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PRICE FIVE CENTS

GODDARD URGES STREET LIGHTS FOR THIS CITY

Recommendation Made by Mayor in Annual Mes- sage to City Council

MORE POLICE NEEDED

Street Improvements During 1925 Bring Cheering Word From Executive

Klamath Falls street lighting system is a disgrace and should be improved immediately, declared Mayor Fred M. Goddard in his annual message to the city council, which was read last night. The mayor also urged needed improvements at the city jail, and asks for the employment of at least four more patrolmen.

In all other respects the city has made satisfactory progress during the year, especially in the matter of street improvements, the mayor reveals.

His Message

His message, in full, follows:

The provisions of Section 143 of the charter of the City of Klamath Falls requires the mayor to communicate by message a general statement of the condition of the affairs of the city.

Since the quarterly report and the annual statement of the city treasurer cover the receipts and disbursements of the entire year, we will not touch upon them.

The year 1925 was marked by great activity in street improvement, there being improved a total of 52 blocks of city streets at a cost of over two hundred thousand dollars. 37 blocks were improved with Warrenite bitumastic and 15 blocks with rock macadam, the Warren Construction company having contracts for 31 blocks of streets and alleys at a cost of approximately \$145,700.00; Dunn and Baker contracting with the city for six blocks at a cost of approximately \$35,000.00, and W. D. Miller contracting 16 blocks of rock macadam at a cost of \$22,000, the sum total of these contracts being in excess of any sum spent in recent years for street improvement.

Shows Confidence

This development shows the confidence the citizens of the various improvement units have in the enduring stability of the business conditions of Klamath Falls. This street improvement has had a stimulating effect, for there is contemplated at the present time street development of an estimated cost of over \$100,000, exclusive of the cost of improving Sixth Street, and Ore-

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Brownsville Man Is Killed By Fall into Pacific Ocean

NEWPORT, Ore., Dec. 29.—(P)—Aubin Moffitt of Brownsville was killed yesterday when he fell from a forty foot cliff while sightseeing on Otter Rock, eight miles north of here. His body struck a ledge and was swept into the ocean by the surf. His body had not been recovered last night.

MANY LIVES ARE LOST IN FLOOD

VIENNA, Austria, Dec. 29.—(P)—Hundreds of lives have been lost in floods along the Rumanian frontier, say dispatches received here from Torda. The flood waters are declared to be sweeping bodies and debris through the streets of that city.

A tragic case is told of a family of five who took refuge on the roof of their home only to be forced off by fire which broke out in the upper story. All were drowned.

DOUMER PROGRAM TO GET SUPPORT

PARIS, Dec. 29.—(P)—The French cabinet, meeting this morning, agreed to support the fiscal measures of Finance Minister Doumer. The ministers unanimously approved a scheme for balancing the budget and stabilizing the franc, and authorized the finance minister to introduce the bills in parliament.

Makes Good His Boast; To Retire

BOSTON, Dec. 29.—(P)—Thirty-one years ago, a 14 year old apprentice mechanic in the De Paw, N. Y., shops of the New York Central railway, told a little group of grease-smearing companions that when he made a million dollars he would retire. They laughed and told him that with his 10 cents an hour wages he would never need to worry over his million, or retirement.

But on New Year's day that apprentice mechanic will retire. He is Joseph S. Donovan, president and treasurer of the Donovan Motor Car company of Boston, an automobile distributing agency. He has made his million.

The promise was prompted by the sight of an old man feebly making his way to an office where he hoped to amass more millions. He already had one million and Donovan resolved that that was enough for any man.

Shoots Driver Of Fast Auto; Now In Jail

Dean George of Beatty Tries Novel Method

Dean George of Beatty has found out how to get even with people who whip past you in high-powered cars, and as a result of his discovery Dean is now serving a double sentence in the county jail, having Charles Taylor, Beatty deputy.

Dean's method was simple. As the other car passed him, with appropriate remarks Dean produced a double barreled shotgun and cut loose.

He aimed for tires but got only part of an ear from the driver of the other car, whose name could not be learned.

For pointing a gun he was fined \$50 and given 30 days. For disturbing a place of public worship the Beatty justice also fined him \$50 and 30 days.

The reason for the latter charge is a mystery at the sheriff's office, Taylor having neglected to leave details before his return to Beatty.

Young Bandit Fatally Shot

Ray Trask Believed Dy- ing From Bullet Wound

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 29.—(P)—Ray, Trask, who confessed to the police several holdups and burglaries, was believed by physicians to be dying at a hospital today, from a bullet wound received yesterday when officers cornered him beneath a porch. Trask revealed to officers that he had an accomplice, Ned Bahamony, who was arrested and also confessed to participation in holdups and robberies. Trask's younger brother, Earl, was taken into custody for investigation, but Ray Trask insisted that Earl had nothing to do with the crimes Ray confessed.

