

## EXPERT NEEDED TO MANAGE CITY AFFAIRS, CLAIM

### Advocates of City Manager Form of Government Set Forth Arguments

## ENTHUSIASM IS SHOWN

### Chamber of Commerce Luncheon Scene of Open Move for Plan

An experienced head, a man who will be hired to devote his entire time to city affairs, in other words a city manager, is the need of Klamath Falls.

This was the statement made this noon before the chamber of commerce forum luncheon by R. H. Dunbar, an ardent advocate of the managerial plan of city government. Mr. Dunbar, as the principal speaker at the luncheon, outlined arguments favoring the establishment of the city manager plan in Klamath Falls. Following his address, an open discussion was held during which interesting phases of the plan were discussed.

**Business corporation**  
"Klamath Falls is a corporation just as a large business is a corporation," Mr. Dunbar said. "As such it is entitled to an expert head who can devote his entire time to the welfare of the city. A business corporation has its general manager and its board of directors. This city should have the same."

"The affairs of your city are being conducted by estimable and able business men. But these same men are working all day long at their own business. How much, I ask you, is left of these men to give you, after they have labored all day long at their own business. It is not their fault. It is not a matter of individuals. It is the system."

**Would Aid Council**  
"The city council under the city manager form, would be relieved of the perplexing problems that take up so much of their time. They would retain their power but would act more in an advisory capacity. The every day problems of city government would be solved by the city manager, a man competent to handle them."

**Absolute Power**  
"The city manager would have the power of appointment of department heads. These heads would not be subject to politics, but to the city manager. If their acts are not approved, the city manager is responsible."

"The city manager would be a man paid to devote his entire time to the affairs of the city. He would be a trained expert, with probably an engineering training. If at any time his work was dissatisfactory, he could be fired by the council."

"In a sense, your school system is conducted on the city manager system. The school board hires a city school superintendent who is responsible for the executive duties of the city schools. He confers with the school board which advises him on school matters and which relieved of the detail executive work, is better able to handle questions of policy."

Mr. Dunbar's talk was warmly received by the 70 who attended the luncheon. R. C. Groesbeck presided and at the close of the luncheon stated that the chamber could not take an active part for or against the proposition.

"I suggest to those interested that they form a study club or some kind of an organization," he said, "so that the advantages and disadvantages of the city manager form of government might be investigated."

## Protect Radiators, Urges Weather Man

If you want to protect your auto radiator, either drain it or wrap it with flannels tonight.

That's the advice of the veracious weather man, who predicts colder weather for tonight weather that will crack radiators and make life miserable for careless motorists.

BURWASH, Eng. Dec. 2. (AP)—Anxiety is felt over the condition of Rudyard Kipling, who is ill with bronchitis.

## Kiddies' Fund Is Boosted By Boxing, Legion

### Fighters And Ex-Service Men Help Poor Tots

Due chiefly to the stormy weather which has prevailed in the city for the past few days, boxing fans did not come out in large numbers to the benefit card for the Kiddies' Christmas fund last evening, and as a result the fund has not reached the desired amount.

Promoter Johnnie Sylvester and his partner, Jack Meehan, however, did their bit in the face of financial reverses, and turned over the sum of \$48 to the fund, which is slightly more than the 10% which they had promised to give to The Herald's fund.

The Santa Claus editor banked this money this morning in the name of the unfortunate youngsters of Klamath who will be made happy on Christmas morning.

Members of the American Legion post last night responded to the wistful appeal of the poor tots when a fund of \$12 was subscribed for the Herald's Christmas Kiddies' fund. This makes a total of \$71 which has been subscribed to date to this fund. Although the Legion members are in need of funds for their Memorial building, they felt that the cause of the poor youngsters was of equal importance at this particular time.

## 68 Spuds Fill Sack To Top

### Remarkable Record Is Made on Lacey Ranch Near Merrill

One more testimonial to Klamath's pre-eminence as a potato producing section is the report received today of a sack of potatoes taken from the fields of Jim Lacey's ranch near Merrill.

This particular sack, and it was a regulation sack, was filled to the top with 68 potatoes. But the most remarkable feature is that the potatoes weighed 195 pounds. Such a stir did the sack create in the Merrill district that it was placed on display in a Merrill store and aroused considerable comment. The potatoes were picked by F. McAuliffe.

The nearest to this record, according to reports, was a sack of potatoes harvested by Dennis O'Callaghan in Lakeview, which held 98 potatoes and weighed 194 pounds.

