

## STATE C. OF C. BACKS INDIAN LAND OPENING

Judge Baldwin's Resolution Supporting Movement for Opening Klamath Indian Reservation Adopted by Portland Convention

The State Chamber of Commerce, at the opening meeting of its three-day session in Portland, Monday, adopted a resolution introduced by Senator George Baldwin of Klamath Falls, petitioning Congress to open the Klamath Indian reservation. In speaking in behalf of his resolution, Judge Baldwin said that the opening of the reservation would add \$30,000,000 worth of property to the Klamath county assessment rolls.

Judge Baldwin was appointed a member of the resolutions committee. The other members are: W. Lair Thompson, Portland; George H. McMorrin, Eugene; Leslie Butler, Hood River, and Judge Rorick, The Dalles.

Secretary George Quayle urged the convention to consider the need for securing settlers for Oregon land. He warned against adding to the bonded indebtedness of the state, without first increasing the population, for, he said, the bonds must some day be paid and unless the resources of the state are developed and its taxable property increased the increased taxes will eventually become so burdensome that they will be met with difficulty.

"This brings me to one point I wish to emphasize," he said. "People often go to extremes, and it is a question in the minds of some as to the advisability of bonding our state and counties so heavily. Under existing conditions and Oregon's present population, the result may be inflated or speculative values placed upon property, and consequent high rate of taxation. It might cause thousands of dollars worth of vacant city and town property being turned over to the state and counties in the form of tax certificates, due to the non-payment of taxes. It might also result in a tax on established industries that would hamper their successful operation and bring about a condition that will keep out new industries."

"The sentiment of Oregon is such that bonds will be issued and so surely must they be paid. I know of but one solution. Place more people on the land. We have 600,000 acres of school land unused in Oregon, mostly in Malheur, Harney and Lake counties. Oregon has about 1,000,000 acres of irrigated land and an additional million subject to irrigation. Our population is about 1,000,000; one-third in Portland, one-third in the Willamette valley and one-third in the remainder of the state. We have a per capita wealth of about \$1800, based on assessed valuation of taxable property, with no county less than \$1300. The Willamette valley alone could support 3,000,000 people, and then not be so densely populated as many of the old eastern countries, while the total population of the Cascades is no larger than an ordinary city in the Middle West."

Secretary Quayle also emphasized the need of supporting railroad extension, including a line between Coos Bay and Eureka, California, the Natron cut-off and the Strahorn road. He also urged co-operation with 13 other western states in securing from Congress an appropriation of \$10,000,000 for the construction of post roads for a period of five years, and \$10,000,000 each for ten successive years for building roads through national forests. A delegation of three men from each of the Western states is being organized to meet in Washington, D. C., February 3, to arrange for the introduction of bills providing for these appropriations before Congress.

Charles Hall of Marshfield, president of the state chamber, reviewed briefly the work of the organization.

## CURRY COUNTY SHERIFF DIES BY DROWNING.

BANDEN, Ore., Dec. 31.—P. W. Jeter, sheriff of Curry County, lost his life this morning in the mouth of the Sixes river, when a surf boat containing four Port Orford men was capsized in an attempt to reach the wreck of the Associated Oil company's tanker, the J. C. Chanslor, which went on the rocks here last week. This was the first attempt made to reach the wrecked steamer.

## COUNTY AGENTS QUIT ON OFFER OF BETTER PAY

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Dec. 31.—The appeal of higher salaries has been responsible for the loss of many county agricultural agents since the county agent plan was established in Oregon in 1913. This is shown by records compiled by Paul V. Maris, state leader of agriculturists.

Twenty-nine county agents, whose resignations have been received in the last few years, served but 18 months on the average. Four were in the work for more than three years, seven more than two years, and 12 less than one year. Four of 19 men who accepted higher salaries in commercial positions became bank agriculturists. Five were experiment station men giving part time to county agent work who resigned to give way to full time men. Three engaged in farming, three remained in the service, but were promoted to higher positions, and one was transferred to another state. Agent work was discontinued in two counties.

The future for county agricultural agent work looks bright, believes Mr. Maris. Twenty-three agents are now employed in 23 counties. Polk and Harney counties have placed the necessary items to provide for county agent work in their budgets, while Lane and Malheur counties will start the work the beginning of the year.

## INDICATIONS POINT TO RE-ELECTION OF HALL.

PORTLAND, Dec. 31.—Indications are that Charles Hall of Marshfield, will be re-elected president of the state chamber of commerce. Practically all the delegates are said to be satisfied with the present head and the results accomplished during the past year.

## WEATHER REPORT

OREGON—Tonight and Thursday, fair and colder, with gentle northwest winds.

of the last year in his report and outlined work to be undertaken. He urged the development of the resources of the state and the patronage of home industries. He said that if the state would expend the amount of money in the development of the resources of the state which was diverted during the last two years in war securities and war charities, wonders would be wrought in the way of development.

Oregon today is co-operating to a larger extent in the development of the entire state than ever before in her history, said H. S. Bramwell, vice-president of the state chamber. More citizens and business men are buying in Oregon than ever have before. One of the great drawbacks, he said, to the fuller development of the state is lack of farmers and farm help. Many of the country districts are losing their population, and farmers are unable to obtain help in harvesting their crops because of the migration to the larger cities.

