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HERE IT IS

Here's the big Christmas Special of the Klamath Uplifter. It has been a hard job, but well worth the effort because of the high moral standing which this great family newspaper holds in this community. We're tired today, and thirsty, too. We trust that the Uplifter club, sponsors of this high-minded journal of righteousness, will please take notice and call a meeting tonight at the usual place and with the usual results. Here's lookin' at you!

Scoop No. 1



At great personal risk, the staff photographer of the Uplifter obtained this exclusive photograph of Johnny Boyle, division manager of the power company. Johnny, as the picture shows, is blissfully asleep. The busybody in the doorway is Old Lady Copeo, who's telling 'Pop' Mead to hang Johnny's Christmas gift on the tree. And the gift which Mrs. Copeo and 'Pop' Mead are going to give Johnny? It's just a little letter from Editor Murray, notifying Johnny that there'll be no more anti-power company editorials during the coming year.

Note:—Camera out of focus. Picture shows only Johnny.

Scoop No. 2



Of course, you can all guess the name of the young man in this Uplifter picture above. It's our promising—get the word—friend, Bob Strahorn, who's asking 'Pa' Klamath for a nice little choo-choo train. 'Pa' Klamath and Santa Claus gave Bobbie a nice little \$300,000 train and track several years ago, but he's outgrown it and now wants one that will run. The question mark immediately north of 'Pa' Klamath's fringe of hair was put there by the artist because he didn't have room or the heart to tell Bobbie the bitter truth. But what the Old Man meant to say was:

"There ain't no Santa Claus."

TODAY'S EPITAPH
Here lies the body
Of John J. Plife;
He played Santa
To another man's wife.

HYMN OF HATE
A guy I hate
Is Santa C.;
He makes a hobo
Out o' me.

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SCHOOLS WILL OPEN DEC. 28, DECISION NOW

Civic Clubs Cancel Projected Meetings to Keep Risk Down

USE SAFETY MEASURES

Directors Take Step in Effort to Keep Infection Hazard at Minimum

All primary schools in Klamath Falls were officially closed today until December 28. Klamath County high school was closed today and will resume session on December 28.

Chamber of commerce forum luncheons were suspended this noon until further notice.

Steps were being taken today to postpone weekly luncheons of Klamath Falls civic clubs for several weeks.

These are the latest moves taken by an alarmed populace to stave off the onslaughts of an epidemic of spinal meningitis which has struck the town.

Action to close the primary schools of the city was taken this morning at 11:30 o'clock at a special meeting of the city school board. The board deemed the situation sufficiently serious to close the schools. Instead of the one week vacation period from December 24 to January 4, which was planned, the schools will be dismissed for two weeks. Easter vacation will be eliminated next spring in order that the city schools will close the school year on scheduled time.

An hour later, the Klamath council. (Continued on Page Four)

LORENZ COMPANY AGAIN SEEKING STREET CLOSING

Attempts to Put Over Resolution; Third Street to be Point at Issue

Third street, from Klamath avenue south, located as a future subject for controversy within the portals of the council chamber, at a meeting of the city council last night.

Should or should not Third street be included in the streets, that at least four members of the council seem to be disposed to vacate for the Lorenz Plumbing company?

The street vacation issue, after a slumber of several months was revived last night. All of the council opposed the vacation of First and Second streets and Councilman Roberts and Stuckey opposed the vacation of Third street.

The Lorenz Plumbing company, holding concern of the Klamath Heating company, desired to have certain streets and alleys west of Fourth street and south of Klamath avenue vacated in order that they may have sufficient room in which to expand their heating plant. The move was opposed several months ago by property holders of the district and the efforts of the local concern checked.

The matter came to a head with the introduction of a resolution by the heating concern, that the council draw up an ordinance by which the street vacation would be enacted.

"If the council adopts such a (Continued on Page Three)

"BATTLING" SIKI MURDERED IN MYSTERY FIGHT; SLAYER FLEES

No Children To Be Overlooked By Santa Claus

Complete Record Kept Of Deserving Families

Because of an unusually accurate system of records kept by Miss Lydia Fricke, county health nurse, there will be no hitch in the distribution of toys secured by the Evening Herald's Kiddies Christmas fund.

This was made certain yesterday evening, when a conference with Miss Fricke revealed that she has in her files the names of all deserving children in the city, together with their ages and in some instances some knowledge as to what they want Santa to bring them.

