

NEW YEAR'S EVE FUN DIVIDED IN THREE CLASSES

CABARET CELEBRATIONS NOT HELD HERE

Watch Parties Were Held at Churches and Private Homes, Dancing Was Held at Three Halls, and Rounders Were Out to Help Make Klamath Falls Dry by Absorbing All the Liquor There Was Left.

New Years found Klamath Falls people celebrating in different ways, but not with any cabaret stunts. Most of the local cafes decided not to keep open for the New Years revellers, owing to the dangers of those who "drank her dry" getting heterotous and smashing up furniture.

The passing of the saloons was the occasion for bringing out one of the biggest crowds of men that ever decided to make "a night of it." They did, too, from all accounts.

Riley's and Powell's closed their doors early in the evening. But "The Smoke," and "Mac's & Bob's" were jammed with patrons until the dawn of the new year (yes, a cold, gray dawn), when they were informed that there was no more liquor on sale. This, of course, broke up the party.

The revellers evidently intended to make Klamath really "dry," by drinking up everything. They ran the beer supply on low that at "The Smoke" the price was raised to 50 cents a bottle and 25 cents a "schmaltz."

There was, of course, the usual attempts at near-harmony. There was also some little fighting, but the crowd as a whole was good natured.

In quite a different manner New Years was observed at the Presbyterian and Methodist churches, the last mentioned being a union meeting. At these inspiring talks were made, songs were sung, and after a "get-together" refreshments were served.

Two masquerade balls were held last night, and both were well attended, both by spectators and maskers, and there were in evidence at both places, the clowns, Chaplins, devils, rubens, dukes, old maids, cowpunchers, infans and the various other characters we all love to impersonate or watch someone else personate.

Last night was the twentieth anniversary of the city.

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STRAHORN LINE SURVEY STARTS

ENGINEERS ARE NOW PREPARING TO RUN OVER ROUTES FROM BEND TO BURNS—PARTIES SENT INTO THE FIELD

Surveys for the Oregon, California & Eastern, or Strahorn road, from Bend to Burns, are to begin at once, according to an understanding current in Bend this week, says the Bend Bulletin. J. B. Bywater, who will head the survey, arrived in town early this week and has since been making arrangements for the party while awaiting the arrival of other members and equipment to be used by them.

Mr. Bywater was unwilling to be interviewed on the work of the party. It is understood, however, that other members of the party have arrived, and that as soon as their equipment comes in, work will begin. This afternoon the party is making a trip out into the high desert country beyond Sand Springs.

RUSSIAN WIELDS KNIFE AND IS PUT IN PRISON

Mike Porndoff, a member of the Russian colony, is spending New Years in the city jail as a result of flourishing a knife last night. Porndoff was drinking, and apparently became crazed from liquor, for he pulled out the knife preparatory to whittling everybody away from his size. The blade was taken down from him before he inflicted any serious damage.

VISITING YOUNG LADY IS GUEST OF HONOR AT PARTY

In honor of Miss Elizabeth Houston who is here from Berkeley visiting relatives, a party was held Thursday at the home of Miss Waive Jacobs on Eighth street. Games, refreshments and a jolly time was had by those in attendance.

Those present were Barbara Goeller, Hazel Goeller, Elizabeth Houston, Elanore Steinman, Ione Steinman, Constance Fisher, Ruby McCormick and Mabel Martin.

In California there are 230,000 acres on which grape vines are growing; 170,000 planted to wine grapes, 11,000 to raisin grapes and 50,000 to table grapes.

The wife of a French soldier at the front receives 25 cents a day from the government.

Dardanelles Is Abandoned by the British for Salonika



Announcement has come from the British war office that 100,000 troops, believed to be all the British troops on the Gallipoli peninsula, have been withdrawn to another sphere of operation. That is interpreted to mean the troops have gone to Salonika. The statement said that the troops had been withdrawn from Suvla Bay and from Anzac. Previously, it was believed, there were troops at Seddul Bahr.

Mayor's Message Deals With Affairs of Klamath

Following are the most important portions of Mayor J. B. Mason's message to the city council:

Our city charter makes it the duty of the mayor to communicate to you at this time by message, a general statement of the condition and affairs of the city. To that end I address you.

