

## COUNTRY IS ON SOUND BASIS SAYS WILLIAMS

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The country is now in many respects on a sounder economic basis than for the past four years. John Skelton Williams, controller of currency, informed congress in his seventh annual report, which was delivered today.

The general deflation, which was obviously inevitable a year ago, has come, said the controller, and prices of many basic commodities and raw materials have returned to their pre-war levels and in some cases have dropped below.

It still remains for the middleman to adjust his profits before the consumer receives the benefit of the reduction, says the report.

## Anderson Will Go to State Hospital

Ed Anderson, aged 42, formerly employed by the Pelican Bay Lumber company, ran amuck on Main street Saturday night, his somewhat unclad person creating more consternation than his actions. He was arrested and confined in the city jail.

Saturday afternoon, at his own request, Anderson was examined for insanity, but as there appeared to be nothing radically wrong with him, Sheriff Low released him. Then came his Saturday night escapade. Sheriff Low captured him in the Washington hotel after he had terrorized and scandalized numerous people. Reaching the hotel, Anderson dived through a glass door but was not injured.

At times Anderson is calm and rational, but recurring spells of evident insanity caused Sheriff Low to wire the state asylum at Salem and an attendant is expected to arrive here tonight to take him to Salem tomorrow morning. According to Anderson's statement, he was an inmate of the asylum from February, 1919, to January, 1920. He has no relatives here.

## SPANISH WAR VETERANS WILL HOLD A REUNION

Tuesday evening, February 15th, the Spanish-American war veterans of this city and vicinity will hold a reunion in the Chamber of Commerce rooms, that being the twenty-third anniversary of the sinking of the Maine in Havana harbor. All of these veterans are requested to communicate with Secretary Stanley of the Chamber of Commerce, so that he will know how many will be present at the dinner.

## Ready to Ship 1500 Lambs to S. F. Market

Charles F. DeLap and James Dixon are now arranging to ship 1500 Cotswold lambs to San Francisco, this shipment being the second to be made by them within a month. The first shipment of 800 brought them the very unsatisfactory price of 10 1/2 cents a pound, but the price they will receive for this shipment is not known, the shipment being made on a commission basis.

These lambs have been pastured on the Al Myers ranch near Merrill for 60 days. When they were turned into the pasture they averaged 57 pounds, and when taken out last week they averaged 80 pounds. Hay and barley composed their feed. For the first month they gained one-half pound each a day.

At the price offered by buyers, it is generally conceded among sheep men that they cannot afford to feed and ship as in other years, and what the outcome will be is hard for them to fathom, except to the extent that production will decrease, not only here, but in other places, and that possibly the demand then will strengthen the pieces offered to producers.

**LASSEN SPOUTING**  
REDDING, Cal., Feb. 7.—After two short periods of activity yesterday and again early this morning, Mt. Lassen resumed a steady eruption at 10 o'clock today.

## Cattle Men Claim Reduction of Rail Rates Necessary

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—A reduction in freight rates was asked today of the Interstate Commerce Commission by six of the largest cattlemen's associations in the west.

Their spokesman told the commission that the market prices of sheep, cattle and wool had fallen so low that western farmers and cattle raisers were no longer able to sell their products for enough to pay the freight rates.

## PASS SENTENCE TOMORROW ON LOUISE PEETE

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 7.—Mrs. Louise L. Peete was found guilty by a jury late Saturday of murder in the first degree for the slaying of Jacob Charles Denton. The jury fixed the penalty at life imprisonment.

The jury was out about six hours and a half.

Mrs. Peete listened to the verdict with the same composure that she maintained throughout the trial. Her husband, R. C. Peete, burst into tears when the verdict was read.

Mrs. Peete shook hands with her attorneys, W. T. Aggeler, acting public defender, and Robert H. Scott, assistant public defender, then turned to the bailiff and said: "We'll go now."

**Sentence Tomorrow**

Then they faced a crowd of probably more than 1000 persons as they walked half a block to the jail, where Mrs. Peete is to remain until sentence is imposed Tuesday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

## HUMPHREY RELATIVES HERE FOR FUNERAL

Many relatives of the Humphrey family, here to attend the funeral of the late Mrs. Charles Humphrey Saturday afternoon, left for their homes yesterday. The out-of-town relatives of Charles Humphrey were Mrs. C. H. Humphrey and Mrs. Will Loomis of Ashland, mother and sister; Mrs. O. W. Howard of Bly, sister; Henry Stidham of Ashland, nephew, and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cox of Weed, Cal., brother-in-law and sister. Mrs. Humphrey's nephew, Albert Maas of Dunsmuir, was also here.

