

### Humane Worker To Speak Here

Lina W. Nesmith, chairman of the Klamath county chamber of commerce forum committee, today extended invitations to Mrs. F. W. Stanton, manager of the Oregon Humane society, Portland, and George W. Joseph of Portland to address the forum luncheons in January.

Wednesday, January 6, is the date of the next forum luncheon and the speaker for that date has not yet been announced, but it will probably

be Denton G. Burdick, speaker of the lower house of the Oregon legislature. Mr. Joseph is attorney for the Moler and Frank company of Portland and one of the able speakers of the state, having represented Multnomah county in the state senate for the past sixteen years.

#### TRAPP FROM PORTLAND

W. J. Trapp, of Portland, arrived at the hotel White Pelican on Christmas day and is expecting to spend several days in this vicinity on business.

### MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

#### BACK FROM PORTLAND

Paul Foster, of the Swan Lake Moulding company, returned to this city last week after spending three weeks visiting with friends and relatives in Eugene and Portland. Foster underwent an operation for appendicitis shortly before he left, but is now feeling as well as ever.

#### O'NEIL AT MEDFORD

Victor O'Neill, connected with the retail end of the Swan Lake Moulding company, left Thursday afternoon for Medford where he spent Christmas with Mrs. O'Neill and the small son, Mrs. O'Neill is spending the winter in Medford on account of the child's health, but expects to join Mr. O'Neill here in the spring. Mrs. O'Neill will be remembered by many Klamath Falls people as Miss Lucille Marshall, formerly English teacher in the high school.

#### AT LANDIS HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Landis have as their house guests, Mr. and Mrs. George Spink and two children of Seattle. They plan to remain here for a week or more before motoring to their home in the coast city. They were much impressed with the trip from the coast and enjoyed delightful weather.

#### HERE FOR VACATION

Miss Winifred Winnard arrived in Klamath Falls Thursday afternoon to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Winnard. She will leave the first of the year to resume her duties as teacher in the High School of Commerce in Portland.

#### HERE FOR WINTER

Ed McCoy recently from San Diego, arrived in the city Christmas day and plans to remain here for the rest of the winter months.

#### From Algoma

W. E. Edwards spent Christmas in Klamath Falls from his home at Algoma.

#### PAYNE IS ILL

Frank Payne is ill at his home suffering with an infected hand.

#### SURPRISE ROBERT PRUITT

Complimenting her husband's birthday which was Christmas day, Mrs. Robert Pruitt was boistered with a dinner party at the family home on South Riverside. Covers were laid for: Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Moore, Gertrude, Vera, Venice, Vera and Virginia Moore, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Pruitt and children, Bobbie and Betty, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Paterbaugh and daughter Helen and the Pruitt family.

### POPULATION OF PRISONS LOWER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26. (AP)—The American people are showing increased ability in the way of keeping out of prisons, it was indicated today in census bureau figures on the prison population of the nation. Covering estimates as of January 1, 1923, the latest date on which the facts were obtainable, the bureau placed the number in prisons at 109,619 as against 111,498 on January 1, 1919.

This would indicate a rate of 99.7 per 100,000 of population for 1923, whereas in 1919, the date was 121.2 per 100,000. The bureau warned, however, that the figures should not be considered as exact in revealing the relative prevalence of crime in general. Nor of specific offenses, because the rise of the probation system, the leniency in treating juvenile delinquency and other changes had operated to alter the results of court action.

The male sex has shown an overwhelming proportion of responsibility in crime. On January 14, 95.2 per cent of all prisoners in penal institutions were men, and only 5.192, or 4.5 per cent were women.

#### LONDON OPERA SEASON IS LOSING MONEY FOR BACKERS

LONDON.—(AP)—In contrast to the American opera season, accounts of the London Opera Syndicate for 1925 make a poor showing.

An eight week season at Covent Garden is being conducted at considerable loss, there being only an average booking of 78 per cent of the theater capacity against the necessary 95 per cent.

Gauged by the average bookings for each performance the order of popularity is Tosca, Rosenkavalier, Mefistofele, Fedora, Tristan, Aida, Rigoletto, Lucia, Lohengrin, Barber, Walkure and Madam Butterfly.

#### PRUITTS AT GRANTS PASS

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Pruitt, and little son Bobbie, and daughter Betty, left by motor this morning for Grants Pass, to spend the week end at the home of Mr. Pruitt's parents.

#### McFALLS IN

Mr. and Mrs. John McFalls motored in from their ranch in Poe valley today and are attending to business matters. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Pappas accompanied them home after spending Christmas at the McFalls home. Mrs. Pappas and Mrs. McFalls are sisters.

#### AT ESS HOME

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kerns and family were the Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Ess on the Keno road.