We have great reason to be thankful to the Giver of Every Good and Perfect Gift for a reasonable degree of health in our city during the past year and for protection from the destruction to life and property by the elements which has visited many other communities.

Finance. In general, the state of the city treasury is very satisfactory; there remaining this day a balance of \$60,532.24 in the hands of the treasurer, distributed in the several funds as shown in the treasurer's statement attached thereto.

Streets. The problem of the building and upkeep of streets is one which is ever present. There seems to be scarcely any limit to the calls for expenditure of money on them. The careful, judicious and economical administration of this department demands a capacity for thought and a willingness for action of which those who have given these things no special attention have but little conception. The recent rainy weather has made the keeping of Main street in good condition almost impossible with our present equipment. This matter will be greatly improved when Pine street and intersections are paved.

To keep our streets in the best condition in muddy weather we should own and operate a flusher.

A large amount of good work has been done this fall and winter, especially in the building of wooden sidewalks and cross walks. We are hoping for the time when new sidewalks can be made from cement or other permanent material. Permanency should be the aim, and all street improvements should be made with this end in view.

Improved streets must be kept in repair in order that the heavy investments already made in street paving may not be lost.

In the present tax levy provision was made for re-rolling the paved portion of Third, Sixth and Ninth streets. This matter should receive attention as soon as the weather permits. In the matter of new street improvements the coat is borne by the abutting property owners, and where the owners favor such improvement we believe these improvements should be made with as little delay as possible.

We desire to call attention to the Shipplington and Pelican City road. These prosperous manufacturing centers should be connected with the down town districts by a hard surface

road, and it is to be hoped that in the near future some plan may be found by which this enterprise may be financed.

Water and Light.

We desire to call attention to the fact that the city is being served by the California-Oregon Power company under a contract which expired several years ago. This is a source of much annoyance and misunderstanding to both the company and the people. The question of a better system of street lighting and the equity of the rates for water, light, power and heat are subjects that should be taken up at as early a date as possible and be settled upon some basis which is fair to both the company and the consumer, instead of permitting it to drift along in this uncertain and unbusinesslike manner.

Fire Department.

The charter very plainly contemplates a city fire department. Up to the present we have had an independent volunteer fire company, the members of which have done much good service for the city. They have gone out in response to the fire alarm, winter and summer, day and night, and have always done valiant service, with no small risk to life and limb; with no hope of reward, thereby earning the gratitude of the entire community. In view of the growth and development of the city it would seem that the time has come when a reorganization of this department of service is imperative. Large investments, employing many workmen, need increased facilities for fire protection. To this end more efficient fire fighting apparatus so located as to give the best service to all districts of the city should be secured with as little delay as possible. I recommend the matter for your early attention.

Police Department.

I suppose there is in the state no city of like size containing saloons, which employ as small a number of policemen as Klamath Falls. We have a chief of police and two patrolmen. The fact that good order is maintained with this small force speaks well for the citizenship of the community and for the efficiency of the members of the force.

Law Enforcement.

On January 1st the prohibitory amendment becomes a law of the state, and should be upheld and obeyed. No man has a right to refuse to obey any law, however trivial or uncalculated for, or even unjust, he may believe it to be. No officer who is charged with the enforcement of law has a right to decide as to whether or not he will enforce any particular law. Laws are to be obeyed. The biblicist, persistent non-enforcement of any law begins disregard for all law. Such a state of af-

airs brings contempt for law, and the result is anarchy. I desire to bespeak your co-operation as well as that of the entire citizenship in the enforcement of all laws, and especially that of the prohibitory law during the early months of its operation.

Conclusion.

In conclusion I desire to thank the members of this body for their uniform support and co-operation in the many difficult situations we have passed through, and trust we may ever be found worthy of the confidence imposed upon us.

