

ECONOMY TO BE WATCHWORD NEW COUNTY COURT

That the new county court will itself purchase all county supplies and that officials must pay for any supplies ordered by them and not bought by the court, is the assertion made by County Judge-elect Tou Velle and Commissioner-elect Leoyer after a conference held in Medford Saturday.

"We were elected pledged to economy and efficiency," stated Judge Tou Velle, "and we intend to live up to it. All leaks will be stopped. The court has to pay all bills, and as the responsible parties, we intend to exercise the same care and vigilance that we do in our personal business affairs."

"The law will be strictly lived up to. County offices will be opened promptly at 8 o'clock a. m. and kept open until 5 o'clock p. m. Only deputies really needed will be approved, and the surplus ones cut out—and efficiency will be the sole requirement."

"The county court will buy the supplies from the lowest bidder—preference being given county firms wherever possible," stated Commissioner Leoyer. "The new board is in accord in these subjects and will work together."

"One of our first moves will be to re-district the county in road districts cutting up some of the districts that are unwieldy and too large. The money to be spent by the supervisors will be under our direction and upon our order. The commissioners intend to personally look after this work themselves, even if it takes all of their time."

RUNS AUTO RACE DOWN BROADWAY

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The buzz tank is full of gasoline and I am full of Christmas cheer, Harold O. Binney, wealthy attorney, told three policemen at Broadway and 42nd street early today. "We're gonna let off a little steam."

Then Binney made a Vanderbilt cup track of the heart of Manhattan in a powerful racer. Most of the time he encircled the block on two wheels. An army of taxicabs and police chased him, but was stopped only by the automobile's boiler running dry.

A recent escapade by Binney was in San Francisco. He made good use of his time on a trans-continental train and a young woman whom he met agreed to be his bride. He bought her a trousseau but shortly before the wedding hour sent the woman the following note:

"I think I would rather go to Los Angeles than marry you."

DULL TRADING MARKS STOCK MARKET TODAY

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Dull trading marked the opening of the stock market here today, fluctuations being small and irregular. Canadian Pacific and Maryland Western, recorded the only moves of more than a small fraction. Each lost a point. Republic and Steel preferred rose one point. Heaviness developed later causing Union Pacific, Hill and the copper issues to drop a point. Later dealings steadied the market somewhat.

Speculation as to whether the supreme court would render a decision in the Minnesota rate case caused some restraint. The market closed barely steady. Bonds were steady.

WELLBORN REFUSES TO PRESIDE OIL LAND CASE

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23.—Because United States Judge Olin Wellborn has relatives who are financially interested in oil lands affected by the suit brought by the government against the Southern Pacific railroad and others to recover oil lands in the Coalinga district he probably will not sit in the case, according to reports current here today. Judge Wellborn had no official statement to make on the subject.

In the event of Wellborn not sitting there is much speculation as to who will be delegated.

Judge Frank Rudkin of Spokane, is now in Los Angeles trying certain federal cases. It was reported that he may be the choice.

KILLED IN QUARREL OVER A WOMAN

POMONA, Cal., Dec. 23.—Constable Frank O. Slanker stated today that Levi Ehresman, arrested Saturday in Santa Barbara, has made a full confession to him of killing J. P. Nicholson and burning the body in the Bayham barn near Lordsburg, on the evening of December 9.

POMONA, Cal., Dec. 23.—The arraignment of Levi Ehresman, arrested at Santa Barbara for the alleged murder of Jack Nicholson, takes place at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Ehresman is expected momentarily to break and confess. He is now nervously pacing the floor of his cell.

Ehresman, who is a married man and the father of five children, claims that the girl, Nannie Schowler, who was with him and was brought back to her home at San Dimas, knows nothing of Nicholson or his disappearance.

"She was as pure a girl as ever lived," says Ehresman, "until I ruined her life. No other man is to blame. She was an innocent country girl and I made her what she is. I sent her to Arizona that we might forget our love for each other, but she kept corresponding and I did too. It seemed that we could not live apart."

