

## RECORDS BROKEN AS BUYERS HERE THROUGH STORES

### Sugarman's, Pilchers, Falls Mercantile Have Phenomenal Saturday

### OTHERS REPORT GAINS

### Snowfall Causes Shoppers to Begin Buying Spurt that Surprises Merchants

The lethargy that seemed to have gripped the Christmas buying for the past two weeks was suddenly dropped Saturday and the people of the city and county turned in with a vim that made new high-water marks in the business records of the city. K. Sugarman was wearing a smile today that indicated he "Ain't Mad at Nobody," Saturday's business having passed the highest mark of the six previous years by more than \$600. Almost from the opening of the doors of his store until closing time, there was a steady stream of buyers, until the figures mounted to a point that passed the wartime record by almost four figures.

The Falls Mercantile company passed all records in the history of the concern.

The same report comes from Hector's where the buyers found the things they were after in abundance, so much so that all sales figures at this store were passed.

The surprise of the business district, however, is the R. A. Pilcher company, whose store was crowded from early morning until closing time. The unusual feature of the record made by this firm lies in the fact that it has been opened barely six weeks and its business from the start has not only astonished its manager, A. A. McDonald, but has dumfounded the entire Pilcher organization. Saturday was the banner day with this firm.

Other stores reporting phenomenal gains were the Star Drug company, whose business for Saturday is "away ahead of last year, as is true with all of December," Curran's For Drugs, where Saturday's business was "double that of any ordinary Saturday and a satisfactory increase over a year ago." Underwood's Drug store says that "Saturday showed the old-time Christmas buying spirit, the people seeming to realize that there is no need for staying at home." Along with these were Lloyd Ryan, The Manstore and The Toggery.

The time is at hand when it is necessary to stop doing your Christmas shopping. Get busy and do your Christmas buying.

### WOOL MEN TO MEET

PENDLETON, Dec. 21.—The 29th annual convention of the Oregon Wool Growers' Association will be held in Pendleton, January 21-25, according to an announcement made by Mac Hoke, secretary. The meeting will follow the National Association's convention in Boise, January 18-20.

## Mitchell Verdict To Be Used As Club On Officers

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21. (AP)—Colonel William Mitchell had another opportunity today to tell of his knowledge of the crash last September of the dirigible Shenandoah, the naval court of inquiry reconvening today to hear the air officer, now suspended from the service for five years, before winding up its affairs.

Meanwhile, Secretary Davis of the war department was represented as planning means of emphasizing to any other dissenting individuals or units within the army the significance of the verdict of the Mitchell court martial. The colonel had something else to think about today, a proposal to Mayor Elect Walker of New York, that he be appointed police commissioner of that city. Dispatches from New York, however, indicated that Colonel Mitchell has little chance for the post; one of the prime requirements fixed by the mayor elect is that the police commissioner be a resident of New York and the colonel is not. Mitchell himself had only a chuckle as comment on the proposal, which was made last night by Representative Bloom, democrat, New York, in a message to Mr. Walker.

The Mitchell case also cropped up in Chicago over the week end, Representative Reid, republican, Illinois, Mitchell's chief counsel, declaring that his client is a modern John Brown and that his ideas will go marching on.

## Rain And Snow Cover Coast; Roosevelt Highway Flooded

### Portland Has Heaviest Rain in Four Years, Nearly Three Inches in 24 Hours; Logs Cover Highway Near Seaside

While dropping temperatures were reported from eastern states and other sections of Oregon reported heavy rain or snowfall during the night, Klamath Falls may be regarded as having gotten off easily during the general storms prevailing.

A heavy rain was reported in Ashland yesterday, with a heavy snowfall at the summit of Green Springs mountain on the Ashland-Klamath Falls highway. Another foot is reported to have fallen on the Dalles-California highway at the summit of the mountain above Fort Klamath.

### Store Robbed as Woman Looks On

GRESHAM, Ore., Dec. 21. (AP)—Two burglars robbed the clothing store of Alysworth and Martin last night and made off with merchandise said to be worth about \$500. They were watched at work by a woman restaurant proprietress across the way, but she believed them to be customers being served by the proprietors of the store. They gained entrance to the building through a jimmed window in the rear. They then opened the front doors and carried the stolen goods to their coupe, parked in front of the place.

## COLE INDICTED ON 2 CHARGES; RETURNS TODAY

### Prohibition Officer is Arraigned Before Judge A. L. Leavitt

### WAS IN BEND, OREGON

### Accused of Shooting Leslie Congo and Striking Frank Pecholt Over Head

William Cole, state prohibition officer, returned to Klamath Falls this morning to answer to two indictments each charging him with assault with a dangerous weapon.

He was arraigned before Judge A. L. Leavitt early this afternoon, and asked and was granted more time to enter a plea to the two charges.

Cole was indicted at the last meeting of the grand jury. One indictment charged him with shooting Leslie Congo with a revolver and the second indictment with striking and beating Frank Pecholt over the head.