Portland Dealer Loses Bond Suit

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 29.—(P)—Frank W. Keeler, bond dealer, today lost a suit he brought to force county officers to return to him \$200,000 in bonds seized in a raid August 25. Keeler and his partner, Frank A. Roth, who operated under the name of the Rogue River Water Works, were arrested at the time of the raid charged with violating the state blue sky law in selling bonds without a license. The arrests developed from an investigation of the financing of the town of Oreco, for which Keeler acted as fiscal agent. Circuit Judge Tucker held his court had no jurisdiction, but indicated that Keeler might obtain relief through a suit in equity.

DIVORCED HUSBY OF MISS DUNCAN TAKES OWN LIFE

Sergei Yessinin, Eccentric Russian Poet, Kills Self in Moscow

HAD STORMY CAREER

Mild Mannered Youth Went Into Frequent Rampages From Drinking

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—(P)—Sergei Yessinin, the eccentric Russian poet, has committed suicide in Moscow. He was the divorced husband of Isa-Dora Duncan, the classic dancer whose emulation of Terpsichore while barefooted and Dishable made her famous throughout the world.

Yessinin was about 30 years of age, several years younger than Miss Duncan. They were married in 1922 and the wife divorced him last year. Shortly after the wedding the young Bolshevik writer came to the United States with the dancer.

Scanty Attire

Miss Duncan went on a dancing tour, but was barred from appearing in several places because of the scantiness of her attire and the added fact that she was wont to wrap a red flag about her.

Yessinin accompanied his wife on tour, and seemingly was a mild mannered youth. Then stories began to break about his pugnaciousness when he partook too freely of the flowing bowl.

Blackened Wife's Eyes

At a party here Yessinin was declared to have blackened the eyes of Miss Duncan, which prevented her from carrying out one of her programs. A similar incident was reported later from Paris and the dancer was declared to have shipped him post-haste back to Russia. Miss Duncan obtained a divorce.

Yessinin was tall and had curly blonde hair and blue eyes. At the beginning of their honeymoon Miss Duncan described him as the greatest poet since Ruskin; the greatest genius since Edgar Allen Poe.

"He's a man of spirit, a lofty soul. He is my inspiration," she declared.

Believed Crazy

Later when Yessinin had allegedly carried out one of his pugilistic inspirations with the wife the receiver in general, she was reported to have said:

"Everybody knows he is crazy. He is no more deserving of tears than laughter. He is better off in Russia where he is loved, even if he is foolish. He can smash things in Moscow and nobody cares because he is a poet."

CONVICTED PAIR GIVEN REPRIEVE

MEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 29.—(P)—B. J. Hodges and R. Dawson, former Klamath Falls residents convicted of bootlegging, in connection with the operation of a candy store during the national guard encampment here last June, have been granted until March 15 to perfect an appeal to the state supreme court. Dawson is now serving a three year sentence at the Salem penitentiary, and Hodges is in the county jail.

EAST WILL GET WARMER WEATHER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—(P)—A gradual rise in temperature tomorrow in the eastern part of the country was promised today by the weather bureau, but frost was predicted as probable tonight as far south as central Florida.

Elsewhere it was predicted there would be little relief from the cold wave.

Operators Will Make Concessions

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—(P)—W. W. Inglis, spokesman for the anthracite operators' conference and chairman of its negotiating committee, today said that the operators were willing to open their books for public inspection and also were prepared to make concessions to the miners in their impending negotiations.

Girls Seek Boys' Pants For Winter

FORT WORTH, Texas, Dec. 29.—(P)—Freezing temperatures have led three girls to write to Police Chief Henry Lee for permission to wear boys' trousers. This, they intimated, would allow them to wear winter length underwear, without jeopardy to artistic effect—a problem not so easily solved with sheer hose visible to the knee or thereabouts. Chief Lee stipulated that the petitioners reveal their identities before he gives the request "due consideration."

Medford Medic Is Accused On Perjury Count

Dr. Charles T. Sweeney Is Secretly in- dicted

MEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 29.—(P)—Dr. Charles T. Sweeney, a prominent local physician, in a secret true bill returned last Wednesday, was indicted for perjury. The indictment, made public today, arises out of testimony given by Dr. Sweeney at the trial of Omer W. Murphy, convicted a month ago of manslaughter for the alleged beating to death of his wife last spring.

It is asserted that Dr. Sweeney testified he was in full attendance at the post mortem examination, when three other witnesses testified he was there but five minutes. A telephone conversation Dr. Sweeney testified he had with Dr. F. G. Swedeborg of Ashland, whose wife was a member of the jury, is also involved in the indictment. Dr. Sweeney testified that, when he called Dr. Swedeborg to ask him to testify at the trial he did not know Mrs. Swedeborg was a juror. He admitted that the telephone message was sent from the office of Murphy's attorney.

