

SHEEPMEN ARE NOT REQUIRED TO PAY FEES

Modoc Range Permittees Will Retain Preference During Closed Period

Sheepmen will not have to pay grazing fees for Modoc lava bed range permits, nor will their permits be cancelled even though a recent ruling closed the range for this winter, according to a letter received by J. H. Carnahan, secretary of the Klamath Wool Growers' association from W. G. Durbin, forest supervisor. The letter follows:

"I am pleased to inform you that Mr. Nelson and I are of the same opinion regarding this matter. We feel that owing to the depleted condition of the range in question, that there will be no loss sustained by the Government if the range is not used this winter. It was very necessary last fall that the area should not be used this winter if we are to make even an attempt to better conditions on the winter range. However, we wished to do everything possible to help the sheepmen in the way of providing what winter feed we could and decided, as you know, to permit 30,000 head to graze south of Tule Lake for a period of two months. Furthermore, on account of the dryness of the weather this winter, I feel that it would have been almost impossible for sheep men to have used the range even if they had wished to. For the above reasons permittees who do not use the range this winter will not lose any preference which they may have. Neither will it be necessary for them to pay the grazing fees on their stock covering the winter grazing season."

DOUBT GOLD RUMOR

Wall Street Scoops at Report of Synthetic Metal

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Wall street was undisturbed today over persistent reports that a German scientist has succeeded in making synthetic gold. Certain chemists also were skeptical.

"If the Germans wait for synthetic gold to make reparation payments, they will probably need a longer moratorium than they now seek," said Dr. Horace G. Byers, head of the Chemistry Department of Cooper Union.

He added:

"Of course it would be a brave or an ignorant scientist who would pronounce the synthesis of gold impossible. There is, however, no credible evidence that chemists are today any nearer the realization of the dream of the alchemists than they were in the days when the German Kings were duped by the Knights of the Black Art."

118,000 MEN ON RHINE

German Newspapers Contend That Army Should Be Reduced

COLOGNE, Dec. 20.—The allied armies of occupation in the Rhineland which the German government has been endeavoring to have reduced are composed at the present time of approximately 118,000 officers and men. Some German newspapers have been contending that the armies of the four powers should be reduced more than one-half, the money thus saved to be applied to the reparations fund.

The armies of occupation are divided as follows: England 4,000; United States, 5,000; Belgium, 18,000; France, 85,000; Great Britain's troops numbered about 8,000 until a few months ago when several detachments were sent to Upper Silesia where they have been on duty since.

WORK ON SHORT BRIDGE WILL START TOMORROW

Work on the lowering of the Short bridge, on the main road between Klamath Falls and Merrill, which was delayed on account of the snow, will start again tomorrow. On Friday the bridge will be lifted, thus making traffic over it impossible.

GOVERNOR VETOES 5 HOUSE BILLS, 2 SENATE BILLS

SALEM, Dec. 20.—Declaring them not of such urgency as to have warranted consideration at the special session of the legislature, Governor Olcott yesterday vetoed five house bills and two senate bills.

AMERICAN LEGATION FILES PROTEST AGAINST RETURN OF CHINESE ARMY OFFICER

PEKIN, Dec. 20.—The American Legation has protested formally to the Peking government against the return to the capital of General Chang Ching-Yao, former military governor of the Hunan province, whose troops killed the Rev. W. A. Reimart, American missionary at Yo-Show, in June, 1920, in an attack on the reformed church mission while they were retiring before the pressure of southern forces.

BARBERS SHAVE OUT VICTORY IN THIRD OF BOWLING SERIES

City Dads Take Second Game After Threatening Opponents With Safety Razor Ordinance

The Barbers were too keen for the City Dads in the third set of the Eiks' bowling series last night and shaved out two of the three games by a margin of 23 pins. The City Dads won the second game, witnesses declare, only after threatening the Barbers with passage of ordinances which would make illegal the use of any but safety-razors, thus bringing a momentary panic upon their opponents. The Barbers rally in the third game was said to be due to one of their members pointing out that home-haircutting never was a success, and that public opinion would prohibit passage of an ordinance affecting this branch of the business.

From the number of spectators present, it was apparent that interest in the bowling series is growing. There will be no games tonight, but Friday night the Dredgers and Contractors will move pins on a wholesale scale, winding up the week's series. Monday the Barbers and Dredgers will play.

