

## REFLECTION ON KLAMATH GIRLS ANGERS PARENTS

### Rhodes Claims he Was Mis- quoted; Information Was Second Hand

A miniature Teapot Dome tempest broke here this morning when a certain publication quoted J. O. Rhodes, recreational leader for the Pelican Bay Lumber company, as saying before the Parent-Teacher association meeting in the Central school last Tuesday:

"Do you know that in Klamath Falls you have 200 girls under the age of 21 who are leading immoral lives as a business?"

Questioned today by The Herald, Rhodes declared he had been misquoted.

"Had Been Told."

"What I said," asserted Rhodes, "was, 'I have been told by residents of Klamath Falls that in Klamath Falls you have 200 girls under the age of 21 who are leading immoral lives as a business.'"

Asked whether he believed such a condition could exist, Rhodes replied:

"That's hard to say. But I think there is a good deal of truth in it."

Said He Was Sorry.

Rhodes said he was sorry such prominence had been given to the remark. He was using it, he said, as an illustration to make clear "conditions" existing here, and it was not intended as a high-light of his talk. He said he did not care to disclose for publication the source of his information.

Since there are perhaps not more than 300 or 400 girls in Klamath Falls between the ages of 14 and 21, such a charge casts a reflection upon the decency of one-half of the girls between those ages.

If the statement were true, half of the girls attending high school, and an equal proportion of other girls under 21, would be affected.

Fathers Plain Spoken.

With this in mind, business men who are fathers of young girls were plain spoken today in their denunciation of a person who would make such a statement, and of any person or institution who would accept it as a fact and broadcast it as such.

## MAN CHARGED WITH GIRL'S DEATH DIES OF BULLET WOUNDS

PULLMAN, Wash., Feb. 8.—Lawrence Stakman, charged by a coroner's jury last night with having slain Miss Kate Harter in her home here Wednesday night, died in a Colfax hospital today from bullet wounds inflicted at the same time Miss Harter was killed.

## G. O. P. MUST CLEAN HOUSE OR PEOPLE WILL. SAYS JOHNSON

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 8.—The republican party must clean house or the people will do it for them, Senator Hiram Johnson, candidate for the republican presidential nomination, declared in a statement today.

## DEMAND RANSOM FOR RETURN OF AMERICAN

EL PASO, Texas, Feb. 8.—Ransom of \$50,000 was asked for the release of T. J. Mac Kenzie, American, who was recently abducted by Villists near the Aforagas mines, south of Chihuahua City, according to word received in Juarez today.

## THE WEATHER.

The Cyclo-Stormograph at the Underwood pharmacy registered a rapid and sharp rise in barometric pressure since last report and warmer weather will prevail. Forecast for next 24 hours: Clear, with lower temperatures.

The Tyco recording thermometer registered maximum and minimum temperatures today as follows:  
High..... 40  
Low..... 26

## MILL WORKER SHOT IN RAYMOND FEUD; ASSAILANT HELD

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 8.—Angelo Mericcioli, 39, a mill worker, was killed following an altercation on the streets of Raymond, Wash., this morning, and Giovanni Orsueli, 30, an employe of the Willapa Lumber company, is in jail in South Bend as the alleged slayer as the result of a feud. The prisoner refuses to give the police any information concerning the motive for his action. The victim was shot three times in the back and stabbed once, the knife breaking and leaving four inches of blade in the body.

## JOHNSON MAN IS FIRST HERE

### State Organizer For Pres- idential Candidate is Pleased With Outlook

First on the ground in the interest of a presidential candidate is Sanfield Macdonald, state organizer for the Hiram Johnson forces, who is here today consulting with local friends of the California senator.

Accompanying Macdonald is Jess McCarran, Portland insurance man, former commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, who is assisting in the campaign.

### Enthusiasm Unchecked.

The Johnson men arrived yesterday afternoon from Ashland, their enthusiasm unchecked by the sloppy roads and a contest with a mudhole, into which their car floundered and from which they were towed by a passing Samaritan.

"We find a strong sentiment for Johnson here," said Macdonald this morning. He predicts that Johnson will carry Oregon in 1924, with no material change in the status of Klamath, which four years ago gave the Native Son candidate a majority of between 700 and 800 votes.

