

Budget Is Cut \$87,000 by the County Court

MERRILL DAIRY OWNERS FORM A BRANCH ASS'N

CO-OPERATIVE CREAMERY DISCUSSED AT MEETING

Enthusiastic Over the Plan, Farmers and Dairymen Name a Committee to Gather Data in That Section as to the Number of Cows, Etc.—Altitude Town Would Have the Creamery Closer Than Mount Laki.

(Herald Special Service)

MERRILL, Dec. 30.—A rousing meeting of the dairymen and farmers of Merrill, Malin and vicinity was held Monday afternoon, at which time there was organized a Merrill branch of the Klamath County Dairymen's Association.

James Ewell, president of the county association, presided, and opened the meeting, after outlining its purpose. Following this Will Adams was chosen chairman and J. G. Swan secretary.

The farmers and dairymen were all enthusiastic over the plan for a cooperative creamery, to be operated by the association. Articles of incorporation for the enterprise have already been filed.

The corporation is capitalized at \$20,000, divided into 2,000 shares, worth \$10 each. It was the sense of the meeting Monday that the stock should be owned entirely by the dairymen and farmers, each stock holder to have no more nor less than ten shares.

A committee was named to compile statistics as to the dairying possibilities in this section. They will ascertain how many cows there are, and how many more might be purchased when the creamery starts.

Mount Laki, between Merrill and Klamath Falls, was favored by many as the ideal location for the creamery, on account of its being a central point for all the farmers. Malin dairymen, however, believe it should be closer to Merrill.

The farmers and dairymen comprising the association are all enthusiastic over the prospects for a cooperative creamery. Arrangements are being made to allow stock holders to pay for their shares by a certain percentage of the value of their butter fat.

Old Timer Returns.

"Smiley" Patterson, one of the old pioneers of Klamath county, who formerly lived at Bonanza, is in the city on a business trip from his home at Chico, Calif.

Don't forget the masque ball John Houston is giving New Year's Eve at the opera house. This is the eighteenth year, and they have always been great successes.

GRAND JURY TO INVESTIGATE THE MOYER ATTACK

PROSECUTOR CALLS A SPECIAL SESSION

Attorney for the Federation Promises to Furnish Evidence That Will Substantiate the Allegations of the Miners to the Effect That the Citizens' Alliance Is Responsible for the Beating and Shooting.

United Press Service

CALUMET, Dec. 30.—A special session of the grand jury for Houghton county has been called by Prosecutor Attorney Lucas.

Lucas will make a thorough investigation of the attack and deportation of President Moyer of the Western Federation of Miners.

Judge Hilton, attorney for the Federation, has promised to furnish the grand jury with evidence to support the strikers' charges that the Citizens' Alliance is responsible for the attack upon Moyer.

Hilton has also promised to produce evidence at the inquest to show that a member of the alliance made the fatal cry of "fire" at the Christmas tree that resulted in seventy-five deaths.

WOODMEN TELL TRADE SECRETS

SEEHORN, CARLSON AND ARNOLD TELL COUNCIL HOW TWO CORDS OF WOOD CAN BE MADE INTO THREE

There was no wood measure ordinance introduced at last night's meeting of the council. Instead, there were talks by several local dealers as to how to beat the proposal that wood thrown loosely into a wagon with a 195-foot capacity constituted a cord.

W. E. Seehorn, P. C. Carlson and C. A. Arnold stated that such a law would enable them to so throw wood in the wagon that it would fill the standard space, and that the consumer would find himself short.

As there is a state regulation covering this matter, they stated that they did not see any need of such an ordinance.

Back From Trip.

M. J. McDonough, one of the proprietors of the Palm Cigar Store, returned last night from Salem and Eugene, where he spent Christmas with relatives.

Gowen Is "Marryin' Jedge"

Robust Magistrate Establishes Record

Interesting Facts and Figures Regarding Marriages

We shouldn't speak of the "marryin' parson" during the year to come. This is the title locally bestowed upon clerghymen, who during the calendar year preceding officiate at the greatest number of weddings.

This year, though, "There haint no marryin' parson." There's a "marryin' jedge," though, for Justice of the Peace E. W. Gowen so far this year and the rest of it is very brief has the record for the largest number of marriages.

In addition to being a record for the year, this feat of Gowen's is historic in another way. This is the first time in possibly a generation that the marrying record has been held by a justice of the peace.

Just how the magistrate happened to take the lead in the splicing business is a matter that, it is rumored, will be investigated at the next meeting of the Klamath Falls Ministerial Association. Judge Charles Graves, Gowen's predecessor, made strong, but ineffectual attempts to corner the matrimonial trade, and it is said that this determination was one of the biggest planks in the Gowen platform at election time.

