

WILL DISCUSS PROBLEMS OF IRRIGATION

Franklin K. Lane and Elwood Mead
Invited to Address Delegates to
Ninth Annual Convention of Oregon
Irrigation Congress

PORTLAND, Dec. 26.—The ninth annual convention of the Oregon Irrigation congress will be held in Portland, January 8, 9 and 10, at the Portland chamber of commerce. It was originally planned to hold the sessions on December 29, 30 and 31, but on account of the special session of the legislature and statewide storm, the dates were postponed until the week immediately preceding the convening of the state legislature.

Inasmuch as important matters concerning irrigation are to be brought up at the special session, all of the members of the legislature have been invited to attend the sessions of the Oregon Irrigation congress by President Jay H. Upton of Prineville. The program will be in charge of the following committee: O. O. Lelter, Portland, chairman; Fred N. Wallace, Tumalo; Frank Spinning, Echo; Harry W. Gard, Madras; Porter J. Neff, Medford; C. W. Eberlein, Klamath Falls; W. W. Caviness, Vale; J. N. Williamson, Prineville.

Various matters of importance relating to irrigation will be discussed and prominent speakers representing the interior department and the various irrigation enterprises of the state will be heard at the convention. Among the speakers invited to attend are Franklin K. Lane, secretary of the interior, and Elwood Mead, chairman of the land settlement board of the States of California.

FIVE ACCUSED OF SEDITIOUS UTTERANCES

District Attorney Wm. A. Duncan today received notification from Justice of the Peace G. W. Offield at Merrill that he had issued assault and battery warrants for five men, accused of having beaten John Denehy, a sheep man, in a street row Christmas eve, because, it is said, Denehy recently took out naturalization papers. His assailants, said to be of Irish nativity, characterized Denehy's desire to become a citizen of the United States as an act of treachery to Ireland, according to witnesses.

Judge Offield says that he was informed that the men who assaulted Denehy cursed the United States government and the American flag. He said there were two of them in jail and the constable was searching for the others. He did not state the names of any of the accused men.

The hearing has been set for tomorrow at 1 o'clock and Judge Offield requested the presence of the district attorney or a deputy at the examination and the alleged disloyal utterances of the accused men will be probed thoroughly.

PELICAN BAY LUMBER CO. EMPLOYEES ENJOY TURKEY.

Five hundred pounds of turkey is some little bit of the noble American bird, and that is the amount it took for Christmas gifts by the Pelican Bay Lumber company to its employees. Each of the married employees received a turkey to adorn the family table and the unmarried employees received their turkey smoking and brown from the boarding house tables.

FUGITIVE FROM LAW WINS WAR RECORD

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 26.—How Arthur E. Abbott, long wanted for the theft of \$15,000 from the Federal Trust company of this city, enlisted in the marine corps and as Sergeant William Haskell was cited for brilliant war service, was disclosed today when he was set free on probation by the district attorney. The croix de guerre was also conferred upon him in his own name.

ELECTION ON TEACHERS' RISE TOMORROW

Voters of School District No. 1 will decide at a special election tomorrow the matter of raising \$4500 by special tax to increase the salary of teachers of this district. As sentiment seems to be entirely in favor of the proposed increase of salaries the budget will undoubtedly carry. The increases will become effective at once.

The average salary of teachers at present does not exceed \$100 and is said to be nearer \$90 a month. The average of the proposed increase in salary will be about \$20 or \$25 a month, it is estimated. As it is now many of the teachers are able to live within their incomes only by the most rigid economy, in some cases extending to the deprivation of actual necessities.

Tomorrow's election will be held at the Central school and the polls will be open from 2 o'clock until 7 o'clock p. m.

CHRISTMASTIDE BRINGS ABOUT MANY WEDDINGS

Santa Claus might have been the busiest fellow in Klamath Falls Wednesday and Thursday but Cupid ran him a close race, and several romances that have been brewing for some time reached logical consummation at the altar, much to the satisfaction of the little blind god and all his loyal retinue.

Miss Isa Wilson, daughter of H. S. Wilson, chief of police and Mrs. Wilson, was married to Henry A. Ketsdever, of Algoma, at 9 o'clock Christmas eve at the W. E. Seehorn residence by the Rev. C. F. Trimble. Those present besides the contracting parties were Miss Lottie Wilson, George Ketsdever, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ogle. The newly weds will reside on the bridegroom's ranch at Algoma.

Jesse Nickerson and Miss Minnie M. Kee were married Christmas afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Marrow in the presence of a small company of relatives and friends. Both are local residents. The bridegroom is an uncle of Ross Nickerson of the Rex cafe. The Rev. E. P. Lawrence performed the wedding ceremony.

