

LOCAL DOPE RING SQUELCHED

County Judge Slaps Local Timbermen

RECRUISE INCLUDED IN BUDGET

Many Misstatements Made, Is Charge of Bunnell

Assertions made by Klamath county timbermen and their representatives that the recent \$20,000 timber cruise would result in only a small increase in the amount of taxable timber in this county were branded as stark falsehoods today by County Judge R. H. Bunnell, following which the county court unanimously passed the 1926 budget, in which is embodied a provision for a re-cruise of other timber in Klamath county, which at this date has not been designated.

"We feel that the results of the first re-cruise by Edgar and Cullison, despite deliberately misleading statements to the contrary, are more than sufficient to justify this further re-cruise," said Judge Bunnell.

"We found also, that the price charged, 20c per acre, compares very favorably both with state and federal costs, for similar work, being lower than that paid by any county in the state and even being as low as the government cost.

"According to our figures the re-cruise shows an increase on all classes of timber of approximately 247,000,000 feet. None of this is new on the tax roll nor is any of it being assessed at present.

"And remember—this takes into consideration only 114 full sections. You must remember that there are in Klamath county about 1,000,000 acres of privately owned timber, according to the estimate of Jack Kimball, Weyerhaeuser representative.

"Another thing. No white fir is at the present time on the Klamath county tax rolls. The re-cruise located about 50,000,000 feet of red and white fir as yet untaxed.

OREGON WINS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22. (A.P.)—The University of Oregon basketball team defeated Spaulding Bullets by a score of 41 to 23 here last night.

Ford Reported As Backer Of Plan To Fly Over Pole

NEW YORK, Dec. 22. (A.P.)—A non-stop airplane flight across the North Pole, possibly backed by Henry Ford, is now in prospect, according to reports current here. Partial substantiation of the report is contained in admission by McCook field authorities at Dayton, Ohio, that two of the best known fliers in the army had been invited to pilot a plane from Point Barrow, Alaska, to Spitzbergen, across the top of the world.

Vilhjalmur Stefansson, the noted arctic explorer, is said to be the moving spirit of the expedition which it is thought will leave next April or May. Those associated with him are George H. Wilkins, English explorer, veteran of two South Pole dashes and Stefansson's companion on previous expeditions; Doctor Isaiah Bowman, director of the American Geographical society, and Malcolm Alexander Smith, 67 year old Alaskan prospector and explorer. Wilkins and Smith have gone to Detroit to see Mr. Ford.

TIMBER OWNERS ATTACK COUNTY RE-CRUISE PLAN

Lumber Representative Appears Before Klamath County Court Session

CLAIM EXTRAVAGANCE 20 Cents an Acre Cruising Charge is Believed to be High by Lumbermen

Timber interests ran directly counter to the Klamath county court yesterday afternoon. Net result was a shower of verbal sparks that may or may not affect the county timber re-cruise clause of the 1926 Klamath budget.

Larger timber holders, such as Weyerhaeuser Timber company, Long Bell Lumber company and the Hovey holdings, strenuously and heatedly opposed the determined move of the county court to have the entire privately owned timber area in Klamath re-cruised.

First move toward this end was made early this year when the firm of Edgar and Cullison cruised 100,000 acres of Klamath timber at the price of 20c an acre. According to the preconceived plan of the court, this is but the first unit of a comprehensive re-cruise plan, which would include the entire county.

No Active Protest

At the time of the first cruise, no active protest was made by timbermen, although it was known that timber holders looked askance at the price paid the cruisers. It was when the county budget committee met and authorized the expenditure of a second \$20,000 for the re-cruising of another 100,000 acres that the timbermen arose in arms.

The opposition to the re-cruise crystallized into two protests:

1. That the price paid by the county court to the firm of Edgar and Cullison for the county cruising was exorbitant and so high as to leave suspicion in the minds of the public and

2. That the results obtained by the first unit of the cruise have showed not sufficient gain in timber over the old county-cruise of 1910 to warrant money being expended by the county in further cruising work.

Attack Price

The 20 cents an acre charge for the re-cruise seemed to nettles the timbermen as much as anything else.

"The price is exorbitant, so high as to leave the county court open

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McQueen, Caught Unawares, Landed By Local Officers

Noon Raid at 427 Commercial Results in Capture of Seven-Gallon Cache; Prisoner Takes it With a Smile

E. T. McQueen, 427 Commercial street, was arrested at noon today by officers who swooped down upon him while he was out in his back yard and after placing him under arrest found approximately seven gallons of alleged high-proof moonshine.

The raiders were led by L. L. McBride, state prohibition agent, and included officers Wm. McMills, R. H. Brown and C. F. Morgan. The officers expressed themselves as being dumfounded at the ease with which the arrest was made.

McQueen did not see them drive up and in an instant they had him surrounded and presented with the warrant. He smiled and invited them into the house.

Entering, they found a pitcher of alleged moonshine on a shelf near the kitchen door.

Continuing their search further, they found two five-gallon glass containers in his garage, in which was found the major portion of the alleged liquor held in evidence, together with a copper funnel and a tester.

McQueen was to have had a preliminary hearing late this afternoon.

The highest mark reached in any previous year was 14,000, the postmaster said.

Despite the fact that 10 extras were employed, the volume of incoming mail has been so great this year that from now until Christmas day only one delivery a day can be made.

Butler Quits Marines; Loses Sleuthing Job

Mayor Kendrick Is "Smoked Out" Officer Says

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22. (A.P.)—Brigadier General Smedley D. Butler today announced he had resigned from the marine corps in order to remain in Philadelphia as director of public safety, and an hour later Mayor Kendrick made known that he would not accept the general in the position "as resigned officer of the marine corps."