Officers believe that Ehresman shot or slugged Nicholson from the rear seat of the automobile and that Nicholson's head hung over the side of the automobile, blood running onto the footboard, where it is plainly discernible now.

MERCURY DROPS TO 19 DEGREES

Saturday night proved to be the coldest experienced in the Rogue River valley during the past three years, the mercury dropping to 19 1/2 degrees. In consequence a large number of water pipes in the city burst and hurry up orders for the plumbers were the rule. Sunday night the lowest mark touched was 24. Tonight it will be even warmer.

Sunday was one of the most perfect winter days enjoyed in Southern Oregon this year. The sky was cloudless, haze entirely disappearing. The sun shone clearly throughout the day.

LARGE CROWD AT SUNDAY SERVICES METHODIST CHURCH

The Methodist Episcopal church was crowded to its fullest capacity Sunday night, it even being necessary to place chairs in the aisles to accommodate the large gathering.

The musical program, which was the principle feature of the evening was well rendered and fully appreciated, as was evidenced by the attention given by the audience.

The solos by Miss Hazelrigg, Mrs. Halliday-Haight, Mrs. Van Seyoum, Mr. Howard and Mr. Hoy were especially good, while the choruses with thirty or more voices assisted materially in adding to the gladness of Christmas cheer, which was prevalent throughout the entire program. Rev. Eldridge gave a very interesting fifteen minutes talk, taking as his subject "No Room in the Inn."

Sacrifice Sale on Cigars UNTIL XMAS



SMOKERS SUPPLIES

ALSO ON PIPES AND SMOKERS' SUPPLIES

Ireland Smoke House

BOLD BAD MAN CROOK OR ACTOR?

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 23.—Crook or actor, bold bad man from the original badlands, or insane man, thug or victim of a freak of nature—which of these is Alex Thompson, held in the city jail here after running amuck Saturday night in moving picture and dime novel bandit fashion, and giving the police and Chauffeur Charles Edward Oland the most exciting experience in years.

Thompson captured the chauffeur and his automobile at 8:45 Saturday night at the point of a gun, and for the next three hours there was something doing every minute. He broke all previous high speed records in the downtown section, held up a saloon and a grocery store, shot one man in the leg and hit another man in the head, fought a running duel with two motorcycle policemen, jagged and tied the chauffeur when he got through with his escapade, and was arrested about 1 a. m. as he was leisurely a constitutional in the residence district.

Thompson was "Slipshod Dick" on Saturday night. So he told the chauffeur. Said he had been a real desperado in every part of the globe.

But today Alex Thompson is just an ordinary sailor, and doesn't remember one thing in his exciting adventures Saturday night.

\$35 IS RATE TO LOS ANGELES AND RETURN ON EXCURSION

There seems to be some misunderstanding about rate on the Los Angeles excursion, in taking the matter up with the local office Mr. Rosenbaum stated the round trip would be thirty-five dollars, stop-overs going and coming at any point, tickets now on sale but will not be on sale at this rate after Dec. 30th.

Three Pullmans have been already reserved and indications point to one or two more. Train leaves 3:30 p. m., Dec. 30th.

BEHLING'S Christmas Offer on Men's Slippers

For Just One Day TUESDAY, DEC. 24TH

We will give 10 Per Cent Off on all Men's Slippers

- \$3.50 at \$3.15
- \$3.00 at \$2.70
- \$2.50 at \$2.25
- \$2.00 at \$1.80
- \$1.50 at \$1.35
- \$1.25 at \$1.10

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Tariff on Rooms

- 12 rooms - - - - \$1.00 each
 - 60 rooms - - - - 1.50 each
 - 50 rooms - - - - 2.00 each
 - 60 rooms with private bath 2.00 each
 - 50 rooms with private bath 2.50 each
 - 30 suites, bedroom, parlor and bath - - 3.00 each
- For more than one guest add \$1.00 extra to the above rates for each additional guest. Reduction by week or month. Management Chester W. Kelley

