

Kent Demurs to Day's Petition Ownership of Phones May Be Party Measure

LEWIS WOULD HAVE INTRODUCED BILL THIS WEEK, BUT BURLESON ASKED A LITTLE FURTHER TIME

POSTAL COMMITTEE IS MAKING A CLOSE SCRUTINY OF THE MEASURE

According to the Provisions of the Senator's Act, Government Would Take Over All the Telephone Lines and Commence Operation by the First of 1915—Party Members are Greatly Interested.

United Press Service WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—In addition to the Underwood tariff bill and the currency reform measure there is a possibility that there will soon be put forward another administration measure.

This is the bill for the government ownership of the telephone system. Senator J. Hamilton Lewis of Chicago is father of the measure.

The bill, as drafted, provides for the government's absorbing all of the telephone exchanges by January 1, 1915. It makes provision for condemnation proceedings.

Since Lewis started work on the measure, Postmaster General Albert Burleson has given it close study. He has called into consultation, representatives of foreign governments on this point.

The matter has been called to the attention of the senate committee on postoffices and post roads.

In order to allow this committee to make a thorough investigation, Burleson requested Lewis to delay the bill's introduction. Lewis hoped to introduce it this week.

Think Tramps Murdered Japanese United Press Service

BAKERSFIELD, Calif., Dec. 17.—H. Magio, a Japanese, was found dead near Mojave today. It is believed that he was murdered by white tramps for his blankets.

Handle Man Here. Oscar Warner, who is operating an axe handle factory on the property of

A. D. Kent, near Elkton, came in on Tuesday to transact business with Mr. Kent, who is one of the proprietors of the Shasta candy store.

Yonna Valley Visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Horton autoed in from their Yonna Valley home today to do their Christmas shopping.

SCHMIDT'S SISTER ON THE STAND

TESTIFIES IN THE TRIAL OF HER BROTHER FOR THE MURDER OF BROOKLYN YOUNG WOMAN LAST SUMMER

United Press Service NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Elizabeth Schadley, sister of "Rev." Hans Schmidt, was on the witness stand in the latter's trial today.

Her testimony was confined to the boyhood of Schmidt, and tended to show that he was even at time of a peculiar disposition.

According to her testimony, as a boy Schmidt was charitably and religiously inclined. He was constantly giving away his own clothing and that of his relatives, and would sit for hours in the cemetery at certain tombstones, apparently trying to arrive at some conclusion. He erected a miniature altar, and wore vestments of his own make.

At the same time he took peculiar delight in watching his parents and the neighbors when killing chickens, and played in the blood. He would carry the heads of slaughtered chickens in his pockets for days.

To Placerville. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Chambers leave this evening for Placerville, the former home of Mr. Chambers, where they will spend the holidays.

Lynch and Heydler



MERRILL MEN ARE RELEASED ON BOND

MINN, CHANDLER AND ERNST SAY THEIR ARREST IS THE RESULT OF SPITE WORK AND CHARGE WILL BE DISPROVED

In charge of Sheriff Low and Deputy Sheriff Brewbaker, William Sims, Love Chandler and Ivan Ernst, well known youths of the Merrill country, reached here last evening from Woodland, Calif., where they were arrested on charge of stealing and killing a cow owned by a Sand Hollow man.

The three declare they are innocent. In order to facilitate matters they waived extradition, and came north without delay.

Upon reaching Klamath Falls last night the three were released on bonds, given by a well known Merrill man.

That they are the victims of spite work is the statement made by the boys. This opinion is held by many residents of Merrill.

Lack Home for Holidays. Wellington Temple, who has been visiting in Klamath Falls for several weeks, left Tuesday night for his home in Antioch, Calif., to spend the holidays.

My Folks Leave. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Finley of Bly left today for their home. Mr. Finley was called to the county seat on jury service, and will return after the holidays.

SHADY WOMEN LEAVING KLAMATH IN GREAT HASTE

WENT'S THREAT HAS A MARVELOUS EFFECT

Filing of Nuisance Action by District Attorney Irwin Against One Owner of Alleged Disorderly House Causes Others to Pack Their Trunks and Leave for Other Localities Than This

An exodus of residents of the under world commenced last night, following announcement that Governor Oswald West threatened to visit this city to make a clean up. More left on this morning's train, and still more have drawn their money from the banks, preparatory to departing this afternoon for California points.

District Attorney John Irwin, who filed a suit Monday against Maud Evans, reputed owner of one of the houses in the red light district, to have this declared a nuisance, declares that he will put an end to the Oak street vice resorts.

The sheriff's office is keeping a sharp watch on this matter, and drastic measures will be resorted to in order to stamp out any attempts made to reopen the district. The lid is on for keeps, according to Irwin.