Whether or not Gowen marries couples at less than the union wage is not known definitely. The report that he presents them with a useful present and one ticket, good for a chance on the house and lot which will go to the lucky number holder was given credence for a little while, but it is

denied by those who were started on the matrimonial sea by the justice. They say they only get hearty congratulations, so possibly it is the genial, whole-souled nature of the



magistrate that made possible the 1913 record. For several years there resided in

Klamath Falls a certain Rev. George H. Feese, and as long as he was with us the title of "marryin' parson" went to him, for he was sought by the majority of those investing \$3 with County Clerk De Lap. Rev. Feese left here in October, and it is lucky for Gowen's record that he did, for a few more days might have thrown the justice from first to second place, as Feese is just one marriage behind Gowen.

During the year Judge Gowen married twenty-one couples. During his residence here in 1913, Rev. Feese officiated at twenty ceremonies.

Third place goes to Rev. J. S. Stubblefield, who so far this year married ten couples. The number of marriages by some of the other ministers follow:

Rev. J. W. Worrell five, Frank M. Upp two, Rev. Wm. McMillan two, Rev. E. C. Richards four, Elder S. D. Harlan four.

It is stated upon pretty good authority that there will be at least one more wedding this year. In case Gowen is the man to pronounce the couple one he will just double his present lead over the Feese record.

A total of eighty-nine marriage licenses were issued so far this year, according to the marriage record at the clerk's office. The record for each month follows:

January 10, February 6, March 6, April 6, May 6, June 8, July 11, August 7, September 5, October 13, November 6, December (incomplete) 5.

CHOLERA SERUM PLANT GOES UP

KANSAS PLANS TO MAKE ITS OWN PREVENTIVE IN ORDER TO STAMP OUT ANY POSSIBILITY OF EPIDEMIC

United Press Service

MANHATTAN, Kans., Dec. 30.—In order that Kansas may be better prepared to fight a sudden outbreak of cholera, the state is now erecting a new anti-hog cholera serum plant—to be the largest and best equipped in the world. The present plant has a capacity of something over 1,000,000 centimeters a month, enough to vaccinate about 20,000 head of hogs.

As a precaution against a sudden outbreak of cholera the laboratories here, which are operated by the veterinary department of the Kansas Agricultural College, keeps constantly in reserve enough serum to treat 10,000 hogs.

The Sunflower state was among the first to product such a serum, and it is estimated 300,000 hogs have been saved to Kansas farmers by vaccination.

Dorrisite at Hospital. Suffering from bone tuberculosis, Fred Chapman, a Dorris druggist, is at the Blackburn hospital, where he will undergo an operation at the hands of Dr. R. R. Hamilton.

New Dance Series. The local lodge of Moose is issuing invitations for the New Year series of Tuesday night dances. The first of these will be held this evening.

COURT DECIDES MANDAMUS CASE

SUPREME COURT SUSTAINS LOWER COURT IN OBENCHAIN MANDAMUS CASE TO PREVENT THE COURT HOUSE LEVY.

(Special to the Herald)

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 30.—The supreme court today sustained the circuit court of Klamath county in its decision in the mandamus suit of M. M. Obenchain, instituted in an effort to prevent a special levy for the purpose of building a new court house.

In its opinion the supreme court held that the county officers had full authority to levy a special tax to build the court house.

Eighteen Years Old. We are speaking of the New Year's Eve dance at Houston's opera house. The big music, the big prizes, and the big time.

It is a noted fact that many women frequently "lose their head." Such being the case, why do they insist in buying and wearing twenty dollar hats.

A close observer says that one reason the world is so busy is because half the women are working to reduce their hip measurement, while the other half are working to increase it.

Girls have peculiarly romantic names nowadays, but occasionally a girl baby is found with a good old-fashioned name.

CITY'S MARKET MAKES BIG HIT

CLEVELAND'S HOUSEKEEPERS FIND THEY CAN GET THE BEST AT LOWEST PRICES, AND ALL CARRY BASKETS

United Press Service

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 30.—Carrying a market basket has become the fashion in Cleveland for rich and poor alike—so says John Kamp, the market master, and he ought to know, as the records of all municipal markets are submitted to him every month. According to Kamp, Clevelanders spend \$400,000 a week at the city markets. At one market alone—the new West Side Market House—the total buyers in one week numbered 30,000.

"The municipal markets are showing a wonderful increase in business," said Kamp, "which indicates that the Cleveland housewife is becoming more careful and is beginning to dispense with delivery, which only adds to the expense of food stuffs. She is more careful in her choice of what she puts on her table, and does not trust to the groceryman to pick her food stuffs. And this is a big step toward lowering the cost of living."

"It Can't Be Did." No place in the country can they hold masque balls to compare with John V. Houston's annual New Year's affairs. Don't forget the one tomorrow night. Lots of music and big prizes.

ALLEGATION OUT THAT AMERICANS HELPING REBELS

FEDERALS FINDING AMERICAN CARTRIDGES

Conference Over This Report From the Front Is Held Today by Huerta and Embassy Secretary O'Shaughnessy, and at This, Dictator Gives No Credence to the Story—Rebels Gathering Near Ojinaga.

