

S. P. CHIEFS TO BE OUSTED

BANKRUPT BANK TO PAY DIVIDEND

50 PER CENT PROMISED MARCH 1

Local Depositors in Line for Cash Rescued in Liquidation

A dividend on savings accounts of the First States Savings bank, defunct, will be declared shortly after March 1, by the state banking department.

This is the announcement today of A. R. Campbell, deputy state superintendent of banks, in charge of liquidation of the assets of the bankrupt bank.

The dividend will be for 50 per cent of the total amount represented by savings accounts of the bank during its solvency. This amount was approximately \$180,000.00 and hence the amount which will be returned to the former patrons of the bank who had money in the bank in savings accounts, will be approximately \$90,000.

That the dividend will be declared on savings accounts only and will not in any way affect commercial deposits of the defunct bank, was stressed by Mr. Campbell.

"I emphasize that fact in order that there shall be no misunderstanding," Mr. Campbell said. "The status of commercial deposits is in (Continued On Page Six)

NO NEW CASES ARE REPORTED

No new cases of spinal meningitis were reported to Dr. G. S. Newsum, medical director of the Klamath County health unit, up to 3 p. m. today. Nor was there any word of suspicious cases under observation by physicians.

There are, at present, four living cases of the disease, the health officer said. Three are children and the fourth a mature man.

Revelations Continue In Oklahoma Murder Case; 17 Deaths Charged To Plotters

OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 6. (AP)—Confession by Bert Lawson that W. K. Hale hired him to blow up the home of E. W. Smith, resulting in the death of Smith, his Indian wife, and a servant girl, marked the latest development in the mystery surrounding the death of 17 persons in the Osage country.

Lawson, who was brought to Oklahoma yesterday told Roy Lewis, United States district attorney, that Hale promised him \$5,000 to plant nitroglycerine under the Smith home, but later refused to pay him the money.

Lawson's story was that when he was in the Osage county jail, Bloyed came to his cell the night of March 9, 1923, told him that he was wanted outside and escorted him to an automobile parked near the jail in which Hale was waiting. Lawson and Hale, according to the confession, drove to the home of Burkhart, where plans for the crime were revealed and Lawson given a jug of nitroglycerine and other apparatus for the explosion.

During the absence of the Smith family, Lawson said he planted the explosive in the basement of the home and laid a long fuse to a dark spot in an alley. When the Smiths returned Lawson touched off the fuse and ran all the way to the Burkhart home where he and Hale listened for the explosion. Hale then drove him hurriedly to the jail where he was returned to his cell by Bloyed, the confession states.

BITTER FIGHT ON M'CAMANT MADE BY FIERY SOLON

Senator Johnson Says Oregon Candidate for Judicial Robes is Unfit

VIOLATED LAW, CLAIM

Double Cross in Making Presidential Nomination Charged to Candidate

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6. (AP)—The senate last night put over until next week further consideration of the nomination of Judge Wallace McCamant, of Oregon.

This action followed the failure of efforts by Senator Johnson, republican, California, to have the appointment considered in open executive session instead of behind closed doors. Johnson lost out on two close votes. He indicated he would continue his opposition next week.

The fight which Johnson is conducting is an outgrowth of the 1920 Chicago convention at which Judge McCamant, nominated President Coolidge for the presidency. The judge was a delegate from his home state and Senator Johnson claims that, although instructed to vote for him for the presidential nomination, the judge violated that pledge.

"Judge McCamant violated the laws of his state and broke faith with his people," Senator Johnson said after the senate action tonight.

"A man who will not obey the laws of his own state is unfit to administer the laws of the United States."

FANATIC SUICIDES

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Jan. 6. (AP)—Her religious nature spurred to fanatical beliefs by a recent revival, Mrs. Margaret House, wife of a mail carrier, yesterday wedged her body into the furnace of her home and sustained burns which caused her death 12 hours later. Believing herself "a living sacrifice to the Lord," she was praying as she exposed herself to the flames.

