BRIDGE IS NEARLY READY

McKENZIE SPAN WILL BE OPENED MIDDLE OF JANUARY

Assistant State Engineer and County Judge Barnard Make Inspection of Work

The new state highway bridge over the McKenzie river near Walterville, 15 miles east of Eugene, will be ready for traffic about January 15, according to Assistant State Bridge Engineer Paxton and County Judge Barnard who inspected the work on the structure yesterday.

The Union Bridge company, which has the contract to erect the bridge, is making good headway, it was stated. It takes the place of the old wooden structure which spans the river a few hundred feet above and which has been known for years as Hendricks bridge.

SAYS HUSBAND GAMBLES

MRS. MARGARET JENSEN SUES J. A. JENSEN FOR DIVORCE

Mrs. Margaret E. Jensen filed suit in circuit court yesterday against J. A. Jensen, seeking a divorce decree on the ground of cruel and inhuman treatment.

Mrs. Jensen alleges in her complaint that her husband four years ago began to gamble and to spend his nights away from home much to her humiliation, during the past year has been keeping company with other women.

She asks that she be declared owner of certain land in Lane county and that she be allowed to resume her former name, Margaret Elizabeth Parkhurst. Brownell and Brooke are her attorneys.

TWO LICENSES ISSUED

CHRISTMAS RUSH HAS NOT YET BEGUN

The Christmas marriage license rush at the office of County Clerk Bryson has not yet put in its appearance. If the annual rush is to appear it will have to be today as this is Christmas eve.

Yesterday only two licenses were issued. The happy couples are as follows:

Rollie Ross Syphers of Blachly and Opal May Cox of Goldson; Allen B. Hamilton of Dexter and Letha Fullerton of Fall Creek.

MRS. ROACH BRINGS SUIT

DESERTION IS ALLEGED IN DIVORCE COMPLAINT

Mrs. Georgia L. Roach yesterday sued her husband, Milo A. Roach, for divorce, alleging desertion. She seeks a decree awarding her $100 a month alimony.

They were married in Lane county, June 22, 1909, she says in her complaint, and the act of desertion is alleged to have taken place August 24, 1924. Whitten Swafford is her attorney.

FUNERAL WILL BE TODAY

Services for Mrs. Alice Moore to Be Held at 2 p. m.

The funeral of Mrs. Alice J. Moore, who died at her home at 361 Twelfth avenue east early yesterday morning, will be held at the Veatch chapel at 2 o'clock this afternoon with Rev. J. Franklin Haas, pastor of the First Methodist church, of which Mrs. Moore was a member, officiating. Interment will be in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Mrs. Moore is survived by her widower, J. K. Moore, three sons, a brother and a sister. The sons are Dr. H. N. Moore of Bend; French R. Moore, medical student of Portland, and Joe A. Moore of Eugene. The brother is Harvey F. Hitchcock of Iola, Kansas, and the sister is Mrs. L. R. Kink of Sterling, Nebraska.

Innocent

Mrs. C. A. Miller, of Oil City, Pa., who is seeking a separation from her aged and wealthy husband, emphatically denies that Alys McCormick, prettiest girl in Nebraska and known as the "angel of mercy," is in any way mixed in the case as previously intimated.

NEW HIGHWAY PLANNED

OREGON MAY TAKE PART IN NEVADA EXPOSITION

(By The Associated Press)

RENO, Nev., Dec. 23.—Consideration is being given to the building of a highway connecting Nevada and Oregon and to Oregon's participation in the Nevada transcontinental highway exposition, according to letters received by Mayor Roberts of this city, from Governor Walter M. Pierce of Oregon.

The proposed highway would link Nevada with the Oregon Trail from Denio on the Oregon-Nevada line through southeastern Oregon. It is being planned by the Oregon highway commission.

Pierce also noted, he said, with satisfaction the postponement of the Nevada exposition until 1927 and stated that in all probability he would recommend Oregon's appropriation for a building to fittingly represent his state.