### Withdrawal Denied.

Macdonald today had a telegram from T. B. Neuhausen, Oregon manager of the Johnson campaign, denying a rumor published in Portland that Johnson had decided to withdraw from the contest. Neuhausen wired Johnson and received the following characteristic reply from the fighting Californian:

"The story is utterly without foundation. It emanates from the Coolidge camp where doubtless the wish is father to the thought. Everything is going well and we are getting ready for an active, aggressive and militant fight. I met with the representatives of the primary states last Monday in Chicago. All are enthusiastic and optimistic and everybody is ready for the fray."

## SHEETS FUNERAL IS 2:30 SUNDAY AT ELKS' TEMPLE

At the meeting of the Elks lodge last night it was announced that the body of R. J. Sheets would arrive in Klamath Falls tonight and the funeral service would be held in the lodge room, Sunday afternoon, at 2:30. Lodge members were requested to be present 20 minutes earlier to prepare for the final service.

## FRENCH PREMIER AND CABINET QUIT CHAMBER IN ANGER

PARIS, Feb. 8.—Premier Poincaré, with all cabinet ministers, exasperated by opposition attacks, walked out of the chamber of deputies today. The session immediately was suspended.

## ANDERSON GETS TERM IN PRISON FOR FORGERY

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—William R. Anderson, state superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, was today sentenced to from one to two years in state prison for third degree forgery.

## LETHAL GAS IS USED BY NEVADA FOR EXECUTION

### Chinaman Convicted of Murder Executed by New Method

CARSON CITY, Nev., Feb. 8.—Gee Joo, convicted of a tong murder, was executed today with lethal gas. Physicians said death occurred six minutes after the gas was turned into the chamber and was painless.

Thomas Russell, who also was condemned to die by lethal gas today, received an 11th hour commutation sentence late yesterday by the state pardon board. He was sentenced for killing his Indian sweet-heart.

The Chinese was led into the death chamber shortly before 10 A. M. Newspaper men acted as official witnesses, grouping with physicians around the window of the cell in which the condemned man was confined.

Gee Joo was in the chair when they arrived.

Guards reported he wept a little as he was placed in the chair. The captain of the guards said to him, "Brace up," and after that he displayed no emotion.

When the gas was turned on he raised his head and looked around at the hissing sound of liquid hydrocyanic acid being blown in from an adjoining compartment of the little building.

Then his head fell forward.

His expression remained placid during the six minutes he continued to breathe. His head rolled back and fell forward periodically.

## MOVIE STAR IS SLAIN IN HOME

### Body of Louise Lawson is Found Tied to Bed Posts in N. Y. Apartment

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—Bound to the posts of her bed, with her mouth gagged, Louise Lawson, 24, motion picture actress, was today found dead in her room in a fashionable apartment in West 77th street.

Miss Lawson was strangled to death after a desperate battle with thieves, it developed later. Gems valued at several thousand dollars are missing.

## MARKET REPORT.

PORTLAND, Feb. 8.—Livestock: steady; eggs, firm; 28 to 29 1/2; butter, firm.

## REDISTRICTING OF CITY POSSIBLE WITH NEW CENTRAL SCHOOL

Building Will Have Twice Capacity of Present Structure, Says Chairman of Board

Reasons for the action of the city school board in taking an option on the block between Washington and High, Seventh and Eighth streets, as a site for a new Central school building were detailed to the members of the Rotary club today by Fred Fleet, a member of the school board and also of the club.

Fleet said that the site, which will cost, including \$500 for expenses of the bond issue, \$25,000 was the most economical in cost of any available property. Anything else that would answer the requirements would cost twice as much, he said.

C. H. Underwood, chairman of the board, in response to a question, said that the present attendance of all children living west of Eighth street at Riverside school, was due to the inadequacy of Central school. The new school, he said, of 16 rooms will be twice as large as the present school and redistricting will be possible by which the attendance boundary will be moved further west.

### Main Criticism.

To main criticism against the proposed new Central site is that it forces children from the eastern part of town to travel two blocks further to attend school, while those west of Eighth street had still have to attend Riverside.

Underwood said that the dividing lines could not be changed under present conditions, but with greater facilities that the new school would offer, it would be possible, and the board contemplated such action.