Because of this, it will be possible to make up packages of toys for every needy family in town, with the knowledge that none will be overlooked.

So, due to the continuing generosity of the Klamath county public the Evening Herald is able to promise that Christmas morning in Klamath Falls will be without its accompaniment of sobbing from little children whom no one remembered.

The fund continues to mount steadily and as it mounts the working out of an old truth is observed—that those know best how to sympathize with suffering who have suffered themselves.

For the donors to the fund are by no means rich—any of them. With the exception of possibly four donations every cent contributed has been earned by hard labor. People who gave the money gave it shyly, with only the soft-spoken wish that it would "do some little kid some good."

And from the appearance of the toys in the window of Mordoff and Woolf, and from the fact that money is continuing to pour in, it seems that their wishes will be fulfilled.

This morning there appeared at the Herald office a woman who refused to give her name. Well past middle age, her face bore the scars of some sorrow still fresh in her memory.

In her arms she bore books—20 of them—boy's books—good ones. She placed them unceremoniously on the counter.

"For boys," she said, "Boy's books—used to belong to my son—believe he'd want me to do this. He—fell in France."

J. E. Van Camps was the latest contributor to the fund, sending in a dollar today.

Griffith To Lead Masons Here In 1926

Assistant Postmaster Receives Honor At Meeting

R. L. Griffith was elected worshipful master of Klamath Lodge No. 77, of the Masonic order at the annual election of officers for the ensuing year, held last evening at Masonic hall. Mr. Griffith will succeed C. E. Dennis who has held the office for the past year.

Others elected to serve with Griffith for the ensuing year include Harry Prather, senior warden; George Grizzle, junior warden and Allan Jones, secretary.

The officers for 1925 were C. E. Dennis, worshipful master; R. L. Griffith, senior warden; Harry Prather, junior warden and W. E. Bowdoin, secretary.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15. (AP)—

"Batling" Siki, the Senegalese pugilist, whose turbulent career in the prize ring and elsewhere has given him wide notoriety, was mysteriously murdered early today in West Forty First street in the district known as Hell's Kitchen. The one time light heavy-weight champion was found lying face downward with two gunshot wounds in the back. A revolver with two exploded shells was found in the gutter not far away. The police could find no one who had witnessed the killing.

The neighborhood had not been aroused. Patrolman John J. Meehan who had exchanged greetings with Siki shortly after midnight, came upon the body four hours later. An ambulance physician found the Senegalese dead with one bullet in his lung and another in the kidney. Siki is believed to have had a brawl in one of the numerous night clubs in the neighborhood and that after the altercation he was followed into the street and struck down from behind. He was felled in the same spot where last summer he was attacked and almost killed with a knife in a street fight.

The Senegalese lived near the scene of the killing. His wife identified the body at the police station.

House Votes For Lowered Income Tax

2,500,000 Affected by New United States Ruling

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. (AP)—The house today approved terms of the revenue bill which would relieve 2,500,000 income tax payers from federal levies as a result of increased personal exemptions.

The section of the bill approved would increase the exemptions for single persons from the present \$1,000 allowance to \$1500. The exemption for married persons would be increased from \$2500 to \$3500.

ELKS CANCEL MEET

Charlton S. Carrin, exalted ruler of the Klamath Falls lodge of Elks announced, this afternoon that the Elks would hold no session of lodge next Thursday, December 17th, owing to the ban placed on public gatherings by the public health officials due to the meningitis epidemic. Instead of the regular session of the Elks the officers will meet at eight o'clock to transact emergency business.

Docks Seized By Irish Who Seek Back Pay

Armed Men Seize Belfast Waterfront; Stores Held

BELFAST, Dec. 15. (AP)—Members of the special constabulary today seized the Prince's dock barracks in Belfast, declaring they would hold the buildings pending a satisfactory reply to their demands for compensation for their disbandment under the new Irish agreement.

In Derry 500 "Specials" placed armed guards over their stores and arms to prevent the authorities from removing them.

The Ulster authorities take a serious view of the situation but feel that a way will be found to settle the difficulty without resort to drastic disciplinary action.

The special constables are demanding a bonus of 200 pounds sterling free of income tax for each man because of disbandment and this if granted must be borne by the exchequer of the northern Irish government.

The men were surprised by the demand to disband them almost immediately and the prospect of being thrown out of employment so suddenly was responsible for their present action.

Just as the midnight spell of duty was completed the special constables in Belfast, acting in concert, seized the five city barracks, and are reported to have locked up or otherwise detailed officers who did not participate in the revolt.

