

HUSKY SKIERS READY FOR SUPREME TEST

WIDOW OF IVY TOMS TESTIFIES

Widow of Slain Los Angeles Druggist Gives Story of Murder

DID NOT KNOW WHO FIRED FATAL SHOT

Youths Wore Santa Claus Masks During Holdup in Suburb of Los Angeles; Firing Brought on by Interception of Policemen Who Shot at Robbers.

HALL OF JUSTICE, Los Angeles, Feb. 21, (A.P.)—Mrs. C. Ivy Toms, widow of the slain druggist, whom William Edward Hickman and Welby Hunt are accused of murdering, told from the witness stand today of the fatal shooting.

The widow identified the youths as the bandits who entered the store with drawn pistols and forced her husband and a clerk behind the prescription counter with hands up, into the arms of James Oliver, a policeman, who was behind the prescription counter, with Mrs. Toms, repeating his flashlight. A general scramble followed and Toms fell mortally wounded.

"Get his gun," Mrs. Toms testified Hunt said to Hickman as Oliver reached for his gun. Hickman, according to testimony, began firing while Hunt kept his gun on her, she moved and her husband dived for the sub trying to protect her. During the fight her husband slumped to the floor and dragged himself to a rear door.

Mrs. Toms said she did not know who actually fired the fatal shot but testified that Hickman fired several shots at her husband. (Continued on page six)

THREE HOUSES TO BE ERECTED

Construction of two \$3500 five room houses on Portland between Dolores and Eldorado streets, Hot Springs addition, by H. Haines and H. Haines, Klamath Falls builders, was announced last night at the city council meeting when the permits for the new construction were approved. Permits were also granted to Harry Stout to erect a stucco duplex house of six rooms on Eleventh and Walnut streets. Cost of the structure will be \$3,000.

Near 150 Plan to Board San Francisco Special

That at least 150 people of Klamath Falls will board the Southern Pacific special train, scheduled to leave here on Friday evening at 5:30 o'clock for San Francisco, was intimated by the rush for reservations received at the main office today.

The special leaves here Friday evening at 5:30 o'clock and arrives in San Francisco the following morning at 7:30 o'clock. People going on this round-trip special are allowed a visit of five days in the southern metropolises. Tickets purchased for this trip allow the purchaser to return on The Cascade Limited. Following is the list of people intending to make the trip: Mrs. Rex La Prairie, Misses Inez and Addie Jenkins, Mrs. O. H. Harshbarger, Mrs. Walter Stewart, Mrs. Arthur Messner, Mrs. Mary Hude, Frederick C. Forbes,

HOLIDAY TO BE OBSERVED IN KLAMATH

Not only will stores, schools, and public offices close tomorrow, Washington's birthday, but thousands of Klamath Falls residents are planning to motor north to Fort Klamath to enjoy the second annual Klamath County Winter Carnival.

All federal and state offices will be closed for the day, including the post office, reclamation office, the city hall and county court house. In addition scores of business houses of the city are planning to close their doors. The Herald will print its regular issue tomorrow but it will be published at noon instead of 3 p. m. in order to allow employees of the paper opportunity to witness the end of the ski race and participate in the afternoon fap fest in Wood River valley.

BUSINESS MEN TO URGE BONDS

A round table discussion of the sewer bond election on Tuesday, February 28 took up the attention of the board of directors of the chamber of commerce this noon at the regular luncheon.

Headquarters will be located in the Loomis building, through the courtesy of Harry Poole, who has leased the building. At headquarters people familiar with the conditions in this city will be stationed to assist in every way possible in putting the bond issue over.

A number of men and women, among the older residents of the city, urging people to support the bond issue.

A mass meeting in Mills addition has been called for Thursday night, when several speakers will talk on the great necessity of better sewers in that community, as well as throughout the entire city.

PLANE LANDS WITH HELP FOR STRANDED

HELINGFORS, Finland, Feb. 21, (A.P.)—Dispatches from Bjorkoe state that an airplane with provisions landed on a large fragment of ice on which a number of fishermen and their horses were drifting in the gulf of Finland off Bjorkoe. Planes have already dropped food to several parties whose ice floes have since reached firm ice, enabling them to land. Others are drifting toward the Esthonian coast and being followed by an ice breaker as speedily as possible.