ELKDOM OFFICIAL TO BE HERE SOON

DISTRICT DEPUTY WILL VISIT LOCAL LODGE THURSDAY NIGHT. MAY TALK ON NATIONAL GUARD MATTERS

Thursday's meeting of Klamath Falls Lodge No. 1247, B. P. O. Elks, will be attended by William R. Logus, district deputy of the order, who at that time will pay the local lodge an official visit. This will also be the first meeting of the Elks in the splendid new home, and a big attendance is expected.

Logus, in addition to being high in Elkdom, is a veteran of the Philippine campaign, being a member of the Second Oregon, and he is well known to local vets. He is also prominent in National Guard matters, being first lieutenant of the company at Oregon City, which is one of the crack units of the famous Oregon Third Infantry.

As there is much talk here regarding national guard organization, there is a possibility that Logus may be asked to address a meeting of interested people on this question. He can be depended upon to give all facts frankly, both as to the pleasures and the duties of a militiaman.

French women are working fourteen hours daily in the munition factories, on their farms and in public utilities. They then go home to care for the children.

The canal zone is planning to build field works in certain exposed places.

Forty-six million bunches of bananas came into this country last year.

State production in the United States averages \$8,000,000 in value yearly.

The feet of Georgia women are claimed to be smaller than those of the New York women.

For two years Thackeray did all his writing with one pen, and which also served him for writing two novels. Oliver Wendell Holmes used a gold pen for more than thirty years, and during which time he wrote 12,000,000 words.

BOSTON'S STATE HOUSE IN PERIL

INFERNAL MACHINE'S EXPLOSION AVERTED ONLY BY FAILURE OF FUSE TO BURN—MANY PEOPLE THERE

United Press Service BOSTON, Jan. 1.—The Boston State House, in the Massachusetts capitol is called, and many persons inside the building, were saved from destruction today by the failure of a powerful infernal machine to explode. The fuse had become extinguished.

A watchman discovered the bomb under a corner of the building. It was thought to be a hoax.

Later the bomb was taken outside the city limits by officials and the fuse lighted. A tremendous explosion resulted.

Shows Mexican Situation.

Just how peaceable it is along the Mexican border is being shown local people by H. E. (Blondy) Crane, who has just returned from a visit at Nogales. Crane has with him a couple of dozen recent photographs, showing the results of guerilla warfare; the burning of bodies, the abandonment of bodies without taking trouble to bury them, the victims of skirmishes photographed just where they fell wailing in blood, loading of dead bodies like cordwood in wagons to be hauled away and burned, and half nude bodies dangling from limbs of trees on which they were hanged. These vivid photographs even show bullet holes in clothing, hats, etc.

Moving Stock.

C. T. Clingenpeel is busily engaged today in the removal of the stock of his "6-10-15-cent" store from its former location to the quarters recently vacated by the Palm, which have been remodelled, etc., for the needs of the new tenant.

The number of out-going vessels which passed through the Panama canal during May was 141. This is more than used the canal during any preceding month, the previous record was 136 for March. Cargo passing through the canal in May totaled 578,708 tons, which exceeded all previous months except March, when the cargo traffic amounted to 625,067 tons.

Of the 150 kinds of mushroom fungi listed by the department of agriculture, seventy-two are described as very poisonous.

PASSENGERS DIE WHEN SUBMARINE SINKS STEAMER

AMERICANS MAY BE AMONG THE MISSING

British Liner Persia Is Attacked in the Mediterranean, and Only Four Boat-loads of passengers and crew escape—American Consulate Officer is Among the Passengers—Full Details Not Obtainable.

United Press Service LONDON, Jan. 1.—The Peninsular liner Persia, a British vessel, en-route from London to Bombay, was submerged in the Mediterranean south of Crete Thursday. Dispatches indicate a large loss of life.

Only four boat loads of passengers and crew cleared. The Persia is the third largest vessel sunk by submarines.

Messages leave a doubt as to whether the vessel was warned or attempted to escape. But little details have been secured so far. Between 75 and 200 people perished.

United Press Service

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 1.—A telegram from Consul General Skinner at London says R. N. McNealey, recently appointed American consul at A'en, was aboard the Persia, en route to his post. In addition to McNealey, Charles Grant, another American, was aboard. Their fate is unknown.

