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Uncensored Observations

Fred Richardson, deputy game warden and terror to all who bask not in the pure unadorned light of the law, has one weakness, it developed at court session last night. He is so ambidextrous that he has difficulty in distinguishing his right hand from the left. While being sworn in as a witness, facing Circuit Court Clerk DeLap, the latter raised his right hand. Richardson lifted his left hand and was sorely unconscious of his error in judicial technique till a hoarse whisper prompted him to change hands. The eye brows of Judge Thomas rose and fell like a skiff on a storm-tossed sea during the episode.

The past month has been a golden era to the mountaineer bootlegger. Since the Erickson murder, the land pirates have been allowed to follow their own sweet method of harpooning the Volstead act because all officials in the sheriff's office and a good many of the Prohi slouts have been devoting their days to the case. But the day of judgment is near at hand. When the Sullivan trial is disposed of the minions of the law will turn their attention to matters of less importance, in which will be included the hearty pursuit of bootleggers.

Bill Wondrie, latterly of California, now of Klamath, is a delicate creature. From the floor, due north to the crown of his head, it is just six feet eleven inches. The other day Bill remarked that he had been falling off late. "Lost 43 pounds the past week or so," he observed. "I only weigh 220 pounds in my shirt sleeves now." Bill is a jack of all trades. He carries at the terminus of each arm, two chunks of beef that have the power behind them to bowl over a good sized horse. The Sacramento police force want the 20-year-old giant on their force when he attains man's estate. But he prefers to trod the highways and byways of the universe several more years before settling down.

There is one Klamath citizen, over whom the sword of Damocles hangs, if the remarks of the Hon. Edward B. Ashurst, local councillor at law, are to be taken literally. The unfortunate mortal is the Right Hon. Robert E. Strahorn. One cutting thought which appeared in the printed speech of the Klamath legal light before the city council recently, has to do with the cutting of heads. The Hon. Mr. Ashurst's own words are self explanatory:

"Mr. Strahorn sitting in his luxurious apartment in this city when men who had tolled upon his road were crying for bread seemed to care very little whether they ate bread or grass."

"One of the officials of France, Old Fallon, assumed the same attitude toward the peasants of France just prior to the French Revolution, and as depicted in the Tale of Two Cities, told those who informed him that the people of Paris were crying for bread, to let them eat grass."

"When the Revolution burst upon the hapless people of that unfortunate country and the Guillotine was set up, wicked Old Fallon was among the first to fall; his head was clipped off, and in remembrance of his former suggestion, his mouth was stuffed with grass."

Poor Old Fallon! Poor old Mr. Strahorn!

That Mr. Ashurst seems to place Mr. Strahorn in the same category with Monsieur Fallon is apparent but whether he infers that Mr. Strahorn's head should be shorn of its moorings and his mouth then stuffed with Klamath bunch grass, only that disciple of Blackstone can tell.

Fred Houston, local merchant, is eagerly awaiting the day when the Klamath fishing season will open. And thereby hangs a tale. Pull down the shades and let the orchestra strum "Hearts and Flowers" whilst we pipe the sad and somber lay:

Last summer Fred was whipping one of the nearby streams when of a sudden a giant Rainbow struck the hook. Back and forth in the swirling water the Rainbow darted hither and yon, with Fred tugging and giving on the slender, silken line.

Then the trout tired of its fight and permitted itself to be pulled ashore. Just as Fred stooped to net the 15-pounder, a set of false teeth dropped into the water. Startled, and taking a new lease on life, the Rainbow grabbed the plate and soon made his escape.

According to report, Fred married well the deep hole where he met his Waterloo, and as soon as the snow melts and the fish commission says "hap to it," he's going to start in search of the big Rainbow that has an extra set of teeth.

Reputed Gang of Auto Accessory Thieves in Jail; Others Sought

Three Men Under Arrest for Alleged Stealing From Miller Construction Company---Taxi Driver Gives Police Tip Which Results in Their Capture

Three reputed members of a gang of tire and accessory thieves are under arrest, and others are being sought as a result of a confession said to have been made late yesterday by J. Williams, aged 19, one of the alleged members of the gang.

From information furnished by young Williams, Chief of Police Loucks and assistants last night arrested T. M. Brady and Lee Lewis on charges of stealing a considerable quantity of auto tires, accessories and contractor's material from the W. D. Miller Construction company.

Much Loot Taken
The amount of the loot said to have been taken by the thieves had not yet been checked up definitely by Mr. Miller this afternoon, although he said it would reach a considerable sum.

