

## POSTMASTER AT DORRIS FACES THEFT CHARGE

### W. E. Fox Arrested By Federal Inspectors—Accused of \$5,000 Robbery and Burning Building to Conceal

After spending last night in the Klamath county jail, W. E. Fox, postmaster at Dorris, Cal., a world war veteran and one of the respected citizens of the Dorris community, left this morning for California in custody of Inspectors Cauley and Sharon of the San Francisco branch of the U. S. postal department to face hearing on a charge of stealing \$5000 in currency, besides stamps and registered mail from the Dorris postoffice about a month ago, at which time the building was partially burned.

It is said that Fox made a complete confession to the inspectors Sunday during an examination which took place here. They took him back to Dorris where he showed them the hiding places of the money and packages.

About \$4000 of the currency loot was recovered. It is believed that all the registered mail and stamps were returned. Last evening the officers brought Fox to the local jail for safekeeping. He was taken south on this morning's train for hearing before the nearest commissioner, probably at Red Bluff.

The crime of which Fox is accused took place one Sunday night early in November. The \$5000 was money owned by the Butte Valley state bank, in transit by insured mail from their San Francisco correspondent. Unable to deliver the currency to the bank, which was closed over Sunday, Fox apparently saw an opportunity to make away with it and conceal his culpability by setting fire to the postoffice, which also contained his store stock, and was insured for \$4500.

The fire was discovered before it made great headway and quenched by the fire department. The money, registered mail and stamps were gone. Fox claimed the affair was a burglary and that the burglars had set fire and the theory apparently was accepted generally. The postoffice department, however, started an investigation.

Among those hoodwinked was the insurance company that carried the insurance on Fox's building, which paid him \$600 for the fire damage.

Various clues cropped out after the inspectors started investigation. Suspicion was directed to Fox primarily because it was apparent that he would have had the motive; motive for setting the fire after the robbery. Burglars would have lacked motive, after securing the loot, to burn the building, the investigators felt. Also, evidence of forced entrance was lacking when the firemen reached the fire. The doors were all locked and they had to break into the burning store.

Clue followed clue, all trifling in themselves. Fox began to spend more money than he could legitimately account for. He purchased an automobile from a Klamath Falls dealer last week, making a first payment of \$100. In a few days he paid \$400 more on the car.

The inspectors gathered all the threads together and confronted Fox with evidence, securing a confession. Fox is about 40 years old and has a wife and daughter, aged about 16. Up to this time he has borne a good reputation. During the war he resigned from the postmastership and enlisted, serving a couple of years. When he was discharged he resumed the office.

Ten or twelve years ago he was a resident of Klamath Falls, and for a time employed by the Southern Pacific company. He is well-known to many local residents.

## STEAM HEAT TURNED ON AT POSTOFFICE

With the turning on of the steam heat in the Evans block today, Klamath Falls gained the distinction of a steam heated postoffice. John McCall remarked that he supposed that the incoming Republican administration would claim all the credit, but whoever is responsible, the employees, as well as the patrons in the lobby, are comfortable at last.

Less than one third of the world's population uses bread as a daily food.

## Klamath Students Lead Activities At the University

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Dec. 3.—Virgil Delap of Klamath Falls, member of the Junior class, is one of the men on the committee which is listing new members among the university students, for the Oregon club. This club is the largest club in the men's organization on the campus. Its membership includes only those students who do not belong to any fraternity or other housing group.

Carl Newbury of Klamath Falls, Junior class president, has set the wheels in motion for a big Junior week-end next May. At a class meeting held a short time ago Newbury appointed the committee members who will begin planning the events. Junior week-end is one of the big university holidays each year. The Junior class is responsible for the events and general festivities on that occasion.

## COUNCIL TURNS DOWN CLAIMS FOR FIRE LOSS

Damage claims, aggregating approximately \$3,700, filed against the city by six survivors of the Houston hotel fire, were rejected by the city council last night on advice of the city attorney. Claimants based their demands on the ground that the council last January issued a rooming house permit to Mrs. W. B. Barnes to conduct the hotel, well knowing that fire protection facilities required by the state law were lacking.

