

SMITH TO HEAD LOCAL LEGION POST FOR YEAR

ELECTION OF OFFICERS HELD AT MEETING AT COURTHOUSE LAST NIGHT

VETS REVIVE OLD MEMORIES

Smoker Held at Chamber of Commerce After Business Session—Talk Is Mysterious

The Grants Pass post of the American Legion will be headed for the coming year by Gladwin Smith, who was elected last night at the regular annual election at the courthouse. Mr. Smith takes the place of James Lium who has been post commander for the past year. After the election of officers, the meeting was adjourned to the Chamber of Commerce rooms where a feed had been provided.

Other officers elected last night were: Ole Hansen, vice commander; E. W. Coutant, adjutant; Robert Harris, finance officer; K. M. Winstrom, chaplain; Hubert Hoxie, sergeant-at-arms; C. K. Logan, historian; C. K. Logan, publicity officer. The executive committee will be composed of James Lium, Roy Harper, E. J. Billick, Everett Bradford, Loyal Heath. Reports of various committees were made and other business was transacted.

Anyone passing the Chamber of Commerce rooms might have wondered at the conversation going on inside when the "vets" were having their smoker. "Let 'er lay," "come on, Phoebe," "a pair of boxcars," and such phrases could be heard from the center of a couple of groups. The eats committee had provided great gobs of cider and doughnuts and later brought on coffee and sandwiches. Smokes were furnished by the Legion.

MILLIONS ARE GIVEN FOR RUSSIAN RELIEF

Washington, Dec. 22.—(A. P.)—The bill appropriating \$20,000,000 for the purchase of grain for Russian famine relief, was finally passed today and now goes to the president.

CHILDREN BURN WHEN FIRE DESTROYS THEIR HOME

Centralia, Dec. 22.—(A. P.)—Ruth Dawson, aged 3, and Donald Dawson, aged 2, were burned to death when fire destroyed their home near Koptah early today. J. E. Dawson, the father, was badly burned, and Mrs. Dawson was slightly burned in rescuing the three older children. An overheated stove caused the fire. The family was left destitute.

MRS. C. W. BUBERLY



Mon. Mrs. C. W. Buberly, daughter of the late Lord Nunburnholms, and thrice married, has opened an antique shop in Soho square, London.

HEART FAILURE CAUSES DEATH OF WATTERSON

FAMOUS JOURNALIST DEAD AFTER ATTACK OF ILLNESS AT FLORIDA HOTEL

OWNED LOUISVILLE NEWSPAPER

Had Brief Service As Public Official. Effected Consolidation of Three Large Papers

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 22.—(A. P.)—Henry Watterson, famous journalist, former owner and publisher of the Louisville, Ky., Courier-Journal, died at a local hotel here this morning. Heart failure, superinduced by congestion of the lungs was the cause of death.

He was born in Washington, D. C., on February 16, 1849.

His service as a public official was confined to a fractional term in congress. He accepted a seat there in 1876-77 at the wishes of Samuel J. Tilden, with whom he was closely allied. Mr. Watterson refused re-nomination for the full term. Frequently urged to run for high office he always refused, maintaining:

"I shall stay where I am. Office is not for me. Beginning in slavery to end with poverty it is odious to my sense of freedom."

From 1872 to 1892 however he sat at all national conventions of the democratic party as a delegate-at-large from Kentucky. He presided over the convention that nominated Tilden in 1876 and was chairman of the platform committee in those of 1880 and 1888.

"I came out of the war like many of the young fellows of the South, a very picked bird, indeed. In order to escape humiliation of borrowing from a Northern uncle, whose politics I did not approve, I went with my watch to an 'uncle' who had no politics at all and got \$50 on it. Along with two blanket-mates, who were as poor as myself, I started, or rather revived, publication of an old suspended newspaper at Nashville. Nothing could withstand the energy and ardor which we three threw into the enterprise. We were working for bread and had to have it. When we began there were nine daily papers struggling for a footing in the little Tennessee capital. At the end of the year there were but two, and of these ours had two thirds of the business. After two years I was called to Louisville to take an editorial position on the old Louisville Journal, the paper of George D. Prentice. Six months later Walter N. Haldeman, who owned the Courier Journal and Courier. Incidentally this led to the purchase of the old Louisville Democrat, this publication losing its identity entirely. That is about all."

