

TOTAL \$91,000 IN BARNUM'S ESTATE WILL BE DIVIDED

The approximate value of the estate of W. R. Barnum who died last February, has an approximate total of \$91,000, exclusive of several bequests he had made to members of his family before his death, according to Attorney T. J. Knight, counsel for Bertha Barnum, the widow and two sons, George and John, and will be divided among the three, Mrs. Barnum receiving one-half and the sons one-fourth each.

A cash settlement of \$29,000 was completed last Monday on William Laird (Billy) Barnum, 12-year-old grandson of the deceased following a controversy of several months in regard to the final settlement on the grandson, whose father, William Barnum, died several years ago. This sum will be deducted from the total of \$91,000, which also included real property worth \$4000 consisting of several lots near the Grand Hotel. It was Mr. Barnum's wish before he died to bequeath to his grandson a mortgage of \$31,000 on the Hotel Grand, formerly known as the Barnum Apartment house and sold over a year ago to John Goswick, who transformed it into a hotel.

However, this arrangement was refused by the grandson's guardian, Jesse Eldridge, who maintained a cash settlement would only be acceptable, according to Attorney Knight.

Some time before he died Mr. Barnum gave bonds valued at \$45,500 to his son, George, and in 1916 decided to him the building in which the Barnum Garage is located. During 1924 Mr. Barnum decided to his wife real estate valued at \$100,000, including business buildings in this city.

The final settlement of the estate probably will not take place until the \$29,000 given to the grandson and costs of administration, amounting to several thousands of dollars has been deducted. This is expected to leave approximately \$40,000 for division among the three named heirs.

SIDNEY JONES HURT WHEN CAR OVERTURNS

Sidney Jones, an employee of the Montgomery-Ward store and resident of Beall Lane near Central Point, sustained minor cuts and bruises this morning when a car he was driving skidded on icy pavement on the Pacific highway at two miles north of this city and

LIONS SEE SANTA AND HEAR CAROLS AT NOON MEETING

A jovial Santa Claus, in the person of Earl Davis—an exotic Oriental talker, accompanied by Charles Reames, and a dignified gentleman in a frock coat, who appeared to be a cruise between a country minister and an undertaker, enacted by Don Collier were the three performers responsible for perhaps the greatest accumulation of hilarity experienced on the Lions club program calendar this year.

The trio insisted upon singing Christmas carols in three different languages, and firing the unfortunate members of the club who were unable to follow them in English. This was finally relieved by a distribution of "appropriate" Christmas gifts, which were brought into the Lions den in a laundry bag. Among the prizes were a dairy canner and new sweater given by Santa to Dr. Sleeter.

A Chinese version of "The Old Oaken Bucket" was sung with feeling by the Oriental talker, and interpreted with ministerial profundity by the gentleman in the frock coat, as a fitting climax of the day's entertainment.

turned on its side. Jones attempted to bring his car to a sudden stop in order to avoid striking a machine which had stopped a short distance in front of him. The machine was not badly damaged and the driver was brought to Medford by S. S. Poague to Dr. C. T. Sweeney for medical attention.

COLD WEATHER WILL CONTINUE TOMORROW

Despite the sun breaking thru the dense fog at times today, exposing the blue sky for the first time during cold and foggy period existing here since Sunday, the cold weather will continue with a minimum of about 22, and the fog will be back again tonight and tomorrow morning, according to the weather forecast.

The trees, shrubbery, grass and other objects still presented a wintry appearance today because of the fog frozen on them and giving them the appearance of being covered with snow or frozen slush. The lowest temperature of last night and this morning, officially announced as 20, but really 18 of a degree colder, the same as yesterday's minimum, was the coldest of the winter so far.

During the 24 hours ending at 5 a. m. today a trace of snow fell.

PARCEL PEAK IS REACHED IN CITY

While the Christmas parcel mailing business at the postoffice was large all day today, it was not nearly so large as that of yesterday, which indicates that the peak of the local sending out was yesterday.

However, as Christmas day grows nearer the incoming Christmas parcels grew heavier yesterday, which today's receipts greatly exceeded, and as on yesterday the special daily Christmas parcels carrying train from Portland, due here in the forenoon, was delayed enroute until late this afternoon, so heavily was it loaded.

While the stores are still crowded with shoppers the most of the buying from now on is for Christmas presents for local presentation and for sending to points in this and adjoining states within a distance that insures they will reach their destinations for delivery before Christmas day.

COMMITTEE NAMED TO FURTHER WORK FOR CAVES ROUTE

The possibility of a road from Medford through Jacksonville to the Oregon Caves by way of Williams Creek were brought up for discussion at last night's meeting of the board of directors of the Medford chamber of commerce, and a committee, composed of J. W. Wakefield, C. C. Lemmon and Walter Levelette, was named to further the work in this direction. The traffic situation during the Christmas rush, was also brought up for discussion.