Cole has been in Bend. He returned to Klamath Falls voluntarily, according to officers.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 21. (AP)—The heaviest rain storm in four years visited Portland and vicinity yesterday, the weather bureau recording a precipitation of 2.77 inches for the last 24 hours. Today the sky is overcast and more rain is predicted.

THE DALLES, Ore., Dec. 21. (AP)—Beginning Sunday morning the first snow of the season, covering a depth of four and a half inches, fell in The Dalles and vicinity. Moderate weather prevails today with a maximum temperature of 40 degrees and a minimum of 31.

LA GRANDE, Ore., Dec. 21. (AP)—Seven inches of snow fell here last night practically assuring Union county of a white Christmas.

SEASIDE, Ore., Dec. 21. (AP)—Overflowing its banks south of here the Necanicum river yesterday covered the Roosevelt highway, making travel impossible. It will probably be several days before the highway is again opened, for although the waters have receded, logs are scattered. (Continued On Page Six)

## SURPRISE LIQUOR RAIDERS DESCEND ON RUM RESORTS

### Scores taken in Pre-Holiday Raids on Spokane Booze Selling Joints

### 30 FEDERAL OFFICERS Police and Sheriff's Offices Kept in Ignorance of Elaborate Plan

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 21. (AP)—Unaided by police or sheriff's deputies, more than 30 federal prohibition enforcement officers from various parts of the state conducted a series of surprise raids of suspected liquor establishments here at noon today, and arrested scores of alleged prohibition violators.

The officers, armed with federal search warrants, were under the personal direction of H. S. McClure, federal prohibition administrator for this state, and were prompted, the office said, by reported "wide open" conditions here as regards prohibition enforcement.

They were mainly on Main and Trent avenues, the former bar room district of the city. Dozens of arrests were made on various liquor charges.

### Klamath Indians Lose in U. S. Court

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 21. (AP)—Because the president of the United States had not proclaimed certain lands in the Klamath Indian reservation open to allotment, Judge Bean today refused the plea of Rosetta Crawford, Klamath Indian woman, to compel the federal authorities to grant her claim to reservation lands on which she has filed. Judge Bean held that no matter what action has been taken by other government officials, the law clearly says that "the authority to designate the lands to be allotted is vested in the president. This decision also affects five others filed in the federal court by Klamath Indians.

## BRITAIN ROBBING U. S. TIRE USERS, CHARGE IN HOUSE

### Openly Proclaiming Rubber Monopoly Enables it to Rob Motorists

### BAD FAITH IS ALLEGED

### Four Billion Dollar Goal of Manipulators, Enough to Pay War Debt

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(A.P.)—Investigation of an alleged manipulation by the British colonial government of the price of crude rubber and other raw materials was ordered today by the house.

A resolution directing the house commerce committee to conduct the inquiry was adopted without a roll call after Representative Hull of Tennessee, former chairman of the democratic national committee, had charged Great Britain with "acting in bad faith" in the matter.

"The British government is laughing out loud at us," Mr. Hull said. "It is openly proclaiming that it intends to collect four billion dollars from us in increased rubber prices to pay its war debt."

"Europe is laughing up its sleeve at the way we are being held up for rubber."

The resolution was introduced by Representative Tilson of Connecticut, the republican leader, after a conference with Secretary Hoover.

Representative Tilson supported Mr. Hull's position declaring the British hoped to pay their war debt by the increased prices before this country could develop a source of supply for the crude products.

Besides inquiring into the situation facing this country in the rubber problem, the committee also will inquire into the situation with respect to nitrates, potash, quinine, iodine, tin, sisal, quicksilver, wood pulp and other important raw materials.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 21. (AP)—Boise was given party rates with Twin Falls and Pocatello into the Shoshone and Brady districts by order of the Idaho public utilities commission today.

### NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

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## Open Homes To Prohi Sleuths, New Demand Of Dry Crusaders

### Valuable Prohibition Records Stolen While Drying Work Out Plans to Give Greater Power to Liquor-Hunting Officers

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21. (AP)—Prohibition headquarters searched today for government records stolen from its files, while dry advocates planned means of more easily opening the doors of suspected private homes to prohibition agents.

The missing records concerned the much discussed Mayflower hotel liquor case, in which an agent spent nearly \$1,000 in treating two men, who were subsequently acquitted and which was the subject of a long address in the house Saturday by Representative Gallivan, democrat, Massachusetts.

Prohibition Commissioner Haynes revealed that the papers had been stolen just prior to the trial of the two men. Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel for the anti-saloon league, also knew, he said, last night, that the records had vanished, but he declined to name the one or two men to whom he said suspicion was directed.

In the course of a reply to Representative Gallivan, Mr. Wheeler wondered why the matter had not attracted the congressman's attention.