MANY BUILDINGS ARE GOING UP

Considerable activity in the building line has developed in the past week and indications are that by the first of the year a large number of residences and small buildings will be started. Supt. Garretson of the Trail Lumber company has contracts for a 45x75 foot store building to be erected on North Grape street, across from the conservatory of music, and also for a one-story brick structure which W. B. Barum will build on North Front. He also has contracts for three bungalows on Rose avenue and one fine residence for Mr. Tackstrom on South Oakdale. The North Grape Street building will have three store rooms and will be built for the father of W. P. Mealey, the attorney.

Card of Thanks. We wish to thank all our friends who so thoughtfully remembered us during the hour of our bereavement. W. N. MOFFATT and FAMILY.

Legal blanks at Mail Tribune.

TAKE MURDERERS TO SALEM SOON

Mike Spanos and Frank Seymour, convicted of the murder of George Dedaskalous, and under sentence of execution on February 14, will probably leave for Salem Tuesday evening, there to await execution. Alex Norris and Jeff Brophy will probably conduct them to the state penitentiary.

The two men are bearing up well. Spanos was attacked with indigestion Sunday night and a physician was called. The ailment proved to be slight, however.

LOS ANGELES CITY HALL NEARLY GUTTED BY FIRE

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 23.—More than \$6,000,000 worth of documents, cash and securities are safe today after being in danger of destruction in a fire that threatened to gut the city hall. For an hour late yesterday firemen fought the flames, conquering them only after a stubborn battle.

A model of a suspended motor

Look For the Cut Price

We are going to clean out every piece of Toys, Dolls, Games, Holiday Goods and Fancy China in the store by Tuesday night

200 pieces Fancy Decorated Cups and Saucers and odd pieces in China 75c to \$1.50 val. Choice 50c each

10c and 15c quality Calendars and Xmas Cards going at each . . . 5c

HUSSEY'S

auto railway, belonging to Fletcher a loss of \$7,000, Cross electric wires. Parts of Los Angeles was buried at large believed to have caused the fire.

NOTHING EQUALS S.S.S. FOR OLD SORES

Nothing equals S. S. S. as a cure for Old Sores because nothing equals it as a blood purifier. The source and supply of every chronic sore is impure blood; the circulation is infected with germs and morbid accumulations which are being constantly deposited into the open place. This causes ulceration and inflammation of the flesh tissues and produces a condition upon which salves, washes, lotions, etc., can have no curative effect. The blood must be purified of all infectious matter before the circulation can nourish the flesh tissues and stimulate them to the healthy condition necessary to heal the sore. S. S. S. heals old sores by going down to the fountain-head of the trouble and driving out the germs and morbid matters which are keeping the ulcer open. Then as new, rich blood is carried to the place, the healing begins, all discharge ceases, the inflammation leaves, new tissue and healthy flesh are formed, and soon the ulcer is well. You are not waiting time when you use S. S. S., but you are giving yourself the benefit of the very best treatment for old sores. Book on Sores and Ulcers and any medical advice free. S. S. S. is sold at drug stores. THE SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., ATLANTA, GA.

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- Gold Hill..... 35.90
- Tolo..... 35.50
- Medford, Phoenix, Talent and Ashland..... 35.00

SPECIAL TRAIN SCHEDULE

- Leave Grants Pass..... 2:21 p. m. Medford..... 3:35 p. m.
- Leave Rogue River..... 2:39 p. m. Phoenix..... 3:53 p. m.
- Leave Gold Hill..... 2:57 p. m. Talent..... 4:11 p. m.
- Leave Central Point..... 3:21 p. m. Ashland..... 4:30 p. m.
- Arrive at San Francisco 1:10 p. m. next day. In time for

San Francisco's New Year Celebration

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