

MIKE YOKEL MAY MEET SCHNEIDAU DURING HOLIDAYS

Sporting fans of southern Oregon may have a genuine Christmas season surprise if plans for a championship wrestling match in the Medford Armory Friday night materialize. Efforts are being made to secure Mike Yokel, the "wrestling sheriff" of Wyoming, and holder of the Police Gazette lightweight championship belt, to mix with Gus Schneidau. Yokel in his tour of the coast has defeated such men as Tom Ray and Ralph Hand and will meet Ted Thye in Portland tomorrow night.

Southern Oregon people, in learning of the proposed Yokel-Schneidau go, are reminded of the last appearance Yokel made in the valley. It was at Gold Hill that he defeated Ralph Hand in one of the most spectacular matches ever staged in southern Oregon. Those who saw that match are confident that Yokel will live up to his reputation as a top notch mat man and a worthy title holder.

Gus Schneidau, on the other hand, is a coming contender for championship honors. Gus is tall and rangy, with all the tricks of the game well in hand. He has a quick temper, however, that sometimes gets the better of his judgment, as in the recent Thye match in Medford. That Schneidau is confident that he can flop the Wyoming man on the mat is evidenced by his earnestness for the match. Schneidau is anxious to demand recognition as a top notcher and is rapidly developing a following in Portland as well as southern Oregon.

Those who are making an effort to secure the championship Yokel-Schneidau match for Medford this week will know by tomorrow morning whether arrangements can be made. There is no discounting the interest such a match would create in the valley.

TERRIFIC STORM ON NORTH PACIFIC

SEATTLE, Dec. 18.—The worst storm on the north Pacific ocean since last winter raged yesterday, according to reports here today. The wind, which reached 82 miles an hour, blew down aerials at Tatoosh and interrupted communication with Seattle. Land lines linking Tatoosh with Port Angeles were paralyzed. The peak of the storm was reached at 7:30 in the evening. So far as reported, all vessels weathered the disturbance.

HARDING PRECEDENT ENOUGH FOR CALVIN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The action of the senate in 1921 in confirming the nomination of Albert D. Lasker of Chicago as chairman of the shipping board is regarded by President Coolidge as having set a precedent for favorable action on the pending nomination of Edward P. Farley, also of Chicago, for the same office despite the geographical provisions of the law.

ASKS ASSISTANCE IN REGISTERING TOURIST AUTOES

The Medford general public, especially the garages, service stations, restaurants, hotels and police are urged to help the local state automobile registration station in the Chamber of Commerce building to secure registrations, so that out of the state registrations may reach by January 1, a total of 8000.

This plea is made by L. C. Garlock, who is in charge of the Medford registration, and cooperation to reach the 8000 mark, he points out, should be a matter of local pride. The Medford station has been the leading station in the state in the matter of registering outside cars, and already leads its nearest competitor, Portland, by 2000 cars for the season. Up to this noon 7885 cars had been registered at Mr. Garlock's office.

He points out that although an average of from six to eight out of the state cars are being registered here daily of late, some cars coming from California or going to that state, from other states, daily pass through Medford and Ashland without registering, as required by law, and mostly in ignorance of the law. Therefore the hotel, garage and service station men, and any others can greatly aid in swelling the registration to 8000, by whenever seeing an out of the state car in the city calling the owner's attention to the registration law and directing him to the local registration station.

GUY LEONARD TO ADDRESS FORUM

Guy Leonard, secretary of the Fresno, California, Chamber of Commerce, will address the members of the Medford chamber at their forum tomorrow noon at the Hotel Medford.

As his topic he will give a brief outline of the past and present activities of the Fresno chamber and as this city is recognized as one of the progressive communities of California his subject will be both interesting and instructive. A large attendance at this forum will be appreciated.

DISABLED VETERAN DENIED FREEDOM

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 18.—Russell K. Cockburn, a patient in a veterans' hospital at Jefferson Barracks, near St. Louis, who is wanted in Des Moines, Iowa, on a charge of embezzlement in connection with the alleged padding of city payroll funds in the amount of \$36,000, has been denied a writ of habeas corpus by the Missouri supreme court. He was ordered into the custody of the sheriff of Polk county, Iowa. Requisition papers for Cockburn's extradition were granted by Governor Hyde November 3.