FLASHES

DEATH TAKES AUTHOR. LONDON, Feb. 21, (A.P.)—Basil MacDonald Hastings, 46, author and playwright, died here today after a lengthy illness. For months he had been living under a virtual sentence of death, knowing almost to the day when he must go yet he never mentioned the matter and was always smiling and cheerful.

FLOODS TAKE 14 LIVES. SYDNEY, N. S. W., Feb. 21, (A.P.)—Although the weather is still unsettled, the flood waters which following torrential rains were subsiding today with 14 deaths recorded. Those occurred in Queensland, New South Wales, and south Australia.

MEMORIAL SERVICE. LONDON, Feb. 21, (A.P.)—For the third time this year Westminster Abbey today became the scene of a memorial service to a noted Briton—first Thomas Hardy, author, then Earl Haig, soldier, and today the Earl of Oxford and Asquith, statesman.

LUMBERMEN TO MEET. SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 21, (A.P.)—Problems of lumbermen of 10 western states will be brought to the front in the three-day conference of the western retail lumbermen's association convention opening here Thursday, February 23.

LOST GIRL FOUND. NEW YORK, Feb. 21, (A.P.)—Catherine Elizabeth Tierney, 22, missing Connecticut college girl who ran away from luxury to make her own way in the world, has been found working as a housemaid.

FRANCHISE GRANTED TO ASSESSOR

W. T. Lee Awarded City Garbage Grant by City Council Last Night

COUNCILMEN FACED WITH BIG PROBLEM

Whether or Not to Pave Oregon Avenue With Two Narrow Strips of Pavement or One Wide Strip is Knotty Problem Facing Administration.

Collectively, the city council heaved a vast sigh of relief last night as Councilman E. H. Balsiger, chairman of the finance committee made the final recommendation by which the city garbage franchise was granted to W. T. Lee, county assessor.

"After lengthy discussions and careful consideration the council is firmly persuaded that Mr. Lee's bid will serve the greatest number of people at the lowest rate," announced Mr. Balsiger.

A chorus of ayes which followed the motion ended what has proved to be a vexing problem to the administration. In letting the contract to Lee, the deciding move was Lee's low rate to residents. His rate will be 75 cents a month.

Another problem. "No sooner had the council extricated itself from this tangle than it was tossed head foremost into another; namely, the perplexing problem of the improvement of the northern entrance of the city, Oregon avenue.

Property holders led by Luke Walker, asked the council to lay strips of pavement on Oregon avenue from St. Francis street to Biehn or one street south of Biehn, instead of the 40-foot pavement provided for in the engineer's plans. It was held that property holders on the west side (Continued on page six)

JUST RAMBLIN' AROUND

(Editor's Note: This series of communications will appear in the Evening Herald and Morning News because only 4 per cent of the 1500 subscribers of the Herald and News take both papers.)

On the Cascade Limited Sunday, Feb. 19th.

AS YOU see the broad country bordering the railroad when you travel south you are impressed with that eloquent saying, "An Empire Awakening."

For such it is. Those who were responsible for draining Lower Klamath lake have the thanks of everyone but some sportsmen who still insist that the lake is needed to ensure a bird supply. Yet most of these same sportsmen will not turn their hand over to help decrease the hunting limit on birds. The thing that is exterminating the bird life of Klamath county is the hoghish hunter who gets the limit, and the hunter who shoots the birds and never even picks them up because it is an effort to carry them back to camp.

That is the class of sportsmen who rear up on their hind legs and howl about draining Lower Klamath lake. It is a stock pas-

Official Program of Second Winter Carnival Announced

A program which sparkles with potential fun and interest has been arranged by the committee in charge of the second annual Klamath County Winter Carnival. Following is the complete program.

With promise of excellent skiing conditions, and perfect weather, virtually the entire Klamath basin will turn out in boots and sweaters Wednesday to spend the day at Fort Klamath, enjoying the second annual winter sports carnival to be staged tomorrow one mile west of that community.

