

I. W. W. ASK FOR VENUE CHANGE

MONTESANO, Wash., Jan. 26.—Judge John M. Wilson this afternoon denied the motion for change of venue in the Centralia murders hearing. He said that the showing made by the defense in behalf of a change was insufficient.

"The law does not permit a second change of venue in cases of this character in my opinion," said the court.

W. H. Able, attorney for the prosecution, attacked the character of two signers of affidavits presented by the defense. He declared that Roy Lampitt of Hoquiam, who was an investigator for the defense, has been a strike organizer and was arrested as a draft dodger. Joseph Schroeyer of Aberdeen, was also a draft dodger, he claimed.

Attorney Vandever, of the defense said that organized labor was intensely interested in the trial.

MONTESANO, Wash., Jan. 26.—A motion for change of venue in the case of eleven I. W. W. charged with the Centralia murders was made today by Attorney Vandever for the defense. He offered as exhibits clippings from northwestern newspapers which he maintained tended to create prejudice against the defendants.

MONTESANO, Wash., Jan. 26.—Eleven men, said to be members of the Industrial Workers of the World, faced trial here today on charges of first degree murder in connection with the killing of Warren O. Grimm, one of four men who were shot to death in an Armistice Day parade at Centralia, Wash., Nov. 11, 1919.

Two other alleged I. W. W., also charged with murder, have not yet been apprehended.

The victims of the shooting were all Centralia residents, and former service men; Grimm, a lieutenant and former University of Washington football star; Ernest Dale Hubbard, shoe dealer; Arthur McElfresh, druggist and Ben Casgranda, bootblack.

In the prisoner's dock of the superior court here today were Elmer Smith, Britt Smith, Ray Becker, Bert Falkner, James McInerney, Bert Bland, Mike Rigsby, Eugene Barnett, Loren Roberts, John Lamb, and O. C. Bland. They pleaded not guilty at Chehalis and were granted a change of venue to Montesano.

In the investigation many eye witnesses said the first shooting was begun without warning or provocation by those inside the I. W. W. hall. Some said the firing began from the hall after a single shot from the Avalon hotel, opposite the hall.

At the coroner's inquest Dr. Frank Bickford, Centralia physician and former service man who was marching in the parade testified that the shooting began only after the marchers started to rush the hall.

Wesley Everetts, said to have been an I. W. W. organizer and the slayer of Hubbard, was spirited from the jail in the night following the shooting. The electric lights of the town having been cut off. He was taken by a mob to a bridge over the Chehalis river where he was hanged.

Several service men who were wounded by shots have completely recovered.

Twenty-four men, rounded up after the shooting, were charged with criminal activities but several of these have since been released.

\$5000 HEART BALM IS AWARDED LOCAL GIRL.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 26.—Margaret Purcell of Klamath Falls, Or., listened seriously to the wooing of T. H. Blair, of Seattle previous to April 18, 1918, and then Blair went away for a while. Miss Purcell avowed in court that she learned he was unable to fulfill his engagement of marriage with her because he already had a wife. It was on April 18, 1918, that the two became engaged, Miss Purcell told the court. She was suing for \$10,000 for breach of promise.

Numerous letters and a gold engagement ring were produced in court as evidence in the case. Judge W. A. Reynolds of Pacific county heard the case. The jury brought in a verdict awarding Miss Purcell \$5,000 and did not know where he could get that much.

COURT OPENED BY MEDFORD JURIST

Judge F. N. Calkins of Medford opened court here this morning to hear several cases in which Judge Kaykendall is disqualified.

The first action set for trial in the case of Haller against Hopkins, in which the issue is malicious prosecution.

Attorneys in the courthouse litigation expect some angles of this matter to be heard at this session of the court. A hearing on demurrer is scheduled and it is possible that the court may try the entire matter at this time. At least it is expected that it will be definitely set down for hearing, even if a later date for the trial is fixed.

ORGANIZE AND FIGHT, ADVICE OF SECRETARY

Below is an address by Fred R. Reed, of Pocatello, Idaho, executive secretary of the Idaho Reclamation association, which touches closely the situation that Klamath county, in common with all western projects is up against. The address was given before the recent organization of the Western Irrigation association at Salt Lake, the first big step in organization for the fight that Reed advocates, as follows:

Let the West organize and fight, not with bombs and riots, but with a fixed principle that our cause is just and right and reclamation we are going to have.

The West is peopled with the flower of the land east of the Rockies. We are a brave, wholesome people engaged in building up a great commonwealth west of the Rockies.