"40 and 8" Meet To Revive Life in Organization

The "40 and 8", jovial and effective auxiliary to the American Legion, is again actively participating in the affairs of legion members of Klamath. Last night, a meeting of the "40 and 8", was held in the court house at which officers for the ensuing year were elected and plans for a selective membership campaign discussed.

Louis Mueller was elected as the president of the organization, with the title of Chef De La Gare. Other officers were Morris L. Johnson, Chef De Train; H. C. Merryman, Correspondent; Marion Nine, Commissaire Attendant; Edward A. Geary, Garde De La Porte; Harry Messner, Conductor; and H. H. Ogilvie and B. W. Zollman, Chamainois.

Plans were laid for future activities of the organization. It was brought out that this vital echo of overseas days had been latent the past year and that this year should witness more gatherings of a social nature.

EMIGRANTS TO BRAZIL

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb. 10. — Although official statistics are not yet available for the entire year, it is estimated that the number of immigrants arriving in Brazil during 1924 will approximate 85,000. Most of the new comers are Portuguese, Germans, Italians and Spanish.

MILLS SCHOOL TO HAVE CAFETERIA

Mrs. Brodland, juvenile officer, gave an interesting talk to the members of the Mills Parent-Teachers association at a meeting of that body yesterday afternoon. A program was given by children of the school, including a debate by the seventh and eighth grades on the question: Resolved, That a law should be passed forbidding the wearing of furs. The decision was won by the negative side.

Following the program a short business meeting was called when the question of a cafeteria was again brought up. A social meeting will be held February 20 in order to raise funds to finance the cafeteria.

Spilled Blood; Gore Galore at the Dance Tonight, Sez Morrison

Stop! Look! Listen! Blood may be spilled at the dinner dance tonight at the White Pelican hotel, when the White Pelican championship will be at stake and one-legged people are barred so if you are fit mentally and physically you may be among those numbered with the slain.
The surprise of the season is promised by Morrison.

KLAMATH IS ISOLATED TODAY

All Telegraph and Telephone Wires to Outside Points Out of Order

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Persons arriving here from Weed last night reported that the storm was so severe there the preceding night that in some instances the roofs were torn from houses and considerable damage was reported.

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Klamath Falls got but a small part of the storm which has been sweeping southward during the past few days. A rising temperature brought rain during the night but the accompanying wind was not of severe velocity. The snowfall of last week is rapidly melting.

SILVER TROPHY PLEASES ANGLER

E. B. Hand Appreciates Evening Herald Cup—To Boost Klamath

Deep appreciation is expressed by E. B. Hand, prominent San Francisco business man, for the Evening Herald silver trophy offered last year to the angler who caught the largest trout in Klamath county. Mr. Hand will retain the trophy for one year, but must win it three times before it becomes his permanent possession.

Mr. Hand's letter to the editor of The Herald follows:

February 9, 1925.
"It is with pleasure that I acknowledge receipt of the beautiful trophy, which was received a few days ago. After seeing this it is quite natural that I feel determined to be the prize winner for the next two years, so that the trophy will remain in my hands, permanently. You may feel assured, however, that I am very proud to be the possessor for one year."

"In the event that I am unsuccessful in the succeeding years, I sincerely trust you will be successful in forming an organization to be known as the Klamath Falls Trout Company, and shall feel proud, indeed, to be its first member and the possessor, if such, of my being made its president."

"I thoroughly enjoyed my outing in Klamath Falls last year, particularly, my stay at Rocky Point and my visit to Crater Lake. I believe southern Oregon one of the most beautiful spots in the United States."
"If I can in any way help you obtain publicity for Klamath county please depend upon me to do so. We spend considerable money each year with local newspapers in advertising and through this it may be possible for us to assist in obtaining some of the publicity you want to give to your county. If you feel I can in any way assist you, please do not hesitate to call upon me."
Sincerely,
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LOGGERS READY TO OPEN CAMPS

Preliminary Steps Toward Spring and Summer Work Under Way

Preliminary steps toward the fitting out of logging camps for the early spring are being taken by at least three lumber concerns of the Klamath basin timber belt.

The Wheeler-Olmstead camp north of the reservation boundary, is being opened under the supervision of Ray V. Case, who for the past nine years has been superintendent of the Topsy Lumber company logging operations.

The Wheeler-Olmstead company is the owner of a substantial tract of pine timber purchased this year in the northern part of Klamath. The logging operations of the concern will be centralized on this tract. Mr. Chase is choosing a site, establishing blacksmith headquarters in order that a crew may start in as soon as weather permits.