ARCTIC TRIP IS PLANNED

STEFANSSON TO TRY FLIGHT OVER TOP OF WORLD

(By The Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Plans as daring and ambitious as any ever made by men to conquer the Arctic were outlined today by Vilhjalmur Stefansson in confirming reports that a non-stop flight is to be attempted next spring from Point Barrow, Alaska, over the top of the world to Spitzbergen.

The aviators will go into the Arctic carrying no provisions to rely upon in case of a forced landing. Should disaster befall them they will depend on their rifles for food and will walk to the nearest point of land.

Instead of attempting to fly over the mathematical North Pole, they will aim for the inaccessible Pole, 400 miles from the center of the North Pole and believed to be in the center of a huge ice field. If land is discovered there, Stefansson predicted it would become a way station for trans-Polar fliers, much as the Hawaiian Islands are to be the Pacific, and of use in "abolishing the Arctic."

AMUSEMENTS TODAY

AT THE THEATRES TODAY

Rex—Last day: "The Price of Pleasure," with Norman Kerry and Virginia Valli, a golden romance of a shopgirl's unusual romance, a week of love and a surprise that brought happiness; "Three Wise Goof," with the "Ton of Fun" boys; Kinogram News Events; J. Clifton Emmel in melodious melodies accompanying the picture on the organ.

Coming—Monte Blue and Patsy Ruth Miller in "Hogan's Alley," with Ben Turpin and Louise Fazenda; "Parisian Nights," with Lou Tellegen and Eileen Hammerstein; Raymond Griffith and Bebe Daniels in "Little Miss Bluebeard;" "The Man Without a Conscience;" "If I Marry Again;" Rin-Tin-Tin in "Below the Line."

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McDonald—Last day: Cecil B. DeMille presents "The Wedding Song," with Leatrice Joy and Robert Ames, in a unique drama of love and lies amid the languor of a tropical isle, where a woman plotted to gain in wealth, a man to win in love; Andy Gump comedy, "Dynamited;" Frank D. C. Alexander, in musical settings to the picture on the organ.

Coming—Reginald Denny in "California Straight Ahead;" two feature stage acts, "A Christmas Fantasie," with 40 "Tiny Tots," Katherine Irvin Stang and Santa Claus (himself) and "Four Regular Fellows," a quartet of vocal and piano soloists in a big time musical treat; "The Phantom of the Opera," with Lon Chaney, Mary Philbin, Norman Kerry and cast of 5057 players; Adolphe Menjou in "The King of Main Street;" "Lord Jim;" "The New Comamndment;" Douglas MacLean in George M. Cohan's famous farce, "Seven Keys to Baldpate."

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Heilig—Association Vaudeville: "Along Broadway," with Harry Keesler in "Stolen Bits From Musical Hits;" Delbridge and Gremmer in "A Trip to "Dixie;" Darkleys' "Moving Silhouettes;" Bruce and Juanita Lake in "Personification of Nonsense;" Murray Brothers, "The Bounding Bouncers;" Oregonian Review; Topics; Glen Tryon in "Madame Sans Jane;" Heilig Concert Orchestra, playing "Tales From Hoffman," by J. Offenbach.

Coming — Jackie Coogan in "Old Clothes;" Lou Tellegen, Alma Rubens, Frank Keenan and large cast in "East Lynne;" "The Ancient Mariner," Buck Jones in "Durand of the Bad Lands;" Heilig's midnight carnival New Year's eve; "Irving's Midgets;" Robert B. Mantell and company (road show); Kolb and Dill in "Pa's 'n' Fools" (musical comedy); Lon Chaney and Norma Shearer in "Tower of Lies."

MORE CADETS NEEDED

SHOEMAKER WOULD INCREASE NUMBER

Scarcity of Naval Aviators Is Given as Reason for Asking for Added Students

(By The Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23. — The demands of naval aviation alone require an increase in the number of appointees to the naval academy, Rear Admiral W. R. Shoemaker, chief of the bureau of navigation, said in his annual report to Secretary Wilbur.

Admiral Shoemaker urged that the present allotment of three appointees to each representative and senator be increased to at least four, which he estimated would make available between 700 and 750 officers for naval aviation, while the training of an equal number of enlisted men as pilots would bring the total estimated by the bureau of aeronautics to be necessary for carrying out its program.

