Minn., for burial.