Individual scores last night were: City Dads—Wiley, 475; Kaykendall, 393; Hooper, 589; Ambrose, 455; W. O. Smith, 431; Barbers—Swanson, 417; Jester, 497; Upp, 551; Wiscarver, 447; Ackley, 481.

DOWNEY IS RING VET.

San Francisco Fighter Has Long List of Victories

A veteran of the ring who holds decisions over Jack Dempsey, Sailor Burke, Bob Mack, Knockout Kovosky and others will be the opponent of Earl Ritchie tomorrow night at McDonald's hall where he will meet Jack Downey, of San Francisco. Downey arrived here last night, and was seen in a workout at McDonald's hall this afternoon.

Downey is scheduled to open at the Pantages theater at Oakland on Sunday in exhibition boxing with Jack Dempsey, and will appear with the champion in Los Angeles.

The San Francisco scrapper, who conducts a gymnasium down in the city, is not over-confident of the outcome tomorrow night. He is fully aware of Ritchie's ability, he says, and will overlook no bets. He is of the stocky type, and says he will weigh around 170 pounds ring-side. And while Ritchie is popular with the local fans, judging from Downey's pleasant manner, which is entirely without arrogance or over-confidence, it is highly probable that the two will be equally divided as favorites.

BIG TIME FOR KIDDIES AT I. O. O. F. TEMPLE TONIGHT

A big time for kiddies is promised tonight by the Odd Fellows at I. O. O. F. temple where a Christmas tree entertainment will be held for children of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. Friday night at the temple will be held the first of the "Fifth Friday" entertainments, open to families and friends of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs.

TWO KILLED, FIVE WOUNDED BY BOMB

LISBON, Dec. 20.—Two were killed, and five wounded today through explosion of bombs alleged being manufactured in a building belonging to the Lisbon General Confederation of Labor. Some arrests were made.

BABY BOY BORN TO MR. AND MRS. WALLACE OF BLY

Birth of an 8 1/2-pound baby boy to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Wallace of Bly, at 419 Pacific Terrace this city, December 18, is reported by Dr. Geo. I. Wright.

SUB QUESTION IS SUBJECT OF SHARP DEBATE

U. S. and England Agree on Root Resolution—Three Nations Oppose

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 20.—The direct issue as to whether future submarine warfare shall be conducted under civilized rules was raised today by American delegates before the arms conference naval committee. They urged adoption of the Root resolution and won the support of Great Britain, the French, Japanese and Italian delegates urged reference of the matter to a commission of experts.

The Root resolutions, which would regulate the use of submarines against merchant craft, were the subject of a spirited debate at the morning session.

Unlimited construction of aircraft, but sharp delineation of their use in war was recommended by a subcommittee of aviation.

ATHLETIC CLUB MEETS

Organizers Gather to Lay Plans; Incorporation Papers Filed

Plans for the development of athletics and organization of the Klamath Amateur Athletic association were discussed yesterday afternoon at the office of W. C. Van Emon. Present were J. W. Houston, Frank Howard, Dr. L. D. Gass, Harold Christy, W. W. Southwell and others interested in the association.

Articles of incorporation today were sent to the corporation commissioner. The incorporators were Frank L. Howard, W. W. Southwell, J. W. Houston, Burge W. Mason, W. C. Van Emon, E. M. Hubb, Wilson S. Wiley, J. A. Gordon and H. R. Hill.

HOWARD PRESIDENT OF TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

PORTLAND, Dec. 20.—The Oregon State Teachers' convention sessions today were devoted to departmental meetings, and a general assembly. Mrs. Mary A. Fulkerson, president, delivering the annual address. C. A. Howard, of Marshfield, was elected president for the ensuing year yesterday. G. W. Ager, of Vale, was made vice president, and C. A. Rice, of Portland, J. O. McLaughlin, of Corvallis, and O. O. Brown, of Roseburg, members of the executive committee. Howard emphasized the need of the enactment of a teacher's retirement fund.

FIRE DESTROYS OLD BATH HOUSE WHEN GASOLINE EXPLODES

Fire at 3:30 this afternoon completely gutted the confectionery store conducted by Mrs. A. Watson, on Esplanade, across from the Klamath Superior laundry, when a can of gasoline, placed on a stove in the belief that the can contained water, exploded and immediately spread flames over the interior.

The old bath house at the rear of the store was badly gutted. Mrs. Watson's clothes were slightly burned, but she escaped injury.

With three lines of hose in use, firemen gained control of the fire within a few minutes.