KLAMATH RAIL HEARING DATE FEBRUARY 4 AND 5

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6. (AP)—Two days, February 4 and 5, were set aside today by the I. C. C. for hearing arguments in the controversy of the railroads serving Oregon over the right to build new lines in the eastern and central sections of the state.

The decisions have been brought about by proposals of the Oregon Trunk railroad, a subsidiary of the Hill group, to build southerly through the center of the state, while at the same time the Southern Pacific by construction and existing railroads proposes to build northerly through much of the same territory.

Ask Senate Airing Of U. S. R. S. Regime Here

Months of intensive work on the part of directors of the Klamath Irrigation district, came to a head today with filing of a letter, copies of which have been mailed to Washington, demanding that a senate investigation of Reclamation Service actions here be made at once.

A copy of the letter, which was mailed to Oregon representatives in congress, is as follows:

EVELYN THAW TO SURVIVE DESPITE POISON DRAUGHT

Incident Reveals She is Receiving \$10 a Day from Harry K. Thaw

GLAD TO BE ALIVE

Liquor Drunk During New Year's Celebration Credited for Saving Life

CHICAGO, Jan. 6. (AP)—Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, unsuccessful in her attempt to kill herself by drinking poison after a prolonged New Year's party, is glad she will not die.

"Life looked hopeless. Now it looks promising and colorful," she told Dr. E. Thomas Brand, her physician, who thinks she will recover. The alcohol in the liquors she had been drinking for several days was a natural antidote for the poison she used.

"I took the stuff," she said, after recovering consciousness. "Because I was blue. I thought life had given me more of its rough edges than I deserved. It was only on an impulse that I took poison."

Glad, too, that she will not die, is Russell, her 15 year old son, who poured olive oil and milk down her throat as antidotes after she drained the poison bottle.

Beyond her statement to Dr. Brand, no motive was assigned for the suicide attempt which was her second. Russell and Gussie Accoon, her maid, both denied that there had been a party in the apartment before she took the poison. The maid admitted that the divorced wife of Harry K. Thaw had been drinking heavily since New Year's and had returned home Monday with a broken nose.

Friends, recalling that she no longer appeared as a singer in the rough side cabaret, thought of financial troubles, but from Pittsburgh came dispatches to Chicago papers quoting Harry K. Thaw as saying he was sending her \$10 a day and sent \$310 December 31.

No conclusion was gleaned from the two letters found in her room.

SMALL FIRE LOSS

MEDFORD, Ore., Jan. 6. (AP)—The total fire loss in this during 1925 amounted to \$20,587.

RUMORS FLYING ABOUT TOWN ON BIG LAND DEAL

Harry Whiteline, Owner of Land, Denies Sale or Negotiations

400 ACRES INVOLVED

Belief Expressed that Shevlin-Hixon Wants Site for New Mill Here

A persistent and widespread rumor of the sale of 400 acres of land skirting the north side of Klamath river just west of Klamath Falls, to either a mill concern or railroad company, is prevailing in the business section of this city. The rumor fails to be quashed, but rather appears to be gaining strength.

Harry Whiteline, who is the owner of the land in question was interviewed by a reporter of the Evening Herald. Mr. Whiteline in very decided terms stated that all of his land or any part of it, had not been sold to any person or corporation; that so far as he knew, and he knew all there was to know, there was not any deal on which would cause the transfer of his property to any other party; and that the person seeking to buy any part of his property would have to take it all.

The land owned by Mr. Whiteline holds a key situation to the Weyerhaeuser mill site which is located just west of his property. It is a foregone conclusion that at least the Northern lines, if they are granted permission to enter this territory, will attempt to secure a right-of-way through his property.

But the Northern lines, have denied they are attempting to purchase Whiteline's property. So do the Shevlin-Hixon mill interests.