COUNCIL FAILS TO CLOSE DOWN KLAMATH FALLS

Aldermen State no Emergency Exists Over Meningitis Epidemic

Dr. Newsom, Health Officer Against Clamping Lid; Wants Supervision

No emergency exists in Klamath Falls.

This was the decision last night of the city council, called upon by Dr. G. S. Newsom, medical director of the Klamath County Health unit to decide whether or not closure of the town was necessary in view of the present epidemic of spinal meningitis.

Five aldermen and the mayor listened attentively and comparatively silently, to arguments for and against closure, and at the end deemed it not a justifiable move in view of circumstances. They held that if the situation became worse, the town could be closed at a special meeting of the council.

Newsom Against Closure

Dr. Newsom last night came out squarely against closure. His position was that of his superior, Dr. Stricker, secretary of the state board of health, who wired the local health unit yesterday after noon that closing the town was a useless move.

At the council meeting the health officer was supported by two private physicians, Dr. A. A. Soule and Dr. H. D. L. Stewart.

"I am putting it squarely up to (Continued on Page Five)

Southern Pacific And Oregon Trunk Present Arguments Before I.C.C.

Battle for Permission to Enter Klamath Swings to New Setting in Washington Before I. C. C.; Contrasting Claims Set Forth

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. (AP)—The contest between the Southern Pacific company and the Hill railroads over the right to build new lines in central Oregon was carried further today before the I. C. C. with the filing of opposing briefs. Evidence on the subject has been gathered by the commission during a series of hearings recently in the west and final arguments will be heard soon in Washington.

The Oregon Trunk railroad, owned jointly by the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern, proposes to build 178 miles of new line from Bend to Klamath Falls in Oregon, and the Southern Pacific company proposes to build 38 miles southeast of Klamath Falls. It also has purchased the Nevada, California and Oregon narrow gauge line and proposes to build from Cornell in California, to Alturas on the California-Oregon border to connect with the Central Pacific, which is a part of the Southern Pacific system.

The briefs in behalf of the Southern Pacific group asked the commission today to refuse the Oregon Trunk application on the ground that its line would "parallel and ruin" the Southern Pacific's proposed connections in the region. The Southern Pacific argued that it will give new lines adequate to serve all of the Oregon territory and in the interest of good railroad service the commission should not allow a duplicate investment.

A countering brief in behalf of the Oregon Trunk, asserting that rejection of its application would constitute "the granting of a railroad monopoly in southern and western Oregon to the Southern Pacific railroad."

The Hill railroads desire to touch the timber area around Klamath Falls and are willing to invest the \$2,500,000 that the Oregon Trunk construction entails in order to provide necessary traffic. They are further willing to enter into any joint use or agreement as to the new line and they do not oppose the Southern Pacific building plan.

Both briefs held to be unnecessary the building plan advocated by the Oregon Railroad commission, which has requested the I. C. C. to require the railroads serving Oregon to build a cross-state line.

S. P. Criticized

"We may assume," the Hill brief continued, "that the Southern Pacific position in these proceedings contemplates opposition of any extension of the Oregon Trunk, unwillingness to engage in any railroad development however necessary from the public standpoint, unless assured."

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 15.—Articles of incorporation have been filed by the Chiloquin Water Co.

Throngs Journey To Greet Saviour On Earthly Return

NEW YORK, Dec. 15. (AP)—Thousands of theosophists are journeying to India in anticipation of the "second coming of Christ," the New York Tribune says today.

They are drawn by the prophecy of their leader, Mrs. Annie Besant, president of theosophical society, that within the next five months the star of Bethlehem will burn over Adyar, India, and Christ will return to the earth in the body of the "New Christ" which had been kept secret for some time, was revealed by Captain R. L. Jones, book proprietor and American representative of Mrs. Besant. Only a few weeks ago the young Hindu upon whom Godhead is to descend

quietly visited this country, meeting members of the faith. "Christ will simply come as before, this time using the body of Krishnamurti as his vehicle," Captain Jones explained. But there will be no angels, trumpeting and no clouds of glory. The event will have a modern aspect. Seven persons are being prepared as apostles and the other five will be appointed in India. Modern publicity agents will herald the arrival of the new Christ as he and his apostles journey through the world, proclaiming his message to humanity. Although Mrs. Besant has set five months from now as the time for the event, other theosophists have set it as early as Christmas.