## Medford Service Station Employee Bandits' Victim

MEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 2. (AP)—The first holdup in the city during the past year occurred last night shortly before nine o'clock when F. J. Wilmot, service station proprietor, was bound, gagged and robbed of \$50 on his way home. By two men, believed to be between 25 and 30 years of age. Because of darkness, no description of the men was obtained and the police have made no arrests. For over a week now, Medford has had \$300 robbery or small theft every night.

## Irish Boundary Report Is Ordered Postponed

LONDON, Dec. 2. (AP)—The Irish boundary commission has agreed to postpone the issuance of its report. Premier Baldwin announced today in the house of commons. He secured the agreement, after consulting with William T. Cosgrave, president of the free state executive council.

## Defense Testifies in Murder Hearing

MEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 2. (AP)—Omar W. Murphy, on trial in the circuit court, charged with manslaughter as the result of the death of his wife last spring, following an alleged beating administered as the climax to a family quarrel, and Dr. J. J. Emmons, were the chief witnesses Tuesday and today, and the defense scored by the testimony of the physician.

## ASSESSMENT OF DISTRICT HELD VALID BY COURT

### Method to Take Care of Delinquencies in Ochoco Project Is Approved

## BONDS ARE REFUNDED

### Land Owner Ordered to pay Levy in Opinion by State Supreme Court

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 2.—An assessment made by the Ochoco irrigation district to cover delinquencies in assessments is held valid by the supreme court today in the original mandamus proceeding of A. J. Noble against S. W. Yancey, sheriff of Crook county, and John K. Kollock, intervenor-defendant. A demurrer to the alternative writ is sustained in an opinion by Justice Bean.

By vote of the owners of land in the district bonds were issued in November, 1916, and sold to the house. These bonds were refunded by vote of the land owners in February, 1922. At the date of organization of the district there was no statute granting authority for levying upon lands in the district for the purpose of paying delinquencies in the payment of assessments upon other lands in the district. Such legislation was subsequently enacted.

Noble voted against organization of the district and issuance and refunding of the bonds. When he went to pay his taxes in 1924, he tendered to the sheriff the full amount of his taxes less the 5 per cent, levied to cover delinquencies. The sheriff refused to accept payment and Noble brought the original proceeding in mandamus to test the validity of the assessment. Kollock intervened as holder of one of the district bonds issued in 1922.

## Husband and Wife Meet in Courtroom

(Special to The Herald)  
YREKA, Calif., Dec. 2.—When George Pappas of Mount Hebron stepped into superior court yesterday to face trial on a charge of first degree murder, he was greeted by his wife, who had just been arrested on a charge of possessing intoxicating liquor. The reunion, however, was brief, as Pappas was hustled into the courtroom in custody of deputy sheriffs.

Pappas is accused of the murder of Andrew Degaris at Mount Hebron on August 20, last, during a quarrel over a box of crackers. The case is expected to reach the jury by the latter part of the week.

## White House Cop Injured in Fight

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2. (AP)—An attempted mutilation of Paul A. McDuffie, a white house policeman, was disclosed here today when McDuffie walked into a hospital suffering from loss of blood.

McDuffie told hospital attendants that he was stopped last night by several soldiers who declared one of their number had been robbed. He accompanied them into a house, taking one drink.

He said he vaguely remembered one of his companions was engaged in a fight but he did not realize his own injuries until he reached his home. Hospital attendants said the victim would recover.

## DAWES DEPARTS FOR WASHINGTON

CHICAGO, Dec. 2. (AP)—Vice President Charles G. Dawes departed today for Washington to preside over the senate at the new session, firm in his intention to continue his campaign for revision of the senate rules.

## INJURIES FATAL TO AUTO RACER

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 2. (AP)—R. L. "Red" Carlsen, auto racer injured in the 250 mile race, culminating the 1925 season of the American auto association, Sunday at Culver City, near here, died at midnight.

## State To Lose Small Amount In Wheat Loan

### Farmers Who Got Help Are Repaying Funds

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 2.—The total loss to the state on loans made to farmers whose wheat was frozen out a year ago will not exceed 2 percent of the total of \$398,431.39 loaned, says a report to the board today by James Stewart, investigator for the board. This would be a little under \$8,000, and it is said this will be cut down by excess interest payments.

All but \$49,368.26 has been repaid the state. Of unpaid loans five are in Sherman county, totaling \$3619, and it is believed these will be paid this month. Gilliam county has 31 loans, aggregating \$17,462.50, and Morrow county 47 loans totaling \$28,306.70 that are unpaid.

All loans are due January 1, but a few may have to be carried over to await another wheat crop.