The consolidation of the three papers was the first of the great newspaper combinations. It resulted in the first appearance of the Courier-Journal, November 8, 1868.

In his early years he superintended the detail of every department, and for more than 30 years "put the paper to press" every night.

PROBLEM OF PARIS LANDLORDS

Find Themselves Unable to Collect Rents or Evict Tenants

Paris, Dec. 22.—(A. P.)—Paris landlords say they are the most abused persons in the world. They agreed to this unanimously at a mass meeting held recently.

They reported they are unable to collect rents from more than 20,000 tenants or to evict these unprofitable occupants.

All this is the fault of recent legislation, say the landlords, giving tenants who were immune from payment of rent during the war the right to find other quarters before vacating. The landlords say that when they try to sell their properties, no bids are forthcoming because of the existing situation.

ASK NATIONS FOR AID IN REBUILDING EUROPE

London, Dec. 22.—(A. P.)—The Allied Supreme Council, at a meeting soon to be held at Cannes, will be asked by inter-estimated powers to appoint a commission to elaborate a comprehensive scheme for the rehabilitation of Central Europe and Russia. This was decided at conferences of the French and British premiers here.

The United States and Germany would be invited to have membership in this commission. The question of Russian representation is in abeyance.

Paris, Dec. 22.—(A. P.)—American Ambassador Harvey, at London, has been invited to attend a meeting of the supreme council at Cannes January 4th.

O. A. C. Girls to Tour

The Madrigal club, composed of members of the O. A. C. girls glee club, will tour southern Oregon during the spring vacation. They will give a concert here under the auspices of the high school on March 22. There are 24 girls in the organization. Chorus and solo selections will be given, as well as a solo dance. The girls will also give concerts in Medford and Ashland. Miss Marion Madford, of this city, is manager of the glee club.

INVESTIGATION IS ORDERED

Attorney General Says Prices Too High and Starts Probe

Washington, Dec. 22.—(A. P.)—Declaring that prices are too high in many localities and that retailers are unconscionable, Attorney General Daugherty today ordered a nationwide investigation of retail prices of food, fuel, shoes and clothing in an effort to put retail prices on a proper level.

LIBERATE MEXICAN PRISONERS

Oregon's Order of Amnesty Opens Doors to 300

Mexico City, Dec. 22.—(A. P.)—More than 300 prisoners were set at liberty in one month as the result of President Obregon's recent decree granting amnesty to all violators of the law complying with certain stipulations.

The amnesty decree was the president's gift to unfortunate on the occasion of the republic's centennial celebration of independence.

SEEK GRAVES OF SOLDIERS OF '76

Sons of the American Revolution Start Quest in West

Los Angeles, Dec. 22.—(A. P.)—In the belief that somewhere along the Pacific coast there is located the forgotten grave of some veteran of the American Revolution, the society, Sons of the Revolution, Los Angeles chapter, has announced its members soon will begin a search for such a grave, and it has appeal to similar organizations and the public to join in the quest.

According to a statement issued by the society, white men began to arrive in the country now made up of the Pacific Coast states shortly after 1800. The society believes, the statement said, that among those who made their way across the plains or came by ship around Cape Horn, were possibly some who had seen service in the Revolution, and whose graves are located somewhere in the Pacific Coast states today.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Choice steers.....\$6.50 @ \$7.00
Choice dairy calves.....\$8.50 @ \$9.00
Hogs, prime light.....\$8.50 @ \$8.75
Best Valley Lambs \$8.00 @ \$8.50
East Mountain Lambs \$8.50 @ \$9.00
Eggs, buying price.....44c @ 45c
Eggs, selling price.....48c @ 50c
Eggs, selling candled.....46c @ 60c
Eggs, white henneries.....52c @ 54c
Butter, extra cubes.....41c @ 41 1/2c
Butter.....40c
Wheat.....\$1.04 @ \$1.10

Portland, Ore., Dec. 22.—(A. P.)—Cattle steady; hogs 25c higher; sheep, 25c lower; eggs, firm; butter, steady.