Admiral Shoemaker does not believe in naval aviators remaining permanently with that branch of the service but holds they should be assigned to other duties from time to time, as "the aviation problem technically as to the knowledge required is no more specialized than the operation of any other type and is even less than the requirement in some of the technical branches of the line in which specialization is not necessary now."

The recommendation of last year that the enlisted strength of the navy be increased to 96,000 was reiterated in the report and it is pointed out that under last year's appropriation the present authorized strength of 86,000 had to be reduced to 82,000 because of insufficient funds.

The past year saw a general improvement in the character and experience of navy personnel, the report said, with the number of officers gradually increasing.

JAZZ CREATORS STIRRED

PLACE IN OPERA NOT WANTED BY EXPONENTS

(By The Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The suggestion by Arturo Bodanzki, Viennese conductor of the Metropolitan Opera company, that jazz may yet find a place as a dance form in grand opera, has stirred creators of jazz.

They insist that at least for the present jazz wants no place in the Metropolitan. They even declare that such a place would be fatal to jazz.

"The best way to ruin jazz is to dress it up in an opera cape and put it on the diamond horseshoe of the Metropolitan," says Ted Lewis, exponent of true jazz. The other jazzists agree heartily with Mr. Lewis. They think jazz justifies itself, is characteristic of America and a highly developed musical form as it stands.

Twelve years ago Irving Berlin determined to write a rag time opera, but since that time he has changed his mind. "I don't believe now that any man ever will conscientiously write a jazz opera," he said. "I do believe, however, that some day great composition will be written in jazz tempo.

"When that happens we will have a true American opera. If American composers write the opera in the standard foreign forms it will not be an American opera. An American opera will have to be in jazz tempo, for jazz is the only true American musical expression."

FORD FLIGHT RUMORED

MANUFACTURER MAY TRY TRIP TO NORTH POLE

(By The Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Reports were current tonight that Henry Ford, who recently entered the airplane manufacturing field is to back a trans-Polar non-stop airplane flight early in the spring from Point Barrow, Alaska, to Spitzbergen. Although those named in connection with the flight would not confirm the rumor, it was given an appearance of substance by the departure of two of them for Detroit.

The flight, according to the report, is being arranged by Vilhjalmar Stefansson, Dr. Isaiah Bowman, director of the American Geographical society; George Wilkins, explorer and veteran of two South Pole expeditions, and Malcom Alexander Smith, an Alaskan prospector, who is 67 years old. Wilkins and Smith left for Detroit tonight.

SINGER ASKS $10,000

MOTION PICTURE PRODUCER SUED AT PORTLAND

(By The Associated Press)

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 23. — Mme. Schumann-Heink, singer has filed suit in the state circuit court here against J. J. Fleming, a motion picture producer to recover $10,000 which she claims she advanced to aid him in producing nine five-reel pictures. The contract for the productions was declared to have been made in Philadelphia in November, 1924.

Ferdinand Schumann - Heink, son of the singer, appeared in five of the photoplays produced by Fleming at a studio near Portland. The films were shown mostly in New England states.

CHINESE CONFLICT SEEN

ENGLISH-AMERICAN TROUBLE IS EXPECTED

(By The Associated Press)

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—The communist newspaper Rote Fahne, (Red Flag) quotes Foreign Minister Tchitcherin of Soviet Russia as declaring he foresaw a grave conflict between England and America over Chinese policy, England's attempt at commercial penetration of South America and the fight over rubber prices.

The real victor of the world war, he continued, was America, which now is "meddling in all world affairs."

Train Kills Farmer

(By The Associated Press)

NEWBERG, Ore., Dec. 23. — Peter N. Lundquist, farmer of this section, was instantly killed this morning, when a Southern Pacific train struck his automobile. The accident occurred at a crossing one mile south of town. Lundquist was on his way to Portland markets, with a load of chickens. Lundquist was well known throughout this section and for many years lived at Sherwood, Ore.

Man to Pay for Divorce

(By The Associated Press)

MEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 23. — A court order signed Monday directs Hyman Huntley, acquitted of first degree murder last month, to pay his wife $100 for attorney's fees in her divorce action. Huntley was accused of slaying Jesse James Gibbs, in a quarrel over his alleged attentions to Mrs. Huntley last September in this city. All the parties involved in the legal steps are well known in Coos and Douglas counties.

