

WHO SHOT SAM? WAS QUERY THAT UPSET THE TOWN

WILD RUMORS AFLOAT THIS MORNING

One Report Had It That Patrolman Walker Was Dead; Another that He Was Mortally Wounded; A Third That Walker and Patrolman Wilson Were Both Wounded; Yet Another That Bandit Was Killed

Dame Rumor was on the job in Klamath Falls this morning in a manner that set the whole town on edge—yes, so keen that there was some talk of a lynching.

The story (originated nobody knows where) that flew around so wildly was that police officers and three men who recently escaped from the jail at Dorris indulged in a pitched battle early this morning. Just the extent of the casualties are not known, but all reports agreed that Patrolman Sam Walker, the veteran of the police force, was hit.

The extent of the injury was also much changed. One report was that he was dead. Another that he was fatally wounded, and another that he was badly hurt.

Besides Walker, Wilson was hurt. What Wilson? Why—Wilson.

And here was more speculation. Some contended it was Hank Wilson of the night police, but others said it was a chap named Wilson who was of the escaping trio.

An investigation this morning found Hank Wilson blissfully slumbering. At the Walker home, Sam was also in the land of dreams, little knowing that his wife was kept busy at the front door, informing a swarm

FORT WILL GIVE A BENEFIT SOON

WOOD RIVER PEOPLE ARE HIGHLY ELATED AT THE ATTENTION DIRECTED TO THEIR CHEESE THROUGH COMMERCE BODY

Fort Klamath and the Wood River valley are zealous boosters for anything taken up by the Klamath Chamber of Commerce for the advertising of the county. Therefore, they plan an entertainment and a dance for the world fair fund.

Local actors have been invited to participate. The Fort people wish them to put on the play with Fort talent on Friday night, and will meet the visitors at the Agency, taking them to the Fort. The Falls people will be entertained at a house party Friday afternoon and Saturday, and will be returned home Sunday.

The widespread attention to Fort Klamath cheese has attracted in Portland as a result of a sample head being taken to the Land Show by the Chamber of Commerce, is already bringing results. Several Portland firms have written for the exclusive sale of the product, and scores of inquiries regarding that section have been received from others.

Home from Visit

Oscar H. Brennan, superintendent of the water department of the California-Oregon Power company, has returned from a visit with relations in Oklahoma.

of inquirers that if Sam was shot he didn't say anything about it to her. Perhaps the most surprised man of all was Walker when he learned that he was supposed to have experienced. But seeing the joke even in this, he has much fun bearing dumfounded friends tell what they heard.

"If they shot me, the least they could do is let me know," he remarked.

Leader of the Persian Kurds, Who Are Fighting Russians



This photograph shows how the great war has spread over the earth. The figure on the right is Omar Agha, leader of the Persian Kurds, who are fighting with the Turks against the Russians. The young man is his brother. One of the bloodiest fields of the war is that in Turkey, just west of Persia. The Russians marched over the Caucasus mountains into Turkey and took several cities. They were met by Turkish armies they vanquished. Then Enver Pasha, the leader of the Young Turks and war minister, who has been the chief advocate of war, led his army against the Russians. A week ago reports came of a decisive victory by the Russians, with the statement that the war minister had quit in disgust and returned to Constantinople. The Kurds who have been helping the Turks, have the reputation of being fierce fighters.

WYLAND IS OUT ON \$500 BONDS

MAN INDICTED ON CHARGE OF TAKING SHOT AT CRYSTAL RESIDENT BROUGHT IN LAST NIGHT

W. F. Wyland, the Upper Lake homebreaker arrested in Coos county by Deputy Sheriff Turpin, on charge of shooting at Sherman Brown, was brought to Klamath Falls last night, to answer a grand jury indictment.

Wyland was liberated on \$500 bonds. His sureties are Alex Davis and E. A. Qualf.

EIGHTH GRADE EXAMS THURS.

PHYSIOLOGY AND GEOGRAPHY WILL BE OFFERED AT THIS TIME, THOUGH SOME STUDENTS WILL TAKE MORE

Eighth grade examinations will be in order all over the county Thursday and Friday. P. L. Fountain, of the school board will be in charge here.