HOUSE PASSES GAS TAX BILL FOR 1925 FAIR

PREDICTION MADE THAT MEASURE WILL BE KILLED IN THE SENATE

UPTON WOULD DELAY ACTION

Senators to Be Given Time to Become Familiar With Bill—Dennis Resolution Is Passed

Salem, Dec. 22.—(A. P.)—The house joint resolution number three, proposing a constitutional amendment creating the Oregon 1925 exposition commission and providing a gasoline tax to raise \$3,000,000, passed the house late last night by 45 affirmative and 14 negative votes. Speaker Bean made a plea for an income tax and predicted the gasoline tax bill would be killed in the senate.

Salem, Ore., Dec. 22.—(A. P.)—When Moser moved that the senate consider in a committee of the whole this morning the exposition measures passed by the house last night, Upton on a point of order caused a delay. He asked for 24 hours, or at least four or five, for members to become familiar with the measure.

The senate passed the Dennis resolution requiring an audit of all state accounts, passed Vinton's bill regarding inheritance taxes, and the Hindman bill regarding the filling of terms of office when vacancies occur. The senate sustained the governor's veto of last session of the bill providing Saturday as a half holiday for county offices.

Salem, Ore., Dec. 22.—(A. P.)—The highway commission was summoned before the senate roads committee this afternoon to tell the effect of the exposition gasoline tax on the highway program. The house as a committee of the whole approved the measure, placing highway traffic under the control of the public service commission.

SCHOLARSHIPS HONOR PIONEER

Endowments Will Enable Many Worthy Students at University

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—(A. P.)—Endowments of the University of California to foster the memory of James Monroe McDonald, a California pioneer, were presented recently by his wife, Mrs. Mary J. L. McDonald. The four endowments of \$500 each are the largest ever established at the state university.

Mr. McDonald, better known as "Captain" McDonald was identified with many western projects, among them the building of the first toll road across the Sierra Nevada mountains and the construction of the first telegraph lines both in California and the Pacific Northwest. He was the first to discover the use of the glass insulator in the construction of telephone and telegraph lines. He died in 1907.

The scholarships are to be known as the James Monroe McDonald scholarships and will be awarded to senior male students for physics, chemistry, mining and civil engineering respectively.

DAIL ADJOURNS TO JAN. 3

AFTER DISCUSSING TREATY

Dublin, Dec. 22.—(A. P.)—The Dail Eireann was still debating the treaty when it adjourned to January 3rd.

NO CUT ON FORD COAL FREIGHT

Interstate Commerce Commission Denies Henry's Request

Washington, Dec. 22.—(A. P.)—The interstate commerce commission today refused permission to Henry Ford to cut coal rates 20 per cent along the line of his railroad, the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton, on the ground that it would discriminate against other mining territory, the coal product of which is sold in cities along the Ford railroad.

PROPOSALS ACCEPTED BY FRANGE AND ITALY

Washington, Dec. 22.—(A. P.)—France and Italy have formally accepted the American proposals on the limitation of capital ships at a meeting of delegates of the five major powers.

ACTUAL TRIAL OF BEEBE BEGUN IN ALBANY TODAY

Albany, Dec. 22.—(A. P.)—The actual trial of Pete Beebe was started today. The prosecution announced that Dr. Griffith of the state hospital would examine Beebe and testify regarding his sanity.

Luncheon on Tuesday

The Chamber of Commerce luncheon will be held on Tuesday next week instead of Monday which is a holiday. K. Hammerbacher, F. S. Ireland and O. A. Colby are on the luncheon committee. A speaker is being arranged for a good luncheon program will be given.

