

## LEGISLATOR HAS BILL TO CUT OFF ONE COMMISSION

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE REPORTS FAVORABLY ON BILL REPEALING THE LAW ESTABLISHING OFFICE OF STATE IMMIGRATION AGENT—EXPENSE ESTIMATED AT \$71,000 FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS IN BUDGET

(Herald Special Service)

SALEM, Jan. 15.—By a unanimous vote the Senate Judiciary Committee today decided to report favorably upon the bill introduced by Senator Walter Dimick, of Clackamas, which provides for the repeal of the law creating the position of Oregon Immigration Agent. C. C. Chapman, of Portland, is the present official.



C. C. CHAPMAN

Two years ago an appropriation of \$50,000 was made for the maintenance of the department. The estimate in the budget for the next two years has been increased to \$71,000.

The following is the manner in which the budget estimate is divided: Salary farm land bureau manager, \$5000; salary manager foreign immigration bureau, \$2600; salaries

statisticians, \$3000; salary superintendent of exhibits, \$840; salary draughtsman, \$1000; salary assistant in immigration bureau, \$1000; postage on state literature, \$6750; office supplies and stationery, \$6000; travelling expenses, \$2500; information bureau, \$2500; state publications in English, German, Swedish, Danish and other languages of northern Europe, \$35,000; exhibit expenses, \$10,000.

## FIFTEEN GIVEN FOOTBALL "K"

HOUSING MEETING HELD AT THE HIGH SCHOOL TODAY—BILL MELHASE IS THE CHOICE FOR CAPTAIN NEXT YEAR

Football talk was much in evidence at the high school today. At a session of the players this morning, Bill Melhase was elected captain for the ensuing year.

Melhase, though one of the smallest men on the team, played guard this season in a manner that attracted the attention of all. While not a spectacular player, he was in the game every minute, and was one of the gamest fighters on a game fighting team.

At assembly, the following members of the football squad were awarded "K's": Paul Noel, Gus Page, Claud Hill, Colman O'Loughlin, Lawrence Motchenbacher, Lawrence Sanderson, Graham Kiehl, Earl Everett, Alvaro Beals, Harry Stewart, Ira Orem, Will McMillan, Bill Melhase, Maurice Graves, Wade Short.

## Some Fast Boats at Miami Fete

United Press Service

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 15.—The speediest motor boat races ever held, and a picturesque marine carnival was in prospect before the conclusion of the celebration of the Magic Knights of the Dade, which opened here today, and which will continue until next Wednesday.

Carl Fisher, of Indianapolis and Miami, prepared the arrangements for the motor boat races, which will probably be held on Tuesday and Wednesday. Some of the fastest motor boats in the world have been entered for the races, and new records are promised.

One of the queer races for sailing boats will be a "bang and go back" race. In this the boats will go as far as they can, until a shot warns them to turn and come back. The boat making the greatest mileage will be the winner.

Wooden Or Steel Cars

Up to U. S. Commission NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—Whether or not the subway management shall change entirely to steel cars will be discussed today at the meeting of the Public Service Commission. Changing from wooden to steel cars would cost the Interborough company \$4,000,000.

## Medford Here 28th

## Boys and Girls From Valley to Play Local Teams

On account of a misunderstanding of some sort the Klamath county high school team will not go to Merrill today to play the Merrill high school team tonight. The game may be played next Friday night.

In the meantime the local basketball tossers, both boys and girls, are working zealously so as to be in shape to put a crimp in the Medford teams. The boys and girls teams of the Medford high school will be here January 27, and on the two nights

following will play the local girls and boys.

Following the games with Medford the local teams will leave February 3 for a four-day tour of the Rogue River valley. They will play the Ashland, Medford and Central Point boys and girls while away.

The second Rogue River team to invade Klamath Falls will come in on the night of February 7. It will be the fast Ashland high team, which will play Merrill high at Merrill on February 8. The following nights Ashland will play Klamath high here.

## PARISIANS FEAR ANOTHER TEUTON DASH ON PARIS

SEVERE FIGHTING AROUND SOISSONS

Russians Drive Toward Prussian Frontier is Said to be Increasing in Its Proportions—Von Hindenburg's Army is Resuming the Offensive Through Poland—Turkish Troops are Advancing Northward

United Press Service

PARIS, Jan. 15.—Despite optimistic reports from officials that the Germans are unable to follow up their successes north of the Aisne and east of Soissons, fears are expressed here that the Germans are preparing for another attempted dash to Paris.

Severe fighting continues near Soissons. It is announced that the Germans took the French positions at Ste. Paul, but that the French, after reinforcing, immediately regained possession after a stubborn and bloody fight.