William E. Brown, a young local resident and Miss Eltie Stansble were married on Christmas Eve, by the Rev. S. J. Chaney, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Stansble, 1143 Pine street, in the presence of the immediate family and a few friends. On Christmas day a dinner was served at the Stansble home at which the newly-wedded pair were the honored guests. They will make their home in Klamath Falls.

Otis Wilson and Miss Oetha Willard were united in marriage by Justice N. J. Chapman Tuesday afternoon and Judge Chapman also officiated in the wedding ceremony of Charles M. Leach and Miss Eleanor Grant.



UNION SERVICE WILL DEDICATE NEW BUILDING

The various churches of the city are going to share with the Presbyterians the pleasure of the first evening service in the new home of the latter next Sunday evening. The meeting will be in the form of a union service, which the general public is invited to attend. Special musical features have been arranged for the evening and it is hoped that the many friends who have contributed so generously to the erection of the new edifice can be present. It was expected that the building would be ready for occupancy several weeks earlier, but delays of various kinds have retarded the completion until this week. The pews and some of the furnishings, have not yet been received, but temporary seating has been provided for the present. Following is the order of service, beginning at 7:30 o'clock:

- Hymn No. 71.
- Scripture Lesson.
- Prayer.
- Anthem, "Arise, Shine, for Thy Light Is Come."
- Solo, "The Blessed Child" (Sally F. Akers)—Augusta Parker.
- Anthem, "Shepherd Abiding in the Fields."
- Solo, "My Father Is King" (Chas. H. Gabriel)—Rev. E. P. Lawrence.
- Congratulations—Rev. S. J. Chaney, Rev. C. F. Trimble.
- Hymn No. 75.
- Solo, "Jesus of Nazareth" (Gounod)—Mrs. B. C. Thomas.
- Anthem, "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night."
- Solo, "The Birthday of the King" (W. H. Neidlinger)—Mrs. F. S. Veatch.
- Anthem.
- Solo, "Open the Gates" (Joseph Knapp)—Miss Frances Wiley.
- Offertory.
- Announcements.
- Anthem, "The Wise Men Saw a Thousand Stars."
- Hymn No. 77.
- Benediction.

NEW DEPUTY WARDEN.

SALEM, Dec. 26.—Warden Steiner today appointed James Lewis, an employee of the city of Salem, deputy Warden of the state prison in place of John C. Talley, resigned.

QUARANTINE TO BE ENFORCED MORE RIGIDLY

Strict enforcement of the quarantine proclamation against importation of sheep from outside states, issued by Governor Olcott, April 4, 1919, will be extended to California and Nevada flocks hereafter, according to notice made public Monday by W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian and secretary of the state livestock sanitary board.

Until now the new quarantine has been more particularly enforced against Idaho sheep, but the sanitary commission declares that reported scabies infection in both California and Nevada make it necessary to enforce the quarantine ruling against these states.

Dr. George C. Mitchell of Klamath Falls and Michael P. Barry of Merrill have been appointed inspectors to see that the regulation is complied with in this section. All sheep imported across the California or Nevada lines will be regarded as infected with scabies and unless an exemption is issued by the state veterinarian's office their dipping will be required.

On April 4, 1919, acting on the information and recommendation of the state veterinarian, under Section 5684 of Oregon's Laws, Governor Olcott issued a proclamation in which he said:

"I do hereby declare all territory outside of the State of Oregon as presumably infected with sheep scabies, and order that no sheep shall be imported, trailed, driven or allowed to drift into the State of Oregon, except for immediate slaughter, until the same have been duly inspected, found free from disease and exposure thereto, or dipped under supervision of the proper officer, unless otherwise ordered by the state veterinarian, and permit for their importation granted as provided by law, or until such other time as this proclamation is annulled.

"All persons and railroad companies are hereby ordered and warned not to import, trail, drive or allow to drift any sheep into the State of Oregon, except for immediate slaughter, unless accompanied by a permit or certificate of inspection issued by the proper federal or state authorities, or until such time as this proclamation is annulled."

HARVARD GRID SQUAD REACHES LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 26.—The Harvard football squad arrived shortly before noon today. All stood the trip well. They will commence active training this afternoon for their game with the Oregon university at Pasadena New Year's day.