We of the West are not asking for charity or donations; we want the United States Government to loan us on good security money enough to reclaim our arid, swamp, and cut-over lands of the West.

We are generous, law-abiding people, but we are not going to permit the political acrobats of any party to block the wheels of progress of the development of the West. Our eastern friends must know that the West elected the President, and we of the wild-and-wooly know, and more so every day, that the West now holds the balance of power, and all we want is fair treatment. We demand it and are going to fight for it and as a United West, and Reclamation is what we want.

It is high time that some of those eastern and southern "Lords of Politics" were properly introduced to the real West, and educated to the fact that west of the Rockies a real commonwealth is in the making, and that a little sop in the shape of a few public buildings, some highways, and a few other puny appropriations will not satisfy the West. All of that ended with the war.

We have patiently waited for the West's share of congressional appropriations for development purposes, and we are going to organize and demand our rights. Returned soldiers and sailors will soon tire of the dilly-dallying promises and hot air that is being peddled to them, and when they make their power felt we will be properly introduced and the West will be reclaimed.

Honorable Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior, and one of the brainiest men we have had in high positions in public life for many years, is working day and night for Reclamation. The citizens of the West and returned soldiers and sailors will soon ask the question: "Why is he hampered by Congress in the great humane work he is attempting to do, which is also a safe business proposition?"

The constructive development of the West is a bigger proposition, more important to the United States than any political party with its broken promises and clap-trap jugglings. A long suffering people, thank God, at last waking up, and the signal fires of better conditions for humanity are to be seen in the Rocky Mountain region and Reclamation is our watchword.

It is ridiculous, unfair and non-sensical that there should be any knocking over a five hundred million

MEMORIALS FOR MEN WHO DIED

The nearest relatives of men who died during the World War are requested to send the full name of the soldiers, sailors, or marines making the supreme sacrifice to the secretary of Klamath Post, No. 8, American Legion, as soon as possible, in order that the men may be remembered in the presentation of memorial certificates of the French government.

Presentation ceremonies will be held by local posts of the American Legion on February 22, 1920, Washington's birthday.

With the names of the men who died should go the names and addresses of the next-of-kin and the probable place where they can be reached on February 22.

Among the Klamath county men who made the supreme sacrifice were Howard Boggs, Van Ellen Cornish, and Ray Peters. Relatives or friends of these men should send whatever information they possess as to the next-of-kin to the secretary of Klamath Post at once. There are other soldiers, whose names are not recalled, perhaps some who are unknown to the local post, who died for liberty. Anyone having information about any soldier who laid down his life in the service of his country should send the information to the secretary of the local post immediately, so that the presentation of memorials can be made on February 22.

GENERAL CONDITIONS IN TWELFTH DIST.

Heavy snows and severe cold weather in the Pacific Northwest and the interior sections of this district have brought livestock out to the ranges and forced earlier winter feeding than usual, requiring heavy purchases of feed, at exceptionally high prices, according to a statement issued through the Associated Press by headquarters for the Twelfth Federal reserve district.

It is anticipated, however, that the snowfall will result in satisfactory range condition in the late spring and early summer. Winter wheat was practically undamaged by the cold and the heavy snows will greatly increase the moisture content of the soil, thereby improving the prospects for large per acre yields during 1920. Fruit trees in Oregon, particularly peach and pear trees, have suffered from freezing. The exact amount of damage, however, will not be ascertainable for some time. In California, barley is sprouting very slowly and lack of rain is causing some anxiety concerning prospects for 1920 crops.

The major portion of the Washington commercial apple crop of 19,320,000 boxes, which compares with a 1918 crop of 12,888,000 boxes, is out of the hands of the growers, having been marketed at record prices. The dealers are now suffering a loss reported at approximately \$750 per car through the recent drop in prices and the heavy losses due to freezing of fruit in common storage and in transit.

dollar appropriation for Reclamation when, without batting an eye Congress appropriates larger amounts for purposes of far less importance to the people. A close scrutiny of the Rivers and Harbors appropriation every year has emitted a perky effluvia.

The time to act is right now. We of the West have been the victims of too much political pussy-footing. We have listened to the cooling of the political stria too long. We've been dragged with too many political narcotics. All of that were our yesterdays, but our today is different. We want a square deal and want Congress to reclaim our West.

Let us thoroughly organize Idaho by all joining the Idaho Reclamation Association, and all other Western States each organize, and then organize an Association of Western States, all on sound business principles. We will then have six million of people at our back. Then approach our Uncle Sam with a boiled-down business proposition to loan us the money to reclaim our West and we will not knock in vain.