DOG POISONERS ARE SLAUGHTERING HOUSEHOLD PETS

Poisoners of dogs are again busy at their nefarious work throughout the city, in consequence of which many a home canine pet has been killed within the past two weeks, causing much sorrow to children and the older folk, too.

Also as a consequence men, women and children to the number of hundreds in many neighborhoods throughout the city are keeping a close watch in an effort to catch the poisoner or poisoners. Then, too, several men are driving about the city in cars on the same errand. If any of these canine murderers are caught it will go hard with them, for in addition to the danger of physical violence threatened by the many owners of their victims, they will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

In one east side neighborhood alone, five dogs have been poisoned to death within the past week or so, and the Dr. Glitzen animal hospital reports that seven other dogs have died by the same means within the same time, while other news comes of here and there over the city of additional dogs being poisoned.

The favorite method of execution is by throwing a piece of meat mixed with ground glass or a powerful poison over the fence into a yard, where it will be found later by the dog. The person or persons guilty of this dog slaughtering do it through sheer cruelty of the deed, as in nearly every case the dog poisoned has been an inoffensive pet that stayed around home.

WIFE WITH BABY WILL TRY TO SAVE MURDERER'S LIFE

LODI, Cal., Dec. 18.—Petitions are to be circulated throughout California asking Governor Friend W. Richardson to commute the sentence of Alex Kels, condemned murderer awaiting execution at Folsom prison, on the ground that he was insane when he killed Ed Meservey, aged itinerant laborer, and burned his body. It was announced here today by Mrs. H. A. Staples, sister of Kels. The petitions are being prepared.

Mrs. Kels has announced her intention of visiting Governor Richardson on December 24, Christmas eve, with her baby son and her daughter, Laverne, 9, to plead executive clemency for Kels. She said she was not going with tears and pleas of sympathy, but that she will carry a petition signed by several thousand sympathizers asking that Kels' sentence be changed either to life imprisonment or to confinement in a state hospital.

Vienna Improves City Transit.
VIENNA.—The socialist government of this city is extending its ambitious program of public works, and thus steadily reducing unemployment. Its latest enterprise is to take over the underground or belt railway, which has been out of commission since the second year of the war when its equipment was seized for military purposes. The line will be electrified and made part of the municipal street railway system.

SOUTHERN OREGON ATHLETIC LEAGUE IS ORGANIZED

The Southern Oregon Athletic league was formally organized at a meeting at the Medford high school last night, when representatives of all the high schools in the southern part of the state met to discuss the athletic situation.

This meeting was the outcome of a football dinner given some time ago at the Medford hotel to the representatives of the different state high schools. Those present at the meeting last night were W. J. Mishler and Coach J. B. Brown of Grants Pass; Principal F. R. Bennett and Gustav Carlson of Klamath Falls; George A. Briscoe and coach Walter Hughes of Ashland and Superintendent Aubrey G. Smith, Principal O. R. Campbell and Coach Prince Callison of Medford. There was no representative of Roseburg, though they have been invited to enter the league if they wish to.

W. J. Mishler was elected chairman of the league and Walter Hughes secretary. The basketball schedule was arranged so that each school in the league should play each other school and this schedule of games will be announced later in the season.

The matter of the officials for the football games next year was discussed and the advisability of using men from this part of the state instead of importing them from the Willamette valley at much greater expense. One man from each town will probably be selected to act in the next season's games.

It was resolved to support the State Board of Control in their misunderstanding with the Bend high school and the Portland high school of commerce. A committee was appointed to draft the constitution and by-laws of the league.

A track team meet for about May ninth for all the high schools in the state to take place at the Jackson county fair grounds was discussed and plans were made to forward the project.

