

"DRY" SEASON IS ON TONIGHT IN A TRIO OF STATES

OREGON, WASHINGTON AND IDAHO BARS CLOSE

Over Two Thousand Saloons Will Close Their Doors Just After Midnight This Evening—Oregon and Washington Abolish Only the Saloon, But Idaho Will Have a Real Prohibition Law to Enforce.

OREGON DRY LAW POINTS

You must order liquor from outside the state, and it must be delivered to you in person. On delivery you must sign an affidavit which is later kept on file in the county clerk's office. You may not receive more than two quarts of strong liquor nor more than twenty-four quarts of beer in any period of four weeks.

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PORTLAND, Dec. 31.—At one minute past 12 o'clock tonight 3,100 saloons will go out of existence and the three big states of the Pacific Northwest will enter the "dry" column.

Prohibition, or near-prohibition in Washington, Oregon and Idaho simultaneously, increasing the total "dry" area in the United States by nearly 40 per cent.

During the last month the stores of liquor in the hands of saloons and wholesale houses have practically disappeared. Much of it was sold to those who headed the big banners in front of every "family liquor store" to "stock up for the drought."

Today many saloons in every city throughout the Northwest are dismantled, but nevertheless are prepared for the biggest night's business in history. Tables in the big cafes of Seattle, Portland, Spokane and Tacoma were at a premium, and preparations were being made to uncork the last few bottles of champagne.

Champagne is a scarce article in the Northwest. Since it became known that the three Northwest states were going dry, no champagne has been received here, and the supply on hand is almost exhausted. The revelers tonight will have to be satisfied with a cheaper brand of wine in most of the cafes.

Wets and dries alike point out that neither Washington nor Oregon will have real prohibition. The laws of these two states are practically the

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SALOONS CLOSE IN EIGHT STATES FOR LONG TIME TONIGHT

United Press Service WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 31.—Nine states in the United States will go dry in 1916; eight of them at midnight tonight, and one, Virginia, November 1.

The eight states are Alabama, South Carolina, Idaho, Arkansas, Colorado, Washington, Oregon and Iowa.

This will make a total of nineteen dry and twenty-nine wet states of a total of forty-eight.

The states heretofore dry and the year each became so, are: Maine, 1851; Kansas, 1880; North Dakota, 1889; Georgia and Oklahoma, 1907; Mississippi and North Carolina, 1908; Tennessee, 1909, and Arizona and West Virginia, 1915.—Alaska, Vermont, Indiana, Nebraska and South Dakota will vote on prohibition in 1916.

If these four states go dry, practically half of the United States will be dry.

KLAMATH SPUDS WILL BE TESTED

COUNTY FARM ADVISER TAKES SAMPLES OF LOCAL RAISED TUBERS TO CORVALLIS FOR STATE WIDE TRIALS

Klamath county potatoes captured several gold and silver medals at the Panama-Pacific exposition, which is a proof of their appearance and quality of growth. At the Oregon Agricultural College, during the Farmers' Short course, Klamath potatoes will be given another test in which they excel, that of cooking qualities.

Hearing of a potato contest to be held at the college, County Agriculturist H. Roland Glatfelter scurried around and secured small quantities of the various varieties raised here. He will enter these in the competition against all other sections of the state, and he is confident that there will be nothing found in Oregon equal to the Klamath tuber.

DRUNKEN LOGGER MEETS TERRIBLE DEATH TODAY

United Press Service SEATTLE, Dec. 31.—Peter Custer, aged 24 years, and a logger, deliberately crawled into the furnace at the mill of the Hollywood Shingle company today, and was cremated. It is believed that Custer was intoxicated.

AUSTRIAN NOTE IS ARRIVING IN SECTIONS TODAY

LANSING WITHHOLDS COMMENT ABOUT IT

Unofficial Sources, Though, Declare the Latest Note is More Conciliatory in its Tone, and Shows a Disposition to Meet the Demands of the United States in Regard to the Ancona Sinking.

United Press Service WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 31.—The first section of the Austrian rejoinder in the Ancona dispute arrived today. It will not be given publicity before Monday, as there is delay in transmission.

Secretary Lansing refuses to discuss the contents of the note. Ambassador Penfield at Vienna, it is learned, also sent no comment on the note.

An unofficial version regarding the Austrian note is that it is a direct concession to the most important American demands. The submarine commander, it is reported, will be punished.

The Austrian ambassador today stated he is confident the note will satisfy America.

GYM CLASS WORK PROVES SPLENDID

NEW ATHLETIC INSTRUCTOR AT KLAMATH CLUB IS TO BE CONGRATULATED—BOXING CARD IS NOT UP TO AVERAGE

Quite a crowd gathered at the Pavilion last night to enjoy the smoker given by the management of the Klamath Athletic Club. And while the fans were disappointed in the staging of two of the boxing bouts, the remainder of the program was highly entertaining.