North of Arras there is heavy fighting. Zouaves there took a line of German trenches at the point of the bayonet.

United Press Service

PETROGRAD, Jan. 15.—The Russian drive toward the northern Prussian frontier is reported increasing in proportions. The entire left wing is engaged, forcing the Germans back to their main defenses.

In the hope of checking this advance von Hindenburg is resuming the offensive along the Bzura and at Rawaka.

The military medal was conferred upon Grand Duke Nicholas today. The Legion of Honor was conferred upon other Russian leaders.

United Press Service

TEPERAND, Jan. 15.—The Turks who occupied Tabriz are now pressing on toward Djulfa. They are to be supported by other troops advancing through Urman Salmas, with the object of securing possession of highways and railroads leading to the Russian frontier.

## Central Team to Play Merrill

Late this afternoon, Coach D. C. Morris, and his Central school basketball shooters will leave for Merrill, where they will play the Merrill school team tonight. This will be the first meeting of these two fast aggregations of kids.

## Local Talent at Mt. Laki

Quite a number of Klamath Falls amateur thespians will go to Mt. Laki tonight to assist the Mt. Laki people in the staging of a performance there for the benefit of the world fair fund. Several who took part in the Christmas vaudeville will be in the party, and the trip will be made in a big bobbed.

## Drainage District to Elect Officers

Members of the Klamath Drainage district will assemble at the office of A. A. Mehaffey tomorrow night, when trustees will be elected, and other business matters transacted. The district is working for the reclamation of marsh lands around Lower Klamath Lake.

Women retail dealers in New York city number over 7,000.

## King Albert of Belgium Sends Thanks to American Citizens



King Albert of Belgium, has sent through the Commission for Relief in Belgium, the following message of thanks for American aid:

"The magnificent generosity of the American people in forwarding immense quantities of gifts of foodstuffs to my suffering people affords me intense satisfaction, and touches me very deeply.

"In this, my country's hour of trial, nothing has supported me more than the sympathy and the superb generosity of those who have assisted in materially lessening the same, and I desire to offer my deepest thanks and at the same time convey a message of good will for the new year.

"ALBERT, King of the Belgians."

## CLASS GAMES ON AT HIGH SCHOOL

SENIOR-SOPHS DEFEAT JUNIOR-FROSH LAST NIGHT—GIRLS' TEAM WILL PLAY THIS AFTERNOON

In order to develop all of the basketball material available, and to give all so inclined an opportunity to learn how the game is really played, Coach Molschenbacher has inaugurated a series of inter-class games. These are being played at the pavilion, following school hours, and all interested are invited to attend.

Last night a game was played between a senior-soph team and a team of juniors and frosh. The former aggregation won. This afternoon the girls' teams from the same classes will play.

As soon as the examinations are finished at the high school, each class will enter a boys' and girls' team and a regular schedule will be played. The deciding games in both classes will be played as preliminaries to the big games played by the high school.

Interest in basketball is intense. There are forty boys and thirty girls out practicing.

## WOULD KEEP ALL STATE'S COIN IN GENERAL FUND

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 15.—All special funds will be merged into the general fund, and all state warrants will be drawn on it, should a bill introduced in the House today by Representative Schuebel become law. The measure was prompted by recommendations made by State Treasurer Kay.

Under the present system there may be thousands of dollars in the special funds, and the state is compelled to pay interest on warrants endorsed "unpaid for want of funds" because the general fund is exhausted and the money in the special funds cannot be used, save for the purposes for which they were created. It is declared that the bill, if enacted, will save the state thousands of dollars in interest each year.

Lane county tax levy was reduced three mills and \$108,399 cut from the budget this year.

## TWO INDICTED BY GRAND JURY

ROBISON IS CHARGED WITH BURGLARIZING MERRILL MARKET AND MALIN MAN IS HELD FOR NEGLECTING FAMILY

Two indictments were returned this forenoon, returning true bills against Bert Robison and Charley Kucera. The former is in jail, and the latter out on bonds.

Kucera, who has been residing in Malin, is charged with failure to provide for his family. In addition to his wife, Kucera has three children.

Robison is charge with burglarizing the Valley Meat market at Merrill December 4.

Following their report, the grand jurors returned in charge of Bailiff Yaden to deliberate further.

## Women Drivers at Auto Show

United Press Service

CLEVELAND, Jan. 15.—Women automobile demonstrators made their first appearance in Cleveland at the annual automobile show, which opened here today. The women drove and demonstrated cars for prospective women purchasers.

Nearly every brand of car made in the United States was on exhibition. Local dealers blamed the European war for the almost total absence of foreign exhibits.

