

The Evening Herald

OFFICIAL PAPER OF
KLAMATH COUNTY AND
OF KLAMATH FALLS

Member of the Associated Press

Sixteenth Year—No. 6512

KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1923.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

WEATHER FORECAST

TONIGHT AND WEDNESDAY,
RAIN, STRONG SOUTHERLY
WINDS.

MORE ARRESTS COMING, MASKED MOB KILLINGS

Farmer to Reveal Names of Men Who Kidnaped Five and Murdered Two

BALTIMORE, Dec. 26.—Governor Parker, of Louisiana, has asked for the arrest of Dr. H. McKoin, former mayor of Mer Rouge, La., on a murder charge. McKoin is attending Johns Hopkins university.

BASTROP, La., Dec. 26.—The state will be able to establish the identity of several members of the masked mob which last August kidnaped five Mer Rouge residents, including Watt Daniels and Thomas Richards, whose bodies were found last week. Investigators said today. Secret service men said the identification would be made by a farmer, whose home is near Oakridge, Morehouse parish. They said he told them he witnessed the seizure and spiriting away of the quatuor and recognized some of the abductors.

Governor Parker has ordered the hearing to start here January 5.

T. J. Burnett of Spiker, La., has been arrested on a murder charge in connection with the deaths. The arrest is believed the forerunner of many more. Burnett is a former deputy sheriff.

Machine guns have been mounted on the jail, and those arrested will face open hearings ordered by the attorney general under the guard of state troops.

An inquest was conducted behind closed doors at Mer Rouge over the bodies cast up by Lake La Fourche after unidentified dynamite had made an effort to remove them from their water grave of four months.

Men Were Flayed

New Orleans pathologists conducted an autopsy to determine how the men came to their deaths, and declared the examination revealed that the men had been flayed and some bones broken before they died.

Many believe the surrender of the bodies to the kin and the departure of the troops may kindle the outbreak between the hostile camps created at Mer Rouge since the August kidnaping.

Trouble started in Morehouse last summer, when an alleged attempt was made to assassinate Dr. H. M. McKoin, former mayor of Mer Rouge.

BERNHARDT RECOVERS

Acted Actress Expected to Survive Dangerous Attacks

PARIS, Dec. 26.—Sarah Bernhardt's condition showed further improvement today. Physicians said they tentatively considered her out of danger, and that if her remarkable recovery continued she might still appear in the new play during a rehearsal of which she was seized with fainting spells several days ago.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES

The Cyclo-Stormograph at Woodward's Pharmacy has registered a slow, falling pressure for 42 hours with a decided fall since noon. Unsettled weather with rain or snow tonight.

The Tycos recording thermometer registered maximum and minimum temperatures today, as follows:

| | |
|------|----|
| High | 40 |
| Low | 31 |

Dog Loved Him



With his dog as sole companion, little eight-year-old Johnny Miller for three weeks slept in abandoned water tanks on the roofs of New York tenements and lived on bits of food offered by his school chums. His father was killed and his step-mother deserted him after giving him \$5. Now, cared for by the Children's society, Johnny is recovering from exposure.

THIEF MAKES HAUL AT SADDLERY SHOP OF CONNOLLY BROS.

Goods Valued at Approximately \$75 Stolen; Footprints Indicated Boy or Small Man

A thief late Sunday entered Connolly Brothers saddlery, 912 Main, and removed goods valued at about \$75. Entrance was gained by removing a broken pane of glass in the workshop at the rear of the building. Footprints near the window indicated that the thief was either a boy or a very small man.

The following goods were taken, according to the list furnished the police by A. J. Connolly:

Calfskin coat, with large yellow buttons, size about 38. One silver bit, P. S. model. One pair of cracked spurs, silver mounted. One pair blue spurs, stamped "M. M." Three puttees and three leather cuffs. Two pocket-knives. One light yellow suit-case.

Connolly said that no accurate check had been made to determine the goods stolen, but the above items were missing from the stock.

No trace of the thief has been found.

P. O. RUSH NEARS END

All Christmas Mail Delivered on Time This Year

With eight extra clerks working in the postoffice, the Christmas rush is about over. Deliveries were made Saturday night and Christmas morning, so that no mail or parcels went over the day undelivered except those addressed to business firms, according to Postmaster McCall. Another extra-postmaster was received last night but was distributed today.

While no figures are at present available, McCall said he believed the postoffice business this year would far exceed that of last year. The postoffice did not feel the rush as much as usual, he said, because nearly all the clerks were experienced, thus greatly facilitating the work.

NEW LUMBER CO.

Firm Organized by Jack Slater to Operate at Chiloquin

Jack Slater of the Lakeside Lumber company has incorporated the Reservation Lumber & Construction, with a capital stock of \$10,000. The other incorporators are C. L. Griffin and W. C. Van Emon.

The company already has a lumber yard at Chiloquin, and, according to Van Emon, contemplates the installation of a planing mill in the near future with view to doing a general retail lumber business. Griffin is in charge of Chiloquin yard.