### Member's Death Deplored.

A resolution of sympathy for the family of the late R. J. Sheets, and appreciation of the service he had rendered the Rotary club, was adopted.

### Visitor Makes Suggestion.

Sanfield Macdonald of Portland, guest of the club, made a brief speech, in which he said that the modern appearance of Klamath Falls had surprised him. He had formed the impression that it was a raw, new town, he said, filled with enthusiasm but not far progressed in development. What he had seen had surpassed all his pre-conceived ideas, he admitted.

He was especially enthusiastic over the scenic attractions, and then pointed out that the Ashland highway possesses a unique attraction in the wealth of timber that borders the road. Thousands of tourists from the mid west, he said, in all of their journey to the coast, see forests only at distance. These miles of road running through virgin forest would make a great impression, he said. He advised preservation of the trees lining the road from the axe, and capitalization of their appeal in advertising and publicity.

## PRINCE OF WALES BREAKS COLLAR BONE

LONDON, Feb. 8.—The prince of Wales broke his collar bone while exercising one of his hunters at Billington Manor, near Ascot, today. The horse fell in jumping a fence.

## FORD HINTS OF BIG INTERESTS IN OIL DEALS

### Sees Possibility of Connection With U. S. Deal in Mexico

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 8.—The senate oil committee might do well to look into the possibility of a connection between the oil interests and our attitude toward the Mexican difficulty, Henry Ford said today in a statement issued in answer to a request that he join Michigan citizens in urging a fair deal for Secretary Denby.

Ford urged inquiry into the activities of international banking houses. Ford said he believed President Coolidge would give Denby a fair chance.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 8.—McAdoo is to appear before the senate oil committee tomorrow at his own request to explain his professional relations with Doherty oil companies, from which he yesterday severed connections.

Frederick G. Bonfils, publisher of the Denver (Colo.) Post, appeared as a voluntary witness today, telling of his efforts to assist Leo Stack to enforce the contract Stack had with the Midwest and other oil companies supposed to own acreage in the Teapot Dome reserve before it was leased to Sinclair.

Bonfils entered into a contract with Stack to help him enforce his rights.

Bonfils explained how the \$250,000 paid by Sinclair in settlement had been divided between him and his partners in the deal with Stack. The committee decided later today to hold for Monday its examination of McAdoo.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The oil inquiry widened by adoption of a resolution by the senate directing investigation of the circumstances by which the Honolulu Consolidated Oil company secured extensive tracts in California.

## DISMISSAL MOTION IN PARTIN CASE IS DENIED BY LEAVITT

Contending that the proof of the marriage of Norah Partin to M. A. Partin was not sufficient and would not be valid from a legal standpoint, the attorney for the defense made a motion this morning for a directed verdict. The motion was made immediately after the state closed its case this morning.

After the noon hour Judge A. L. Leavitt decided that the proof of marriage be allowed and that the jury consider it for what it is worth. The case may be completed by tomorrow afternoon.

## RECOVERY DOUBTFUL OF SOLE SURVIVOR IN POISONING CASE

AIBANY, Ore., Feb. 8.—Horst Ruchling, aged two, only survivor of the fatal dinner last Saturday which resulted in two entire families being wiped out from botulism poisoning as a result of eating home canned beans, was reported still suffering today, with his recovery still doubtful.

## SAYS JACKSON STILL OUTPUT WAS SOLD HERE

### Further Developments Are Hinted in Liquor Case by Authorities

Henry S. Wilson, former police chief, who was indicted by the Jackson county grand jury Tuesday, was charged in the indictment with "operating a distillery." L. Congo, of this city, was charged with "setting up a still" and B. I. Hatfield, former resident of this city, with "operating a still." Bonds were fixed at \$3000.

The entire output of the still was disposed of in Klamath county, according to the Jackson county sheriff. Only the bare details of the raid have been revealed by the authorities, leading to the belief that further developments are to follow.

## WILSON, CONGO ARE RELEASED ON BOND TO AWAIT TRIAL

MEDFORD, Feb. 8.—H. S. Wilson and L. Congo of Klamath Falls, indicted for alleged liquor law violations, were released today on \$3000 bond pending trial, the date of which has not been set.

## KLAMATH BASKET TOSSERS TO PLAY AGENCY TONIGHT

Klamath high school basketball team will play its first game with Klamath Agency on the agency's floor tonight.

