

Thoughts We've Been Thinking

Federal Government Should Reimburse Counties Where Large Portion of Area Is Retained by the Government—Any Man Has to Take Care of His Children—Stanfield Bill Points Way Toward Klamath Getting Just Treatment—Secretary Wilbur Desires Complete Change in Indian Affairs—He Should Lend a Listening Ear to Klamath's Claim.

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THE United States government should reimburse counties, such as Klamath, where a large portion of the area is still retained by the Federal government.

The county court believes in this principle and has set up a claim against the government covering a period of ten years for improvements and work done on the Indian reservation, and also for the Indians, who were during that period, government wards.

Any man has to take care of his children. This is fundamental in America. Uncle Sam's Indian children must be cared for. They have been, and the cost to society in Klamath county for such care has been heavy.

Then, why should not the county be paid for this service?

KEEPING government property off the tax rolls is something that should no longer be done. The Stanfield bill, which finally gave to counties large sums for taxes that O. & C. timber removed from the rolls, is the reason that points the way for justice to be dealt in such instances as Klamath county now presents to the congress of the United States.

The sufficient precedent already established for the claim of this county. Many of the states that contain government parks are re-imposed by congress for taxes that the property would pay into the state treasury if the parks were privately owned. This may not be generally known, but it is a fact.

THE west has been generous and seldom has there been a claim made because of public lands and parks in the west. But the time has now come when taxable property demands that the great areas used for government purposes shall pay a portion of the state and county expense in which such lands are located.

We believe the county court is acting with wisdom in putting together its claim; we believe that congress should be interested in a special bill to reimburse this county. It probably will be no easy thing for the court to accomplish, but certainly nothing will be done unless a start is made.

JUST now Secretary of the Interior Wilbur is hopeful that some solution of the Indian problem can be made so that the reservations will be dissolved and the Indian placed in different lines of industry of the country. He is heartily tired of the present system. No doubt the Secretary is right.

Aunt Het



"That gawky Howard girl ain't looked anybody square in the face since that music teacher told her she had a classic profile."

CHILL WIND RAKES COAST
TAYLOR MURDER STILL UNSOLVED MYSTERYINTERVIEWS
LACK HINTS
OF EVIDENCE

Fitts Says Nothing New Has Developed From Investigations.

LOVE OF PUBLICITY
MAKES PEAVERY TALK

Jailer, Deputy Sheriff at Time of Murder, Says He Can Make Peavey Back Up on Tales Any Time, Says Heifer Was Told What to Say by Sands.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 8 (AP)—Taking notice unofficially of purported interviews with persons figuring in the William Desmond Taylor murder case, District Attorney Fitts said today that he neither had heard nor read anything which warranted a new investigation of the slaying here in 1922 of the prominent motion picture director.

Mr. Fitts said that none of the statements alleged to have been made within the past few days by Otis Nelson, alias Heifer, or Henry Peavey contained concrete new evidence on which his investigators could act. He termed the stories "attempts at sensationalism."

Churches to Pray
For Success of
Armament Parley

NEW YORK, Jan. 8 (AP)—Church leaders in the United States and Great Britain have designated Sunday, January 19, as a day of special prayer for the success of the London naval armament reduction conference.

Bishop Issues Call
Bishop Francis J. McConnell, president of the federal council of the Churches of Christ in America, and Alanson B. Houghton, former ambassador to Great Britain, who is chairman of the council's commission on international justice and good will, signed the call in behalf of the council.

Canterbury Calls England
In Great Britain the call was issued by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the president of the national council and the moderator of the federal council of evangelical churches.

As the result of a widespread raid last night, there were 19 new prisoners in the Klamath county jail this morning. The faces of some of the prisoners brought in were familiar to officers and Jailer Rea, as they have been guests of the county before on bootlegging charges. Federal charges were to be filed against some of the offenders today, while others of the defendants will face felony charges because of having been arrested once or twice before.

Debating Coach
Finds Women's
Tongues Shorter

EVANSTON, Ill., Jan. 8, (AP)—There is an old Chinese saying that women talk too much. It doesn't apply at Northwestern University, Prof. C. C. Cunningham has learned, much to his disappointment.

Prof. Cunningham coaches the women's debating teams. He gave out his call for women debaters the other day and then sat back and waited for the rush. "Speech," he said, "is woman's unchallenged prerogative."

Days, however, have come and gone, and not one woman has appeared to accept the chance not only to talk but to be encouraged to talk.

"I am mystified," said Prof. Cunningham. "Never has there been a shortage of women's tongues before."

Unless someone displays a desire to talk pretty soon, Northwestern won't have a women's debating team this year.

