

# "TED" LEWIS MAKES ESCAPE

## FURTHER BONDS CERTIFIED FOR LOCAL PROJECT

Governor Pierce and State Securities Commission Back Farmers

### FOR DRAINAGE WORK

#### Lower Klamath Lake Reclamation Receives Real Encouragement

In answer to a recent request from the board of supervisors of the Klamath drainage district, State Engineer Rhea Luper has just notified the officials of the district that the state securities commission stands ready to certify \$75,000.00 worth of additional bonds of the district which are to be used to finance the construction work necessary for the year 1926.

In speaking of the action of the state securities commission, Mr. Botschenbacher, president of the district, said:

"We are bringing in this wonderful body of land for agricultural purposes under the most trying circumstances, and in view of the false and misleading reports regarding the soil conditions by W. L. Finley, state game commissioner, the action of the state securities commission is indeed gratifying to the farmers of the Klamath drainage district.

#### Thorough Investigation

"The certification of the bonds of a drainage or irrigation district by the state of Oregon is only recommended after a most thorough and technical investigation by the governor, state treasurer, attorney general, state engineer and the superintendent of banks, who comprise the state securities commission.

"The organization and all legal proceedings, the financial condition, the engineering plans for reclamation and the fertility and productivity of the soil are all investigated with painstaking care, so that there may be no question as to the security for the bonds upon which the commission is placing the stamp of approval by the state of Oregon, making them available for trust fund investments.

"It seems strange indeed that one man of the type of W. L. Finley, who, as near as we can find out, has devoted most of his time in the state of Oregon to wildcat schemes and untried theories, should, as state game commissioner, take it upon himself to oppose and tear down by unfair methods what the five controlling departments of the state of Oregon have built up after years of investigation and effort.

#### Cooperation Pleasing

"We know the business men and people of Klamath county at large will appreciate this cooperation and loyalty on the part of the state securities commission in the reclamation of those lands. While we have had to meet the most trying and uncalculated opposition in our work on the part of some of the heads of the United States reclamation service, and a few agitators, such as W. L. Finley, we have the state of Oregon back of us and are slowly but surely bringing this great body of land under cultivation and placing it upon the tax rolls of this county, and making it available for hundreds of homeseekers in the future. And we might say at this time that the public land included in the lower Klamath lake bed originally belonged to the state and was only ceded to the United States reclamation service for reclamation and agricultural purposes by the act of the Oregon legislature of 1905. Therefore, we feel that the state of Oregon still controls those public lands unless they are used for reclamation and agricultural purposes.

#### Hill Productive

"As to the productivity of the soil

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## Condition Of Frank Pecholt Is Improving

### State Agent McMills Makes Statement Today

The condition of Frank Pecholt, suffering in a local hospital with a fractured skull, was reported to be improving this morning by the attending physician. Pecholt was injured a week ago Saturday night on Spring street when he was struck down by a heavy sedan.

W. M. McMills, special state agent, who, with two other state officers, had stopped Pecholt a few minutes before the accident, gave the name of the man who is said to have driven the car which struck Pecholt.

"The man who drove the automobile gave his name as Bert Schultz," McMills said, "and the man with him was named Codwell. The car bore a license number 126-258, Oregon license."

Records in the sheriff's office reveal that the car bearing the license number 126-258 is a Hudson model owned by S. E. Martin of Klamath Falls.

McMills corroborated the story of Pecholt's injury and his subsequent arrest, given out Saturday by Special State Agent Cole. He characterized any rumor that state officers had struck Pecholt on the head with a sap, as false.

## Revenue Bill Is Introduced This Morning

### Slash in Taxes is Proposed in First Measure

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—(AP)—The new revenue bill, proposing a slashing of \$325,736,000 in taxes during the next calendar year and providing relief for virtually every favorable taxpayer was reported to the house today as the first legislative business presented to the new congress.

In presenting the report of the ways and means committee which drafted the measure during a seven weeks pre-congress session, Chairman Green served notice that he would ask the house to take it up tomorrow under the plan to send it to the senate before the end of the second week of the session.