TRUE FREEDOM

Is true freedom to break fetters for our own dear sake. And, with heathen hearts, to forget that we owe mankind a debt? No! true freedom is to share. All the chains our brothers wear. And, with heart and hand, to be earnest to make others free. They are slaves who dare not speak. For the fallen and the weak; They are slaves who will not choose. Hatred, scoffing, and abuse. Rather than in silence shrink. From the truth they needs must think. They are slaves who dare not be in the right with two or three. —JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL.

BOY DEPTHS DANGER; KILLED BY ELECTRICITY

VALLEJO, Calif., Dec. 20.—"Watch how close I can come to death," bragged James Brennan, 16 years old, atop a box car of the electric line on the Monticello wharf as he placed his hand close to the trolley wire carrying 32,000 volts. A few moments later he had received the full charge of electricity and after being frightfully burned was thrown to the wharf below the car.

He died at the general hospital here a few hours later.

NEW SILVER DOLLAR WILL NOT SHOW SWORD

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—New silver dollars, marking the first change in design in 25 years will not bear a broken sword. Director of the Mint Baker said today in announcing circulation of the new coins would start about December 30.

A design showing an eagle instead of an eagle clutching a broken sword, had been accepted, officials said, in carrying out the idea of the advent of a new era of peace as inaugurated by the armament conference.

SNOW IN BURNEY VALLEY FOUR FEET DEEP

BURNEY, Calif., Dec. 20.—Snow is four feet deep in Burney Valley, the record since the memorable winter of 1891.

INDICTMENT OF SMALL UPHELD, CIRCUIT COURT

Governor of Illinois Will Stand Trial on Charge of Conspiracy

WAUKEGAN, Ill., Dec. 20.—Judge Claire C. Edward, of the Circuit court of Lake county, today upheld the indictment charging Governor Len Small with embezzlement of \$500,000 of state funds, and also upheld nine of the 13 counts of indictment charging the Governor, Lieutenant Governor Fred E. Sterling, and Vernon Curtis, a banker of Grant Park, Ill., with conspiracy and operating a confidence game involving \$2,000,000 of the state money.

He ordered that the Governor stand trial January 9 on the embezzlement charge. He quashed the indictment charging Small, Curtis and Sterling with embezzling \$700,000 and three counts in the other joint indictment.

MARTIN HELD AGAIN

Second Charge Filed Against Man Released Tuesday

A second charge was lodged against Earl Martin in the justice court this morning, this one charging him with the possession of illicit liquor. The complaint was sworn to by Walter G. West. Martin was tried before a jury in the justice court Tuesday of this week on a charge of maintaining a public nuisance. He was released on a verdict of not guilty.

His bonds today were placed at \$500 by L. L. Garbagen. The exact date of the trial has not been set, although it will be sometime next week.

SPECIAL CATHOLIC SERVICES AT MERRILL SUNDAY

There will be special New Year's services in the Catholic church at Merrill Sunday for the Catholics of the Malin and Merrill districts combined. The service will begin at 11:15. The Klamath Falls choir will sing Leonard's Mass, under the direction of Mrs. Giacomini. After the services the choir will be entertained at homes of Merrill folk.

A KNOTTY PROBLEM, AS IT WERE



BERLIN SOCIALIST ORGAN HAPPY OVER PARDONING OF DEBS

BERLIN, Dec. 20.—"By pardoning Eugene V. Debs, President Harding has righted a wrong committed by American class justice," said the independent socialist organ Freiheit, when news of the pardon reached Berlin.

"We greet with joy and satisfaction the return of this courageous fighter—this noble pioneer of socialism—back in the ranks of the international workers."

PETITIONERS ASK AID FOR LEAGUE TO ENFORCE LAW

Request That Public Urge County Officers to Perform Their Duties

"Shall Klamath county be a lawless community, or shall it be law-abiding?" is one of the questions asked in a petition being circulated by a committee composed of W. S. Slough, B. S. Grigsby, J. T. McCollum and E. M. Chilcote.

The committee asks for financial aid, basing its plea on the necessity for urging the county officials to stamp out crime.

The petition in part follows:

"Klamath Falls, Oregon, December 20, 1921.

"Shall Klamath county be a lawless community, or shall it be law-abiding? Shall a criminal element be allowed to go unrestrained, or shall the law be enforced with such vigor as to curb the lawless? Shall each good citizen of Klamath county do his or her part in making Klamath county a good place to live in, or shall many fall in doing his or her civic duties, thus putting an unnecessary burden on those who are striving to better local conditions? It is up to each citizen to whom this letter comes to answer these questions for himself or herself, and to act as becomes a self-respecting citizen.