He prophesied that in the future there would be a Pacific Coast Chamber of Commerce organized in the thirteen or fourteen Western states.

F. S. Bramwell introduced a resolution pledging co-operation of the state chamber with the Oregon Irrigation congress in any efforts which may be made in securing an appropriation from Congress for reclamation purposes. The resolution was adopted.

## 1920

Let us get ready for 1920. Let us be prepared for the greatest year in our history. Let us begin to realize that the next twelve months will see Klamath Falls well launched upon its career as the metropolis of the territory embraced in Eastern Oregon, Northern California and Northwestern Nevada. For we must begin now to understand that this city is destined to be the mistress of an empire greater than any like section in the United States, and with that end in view we must plan and build accordingly.

When the close of the next twelve months arrives, we will look back upon a year that will have been filled with progress and development beyond the dreams of the most sanguine. We will see new mills, factories, railroads in every direction. We may see one of the great oil fields of the west at our very doors, for the indications that this territory is underlaid with oil are increasing as the drill goes deeper. We will learn of the wealth beneath our soil that we never dreamed of. We will know some of the big things that the timber industry holds in store for us. We will see well on its way reclamation of areas that will multiply by five the number of acres of irrigated land that we now have. You will see a long step taken in the direction of bringing to this county three sugar beet factories. You will see railroad development that will be among the greatest in the history of the west. You will hear the announcement, if not actually witness the start, of the erection of sawmills that will be the largest in the world. You will get a glimpse of Klamath Falls as she will be when she is the "Pine Lumber Capital of the World."

The Herald has purposely refrained from publication of anything about future developments until it was sure of their consummation. It has been opposed to anything savoring of a boom. Klamath Falls wants no boom. It wants no over-development. It wants only a solid foundation for the upbuilding of a city that will endure and guarantee the investments of the conservative, progressive investor. It knows that all of the things suggested above are going to be realized, some in the near, very near future. Nearly all of them within two years.

We are anxious to see those who have weathered the storms and stress of the past few years, who have helped to start this city on its road to greatness, profit by their labors, and that is why we say to them, invest in Klamath Falls property particularly in business property. Own your own home, so that it may become a city of homes. Buy farming lands, for they are going to double in value within a short time. Lastly, don't wait for costs to come down, for they never will.

If you have been planning on building, do it now. In our day material and labor will never be any cheaper. We are living on a new level. Come up to it, for it is never going to sink to yours. Forget the low prices of a few years ago, for they are only dreams that will never again be realized. Take up your work and go forward with it on the new plan. Everything has undergone a change. Let your viewpoint keep pace with everything else and view things as they are and not as you want them to be or hope they will be. Let this be your resolution for 1920 and if it is, then you will have the Happy and Prosperous New Year that The Herald wishes you.

## SETS HEARING DATE

Justice N. J. Chapman has fixed next Monday at 10 o'clock as the time set for hearing the charges of assault and battery brought against Dan Bresnan, D. J. C. Murphy and Dave Breen by John Denehy, as the result of a Christmas eve row in Merrill. The cases are transferred on a change of venue from the Merrill justice court.

## HALF MILLION ARE ENROLLED IN SCOUTS

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The Boy Scouts of America have grown to a total membership of 470,034 since its organization nine years ago, according to the annual report. Of this number 14,826 are scout masters and 17,334 assistants while of the 69,351 troop committees men and local council members all but 250 are unpaid volunteers.

The scouts obtained 2,243,947 subscriptions in the five liberty loan campaigns amounting to \$354,180,687, and war savings stamps amounting to more than \$50,000,000.

Nearly 100,000 scouts were awarded medals by the treasury department for their work.

## BONANZA BANK GETS DECREE OF FORECLOSURE.

Foreclosure judgment was entered by the circuit court yesterday in two separate suits instituted by the Bank of Bonanza, one against Roy Tracy and the other against Joe E. and Roy Tracy. The judgments were for \$200, interest and costs, in one suit and \$125 against each of the defendants, with interest and costs, in the other. The land affected by the foreclosure decree is in section 14, township 29 south, range 15 east, consisting of about 360 acres.

## COURT GRANTS DIVORCE; MAIDEN NAME RESTORED.

Esther Folsom was granted a decree of divorce from George D. Folsom in the circuit court yesterday on the ground of cruelty. Plaintiff's maiden name, Esther Rockaband, was restored by the decree.

Two new divorce actions were filed. Joseph C. Fraters against Emma E. Fraters and Laura V. Howell against G. W. Howell, Jr. The suit of Lottie Schonchin against Jess Schonchin was dismissed.

## NO PAPER NEW YEAR'S

The Herald office will be closed, in common with other business places, tomorrow, and there will be no paper issued.

## CRIMSON TEAM HAILS JACK FROST AS ALLY.

Pasadena, Dec. 31.—Harvard football coaches and players of the crimson squad awoke in a frosty atmosphere this morning and felt more at home than any time since their arrival. They welcomed the fallen temperature gleefully. Oregon players viewed the change with less pleasure. The teams will taper off their training today. Both squads are doing just enough to avoid staleness and both head coaches express satisfaction at the condition of the men. The New Year's game has created the greatest interest ever shown in an East against West Classic.