United Press Service

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 30.—Advice sent to the war office from the northern country this morning were to the effect that the constitutionalistas are using quantities of American ammunition, which gets over the border, despite the embargo.

The dispatch stated that all the federal commanders are finding American made cartridges.

At noon Huerta and Embassy Secretary O'Shaughnessy held an informal conference, regarding the rumors that the rebels were receiving American aid and American ammunition.

At this Huerta said he did not credit these stories. O'Shaughnessy said the reports were not worth consideration.

United Press Service

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 30.—A decisive battle is expected at Ojinaga at almost any minute. Rebels are massing there from all directions.

TO ADVERTISE A BOND ISSUE

ORDINANCE ADOPTED DECLARING RESULT OF ELECTION, AND POLICE JUDGE IS INSTRUCTED TO SEEK BIDS

The new city hall for Klamath Falls came one step nearer to becoming a reality last night, when the council adopted the ordinance declaring the result of the recent election on the question of issuing \$40,000 bonds for the erection of a city hall. In addition Police Judge Leavitt was instructed to advertise in the Herald for bids on the issue. In this manner, it is hoped to have all the details attended to and the money on hand so work can start on the structure in the spring.

Eighteenth Annual Masque Ball at Houston's opera house New Year's Eve. Better than ever before.

LEVY 17.2 MILLS FOR THE GENERAL COUNTY EXPENSE

THE TOTAL LEVY REACHED 25.5 MILLS

Increase of 3.5 Mills Over Last Year's Tax Levy—Two Thousand Dollars Is Cut From the Estimated Current Expense Fund, and the Appropriation for Miscellaneous Expense Is Just Cut in Half.

A total of \$87,099.06 was sliced off the appropriation budget as published by the county court at a meeting of the board today, when the levy was made for next year.

The levy for this year for all purposes over which the county court has jurisdiction, which excepts state and school purposes, will be 17.2 mills. Last year the total levy for this purpose was 18.3 mills, or a reduction this year of 1.1 mills.

The total levy for state and county purposes will be 25.5 mills, or an increase of 3.5 mills over last year. This increase is caused by the higher levy made by the state and schools.

The following reductions were made in the published budget: For current expenses from \$5,000 to \$6,000; for county physician, from \$1,440 to \$1,400; for insane, from \$300 to \$200; for miscellaneous, from \$2,000 to \$1,000; for coroner's office, from \$1,000 to \$750; state tax, from \$71,000 to \$64,290.94. In addition the \$75,000 that was proposed to be raised for refunding old warrants was cut out entirely.

The total valuation of property within the county is \$15,262,863.21, on which the levy will be 21.5 mills. The valuation of the property outside of incorporated cities is \$13,176,096.31, and an extra levy of 4 mills will be collected on this for road purposes. The valuation of the property of the incorporated cities is \$2,086,766, and an additional levy as made by the city councils will be added to that made for state and county purposes. No road tax is paid by the owners of property in the cities of the county.

The levy as decided upon by the county court is as follows: For state purposes, .0043; general purposes, .0025; school purposes, .004; road purposes, .004; county library, .0003; high school, .002; school library, .00025; new court house, .055. Total, .0255. Last year's levy was .023.

Keesee Loses a Finger. Attorney W. H. Keesee has returned home from the Blackburn hospital, where a portion of one of his fingers was amputated. In falling a few days ago Mr. Keesee threw the finger clear out of place, and infection setting in, it was decided advisable to remove it.

Afternoon Train Is Off

To Further Cut Expenses, Espee Janitor Let Out

Klamath Falls now has but two trains a day connecting it with the main line at Weed. Monday the Southern Pacific announced the discontinuance of the train reaching here at 4:45 and leaving at 5:30.

To reach outside points one must now leave on the morning train. The mail will hereafter be brought in on the evening train, and its distribution will be correspondingly later, making a delay of twenty-four hours longer in answering letters.

The discontinuance of the afternoon train will also mean a long wait at Weed for some of the Klamath bound and San Francisco bound passengers.

When the Southern Pacific officials announced they were considering taking off the afternoon train they stated that they were trying to reduce expenses. A further cut in this direction was made known today, when the services of a janitor at the local passenger depot were dispensed with.

A New Laundry for City

Bittenger Says Machinery Is on the Way for Plant

A new steam laundry for Klamath Falls, a larger plant than there is in the city at present, is promised by J. E. Bittenger. Mr. Bittenger has secured a part of the Worden building opposite the White Pelican hotel, for the enterprise. Machinery for the plant is on the way to Klamath Falls, so its installation is not a great ways off. Mr. Bittenger is well known in Klamath Falls. He was connected

with the ownership of the Klamath Falls steam laundry for a couple of years. Last summer he disposed of his interest to D. B. Campbell, and left for California to go into business. After looking around there for several months he was unable to find a location that looked so promising as Klamath Falls, so he returned a few days ago to make preparations toward opening a large laundry