If it is proven that the Persia was not warned by the attacking submarine, state department officials say America will send a note to the responsible nation which will be closer to an ultimatum than any previous document.

This is probably the gravest incident since the Lusitania sinking. Skinner's cable indicates that nearly all aboard were lost.

Secretary Lansing will await official advice regarding the Persia before acting. The state department does not disguise the fact that the news has a most important bearing on the submarine disputes, which, it was thought, were practically settled.

Gowen Leads as Hitching Medium for Year 1916

Justice of the Peace E. W. Gowen is still Cupid's favorite. A perusal of the marriage license records at the county clerk's office show that in the year just ended, the popular magistrate of Linkville district divided more times into one than any other man in Klamath county.

The records show that there were 110 marriages performed in Klamath county in the expiation year. Besides these, there were several licenses issued here which were used in other counties, and a number of local couples were wedded elsewhere during the year, in the home towns of their brides.

Twenty-seven of these marriages were performed by Judge Gowen. Second in the list is Rev. Ernest C. Richards, the popular pastor of Grace M. E. church. He read the "love, cherish and obey" ceremony twenty-three times last year.

Hon. J. B. Griffith, who is a Baptist minister, is third. He married nine couples. M. D. Costa, Frank M. Upp and J. W. Bryant, all ordained ministers who are now following other callings, also performed weddings in 1915, Bryant marrying one couple and the other two, two each.

Elder S. D. Harlan, former pastor of the Christian church, left before the end of the year, but while here he married eight couples. Rev. J. S. Stubblefield married four couples before he left for Marshfield, and Rev. Chas. T. Hurd, who succeeded Brother Stubblefield as pastor of the Presbyterian church last fall, married eight couples here.

Six couples were wedded at Sacred Heart church by Rev. Wm. McMullan, S. J., in 1915. W. W. Hevener, a missionary among the Indians, performed four wedding ceremonies.

County Judge Hanks married but one couple last year. He blames his lack of splicing business to his difficulty in getting the proper solemnity in his words as he read the ceremony.

Other ministers and magistrates performing marriages in Klamath last year are: Rev. Oscar T. Morgan, S.; Rev. Coop, Klamath Agency, I; Rev. Sydney W. Hall, pastor Bonanza M. E. church, S; D. H. Wilmer, Fort Klamath Justice of the Peace, I; Rev. L. M. Anderson, Merrill Presbyterian church, S; H. Snowgoose, Justice of the Peace, Keno, I; Rev. A. P. Simmons, former local Baptist pastor, I; Rev. Robert A. Hutchinson, Merrill M. E. church, I; Rev. David Oastler, Ashland, I.

Shots Are New Year's Greetings Exchanged

United Press Service

BERLIN, Jan. 1.—Kaiser Wilhelm today sent New Year's greetings to the army, navy and colonials, concluding as follows:

"What you and your comrades have begun, you will accomplish. We enter the new year with God for our protection."

The Tageblatt today estimates Germany and Austria have conquered territory already that is almost as big as Germany.

United Press Service

DETROIT, Jan. 1.—Friends are planning a big welcome for Henry Ford when he returns home. A public reception will be held if Ford's health permits.

United Press Service

PARIS, Jan. 1.—President Poincare today addressed the army and navy, expressing the nation's confidence that these forces will be victorious this year.

United Press Service

ROME, Jan. 1.—There are unconfirmed reports that Roumania has con-

centrated three army corps on the Bulgarian frontier.

United Press Service

PETROGRAD, Jan. 1.—For the first time in history, a special embassy of the czar, Grand Duke George, is going to Japan, to convey Russia's new year greetings to the Mikado.

United Press Service

ZURICH, Jan. 1.—Late advice say the Turkish finances are in such bad condition that Germany has been asked for a \$100,000,000 loan.

United Press Service

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 1.—Csernowitz advises say hand to hand fighting is being waged on the Besarabian front. Along a three mile front 200 guns have been raking the Austrian front, and there have been twenty-seven separate infantry attacks interspersed. The Austrians still hold their positions.

Popularity of whale fish in Japan is steadily increasing. For several years this meat has been used, both fresh and canned, extensively in that country.