

Thoughts We've Been Thinking

Idaho Town Officials Answer Serious Charge as Result of Alleged Licensing of Liquor Joints.

A Public Office Is a Public Trust.

Public Graft Has Been Largely Eliminated, But There Are Still Evidences of It.

Illinois Congressman Spoofing About Liquor Charges.

By BRUCE DENNIS

WHEN city officials in the town of Mullan, Idaho levied a \$25 per month tax on safe drink houses Federal officers smelled a mouse and now the city officials are indicted for promoting crime, it being charged that the safe drink places were peddling booze with the city's knowledge and approval.

When city officials have come to the end of a trail that always gives trouble, if not officers condone crime or become a party to it the inevitable happens.

ANY man who accepts a public office automatically accepts a public trust and that trust must not be treated lightly. If an official uses the prestige of office to obtain personal business—business that he commits from personally—he is committing a moral crime, if not a legal one.

In Oregon laws have been passed to stop official greed, and even in school districts no member of a school board can supply merchandise, fuel, building material or labor to the district he officially represents.

THERE is a line line of demarcation on such matters—a line that might be crossed by some well-meaning officials, but this does not change the moral aspect.

No official has a right to use his office directly or indirectly in any manner whatsoever to obtain business that will benefit him privately.

The crime that Mullan, Idaho officials are accused of is not a bit worse than for the mayor or councilman of that little city to have urged upon their fellow-townsmen necessity for doing business with them because they were officials, or offering the slightest suggestion to that end.

THE old word "graft" meant collection and use of money illegitimately. It has largely stopped, but now we find such instances as the Mullan case appearing, and with that comes the thought that the time has arrived for any official inclined to use his office to secure private business to desist from such practices.

THE schools, churches and civic leaders all teach and public honesty in public life, and by that they do not mean that small petty "trade getting" by officials who have been honored with office should be overlooked.

Public conscience will awaken to this, if it has not already, and towns like Mullan which unfortunately have officials who slightly bend the law and conscience will be held up to ridicule and officials who practice

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"Aunt Emma is such a good soul that she loves all humbly and all creatures, except the people she knows. It looks like she hates most of them."

HEARING GETS NEW ANGLE

INDUSTRY, LABOR JOIN CONFERENCE

Big Men of Nation's Business Meet At Washington.

PRESIDENT SEEKS TO BANISH PESSIMISM

Would Avoid Collapse of General Business as Result of Crash in Stock Markets, Which Has Tendency to Curb Buying of Both Necessities and Luxuries.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21 (AP)—Overlords of industrial America and leaders of organized labor today answered the call of President Hoover for counsel and co-operation in his campaign for stabilized and stimulated business conditions.

Men whose firms employ millions of workers and spokesmen of the workers themselves hastened to the White House to join the chief executive in intimate discussions of what can be done to prevent the recent collapse of security prices from undermining the fundamentally sound structure of American economics.

Henry Ford Present
First on the day's program, as Mr. Hoover resumed the series of conferences which had been interrupted by the death of Secretary James W. Good of the war department, was the meeting.

KIWANIS PLAN THANKSGIVING

Special Program To Be Given At Chamber of Commerce Forum Luncheon

Functionings of the recently organized Portland Stock and Bond Exchange were explained by Fred Bergesch, secretary of that institution, at the regular Kiwanis noon luncheon today.

On November 27 a special Thanksgiving day program will be held at noon when the Kiwanis club takes over the chamber of commerce forum luncheon. This program will be in charge of J. Henry Thomas and Frank W. Bennett. The speaker for the day will be Rev. Jewett, minister at Merrill who recently arrived in the West from Pennsylvania. Interesting musical numbers are also planned.

Also planned for today's meeting was in charge of George McIntyre with Dick Weatherly presiding as chairman. D. M. Roberts, manager of Woolworth's, gave two vocal solos.