The examinations are prepared by the state department of public instruction for all parts of the state. Physiology and geography will be the two subjects taken this week, and those passing will be exempt from another test in these subjects in May. In some schools a few pupils will take examinations in more subjects than these two.

Baker commercial club has a big campaign on pushing the local cigar industry.

Alsace and Soissons Scenes Of Worst Fighting in East; Germans Try to Get Warsaw

United Press Service

PARIS, Jan. 12.—Much anxiety is felt regarding the situation in Alsace, where a big fight is pending. No official word has been received from there since Friday.

Unofficial sources say that the Germans are hurling reinforcements into that country, and are making mass attacks upon the French positions at Steinbach, Germany.

The war office says that the French are maintaining the positions there, but no claims are made for additional gains.

Fighting unequalled in intensity any time during the present war is now raging at Soissons. The Germans are valiantly, but vainly attempting to retake the positions they lost.

The possession of these places give the French an advantage. If they are held, they may utilize mine throwers to demolish the main line of the German defenses around the base of the north hills at Soissons.

LITTLE DONE BY THE COUNCILMEN

THE SESSION, WITH EXCEPTION OF AWARDED CONTRACT FOR MOVING BELL, WAS MOSTLY DISCUSSIONS

Very little real work was accomplished by the council last night that can be entered on the minute book, but the board was in session until

United Press Service

BERLIN, Jan. 12.—Confirmation made of the French announcement of severe fighting, but claims of successes at some points by the French are denied.

South of Cernay, the French are said to have been repulsed with heavy losses in a series of night assaults.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 12.—Fighting in Poland is confined to the vicinity of Rawaka. There the Germans are in the offensive, persisting in their efforts to reach Warsaw.

Elsewhere, the armies are compelled to confine their efforts to artillery fire, owing to the weather conditions.

VIENNA, Jan. 12.—It is announced that an Austrian patrol operating from an important position, penetrated the main line of the Russian troops, reached the headquarters of the commander, captured the staff, and retreated to their own lines successfully.

after 11 o'clock. The contract moving the fire bell, awarded to R. Doty, and the introduction of ordinance contracting for the purchase of city hall furniture from Gil & Son were practically all tended to at this meeting.

Bids were opened for painting of the city hall doors, for stair runner, window shades, cuspidors, and other things needed in the building, and for a fire alarm system. These matters were all discussed or less, but were continued until next meeting of the council.

There was some talk about the improvement of the Shippington road but no action was taken, there being no fund at present to pay anything done on this project.

James Withycombe Becomes the Governor of Our State Today

Oath of Office Is Administered by Chief Justice Moore, Following Which Ex-Governor West Talks, and New Executive Reads Message to Legislature

United Press Service

SALEM, Jan. 12.—With simple ceremonies, Dr. James Withycombe, republican, of Corvallis, was inaugurated governor of Oregon to succeed Oswald West, democrat, this afternoon.

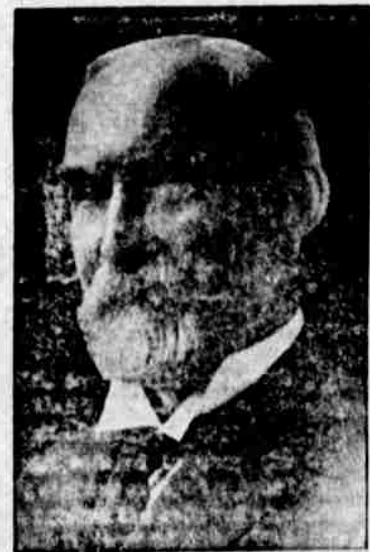
The hall of representatives was that scene of the inauguration. The members of the legislature and state court, besides friends of the outgoing and incoming chief executives were in attendance.

Chief Justice Moore, of the supreme court, administered the oath of office. The retiring governor delivered a short address, which consisted mainly of a review of the achievements of his administration.

Economy without parsimony was urged by Governor Withycombe in his address to the legislature. He urged more centralization of state work, and a system for better economy in the counties.

A part of his message was devoted to suggestions for economy in all state departments, taken up separately.