A class has been formed of some of the young men, and their work on the parallel bars and the "horse" was very good, considering the recent formation and the little instructions the members have had. The class is in under the leadership of a capable instructor, and rapid improvement is looked for. The wrestling match, was instructive and amusing, as well. Christy was the heavier and stronger of the pair, and Jones was at his mercy, but he put up a great struggle, and the fans enjoyed it.

The four-round bout between Liskey and Arnold was called off on account of the failure of Liskey to put in an appearance, and another pair was substituted.

The bout between Linkenbach and Maguire was also a disappointment. It started in with all indications of being an interesting affair, and in the one round that was contested both boys showed superior ability. Near the close of the round, however, Linkenbach knocked Maguire off his feet, and he appeared a trifle dazed. On regaining his feet he turned the tables, and Link was on the floor. Just at this time the gong sounded, and Maguire evidently failed to hear it, for as Link was regaining his feet, and supposing the round ended, Mack landed on him and flogged him again. It was a palpable foul, and in order to stop all argument the bout was stopped.

Both of these boys are in prime condition, are fast, and able to put up a rattling setto, and the fans all expressed themselves as sorry that such a contretemps should happen, and expressed a wish to see them come together at some future time.

To Move Millinery. Gertrude & Co. has leased the McDonald building, corner of Sixth and Main streets, and will move its millinery establishment to that location in the near future.

Jury Convicts Schmidt

Dynamite Suspect Guilty of First Degree Murder



MILTON A. SCHMIDT

United Press Service LOS ANGELES, Dec. 31.—Milton A. Schmidt, on trial here for complicity in the dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times building in October, 1910, was last night convicted of first degree murder. The jury, in its verdict, recommended life imprisonment, owing to the fact that the evidence, though conclusive, was largely circumstantial.

Schmidt will be sentenced Monday. It is understood that the jury's request as to punishment will be carried out.

With Schmidt convicted, there remains but one of the accused dynamiters to be tried, David F. Caplan, who was arrested at the same time Schmidt was. Caplan will have a trial

as soon as the Schmidt case is disposed of.

Schmidt is an expert in the use of high explosives, and it has been alleged that he made the bombs used in the destruction of the Times plant. A watch kept for him from 1910 by Detective William J. Burns resulted in the picking up of a clue July 4, 1914, when a bomb exploded prematurely in a New York tenement house.

Owing to the similarity of this bomb to that used in the Los Angeles tragedy Burns at once suspected Schmidt of making it. He finally located Schmidt working as a mechanic in New York city under an assumed name.

No arrest was made for several months, Schmidt being watched closely until Caplan was located in Seattle. The two were then arrested the same day.

GRAND JURY RETURNS

TRUE BILLS	NOT TRUE BILLS
A. E. Lawrence, Guy Hunter and Mrs. Guy Hunter, murder in first degree.	A. C. Geinger, using scales out of balance.
H. L. Clopton, assault with intent to commit rape.	Claude Coon and Horace Shidler, using false measure gasoline pump.
Albert Memado, larceny.	J. B. Chambers, using false measure gasoline pump.
Emery Dwyer, pointing a gun at another.	
John Doe.	

ALUMNI TRIMMED BY HIGH SCHOOL

WORK OF GRAVES IS PARTICULARLY DEADLY TO CHANCES OF GRAD-GIRLS PUT UP A HARD-FOUGHT BATTLE

By a score of 19 to 10, the Klamath County High School basketball squad won from the alumni in a rough, fast, but not particularly clever basketball game at Houston's opera house last night. The students seemed to have lost their shooting eyes by too much holiday feasting, and they endeavored to make too long passes. But they fought, though, and gameness is something that can't be taught a team.

Center Graves was the biggest point winner. Thirteen of the points scored by the students were due to six baskets and a foul by him. John Houston made two baskets and Steiger one.

Beales and Lawrence Motschenbacher played guard positions.

For the alumni, Motschenbacher and Hurn, forwards, each made two field goals and McClure one. The alumni guards were Nail and Telford.

If last night's battle between "France" and "Germany" was a fair

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BAKER, Ore., Dec. 31.—The thermometer registered 12 below zero here last night.

RATE MEETING TUESDAY NIGHT

PEOPLE INTERESTED IN FIGHT FOR LOWER FREIGHT RATES WILL DISCUSS PLANS AT NEW CITY HALL

Now that practically all of the money necessary for the employment of rate experts to carry on Klamath Falls' fight for lower freight rates has been secured, plans for conducting the campaign are next in order. A meeting of all interested will be held Thursday evening at the city hall.

At this time, the matter will be discussed from different angles, and a plan of action outlined. This is a mass meeting to which all are invited, whether they contributed to the fund or not. At present, ideas are wanted, and many heads are more fruitful than one or two.