A saving of \$192,175,000 to income taxpayers on taxes payable next year is the principal relief proposed by the bill and leaders of both the house and senate have set March 1 as the goal for enactment of the measure into law so that this benefit may be taken advantage of in the payment of first installments of the income tax due March 15.

The bill cuts the normal tax rate from two to one and one half per cent on the first \$4,000 of taxable income, from four to three per cent on the next \$4,000 and from 6 to 5 per cent on the remainder of the income. While cutting the maximum surtax scale from 40 to 20 the reductions on other brackets of the graduated surtax scale which starts at one per cent on \$10,000, are made only on those involving incomes of \$42,000 and over.

## Coolidge Leaves For White House

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—(AP)—President Coolidge after addressing the American Farm Bureau federation here left Chicago early this afternoon on a train scheduled to reach Washington tomorrow in time to deliver his message to congress.

All along we have had the high cost of living and now we face the high cost of giving.

## JARDINE STATES HIS IDEA ABOUT GRAZING LEASES

Secretary of Agriculture Makes Public Annual Report to President

### WILL HELP SETTLERS

#### Department Policy Has Resulted in Many Range Permits Being Given

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 7.—(AP)—Proper utilization of the public range is one of the outstanding recommendations of Secretary Jardine of the department of agriculture, in his annual report as made public today.

The secretary criticized the policy of permitting the public domain to be sporadically occupied by homesteaders in holdings of uniform size with little reference to the capacity of such holder to maintain a family except as determined by the inexperienced settler.

"Furthermore, allowing unappropriated and unreserved lands of the public domain to be used as grazing commons has greatly increased the instability of the livestock industry of the west," states the report.

Following are his recommendations concerning grazing leases and federal aid roads:

During the last year the viewpoint has been expressed by representatives of the range-livestock industry that the status of grazing as a permanent and desirable use of the national forests should be defined by legislation and not left, as at present, to the exclusive control of the Department of Agriculture through administrative regulations. Thirty-one thousand livestock owners range approximately 1,800,000 cattle and 6,500,000 sheep in the national forests for varying portions of the year. These represent about 20 per cent of the cattle and 28 per cent of the sheep in the 11 Western States, and with their dependent range investments constitute an important part of the economic structure which the national forests should sustain. No provision for grazing in the national forests has been made by Congress and the use of their ranges has been developed entirely under regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture. Although having the force of law, these may be modified or revoked in the discretion of the department. Hence many stockmen desire legislation that will fix the status of grazing with reasonable definiteness, as the production and utilization of timber are now safeguarded and authorized by acts of Congress.

Although Congress has never enacted legislation dealing with grazing in the national forests, the department has always recognized forage as one of their important resources. Under its general authority "to regulate the occupancy and use of the national forests," a complete scheme of grazing administration has been built up by administrative regulation. The first object of its policy has been to provide for the fullest and most permanent use of the ninety-million acres of forage-bearing land in the national forests and that is consistent with the preservation of the forage itself and with the protection of the timber, water, and other resources that must be safeguarded. Reductions in the number of livestock pastured and other adjustments of range use have been made from time to time to prevent overgrazing and to avoid injury to other resources. No other policy would have been consistent with the essential purposes for which the national forests were created; but this has not prevented a large and continuous use of the ranges with a minimum of disruption in the local livestock industry. The department

#### ROSEBURG MAN IS HURT IN SMASHUP

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Here's Real Gratitude!

One of Klamath's Down-And-Outers Last Year Sends \$5 Check

Helps Community Chest

Last year when Christmas time rolled round, there was a man and his family who were in dire poverty. They needed help and needed it badly. They were without food, without wood, and the youngsters did not have sufficient clothing. The Community Chest helped this family; helped them over the rough spots during the winter months. Came spring and the man and his flock moved to another part of the state where a job was waiting.

## Gun Explodes; Hunter's Hand Hurt Saturday

### Trigger Catches in Wire Fence And Discharges Gun

A barbed wire fence, and a loaded gun nearly resulted in the fatal injury late Saturday afternoon of Lloyd Pepple of Langell valley. Fortune decreed, however, that only his right hand should be injured.