"The whole county is now being organized for law enforcement in a manner similar to the organization of the Liberty Loan drives. There is to be a county central committee composed of one committeeman from each voting precinct. Five of these committeemen are to constitute an executive committee. The county committeeman from each precinct is to be chairman of a precinct committee.

"It is of the utmost importance that our county court, sheriff, circuit court judge, justices of the peace, constables and town and city officers be urged either by letter, or better by personal interview, to the fullest performance of their duties. Do this and do it NOW! And do not fail to send something, because the amount you can send is small. A great many 25c, 50c and \$1.00 pieces will see us through this campaign successfully, still \$5.00 more from those who can well afford to give, can be used to great advantage."

MARKETING STUDIED

Co-Operative Selling Subject of Dairymen's Convention

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The marketing problem was to be discussed by C. L. Hawley, state dairy and food commissioner, J. D. Mickle, former dairy and feed commissioner and W. K. Taylor, former president of the association. Discussion was to be participated in by William Schulmerick, Hillsboro; Ed Carey, Carlton; C. W. Laughlin; Grays River; Ivy Condren, Marshfield, and J. S. Capps, of Denmark. Addresses on various subjects are listed, among the speakers being E. B. Fitts, R. V. Gunn, G. R. Hyslop, Dr. B. T. Simms and R. C. Jones.

HOME CUSSING LEGAL

Person Has Right to Swear in Own Home, Judge Rules

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MALIN DANCE TO BE HELD DECEMBER 31

December 31 is the date set for the Malin dance. The music will be furnished by the Malin orchestra; and an invitation is issued to all county people to come and enjoy dancing for an evening.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES

After recording a very steady barometric pressure during the night the Cyclo-Stormograph at Underwood's Pharmacy shows that it is falling slowly this afternoon. Should the movement continue it would indicate the approach of another disturbance.

Forecast for next 24 hours:
Storm brewing to the South-West.
The Thermograph thermometer registered maximum and minimum temperatures, today, as follows:
High.....50
Low.....13

DEADLOCK OVER FAIR MEASURES NOW EXISTING

Court Action May Be Taken to Test Validity of Legislative Acts

PORTLAND, Dec. 20.—Chairman Meier announced today that the Exposition committee will take no legal action to force Ritter or Dean to sign the Fair bills, but that court action may later be taken to test measures. He declares the Exposition can not be held without a portion of the funds being raised outside of Portland.

PORTLAND, Dec. 20.—Leading proponents of the 1925 exposition are still mapping out the next step to be taken by them towards the final test to be made before the supreme court of the state and upon which the validity of the fair measures tangled up by the senate is to be finally determined. They are going to overlook the refusal of President Ritter of the senate to sign the joint resolution and the Fletcher bill, so they say, and institute whatever proceedings may be necessary to remove the constitutional questions involved against the secretary of state.

In the meantime, however, the governor's office looms as an additional hurdle in the path of the ill-fated Fletcher gasoline bill.

Must Have Signature

Under the legislative procedure the joint resolution, which does not require the approval or signature of a governor before it may find its final resting place in the office of the secretary of state and become effective, will go direct from the hands of Chief Clerk F. W. Drager, of the house of representatives to the secretary of state.

But the Fletcher bill, carrying the tax on gasoline through which the fair was to be financed, must, under the constitution, be submitted to the governor by Clerk Drager, and be submitted by the governor to the secretary of state, with his signature, without it, or with a veto message attached.

Has Four Courses

There are four moves the governor may make under the constitution, when a bill is submitted to him from the legislature.

He may affix his signature to it, thus showing his approval of the act, and file the measure with the secretary of state. He may file it with the secretary without his signature, but without veto, in which case it will become a law. He may veto it, in which case, if the bill comes to him after adjournment, the measure lies dormant until the next legislative session. Or finally, he may pay no attention to it at all, in which case, after five days in his office, it will become a law in due course, providing, of course, that it was regularly enacted.

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PROPOSED SHINGLE ADVANCE SUSPENDED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 20.—The interstate commerce commission has suspended from December 26, 1921, until April 25, 1922, the operation of certain freight schedules proposing increases in the rates on shingles in carloads from points in Oregon and Washington to destinations in Nevada and California.