### Oregon Teachers Meet This Week

That the Oregon State Teachers' association will have the largest attendance in its history when it convenes in Portland December 29 to 31 is indicated by reports coming from all parts of the state, according to the chairman of the committee on information.

In addition to a most excellent general program on which will appear Miss Mabel V. Wilson, president of the grade teachers' club, Seattle; Dr. Eddwood P. Cubberly, dean of the school of education, Stanford university; Miss Cornelia J. Spencer, president of the association; Mrs. J. F. Hill, vice president of the national congress of parents and teachers, and Fred W. Steiwer of Pendleton, representing the American Legion, most interesting programs have been prepared by each department head.

Rural school teachers, city and county superintendents, club leaders, classroom teachers and representatives from all of the higher educational institutions will take part in the departmental discussions.

Those responsible for the sectional programs are Dr. M. Ellwood Smith, Oregon Agricultural college, higher education; Supt. J. Percy Wells, Klamath Falls, city superintendents; Miss Vida Hammond, Portland, classroom teachers; Mrs. Susanne Homes Carter, county superintendent; Jackson county, rural schools; A. M. Zevely, county superintendent Sherman county, Boys' and Girls' clubs; Charles H. Boyd, Portland, school principals; Mrs. K. W. Jameson, O. A. C., deans of women; Frederick Berchtold, O. A. C., state council of English; Miss Katherine Arbutnot, Oregon Normal school, state council of Geography teachers; C. Louis Barzee, Portland, history; F. Miron Warrington, U. of O., Modern Languages; Miss Julianne A. Roller, Portland, classical teachers; W. V. Green, Portland, science and mathematics; Mrs. Maude Berry of Marshfield, art; Miss Maude Ovington, Salem, librarians; Miss Ida Hotten, Portland, music; Leon Fabre Jr., Portland, physical training; F. H. Buchanan, McMinnville, vocational education; William F. Cyrus, McMinnville, agriculture; H. T. Vance, O. A. C., commerce; Mrs. Alice Felke Wieman, home economics; L. A. Wright, Eugene, industrial arts; Clara Lynn, Seattle, N.E.A. department of classroom teachers.

### Charles Humphrey Secretly Married

Like the sly fox that he is, Charles E. Humphrey thought he would give his friends the slip and get married and keep the secret until his own good time to enlighten his friends of the event. This time the surprise will be upon this well-known Klamath Falls resident.

Last Monday, December 21, a marriage license was issued in Redding, Calif., to Charles E. Humphrey, a carpenter of Weed, and Mrs. Viola May Stone of Dunsmuir. The marriage ceremony was performed by Judge Walter E. Herzinger of Redding. The addresses given were fictitious, for Mr. Humphrey has been living in Ashland for some time, that city being also the home of the bride. The honeymoon is being spent in the south, where his many friends hope the host of good wishes that would be showered on him if he were here, may reach him.

### Paroled Youth to Go Back to Jail

MEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 26. (AP)—Samuel Nelson, 16, a paroled youth from the Idaho reform school, who is alleged to have stolen an automobile from the streets of this city a week ago and was arrested in Yreka, Calif., will be turned over to the Boise, Idaho, authorities and returned to the institution.

### Chicago Cafe Owners After Prohi Sleuths

### Seek Identity of Cops Who Will Work New Year's

CHICAGO, Dec. 26. (AP)—Cafe and cabaret owners, anticipating intensive efforts of prohibition agents on New Year's eve, are reported to have employed private detectives in efforts to identify agents who may enter their places in the guise of patrons.

The detectives have submitted detailed reports regarding appearance of agents likely to be assigned to squads for holiday service. They have even arranged for schools for managers and head waiters, who will be taken to court rooms and corridors of prohibition headquarters and shown the agents as the story goes.

Dry circles admit that it may be necessary to exchange staffs with some other districts before next Thursday. If the detectives have succeeded in viewing all the agents that E. D. Yellowley, prohibition director plans to use.

The report to the owners was submitted, it was said, after the detectives had spotted the two undercover agents named Morgan and Perry, described as more dangerous than the famous Izzy Einstein and Moo Smith.

Morgan, says the report is a typical butter and egg man in appearance and manner. Perry, "comes from Virginia, a fact that can be detected in his speech."

### CHAMBER PREXY ISSUES LETTER TO ALL MEMBERS

The following letter was sent out today to all members of the chamber of commerce over the signature of A. M. Collier, president:

You are aiding in the growth and development of this great Klamath country, and I am pleased to extend to you from the Board of Directors of the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce the Season's Greetings.

Klamath County is making rapid strides in growth and development. Each year new industries are located in our midst, heretofore untried agricultural crops are found to pay well, all of these demanding construction of splendid highways, additional transportation facilities, new homes, and in fact building of all kinds. Klamath Falls is fast becoming a city of importance on the Pacific Coast, and in the not distant future will be known not only as an important manufacturing center, but also as a distribution center.