Pepple, a resident of Langell valley, was hunting geese near Lorella. Late Saturday afternoon he came onto a barbed wire fence. He leaned his loaded gun against the wire and crawled under. Grasping hold of the barrel he attempted to pull the gun through the fence. The trigger caught on a barb on the wire and the pressure against it discharged the gun. The charge of shot mangled a part of the hand holding the gun.

Pepple was brought to Klamath Falls Saturday night and taken to the Klamath General hospital. Hospital authorities today reported his condition good and said there would be little chance of Pepple losing his hand.

## Pelican City School Closes For Ten Days

### Parents of Children Are Granted Request By Dr. Newsom

Pelican City public school was closed this morning for ten days by Dr. G. S. Newsom, medical director of the Klamath County Health Unit, at the request of parents of pupils who, because of the outbreak of spinal meningitis, feared for the safety of their children.

Every pupil of the school will, however, appear at school every morning at 9 o'clock and prophylaxes, consisting of spraying through the nose, will be administered.

Decision to close the school came after a conference of parents with Dr. Newsom.

A supplementary diagnosis by the attending physician in the one case of meningitis that has broken out in the school discloses that it is meningitis complication of pneumonia, and while very serious the patient is not as infectious as the disease in its most malignant form.

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## CONGRESS GETS STARTED AFTER LONGEST RECESS

Opening Ceremonies Held at Noon, with Republicans Taking Seats

### LOTS OF LEGISLATION

#### All Big Problems of Nation Considered in Bills Ready for Hopper

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Congress came back into session today after its longest recess in years. With the opening ceremonies at noon, the big republican majorities rolled up in the Coolidge landside of 1924, took the saddle in both senate and house but kept a weather eye on the democrats and insurgents who again were threatening a coalition against some of the pet projects of the administration. With almost a mid-session momentum the house put the new tax reduction bill at the head of its calendar and prepared to go to work at once.

#### Senate Is Slow

Meantime the senate, after its customary manner was organizing, leisurely and putting off its decision regarding the recognition to be given republican insurgents on its big committees.

In the house that issue had been settled by the open revolt of the Wisconsin delegation against the party slate of house officials.

But even without their help the republican organization had votes to spare for election to the speakership of Nicholas Longworth of Ohio, son-in-law of Theodore Roosevelt, and republican floor leader in the last session.

#### Many Bills Proposed

Introduction of bills was not in order in the senate during its brief session but hundreds of legislative proposals were showered down on the desk of the clerk of the house.

Among them were suggested solutions for most of the major issues now before the country, including the problem of prohibition.

Representative Hill, republican, Maryland, proposed in a formal resolution to dispose of the prohibition question by repealing the 13th amendment. The three women members of the house all were on the floor when the session opened. Mrs. Rogers of Massachusetts and Mrs. Kahn of California on the republican side, and Mrs. Norton of New Jersey with the democrats.

## Rudyard Kipling Slowly Improves

BURWASH, Sussex, England, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Rudyard Kipling passed another good night. His strength was being maintained this morning and the lung condition was the same as yesterday. The noted author is suffering from bronchial pneumonia.

## Clifford And Warden Differ On Lower Lake

### Game Officials Arrive For Inspection Last Night

What effect would any action of the state game commission have on the proposed re-flooding of lower Klamath lake?

State Game Warden E. F. Averill—"Little effect, if any."

Harold Clifford, chairman of the state game commission—"It would have a very material effect."

These were the respective and divided opinions of the two state game officials who arrived here last night for the purpose of making an inspection of the lower Klamath lake land. Their announced purpose in conducting the field tour was to ascertain whether or not it would be justifiable to re-flood a portion of lower Klamath lake for the purpose of establishing a game bird preserve.

Mr. Averill and Mr. Clifford were briefly interviewed at the Hall hotel this morning.

"Whatever action is taken by the state game commission, it will bear no more weight than an expression of opinion," Mr. Averill said. "I can not see where the commission would do much either for or against re-flooding."