The Topsy Lumber company, now commanding a tract of timber aggregating 130,000,000 feet, are preparing their logging camp in order to start cutting the timber as soon as possible. I. E. Keesterson, owner, recently purchased 100,000,000 feet of timber from William Bray. Thirty million feet were purchased from the Long Bell Lumber company.

Farther south, the Standard Lumber company of MacDoel, Calif., with one billion feet of timber available to the west of their concern, are fitting out their logging camp preparatory to early spring opening.

PUBLIC NEEDS FIRMER HAND OF JUDICIARY

Judge Thomas Scores Parole System and Political Transgressions

Legislative transgressions, the antics of lawyer politicians and the present system of parole in Oregon are shackling the power of the judiciary, Judge C. M. Thomas of Medford declared to the chamber of commerce forum at noon today.

"By rules passed by the legislature, the courts have been shackled and justice is degenerating down to a game of skill between clever lawyers, the cleverest coming out on top," Judge Thomas stated.

"The state parole system has developed into a pardoning power, a political ploy issued from the governor's office. Statistics compiled at the state penitentiary disclose that the average life sentence is but six and one half years."

"When this government was organized, it was divided into three departments, legislative, executive and judicial, each to serve as a check and balance on the other. But the judicial department has been infringed upon by the legislature and to the disadvantage of justice."

State Rights Ignored
Judge Thomas pointed out how the rights of the state are ignored by the public in the average criminal trial.

"In a criminal trial, there are two parties to the action, the defendant and the public. The defendant has infringed upon the rights of society, according to the theory, and the public through their agency must impose the penalty."

"But this theory has become submerged. The juries are cognizant of but one thing, the defendant before them. They see the defendant from day to day and that is all they can remember. The jury but reflects the public sentiment, which is of an emotional and sentimental character. This is a grave element in the public duty of discharging justice."

Paroles Are Bad

"I have had experience with paroling. When I first went on the bench I used to parole young boys, 16, 18 and 20 years of age. I used to stipulate that they should do from time to time. Not once in the many times that I have paroled prisoners has my confidence been justified. If I told one of the boys to go across the street they would go the other way because I represented the law."

"It does not do any good to talk to the young. The remedy lies in the coming generation in the public schools. Include in the school curriculum the lives of great men in the world's history, Jesus Christ, Abraham Lincoln, and yes, Buddha and Mohammed, all of whom have swayed the lives of millions. Mayhap their lives will serve as an example to the young boys and girls, for by example only can results be obtained."

"To pursue a policy of pardoning and paroles will not gain the public the desired protection from criminality. Incutuate the fear of the consequences in the hearts of the criminals and in that way only will society be protected."

LEGION DRIVE REPORTS GIVEN

Bill Canton Dubbed Nurni of American Legion Membership Race

"Canton, the Nurni of the Local Legion Drive." So style brother contestants of Comrade Canton in the American Legion drive for membership reporting a report given before the executive council last night.

From the very start Bill Canton has led the field in securing members. Standing so far in the race Canton has an aggregation of 132 credits; Getz 41; and Collier 19. However there is every reason to believe that Collier has a goodly number tucked away when he was unable to report last night.

One of the most enlightening facts is the number of entirely new members that are taking an interest in the legion as a whole on the strength of its verified accomplishments. Klamath post No. 8 is broadcasting its boast now that 1924 membership will be but a mere obstacle to overcome and everyone of the officers urgently request those who haven't as yet been canvassed make themselves known to some Legionaire.

Pete Sullivan Case Hinges on Alibi of Numerous Witnesses

Friends of Alleged Slayer of Oscar Erickson Say He Was With Them at Hour When Robbery and Murder Took Place on Morning of January 4

Efforts of defense attorneys in the case of Pete Sullivan, charged with complicity in the slaying of Oscar Erickson during a cardroom holdup on the night of January 4, will center on establishing a bullet-proof alibi for Sullivan during the evening of January 3, immediately preceding the crime, it became evident this morning.

The state rested its case at 9:30 after hearing the evidence of ex-Sheriff Lloyd Low, who was present when Sullivan was arrested in the Lava Bed country below Malin. Low testified that Sullivan was in the custody of J. F. Richardson, deputy sheriff of Modoc county, until delivered to the local county jail.

After perfunctory questioning of Garry Cozad and Frank White, who were recalled by the defense, four witnesses were called whose testimony purported to show that Pete Sullivan had been under their observation practically continuously from about 8:30 on the evening preceding the crime until a time fixed as being shortly after midnight.