### Boxing Board Annulled

The mayor filed a report, submitted by the boxing commission, now defunct, showing a balance of \$123 on hand, which was ordered deposited with the city treasurer. No appointments will be made for the new boxing commission, it was announced.

### Park Site Sale

A resolution was passed authorizing the city treasurer to accept \$10,000 from Ackley Bros. for the park site recently sold them for an industrial site on Lake Ewauna. The treasurer was directed to pay out this fund on order of the city park commission, which is considering purchase of another site for a public park, more suitable than the ground sold to Ackley Bros.

### Appointment of T. E. Thompson as City Fireman was Ratified

John Thorson was granted a permit to conduct weekly dances in the new Scandinavian hall, Ninth and Walnut, which will be completed in a week or so.

### Sixth St. Sidewalks

The city attorney was instructed to draft a resolution ordering sidewalks on both sides of Sixth street from Oak street to the railroad track. When the present council took control two years ago this improvement was suggested by Judge Leavitt, it developed from a remark by Councilman Colvin. No action has been taken until now, and present plan is to construct temporary wooden walks. The street is daily used by many pedestrians, employees of the box factories en route to and from work, and as there is much vehicle traffic there is constant danger of accident, it is said.

### To Raise Salaries

The city attorney was also instructed to draft an ordinance increasing the salaries of the city treasurer, city attorney and councilmen, in accordance with the decision of voters at the November election. The voters left the amounts indeterminate but it is expected the council will fix them at a maximum—\$1000 for the attorney and \$750 for the treasurer, annually, and \$6 per meeting for the council members.

Salaries of the mayor and police judge were specifically fixed by the voters at \$2,100, each, a year.

### Z. J. Powell was granted permit to repair the Owl cafe recently damaged by fire.

### Other Permits Granted:

Fred Buesing to build six two-room bungalows and two three-room bungalows in Nicholas addition.  
F. A. Wynnes to erect a three-room house in Buena Vista addition.  
F. W. Abbey to build a garage in Nicholas addition.  
Fred Wylis, to erect small garage in Darrow addition.  
J. C. Boyle to erect cement dwelling on Conger avenue.

## APPROPRIATION FOR KLAMATH PROJECT SPLIT

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—An appropriation by congress of \$713,000 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1921, is asked for the Klamath reclamation project, compared with \$289,000 received for current year expenditures.

For the Umatilla project \$467,000 is asked, against \$170,000 for the current year.

The Klamath Indian agency asks an appropriation of \$5,750.

Apparently the million and a quarter recommended a few days ago, according to a message received by the local chamber of commerce from Senator McNary, has met with disapproval in some Washington bureau.

The appropriation asked is practically a 50 per cent cut from the appropriation which Senator McNary's message said had been recommended.

## NEW GARAGE TO OPEN DEC. 15

L. O. Arens, who recently leased the Hauger building, opposite the White Pelican hotel on Main street, for several years, announced today that he would have his agency for Chevrolet cars opened by December 15. He is making necessary changes and improvements very rapidly and by the middle of the month expects to have the place in suitable condition for his needs.

Mr. Arens will carry a full stock of Chevrolet parts and will conduct a repair shop, with the assistance of a staff for expert factory mechanics, whose experience leaves no room for guess work in locating and repairing trouble of any kind.

Eleven years of road experience as representative of many makers of cars, including the Nash, Chalmers, Hudson, White truck, Essex and Chevrolet, has given Mr. Arens a very thorough knowledge of the automobile business. He came to Klamath Falls last spring with the idea of locating here, but congested conditions prevented and he started a garage at Siskiyou county. He had an eye on this city, however, as presenting the leading opportunity for development of the business and when a chance arose he disposed of the Siskiyou business and came here.

The new place will conduct a general garage business, carrying a complete line of accessories and oil and gasoline supplies for all motorists. Mr. Arens has secured the stock of the Low garage. He will be ready to receive customers by December 15, and by the first of the year expects to have a complete line of cars on display in all models and a full set of parts in stock.