## COPCO EMPLOYEE GIVEN MEDAL

### Howard Dynan Honored for Saving Life of Fellow Worker Here

MEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 2.—The 45th Insull medal to be awarded in the nation and the first in the northwest for life saving by rescuistion, was presented to Howard Dynan, prominent electrical engineer of Spokane, Washington, who preceded the presentation with a speech on accident prevention and rescuistion before several hundred members of the power company force. Dynan saved the life of Burt Green, a fellow employe who was shocked with 34,000 volts in Klamath county some time ago. The power company also has two other applicants for similar honors.

## HOUSE SUSTAINS HARTLEY'S VETO ON RECLAMATION

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 2. (AP)—The house of the Washington legislature again upheld Governor Hartley today when it sustained his veto on a bill introduced at the last regular session, relating to the depositing of the state's money by the state treasurer by a vote of 81 to 0. 16 members being absent. The lower chamber yesterday sustained Governor Hartley's veto on the Banker reclamation measure which would have put state reclamation work under the elective office of state land commissioner.

## Accessory Thieves Loot Wrecked Auto

Accessory thieves looted the small runabout of Dan Melhase last night after his car had overturned in a ditch near Pelican City. In company with another hunter, Melhase was looking for a duck marsh on the upper lake when the small car swerved from the roadway and overturned. Neither occupant was hurt.

Before a towing car arrived at the scene of the accident thieves had taken the tires from the wheels and about everything else from the car which they could tear away.

## McBride Returns From California

After an absence of over a month, State Prohibition Agent L. L. McBride returned this afternoon to Klamath Falls and will again resume his activities toward the prevention of illicit manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor. McBride spent several weeks in Long Beach, Calif., with his wife, who is convalescing from an illness. During his absence Special State Agent Cole has been carrying on his work in Klamath county.

## DECLARE DIVIDEND

NEW YORK, Dec. 2. (AP)—Directors of the Willys-Overland company today declared a dividend of \$29.75 to clear up accumulations on the preferred stock. The dividend is payable in common stock priced at \$25 a share.

## FINAL ARGUMENT IN RHINELANDER SUIT UNDER WAY

### Attorney for New York Heir is Making Final Plea to Jurors Today

## PUBLIC HAS RIGHTS

### Declares Marriage to Negro Girl is of Concern to People Generally

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y. Dec. 2. (AP)—Isaac N. Mills, chief counsel for Leonard Kid Rhinelander, who is suing his mulatto wife, Alice Beatrice Jones Rhinelander for annulment of their marriage, today began summation of evidence for the plaintiff. Almost with the first words of his burst of oratory, which Mills had indicated would continue for a day and a half, the plaintiff attorney appealed to the white jury on a basis of racial distinction.

"Leonard will hail a verdict for the plaintiff as a prisoner on the steps of the scaffold hails a pardon from the governor," Mills declared. Mills asserted there is a third party at interest in every venture in matrimony; that party is the public. He asked the jury to be guided by a consideration of the effects which their verdicts will have.

**Admits Subterfuge**  
He admitted that subterfuge had been practiced by the Rhinelander attorneys in gaining Leonard's consent to separation from his wife until the matter of her color could be investigated.

"The question which started this battle has already been settled by the defense attorney," he stated. "That is the question of color. It has been confessed by the defense but it has not been eliminated from the issues."

**Loved His Wife**  
Referring to the interviews with the newspapers immediately after the news of the marriage became public, Mills asserted that "Leonard then stood by his wife. He loved her, that is the wonder of this case."

Mills referred to a letter written by Rhinelander in September 1922 in answer to a letter from Alice in which she threatened to break off their friendship. Rhinelander in his letter begged Alice not to "throw him down."

"He begged," Mills shouted, "as if he had been beseeching an alliance with a girl of the Four Hundred; or the daughter of a queen."

## Vessel's Fate Not Yet Known

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2. (AP)—Fate of the United States shipping board freighter West O'Rowa, reported rudderless and helpless in Federal Telegraph company dispatches received here from Mid-Pacific last night, was in doubt today. The craft was more than 2,000 miles off shore, bound from Portland to Japan. The West O'Rowa lost a rudder post and part of her stern in heavy seas, her wireless operator said in radio cast messages last night. At four a. m. the usual hour of communication with the vessel, the Federal operator here was unable to obtain a wireless flicker from the disabled vessel.

The latest message from the ship said: "We are helpless. Drifting about for hours and unable to steer."

## SEEK FACTS ON JAP EXPULSION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2. (AP)—Renewed inquiry has been made by the state department of Governor Pierce of Oregon as to the progress being made in the settlement of a case arising out of deportation of a group of Japanese some months ago from Toledo, Oregon.

## HAVENS OF ASHLAND

F. M. Havens, in the paint and varnish business in Ashland, is on business matters in Klamath Falls today. He is stopping at the Hotel Arcade while here.