The address in part follows: It is your duty to provide new legislation and amend existing laws for the well-being of the people who have sent you here. In all your deliberations I would urge upon you one paramount consideration, namely, that you constantly remember you



GOVERNOR WITHYCOMBE

are building not solely for today, but for the future. Let the record of this session be one of forward-looking legislation.

Oregon is but in her infancy, and more than all else she needs sound assistance in the development of the resources Nature has given her. All that will tend to increase the productivity of her fields, her forests, her streams, and her factories, now and in the future, deserves your enthusiastic attention; and all that is bound around with petty trafficking or sectional antagonism merits naught from you but disapproval.

Especially I venture to recommend that this legislature set a record for brevity, particularly in the number of laws passed. Nothing in the general situation demands great activity in the field of law making, and assuredly the popular frame of mind messages thankfulness for the least possible new legislation. A short, sane session, with a few good laws, is at this time infinitely preferable to a lengthy assembly, replete with drastic changes and burdened with many enactments carelessly devised.

In the consideration of governmental development in Oregon during the past few years, one fact is clearly apparent; namely, a tendency toward de-centralization. Whatever the immediate causes behind it this tendency creates a division of authority and in a great measure the apportionment of duties among several officials in place of one. Accompanying this division of authority has come a division of responsibility, which works, it seems to me, quite contrary to the development of the highest efficiency. Furthermore, any tendency involving the employment of several heads instead of one is usually accompanied by extravagance and waste.

Beginning Monday evening, the drug stores of the city will close at 7:30 every night except Saturdays. An agreement to this effect has been reached by the druggists, who heretofore have kept their stores open as late nights as they felt justified in doing.

No change will be made in the Sunday hours. As usual, the pharmacies will be open from 8 o'clock to noon, and from 6 to 7:30 p. m.

TWO MORE WOULD BE U. S. CITIZENS

OLENE MAN, AND RESIDENT OF SWAN LAKE VALLEY FILE APPLICATIONS FOR NATURALIZATION PAPERS

Petitions for naturalization have been filed in the circuit court by James M. Stephen and Steve Jabo, Jr. These will be considered the opening day of the June term of court.

Jabo seeks to forswear allegiance to Emperor Franz-Josef, he being born in that section of the dual monarchy now threatened by the Russian advance. He resides in the Swan Lake valley.

DRUG STORES TO CLOSE AT 7:30

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Horses Are About the Most Abused Creatures in the War

In Galician Campaign, Where Supplies Must Be Teamed the Steeds Are Coaxed Driven and Beaten Until They Drop From Harness

By WILLIAM G. SHEPHERD (United Press Staff Correspondent)

BUDAPEST, Dec. 1.—(By mail to New York)—It's not a gasoline engine that has been stretched out, with his legs curving under him, while they were lying on their sides with their heads on the ground. His head was raised and I fancied that he was watching a horse's interest, the new ending train of wagons that was being hauled.

I was sorry for him, too. To well only meant more horrors for him.

When I returned that way in evening he was still lying down there was a circle of ribbed steel about his head. The next morning he was weakly standing up, his legs stretched wide apart, he had gone away from the corner and dying horses, to a lot of other horses in a field alongside the hill road.

Incidentally, I noticed time again, that there is nothing that frightens a horse so much as body of a dead horse, and I suppose that it was sheer horror that this fellow to his feet and he him to struggle away to more of his surroundings. He was nibbling gingerly at the dry grass and then he raised his head and seemed to look at the mighty

shot immediately. However, horse flesh began to grow scarce, after the first six weeks of fighting, and the armies on the Russian frontier were helpless without the hundreds of thousands of tons of supplies which must be carried to them over the mountain roads in the odd willow bodies of basket wagons of the Galician farmers. So a new order was issued that no horse was to be shot unless one of his limbs were broken.

The result of this order was that when an animal fell from exhaustion and had given to his even the strength that was necessary to keep him on his feet, he was dragged aside, preferably on a field where there was grass, and left to work out his own fate. Usually, he died, uncaared for, but, now and then, a horse survived and became strong again, thereupon he would be seized by some passing soldier and put back into the daily grind.

I watched a horse "come back" this way, in a field near Przemysl. He had fallen in the middle of a steep hill, a hill which has caused the death of many an exhausted horse. He was lying with scores of other horses in a field alongside the hill road.

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