Mr. Arens is married and has a

## LUMBER SHOWS SIGNS OF BIG PRICE RALLY

While the mill-owners of the west coast, Portland and vicinity are driven nearly to distraction by the condition of the lumber market, those in this territory are travelling the even tenor of their way, confident that the future holds none of the difficulties confronting the millmen of the north and west. At least they are not going to have so many of them. It looked for a while as if the bottom was going to drop out of the market here, but the past week or ten days have been brighter than anyone hoped for. One of the brightest spots of the market is the enormous quantities of lumber absorbed by the Southern California market, without the slightest indication of weakening. Ship load after ship load has poured in there from the west coast and the only cry that has arisen is for lumber piles.

Even these heavy shipments have not relieved conditions up the line with the result that every once in awhile a mill is forced to throw its cut on the market at whatever price it can get. But this condition does not apply to Klamath pine, which is staying right up at the top. Buyers are beginning to realize there will be little if any change in prices prevailing now and are beginning to put out feelers. The present indications are that within a short time there will be a strong movement on the part of buyers, with the result that prices will again start up and may reach close to that prevailing last year. One thing seems certain: There will be no "bottom dropping" conditions here.

## Wagner Promoting Christmas Smoker At Chiloquin Hall

"Bobbie" Wagner appears in the role of promoter instead of a bandier of wallops, for the next smoker to be held at Chiloquin. The affair is set for Christmas night and is to be followed by a dance in the new Duvault hall, which will be finished by that time. The Christmas dance will christen the building.

Wagner announces he has a fast card picked out with Red Campbell, who got the decision over Wagner in the Thanksgiving match, and Bobbie Allen as headliners in a ten round bout.

Young Raymond, who won his Thanksgiving match and looks like a comer, will take on Blondie Freeman for ten rounds. Kid Herrington will swap wallops with Kid Smith, the fighting baker, for four rounds.

Campbell has started training at the Klamath athletic club and Allen will open a training camp at Chiloquin with Herrington as a sparring partner.

Stockholders in private banks in Sweden must be native Swedes.

Anesthetics and jet are the two most widely-used mourning stones.

seven months old son. His family are here with him.

## GENTLEMEN, BE SEATED



## Non-Suit Motion Ends Trial and Suit Is Dropped

A non-suit motion was entered by defendants at the close of plaintiff's case this morning in the trial of the damage action of the Chewacan Lumber and Cattle company against the Central garage and the matter was dismissed. Defendant's attorney based the motion for non-suit on the premise that the driver of the wrecked car, for which damages were asked, was an agent of plaintiff, having been retained by the garage owners at plaintiff's request to drive the car to Lakeview.

The suit of T. E. McLeod against Louis Rahn was also dismissed on non-suit motion. This clears the calendar, except for the Ingersoll murder trial, which is set to open December 10.

## PHONE CO. HEAD SAYS MORE CASH BADLY NEEDED

In discussing the phone situation with E. T. Ludden, manager of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, Mr. Ludden was found to be very emphatic and much concerned regarding the ability of his company to go on in the development of their telephone work in Klamath Falls, which work is essential to the regaining of a normal ability to take care of current demands for service in this city. He points out that Klamath Falls has at present 75 waiting orders which the telephone company is unable to take care of under present conditions and relief can only come by the heavy expenditure of "new" capital. It will require a continuous expenditure for new plant in order to meet the demand for service in this city and to provide new toll lines necessary to meet the rapidly growing long distance business of this section.

The telephone company in its recent application to the public service commission of Oregon has plainly declared its inability to make these new expenditures in the absence of any earning capacity. Present revenue is barely sufficient to pay operating expenses and leaves no margin necessary to secure the money to carry out the company's construction program.

It would appear that the magnitude of this issue is such as to make it a matter of real public interest aside from the interest that the telephone company may have itself in the matter. If large sums of "new" money must be had for investment in the telephone properties it is obvious that it cannot be secured in the absence of rates sufficient to pay bare operating expenses.