According to those in close touch with the railroad and lumber situation (Continued on page two)

KLAMATH FAILS TO RECOVER SUM FROM 1ST STATE

Judge Leavitt Rules Proposed Settlement with County Preferential

\$25,000.00 IS SOUGHT

Court Believes That Assets Should be Distributed to Creditors Equally

There can be no preferred creditors of the First State and Savings bank. The assets of the bank when finally determined and liquidated should be distributed on a pro rata basis to all of the unfortunate depositors of the bankrupt institution.

This in substance is the answer of Circuit Judge A. E. Leavitt to a petition asking the court's opinion on a proposed settlement between the defunct bank, Klamath county and certain surety companies. And by the decision, which was handed down today, this proposed compromise settlement between the affected parties can never be enacted.

\$25,000 is sought. In brief, the petition dealt with

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**Vesuvius In
Eruption; Is
Weird Sight**

NAPLES, Italy, Jan. 6. (AP)—Mount Vesuvius broke into violent eruption today.

A large eruption came from the western side of the mountain, while a cavity opened near the base on the western slope.

Large quantities of lava are flowing from both the cone and the cavity with violent explosions in the former. Tonight the surface of the volcano which lately had been covered with fields of snow and ice, assumed a pinkish tinge, under the reflection of great reddish clouds.

Sproule And Shoup In Line For Axe As Rail Investigation Is Made

Sproule to Be Succeeded by J. M. Schumacher, Former Head of El Paso & Southwestern; Shoup to Return to Electric Line

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 6. (Special to The Herald)—If the gossip along "railroad row" is true, there is to be a shake up of dry bones in the Southern Pacific company's organization that will remove from the map many familiar names and replace them with those of men new to S. P. circles, though recognized as being among the most powerful in railroad affairs in America.

As gossip tells it, the downfall of the present regime of the Southern Pacific comes as a result of the fight that arose over the efforts of the Northern lines to enter the Klamath territory. Among the powers that be, back in New York, it is recognized that a tactical blunder has been made by the present heads of the Southern Pacific and that instead of repeating the famous Deschutes canyon mistake, when millions were ruthlessly wasted, the Northern lines and Southern Pacific officials should have gotten together and reached a middle ground of compromise that will be beneficial alike to the railroads and the Klamath territory.

1926 JURY LIST IS NAMED TODAY BY MAGISTRATE

Citizens Who Must Serve in Cases in Justice Court Are Selected

Citizens who must serve during 1926 on justice court juries were picked yesterday afternoon under the watchful eye of Acting Justice of the Peace R. A. Emmitt. The prospective jurors will be required to serve when called.

Following is the jury list: O. D. Burke, Jim Bell, John Linfest, Virgil Yaden, H. Orem, W. Weeden, R. M. Doty, N. B. Drew, M. F. Parker, Don Redfield, R. H. Dunbar, Clayton Cornish, W. H. Ross, Ray Anderson, M. J. Nyhart, W. M. Coseboom, J. A. Maddox, G. A. Bellman, Marion Hanks, Henry Grimes. (Continued on Page Six)

Appendicitis Is Check On Vanderbilt Wedding, Second Time Within Recent Months

NEW YORK, Jan. 6. (AP)—An attack of appendicitis is coinciding with a wedding in the Vanderbilt family for the second time in recent months.

Mrs. Frederick C. Church, sister of Consuelo Vanderbilt, who will be married tomorrow to Earl T. Smith, has been deferring an operation for appendicitis which has been troubling her several days. She will attend her sister's wedding and will be operated on Saturday.

Consuelo herself acted as maid of honor at Mrs. Church's wedding in New Port last summer while suffering from appendicitis and underwent an operation soon after.

A rehearsal of Miss Vanderbilt's marriage was held yesterday at the home of her mother, Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt II, on Fifth Avenue, where the ceremony will be conducted.

The Rev. Thomas Murphy, of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic cathedral, who officiated at the wedding in 1899 of Miss Vanderbilt's parents, will marry the couple. Mrs. Church was married with the Episcopal ceremony.

Guests tomorrow will include only members of the family and a few intimate friends. About six hundred members of New York society have been invited to the reception.