Clerk Issues Two Marriage Licenses

Two marriage licenses were issued this morning at the office of C. R. De Lap, county clerk. William E. Chastain, 21, mill worker and Violet Lenora Craig, 20, were married immediately after securing their license. Judge W. B. Barnes officiated. David L. Prulan, 31, fireman, and Ruby P. Smith, 27, was the other couple. All gave their addresses as Klamath Falls.

City Attorney Prepares And Submits Zoning Law

An ordinance covering the proposed city zoning has been drawn up by City Attorney Arthur W. Schnapp and submitted to the zoning commission. The commission will present the proposition to the public at various meetings to be held throughout the city in the near future. The proposed ordinance will then be subject to the approval or disapproval of the residents of the city and corrections, if any suggested, will be made. Following that, the plan will be

A VERY LOW PERSON INDEED

EVANSTON, Ill., Nov. 21. (AP)—Anyone who would rob a police station may safely be spoken of as a very low person.

The room of the police magistrate at police headquarters was vacated for a few minutes yesterday. When the magistrate returned he discovered his telephone had been stolen, a marble desk set also, and the court's supply of pencils. The bench itself was nailed down, a circumstance which the court remarked was most fortunate.

NEVADA ASKS LINES TO JOIN IN THAT STATE

Use of Alturas Line To Flanigan, Nev., Is Proposed.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 21 (AP)—The state of Nevada today invited the Great Northern and Western Pacific railroads to connect their lines by making use of the Southern Pacific's Alturas branch, diverting traffic from the Western Pacific at Flanigan, Nev., northward to connect with the Great Northern system at Klamath Falls, Ore.

The proposition was made by John F. Shaughnessy, chairman of the railroad and public service commission of Nevada. It came in the closing minutes of the morning hearing into the necessity of the proposed construction by the Great Northern and Western Pacific of a line from Klamath Falls to Keddies, Calif.

Nevada, one of the intervenors opposing the Klamath Falls-Keddies line, followed the cross examination of A. G. Mott, chief engineer of the California railroad commission. Mott was questioned by E. J. Foulds, Southern Pacific attorney, on a series of maps and charts introduced several days ago. He said his conclusion that the shortest route of the Southern Pacific would have to be double track by 1935 or 1937 from Geber, Calif., to Nevada Opposes Line.

BLAME FIXED FOR COLLISION

Superintendent Says Crew Of Westbound Train Did Not Obey Orders

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 21. (AP)—Responsibility for the collision of two Oregon Trunk Line mixed trains near Oakbrook, Ore., early Tuesday in which six passengers and one trainman were injured, was laid to the crew of westbound train today by G. E. Votaw, superintendent, who conducted the official inquiry at Wishram, Wash.

The investigation, Votaw notified A. J. Davidson, general manager of the Oregon Trunk line, will continue for two days, but sufficient evidence had been gathered, he said, to show that on the crew of the westbound train were riding, had not obeyed orders.

Votaw said the crew was directed to stop at Oakbrook in the Dechutes canyon, but passed up the station and collided with the southbound train in the canyon and only a short distance from Oakbrook. Mrs. Jay H. Upton of Bend, Ore., who suffered a wrenched shoulder, was the most seriously injured of the seven. She is in a hospital here.

Engines in Spectacular Wreck



A Great Northern passenger train engine took a knockout punch right on the nose when it crashed into a tangle of trees near Butte, Mont., as this striking picture shows. One man was killed and 11 others injured.

GIRL'S DEATH RAILWAY GETS STARTS INQUIRY MAIL CONTRACT

Police Hold Men In Whose Apartment Party Is Held.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 21. (AP)—A girl identified by the police as Gertrude Hawkins, 26, believed to be secretary to the head of an automobile firm here, died in an emergency hospital today from a bullet wound inflicted while she was attending a party in the apartment of a neighbor, Lawrence Tulloch, branch manager for the National Broadcasting company.

Police said it appeared to be a case of suicide but they held Tulloch and William Whittle for questioning. Whittle shares with Tulloch the apartment in which the shooting occurred. The authorities also announced they would question Allen Hamilton, son of Customs Collector W. B. Hamilton. Young Hamilton was said to have attended the party, leaving early in the evening. The shot was fired shortly before 1 a. m.