"Well," cut in Chairman Clifford, "What are we down here for? I don't agree with you. Our action will have a very material effect on the lake project."

Mr. Averill went on to explain the stand of the state game officials and the commission on the proposed bird preserve.

"It has never been our idea that the entire lake should be re-flooded," he said. "We felt that there was a large area of that land which could never be of any use for farming, but which, if re-flooded, would be invaluable as a bird reserve. Our last thought would be to destroy any tillable land."

"As a matter of fact, the other members of the commission are very anxious to make a personal inspection of the lower lake next spring and will probably be here at that time."

Mr. Averill and Mr. Clifford, who reside in Canyon City, were escorted through the lower lake country this morning and afternoon. The party was composed of Mr. Averill, Mr. Clifford, Deputy Game Warden Pat Daley, District Game Warden Marion J. Barnes, County Agriculturist C. A. Henderson, Don J. Zumwalt, civil engineer, John C. Boyle, division manager of the California Oregon Power company, County Assessor William T. Lee, and M. Moteschenbacher, president of the Klamath drainage district, W. W. McNealy, local business man, and A. M. Thomas, secretary of the Klamath Irrigation district.

The party planned to eat lunch on the lower Klamath lake and to return to Klamath Falls in time to attend the annual banquet of the local Sportsmen's association, which will start at the chamber of commerce this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

## Rob Store And Then Set Fire

ROSEBURG, Ore., Dec. 7.—A tailoring shop owned by J. H. Berner was badly damaged last night by a fire started to cover up a robbery. Thieves broke down the rear door of the building, and with an anger bored holes around the locks of interfering doors so that they could reach the front part of the building where they stole five suits of clothes and 19 suit lengths of bolt goods.

Boxes of trimmings, kindling and papers were then piled up in two parts of the frame building and a fire started. Fortunately, however, the blaze was quickly discovered and extinguished before any great amount of damage was done.

## Notorious Bootlegger Is Missing

### Sheriff Hawkins' Honor Prisoner Leaves C. o. Hospital

Ted Lewis, bootlegger, former proprietor of the notorious Two-Mile House, and more recently owner of the equally infamous Three-Mile House, escaped from the custody of Sheriff Hawkins Saturday night, and was still at liberty today. He is believed to have fled the county in company with a woman who was understood to have been his wife.

Deputies in the sheriff's office today attempted to "cover up" the prisoner's escape. When pressed for details, Deputy Sheriff Jo Kimsey said Lewis had wandered away for a few hours Saturday night to visit his roadhouse but had returned that same night.

Such, however, is not the case. Lewis was still a fugitive today, and has not been seen since dusk Saturday.

#### At County Hospital

Instead of serving his 60-day jail sentence in the county jail, Lewis was permitted by Sheriff Hawkins to do his "bit" at the county hospital, after the prisoner's private physician had notified Dr. G. S. Newsom, county health officer, that Lewis was a victim of a serious and communicable malady. County jail prisoners protested against being incarcerated with Lewis for fear they might contract the same disease.

A few days after he was convicted and sentenced to jail by E. X. Kendall, ex-acting justice of the peace, Lewis was taken to the county hospital by deputies from the sheriff's office.

"I told Sheriff Hawkins that I had no place to keep the man under lock and key, and that I would not be responsible for him," declared Mrs. Fryrear, matron of the hospital, last night.

#### Misplaced Faith

"Oh, Ted's all right. He won't run away," she quotes the sheriff as answering her.

So Lewis was given a private room at the hospital. He was not under lock and key at any time. He was allowed to go and come as he desired about the hospital grounds, and receive callers at any hour of the day. Indeed, the woman who said she was his wife, was a frequent visitor, and on one occasion, according to reliable reports, smuggled in two quart bottles of gin to Lewis. These bottles, he is said to have used.

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AMES ON TRIAL

Arthur Ames, charged with participating in the robbery of Larry Robinson, was on trial in circuit court this afternoon with indications that the case would reach the jury tomorrow. C. K. McCarthy, a co-defendant, was convicted last week.