

## COUNTY BUYS CERTIFICATES

Idle Public Money Invested  
in Govt. Securities; Plan  
Widely Noted

—EL CENTRO, Cal. (Special)—A million and three quarters of idle money, mostly the proceeds of a bond issue, has been invested by Imperial County in United States Certificates of Indebtedness, which will net the county \$72,000 a year or \$6,000 a month as long as the money is left in the Certificates.

Owing to a California statute providing that no bank shall receive public funds to an amount in excess of fifty per cent of its capital and surplus, the money had been lying idle.

Imperial County's innovation will be adopted by other counties and school districts throughout the 12th Federal Reserve District which have county and district funds lying idle because small banks in outlying counties are unable to receive for deposit proceeds from bond issues.

## NOVEMBERS RISE TWO PER CENT

Living Advances Slightly in  
Month, Labor Statistics  
Bureau Finds

According to reports received by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U. S. Department of Labor from retail dealers in 50 cities, the retail cost of 22 staple food articles increased two per cent in November as compared with October. The foods upon which this comparison is based are: Sirloin steak, round steak, rib roast, chuck roast, plate beef, pork chops, bacon, ham, lard, coffee, flour, cornmeal, eggs, butter, milk, bread, potatoes, sugar, cheese, rice, coffee, and tea.

The articles which increased during the month from October to November were: Eggs 13 per cent; onions and sugar, 10 per cent, each; raisins, 9 per cent; butter 6 per cent; storage eggs and prunes, 4 per cent, each; canned salmon, fresh milk, and potatoes, 3 per cent, each; rice and bananas, 2 per cent, each; evaporated milk, oleomargarine, cheese, lard, crisco, bread, flour, and macaroni, 1 per cent, each; tea and coffee less than five-tenths of 1 per cent. Nut margarine, cornmeal, rolled oats, cornflakes, cream of wheat, cabbage, canned peas, and tomatoes remained the same price as in October.

The following articles increased in price: Pork chops, 5 per cent; ham 4 per cent; bacon, 3 per cent; round steak, plate beef, hens, navy beans, and oranges, 2 per cent, each; sirloin steak rib roast, chuck roast, lamb, baked beans, and canned corn, 1 per cent, each.

## Commerce Chamber Has Been Organized For Klamath Falls

KLAMATH FALLS, Jan. 6.—Klamath County Chamber of Commerce is to be the name of the new boosting organization or this county organized by and subscribed to by leading business men of Klamath Falls. Several thousands of dollars will be raised with in the next few weeks to put the chamber on a firm financial basis.

Captain J. W. Siemens, president of the First State & Savings bank of this city and a leading resident, will act as president of the new body. Captain O. A. Applegate, one of Klamath county's oldest and best known residents, will assume the duties of secretary.

## Kidnapped Own Son Is Charge Made

SALEM, Jan. 5.—That E. L. Hill kidnapped his own daughter after he gained her release from a local school on the rise that her grandfather was ill and in fleeing with the child to part unknown, was the charge made to the police here today by Mrs. Hill.

Mrs. Hill is of the opinion that Mr. Hill eventually will locate in Seattle.

**Family Reunion**  
Mr. and Mrs. John Forgey returned to Astoria after attending a family reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Newman at the St. Charles hotel. This is the first meeting of the family for 24 years, and was held in honor of Geo. Forgey, father of Mrs. A. L. Ramsey and Mrs. Newman and John Forgey.

## Truant Pigeons Back After Jaunt North

The two homing pigeons that flew back to their home loft at Camp Lewis some time ago, and were identified as belonging to the Eugene loft have been returned. They arrived Tuesday and will be kept in confinement.

It is expected that quite a number of young ones will be hatched this winter and spring and they will be trained to make flights from the Eugene loft. It is difficult to wean an old pigeon away from its first loft and for that reason as many young ones as possible which will know no other loft but the one here will be raised and trained. Eugene Register.

## REFUSED TO ACCEPT GOODS

Lapidary Sending Stones  
Back to Owner Through  
Mail is Arrested

(Eugene Register)  
Although his sentence of a fine of \$25 was suspended, W. G. Baker, agate cutter, yesterday, after his trial in justice court on the charge of larceny by bailee of three agates, filed notice through his attorney, H. M. Brownell, of appeal to the circuit court.

After testimony in the case was heard Judge Wells pronounced Mr. Baker guilty and fined him \$25 but suspended sentence with the usual "good behavior" admonition.

Miss Alta Bristow charged Mr. Baker with the larceny of her agates. Mr. Baker admits that he misplaced the stones in his shop but later found them, but instead of giving them to her he mailed them through the post-office C. O. D., but Miss Bristow refused to take them out of the office, fearing that after she had paid the charges they might not prove to be hers.

At the trial Friday Mr. Baker was ordered to bring the agates into court yesterday and Miss Baker said they were hers.

## \$350 Reward For Jack the Hugger

Mayor Ferguson of Marshfield has offered a reward of \$350 for the arrest of the man who assaulted Miss Ruth Anderson Friday evening.

The young lady was on her way home when an unknown man stepped out of the darkness and attempted to wind a towel saturated with either about her face. He also had a knife in his hand. Miss Anderson screamed and fought off her assailant the best she could, scratching his face, and kicking him about the knees. He effectively negated her efforts that she finally managed to free herself, and the alarm brought assistance. At this time the thug fled in the darkness and has not been seen or apprehended.—Coos Bay Harbor.