POST WILL NOT SEND DELEGATE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—After a conference with the secretary of the interior relative to the leasing of the marsh lands in upper Klamath lake to Doak & Brown, San Francisco contractors, Senator Chamberlain and Representative Sinnott telegraphed to the American Legion post at Klamath Falls requesting that the post send a personal representative here.

A representative of Doak & Brown attended the hearing and said the firm would consider accepting a cash compensation for diking the public lands on upper Klamath lake in lieu of life leasing plan whereby the land would be used for 30 years in payment for the work.

He said however, that the firm would reserve the right to cancel its contract any time within six months.

J. H. Carnahan, commander of the local legion post, stated today that the telegram from Washington had been received, but it was not feasible for a member of the post to be present at the hearing as the post has been under great expense in fighting the leases so far and the cost of sending a delegate would outweigh the benefit that might be derived. Percy A. Cupper, state engineer is on the ground and represents the Legion's attitude, as also are members of the Legion's national legislative committee which has headquarters in Washington.

NEVERSLIPS UP FROM CELLAR

Two postponed contests in the Elks tournament, schedule were rolled off yesterday, the Neverslips taking three straight from the Sawdust Club in one, and the Rookies two out of three from the Duffs in the other. Quite a change is made in the club standing by the first match, Ackley's Sawdust Club no longer holding a perfect record, while the Neverslips emerge from a cellar position to share second place with the Rookies.

W. O. Smith is still high with an individual average of 195.8-9 for nine games; Laenk ranking a close second with 190.1-3, and Van Bellen third with 186 for a like number.

The score for the two games yesterday follows:

Neverslips			
	1st	2nd	3rd Total
Van Bellen	195	168	167—530
Rogers	192	163	*180—
Hardenbrook	163	184	221—568
Mason	176	174	153—503
726 689 721			

*Noel bowled third frame for Rogers.

Averages: Van Bellen, 176 2-3; Hardenbrook 189 1-3; Mason, 167-2-3.

Sawdust			
	1st	2nd	3rd Total
Ackley	197	172	177—546
Lennox	128	148	160—436
DeLap	143	147	158—448
Ambrose	133	181	183—497
601 648 678			

Averages: Ackley, 182; Lennox 146 1-3; DeLap 149 1-3; Ambrose 165 2-3.

Rookies			
	1st	2nd	3rd Total
Hayden	179	184	185—548
Carter	156	144	169—469
Jefferson	158	175	149—482
Upp	158	186	174—518
651 689 677			

Averages: Hayden 182 2-3; Carter 156 1-3; Jefferson, 160 2-3; Upp 172 2-3.

DUFFS			
	1st	2nd	3rd Total
L. Houston	153	150	160—463
Moore	188	137	177—502
W. Houston	206	150	108—464
Smith	158	173	183—514
705 610 628			

Averages: L. Houston 154 1-3; Moore 167 1-3; W. Houston 154 2-3; Smith 171 1-3.

Standing of the Clubs.

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Sawdust	5	3	625
Rookies	5	4	555
Neverslips	5	4	555
Duffs	5	4	555
Spark Plugs	4	5	444
Ducks	3	6	333

POE VALLEY DRIVE NETS 700 RABBITS

The rabbit drive held in Poe Valley yesterday on the Stewart ranch was the most successful of any drive yet this season. Seven hundred rabbits were killed during this drive. A small drive was made Thursday into the same pens which resulted in killing about three hundred rabbits. Another big drive will be held in the Poe Valley district next Sunday, February 1. The people will meet at the Homer Roberts ranch, near the upper Poe Valley school house.

PONY EXPRESS INAUGURATED 60 YEARS AGO

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 26.—Just 60 years ago the pony express which carried letters from St. Louis to San Francisco in eight days was inaugurated. Today plans are being made to establish a transcontinental airplane mail service, and trail-blazing flights have been made as far west as Omaha.

It was a great achievement when the pony express was started to carry the mail to the young but bustling state of California in 1860. Its inauguration was preceded by the publication in a St. Louis paper in March, of that year, of the following advertisement.

"To San Francisco in eight days. The first carrier of the Pony Express will leave the Missouri river on Tuesday, April 3 and will run regularly weekly thereafter, carrying letter mail only. Telegraph mail eight days, letters ten days to San Francisco.

The population of San Francisco and other California towns eagerly welcomed this service, bringing them into touch as it did with the states from which the gold hunters and other fortune seekers had migrated.