## VALENTINE SOCIAL AT THE FAIRVIEW SCHOOL

A Valentine day box social will be given for the benefit of the Fairview school, on the Merrill road, in the school house Saturday night, February 12. The good time will begin at 8 o'clock, and an entertainment chock full of "laugh-and-grow-fat" fun will be the order of the evening. This will include good music, singing and other things. The social will be given under the direction of Miss Olive Kirk, teacher of the Fairview school. There will be no charge for admission, and everybody is invited to participate in the good time.

## DEATH TAKES DAUGHTER OF SHIPPINGTON FAMILY

Bernice May Simpson, nine months old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Simpson of Shippington, died Saturday evening of pneumonia. The funeral was held here today. Mr. Simpson is employed in the mill at Shippington.

## GIRL AT SLOAN HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Sloan are the happy parents of a baby daughter, born yesterday at the family home at 331 Tenth street. The baby weighed 9 1/2 pounds on arrival. Mrs. Sloan before her marriage was Miss Madge Clopton.

## MARKET REPORT

PORTLAND, Feb. 7.—Cattle weak; hogs higher, \$11 and \$11.50; sheep weak; eggs, buying price, 32 cents, sellink, candied 33 to 35, selects 38 to 40; butter steady.

## CONSERVATION OF OREGON'S GREAT TIMBER RESOURCES IS URGED BY STATE FORESTER

It is evident to every thinking citizen that the forests of Oregon constitute one of the state's greatest natural endowments, says F. A. Elliott, state forester, in his annual report to the governor of state forest conditions. The report proceeds to give statistics of the wealth annually produced by the lumber industry has caused an annual circulation of more than \$75,000,000.00 through the arteries of trade within the state. This vast flow of capital marks all stages of lumber manufacture, from the stump to the finished product. The industry in its various branches has given employment to approximately 40,000 workers. The future of an industry of this magnitude is a matter of keen interest to every citizen. If this industry can, like agriculture, be placed upon a permanent basis, yielding approximately annual incomes, a great service will have been rendered the state and nation.

**Big Increase Predicted**  
For the next 25 to 40 years it is certain there will be a great increase in lumber production in Oregon. The lake states have been cut out. The South is past its peak of production. The national lumber requirements, about 40,000,000,000 feet, board measure, annually, are being in increasing amounts, exacted from the Pacific Northwest. Some of the strongest operating concerns in the United States, and especially in the South, have been quietly accumulating vast stumpage holdings in this region. To them the logic of events is clear. Here is the last great reservoir of virgin timber. Mature timber in appreciable quantities cannot be produced before the present stand is exhausted. Their financial interests evidently dictate that they should be firmly entrenched here before sharp advances in stumpage prices occur. This substantial expression of confidence in

the immediate future of the lumber industry, together with the known shortage of stumpage supplies elsewhere, should be sufficient to indicate that there will be marked activity in lumber manufacture in this region.

**Waste and Desolation**  
In other regions, the lumber industry has brought great temporary prosperity, and then, with vanishing stumpage, has left desolation and ruin. This need not be the story of the industry in this state. The federal government has, within control of the forest service, 13,000,000 acres of forest land in this state. At the most conservative estimate, private owners hold sufficient acreage to make, within the borders of the state, 20,000,000 acres of land suited only to lumber production. This area, under proper management, can be made to yield annually, timber with a manufactured value in excess of \$150,000,000.00, and to furnish permanent employment to 80,000 workers.

**United Effort Needed.**  
To bring this result to pass will require the exercise by the citizenship of today of a high type of patriotism, material sacrifices for the future state and for the future generations. The program is simple and the responsibility seems clear. It means that forest fires in standing timber and in young growth must be eliminated. It means putting into operation a well thought out, definite forest policy, so organized and so timed that ultimately, approximately equal amounts of stumpage will annually be ready for the axe and the saw. This is not a visionary probability; it is a hard, cold business proposition. He who would serve his state should give the matter consideration. It is not an unpleasant thought that the people of this generation have it in their power to insure the maintenance of forest crops in this beautiful Oregon country and that, through them, a hundred years hence, the woodman's axe and the woodman's saw will, as today, contribute to the happiness and prosperity of thousands of homes.