MACDONALD IN
HAPPY FRAME

LOSSELMOUTH, Scotland, Jan. 8, (AP)—Prime Minister MacDonald, who is returning to London this afternoon after a fortnight's holiday in his Scottish home, is full of optimism over the prospects for the five-power naval disarmament conference.

He said that arrangements were well advanced for the meeting, which opens on January 21.

Some Rough Spots.
"I feel very optimistic about the prospect. There is no use in shouting before it is over, there are one or two difficult matters arising out of the different conditions of the countries but I see no reason for fearing that an arrangement will not be reached."

Asked whether the government proposed limiting the size of battleships to the tonnage of the earliest dreadnought models, the prime minister replied, "we shall deal with every class of warship from dreadnought to submarine."

"Things are very well advanced. We know that there are little points where we have not agreed, but none of them are of such great importance that an agreement is impossible."

Admiralty Assents.
"Great Britain with the full support of the other powers."

TODAY'S WEATHER.
The thermometer at Underwood's Pharmacy registered a rising barometric pressure during the last 24 hours and continued low temperatures is indicated.

This morning was the coldest of the year, a temperature of three degrees below zero being registered by the Fyces recording thermometer. Low temperature yesterday morning was 7 degrees above zero.

Forecast for next 24 hours: Generally fair and cold.

ROYAL PAIR
MARRIED AT
ROME TODAY

Ceremony Performed At Mass In Historic Old Pauline Chapel.

NOTABLE ARRAY
OF ROYALTY IN PARTY

Five Kings, Five Queens, 28 Princes and 26 Princesses of the Blood Among Guests; Many Other Notable Citizens of Foreign Countries in Assemblage.

ROME, Jan. 8 (AP)—Princess Marie Jose, only daughter of the king and queen of the Belgians, this morning became the bride of Prince Humbert of Piedmont, heir to the Italian throne.

The ceremony was performed at mass in the historic Pauline chapel of the Quirinal palace, scene of four conclaves for the election of popes, and scene six years ago of the wedding of Humbert's sister, Princess Yolanda, to Count Calvi di Bergolo.

Cardinal Performs Ceremony
Cardinal Maffi, archbishop of Pisa, noted astronomer and friend of the Italian royal family, performed the ceremony. He was assisted by Monsignor Beccaria, chaplain of the royal household, who baptized today's bridegroom and was his spiritual mentor through childhood and youth.

Royalty Turns Out
Five kings, five queens, 28 princes and 26 princesses of the blood were among the guests, who constituted one of the most brilliant assemblages seen at any European court since the war. King Albert and Queen Elizabeth of the Belgians, and Leopold and Astrid, Duke and Duchess of Brabant, and Charles, Count of Flanders, came from Brussels for the wedding.

King Victor Emmanuel of Italy, Queen Helena and other members of the Italian royal family were present. King Boris of Bulgaria, Prince Cyril and Princess Eudoxia of Bulgaria, Prince Paul and Princess Olga of Yugoslavia were among the other royal guests.

The Duke of York represented Great Britain.

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Preferred Hazard
Of Matrimony to
Life in Hoosegow

CHICAGO, Jan. 8, (AP)—Carl Weigand, according to the testimony, refused Miss Grace Tomlinson's proposal of marriage so vehemently that she had him arrested for beating her.

Judge Alfred Erickson was about to say "30 days in jail," when a feminine voice from the rear of the courtroom shouted, "stop!" The voice was Miss Sarah Cascio's.

"Let him go," she said, "and I'll marry him."

"Young man," said Judge Erickson, "you may choose your own sentence."

Weigand chose Miss Cascio, and the court performed the ceremony.

STATE U. TO BE
STUDENTS' HOST

More than 250 Oregon high school students will visit the University of Oregon campus on January 10 and 11. The occasion is the tenth annual convention of high school editors and leaders to be held there Friday and Saturday under the direction of Day Foster, student chairman, and a committee of faculty members.

Each of the major high schools of the state will be represented by the editor and business manager of its school paper, its student officer president, its girls' league president, and the principal and faculty advisors.

Local Representatives.
Those who will represent Klamath Union high school, as previously announced are Ben Wilson, student body president; Mary App, president of the girls' league; Mary Dougherty, business manager of the Krater; Hubert Totten, editor of the annual; Harry Sprague, first vice-president of the student body, and Alice Howard and Everett Vanderpool as faculty advisors.

Many Events Planned.
The delegates will be entertained with a banquet, basketball game, and vaudeville show Friday evening, tour of the campus and a tea and a fashion show for the girls.

A special student body assembly at which the visitors will be officially welcomed to the campus will start off the week-end program. Arthur L. Stone, dean of the school of journalism at the University of Missouri, located at Missoula, will be the main speaker.