MACHINE GUNS PLACED

WEAPONS ARE INSTALLED AT STATE PRISON

(By The Associated Press)

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 23.—Three machine guns for use at the state penitentiary have been secured from the Oregon national guard through George A. White, adjutant general and are being installed at the prison.

One will be mounted on the new guard tower at the front gate to command the front yard of the prison, and the others will be mounted on the walls, where they will command the entire inner yard.

"I hope that we do not have any occasion to use them, but they are being put there for use and will be used if necessary," said Warden J. W. Lillie. The guards are to be trained in their operation the same as they are trained in the use of pistols and rifles.

RECALL PLANS MADE

ACTION AT SPOKANE RESULT OF LIQUOR RAIDS

(By The Associated Press)

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 23. — Preparations were started here by attorneys employed by the Spokane board of trade for circulation of recall petitions for Charles W. Hedger, commissioner of public safety, it was announced by officers of the organization, composed of business and professional men of the city.

The action followed federal raids yesterday and today in which some 30 alleged liquor law violators were taken into custody on warrants founded on evidence gathered by investigators for the board of trade. At the same time the Spokane Ministerial association, at a special meeting today, passed a resolution declaring for Hedger's recall and offering its co-operation with any other organization with that end in view.

Radio Call Answered

(By The Associated Press)

SEATTLE, Dec., 23. — Fearing that a telegram would not reach him soon enough, Roy W. Mitchell, Seattle, used KJR, local radio broadcasting station, to call Joseph R. Mitchell, who lives 25 miles from Bend, Ore., to the bedside of his dying mother. Joseph was listening to KJR when the call came, it was revealed here last night, and took the first train to seattle. He reached his destination before his mother died.

Lane County News

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mouth, is home spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Jennings, with her two small children.

The community Christmas tree and program will be held at the church here Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. B. I. Land made a trip to Cottage Grove Monday.

Mrs. Glenn Jennings and family and Miss Florence Land and Louis Dodge made a trip to Eugene Tuesday.

Rev. Miles Pitcher of Star preached at the church here Sunday evening.

Mrs. Zinia Doolittle and Mrs. Paul Chapman will be at the home of their mother, Mrs. Grant Bales during the holidays.

Johnnie Schroyer of Colorado arrived at the home of his mother, Mrs. Schroyer one day last week.

Mills and camps here have been closed till after the holidays.

WENDLING PERSONALS

(Register Lane County Special)

WENDLING, Ore., Dec. 22.—Miss Thelma Scott was at home from Eugene over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Barney are enjoying a visit from Mr. Barney's sister, Mrs. Grace Johnson and son Lawrence and daughter Flora of Spokane, Wash.

W. B. Scott was in Eugene Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Scott spent Wednesday in Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Barney and children Billy, Grace and Edgar and Mrs. Grace Johnson and son Lawrence and daughter Flora spent Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Carter.

Mrs. Arletta Adams and son Clark were shopping in Eugene Monday.

Charles Neet injured an eye last week while making hop poles. He is better now.

Mr. and Mrs. Gibson and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Jackson and son Wilson spent Sunday in the Fall Creek community.

The Unity school is dismissed until after the holidays. They had a Christmas tree Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Carter and daughter Thelma and G. F. Verdue were Sunday evening visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Olie Neet at Fall Creek.

LIBERTY PERSONALS

(Register Lane County Special)

LIBERTY, Ore., Dec. 22.—Mr. and Mrs. Sib Davison and children called on Mr. and Mrs. Dug Richardson Saturday.

John Mallette delivered a veal to Junction City Monday.