The telephone company in its application to the public service commission declared that it is now on a deficit basis. It declares to the public of Oregon that it is earning nothing, that never in its history was its plant as deficient in ability to take care of Oregon's demands; it declares to the public of Klamath Falls and the state of Oregon that the only probable solution of impending difficulties is the immediate planning and installation of heavy addition to plant. It declares its absolute inability to raise money to bring to Klamath Falls and spend it until it has been fully determined whether or not it will be permitted to earn enough money, through rates for service, to pay the operating expenses of its plant and leave something as an inducement to investment.

Mr. Ludden stated that while it is true certain prices are appearing to decline the problem of the telephone company to give a proper return on its investment is concerned with the plant as it exists today. Any change in prices for its material would only affect subsequent additions to plant.

Mr. Ludden further suggested that the majority of the price recessions seems to be in those commodities that had risen to abnormal heights owing to peculiar economic conditions; also the greatest part of the telephone expenses is labor—approximately 72 per cent. No one expects that the prices of labor will be generally reduced. As far as the telephone company is concerned, it does not anticipate any such contingency.

The rapid growth of the mail is an indication of health.

The exclusive food of the happy eagle of Brazil is monkeys.

## WILSON SENDS HIS MESSAGE TO CONGRESS

### President Breaks Custom By Not Appearing in Person—Valedictory is Written—Economy Keynote.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The president's concrete recommendations in his annual message to congress today, were: a revision of tax laws with simplification of the income and profits taxes, independence for the Philippines, a loan to the Armenian government, economy in government appropriations and expenditures, the creation of a workable budget system, cold storage laws and other laws affecting the cost of living, and the federal licensing of corporations as advocated in previous messages.

The president also recommended the rehabilitation and training of disabled soldiers and sailors, but he did not indorse the bonus plan.

The president did not appear before congress in person but transmitted the message in writing by messenger.

Nowhere in his message did Mr. Wilson refer to the league of nations, except by inference in the opening passages. The president wrote a paragraph which might be regarded as his valedictory:

"I have not so much laid before you a set of recommendations as I have sought to utter a confession of faith; faith in which I was bred and which it is my solemn purpose to stand by until my last fighting days. I believe this is to be the faith of America, the faith of the future and of all victories which await any national action in the days to come, whether in America or elsewhere."

President's Wilson's message began with a quotation from Lincoln. "Let us have faith that right makes might and, in that faith let us dare to do our duty as we understand it." The president declared that this sentence, "marks for us in the plainest manner the part we should play, alike in the arrangement of our domestic affairs and in our exercise of influence upon the affairs of the world."

"It was this faith which prevailed over the wicked force of Germany," he continued, "and this is the time of all others when democracy should prove its purity and its spiritual power if it is to prevail. There are two ways in which the United States can assist to accomplish this great object, first to make and enforce laws unquestionably just, which will secure its full right to labor and at the same time safeguard the integrity of property."

"Second, by standing for right and justice as toward individual nations. The influence of every nation should be for the protection of weaker nations and the United States cannot refuse this role of champion without putting the stigma of rejection upon the great and devoted men, who brought this government into existence and established it in the face of almost universal opposition and intrigue."

## Legion to Nominate Officers Tonight for Coming Year

Klamath Post No. 8 of the American legion will take up the business of nominating candidates for office for the following year at their meeting tonight at 8 o'clock in the council chambers of the city hall. For this reason it is important that every member be on hand in order that no one may have a voice in choosing the right man. This is only the second year of the local post's life and during this time it has been under the leadership of the following officers: J. Carnahan, commander; Fred Westerfelt, vice commander; Roy Fouch, adjutant; Garrett Van Riper, treasurer.

It was announced that the election of officers would be held December 31.

## NO MEETING OF NEW GRAND JURY EXPECTED

No meeting has been called for the grand jury which was chosen yesterday. It is not expected that there will be a grand jury session until after the first of the year, when a new district attorney takes office.