YOUNG TEACHER AT RESERVATION TAKES OWN LIFE

Despondency, which had been noticeable at intervals for several weeks, culminated Christmas morning in the suicide by drowning of Miss Bessie L. Lewis, age 25, a school teacher at the Klamath Indian reservation. The young woman plunged into the spring which supplies the Agency with water about 5 o'clock in the morning. Her screams, probably when she struck the icy water, aroused Mr. Martin, engineer, and hastily clothing himself he hastened to the rescue. He was successful in dragging the girl ashore and she was carried to a warm room and efforts made to revive her, but after two hours of hard effort the attempt at resuscitation was given up as hopeless.

Miss Lewis' home was at Brooklyn, New York, where her parents reside. Word has been sent them of the tragedy by Coroner Whitlock and they are making arrangements to have the body sent home. Coroner Whitlock has dispatched his assistant, Charles Larsen, to the reservation to make an investigation and he will probably return tomorrow.

The deal girl had been apparently brooding over some unknown sorrow for several weeks, but friends attributed her depression to homesickness. Wednesday night she attended the Christmas tree and dance at the school and left at a late hour, seemingly in a happy mood after an enjoyable evening. It is said she was engaged and expected to be married within a month or so to a forest ranger at the reservation.

DISCOVER NEW WOLF SPECIES

MILES CITY, Mont., Dec. 26.—Farber Irion, a veteran trapper visiting here after being driven out of the Centennial valley, in southwestern Montana, by the unusually deep snow drifts, says a species of wolf hitherto unknown to Montana trappers and hunters has made its appearance in that section.

The wolf is larger than the prairie variety, but not so large as the timber species; and its head is more like a coyote's. It is unusually swift but puts up a poor fight. Several have been caught in the Centennial valley, Irion said.

The southern end of the valley and the country on the Idaho line is a paradise, Irion declares. Mink, marten, fox, bear, wolf, coyote, mountain lion, lynx and many other animals abound. With bounty high on many of these beasts and furs at a premium, trapping now ranks among the remunerative occupations.

The work was made very arduous this year, however, by the early snows which drifted and banked until trappers, on snow shoes, walked on the surface and hung their traps on limbs of trees that ordinarily were 20 to 30 feet above the ground. They will have to climb these trees when they go back, next summer, to get the traps.

CUMMINS BILL ENACTMENT WAS STRIKE SIGNAL

Machinists' Union Vote in November Favored Immediate Strike if the Measure, Now in Conference, Passed—Wilson Will Return Roads March 1.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—Ninety-eight per cent of 125,000 union railway machinists voted in November to strike with other trades in the event that Congress enacted the Cummins railroad bill with its anti-strike provisions attached.

In making this announcement today, William H. Johnson, president of the International Association of Machinists, stated that the vote was taken before the interstate commerce committee reported on the Cummins measure and the result was not officially published because the association did not want to appear to take the attitude of threatening Congress.

Johnson said the strike vote stipulated that union railway machinists quit work if the Cummins bill passed both branches of Congress.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—President Wilson has issued a proclamation returning the railroads and express companies to private control March 1.

Failure of Congress to enact remedial legislation was given as the reason for extending by two months the time originally announced for relinquishing government control of the railroad properties. In his message to Congress last May, President Wilson said the roads would be turned back at the end of the calendar year.

"No agreement having yet been reached by Congress," Secretary Taft said in announcing the proclamation, "it becomes necessary in the public interest to allow a reasonable time to elapse between the issuing of the proclamation and the date of its actually taking effect. The President is advised that the railroad and express companies are not organized to make it possible for them to receive and manage their properties if actually turned over to them on December 31."

The Esch-Cummins bill, designed to meet conditions incident to the return of the roads now is in conference, with the prospect that an agreement on differences between the House and Senate will be threshed out before March 1. While one provision of the bill would order the return of the roads at the end of the calendar month in which the bill was approved, it was considered hardly likely that an agreement would be reached quickly enough to put the roads back February 1, or one month earlier than ordered by the President.

There are indications of a lively fight before either house adopts the other's position on the anti-strike clauses of the bill or the question of continuing the government guarantee to the roads until they can obtain increased rates to meet the advanced operation costs. Also it was said in congressional quarters that because of the President's decision no attempt would be made to rush through the necessary legislation.

NEW PARTNERSHIP TO CONDUCT STORE

Leo Houston and Lawrence Phelps have purchased the Eighth street store of Roberts & Whitmore and will conduct it hereafter. Both the new proprietors are well known young business men. Both have been employed by Roberts & Whitmore up to the time of their purchase and are thoroughly familiar with all the phases of the grocery business.

Roberts & Whitmore retain the Sixth Street store and will devote all their energies to the one store hereafter.

WEATHER REPORT.
OREGON—Tonight and Saturday fair, except probably rain in northwest; moderate southerly winds.