The directors passed a resolution endorsing the move for an early completion of the Caves road and also resolved for further public improvement in southern Oregon, including the request of the Oregon congressional delegation to support an appropriation for improvements in the Crater National park. A report of the chamber commission, which has been investigating local freight rates as concerned with the hearing now being held in Portland, was also given. Following the report, the directors reached a decision of calling a joint meeting of the chambers of commerce from Eugene, Roseburg, Grants Pass, Ashland and Medford with the public service commission in regard to the effect that new proposed freight rates may have in this district.

PARKING DRIVE NETS FORTY IN OPENING HOURS

Baker First to Receive Deco-ration On Steering Wheel

Traffic Department to Check Cars Carefully for Violations.

Setting an example to motorists who would be within the law in the observance of city traffic rules, especially one-hour parking in the business district, C. T. Baker, secretary of the Medford Chamber of Commerce, was the first motorist to be tagged today by the city traffic department in the drive to open this morning to relieve the traffic congestion caused by the main out of town as well as local Christmas shoppers in Medford. Up until early this afternoon, 40 automobiles had been tagged for over parking, double parking and parking in alleys.

An interesting feature of Mr. Baker's case is the part he took in a meeting last night of the Chamber of Commerce directors, outlining to them the evils of parking over the one-hour limit in the business section and impressed upon them the need of seeking an early remedy, explaining that over parking causes a loss to Medford merchants in the inability of out of town shoppers to find parking places while doing their shopping. He suggested remedies and urged the cooperation of motorists with the traffic department in the parking situation. However, this forenoon in the business and interviews of his office, it slipped Mr. Baker's memory that he had parked his automobile on Main street directly opposite the police station, making it easy for officers to check up on the time the car had been parked there. When the hour was up, a tag was placed on the wheel for his benefit.

Costs Dollar Surprised upon finding the tag, but realizing he had made a grave error either in parking in front of the police station or in parking too long, Mr. Baker, after a few kind words of advice and an admonishment to refrain from parking in the future, was fined one dollar, which is now in the city treasury, where it will probably be joined by many more before the drive is over. The secretary in view of his being the first case, expressed the hope that it would serve as an example to other motorists who always have intentions of not parking cars longer than one hour in the business section and then forgetting that a one-hour parking rule ever existed.

The drive undertaken today by the traffic department, with the assistance of several officers, including George Alden, Joe Cave and G. J. Prescott, was planned to be thorough, with a perfect check kept on every car parked in the business section and it was expected that nearly 100 cars will have been tagged by nightfall. The officers, supplied with many tags, agreed to be generous with them and car owners, who had never dreamed of being haled into the police station, will be surprised with their pre-Christmas gifts.

A number of the owners of the 40 cars tagged this forenoon had appeared at the station shortly after having been tagged, listened to words of advice how to drive and park in Medford, paid their dollar fine and left, with the most determined that once in a police station on such business is enough.

However, one motorist, woman residing near Central Point, expressed indignation upon being ordered to appear at the station and declared that she would never purchase another article in Medford because of the treatment given out of town shoppers in the tagging of their automobiles as well as the local cars. Officers, however, say every motorist will be treated alike and that leniency cannot be expected, as several warnings and requests to refrain from overparking had been published in the local papers.

Out of the entire number tagged this forenoon, only one car was found to be an out of state machine, all the rest bearing Oregon licenses.

BREAKING BOTTLE COST CULPRIT \$10

One of the infrequent arrests for violation of the ordinance forbidding the breaking of glass on the street was made last evening when Policeman Cave went to arrest M.

QUIET DAY AND PROGRESS FOR KING REPORTED

LONDON, Dec. 19.—(AP)—The king has passed a quiet day. Both the general and local conditions are continuing to make "slow progress."

The announcement was signed by Dr. Hewitt, Rieley and Lawson.

On the whole the situation was regarded as favorable and satisfactory, although it was emphasized that anxiety continues and must continue for some time. Uninterrupted progress for several days, it was said, would be necessary before real confidence in the outcome can be felt.

The developments of the immediate future are awaited anxiously, the possibility always being present of his majesty suffering a setback and losing some of the ground so painfully won during the past two or three days. There was no disposition to minimize the fact that the royal patient's condition still was critical.

KLAMATH FALLS—Large exhibit building at Klamath county fairgrounds may be turned into skating rink.

FISHING INTERESTS AGREE ON UMPQUA

ROSHARON, Ore., Dec. 18.—(AP)—An agreement that will be framed in a bill to be submitted to the next session of the legislature, regulating commercial fishing on the Umpqua river, was reached here today by representatives of the lower river fishing interests and the Douglas County Sportsmen's association.

Under the agreement there will be a closed season from December 1 until April 15, instead of the present split season, and a permanent deadline will be established at Mill creek, about five miles below tide-water.

It was also agreed to bar all net fish from the river.



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