Scarcely had Mr. Wheeler added his contribution to the week end prohibition argument before his organization and other dry agencies were attacked from another quarter. Representative Burger, socialist, Wisconsin, in a statement charged the dries with "creating a series of evils greater than the ones they intended to remove." He rapped certain legislators also for permitting "fanatics and the anti-saloon league to create a situation in which drunkenness is more general than ever." As a happy medium Mr. Berger has introduced a bill to legalize four percent beer and 12 percent wine.

## MOONSHINER, 75, GIVEN SENTENCE OF YEAR IN PEN

### "Oldest Moonshiner," W. K. Davidson, Sentenced Today by Judge Leavitt

### ARRESTED 1 YEAR AGO

### Changes Mind Many Times but Finally Enters Guilty Plea in Court

Seventy-five years old and a term in the state penitentiary.

This is what confronts W. K. Davidson, probably the oldest moonshiner in Oregon if not in the west. Mr. Davidson was sentenced this morning to serve one year in the state penitentiary by Judge A. L. Leavitt. He had entered a plea of guilty before Judge Leavitt Friday afternoon.

Davidson stands over six feet tall. His face is mottled with long whiskers but through them one can detect a pleasant expression. His eyes are keen and bright.

Davidson was 74 years old when he was first arrested for violating the prohibition law in Klamath. His case was an aggravated offense but owing to his age, the justice court magistrate let him off on a nominal sentence.

At that time, the moonshiner agreed to mend his ways. He returned to his old homestead ranch in the Malheur district. But a year later, prohibition officers heard rumors "that he was at it again." They decided to investigate and their raid on the Davidson place netted a sizable still.

Davidson did not know what to do about his situation. He told officers he would plead guilty to the charge. But when he confronted Judge Leavitt Friday afternoon he changed his mind and entered a plea of not guilty. On his way out of the court room he again changed his mind and returned to enter a final plea of guilty.

The ancient manufacturer of liquor will be taken to the state penitentiary within the next few days, where he will begin to serve his sentence.

## FORCES LINING UP TODAY OVER CRUISE BATTLE

### Timber Owners' Represent- ative Appears Before Budget Committee

### TO ATTACK ACTION

### Lumbermen Claim re-Cruise of Klamath Timber is Needless Expense

Forces were lining up on opposite sides over the Klamath county timber re-cruise battle this afternoon in the county court rooms.

On one side of the fence was the county budget committee, composed of the three members of the county court and three other citizens and J. E. Cullison, a member of the timber cruising firm which re-cruised 100,000 acres of Klamath timber land last year. On the other was Jackson Kimball, representing the Klamath Forest Protective association, Del Kuykendall, representing the Weyerhaeuser interests, Judge C. F. Stone, representing Richard Hovey, and Alex Hay, a representative of the Long-Bell Lumber company.

The bone of contention is the provision made by the county budget committee for continuation of the county re-cruise on the same plan as last year. Timbermen state that it is needless and useless. They hold that the re-cruise of the 100,000 acres last year showed such a small increase in timber over the original county cruise, that there is no use in spending thousands of dollars in continuing the re-cruise.

The budget committee will endeavor to show to the satisfaction of the timbermen and the public in general that the re-cruise of 1925 did show sufficient increase to justify a re-cruise of the entire county.

## KLAMATH COUPLE IN AUTO CRASH, ASHLAND ROAD

A badly smashed up car and perhaps serious injury was barely averted last night by a stroke of good fortune for Mr. and Mrs. Ross H. Price of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Price were returning to Klamath Falls from the Rogue River valley. They were driving east on the Ashland-Klamath Falls highway and had just passed Hayden creek when they met another car coming west. The west bound car refused to give room on the road. Price steered to the side, his car was caught in the deep snow and in a trice skidded across the highway and perched on the brink of a deep fall.

After considerable difficulty the car was rescued from the deep snow and proceeded to Klamath Falls.

## Another Crown Topples As Egyptian Ruler Abdicates

PORT SUDAN, Egypt, Dec. 21. (AP)—Still another crown has toppled. It is that of King Ali of the Hedjaz, a territory lying partly along the Red Sea in Arabia, known as "the land of pilgrimage" and which embraces the Holy City of Mecca. Ali, like his father, King Hussein, has abdicated.

Since Ali ascended the throne in October of last year he has been sorely beset by Ibn Saud, head of the Sultante of Nejd, in warfare that has been almost continuous since 1919. The Wahabi tribesmen frequently made attacks against which the Hedjaz warriors were unable to cope. While Hussein still was on the throne, Mecca was taken by the followers of Ibn Saud. Ali went to Medina and when that town fell he proceeded to Jeddah.

Ibn Saud continued relentlessly and immediately began plans for the invasion of Jeddah. The Wahabis made the town a target for ferocious attacks and finally, last Friday, the defenses virtually collapsed and Ali abdicated the throne he had occupied for little more than a year.

LONDON, Dec. 21. (AP)—Doubt is cast upon the report from Port Sudan of the abdication of King Ali of the Hedjaz in dispatches received here. The Daily Mail's Cairo correspondent, referring to the report says it is contradicted from trustworthy sources. Another Cairo dispatch also suggests it is doubtful.