

JAIL BREAKERS ARE RE-TAKEN

Fred Ford, alleged forger, and Guy Christ, accused of larceny, who escaped from the local jail last Tuesday, are again in custody. They were brought in Saturday afternoon, having been captured near the California line by Bert Hawkins, under sheriff, Price Robb, U. S. Indian officer, and J. F. Morley, constable.

The men were not armed when taken by the officers, but persons in the neighborhood said they had displayed guns and made threats that they would not be taken without a fight. The officers were therefore expecting a battle and were armed with high-power rifles.

Robb first got sight of Christ hidden behind a weed pile and ordered him to surrender. The fugitive began crawling away, but a bullet from the officer's rifle planted in the ground close behind him brought him to his feet with his hands up.

Ford, meantime, was hiding in a shed close by. Threats from the officers to riddle the building with bullets, accompanied by a shot aimed high, brought the other fugitive out.

Both Ford and Christ suffered much from hardships during their brief period of liberty. They were scantily equipped with blankets and foraged for meals at farm houses, eating irregularly. As a result, both are weakened and the officers fear Ford is threatened with influenza.

PURCHASES BIG TIMBER TRACT

SISSON, Cal., Feb. 16.—C. M. Reidy of Los Angeles, formerly a banker of Klamath Falls, Oregon, has purchased the mill and timber holdings of J. N. Durney, near Igera, Siskiyou county, consisting of 5480 acres with an estimated stand of 20,000,000 feet of timber.

Reidy will spend about \$40,000 improving the mill and roads. It is reported he will build two small sawmills in the timber and the lumber will be taken to the railroad on motor trucks and a shingle mill is planned. The Durney sawmill has been closed down six years.

Mr. Reidy was formerly connected with the First State & Savings Bank here and is the owner of the building occupied by the Link River Electric company, and other property in this city.

A year or two since he became interested with W. I. Clarke in the establishment of a box factory at Oakland, Cal., and it is probably to supply the lumber for the Oakland factory that the present timber purchase is made.

BIDS TAKEN ON GERMAN VESSELS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Despite protests, voiced in the Senate and elsewhere and court proceedings to stay the action, the Shipping Board today received bids for 30 former German liners. Spirited bidding developed for certain vessels and groups. The District Supreme Court today took under advisement William Randolph Hearst's application for an injunction to stop the sale, and will give a decision Friday. The Senate requested the Shipping Board to defer the sale until some definite action is taken by the Senate on the subject.

YOUNG INDIAN IS PNEUMONIA VICTIM

Lennox John John, aged 34 years, a native of Klamath County, died in this city yesterday morning from pneumonia. He is survived by a wife and two children, and by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mose John.

The decedent was born on the Klamath reservation and spent his life there. The body was taken to Yainax today, where the funeral and interment will take place.

R. H. STRIKE DELAYED BUT NOT CANCELLED

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 16.—The proposed strike of railroad maintenance of way employees called for today did not materialize, but brotherhood officials announced that the strike order had not been cancelled but merely postponed. It was announced that unless speedy relief in the matter of wages is given the workers the strike will take place.

DEATH SUMMONS VERNON HOUSTON

After battling bravely for days with an attack of pneumonia, James Vernon Houston, 31 years old, a native of this city and son of a prominent family, died Saturday afternoon at 3:40 o'clock. He was taken seriously ill a week ago Friday. He had been suffering from the effects of an accident at Martin Bros. mill, a couple of weeks previous, when a pile of flour fell on him and fractured three ribs. It is believed that some internal injury was also sustained, which aided in the development of pneumonia.

The decedent was born, reared and received his education here and was known to practically everyone who has resided for any length of time in the city. All were his friends and all speak highly of his character. He was a typical American youth, self-reliant, industrious, loyal and clean-living—a specimen of young American manhood whose life is an asset to any community and whose death is a serious deprivation.

He was born in Klamath Falls, June 28, 1888. He attended the local schools here. When slightly past his majority, on May 25, 1911, he married Miss Goldie Barnes of this city. One son, Dean Houston, was born to the union. The widow and son survive him. Other relatives are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Houston, and four brothers and one sister, Fred L., G. W., Leo L., John H., and Vera Houston.

The funeral services were held at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon from Whitlock's chapel. The Rev. E. P. Lawrence officiated.

