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## COURTHOUSE IS SCENE OF HARD FOUGHT BATTLE

### J. H. Carnahan And Allan Sloan go one Fast Round to Draw

J. H. Carnahan, city attorney, and Allan Sloan, deputy clerk, staged a sanguinary fist fight in the corridors of the county courthouse today shortly after noon, following an altercation of the preceding day when Sloan forcibly ejected Carnahan from the county clerk's office. The fracas, which was a one-round affair, lasting about three minutes, and blood had been split freely on both sides, when Sheriff Low came to the rescue of both and pulled them apart.

Reports of the fight and causes thereof differ slightly, according to the sympathies of the reporter. Heard Disparaging Remarks. According to Sloan's story to the sheriff, word had come to him of certain disparaging remarks concerning the manner in which he handled the county clerk's office. Yesterday morning Carnahan came to the county clerk's office to look into some deeds and records filed in the vault of the county clerk's office. Sneering around behind the counter and into the vault, he was searching for the papers when Sloan informed him that anything he wanted in the clerk's office he would supply.

"At first I thought he was joking," said Carnahan, "because it is a custom for all members of the bar to have access to the records of the clerk's office."

One word followed another on the question and finally Sloan grabbed Carnahan by the folds of his overcoat and shoved him backward around the counter and out the door into the corridor of the courthouse.

Carnahan did not attempt to return to the clerk's office and for the time the matter lay at rest.

Carnahan Was Waiting. This noon, when Sloan was leaving for lunch, Carnahan was waiting outside the clerk's office.

"I am not satisfied with what occurred yesterday Sloan," Carnahan declared.

"Oh, you aren't," replied Sloan, stripping his coat. "Well, I'll try to satisfy you."

Rushing towards Carnahan he was stopped short with a terrific swing to the jaw. Coming in again Sloan connected with Carnahan's nose and the latter countered with a jab to the eye that cut Sloan's eye open. From that point on it was give and take, with both bleeding freely.

The fight had settled down to real earnest, and the men were punishing each other severely when Sheriff Low was informed of the matter.

Like Wild Men.

"Coming out the door I saw the two men tearing into each other like wild men," he said. "It was hard to see who was having the best of it, so mentally calling it a draw." I stepped in and pulled them apart.

When asked for a personal statement concerning the fight, Sloan was noncommittal and refused to make a personal comment.

"No man can stand up under such indignities," averred Carnahan when asked to make a statement. "I reported being kicked around like a dog and any man with a drop of red blood would have done the same thing as I did. I regret the incident immensely and am sorry that it occurred. Personally, I have no grudge against Sloan as a result."

Complaint Made Out.

A complaint against each man for fighting has been made out and the combatants were to be asked to appear before Justice of the Peace Emmitt either this afternoon or tomorrow morning.

Both Carnahan and Sloan bore marks of battle. The former wore a bad looking nose and the latter a battered face.

### MARKET REPORT

PORTLAND, Dec. 21.—Livestock steady, eggs weak, butter steady.

## WOMAN ADVERTISES FOR CHILDREN AS CHRISTMAS GUESTS

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 21.—Mrs. Anne Howell of Eugene has three boys and one girl of her own but they cannot be home for Christmas, so she is advertising in a Eugene newspaper for the "four most fortunate boys in the city" to be her guests at Christmas dinner.

Mrs. Howell says she has not decided what means she will use to determine who the four guests will be, but probably will accept the first four applicants.

BIRMINGHAM, Wash., Dec. 21.—One hundred orphan children of this city will be the guests on Christmas day of the officers and sailors of the U. S. S. Tennessee, according to plans announced today.

Arrangements have been made to have a large Christmas tree on the quarter deck of the battleship. Every child guest will be given three gifts, a box of warm clothing, a box of toys and a package of fruit, nuts and candy.

A dinner will be served the orphans at noon. The afternoon program will consist of a motion picture show and a series of dances.

## RED PLOT IN U. S. IS CHARGED

### Allegation of Secretary Hughes is Denied by Soviet Minister

Moscow, Dec. 21.—Foreign Minister Tchitcherine today denied charges by Secretary Hughes of a red plot in the United States. He declared if documents exist indicating the soviet government attempted to influence the American Workers' party they are forgeries. He said Russia would like to submit the question of their authenticity to arbitration.