KID PARTY IS PLEASING FOR ALL IN ATTENDANCE

Seventy or more people, mostly attended in juvenile clothing, gathered at the west hall of the I. O. O. F. building last night for the final members' meeting of the Klamath Commercial Club. Besides attending to business matters, they all spent a highly enjoyable evening.

Some say it was more than a screent—it was a "howl." A clever program was rendered, including recitations, musical numbers, and folk dances, led by Miss Maud Baldwin.

A further account will be given in tomorrow's society columns.

MINNESOTA GOVERNOR DROPS DEAD WHILE OFF ON A VISIT

United Press Service NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 31.—Winfield S. Hammond, governor of Minnesota, dropped dead last night at Clinton, La. Death was due to indigestion.

Hammond was here inspecting some land he had recently purchased. He was elected governor of Minnesota on the democratic ticket.

Germany Not Depressed by Past Year of Battle

By CARL W. ACKERMAN (United Press Staff Correspondent)

BERLIN, Dec. 31.—As the 1915 twelvemonth draws to a close, the German campaign spreads more to foreign lands: to Turkey and Egypt. Many enormous battles and campaigns in 1915 have decided the war in certain war theaters.

In the Russian campaign the Russian army was pushed into Russia, Serbia has been entirely submerged, Belgium is occupied, eight of France's richest provinces, with nearly three million people, are under German control.

Germany has lost most of her colonies and her overseas commerce. But between the central powers and the allies there has been no decisive battle, no deciding campaign.

Both sides await with equal confidence and determination this contest. Whether it will be fought or avoided, no one knows. Events will decide. The fate of Belgium depends upon the outcome. If the war is a draw, Bel-

FRENCH ARREST DIPLOMATS FOR TEUTON POWERS

ACTION AT SALONIKA ANGERS GREECE

Protest is Made to Allies by Greece, Following Seizure of Turkish, German and Austrian Consuls at Salonika—More Sea Fighting is Reported, Battle at El Sessan Results in Greek Annihilation.

United Press Service LONDON, Dec. 31.—According to advices received this morning, France has arrested the Turkish, German, Bulgarian and Austrian consuls at Salonika. They have been placed aboard a French warship.

General Sarrail, who ordered the seizure of these officials, is said to have reported to Paris that they were all harboring spies.

As Salonika is on Greek territory, Greece is preparing a vigorous protest to the allies, holding the seizure to be a direct breach of international law.

United Press Service BERLIN, Dec. 31.—It is removed here today that Athens intends to make a protest against the allies, fortifying Salonika.

It is announced that an Austrian squadron sunk the French submarine Morge in Durazzo harbor a few hours before the battle in which two Austrian destroyers were sunk by a Franco-Italian squadron.

The foreign office today took official cognizance of the Wolf news agency's Zurich peace reports. The special adviser denied any maneuvers by Germany for peace, but stated that Germany will consider every proposal which is made, though having no proposition at present.

United Press Service ATHENS, Dec. 31.—It is reported that the Bulgars and Albanian rebels have practically annihilated the Serbian force in the three day battle at El Sessan.

Would Set Deed Aside. Suit to set aside a deed given John Connor by Nellie Connor, and to foreclose a mortgage against the property for a \$1,000 loan alleged to have been made to Mrs. Connor prior to her marriage, was filed in the circuit court today by D. Peruzzi, an Ashland creamery man.

Prohibition Law Will Be Enforced, Say Officials

The prohibition law is to be rigorously enforced in Klamath county after today. So says Prosecuting Attorney John Irwin. So also says Sheriff Charles C. Low.

"It is the intention of this office to enforce to the letter the new measure," says Irwin. "While we do not expect any serious trouble from bootlegging and blind pigging, owing to the provisions of the bill making it comparatively easy to secure liquor from outside points, the fact that Klamath county borders on California may make the strict observance of the law a matter many will seek to evade. The county court has provided a fund of \$2,500 for use by this office in 'upholding the criminal laws,' so we will be in a good position to make thorough investigation of any suspicious circumstances."

"When I took the oath of office, I swore to uphold Oregon's laws, and suppress crime," said Sheriff Low. "I intend to do so. The people have decided that saloons and places for sell-

ing liquor must be banished from Oregon, and the sheriff's office will take especial pains to see that the prohibition law, as it is written in Oregon's statutes, will be carried out to the letter. It is our intention, not only to prosecute any case called to our attention, but to keep a sharp lookout ourselves for any apparent violations.

Besides the vigilance of the county officials, Klamath Falls police will also work for a strict observance of the dry law. An ally in the work of enforcing a strict adherence to the bill will be an organization of local church people, who banded together some time ago, in order to assist in this work. The appropriation of money to be used by the prosecuting attorney makes it possible to secure detective services, should this be deemed necessary.

The tremendous business by local saloons in their closing days indicates that Klamath Falls people will not feel the need of liquor for some time to come, as all who wanted it had a

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