## LARGE AUDIENCE CAPTIVATED BY FAMOUS SINGER

Alice Nielsen has come and gone leaving a lasting impression—an impression of graciousness, delicacy and refinement and of musical art carried to a height only possible to a great artist.

From the opening aria until the last encore was sung the audience that filled every seat in Houston's Opera House sat in rapt attention swept now and then by gusts of applause, the spontaneous expression of surprised and delighted listeners.

Miss Nielsen was at her best and carried her audience with her. Her voice from the full low notes to the high pure quality of her high notes displayed remarkable range, power and ease. Nothing can surpass the beauty of phrasing, delicacy of touch, clearness of diction and pianissimo effects, sustained and marvelous.

The programme was selected with taste and was suited to the occasion. Mozart's great aria from "Figaro" was sung with great breadth and displayed the dramatic power of the prima donna. It furnished the classical touch and was succeeded by groups of songs by the best modern composers, both English and French and furnished a variety of expression which none have the versatility to express better than did Miss Nielsen.

In the first group the Arseny number, "But lately in dance" as expressed by Miss Nielsen was a thing of exquisite beauty and the succeeding group of French songs was sung with an art that brought repeated applause.

The last group of English songs with the encores of "Old Folks at Home," "Comin' through the Rye," and Tosti's "Goodbye" captivated the audience and will not soon be forgotten. The "Lullaby" by Scott and "An Open Secret" by Woodman were the final touch of tenderness and beauty.

A notable feature of the evening was the playing of Mr. Thomas Griselle, composer and pianist. His accompaniments were both extremely delicate and spirited. The quaint "Minuet" and "Bouree," his own compositions, were much appreciated as was his interpretation of Chopin's "Impromptu in A flat." But when Miss Nielsen sang Mr. Griselle's beautiful setting of Heine's "The Sea Bath its Pearls," the audience were satisfied only when Miss Nielsen graciously brought the young composer to the front of the stage to receive their tribute of praise.

The Musical Study Club did a great thing for the city in bringing Miss Nielsen. It is certain that she will be received as a greatly admired favorite, whenever it is possible to secure from her a return engagement.

No small part of the success of this concert was due to the efforts and co-operation of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Shepherd. The grand piano which contributed so largely to pleasure of the evening was furnished by the Shepherd Piano Company.

In Mexico young ladies never receive calls from young men and are not escorted to entertainments by them.

## MAY NOT SIGN PROTOCOL ON JANUARY 6TH

German Representatives Not Fully Empowered to Act in All Details—May Again Delay Ceremonial Ratification Beyond Date Set

PARIS, Dec. 31.—Although the supreme council today fixed January 6 as the date for signing the peace protocol and exchanging ratifications of the German peace treaty, complications are developing which, it is thought by some persons in council circles, may again cause postponement of the ceremony of putting the treaty into effect.

It has developed that the technical German delegates who are here to arrange the multitude of details connected with the plebiscites, in territories which must decide whether they desire to be detached from Germany do not have full power to act. The signing of the protocol on January 6 may, therefore, depend upon whether the German representatives can secure these powers.

## POPULAR RAILWAY MAN TRANSFERRED

After ten years on the local branch of the Southern Pacific, J. P. Duncan, well-known conductor, has been transferred to a main line run between Ashland and Gerber and left today for Ashland with his family, where they will establish their residence.

Mr. Duncan has had the local run since 1909 and during his long period of service has made many warm friends among the traveling public, as well as in railway circles. His friends will greet the announcement of his transfer with regret. His place here has been taken by D. C. Agler.

## OTTOMAN CAPITAL TO BE TAKEN FROM EUROPE.

PARIS, Dec. 31.—The internationalization of Constantinople and the Dardanelles has been decided upon along the lines laid down by Lloyd George in his recent speech, according to the "Matin." It seems certain, says the newspaper, that the seat of the Turkish government will be transferred to Asia Minor. Details of the form of international control proposed have not yet become known.

## FORD CUTS NEW YEAR MELON WITH EMPLOYEES.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 31.—An elaboration of its profit sharing plan by the distribution of bonuses that will total between eight and ten million dollars was announced by the Ford Motor company today. Approximately 90,000 employees will be eligible to participate.

## BANDITS MAKE HAUL FROM NEBRASKA BANK.

OMAHA, Dec. 31.—Four unmasked robbers shortly before noon entered the Farmers & Merchants National bank in the Benson suburb, lined the six employees and five customers against the wall and robbed the vault of \$115,000 in cash and bonds. The robbers escaped in an automobile.

## SPROULE IS PRESIDENT OF THE S. P. SYSTEM.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—William Sproule was today elected president of the Southern Pacific company to succeed Julius Kruttschnitt, who continues as chairman of the board of directors.

## WOOD'S HAT IN RING.

PIERRE, S. D. Dec. 31.—Major General Leonard Wood today filed his formal announcement of candidacy for President with the secretary of state.