Ten riders going each way, with changed horses every twenty-five miles, brought the pouches of mail across the thousand mile wilderness. The pony express, with its fast riders, among them "Buffalo Bill" (Colonel William F. Cody), then a young man, was one of the most romantic features of the great western country. Many were the adventures these daring riders had. They averaged seventy-five miles a day, but often covered double that distance. "Buffalo Bill" once made a ride of 384 miles when the messenger who was waiting was killed. Often chased by Indians or "snipped" by outlaws, the pony express riders were exposed to death at all times, and they braved rain and snow storm, as part of an everyday duty.

One of the memorable achievements of the pony express was the delivery of Lincoln's inaugural address in 1861, when all the western country was waiting for the momentous news from the Capital. The address was hurried to St. Joseph, Mo., the "taking off place" of the pony express. Wrapped in oil skin and put in saddle bags the address was started on its way amid wild cheers. Fresh horses waited at every ten miles, and the final ten miles before reaching San Francisco was made in 31 minutes. The message was carried by the riders a total of 1,950 miles in 185 hours, an average of a little more than ten miles an hour. That was wonderful in those days.

BANK CLEARINGS.

Local bank clearings for the week ending January 24, 1920 were \$282,424.44, according to the local clearing house statement, against \$171,368.57 for the same period in 1919.

WEATHER REPORT.

OREGON—Rain or snow and colder; moderate northerly winds.

AUTO SHIPMENT ARRIVES.

Two carloads of Paige cars have been received by the Imperial garage and are being unloaded today.

PORTLAND, Jan. 26.—The conviction and three-year sentence of Marie Equi for violation of the espionage act by a speech at a Portland I. W. W. meeting will stand. The supreme court today refused to review the case.

GOVERNMENT TO FIGHT THE "FLU"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—A resolution carrying an appropriation of \$500,000 for fighting the influenza was adopted by the senate today.

CHICAGO, Jan. 26.—Today's influenza toll was the highest so far, with 250 deaths, but the number of new cases decreased. Officials believe the epidemic is waning.

PORTLAND, Jan. 26.—A woman died here today from influenza, the first death so far reported. There are 14 cases here.

While there are rumors that a few mild cases of influenza have developed in Klamath Falls, Dr. A. A. Soule, city health officer, stated this afternoon that he had not received a report of a single case within the city limits. He said that he had heard of a case in a family, named Cunningham, in the neighborhood of the Lost River gap.

HUSBAND INFLECTS SEVERE PUNISHMENT

Harry Scribner, said to be an ex-bartender from Dorris, who has been living here for the last few months, is in the hospital with a partly severed wrist and badly lacerated scalp, and J. W. Moorman is in jail awaiting hearing on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon with intent to kill, as the result of another hot-blooded attempt to solve the age-old equation—the eternal triangle of two men and a woman—last evening. The third figure in the equation is Moorman's wife, proprietress of the Moorman rooming-house at Eighth and Main streets, and the dangerous weapon with which Moorman sought to force a solution of his domestic problem was an ordinary hand saw.

Moorman's story to the police is that he found Scribner and Mrs. Moorman in an affectionate embrace and, blinded with rage, seized the first weapon that came handy and attacked the man he believed was attempting to wreck his home. Scribner retreated before the attack of the enraged husband, receiving some severe scalp wounds in his flight. He tumbled down the rooming house stairs into the street with Moorman in pursuit. Finally he fell, exhausted from loss of blood, on the sidewalk opposite the rooming house, with a gaping wound in the wrist, which severed cords and arteries. A crowd quickly surrounded the spot and the police came to the rescue of Scribner. A tourniquet was bound around his wrist and he was taken to the hospital, while the officers took Moorman into custody.

Reports from the hospital today said that Scribner's condition was not dangerous and he will recover in a few days.

BRISK SEAT SALE SATURDAY NIGHT

The seat sale for the Ruth St. Denis concert took a brisk spurt Saturday night. There are a few good seats left and these are on sale at Earl Shepherd's music store, but in view of Saturday's sales it seems likely that the house will be entirely sold out before Thursday night, the evening of the concert.

Miss St. Denis, with her company of nine dancers, besides Ellis Rhodes, dramatic tenor, and Pauline Lawrence, pianist, will arrive Wednesday night. The company carries its own electrician to provide the proper lighting effects for the dancers.

Klamath Falls is probably the only one of the smaller cities of Oregon to secure a St. Denis engagement, and when the handicap of distance from the main line is considered, in addition to the other obstacles which the Ladies' Musical club overcame in securing the performance, it adds lustre to the triumph of their achievement.

NEW UNION FORMED

The machinists and auto mechanics of Klamath Falls have organized a union and expect to receive their charter Thursday night, at which time election of officers will be held.