Portland Gets New Edition of Webster

A copy of the latest edition of Webster's Dictionary has recently been purchased for the Klamath Falls library. This is the most complete dictionary ever published, having historical and biographical sections, as well as a whole portion devoted to history of the United States and histories of individual states.

The pages are divided into upper and lower sections, the lower half containing obsolete words with their meanings. In an appendix to the dictionary will be found new words, coined mostly since the World War, in the realm of science, aviation, and even slang phrases that have been so widely used that they have come to be incorporated in the language. The dictionary will be on the shelves soon.

Portland Prepared For Lengthy Drought

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 21. (AP)—John Mann, commissioner of public works, said today Portland has enough stored water to last 200 days despite the long drought. Construction of the Bear creek dam was just in time to provide ample water storage. Ben S. Morrow, chief engineer of the water bureau, said calling attention to the fact that the reservoir can hold 11,000,000,000 gallons of water and Bull Run lake, Portland's main water supply, another 3,000,000,000.

TALKS TO INCREASE WAGES

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21. (AP)—Henry Ford announced today at the White House that an immediate increase in wages among Ford employees had been determined upon.

EDGE GOES TO FRANCE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21. (AP)—The nomination of Senator Walter E. Edge of New Jersey to be ambassador to France was confirmed today by the senate.

OIL BARON ONCE MORE FREE MAN

Sinclair's Term For Contempt Ended Last Night.

ATTITUDE CHANGED TOWARD REPORTERS

Since He Has Improved Thinks He Was Incarcerated Greeted by Brother and Leaves For Ranococas Farm in New Jersey to Visit His Famous Racing Stables.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21 (AP)—Harry F. Sinclair today laid aside the compulsory duties of pharmacist at the District of Columbia jail for the freedom and leisure of a multi-millionaire oil baron and proprietor of racing horses.

His sentences for contempt of court and of the senate arising from the oil scandals of the Harding administration were completed last night at midnight and a few minutes later he emerged from the jail, to be greeted by a few close friends and hasten at once to the Mayflower hotel where Mrs. Sinclair awaited him.

His plans were somewhat indefinite, but he expected to go first to New Jersey, where the stock farm of the Ranococas stables is located, and then to his Long Island home and New York office.

The booming flash lights of newspaper photographers hailed his emergence from the jail and reporters clustered about him anxious for a statement.

Baird Appointed To Succeed Sen. Edge

NEWARK, N. J., Nov. 21. (AP)—David Baird, Jr., of Camden, today was appointed United States senator to succeed Walter E. Edge, by Governor Morgan F. Lodge. He will serve until the next general election in November, 1930.

At that time a special election will be held to elect a senator until March 4, 1931, when Edge's regular term expires.

TIGER BETTER PARIS Nov. 21 (AP)—Dr. Jacquemaire, former Premier Clemenceau's grandson, who has been watching at his bedside today, said this afternoon that the attack of colic from which the Tiger was suffering had passed.

"There is now no reason for alarm," he added.

OLD KIDDIES IS HAPPY ON HIS WAY

The dear old fellow who loves the kiddies is coming again this year. Merchants of Klamath, together with the Herald and News and the Harry W. Poole, owner of the theatres, have arranged with Old Santa Claus on what each of you want for this Christmas, you must write him a letter and tell him just how you want him to bring you. Write plainly, and stamp your letter. Put it in the post-office toward him and Santa Claus, care Herald and News, Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Under Street Tunnel to Connect Building Group

The Oregon Construction company capacity for 30 cars, with parts of which N. E. Berry, secretary, is president, J. F. Duke, vice-president, and George Lindley, secretary, will construct a modern concrete garage near the corner of Ninth and Pine avenues. The garage will be 70 by 105 feet and be a two-story building with exterior of cream colored brick and terra cotta to correspond to the Oregon Bank building, now under construction. The garage will have a stor-

IRISHMAN'S WISH GRANTED

LONDON, Nov. 21. (AP)—The wish once expressed by T. P. "Tay Pay" O'Connor, veteran Irish statesman that he might be buried in England to typify the reconciliation of the two races was fulfilled solemnly today.