## STEERS GAIN ON SUNFLOWER RATIONS EXPERIMENT PROVES A BIG SUCCESS

The fattening and building-up properties of sunflowers when fed to cattle in the form of silage have been amply tested by J. W. Taylor, who resides on the highway about three miles this side of Merrill. That the test was very satisfactory is evident from the story told by George Watt, of this city, who has been identified with Mr. Taylor, indirectly, in this test.

On November 10, Mr. Watt delivered to Mr. Taylor 65 two-year old steers, about half of which were Arizona white-faces, and the other half native Durhams. From that date in November until January 6, the steers were fed on hay. Since January 6, they have been given a hay and sunflower ration, sunflowers principally, and when they were taken from the Taylor farm the last of last week, it was found that they had gained an average of 166 pounds in 86 days.

Three steers were used for these tests. During the last 30 days they gained two and a half pounds a day, or 75 pounds total, this being a remarkable record. During the first 56 days, the steers gained 95 pounds, this being a good record also for hay-fed steers, but the last 30 days, during which sunflowers were fed, is considered evidence that this feed, which can be grown here abundantly, contains remarkable fattening properties. Furthermore, said Mr. Watt, if these steers had had the advantage of a dry, clean corral, each would undoubtedly have gained at least one-half pound more daily.

Mr. Taylor harvested about 40 tons of sunflowers from two and one half acres, and still has a large part of the feed left in his silo. Sunflowers are usually planted late in the spring, and are harvested quite late, but on irrigated land grow six or

seven feet in height, with immense heads. The stock, and heads are cut in the ordinary way before being put into the silo. Sunflowers will also grow well on dry land, but to get the best results plenty of moisture must be available.

Mr. Taylor took the cattle from Mr. Watt with a contract to receive remuneration for feeding them on a basis of the amount of weight gained. A conservative computation shows that he received \$18 a ton for the feed consumed by the steers, and when this is compared with the present low price of hay, it will be seen that there is a greater profit in disposing of crops in Mr. Taylor's way.

Mr. Watt, who owns a farm near Keno, is going to plant about four acres to sunflowers this spring. Mr. Taylor's experiment having demonstrated to him that they constitute a profitable crop.

## \$25,000 TO FIGHT THE INSECT DEPREDEATIONS

A telegram received by Secretary Stanley of the chamber of commerce this morning, brings word from Senator Charles McNary that he has persuaded the senate appropriations committee to include an item of \$25,000 for prosecuting a campaign against pine beetles and other insects which have been damaging timber to an alarming extent.

## BUYS REGISTERED SWINE

L. A. West, livestock director of the Klamath farm bureau, purchased three head of registered Poland China gilts at the sale at Salem last week for T. H. Lynch of Merrill, and Ira Orem and Sam Dillinger of Mt. Laki district. The hogs arrived last night by express.

## Britain Makes New Overtures Toward an Irish Settlement

(By Associated Press)  
DUBLIN, Feb. 7.—Rumors are in circulation here to the effect that the government is making fresh overtures toward a settlement with southern Ireland. One report is that the government is trying to bring Ulster leaders into line with a scheme to persuade the south to accept a partition as provided under the home rule act.

Full fiscal autonomy to both sections of Ireland, with an offer to release political prisoners and granting of amnesty to Irish republicans generally, is included in the government's proposals, according to one report.

## HANNON RANCH WELL HAS OIL INDICATIONS

Further indications of the probabilities of oil in this section have recently been manifested at the Hannon ranch, three miles south of the city. Located on this property is a well 428 feet deep, drilled by the owner, P. E. Hannon of this city, when he first purchased the ranch about ten years ago. The water, that was struck at this depth has always carried oil indications, being so pronounced at times as to impart to any food cooked in it a distinct coal oil flavor. At first it was thought that someone had accidentally put coal oil in the tea kettle or the well, but after the indications continued over a period of months and gas in sufficient quantities to burn would at times flow from the vent in the pump, the conclusion was reached that oil seepage was responsible for the trouble.