SHIPPINGTON MAN CHARGES ASSAULT

Tom Collins, an employe of the Pelican Bay Lumber company, was charged in the justice court this morning with assault and battery, on complaint made by John Isoard. He pleaded not guilty and was released pending hearing on \$30 cash bail.

From the statement of witnesses it appears that Collins was engaged in nursing patients in a temporary hospital. He noticed Isoard smoking in the lobby of the building and warned him to stop. Isoard says he thought Collins was joking and did not quit smoking, whereupon, witnesses say, Collins went away and returned with a gun, with which he struck Isoard, knocking him down and assaulting him. Isoard bore many marks of conflict.

L. A. MAN IS IN BANDITS' CLUTCHES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Wilson Welsh Adams, American, has been captured by bandits in Zachticas, Mexico, and is being held for fifty thousand pesos ransom, the state department was advised today. Adams, wife and children live in Los Angeles.

The American embassy at Mexico City has been instructed to bring the kidnapping to the attention of the Mexican authorities with the request that the necessary steps be taken to obtain Adams' release.

It is reported that three columns of Mexican troops have been sent out from Zachticas and are trying to locate Adams and his captors.

MEETING POSTPONED

Because of the illness of members the meeting of the Ladies of the B. P. O. E. has been postponed until the first Tuesday in March.

PASTEURIZATION PLAN DISCUSSED

There is a movement, started by dairymen and distributors, for milk pasteurization, and an ordinance was introduced at the last meeting of the city council requiring the pasteurization of all milk sold in Klamath Falls after May 1 next. R. B. Wilcox, one of the originators of the movement, discusses below the question from the viewpoint of a proponent of pasteurization:

To the milk users of Klamath Falls:

In regard to the proposed ordinance for pasteurizing milk, I wish to call to your attention a few facts in favor of such a milk.

On page 253 of the Physiology taught in your schools you find this statement: "Milk may be pasteurized and this is the ONLY way to make it really safe." Again on this page we find this: "It is almost as easy to pasteurize milk as to cook any other food, and there is no more reason why we should drink uncooked milk than raw meat." The book goes on to explain how this may be done in any home at no additional expense, but why make this extra work in the home when the milk producer or distributor can do this for you, and not add any additional expense to your milk bill.

There are methods that cost but little, that can be used by any producer or distributor for pasteurizing; so the argument that it would work a hardship on a small dealer, is without foundation.

As to changing its food value I have been unable to find any authority supporting the theory advocated by some that it has less food efficiency. On the other hand I can cite you government reports, medical texts and eminent authorities that tell us that it loses none of its food value, and for people with poor digestion it is better.

A few days ago I called on a physician who was in charge of one of the big base hospitals in France for a time, and I asked his opinion on pasteurized milk, as to whether its food value was lessened. He said that there was no proof to his knowledge that such was the case, and on the other hand, he produced from his latest medical reports, the fact that pasteurized milk was better than raw milk for people with poor digestion.

Again in a government report on safe milk, by Earnest A. Sweet, I find the following suggestions: "It is entirely feasible for any city to protect in a measure the lives of its babies, by simple regulations of its milk supply." Again, "a number of American cities require that all milk shall be pasteurized, so that large plants where this process is performed are common." Again, "milk which has been adequately pasteurized is therefore to be regarded as the safest milk which one can consume."

On page 23 of the above report I find the following which might answer the objections of some. "The taste and appearance of pasteurized milk differs little from those of untreated milk." For the benefit of those who may say "I know better than that, for I have tasted pasteurized milk," I will say that in all probabilities the milk you tasted was raised to a higher temperature than 145 degrees. If the milk is heated much warmer than that it becomes a scalded milk and the flavor is changed.

In conclusion I wish to say that your present milk producers are reliable men who have entered into an agreement with the distributor of milk to furnish a better milk than has ever been placed on the market before. They are taking every precautionary measure possible, but they, and all other reasonable persons, know that without pasteurization milk is not entirely safe. They are willing and anxious to do their part and you are not treating them fairly if you do not insist that any and every other milk dealer make the same effort to give you a safe milk.

As to the price of milk the producers are desirous of having a representative from the consumers to meet with them, and the distributor, to arrange a fair price on milk.

If there is any desire on the part of the consumers for further information on this subject, or if any organization in the city is desirous of fur-

DEFENSE LEAGUE WILL DISBAND

Klamath Falls, Oregon, February 16, 1920.