## RECLAMATION MEET, JANUARY

### Advisory Committee, on Inspection Trip, to Confer With Water Users

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—The advisory committee on reclamation, which next month will inspect several government projects in the west, will meet the middle of January in Salt Lake City with the federated water users to gather information for recommendation to Secretary Work.

## GROWN FOLKS TO DRESS AS KIDDIES

### Santa Claus to be Enjoyed by All at Mills School Christmas Entertainment Tonight

So that they may enjoy Santa Claus equally with the young folks, grown-ups attending the Christmas entertainment at Mill school tonight will dress as children. In addition to the program announced yesterday, Helen Cofer will dance. The program is being given by the Parent-Teachers' association for the benefit of the playground fund. The fun starts at 7:30.

## DAWES MAY GET POST

PARIS, Dec. 21.—The reparations commission today decided to offer Charles G. Dawes, chairman of the United States budget committee, the presidency of the committee which is to examine German finances.

## 3 COUNTIES IN SUITS AGAINST STATE TAX ACT

### Constitutionality Assailed by Klamath, Yamhill And Umatilla

SALEM, Dec. 21.—The supreme court this afternoon was hearing arguments in the mandamus suits against the validity of the county tax supervising and conservation act. The constitutionality was assailed and the Umatilla, Klamath and Yamhill counties commissioners attacked. Tillamook and Polk are to come into the case as amici curiae.

Jointly with Klamath county complainants, who were not ready today, the government is expected to have a representative here in the tax hearing. The federal angle comes into the case from Klamath county over interest on money to pay for a reclamation ditch built by the government.

Constitutional angles from which Yamhill county will attack are two: First, the act violates the constitution by taking taxing power away from the regular arm of the government created for that purpose and virtually places it in the hands of the governor through his power of appointment of supervising commission; second, the act as an amendment to the original act of 1921 was not passed by the legislature in the manner provided in the constitution.

## PRINEVILLE TO HAVE \$1,000,000 SUGAR BEET PLANT

### Contracts for Supplying Company Obtained From Farmers Controlling 5200 Acres

PRINEVILLE, Ore., Dec. 21.—Establishment of a \$1,000,000 beet sugar factory at Prineville has been undertaken by the Central Oregon Sugar company, recently incorporated under the laws of Oregon. Contracts for supplying the company with beets have been obtained from farmers controlling 5200 acres of irrigated land in the Ochoco valley and adjacent territory, according to officials of the company. The contracts run for a five-year period and provide that the farmers shall share with the company in profits from the sale of sugar and other products of the plant.

It is estimated that the proposed plant at Prineville would produce 150,000 bags, of 100 pounds each, of standard refined sugar per annum. At present prices the amount of sugar would sell at approximately 1,500,000, or about one-fifth of the amount sent outside of Oregon each year for sugar consumed in the state.

From available statistics it is evident that the farmer could make more money by raising sugar beets than from any other crop. It is a cash crop and the contract assures him of a fixed minimum price for his beets, as well as a share in the profits of the company. The present market price for sugar beets would give the farmer \$10 per ton for his crop and, assuming that 10 tons of beets would be the minimum yield per acre, he would net about \$100 per acre on his beets alone.

## SUE TO PREVENT FISHING PERMITS IN ALASKAN WATERS

### Delegate Sutherland Would Enjoin Secretary Hoover From Issuing Permits

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—Sue has been filed by Delegate Sutherland of Alaska, in the District of Columbia supreme court, to enjoin Secretary Hoover from issuing permits for fishing rights in Alaskan waters.

Sutherland and Senator King of Utah yesterday introduced resolutions asking for congressional investigation of Alaskan fishing reserves under control of the department of commerce.

## LEAD DEMOCRATS



Senator Oscar Underwood of Alabama (left), Democratic floor leader during the last session of Congress, has turned over his control to Senator Joseph T. Robinson of Arkansas. Underwood stands a chance of getting the Democratic nomination for president.

## AID SOUGHT TO BUILD NEW LINE

### Farmers are Advised to Get Down to Earth and Diversify Crops

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 21.—The aid of San Francisco and Los Angeles toward inaugurating the construction of a railroad line from Crane, Or., to the new Klamath Falls-Eugene line of the Southern Pacific, is solicited by the Caldwell Idaho Commercial club in letters outlining the benefit which such a railroad will be to eastern Oregon and western Idaho.