WRITER CLAIMS TO BE GIRL OF RIVER MYSTERY

Anonymous Letter Sent to Police Shields Suspect in Houseboat Murder

PORTLAND, Dec. 26.—The police have retained an anonymous letter signed "Jane Doe" stating that the writer is the girl whom Mrs. Leary saw in Cash Weir's houseboat last September at the time when Mrs. Leary charged the girl was killed there.

The writer refused to divulge her name, she said, because she did not want her family dragged into the case. Police Chief Jenkins announced that if the girl would arrange to meet him that he would shield her from publicity.

Girl's Body Sought

Mrs. Leary was taken today by officers over the lower Columbia River highway to point out the spot where she said Earl Weir had told her the girl's body was buried "under a ton of rocks."

The anonymous letter gave the details of the allegation in the houseboat, in which Mrs. Leary eloped with Weir, and the writer took Weir's part.

WILL ATTEND HEARING

Two Local Representatives to Have Voice at I. C. C. Meet, Jan. 15

Two members of the chamber of commerce railroad committee will attend the Interstate Commerce Commission hearing at Portland January 15 to enter a plea for construction of the Modoc Northern railroad. This was decided at the meeting today held at the chamber board of directors.

The hearing is to be held at Portland to listen to the arguments of the Oregon Public Service Commission on the proposal to develop the railroad facilities of Oregon through construction of a line from Bend to Odell, from Crane to Odell, from Lakeview to Odell and construction of the Natron cut-off.

The local representatives will not enter arguments for any other construction work except the Modoc Northern, since the cut-off and other lines are included in the proposal of the state commission.

The members of the committee to attend the hearing have not been selected. J. A. Gordon is the committee chairman.

OCCUPANTS FLEE IN NIGHT CLOTHES WHEN APARTMENT HOUSE BURNS

PORTLAND, Dec. 26.—Fire early today partially destroyed the Luffin apartments in the downtown district here, with a loss estimated at \$40,000. The occupants were forced to flee to the street in scanty night attire.

FIRE PARTIALLY DESTROYS BOIVIN BUILDING ON FIFTH

Flames Starting in Heating House on Second Floor Spread Rapidly; Cause Not Known

Flames starting shortly after 1 o'clock this afternoon partially destroyed the two-story frame building at 115 Booth Fifth owned by H. Boivin. The fire started on the second floor, under, less a rooming-house, but the cause had not been definitely determined.

The lower floor had been tenanted since being occupied by the Klamath Record Publishing company over one year ago. The interior of the upper floor was entirely gutted. Some furniture was saved before the flames drove the tenants out.

Shortly after the fire was discovered the whole upper floor was in flames, giving the fire department a busy half-hour before gaining control of the situation. Three lines of hose were used, one of which was extended through the adjoining I. O. O. F. building.

Some insurance was carried on the building.

MANY BOOZE VICTIMS

Numerous Deaths Reported as Result of Christmas Drinking

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Eight deaths were attributed today to drinking poisonous liquor on Christmas. A score of more are in hospitals.

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—One dead and 29 are in hospital from drinking moonshine liquor Christmas.

DETROIT, Dec. 26.—Poisonous liquor killed one here Christmas, while over a score are ill from the same cause.

FIND SAILOR'S BODY

CLEVELAND, Dec. 26.—The lifeboat of the Tan Cornell with the body of one of the crew of the eight missing for six days was found today between Long Point and Port Colburn.

R. A. WILLIAMS DIES WHEN CAR IS OVERTURNED

Injuries Received in Accident Near Merrill Prove Fatal

R. A. Williams, 23, of this city, died in a local hospital late Saturday as a result of injuries received when an automobile in which he was riding near Merrill late Friday night turned over. Sylvan Murray and Jesse De Mott, who was driving, escaped with minor injuries.

The accident was due to a defective steering gear, and to the fact that the car carried no lights except a spotlight, it was brought out at the inquest here this morning. The front wheels started to wobble with the result that De Mott lost control of the car, which ran into the ditch, turned completely over, and came to a rest on four wheels with the radiator against a bank.

Concussion of Brain

Williams sustained concussion of the brain and injuries to the chest. The organs were thrown clear and escaped serious injury.

Williams is survived by a wife and a month-old boy. Mrs. Williams is the daughter of Fred R. Stevenson, well-known rancher of the Merrill district.

The funeral will be held from the Stevenson ranch at 11 a. m. Wednesday. Burial will be at the I. O. O. F. cemetery at Merrill.

TO HEAD BEND CLUB

D. G. McPherson Elected President of Bend Commercial Club

BEND, Ore., Dec. 26.—D. G. McPherson was elected president of the Bend Commercial club at the first meeting of the club directors, for the new club year, following the reelection of all of the directors who would otherwise have retired. J. P. Hennessey was elected vice president and H. A. Miller, treasurer.

A committee was appointed for the purpose of investigating the financial condition of the Commercial club, and to determine whether it will be possible to maintain it for another year, and what will be necessary to maintain it. Members of the committee are R. S. Hamilton, H. E. Allen, F. Denton and H. A. Miller.

MARKET REPORT

PORTLAND, Dec. 26.—Livestock, eggs and butter steady.