Complete program of the day's events has been completed, together with a list of prizes offered for various events. The program follows: The big ski race will start and all snow sports will be held one mile west of Fort Klamath. Turn

PLAN TO CLEAR SCHOOL TITLE

W. S. Wiley, attorney for the city school board, was instructed last night to take necessary legal steps to clear the title on the Central school property on Main between Eighth and Tenth streets. The move, it is understood, was impelled by the board's desire to get the land in shape for eventual sale.

"A suit would be brought in circuit court, to quiet title," Mr. Wiley explained. "The board is merely anticipating the objection of a prospective purchaser who might insist on certain parts of the title being clarified before accepting the property."

INTERNATIONAL RING OF CRIME IS UNCOVERED

NEW YORK, Feb. 21, (A.P.)—The operations of what police believe to be an international ring of law breakers have been disclosed by the shooting to death of an alleged member of the gang.

The victim of the shooting was found dying in the hallway of an elaborate furnished apartment in the Bronx, investigation of which disclosed drills and other paraphernalia of safe crackers, letters, telegrams and cables from Russia, France and several cities in this country.

The dead man was identified from finger prints as William Boll alias William Doyle, an ex-convict.

LEE WINS OUT IN-HIGH COURT

Circuit Judge A. L. Leavitt of Klamath Falls was affirmed today in the case of W. T. Lee vs. the Crater Lake National Park company in which Lee was awarded approximately \$9200 damages in the lower court.

The Crater Lake Park company appealed from Judge Leavitt's court and the case came to issue before the supreme court this morning. The supreme court upheld the decision of the Klamath circuit court and the judgment against the national park company stands.

GIVE BACK LAND URGES LEGISLATOR

Representative Demands Action From United States Government

LARGE AREA SHOULD BE TAXABLE, CLAIM

Wyoming Legislator Strongly Opposed to Grazing Lease System Which He Holds Would Withdraw Federal Public Lands Forever From Taxation.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21, (A.P.)—The ceding of 266,000,000 acres of federal public lands to western states was advocated by Representative Winter, republican, Wyoming, in an address prepared for delivery today in the house.

Declaring that the states west of the Rocky mountains were denied equal rights with other states in land possession, the Wyoming representative voiced his opposition to pending legislation which would place 200,000,000 acres under a grazing lease system as "a perpetual federal pasture," requiring the payment of grazing fees.

"If this is done, 450,000,000 acres amounting to 55 percent of the entire area of the states," he said, "will remain forever tax-free, denying new homes settlement, development and taxation."

"We wish to know whether we are to be states or provinces," he said. "When we secure the land we will develop our own resources and make our own improvements, asking then only our just proportion of the benefits of federal aid which are given to all the states under uniform practices of national internal improvements. Western states, so long as the government controls tax-free more than half of their lands are compelled and have a right to ask the federal govern-

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SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER NAMED

Charles Thomas of Mills Addition was appointed to serve as a member of the board of directors of the city schools at the regular meeting of the city school board held last evening.

Mr. Thomas fills the unexpired term of C. C. Colvin of the Shell Oil company who tendered his resignation to the board because of being transferred to southern California.

Members of the Parent Teachers Association of the Mills addition district met with the board, asking for the appointment of Mr. Thomas.

Allowance of bills and other routine matters took up the attention of the board during the remainder of the meeting.

WASHINGTON'S NATAL DAY TO BE CELEBRATED

In observance of Washington's birthday, members of the American Legion and the Ladies Auxiliary will hold a joint meeting at Legion hall this evening.

An enjoyable program with several special numbers has been arranged through the auxiliary.

Miss Vivian Trousse, Rev. J. Henry Thomas, Mrs. George McIntyre, Mrs. Carl Knutson and member of the Musical Jazz band under the leadership of Mrs. Glenn Jester and Miss Pearl Biehn, will appear upon the program.

The Legion will preside as hosts following the program when refreshments will be served. The meeting has been called for 7:30 o'clock.

SCHOOLS OF ROGUE STAGE GANG FIGHTS

MEDFORD, Ore., Feb. 21, (A.P.)—School boards of this city and Ashland will take action to curb gang fights between Rogue River Valley school students following athletic contests, which have occurred for years.