The public service commission of Oregon has instituted proceedings before the interstate commerce commission asking for an order from the commission to compel some one of seven railroad companies to build the new extension. The public utilities commission of the state of Idaho and civic organizations in the western part of this state are lending their aid in pushing the matter.

Construction of the line, according to the letter sent to the California cities, will furnish an outlet for a great amount of lumber, farm products and livestock which could be shipped out of eastern Oregon and Idaho.

As the result of the interest taken by the Caldwell commercial club in the matter of getting a railroad across Oregon to provide Portland and California connections, since the visit of an Ontario delegation to the Idaho city, the public utilities commission of Idaho will probably join with the Oregon commission in asking the I. C. C. for favorable action upon Oregon's complaint. President Adern Hyde of the Caldwell club interested Commissioner J. M. Thompson in the matter and was assured his assistance. The Oregon commission was notified of the Caldwell action and when the commissioners are here next week will be asked to go to Caldwell to present to the business men there the status of the matter.—Ontario Argus.

## PRINEVILLE MAYOR DIES IN PORTLAND

### William Wurzweller, Prominent in Eastern Oregon, Succumbs to Heart Trouble

PORTLAND, Dec. 21.—William Wurzweller, mayor of Prineville, president of the Bank of Prineville and prominent for many years as a stockman and financier, in eastern Oregon, died here early today after 36 hours of illness due to heart trouble.

Wurzweller was born in Germany in 1859. He entered the livestock business in Pendleton in 1884, moving to Prineville in 1891. He was married in 1885 to Bertha Alexander, who survives him. He had several farms around Prineville, the largest being of 800 acres, near Sisters.

## PROPERTY TO GO UNDER HAMMER

### Auction of 50 Parcels to Satisfy City Claims is Saturday

Sale by the city at public auction of about 50 parcels of Klamath Falls property, consisting largely of residential lots, will take place at the city hall at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. The property is being sold to satisfy delinquent assessments for sewers, streets and paving. The sale will be the largest every attempted by the city. If the property is not all sold tomorrow, the sale will be continued the following Saturday.

## RECEIVE ROAD BIDS JAN. 8TH

### State Highway Commission to Meet in Portland to Consider New York

SALEM, Dec. 21.—The highway commission will meet in Portland January 8 to receive bids for resurfacing with crushed rock the Camilla-Echo section of the Old Oregon Trail, about 22 miles of surfacing on the Coquille-Bandon section of the Roosevelt highway, about 16 9-10 miles; and building a timber trestle on the Coquille-Bandon section, near Coquille.

## PRESIDENT URGED TO RECONSIDER HANEY, THOMPSON

### Oregon And Alabama Senators Ask That Names be Resubmitted For Shipping Board

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—Senators McNary, Oregon, and Underwood, Alabama, today urged the president resubmit the nominations of Haney and Thompson as members of the shipping board. The White House indicated the withdrawal did not necessarily mean the nominations of Thompson and Haney would not be resubmitted.

## LEVIATHAN HITS REEF

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The Leviathan, queen ship of the American merchant marine, inbound from Charbourg today, grounded on Robin reef, New York harbor. A call was sent for all available tugs.

## CHRISTMAS SNOW TO BE MISSING, IS PREDICTION

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—No snow for Christmas. Uncle Sam's weather forecasters, brought to say in advance whether it will be a "white Christmas" or a green one, having been watching weather signs for days so they could answer the question early and truthfully.

They said their weather maps indicated most parts of the United States that customarily have snow on Christmas will not have it this year.

The only region where snow has accumulated is in the Rocky mountains.

## MAN AND WIFE CONVICTED OF MANSLAUGHTER

### Former Suitor of Woman Invited to House, Murdered, Was Charge

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Ernst Vetter and wife Marie were convicted today of first degree manslaughter for killing Alonzo J. Storey, former suitor of Mrs. Vetter.

Mrs. Vetter, who collapsed when the verdict was announced. The husband put her around her and spoke consolingly.

The maximum penalty that may be imposed is 20 years' imprisonment.

Storey was a former roomer and intimate friend of Mrs. Vetter before her marriage.

The prosecution introduced testimony purporting to show that Storey was invited to the Vetter home by Mrs. Vetter, May 11 last, and was beaten and stabbed to death by the husband and wife. The body, in a burlap sack, was cast into Jamaica bay.