The squad under Coach Carlson has been practicing hard and the players feel confident of victory.

The two new men on the team, Kenneth Maler and Dean Beckley, are going strong, while Pete Motzenbacher, Cliff Hogue and Vernon Moore can be depended upon for sterling work. Frank Upp also is making good.

If the Klamath team shows up well tonight, some outside games may be scheduled. Coach Carlson is shaping his men for the final game with Merrill which he feels will be the hardest of the season. Until the last three minutes of play last Friday, it was anybody's game.

## ROCHESTER WILL BE SENT TO HONDURAS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 8.—The cruiser Rochester, now at Colon, has been ordered to La Ceiba, Honduras, in response to an appeal to the state department from American residents who fear revolutionary developments will jeopardize their interests.

## 20 ENDANGERED AS ICE BRIDGE BREAKS

20 ENDANGERED—PAGE ONE♦♦  
QUEBEC, Feb. 8.—All of the 20 persons whose lives were endangered yesterday by the breaking a mile long ice bridge across the St. Lawrence river, escaped. Five who drifted for hours on floating ice and who were believed lost, reached shore safely.

## HIGHWAY WORK IN KLAMATH TO COMMENCE SOON

### Grading and Surfacing of Road From Dairy to Bo- nanza is First Step

With the announcement by the local branch of the state highway office that bids for construction of the Klamath Falls-Lakeriew highway, between Dairy and Bonanza, will be considered by the state highway commission on February 27, comes the first step taken in highway construction by the state in Klamath county this year. The contract will call for grading and surfacing of the road between Dairy and Bonanza and resurfacing of the road between Olney and Dairy.

### To Advertise for Bids.

Bids will be advertised some time between the 11th or 13th of this month. All road contractors of the state will be notified of the proposed construction and the opening of the bids.

C. C. Kelly, division engineer, and G. I. Stebbins, resident engineer, left this morning for Dairy to inspect the stretch of road included in the proposed construction.

Unless weather conditions impede construction on the road will start within several weeks after the letting of the contract.

### Route Settled.

For three years the routing of the Klamath Falls-Lakeriew highway from Dairy eastward has been a question that has been contested by various factions in the county. On November 27 the state highway commission upon the recommendation of the county court ruled that the highway should be constructed from Dairy to Bonanza and from there eastward.

## COMMINGS GETS 60 DAY TERM

### Man Who Confesses to Manufacturing Liquor Also to Pay \$500 Fine

Sixty days in the county jail and a fine of \$500 was meted out to H. Commings in the justice court yesterday afternoon by Justice of the Peace Emmett, Commings pleaded guilty to manufacturing liquor in a house three miles northwest of town known as the Oregon place. A large still was confiscated by State Prohibition Agent Tankley who made the arrest Wednesday morning.

The case of State of Oregon vs. Bartelo Dinco, charged with stealing an automobile, was dismissed in the justice court when it developed that the matter had been settled out of court before the case came to trial. Dinco was arrested last Sunday in Yreka, Calif. following a complaint by James Howie, local automobile man. Dinco had paid \$400 for the car before he left for Yreka. He paid the remainder and also the costs of the sheriff in making the trip.

On motion of his attorney, the bail of G. H. Conners, who was recently bound over to the grand jury on the charge of larceny of an automobile, was reduced from \$750 to \$500. It was stated that Conners' wife who is now in Klamath Falls had sold their home to raise enough money for bail but that she could only raise \$600. Judge A. L. Leavitt granted the motion.

## SEATTLE EXPLOSION IS LAID TO STILL

SEATTLE, Feb. 8.—The explosion which yesterday afternoon nearly wrecked a four-story building, imperiling the lives of nearly a score of persons, and causing fire doing damage at \$100,000, was believed by the city dry squad to have been caused by a still on the second floor.

Try to Match These Sisters for Beauty



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These five girls, sisters, are helping to run things on Capitol Hill in Washington, D. C. Left to right: Goldie Dunn with Representative Simmons of Nebraska; Vera Dunn with Representative French of Wisconsin; Billie Dunn with Representative McLaughlin of Nebraska; Marge Dunn Weir, formerly with Representative Mondell; and Jean Dunn with Representative Clarke of New York. The girls perform clerical work in the offices of the men mentioned.