

VICTIM OF THEFT COMPLAINS, IS GUILTY OF THEFT

When Roy W. Snider went to the police station Monday morning to report that his car was stolen, before he got out of the room he was himself placed under arrest on the charge of stealing a tire and rim, to which charge he pleaded guilty in Justice Taylor's court today and was fined \$18 and costs. His wife spent the day in efforts to raise money to pay the fine and obtain his release. Snider, whose home is mainly in Ashland, recently returned to this vicinity from a logging camp at Chiloquin.

Several days ago R. E. Smithpeter reported to the police that a tire and rim had been stolen from him. Late Sunday night Patrolman George Prescott noticed a car parked in the business district, while presumably its owner had gone to lunch at a restaurant, and thought he recognized on the car the tire and rim that had been reported stolen. He thereupon took the car to Hittson's garage with the intention of having a close scrutiny of its owner if he showed up.

Next morning while Patrolman Prescott and Chief of Police Adams were talking in the police station of the Snider case there and reported that his auto had been stolen. The officers got busy at once with questions with the result, it is claimed, that Snider confessed to having purchased the tire and rim rim. His arrest followed.

Big Fire Schenectady, N. Y.
SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Dec. 12.—Fire said to have started in the Boston Department store threatened the business section here today. Virtually all of the fire apparatus in the city was called out and early reports indicated that persons were trapped in some of the flaming stores.

OPPORTUNITIES OF LOCAL DEVELOPMENT STRESSED AT FORUM

The Forum luncheon of the Medford Chamber of Commerce at the Medford Hotel today opened with the introduction of A. E. Cranston, of Portland, who is looking for a site for a box factory, Andrew Miller, field secretary of the Oregon State Bankers' association, and W. H. Crawford, head of the new industrial department of the California Oregon Power company.

E. Gore and William Warner spoke of the D. O. K. band and asked the support of the Chamber of Commerce and the citizens of Medford at the concert which they are giving in the near future.

W. H. Crawford was the principal speaker. After passing printed maps to illustrate his talk, he said that Medford held an important and central position in the Great Midland Empire of the Pacific coast. "God gives every bird his food, but he does not throw it in the nest," Medford has this location and it is up to her citizens to show the outside world the advantages of settling and investing in this part of the country.

Andrew Miller spoke next and after complimenting Mr. Crawford as a man of vision and power he told of the favorable impression Medford had made on him in his many visits here.

Gates Open to Chinese Officials
PEKING, China.—China is overstocked with officials, and 10,000 such employees of the government are slated for dismissal under the new regime, according to the Asiatic News Agency. Many men of inferior qualifications today hold governmental positions, and as a result, competent employees are not getting their salaries.

BUILD NEW R. R. TO OREGON TIMBER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Proposals for completing new railroad construction in Oregon necessary to remove timber from the Malheur national forest in Oregon were filed today with the inter-state commerce commission by the Malheur Railroad company. The corporation proposes to build a sixty-mile line from Burns to Seneca.

A previous application from the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation company has been before the commission for some time. The O. W. R. & N. proposes to extend one branch as far as Burns. When the connection is made at Burns with the Malheur line the national forests will have contact with through line railroads.

COAST LEAGUE MEETS WITH NEW LEADER

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—Directors of the Pacific coast league assembled in their annual meeting today under the presidency of Harry A. Williams of Los Angeles for the first time and President Williams reported that his reception seemed to him very cordial.

The three pro-McCarthy clubs, Sacramento, Vernon and San Francisco, were represented by their regular directors, Lewis Moreing, William Essick and Charles Graham, and they all extended Williams their congratulations and best wishes.

A committee of H. W. Lane of Salt Lake City, J. Cal Ewing of Oakland, and Moreing, was chosen to enter into a draft discussion with a committee of the American association.