An affidavit made by Dr. Sweeney is also attacked.

The physician is at liberty on \$2000 bonds.

Man Wanted In Roseburg Held By Lane Cops

Alleged White Slavery Suspect Believed Caught

ROSEBURG, Ore., Dec. 29.—(P)—Sheriff Sam Starmer and Deputy Sheriff Shambrook left this morning for Eugene in response to a message from Sheriff Taylor stating that he is holding a man suspected of being Emery Shirley, wanted here on the charge of possession of a still. Shirley escaped from the officers here on Saturday night by going down the fire escape of a hotel while his companion, Joe Nelson, a transient barber, was being arrested in the lobby. The two men are accused of ownership of a still found last week about 15 miles east of Sutherlin. A charge of violation of the Mann act may also be brought against Shirley by the government, as he is claimed by Sheriff Starmer to have brought a woman to Roseburg from Washington.

Coolidge Thinks Business Is Good

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—(P)—American business conditions, as President Coolidge views them, are generally sound and good for the immediate future.

Certain area and certain lines of activity, he has been informed, might be in a more advantageous position, but in general he considers that the business and industrial situation is proceeding satisfactorily.

FREEZING AT ALBANY

ALBANY, Ore., Dec. 29.—(P)—This section of the Willamette valley this morning experienced the coldest weather of the year. The official thermometer registered 26 degrees above zero, the lowest point touched in 1925.

MONTANA SOLON IS EXONERATED BY HIGH COURT

Senator Burton K. Wheeler has all Criminal Charges Dismissed

DEMURRER SUSTAINED

Conspiracy to Defraud the Government not Proven, Declare Jurists

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—(P)—Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana today won his long fight to have all charges against him by the government wiped off the books.

The District of Columbia supreme court upheld the contention of the senator, who had already been acquitted in Montana, that the charges contained in an indictment returned against him here had been quashed.

A demurrer to the indictment, filed by Senator Walsh of Montana, Mr. Wheeler's counsel, was upheld.

Others Are Freed

The court also threw out the charges against Edwin S. Booth, former solicitor of the interior department and Gordon Campbell of Montana, who were indicted jointly with him.

They were charged by conspiring to defraud the government in connection with the obtaining of oil and gas land permits.

Today's decision leaves Senator Wheeler free of all charges unless the government should succeed in winning an appeal to the higher courts. Whether such a step will be attempted was not made clear, but the Wheeler counsel expects no such development.

The specific charge was that the defendants conspired to defraud the government by obtaining a large number of gas and oil permits to prospect on the public domain and in its argument the government asserted all the permits were for the use of one man—Gordon Campbell, a procedure, it contended, which was illegal.

Indictment Faulty

Justice Bailey held that indictment failed to charge a violation of the law and was "therefore bad."

He asserted the federal land act does not limit the number of permits to be issued to any one prospector, and that the secretary of the interior cannot by his regulations, go beyond the statute and deny the applicants' rights given them by the law.

This one point, the court declared, was sufficient to throw out the indictments and it was unnecessary to pass on the legal points raised by counsel for Wheeler, or on the demurrer filed by William A. Leahy, special government counsel, to the plea of former acquittal interposed by Wheeler.

Gun Discharges; Rancher Injured

MEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 29.—(P)—Henry Aiken, 35, a rancher of the Prospect district, lies in a local hospital in a serious condition from a bullet wound, sustained late yesterday afternoon when a .45-caliber revolver dropped out of his hip pocket as he was getting out of his automobile. The weapon hit on the running board and discharged, the bullet striking Aiken in the hip and ranging upwards, lodging in the chest. His screams for help brought aid from a nearby ranch, and he was rushed to this city for medical aid.

Lumber Here for Henley Building

Two carloads of lumber arrived at Henley this morning, and tomorrow morning actual construction work will start on the new Henley community hall and gymnasium. The foundation work was completed several days ago.

Residents of Henley expect their new-community building to be completed within the next two weeks, at which time a big house-warming will be held.

LONDON — Fashionable Bond street now has beauty shops, rest rooms and diet kitchens for Mlady's pet pooch.

Student On Way Home To Lead People

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—(P)—Jal Rastur C. Pavy, young Columbia University student, who speaks the latest-American slang and knows all the latest dance steps, today is on his way home east of Suez to succeed his dying father as spiritual head of India's 1,000,000 fire worshippers.

In correct American garb, he sailed yesterday aboard the Majestic, carefully explaining that the religion of his ancestors is not fire worshippers at all, but that the fire is merely zoroastrian symbol of absolute purity.

Although only 26, the future leader of his church is a doctor of philosophy, and is an authority on his religion. He has been studying for the past four years at Columbia to fit himself to succeed his father.