Vettors pleaded self-defense.

## EAGLE RIDGE CO. NAMES OFFICERS

### Organization of Company is Completed at Meeting Yesterday of Stockholders

Organization of the Eagle Ridge Hotel company was completed yesterday afternoon with the election of officers following a stockholders' meeting. J. C. Boyle was elected president, Dr. T. C. Campbell, vice-president, Mrs. Hope Weston Kilbourne, secretary-treasurer, and C. W. Wood and R. C. Groesbeck, directors.

With almost \$40,000 of the \$75,000 capital stock subscribed, the company is prepared to start immediately on the proposed improvements at Eagle Ridge. The first steps on the program include enlargement of the hotel, which will be ready for the 1924 season, and improvement of the road to the hotel and continuation from the hotel through the homesteads bordering the lake. The dock will be extended and more boats added, and a plunge built near the water's edge.

The company lists as assets 900 acres, including a 420-acre reclaimed ranch, and the hotel. With receipt from the corporation commissioner of permission to sell stock, further subscriptions will be sought. Several local original subscribers yesterday increased their original subscriptions. The company will issue no promotion stock.

## BANK CLOSES DOORS

### Shortage of \$300,000 Confessed by St. Louis Cashier

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 21.—The Chipewa bank, in the southern part of this city, was closed today. A shortage was reported of \$300,000. Gottlieb Weyermann, president, announced the cashier, John B. Carr, confessed his accounts were short and returned \$24,000. The exact shortage was not ascertained.

## FORMER I.W.W. CHIEF HELD AS COUNTERFEITER

### Forging of Pay Checks is Charged to Jack McDonald, Wife

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Jack McDonald, once an I. W. W. member, with his wife and another man, were arrested today in connection with the operations of a band accused of printing counterfeit Pennsylvania railway pay checks in amount of \$100,000 and cashing many.

Railroad investigators declared McDonald, his wife and Thomas Murphy, seized with them, are not the leaders of the band, but were arrested in connection with the theft of a truckload of merchandise from the Burlington railroad, and admitted having passed some of the checks.

Approximately a dozen other men were believed involved.

Besides McDonald, whose wife is said to have been involved with him in I. W. W. strikes and troubles during the war, Thomas Murphy was arrested with the McDonalds in their flat on the west side.

Mrs. Anna McDonald, according to the police, was suspected of having knowledge of the carrying of dynamite to strikers in Denver during the war time activities of the I. W. W.

Many of the counterfeit and the forged pay checks are said to have been cashed in Gary, Ind., South Chicago and other points in the Calumet industrial district.

The trio were caught in a raid by a squad from the detective bureau.

## RAILROAD HELD TO HAVE MET DIFFICULT I.C.C. REQUIREMENTS

### Traffic Handled Efficiently, Says Agent in Address Before Rotary Club

Difficult requirements of the interstate commerce commission were met by Southern Pacific in the handling of traffic during the past 12 months, and the Klamath country shared the general efficiency of service, said J. J. Miller, district freight and passenger agent, speaking at the Rotary luncheon today.

The average locomotive, said Miller, is temperamental, and many an engine's record will show more than half of the days of the year spent in the shops. Despite this fact the Southern Pacific managed to meet the commission's requirements that 85 per cent of the company's engines be rolling throughout the year.

In fact more than 36 per cent of the engines were in service through the year, said Miller. More than 95 per cent of freight cars were kept moving. Loading limits were lived up to, and the Southern Pacific met and passed the mark set by the commission in each regard.

During the heavy summer freight movement, there was some 30 days when the Klamath branch was short of cars, but not to a large extent, said Miller. The shipping needs of the region were fairly met, he said.

Miller urged a constructive program for the coming year upon members of the Rotary club. He alluded to a recent visit to the San Francisco club and told of the great work that was being done by San Francisco and Los Angeles clubs in the rehabilitation of crippled and deformed children.

## MEXICAN MILITARY SITUATION QUIET

### General Sanchez in Conference With Rebel Leaders to End Revolution

VERA CRUZ, Dec. 21.—General Sanchez, chief military supporter of De La Huerta, is reported to have gone to Esperanza, in the fighting zone, to confer with other rebel leaders on a plan for ending the rebellion. The military situation is quiet.