## Roseburg Plans Church To Cost Over \$25,000

ROSEBURG, Jan. 5.—According to announcement made here the Methodist Church south will begin the erection of a \$25,000 church edifice early in the spring. Negotiation for a suitable site are pending.

W. L. Cobb, chairman of the building committee, stated that the meeting Tuesday night about 125 persons attended and there was great enthusiasm. Rev. J. E. Conder will assume the leadership in the work.

## Confession Attacked; Drug Use Charged

TACOMA, Jan. 6.—With the allegation that Nellie Hartford, 22, pleaded guilty to a charge of forgery Monday because she was under the influence of morphine given her by John Strickland captain of detectives, her attorney today filed a petition in superior court to have the plea set aside.

To complicate matters further, the young woman, who was sentenced to from one to 15 years in the penitentiary, managed to escape from the jail and has not been found.

## Warranty Deeds

Geo. E. McNeil and wife to J. W. McNeil, lands in T 13 S. R. 4 W.  
James A. Burnes and wife to M. Cummings and wife lands in T 14 S. R. 4 W.  
Mabell L. Mills to A. Schimmelpennig lands in block 6 Tangent.  
Geo. W. Wilson and wife to F. B. Powell lands in T 11 S. R. 1 W.  
W. Rutherford and wife to August Lucok and wife lands in T 12 S. R. 1 W.  
W. R. Mealey to J. M. Rice and wife lands in T 14 S. R. 1 W

## SHEEP SNIPS SCALE FIXED

17½ Cents Per Head for  
Sheering Adopted by  
Meeting in Idaho

BOISE, Jan. 6.—A uniform wage scale agreement of 17½ cents a head and board was entered into between the Idaho Wool Growers' association and the Sheep Shearers' Union of America today at the final session of the two-day convention of the wool growers here. This scale will apply throughout Idaho for 1920, according to the agreement.

The scale last year varied from 15 to 22½ cents a head.

President William McClellan of Butte, Mont., represented the sheep shearers in the negotiations. Hugh Sprout, president; Jack Skillern, vice-president, and John Ridenbaugh, secretary were re-elected by the Wool Growers' association. The wool growers adopted resolutions urging that congress and the federal trade commission give the Palmer plan of separating the meat trust from other than the packing business a chance to prove its merits.

## DUTCH STAND IS BARED

Indifference Shown to Allied  
Demand for Extradition  
of Wilhelm

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Through official information not heretofore available it has been learned that last summer when an apparently reliable report came from Holland that the ex-German crown prince had escaped from his island internment at Wieringen, the supreme council precipitately demanded that ex-Emporer William be turned over to the entente powers. The demand was embodied in note sent to the Dutch government.

The reply of the Dutch government was an polite statement of the report of the escape of the ex-crown prince was erroneous and that every precaution was being taken to prevent such an issue. The official information available today is that there was no attempt made by the Dutch to answer the demand otherwise, so that the probable action of The Hague authorities in case such a demand is pressed can only be inferred.

## Howell Trials Have Cost \$4,500; Another

MARSHFIELD, Jan. 6.—A statement was issued today by the clerk of the circuit court of the cost of the two trials of Harold Howell, the Bandon boy accused of having slain Lillian Leuthold, a 16-year-old girl, last July. The first trial cost about \$2,000 and the second trial about \$2,500.

The prosecuting attorney has applied for a third trial, which will probably come up at the opening of the February term of the circuit court. The boy has been in jail since last July and must remain there until the next trial, bail not being allowed.

It is computed that 10,000 threads of the web of a full-grown spider are not larger than a single hair of a man's beard.

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## DIRE WINTER FACES AUSTRIA

People Filled with Foreboding; Economic Situation is Bad

VIENNA.—The Austrian republic faces its second year with foreboding. Both the political and economic situations are believed here to have grown daily worse since early Autumn. The holiday season found Vienna with a reduced bread ration, virtually no fats and without fuel. The expected supply of coal from Czechoslovakia has not been received and public

utilities were kept partly in operation only by great efforts and economies.

High hopes had been entertained from the visit of Chancellor Renner to the Supreme Council at Paris. The people expected that Austria would obtain sufficient credit, food, fuel and raw material for the resumption of their industrial life. Now that the result of his journey has become known the newspapers sound a note of despair. One of them remarks that the decision of the Supreme Council that Austria means that that province is condemned to suffer along with the rest of Austria until the ordinary native will have hardly sufficient for food and clothing becomes a luxury for even the comparatively well-to-do.

The Burmese and Maoris have no wedding ceremony, marriage being regarded by them as a business partnership.

## Oil May Follow Gas Pocket at Amity

The people of the neighborhood of Amity, on the west side of the Willamette river, and north of Albany less than 20 miles, are enjoying the sensations of an oil boom.

Portland capitalists who are boring for oil there have struck a pocket of gas 1600 feet below the surface—and experts say this is an infallible indication of oil.

It has been known for a long time that there were seepages of oil in the St. Joe neighborhood, west of Amity, and the oil there collects on leaves and renders them easy to burn.

All animals use their hind-legs to move them along, the fore-legs supporting the balance.

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