Still Going Up

United Press Service CHICAGO, Jan. 15.—May wheat opened at \$1.43 7-8 this morning, and after fifteen minutes trading, advanced to \$1.44 3-8.

New Railroad Station in Los Angeles

United Press Service LOS ANGELES, Jan. 15.—Replacing the Arcade depot, which dated almost from the public days of Los Angeles, the new half million dollar Southern Pacific station was opened formally here today.

## LATEST ADVICES PLACE CASUALTY LIST AT 35,000

By Alice Robe, Staff Correspondent United Press

ROME, Jan. 15.—All reports this afternoon augment the magnitude instead of diminishing the extent of damage and loss of life caused by the earthquake. Thousands of refugees are pouring into Naples, and the authorities are telegraphing for additional supplies, urgently needed.

Already there are 5000 wounded in the hospitals here. Every train arriving is crowded with additional victims.

As a result of the reports thus far in, it is declared by officials that the list of dead will likely reach 35,000. This is said to be a conservative figure, in view of the latest reports from the commanders of rescuing parties.

At Paterno, three miles from Avezzano, every house in the village has been razed. Many mutilated bodies are protruding from the ruins.

Soldiers found that many persons pinned under the ruins had frozen to death.

According to the latest estimates the list of fatalities in the recent earthquake will reach 35,000, while the injured will probably reach 100,000.

The minister of public works has wired from Salandra that every city, town and village in that district has been damaged.

Hundreds of the injured are streaming into Rome, and all public buildings have been turned into temporary hospitals.

At Magliano and Demarsi refugees report that at least 1,800 were killed. At Capello 800 are reported entombed.

The city of Albafucense is reported razed. No word has been received from the commander of the troops sent to relieve these places.

It is declared that at least 100 cities, towns and villages have been damaged, and that at least half a million sufferers will require relief. Many are being rescued from the ruins, but the majority of the rescued are seriously injured.

CALIFORNIA OFFERS AID

United Press Service

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 15.—The legislature today adopted a resolution extending sympathy to the stricken people of Italy, and offering financial aid for the relief of the sufferers.

## Gill Has Measure to Reduce Forest Fires

United Press Service

SALEM, Jan. 15.—Representative John Gill, of Portland, has introduced a bill providing that August be eliminated from the open season for hunting deer, reducing the season to two months. The measure is intended in part for the protection of timber, as it will reduce the fire menace in the forests. He also fathers a measure to close the Willamette river from the falls at Oregon City to the Oswego bridge to commercial fishing. This measure will be fought by the Clackamas delegation.

W. C. T. U. Has a Day of Prayer

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 15.—Today is being observed by members of the National W. C. T. U. as a day of national prayer. Mrs. Lillian M. Stevens, of this city, the national president, has issued a proclamation calling for a world-wide crusade.

Oregon canneries report a good market for their products, but will ask for relief from restrictive legislation.

## FIGHTS SALOONS BY FREE LUNCH

OHIO PASTOR, TO BATTLE THE STORY THAT FREE GRUB FORCES MEN TO SALOONS, OPEN A LUNCH COUNTER

United Press Service

CLEVELAND, Jan. 15.—The claim that men are driven by the free lunch counter to the saloon is vigorously combated by Rev. J. L. Boyer, pastor of the Collinwood Methodist church. In the basement of the \$40,000 edifice, Rev. Boyer has established a soup kitchen. He had 50 guests on the first day.

"We are welcoming all who come," said Rev. Boyer. "We'll find some way to finance it."

One hundred jobless men in the vicinity prompted the minister to provide food for them.

Irving farmers are boosting the sugar beet industry.

## Elks Start on Home

## Bonds to Be Issued, and Plans Are Being Prepared

The next fraternal activity for Klamath Falls will be the erection of a lodge home by Klamath Falls Lodge, 1247, B. P. O. Elks. As soon as the frost is out of the ground, the lodge hopes to have work started on their property at Third and Main.

The matter was brought up at last night's meeting of the order, which was largely attended. It was unanimously agreed, that the lodge should issue bonds for \$40,000 just as soon as possible.

These bonds are to bear six per cent interest, and are to be of \$100 denominations, redeemable in five, ten, fifteen or twenty years. This gives the order an opportunity to liquidate both the principal and the interest. They will be offered the lodge members first, and last night several thousands dollars' worth was spoken for.

At the meeting on the night of January 28, the building committee will submit a number of plans for the lodge home. From these the lodge members will decide just what they want in the way of a home.

The structure to be erected is to be a club house, not a business building. There is a spacious lawn, and some pretty trees on the property, and the lodgemen all want big, roomy verandas. The lower floor will be the club rooms, with the lodge hall on the upper floor.