To the members of the Klamath County Council of Defense:

It appears to me that the time has come to wind up the affairs of our organization, as the boys who were in the service are generally at home and have their own organization. If the time should come when we are needed again, I have the list of members and will call you together again.

At the time of the worst activities of the enemies of the country in our midst, the Elks lodge kindly loaned us the use of their hall and we organized under the name of the Klamath Falls Defense League, with about 100 members and chose Chas. F. Stone, as president and Geo. J. Walton, as secretary. In June, 1918, the government organized the National Council of Defense, and the Defense Council was merged into the new organization and the scope was broadened to take in the whole county under the name of the Klamath County Council of Defense. C. D. Chorpeneing was chosen as president and C. C. Hogue as secretary. An executive committee consisting of the officers and Geo. J. Walton, Jack Kimball, S. E. Martin, B. E. Withrow, Fred Schallock and Frank Ward were chosen. Later J. A. Gordon and A. B. Epperson were added.

The expenses of the two organizations were met by voluntary contributions, a few earnest men, giving \$1.00 a month, and others all over the County as they felt able. Under the first organization \$134.00 was donated and \$91.75 expended for detective work and stationary and other expenses, the balance \$42.25 being turned over to the second organization. The officers of the latter received, altogether, including the above balance, \$265.50 and expended \$188.91, of which \$75.00 was for clerical help, and the rest for stationery, printing, detective work, etc., the details of which can be seen by any member of the Council, who wishes to call on me.

The newer organization proceeded to form local councils in every part of the county, and the leaders in each community were prompt and faithful in reporting any seditious activities and aided materially in keeping the County in line with the War Loans as well. Over 200 men outside Klamath Falls were listed in the organization, making a total membership of about 300.

It is proposed that the balance in hand \$76.59 be donated to the local Red Cross, to aid in combating the influenza and in furnishing the detention hospital. If no objections are filed with me by February 24, this will be done.

I take this occasion to thank the Elks lodge and all the members of the organization for their cordial cooperation and assistance in the work, which those who were inside know was well worth while. Mr. Chorpeneing and I not only gave our time free of charge, but contributed our share in money. The same is true of the members of the executive committee.

C. C. HOGUE,
President and Secretary.

FORECLOSURE SUIT.

The Lexington Realty company has begun suit in the circuit court to quiet title to a piece of land in which defendant is alleged to maintain an adverse claim.

Further information the writer will be glad to discuss the subject with them.

I have had a connection with milk supply for about two and one-half years, and am sure that better arrangements should be made in regard to your milk than has heretofore been used. A plan to that end has been started by the producers and a city ordinance has been formulated by your health officer with the object in view of furnishing you a safe milk at as reasonable a price as milk is sold any place. Talk it over, think it over, be fair and just to all concerned, but above all protect the health of your family and your city.

Yours for a better milk.
R. B. WILCOX.

PROCLAMATION.

On account of the influenza situation in the City of Klamath Falls, Oregon, I hereby proclaim and request that all places of business, amusements and pleasure, including all schools in the city of Klamath Falls, Oregon, be closed during the whole of the 17th and 18th of February, 1920.

This action is taken in order that everybody may clean up and fumigate their buildings and destroy all trash and rubbish in their yard and in and about their buildings.

The business houses, Hotels and Lodging Houses are especially requested to fumigate and sterilize their buildings.

The city apparently now has the flu situation well in hand and this action is taken in order to prevent further spread of the disease.

I. R. STRUBLE,
Mayor of Klamath Falls.

Mayor Struble stated, in relation to the above proclamation, that a closing-up and cleaning-up period worked well last year and, he believed, if all good citizens will heed the proclamation, that the authorities will be able to get a stranglehold on the situation here.

The city emergency hospital in the old city hall building was opened yesterday, under supervision of C. C. Lowe, and a number of cases are isolated there. The building is filled, said the mayor, and two nurses have been secured, but there is need for more nurses.

CONTRACTOR HAS SOLD BUSINESS

J. H. Garrett announced today that he has closed the deal that has been pending for some time with the Warren Bros. Construction company, by which he has transferred to the Warren Bros., all his paving and other mechanical equipment. Some \$30,000 worth of sub-contracts which M. Garrett had taken from Warren Bros. for city paving have been cancelled by the deal and responsibility for their completion returns to Warren Bros.