After the ranch was rented to John Cahier, these evidences of oil became so strong that he decided to abandon the well and sink a new one. This he did and for two years the old well remained unused. About six weeks ago the present tenant, Gus Sutherland, decided he would try and use the water for stock, but found difficulty in getting any water. After pumping nearly half an hour a yellowish, frothy fluid flowed from the pump onto the ground.

Thinking that there might be oil in the water, Mr. Sutherland decided to try and see if it would burn and was not a little surprised when it burst into flames when he touched it with a match. Since then this episode has been repeated many times, according to Mr. Sutherland.

Yesterday a representative of The Herald visited the well to secure ocular proof of the accuracy of the stories that have been going the rounds. This evidence he secured first hand. The same difficulty in getting the water through the pump was experienced, and when it finally came it seemed as if there was a gas pressure forcing it through. The liquid had the usual yellowish, frothy appearance and burned readily when the match was applied and the flames, which raised to a height of nearly two feet, lasted long enough to set fire to paper that was thrust into them.

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## Weather Probabilities

The barometric pressure, as indicated by the Cyclo-Stormograph at Underwood's Pharmacy, continues quite high, and is well out of the "storm" area.

Consequently a continuation of the present weather conditions may be expected, although more sunshine may reasonably be looked for. Forecast for next 24 hours: generally fair weather, continued cool, with variable winds.

## TWO MARRIAGE LICENSES

Marriage licenses were issued late Saturday to John J. Elliott and Lillie Pennington and Henry Quimby, jitney driver, and Blanche Gourley, all of Klamath Falls.

## DIAMOND LAKE ANNEXATION IS GIVEN HEARING

The proposed inclusion of the Diamond lake country in the Crater Lake national park was discussed from all angles in the chamber of commerce rooms Saturday night, Superintendent Sparrow of the Crater Lake national park being present and taking a leading part in the discussions.

Primarily, the object of the meeting was to obtain information for the legislative committee of the chamber of commerce, which will submit a report on the matter. There were about 40 men present.

It developed that fishing enthusiasts felt that if the government assumed charge of the Diamond lake country no spawn could be secured from the lake, but Mr. Sparrow introduced figures to show that on the contrary the government has always permitted the taking of spawn from parks, and has even given its assistance in increasing the amount of spawn available.

J. H. Kimball, representing the Weyerhaeuser timber company, maintained that the timber near Diamond lake was too valuable to be reserved, but the contention of others was that the timber in that section was not the best, being suitable principally for wood pulp, and that even if it were the best timber there was not enough of it to make it worth while, commercially, to any timber interests. Furthermore, the government could, at will, return the timber and permit it to be cut.

Arguments that the placing of the Diamond lake region in the national park would deprive sportsmen of excellent hunting were met with the statement that under the government's protection it would become a game refuge, giving game a chance to multiply, and that the hunting near it would therefore become much more satisfactory.

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## OFFICIALS PICKED BY LOAN ASS'N

Klamath Falls Farm Loan association held their meeting in the Willis building Saturday. The following directors were elected: T. M. Cunningham, T. E. Bonsinger, U. E. Reeder, Ed. Sutton, C. V. Nelson. At the close of the meeting the directors met and re-elected T. M. Cunningham, president and A. E. Bonsinger vice president and reappointed Mrs. L. B. Hague, secretary and treasurer. The loan committee for the ensuing year are: T. F. Nelson, Chas. E. Spidell, and C. J. McCullum, with A. R. Campbell as alternate.

The meeting was well attended and considerable enthusiasm was shown for the cooperative farmers association. This association has loaned to the farmers of the county \$155,000 at the rate of 5 and 5 1/2 per cent. The loans run from \$300 to \$7000, most of which is used for short term and high rate farm mortgages. No new loans were made during 1921 owing to the suspension of farm loans through the suit now pending in United States supreme court.

The farmers throughout the country are not very hopeful for a decision until the change of administration. The local association is in excellent standing with the Federal Land bank, of Spokane, Wash. owing to the fact that the association has no debts and that none of the members are delinquent in meeting amortization payments.

**WEATHER REPORT**  
Oregon—Tonight and Tuesday fair, except rain in northwest portion.