MISS MADELINE STARHILL



Miss Madeline Starhill, who was adjudged the most beautiful girl in Philadelphia, the Quaker City.

SAILOR BOY, FAST SAILING SHIP, COMPLETES LIFE OF MISHAP AND ADVENTURE IN PACIFIC

Honolulu, T. H., Dec. 22.—(A. P.)—The schooner Sailor Boy, once considered one of the fastest sailing ships in the Pacific, ended her long career of mishaps here when all that remained of the once trim vessel, now a coal barge, was broken up in Honolulu Harbor, a victim of the evil potency of Friday and the number "13."

The log of the Sailor Boy, built in Oregon in 1883, contained a record of more misadventures than usually befall a craft, and in all of them Friday or the number "13" played a part.

On Friday, December 13, 1910, the Sailor Boy set sail from San Francisco for the South Seas, in direct defiance of superstition. On December 30 her troubles began. Her clock struck 13 bells. An hour later heavy seas carried away the starboard fore rigging and sails and split her spanker. She limped back to San Francisco for repairs. On January 13, 1911, she sailed for Fanning Island.

The vessel arrived on a Friday and that night the clock again struck 13 bells. The cook, who counted the strokes, deserted. The vessel arrived at Washington Island on March 13 and at Tarawa Island April 13.

Again she weighed anchor on Friday and the high commissioner at Ocean Island sent her back to Tarawa because her captain had failed to obtain a license to recruit and trade. Tarawa was reached on May 13 and on the following Friday she sailed

SEATTLE GIRL BEING SOUGHT TO AID POLICE

CLARA SKARIN MAY BE ABLE TO THROW SOME LIGHT ON MURDER

REAL ESTATE DEALER SLAIN

Body of Ferdinand Hochbrunn Found Yesterday in Home—Woman Had Lived at Same Place

Seattle, Dec. 22.—(A. P.)—A coastwide search was begun today for Clara E. Skarin, a former telephone operator, in a hope that she might be able to throw light on the slaying of Ferdinand Hochbrunn, a wealthy retired real estate dealer, whose body was found in his home yesterday. He was shot through the head two months ago. The girl has resided in the Hochbrunn home for several months and told other residents that he had gone to Portland on business.

PUBLISHED IN MOSCOW THEATRICAL JOURNAL IS

Moscow, Dec. 22.—(A. P.)—The first non-government paper to appear in Moscow was a theatrical journal. It contained many advertisements, the first which the bolshevik government has permitted. Several weeklies are now appearing which are not issued by the government. Advertisements pay a tax of about 6,000 rubles per page line to the government.

YUCATAN ELECTS RADICAL LEADER

New Governor Was Chosen Without Opposition by Socialists

Merida, Yucatan, Dec. 22.—(A. P.)—Felipe Carrillo, leader of the radical movement in this state, has been elected governor by an overwhelming majority. His election on the Socialist ticket was so assured that the Partido Liberal Constitucionalista party, the dominate group in Mexico, declined to nominate a candidate.

For the past two years Carrillo has dominated the state of Yucatan and has represented it as deputy in the national congress.

FORD TO START AUTO FACTORY IN GERMANY

Detroit, Dec. 22.—(I. N. S.)—The Ford Motor Company is planning to start a factory in Germany for the manufacture of automobiles for the German, Russian and other Eastern European fields, it is reported here in usually reliable circles.

Charles E. Sorenson is now in London and will leave for Germany in a few days to make necessary arrangements, it is said.

Present plans call for buying a plant in Germany adaptable to the manufacture of automobiles. Definite plans as to volume of output and the number of men to be employed are not ready for announcement.

CANYONVILLE RANCHER MEETS DEATH IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Canyonville, Dec. 22.—(A. P.)—Fred Williams, a rancher, was killed, and members of his family were injured, when his automobile went over a 100-foot embankment from an icy road this morning.