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Two Royal Houses United



For their wedding, Crown Prince Humbert and Princess Marie Jose selected the small Pauline chapel in the Quirinal, home of Italy's King and Queen. The palace is pictured below, and over the entrance is the balcony from which the bridal pair greeted the crowds in the Piazza. They went to the Vatican to receive the blessing of the Pope.

SWAN LAKE CO.
BUILDS OFFICE

Rapidly Expanding Business Makes Extra Space Necessary at Plant of Concern.

To care for their rapidly increasing business, the Swan Lake Moulding company have started construction on a new office building, located adjacent to the one which they now occupy on South Sixth street, according to a report given by the president of the concern, Alfred D. Collier.

The new office building will be 30x40 in size and will cost approximately \$8,000 when completed, Mr. Collier stated. It is planned to occupy the building by early spring.

1930 Looks Good.

"We found the new building necessary to care for our rapidly increasing trade and believe that the year 1930 will be even more prosperous and business conditions will be better than during the past year. So we are preparing for the increase in advance," continued the president. "We are building an all wood building, since we can find nothing that will take the place of wood when it comes to construction."

Enlarge Old Office.

The old office building will be enlarged and will house the hardware department. New stock will be added and this department increased.

Other officials of the Swan Lake Moulding company are D. E. O'Neill, vice-president; A. M. Collier, vice-president and Paul W. Foster, secretary.

Bus Johnson is in charge of the building.

CHILDREN WIN
WITH PROGRAM

Chamber of Commerce Luncheon Enlivened By Youngsters.

Mills school issued a challenge in the form of a musical program to the other grade schools of the city today, when a group of youngsters from the southeast school entertained the Klamath county chamber of commerce at the weekly forum luncheon.

The whole program period was given over to the children, and they proceeded to win the hearts of fifty or more men present with their harmonica selections and singing.

Miss Darby in Charge
Miss Lillie Darby, supervisor of public school music, was in charge of the program, and introduced Mrs. Frank DeSpain, teacher in the Mills school, who teaches the music under the direction of Miss Darby.

The program opened with harmonica selections by a group of eight boys. "Oh Susanna," "The Bear Went Over the Mountain," "Turkey in the Straw" and "Red Wing" were played in good tone and with plenty of youthful enthusiasm, eliciting hearty applause from the audience.

Songs in Swedish
Miss Darby then introduced Iris Lindbergh, a fourth grader, with a remarkably well developed voice, who sang a group of songs in Swedish and Danish. Her numbers struck a decidedly responsive chord in the hearts of her hearers. Then a harmonica trio played.

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COLD SNAP
HITS HERE
IN EARNEST

Four Below Zero Maker New Record in Six Year Period.

LOS ANGELES FEELS
BREATH OF WINTER

Sections of City Arose to Find Ground Frost Covered. Continuous Fall of Snow Makes Highway Travel Difficult Through the Mountain Stretches.

With the lowest temperature in the past six years reached at 5 a. m. this morning, when the thermometer registered 4 below zero, Klamath residents hovered around stoves and furnaces, building up immense fires and talking about the cold weather.

Official reports show that the low mark reached at an early hour this morning was the minimum mark reached for six years, and possibly longer, since no record was obtainable previous to that time.

This report was given out at the Southern Pacific offices this morning, where official reports are now being kept. The government weather reports will be moved to the reclamation office the first of the week, it was stated.

The maximum temperature reached yesterday, that is for the past 24 hours from 6 o'clock Tuesday morning to 6 o'clock this morning, was 27. Because of the fact there is no wind, the conditions are very cold.

John Smart, 94,
Early Klamath
Pioneer, Is Dead

Word was received here of the death of John Smart, a Klamath pioneer, at 8:30 this morning, in Los Angeles. Mr. Smart was 94 years of age, and had been a resident of Klamath county for more than half a century, moving to Los Angeles six years ago.

He was engaged in farming and sheep-raising in Ft. Klamath, and was running sheep in that vicinity in 1875 when the United States troops were stationed there.

At one time John Smart was assessor for Klamath county. He is survived by his wife and two daughters, Etta Sutton and Mrs. Stella Nylander, of San Francisco, and a son, L. A. Brannon of Klamath Falls. Mr. Brannon is leaving this evening for Los Angeles.

Poor Pa



"Women are awful sweet an' nice to each other. Bella hurried over to our house yesterday just to tell Ma that coats like Ma's have been reduced twenty dollars."

Mother Love Fails to
Save Gangster's Life

CHICAGO, Jan. 8, (AP)—The mother of a wounded gangster lay beside him in the operating room of a hospital early today and gave a pint of her blood in hopes that he might live. In spite of her sacrifice, McManus failed to rally after the transfusion, and died this afternoon.

James McManus, 32, had been shot and fatally wounded in a mysterious street fight. Three gangsters had been found in his possession, and his pockets were heavy with pistol shells. He has