Senator Helen Ring Robinson With Suffragists at Washington



WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—Mrs. Helen Ring Robinson, senator in the legislature of Colorado, a banner state of woman suffrage, has been one of the principal figures in the national convention of the suffragists to impress the members of congress with the need of granting suffrage to women. Mrs. Ring and her friends in Colorado have won their fight, and personally they need not work. For many years they have been placed on an equality with men so far as voting could accomplish that. She has been one of the impressive speakers before the convention, and should congress act favorably on the resolution for a constitutional amendment favoring woman suffrage her friends will claim some of the glory for her.

BATTLESHIP IS INCAPACIATED

ASSISTANCE IS ORDERED FOR THE VERMONT, WHICH IS LIMPING TOWARD HAMPTON ROADS FOR REPAIRS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—Secretary of War Daniels has ordered the government tug Sonoma to rush to the assistance of the battleship Delaware, which vessel is towing the battleship Vermont to Hampton Roads.

It is not known how badly the Vermont is injured, but it is thought the damage is great, as the cable cipher message reported her completely disabled 450 miles off Cape Henry.

TRAPS OTTER ON THE RESERVATION

YAINAX RESIDENT BRINGS IN A NUMBER OF PRIME PELTS, ON WHICH HE WILL REALIZE CONSIDERABLE COIN

J. W. Cole, who resides at Yainax, on the Klamath Indian reservation, today brought in the pelts of nine-teen coyotes, four otter, a raccoon

KENT DEMURS TO PARTY PLAINTIFF SUIT BY R. N. DAY

ATTORNEY SAYS HE CAN HANDLE THE ACTION

Denial is Made of the Allegation of Fraud Raised by the Lumberman in His Complaint, in Which He Seeks to Intervene in the Suit Brought by Rabbes Against County Court and Warrant Holders.

A demurrer to the petition of R. N. Day that he be made a party plaintiff in the action against the county court and holders of warrants to the value of over \$250,000, has been filed by Joseph S. Kent, attorney for Henry Rabbes, who is plaintiff in the action.

The demurrer to the complaint in intervention holds that the complaint does not state a cause to entitle the plaintiff to intervene, and maintains that the allegation of fraud set forth is vague, general and indefinite.

It holds further that the complaint sets forth nothing to show that Day will not be fully protected; also that the complaint does not state cause of suit or facts sufficient to entitle him to intervene.

The demurrer is filed in answer to a complaint in intervention filed by Day in the Rabbes action. In this Day alleged that the action was brought by interested parties to have the warrants declared valid, and that all material points in connection with the case might not be brought out.

OAKLAND OIL FIRM LOSES IN A FIRE

SEVERAL EMPLOYEES HAVE NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH. THE LOSS WILL GO BEYOND A QUARTER OF A MILLION

OAKLAND, Dec. 17.—Fire today totally destroyed the property of the Civic State Oil company. The loss will exceed \$250,000.

Several of the big tank exploded from the heat. Several employees of the concern narrowly escaped with their lives from these explosions.

Woman Awarded \$2500

Mrs. Callahan Gets Damages From City for Injuries

For the injuries received by Mrs. Catherine Callahan through stepping on a loose board in a sidewalk, a circuit court jury Tuesday evening awarded her \$2,500 damages in her suit against the city.

The case was tried in court Tuesday afternoon. The jury, after hearing the evidence, brought in a verdict after a deliberation of about thirty minutes.

Mrs. Callahan, through attorney W. H. A. Renner, brought suit against the city for the medical expenses and for \$7,000 damages. The

fall occurred in November, 1912, near the corner of Eighth and High streets.

According to testimony brought out Mrs. Callahan has been suffering ever since the fall. It was stated that her spine was hurt, and, as a result, she was unable to use her hands to any extent.

Colonel M. G. Wilkins, who was a witness to the accident and rushed to the woman's assistance, testified Tuesday that three weeks prior to the accident, he had called the attention of the street commissioner to the loose board in the walk.

Thirty Corpses Found

List of Dead May Run as High as Fifty, Says Co.

NEWCASTLE, Colo., Dec. 17.—At noon today rescuers had recovered thirty corpses from the Vulcan mine, owned by the Rocky Mountain Fuel company, in which an explosion occurred late yesterday.

The bodies were all terribly mangled. All of the victims of the disaster were Americans. It was at first thought that there

were thirty-eight men in the mine at the time of the explosion, but it is now believed that there were more. Mine officials say there may have been forty or fifty men at work at the time.

So far the cause of the explosion is a mystery. The mine was examined only a few days ago by the state industrial commission.