N. G. Hultgren and Champ Smith were Junction City callers Saturday.

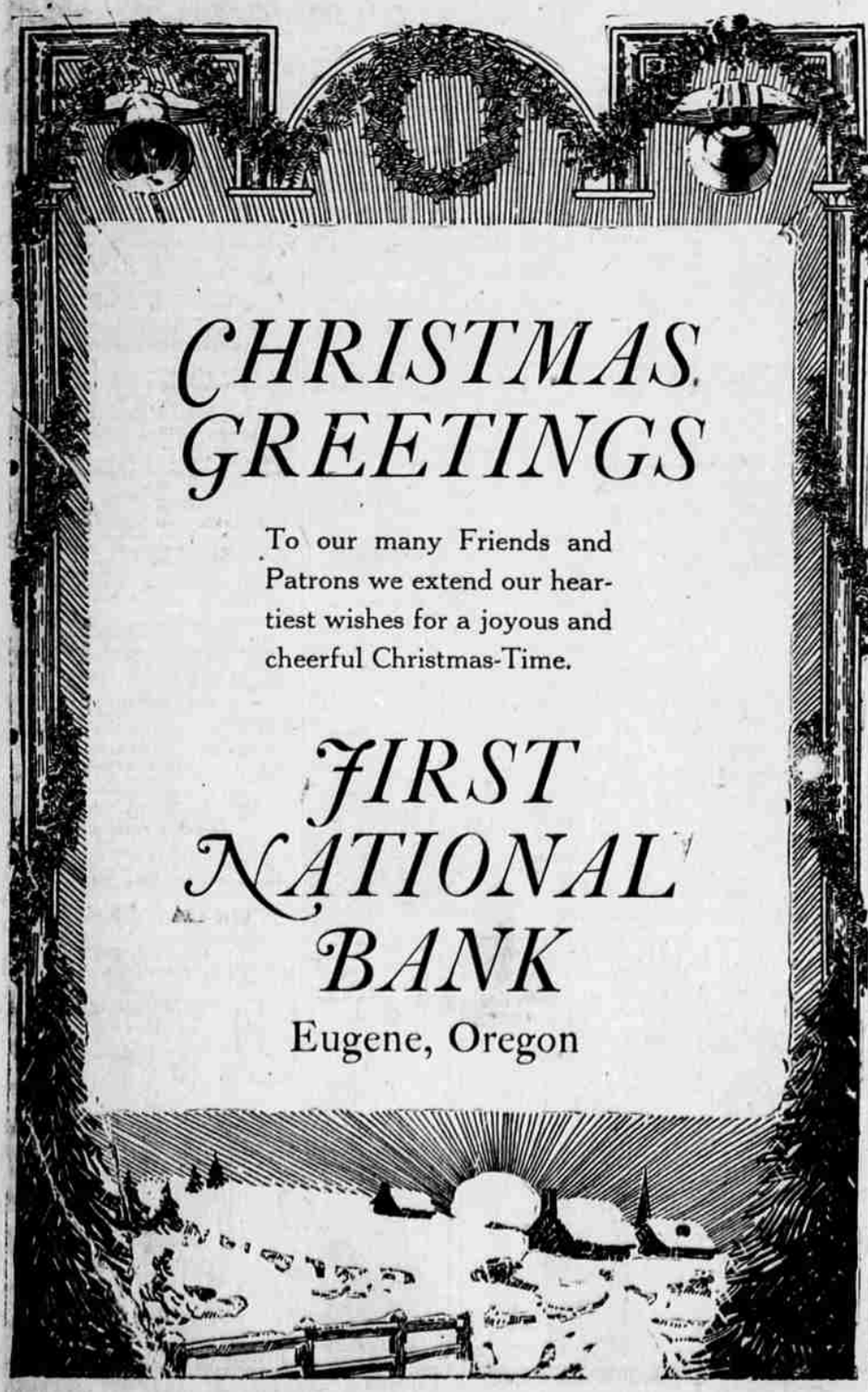
Mr. and Mrs. Louie Kneble and children were Eugene visitors Saturday.

Mrs. John Blair motored to Junction City Monday accompanied by her daughter Merle.

Fred Isenschmidt was a visitor at the home of John Blair Sunday.

Lester Smith and C. R. Brechtbill were Junction City business callers Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Chase and daughter Mary Lou called on Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mallette Monday afternoon.

Nadine Nulf, who has been in Junction City for some time, is now at home.

The Liberty and Pioneer schools will close Wednesday and will have vacation until January 4.