The Noted Dead

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 12.—John R. Rathom, editor of the Providence Journal and Evening Bulletin died at his home here yesterday. He was 56 years old and had been editor and general manager of the two papers for twelve years. In August, 1922, he underwent an operation, after which he never regained his health.

Mr. Rathom formerly served as reporter on the Seattle Post Intelligencer and the Victoria Daily Colonist, editor of the Daily Astorian at Astoria and telegraph editor of the Portland Oregonian, was staff correspondent of the San Francisco Chronicle during the war with Spain and in the Boer war served again as a correspondent.

DOWNFALL OF OBREGON NEAR

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"General Guillermo Castillo Tapia and Carlos Dominguez, each in command of a detachment, have gone to reinforce the garrison in Puerto Mexico and to organize military operations in the south.

"A telegram from General Matus in the state of Sonora informs the revolutionary movement that he is joining the rebel cause with a band of Yaqui Indians."

Revolutionary headquarters in Vera Cruz last night reported the receipt of a wireless message announcing that the garrison at Tampico had joined the revolt, but newspaper dispatches from that city said the entire oil region from Tampico to Tuxpan was peaceful and that there were no rebels in the district.

PRESIDENT'S NOTE PLAYED

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Positive thought on the railroad problem, perhaps the most important domestic problem confronting the nation. He generalizes somewhat vaguely about the value of consolidations and suggests that the railroads be given authority to voluntarily consolidate. He says that consolidation appears to be the only feasible method for the maintenance of an adequate system of transportation and that the farmers must be assisted by the reorganization of the freight rate structure which could reduce charges on his production. To make these effective, there ought to be railroad consolidations.

"In other words the present excessive freight and passenger rates cannot be reduced to the farmers or to the people of the country, by the president's own confession, except through railroad consolidation, which he urges shall be 'voluntary.' The big railroads are unwilling to consolidate because they do not want to absorb the weaker roads. Proposals emanate from the administration that seven years be allowed the railroads to effect these voluntary consolidations, at the end of which, they may be compelled to consolidate if they have not already done so.

No Relief for Farmers
"If reduced rates depend upon voluntary consolidations, as stated by the president, and if seven years are allowed before we are to know whether or not the railroads will consolidate, what promise of relief is there for the farmers particularly and for the people of the country as a whole, from the present excessive cost of railroad transportation? The president offers merely a seven year itch for reduced

freight and passenger rates, with no assurance of relief at the end of the trial.

"The secretary of commerce has just issued his report in which he also urges consolidations of the railroads to produce cheaper and more efficient transportation. He also confesses that the Esch-Cummins bill is a failure and demands that its difficulties be overcome by additional laws which will provide for the use of terminals and other railroad facilities in common; for more definite control over car service or for the common use of our equipment to meet successfully social

demands and dealings; for the equalization of car interchange and the standardization and maintenance of equipment.

McAdoo Started Reforms
"Every one of these reforms was inaugurated under my administration as director general of railroads in 1918. Every one of these reforms I urged that congress should maintain and preserve. Every one of these reforms was thrown away by the Esch-Cummins act, which restored every economical and wasteful practice which federal control had abolished. The late President Harding said in a

speech at Des Moines, October 7, 1920:

"The Esch-Cummins railroad bill is the most progressive measure and the most constructive act of federal legislation enacted in a decade."

"And yet, more than three years thereafter the administration is forced to confess that the bill is a failure and that additional railroad legislation is necessary."

"Grave losses have been sustained by the public as a result of this unfortunate piece of legislation. Does such leadership inspire confidence? Are we safe in re-trusting to republican

leadership the solution of this vital problem when its self-confessed failure has proven so costly to the American people?"

"What is needed is not seven years delay—but action! . . ."

"These reforms should be brought about immediately."

"Until the railroad systems of America are placed on a solid basis with facilities co-ordinated and wasteful expenditures and inefficient methods eliminated, with reasonable profits for all, exorbitant profits for none, we shall not establish a firm foundation for genuine prosperity."

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