Diva's Christmas



Gail-Curel, celebrated opera star, is shown here preparing gifts to make youngsters happy who would otherwise be forgotten by Santa Claus.

FALL AND WORK TO RESIGN MARCH 4TH; SUCCESSORS KNOWN

Carmi Thompson to Head Interior Department and Harry New to Get Postmastership

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Among the changes scheduled for March 4 are two moves in the cabinet. Harry New, senator from Indiana, is slated to succeed Dr. Work as postmaster general, and Albert B. Fall secretary of the interior, will on that date retire to his ranch in New Mexico.

Failure to secure a definite and liberal policy of development for Alaska is partly responsible for Fall's decision, but his private affairs demand his attention because of the death of a close relative in the past few weeks who had charge of his extensive stock business.

Secretary Fall must take up the task of personally supervising his business, and will not stay beyond March 4. He may even retire before that date.

Successors Suggested

Many men are suggested as his successor, but well informed friends of President Harding believe he will name Carmi Thompson of Cleveland, assistant secretary of the interior under Secretaries Ballinger and Fischer in 1911 and 1912. Thompson was also secretary for a time to President Taft, and lately has been an active and successful manager of iron ore properties. He was defeated in November for governor of Ohio.

A complete reorganization of the narcotic and prohibition enforcement force of the internal revenue office is predicted with the new year. Recent exposures make the necessity for using the appropriations for more field men and cutting down the number of overhead supervisors.

Little Coast Change

The Pacific coast will not have much change, if any, however, except possibly a few more field men. Congress gave the treasury \$750,000 in 1922 for the suppression of narcotics. One hundred and seventy-five men are employed in this work alone, and the same sum and about the same force is expected for 1923. Nine million dollars was appropriated for the enforcement of prohibition in 1922, and the same amount is estimated for the coming year.

An army of 3837 men is engaged directly by the federal bureau for this work, with all state and local officers co-operating.

TRAIN ESCAPES WRECK

Attempt to Derail "Rainbow Special" Seen by Officials

MUSKOGEE, Okla., Dec. 26.—Because the "Rainbow Special," the Missouri Pacific fast train between Kansas City and Hot Springs, Ark., was two hours late today it escaped an apparent attempt to wreck it. Railway officials professed to see in the wreck of a freight train near Vain, Okla., an attempt to derail the "Rainbow Special." The freight train into an open switch about the time the passenger train was due.

HAYS REFUSES TO RECONSIDER ARBUCKLE CASE

Decision Will Stand, Movie Chief Replies to Plea of L. A. Pastors

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 26.—Flat refusal to reconsider his decision granting Roscoe C. Arbuckle a chance to return to the films was contained in a message from Will Hays, chief of the moving picture industry, to the session of the Westlake Presbyterian church and various Los Angeles pastors who have protested against any further screening of Arbuckle comedies. Hays' message to the churchmen was as follows:

Reiterates Statement

"Everything which I said last Sunday night is reiterated and emphasized. At that time I declared, and do now assert, and have always and shall always insist: 'Any film which is in motion pictures can be removed, and all the good retained, at the place where the pictures are made, and at the time they are made, by the men who make them, and no alibi is possible.'

"The purposes of our association are: 'Establishing and maintaining the highest possible artistic and moral standards of motion picture production, and developing the educational as well as the entertainment value and the general usefulness of motion pictures.'

Acted of Advice

"About nine months ago I suggested to those who owned the Arbuckle pictures that they do not release them, but rather that they should give such consideration to the matter as the conditions warranted. This they did, and it resulted both in the holding and the elimination of Arbuckle from work in his profession.

"I was sure then that the suggestion I made to them was right, and that their action was right, and the only doubt otherwise at that time was whether or not we might be doing an injustice to the individual, Arbuckle. I was sure, however, that we were not, and that the action was best for the whole situation and for him.

Conduct Held Good

"This has proven correct, and from all sources has come the word that his conduct in the last nine months has evidenced an honest and successful effort to do right. This fact was one of the elements, of course, in causing me to make the statement I did, of which I again ask your careful consideration.

"Every man in the right way and at the proper time is entitled to his chance to make good. It is apparent that Roscoe Arbuckle's conduct since his trouble merits that chance. So far as I am concerned there will be no suggestion now that he should not have his opportunity to go to work in his profession.

BUILD SAWMILL UNITS

Construction Work Proceeding at Two Bend Plants

BEND, Ore., Dec. 26.—Sawmill construction somewhat hindered by the cold weather of last week, is now under way at full speed at both the new Brooks-Scanlon mill and at the new unit for The Shevlin-Hixon company.

On the Brooks-Scanlon mill, most of the timbers are in place up to the first floor, and most of the floor has been laid.

Installation of machinery for the new unit of the Shevlin-Hixon mill is proceeding rapidly at the same time that construction of the building is being completed.

TEMPEST ON ATLANTIC

Most Violent Storm in Recollection of Veterans Raging

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The most violent tempest in the recollection of veteran navigators has been raging on the north Atlantic the past week, threatening smaller vessels with destruction and wrecking fast liners from their courses and striking terror to the hearts of hundreds of passengers. All liners are behind schedule time.