Rev. Bobbitt Is Near Death In California

Local Pastor Has Re- lapse After Oper- ation

The recovery of Rev. W. E. Bobbitt, pastor of the First Christian church, is very doubtful, according to word received yesterday by Dr. C. A. Massey from Mrs. Bobbitt.

Over a month ago the pastor submitted to a major operation at his old home in Woodland, California, and since then has shown steady improvement until a few days ago when he suffered a relapse and was forced to return to the hospital.

For many months he has been in poor health and it was hoped by his hosts of friends in Klamath Falls as well as throughout the state of Oregon that the operation would bring him back to perfect health.

Young Forger Given Parole

MEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 29.—(P)—Bert Beckelhymer, 21, an auto mechanic, who received a three year sentence on a plea of guilty to a forgery charge, was paroled to his father yesterday by Circuit Judge C. M. Thomas, under terms by which the court will act as his financial trustee for the period of his prison term. Beckelhymer, beginning next May, when he will take charge of his father's garage at Union Creek, on the Crater Lake highway, must make a monthly report of his conduct and turn over to the court all his financial earnings, other than amounts for necessary living expenses.

Rabbi Wise Still Big Storm Center

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—(P)—Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, who has offered his resignation as chairman of the United Palestine Episcopal board, because of criticism of his recent sermon, is still the center of a storm of opposition and commendation.

Yesterday he was upheld by one group of Jews as "indispensable" and assailed by another as "misleading the House of Israel," and "opening the way to baptism."

AGED BANKER DIES

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—(P)—John A. Hooper, aged president of the First National Bank and the First Federal Trust company, of this city, died last night. He had undergone a serious operation recently.

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♦ SMOTHERS TO DEATH ♦
♦ SEATTLE, Dec. 29. (P)— ♦
♦ Patricia Jean Lewis, 7 months ♦
♦ old, was smothered to death ♦
♦ here in the night by bedclothes ♦
♦ in which she had been tucked ♦
♦ to be warm and comfortable. ♦
♦ A brother 10 years old found ♦
♦ the body growing cold when he ♦
♦ went to see if his little sister ♦
♦ was all right. ♦
♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

GIGANTIC BANK MERGER MAY BE FINISHED SOON

Largest Institution in Coun- try May Result from Negotiations

PLAN CONSOLIDATION

Merchants and Metals Bank and Chase National Bank Are Involved

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—(P)—What may become the country's largest bank, a institution rivaling the gigantic financial institutions of London, began to take vague shape today out of the multitude of rumors in Wall street pointing to the merger of several exchanges, banks and trust companies of New York City.

Given impetus by a \$30 rise in the stock of the Mechanics and Metals bank, the report runs that a consolidation of that institution with the Chase National bank is imminent as a preliminary step in the building of a large financial structure. John McHugh, president of the Mechanics and Metals bank, admitted that negotiations looking towards amalgamation have begun.

Others Involved

Five other institutions are mentioned as being involved in the banking venture, which it is said, Clarence Dillon of Dillon, Read and company, is sponsoring. Their total resources—when and if combined—will be in excess of \$1,300,000,000.

The other institutions mentioned are: The Chatham and Phoenix, the National Park, the Chemical National and the Central Union Trust company. A denial that the Central Union Trust company was interested in the reported bank merger was made by its president, George Davidson.

Denials Made

Categorical denials that their institutions were involved in merger discussions also were issued by Percy H. Johnston, president of the Chemical National bank; John H. Fulton, president of the National Park bank and Richard N. Higgins, first vice president of the Chatham and Phoenix National Bank and Trust company.

S. P. Attorney Wins Promotion

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—(P)—Guy V. Shoup, general attorney for the Southern Pacific company, today was made general solicitor of the railroad. William F. Herrin, vice president and chief counsel made the announcement.

The office of general solicitor is a newly created position. Mr. Shoup will have charge of the legal business of the lines west of El Paso, Texas, Tucumcari, N. M., and Ogden, Utah.

He has been with the Southern Pacific since 1896.

COE, COOLIDGE BETTER

PLYMOUTH, Vt., Dec. 29.—(P)—While the condition of Colonel John C. Coolidge, father of the president, was reported improved today, his physician, Dr. Albert W. Gram of Brattleboro, said it was improbable that he would ever recover fully the use of his lower limbs.

Teamster to Hang on Murder Charge

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 29.—(P)—Jesse Ingram, itinerant teamster, was found guilty of first degree murder by a jury in superior court this morning. The jury imposed the death penalty.

Ingram, who was driving overland from Texas, shot and killed Joseph C. Hodges, a Seattle attorney, last September 19. The shooting occurred on the Pacific highway near here, and Ingram said that he shot because the Hodges car had bumped into his wagon. He claimed that he had been hit by motorists many times on his trip west.