A young riot occurred Saturday night at Ashland following a basketball game, in which rotten eggs were hurled, the First Methodist Church stopping most of the missiles. The trouble was a continuation of a skirmish Friday night in this city when a grammar school pupil sustained a broken nose, and another youth was badly beaten.

Saturday night the war was taken to the Pacific highway, and automobiles bombarded with eggs and hard-shelled walnuts.

The bitterness was brought about by the "stalling tactics" of the Medford basketball team in the closing minutes of a district championship game.

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LOWER BAG ON DUCKS FAVORED

Material reduction in the limit on ducks and geese in Klamath was officially favored last night by the Klamath Sportsmen's association at a meeting held in the chamber of commerce.

The sportsmen also recommended a three-day shooting week for waterfowl, one of which would be on Sunday.

Although no definite recommendation for lowering the bag limit on ducks was recommended, a reduction of from 50 to 60 per cent was advised.

Sportsmen held that with the present bag limit ducks and geese were being thinned out too rapidly and that to save the game fowl from rapid extinction something should be done to check the heavy inroads made via the hunters' guns.

Nate Otterbein, secretary, was instructed by the association to order 300 sportsmen's badges (Continued on page six)

MURDER SEEN IN DEATH OF WOMAN

MORRISTOWN, N. J., Feb. 21, (A.P.)—The death of an unidentified woman found with her gasoline saturated clothing in flames, was under investigation by the state police today.

State troopers held the theory that the woman had been taken in an automobile to the lonely spot where she was found, gasoline poured over her clothing and then set afire.

She died at All South hospital, three hours after being taken there by Enow Campbell of Bernardsville, a passing motorist.

LENTEN OPENS THURSDAY MORN

The Lenten season will be ushered in tomorrow, Ash Wednesday, and during the penitential period of 40 days social circles of this city hold little promise of gayeties. During this period Lenten charities and diversions will take up the time of most motorists of this city. In the past few months, many of Klamath have taken an active part in society and to most of these, the Lenten period comes as a welcome respite.

Today is recognized as (Continued on page three)

FORT HOST TO OREGON TOMORROW

Light, Dry Snowfall Help Rather Than Hindrance in Wood River Valley

SIXTEEN ATHLETES IN GOOD CONDITION

Roads in Excellent Shape for Horde of Motorists Who Are Expected to Drive to Upper Basin to Witness Second Annual Winter Carnival.

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While soft snow fell in Klamath Falls this morning, the flakes in Fort Klamath were dry and, according to long distance information, contestants in the ski race believe a light covering of dry snow on the present crust will speed up the course rather than be a hindrance to speed records.

Sixteen skiers, in perfect physical condition for the arduous struggle up the steep slopes of the Cascades to the rim of Crater lake and return, are ready for the gun which will start them off tomorrow at 9 o'clock, Crater lake bound.

Last minute announcements were made today by the committee on arrangements as follows: (1)—The roads are in excellent condition the entire 40 miles from Klamath Falls.

(2)—The start and finish of the great race will be at the Pelton ranch, one mile west of (Continued on page 4)

Terrorists Continue to Throw Bombs in Chicago

CHICAGO, Feb. 21, (A.P.)—Chicago's 13th bomb of the year aimed at the apartment building in which lives Lawrence A. Cuneo, brother-in-law and secretary of state's attorney Robert E. Crowe, has blown the lid off official patience.

Incensed by the bombing last night, the state's attorney offered a \$10,000 reward for information leading to conviction of the perpetrators of recent bond outrages, including those at the homes of city comptroller Charles Fitzmorris and Municipal Judge John Sbarbaro.

The offer was accompanied by a promise to the informant of immunity from prosecution.

The bomb last night destroyed the entrance to the 16-apartment building in which Cuneo lives in the fashionable north side district, shattering windows in nearby places.

The Cuneos were not in the building, but other residents were routed.

"I don't believe this outrage is due to a gambling war," said Cuneo, "nor do I think it has anything to do with the Capone or Alito gangs. This is a political bomb. Powerful forces are trying to discredit the Thompson-Crowe forces."

Fearing a similar attack upon the home of Mayor Thompson, commissioner of police Hughes ordered a police guard there and a sweeping investigation of the Cuneo outrage. There also were reports that a special jury investigation will be called.