The general was called into conference with the mayor after his resignation became known. When he left the mayor's office, the general hurried to his room and announced the mayor "refused to accept me as a resigned officer of the marine corps."

"Then you don't want me to stay," Butler said he asked the mayor.

"Not as a resigned officer," he quoted the mayor as saying.

"Now we see who has been smoked out," General Butler said.

He refused to elaborate. He said his resignation from the marine corps could be recalled.

Frank A. Munsey, Publisher, Dead

NEW YORK, Dec. 22. (A.P.)—Frank A. Munsey, newspaper publisher, died shortly before seven o'clock this morning in the Lenox Hill hospital. Mr. Munsey had been suffering from peritonitis which developed after an operation for appendicitis. Up to the last, hospital physicians held hope for his recovery, but early today he suffered a sinking spell and the end came in a short time.

SHERIFF SLAYER TO DIE, SUPREME COURT DECISION

Archie Cody, Who Slew Harney County Official, Must Pay Penalty

SHOT AT RANCH HOME

Fatal Shooting Grew out of Attempted Arrest on Bad Check Charge

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 22. (A.P.)—Archie Cody, slayer of Sheriff Austin Goodman of Harney county on August 27, 1924, must pay the death penalty for his crime. The state supreme court today, in an opinion by Justice Coshaw affirmed the lower court, which convicted him of murder in the first degree, and the sentence to hang imposed by Judge Dalton Biggs.

The crime grew out of a transaction in which Cody bought two horses from a man named Cawfield in Harney county, giving in return a bad check on a bank of Elko, Nevada, signed it with the name Fried Yerdlow.

Subsequently the sheriff went to the Polk farm in Harney county and placed Cody under arrest. Cody asked permission to get his saddle before going with the sheriff, and while doing so he armed himself. In an exchange of shots the sheriff was wounded in the thigh and died. Cody fled and was arrested the following day.

Cody must now, on official order, be removed from the state penitentiary to Burns where he will be sentenced to hang.

Office Need of Southern Oregon

With Klamath and Lake county developing rapidly and with tourists coming into this section by the thousands, members of the board of directors of the chamber of commerce today expressed themselves as highly in favor of a highway office located somewhere in southern Oregon. Since the closing of the division office of the highway department here, Klamath and Lake county affairs have been placed under the office of the highway department at The Dalles.

The action of the chamber in writing the highway department relative to the situation in this section was approved by the board of directors at this noon's luncheon.

A letter to the Eugene chamber of commerce was directed at this noon's gathering assuring the northern chamber that the people of Klamath county will be more than pleased to cooperate in the railroad celebration of the Lakes route which is to be completed in July. Two years ago it was agreed that Klamath Falls would have the first celebration, and the completion of the route would be celebrated in Eugene.

County Library to Open Dec. 28

The county library, which closed yesterday, will not re-open until December 28, according to announcement made by Miss Irene Anderson, county librarian. During the intervening period, every book in the library will be fumigated as a precaution against disease.

Dr. R. B. Craver And Walter Davis Held By Police And U. S. Men

Federal Operatives, with Chief of Police Harry Loucks, Make Arrests Following Weeks of Investigation; Chief Is Commended

Activities of a local dope ring, described as one of the most "airtight" on the Pacific coast, with its customers including at least four prominent Klamath county residents, were given a crushing setback at 8:00 o'clock last night with the arrest of two local men.

Chief of Police Harry Loucks, acting in conjunction with agents operating under the direction of U. S. Narcotic Agent Harry B. Williamson, in charge of the Seattle division, took into custody Dr. R. B. Craver, 126 North Third street, and Walter Davis, negro bootblack employed in the Hall hotel barber shop.

Both Craver and Davis had just completed sales to the federal agents, according to Loucks. Marked money is held in evidence against both of them. A quantity of morphine was found in Dr. Craver's combination home and office. Davis broke down at the police station and confessed, officers say.

Both will be given a preliminary hearing late this afternoon before U. S. Commissioner Bert Thomas.

Enlisted praise was given Chief Loucks for the part he played in the affair by all the federal agents involved.

"It was through the efforts of Chief Loucks that we were brought here and it is through his cooperation and unflinching zeal that we have been able to do our work in real secrecy and to finally land Craver, whom we believe to have been the source of supply for dozens of addicts here for years. We can truthfully say that in no case on which we ever worked have we ever had as much aid given by a local officer," the operatives declared.

Many federal agents have been in here in the past but they have been unsuccessful in securing evidence that would lead to conviction of a "higher-up."

In Craver, the operatives believe they have landed the brains of the local distributing organization.

One prominent Klamath county resident was met by the officers last night when he came to the Craver residence for his weekly supply. His name is withheld. Names of other prominent people named as confirmed users are also held secret.

In emphasizing the hold the dope traffic has in certain sections of Klamath Falls, the officers declared that this city, in comparison with other inland towns, has a far greater percentage of addicts than most, comparing with San Francisco in proportion of users to population.

Some facts for those who like to believe that the only users of

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Wets Lose, 139 To 17, In First Real Clash With Drys

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22. (A.P.)—In the first showdown on prohibition this season, house drys swept aside by a vote of 139 to 17 a policy to restrict the use of funds for purchase of liquor as evidence.

The proposal was in the form of an appropriation bill amendment and would have prohibited resort to "fraud, deceit or falsehood" in the use of any of the \$250,000 set aside by the bill for buying evidence.

The amendment was offered by Representative Tucker, democrat, of Virginia, a dry, and was defeated by a rising vote, so that the attitude of individual members was not placed on record.

As opponents to the proposal rose, Representative Blanton, democrat, Texas, gave a loud cheer and the drys applauded.

Wayne B. Wheeler of the anti-saloon league watched from the gallery.

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