"Hoss" Thieves Operating; Two "Kids" Sought

Perhaps it was caused by the wild Western drama over the weekend in Klamath Falls theatres; perhaps they were just naturally too full of "boy" and again they might have been playing the role of "Merton of the Movies"; anyway Colonel T. O. Hague suffered the French leave of his horse and gig yesterday afternoon about 1:30 p. m., and when it was returned to him, he was the possessor of several saddles, bits of bridle and other glorious horsewear.

It all came about in a most natural manner. The Colonel's old sorrel nag was standing very listlessly in back of the Hague home, with nothing to do in particular. Down the street came two small urchins with caps on the side of their heads, their stockings full of accordion pleats and a general badinage characterizing their appearance.

Clutching his companion the larger of the two exclaimed, "Hist, an Indian pony in the distant, if we can catch him we may escape our pursuers."

Hastily harnessing the submissive horse they drove away from the Hague abode through the city streets and only Pete knows where else. A la Nero and his famous chariots the driver looked, standing on the seat with one foot on the dash board urging on the startled equine with a pace that it had not set in all the 15 years it had familiarized itself with Klamath Falls highways and byways.

Back to its stables, saddles and all, contraband probably picked up by the little bandits, the old horse trotted, a little wiser though none the worse for wear, her temporary captives storing in their temporary food for thought in the years to come. Another prank of childhood.

CLUB CAFE OPENS TO PUBLIC TODAY

When the Club Cafe reopened its doors to the public this noon, many were the faithful old patrons that flocked back to the tables.

Jack Hershberger, owner and manager of the cafe, has obtained the last word in modern equipment, both in dining room and kitchen. A \$5000 refrigerating system has been installed, which includes chilled air cabinets for storing foods for the main dining room, assuring patrons of the most fresh table stuffs.

Kitchen equipment includes electric dish washing machines, a charcoal broiler for steaks and many electric devices.
Hershberger first opened the Rex cafe in 1913 and from 1920 he operated the Club cafe on Sixth street.

Keane First Witness

Morris Keane, the first witness, testified he had known Pete Sullivan for about 20 years, both having lived in the same neighborhood in Ireland previous to coming to this country.

Keane said that he was employed as a sheep herder and camp tender for John O'Shea, acquitted co-defendant in this case. He said on the evening of January 3 he came to Klamath Falls and that after attending a performance at the Liberty theatre he went to McDonald's pool hall, where he saw Pete Sullivan, in company with others.

Then, he said, Pete Sullivan told him that an Irish girl in a room at the Ray hotel was in need of funds. Keane suspected a joke and refused to accompany the party that went to the room. Others who did go were taken to a room, asked to wait a moment and then introduced to an Indian girl by Sullivan, the witness said.

Following this the party returned to the McDonald pool hall, Keane said. Then at approximately 10:30 Con Collins, James O'Keefe, Pete Sullivan and Johnny O'Shea went to a shack in the redlight district to get a drink. They got the drink and returned to the McDonald pool hall at about 11:00. O'Keefe, Tim Sullivan, Keane and Collins testified.

Then a card game began.
Start Card Game
O'Keefe, O'Shea, Collins and Keane were participants.
The game, according to the testimony of O'Keefe, Collins and Keane, lasted until shortly after midnight, at which time the place closed.

During the progress of the game, their testimony indicated, Pete Sullivan was seen near their table several times. None of the witnesses could fix the exact time, but all with the exception of James O'Keefe were positive he had been near their table several times during progress of the game.

Seen At Midnight
After the game broke up Con Collins testified Pete Sullivan was standing at the bar as they prepared to leave, at a time he fixed as being after midnight.
Collins testified he had known Pete Sullivan for about 20 years.

Tim Sullivan was the last witness called during the morning session.
Taylor Testifies
John Taylor, placed on the stand yesterday afternoon at 2 p. m., testified that he knew all defendants named in the indictment. He also testified he had met Pete Sullivan at Sam Head's some time prior to the robbery. Taylor testified he knew Tracy and his wife and that on the evening prior to the robbery he and Sam Yates were given two masks by Mrs. Tracy. He identified the masks held by the state as being those made by Mrs. Tracy. He testified plotting the holdup with Pete and Sullivan the day before the robbery. Sam Yates then said he was afraid of being identified during the robbery and said he would let Sullivan use the gun loaned him by Tracy, if so desired. Taylor identified Sullivan absolutely as having accompanied him.
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