Westminster Cathedral was crowded with mourners anxious to pay their tribute to the famous "father of the house of commons" at a requiem mass celebrated by the Archbishop of Liverpool prior to a burial service at Kensal Green cemetery.

MADEIRA LINEN DISPLAY BEST YET EXHIBITED

Three Day Showing At Golden Rule Store Attracts Many.

Possibly the most complete display of linen ever shown in Klamath Falls is on display at the Golden Rule store for three days, Thursday, Friday and Saturday and continues \$10,000 worth of merchandise, according to A. G. Chamblee who purchased the stock and is in charge of that department.

The linen exhibit is attracting much attention. Many of the pieces have just been received and were purchased by the store directly from the importer who secured the linens on the Madeira Islands. These purchases were made even before New York buyers had seen them, since they were unpacked for the local buyer in San Francisco.

Chinese Designs Featured.
The new Chinese Fu-Chow Party Point holds a prominent place in the display. These linens are decorated with a colored cross stitch design and come in bridge sets. In addition to this are the Chinese hand

CANNED MUSIC HASN'T KILLED REAL ARTICLE

Proving that mechanical music has not completely elbowed real music out of the lives of the masses are the harmonica bands that have been organized in 25 percent of the schools all over the country. According to Mrs. C. A. Henderson, supervisor of music in the county schools, the children are most enthusiastic over this new departure in the realm of music. In the country district the "harmonica band" consists of the whole school, and all the pupils feel the joy of expressing themselves in music.

The American Federation of Music has recently sent out a plea to the American people, the plea is that the art of music is displacing orchestras, such as an extent in theatres, dances and at other public gatherings. Music is being displaced by the "mechanical music" but also the American Federation of Music says that the progress of music depends upon the number of enthusiastic exponents. If enthusiasm counts, the children in the "Harmonica Bands" will not let the Weeping Muse expire.

In the 1st grade of all the country schools toy orchestras have been formed by Mrs. Henderson. Surely America will become more "music minded" if this activity is continued all over the United States.

Benefit Dance HUGE SUCCESS

More Than 500 People Attend Lions Benefit Affair For High School Fund.

More than 500 people were in attendance at the Lions club dance held at the Altamont hall last evening. Dancing was enjoyed from nine o'clock until midnight.

A check-up on finances was made this afternoon and revealed that enough money had been cleared to purchase the ten additional uniforms needed for the high school band and this will be done immediately, those in charge stated. The band appeared in uniform during the intermission and gave several numbers in appreciation of the dance given for them. E. R. Derry, director, will also soon be in possession of a new uniform as the result of the efforts of the Lions club.

SMALL LINE OBJECTS TO EXTENSION

Indian Valley Would Be Ruined Says Its Superintendent.

LATER ADMITS SALE OF LINE CONSIDERED

Under Examination, It States That His Line Was to be Seized by Federal Agents and That Heavy Grade Forbade Hauling More Than Five or Six Cars at a Time.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 21 (AP)—A sudden unexpected counter-attack today was launched in the hearing of the northern California railroad building project.

The Indian Valley Railroad company, appearing without a clearly predetermined status and therefore placed at the mid-point between proposing and opposing forces, turned out to be a bitter enemy of the Western Pacific plan to build a main line northward from Keddies, Cal., to Beebe. At this point the Western Pacific and Great Northern systems would be united by the Great Northern's extension south from Klamath Falls.

Attorney John L. McNab placed on the stand O. H. Bru, general manager of the Indian Valley railroad, who testified that a large part of that concern's investment of \$485,000 would be made useless if the Western Pacific should build its proposed line. The condition of his rail-

road would be ruined, he said. He said that the Indian Valley railroad was built for the purpose of hauling lumber and that it was not designed to handle passenger traffic.

Aunt Het

"Mary Ellen makes my double chin, but havin' two chins ain't as bad as havin' two faced."



"Aunt Het"