We are fortunate to be citizens of this particularly productive and enterprising county so endowed with natural resources, and therefore, let us do our utmost to make this Yuletide season, the happiest time in the minds of all Klamath people, above all, those who may be unfortunate.

#### LITERARY SECTION TO MEET

The literary section of the American Association of University Women will meet at the home of Mrs. R. E. Wattenburg on Saturday afternoon, January 9, according to announcement made today by Mrs. G. A. Krause. Mrs. Myrtle Helm and Mrs. Margaret Worden will lead the discussion on the Sherman-Lincoln debate "Paritianism."

**Contested**



Thomas F. Woodlock of New York has been named by President Coolidge to the Interstate Commerce Commission. But radical leaders in the Senate have twice succeeded in blocking his confirmation, and in the forthcoming session of Congress they are expected to renew the fight.

**PINE TREE Theatre**

Special Attraction Today Only!!!  
**"MARRIED FLIRTS"**

A wonderful cast including Pauline Frederick and Conrad Nagel present this up-to-date story of the Eternal Triangle.

Sunday & Monday  
**"NIGHT LIFE OF NEW YORK"**

A peppy story of metropolitan jazz and romance presented by Ernest Torrence, Dorothy Gish, Rod La Rocque and others of equal note. You will get real entertainment from this picture—it is worth your attention.

Reserve your tickets for New Year's Eve—It's gonna be good

**At The LIBERTY**

Special Today Only  
**"SPEED MAD"**

with a big cast including William Fairbanks, Edith Roberts and others. This is a great racing story that will thrill the most sedate.

Sunday  
 A GREAT RAILROAD STORY  
**"The Midnight Express"**

See the real live story of railroad life. The change in a young man from a yellow coward to a virile fire eating fighter.

**WHEAT PRICES JUMP**  
 CHICAGO, Dec. 26. (AP)—Wheat prices jumped more than five cents a bushel today to the highest level yet this season. May delivery sold at about \$1.79 a bushel and December above \$1.80. Reports of fresh damage to crops in Argentina were at hand, and it was also current talk that mills in the United States have a rate no more than a sixty day supply of wheat in their elevators.

It is confirmed that the rebel tribesmen in recent fighting at Hasebiya southwest of Damascus and at Fort Christophine, lost 70 men killed and 200 wounded.

**WEATHER OUTLOOK**  
 SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26. (AP)—The weather outlook for the week beginning December 27, was announced here today by the United States weather bureau as follows: The outlook is for generally cloudy weather and normal temperature with rain in Washington and Oregon and probably California. Snows are likely in the Sierras and in the eastern portions of Washington and Oregon.

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**BANDITS ATTACKS**  
 BEIRUT, Syria, Dec. 26. (AP)—Under cover of a violent storm last night bandits attacked the station at El Fajer, on the railway north of Damascus. They were beaten off by a French armored train and suf-

**Klamath Tire House**  
 "Cap" Calkins  
 Klamath Ave. & 6th St.  
 Firestone, General and Oldfield Tires.

### Bond Broker Under Arrest

ELGGIN, Ills., Dec. 26. (AP)—Jailed as the result of the uncovering of an alleged forgery involving \$3,000

**Wood**

**BLOCKS**—Our blockwood is ample for the present. We are taking part off the yards.  
**DRY SLAB**—Our dry slab is not entirely dry, it is good for the heater, but not for the cook stove.  
**LIMB WOOD** is first class dry limbs and tree tops. It is dandy wood for heater, furnace or fireplace.  
**COAL**—Sure, we have coal. Lump coal, best on the market.  
**SERVICE**—Just a little behind with deliveries. Order early.  
**Wood — Coal & Fuel Oil**  
**PEYTON & CO.**  
**"WOOD TO BURN"**  
 601 Main Phone 535

the life savings of an aged widow. Walter C. Ripberger, of the bankrupt Charles Ripberger company today faces prosecution on a series of criminal charges.

Up to this afternoon only one warrant signed by Mrs. Mary E. McDonald, of this city, had been secured. Numerous others alleging forging and misappropriation of funds have been threatened. Ripberger is in the county jail under \$20,000 bonds.

Notice has been served that if an attempt is made to secure Ripberger's release on bonds additional warrants will be secured.

Financial crash of the company is said to have swept the life savings of hundreds of residents. According to unofficial reports between three thousand and four thousand Eight residents have been transacting business through the Ripberger company.

**SCHALL BACK TOMORROW**  
 Charles Schall is returning tomorrow from Ashland where he spent Christmas with relatives and friends.

Had a dinner in Los Angeles, Cost \$50 a plate. But their mouths were open so wide they couldn't chew.

Girls read so many dress hints, then just like at dressing.