Mr. Garrett has been in the contracting business here for the past nine years. Lately he has become interested in the garage business of Garrett & Son and has sold the contracting equipment in order to devote all his time to the garage.

The foundation is laid for a large garage building on Sixth street and Mr. Garrett says construction will be rushed just as soon as he can get the material on the ground.

G. O. P. DELEGATE BACK FROM PORTLAND SESSION.

C. K. Brandenburg, city councilman, returned last night from Portland, where he was one of the delegates from the local Republican club to the Lincoln Day dinner of the State Republican league.

The G. O. P. meeting was a harmonious affair, according to Mr. Brandenburg. Portland papers mention the local merchant as a possibility in the selection of Oregon delegates to the Republican national convention.

Telegraph Tabloids

HONOLULU, Feb. 16.—The Hawaiian Sugar Planters association has abandoned its "watchful waiting" policy in the sugar plantation strike, which began January 19, and today took the initiative by sending 200 strikebreakers to island plantations.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—It is understood here that the supreme council has decided to permit the sultan to remain at Constantinople as the Turkish sovereign, but the Dardanelles are to be placed under international control.

WEATHER REPORT.

OREGON—Fair, gentle easterly winds.

GOELLER & SON SELL BUSINESS

The Lakeside Lumber company is the latest business concern to enter the local field. It is, however, but a successor to one of the oldest and most reliable concerns that has ever done business in Klamath county—J. F. Goeller & Son. Today the papers were signed that has transferred the ownership of the planing mill, sash and door factory, the plant at Center and Klamath avenue and the Sixth street property to O. W. Robertson and Nelson Rounsevell, who assumed ownership of the business this morning. It will be under the management of Mr. Rounsevell.

The gentlemen identified with this new deal are among the best business men of the city. Both are hustling, progressive and constructive individuals, who have a reputation of making a success of what they undertake. There is urgent need for an enlargement and expansion of the business they have just taken over, and the announcement was made that this will be done at once. In the meantime a night crew will be put on if it is found necessary to catch up with the orders on hand.

The retirement of Mr. Goeller will come as a surprise, to his host of friends. Of the old school of business men whose word was always as good as his bond and who would complete a contract no matter how great the loss, though his verbal agreement was the only bond, Mr. Goeller built up for himself and his business a reputation that will be a valuable asset to the new owners. He has made no plans as to the future, the transfer having been made so suddenly that he has not had time to consider what business will demand his attention. No matter what comes he decides to follow, he will have with him the best wishes of those who know him and especially with whom he has had business relations.

MEXICO OIL FIGURES SHOW BIG SUPPLY

LAREDO, Tex., Feb. 16.—Mexico's supply of petroleum, "if worked thoroughly" would be greater than the entire production of the United States, according to the Mexican department of industry and commerce, as quoted by the Mexico City newspaper "Excelsior."

"The potential production of Mexico is practically 2,000,000 barrels daily," the newspaper continues, "and the exportation of petroleum last year was 50 per cent greater than the previous year." The value of that exported last year was \$45,887,421, on which a tax of \$4,700,000 was collected, the paper adds.

From January to November, 1919, twenty seven new wells were "brought in" from forty-three drillings to Mexico's oil fields, the newspaper says, and these wells have a potential production of 462,557 barrels daily.

The Excelsior also reported new mining activity in the state of Chihuahua, "due to the absence of the bandit, Villa, from that state." Many new locations are announced, and the old locations are being worked, with prospects "for a great year of prosperity, chiefly on account of the high price of silver."

LOCAL C. E. WORKERS ATTENDING CONVENTION.

Frank B. Robinson, president of the Christian Endeavor society of the Presbyterian church, was one of the speakers at last week's convention of the state Christian Endeavor society at Pendleton. Other speakers were Miss Faye Steinmetz, state president of the society and Paul Brown, an international lecturer for the organization.

Mr. Robinson will return home about the middle of the present week.

STATE LINKING CASE AGAINST ACCUSED MEN

MONTESANO, Feb. 16.—In an endeavor to prove there was much shooting from Seminary Hill during the Armistice Day parade at Centralia, the state today placed witnesses on the stand in the I. W. W. murder trials here who testified to hearing numerous shots from that direction. One witness said that he saw three men with guns running from the hill after the shooting.