Superintendent Briscoe of Ashland reported that arrangements were being made to play this year's basketball games in the armory in Ashland and the floor, which is too smooth, is to be treated to make it safer. This is an improvement on former years when the teams playing Ashland objected to the pillars that stood off the basketball floor and made it dangerous to play there.

It was resolved to petition the state board of control to hold the state tournament at Willamette University the week after the 15th of March.

\$150 JUDGMENT AGAINST J. F. HALE

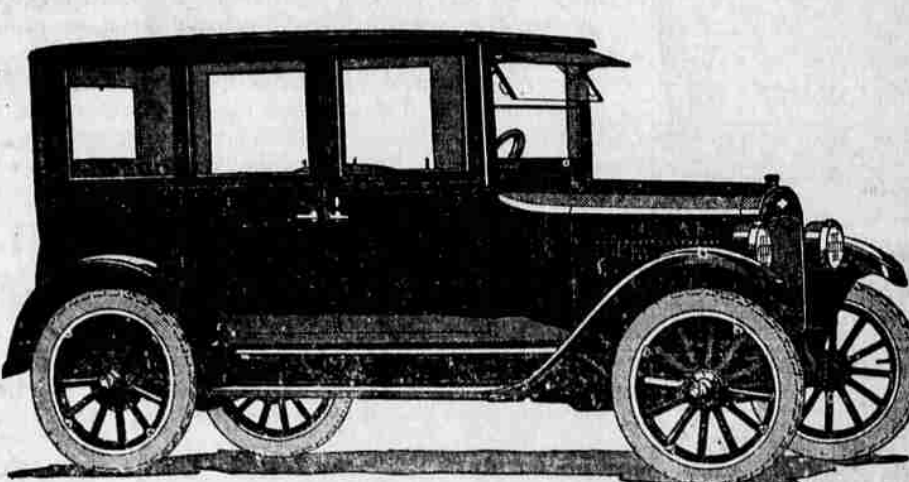
Judgment for \$150 and costs has been returned in the circuit court against J. F. Hale, former Medford piano dealer, and one of the figures in the late Jackson county night riding cases. Hale is now a resident of San Francisco. Suit for the recovery of the amount was filed by Blanche Davis of this city.

According to the complaint a piano was purchased by Mrs. Davis from Hale in 1921, upon the installment plan. After payments had been made up to \$1150, Mrs. Davis decided to sell the piano, and Hale is alleged to have agreed to sell the piano and return the \$150 in payments when the deal was consummated. This the complaint sets forth, he did not do.



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SUPREME COURT DENIES APPEAL, BOY MUST HANG

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 18.—Russell Hecker must drop to his death on the gallows at the Oregon state penitentiary.

The supreme court today denied the appeal of the youth who, on April 16, 1922, at Clackamas Station, shot and killed Frank Bowker, a Portland musician, hauled him to Albany in an auto-

mobile, placed his lifeless body in a hop sack and tossed it into the Clackamas river. Hecker, although convicted in the Clackamas county court, is held in the Multnomah county jail.

On the stand Hecker admitted the killing, but claimed he shot Bowker in self defense. The murder was said to have been committed while the two men were considering a whiskey deal.

Hecker was sentenced to be hanged on September 23, 1922, but the execution was automatically stayed by appeal.

Bankers' Trial Starts.
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 18.—A jury was obtained today in federal court here for the trial of Stephen L. Scroggins, former president of the First National bank of Sheridan, Ore., on charges of misapplication of funds of the bank. Opening statements of attorneys were made.

9 MURDER TRIALS BREAK L. A. RECORD

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 18.—Nine men are on trial here on murder charges, a total said to constitute a record for simultaneous murder hearings in Los Angeles. The nine are: Edward H. Carlton, accused of slaying Special Deputy Sheriff Robert Magee; James Adams, Chase Crotty and James Wiley, accused of the roadhouse killing of Edward (Babe) Hall; Alfred Gonzales, accused of slaying Louis Delgado in a pistol duel; Murphy Williams, Joe Simuel, Colonel Pope and Robert Matthews, accused of killing Coleman Stone during a holdup of his store.

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