## Furious Woman Hits Man With Liquor Bottle

### William Rivers Severely Hurt in Alleged Fight

Too much whiskey. An irate woman. A bottle lying nearby.

These were the three causes, according to police, which led to the severe injury last night of William Rivers, who resides at the Baldwin hotel. Rivers was found near the Central hotel bleeding profusely from a bad cut in the scalp. He was taken by Patrolman Patterson to the Klamath Valley hospital, where his wound was dressed. Later he was escorted to his room in the Baldwin hotel.

From what the police could glean last night, Rivers was in a house on Eighth street. During the evening a woman of the alleged dive became incensed with him and picking up a whiskey bottle struck him a terrific blow over the top of the head.

Rivers, dazed from the blow, wandered bleeding and groggy toward Main street. Police were informed of his condition and came to his rescue.

The blow from the bottle cut through Rivers' cap and severed certain main arteries of the scalp. Beyond being weak from loss of blood, the victim of the assault will suffer no ill consequences from the experience.

## Convict Makes Fourth Escape

### John Delaney Breaks Out of Nevada Prison

RENO, Nev., Dec. 2. (AP)—John W. Delaney escaped from the Nevada state prison at Carson City for the fourth time early today after breaking five locks on various doors in the building. Delaney is serving a sentence for burglary. "When he was committed he boasted that the prison could not hold him. Delaney is an ex-service man and claims that the government has never given him his due in the way of adjusted compensation. Following one of his escapes about two years ago, he went to Washington, D. C. and was recaptured when he appeared at the veterans' bureau to press his demands.

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## TWO AVIATORS KILLED IN FALL

### Captain Shepherd and Lieutenant Christian Lose Lives This Morning

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Dec. 2. (AP)—Captain Harry H. Shepherd and Lieutenant John D. Christian, army men attached to United States marine aviation squadron number 1, were killed shortly before 11 o'clock this morning when the planes they were flying collided at a height of 3000 feet over San Diego Bay.

## BABIES RESCUED

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 2. (AP)—Thirty babies were carried through clouds of smoke to safety by Salvation Army workers when a fire broke out in the laundry of the Army's home for women here today. The damage was slight.

## AIRCRAFT BOARD SUBMITS REPORT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2. (AP)—President Coolidge received today the report of the special board appointed by him to investigate the aircraft situation.

## "MYSTERY GIRL" IS INVOLVED IN YOUTH'S MURDER

### George Nye, New York Boy, Boasted of too Many Feminine Conquests

## SLAYER GIVES FACTS

### Gordon Pirtle, Who Admits Killing, Gives Authorities More Information

NEW YORK, Dec. 2. (AP)—A woman in the background of the killing of 19 year old George Nye, Jr., by his 20 year old chum, Gordon Pirtle, has been found but District Attorney McGehan wants more information about habits of the woman before he will reveal her name.

Pirtle said in a second confession made last night that Nye had boasted of conquests over every girl whose name was mentioned. Annoyed by Nye's statement of a certain girl, he invited him to spend the night with him and killed him as he slept. He denied, however, that either Violet Smith or Pirtle's 16 year old sister Margaret was mentioned.

**Girl Giver Aid**  
Violet Smith, 17, who "had been going with" Gordon Pirtle, but denies she was his sweetheart, helped Mr. McGehan to get the second confession from Pirtle after a first statement in which he declared he obeyed a sudden, irrefragable and inexplicable impulse to kill his friend. Urged by the district attorney, she advised Pirtle to tell the truth.

A sense of chivalry, perhaps tinged with jealousy, was the motive that Pirtle said led him to batter his friend's head with a hatchet and then to hide the body under his sister's bed, where it was found Sunday.

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## Big Wool Sale Starts Monday

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 2. (AP)—The fourth annual sale of Idaho wool in Portland is scheduled to start Monday. A million and a quarter pounds of wool in the original bales is now open for inspection. Officials of the First National bank of Boise, Idaho, are in charge of the sale, the wool belonging to customers of theirs. Among the offerings are the large clips of the Big Springsland and Live-stock company, Van Deosen brothers and Andrew Little, besides a score or more of small clips. The sale will be conducted under sealed bids.

## Farmers Ask Aid in Horse Malady

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 2.—Governor Pierce is urged in a letter from F. B. Ingles, representing the Wasco county livestock association, to give that county state aid in stopping the spread of a malady that for a year has been killing off the horses. Veterinarians so far have been unable to diagnose the disease correctly or find a remedy for it, and the work herds of some farmers, it is declared, are depleted by death from the malady.