

Thoughts We've
Been Thinking

In Which We Are Not Always Consistent. When Census Is Completed We Will Know Just Where We Stand. It Is of Utmost Importance That Suburbs Come Into City Before Census Taking Begins. "He Is Free Who Lives As He Chooses" Is Unsound Idea of Personal Liberty.

By BRUCE DENNIS

WHEN we have to vote taxes for jails and penitentiaries we grin and bear it, but we don't like it. But when we are asked to promote a Y. M. C. A. or something that causes an indirect tax but yet gives splendid results to the community, sometimes we lay down and quit. Would it not be far better to promote some of the things that promote good citizenship than to provide tax money to build more jails and more prisons?

HOW curious everyone is. For instance the appropriation of government money to meet the cost of taking the census of 1930 will be about thirty million dollars. Really counting noses in the world is a small part of the work, for there will be a vast collection of varied information about everyone and his activity. There will be a manufacturing and distribution census and it will be discovered how many things have been manufactured and how many have been sold. When E. L. Clark gets through with the census of central Oregon we should all know exactly where we stand.

NO doubt the census will tell us just how big we are and how much money we make, but it will not tell us what the whole thing is all about. No census has ever been able to show why we are here and where we are going.

It is of the utmost importance to Klamath Falls as a community that she induce those living in nearby suburbs to come into the city before the census is taken in April. There is every argument in favor of any property owner having his property within the city limits. The excessive cost of insurance and other things more than make up for the increase in taxation and he fails to enjoy the full privilege of the city that the people as a whole have provided. This is a fine thing for all the dinner clubs in the city and the chamber of commerce to start at once and try to induce the suburbs of Klamath Falls to be brought within the limits of the city so that in April, when the census is taken, a city of considerable size will be shown.

MUCH has been written on "freedom" and "personal liberty." Some wise old sage has said that "he is free who lives as he chooses." We doubt the entire soundness of such an idea. In the first place nobody can live exactly as he chooses. Inasmuch as most of us would part of the time choose things that would be bad for us, it is fortunate that law and custom prevent us from having absolute

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Aunt Het



"Pa says future wars can't last long on account of modern methods of destruction, but pedestrians keep on lastin'."

BLAST WRECKS OIL PLANT
JUDGE FRICKE DENIES PANTAGES RELEASESHOWMAN'S
HEALTH NOT
ENDANGEREDState Physicians Say
Trouble Only That Of
Man His Age.JURIST DENOUNCES
INFLUENCE EFFORTSIn Fiery Speech Exposes Work
of Incarcerated Man's Family and
Friends to Secure Leniency.
Mrs. Pantages' Letter of Ap-
peal Filed in Wastebasket.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 30 (AP)—The third attempt of Alexander Pantages, multi-millionaire showman, convicted of a criminal assault, to gain his liberty on bond failed today. At the same time, Superior Judge Fricke, who denied the petition for bail prefaced his decision with a fiery denunciation of alleged attempts by members of the theatre man's family to influence him.

Arguments Not Heard
The court's ruling was made without the usual formality of hearing arguments from either attorneys of Pantages or the state, both of whom notified the bench they would rest on the testimony of physicians made yesterday concerning Pantages' physical condition.

Judge Fricke, his face strained from apparent anger, quickly disclosed his decision and his displeasure with the alleged acts of the family of the theatre magnate. "I will say right now," he ruled.

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Steiner Working
On Resolution to
Change Power Site

Some time ago a resolution endorsing the transfer of title of the McCormick site on the Klamath river from the United States government to the Klamath Irrigation District for a proposed power site, was sent to United States Senators McNary and Steiner.

This afternoon, C. D. Long, president of the Central Labor Council, received a telegram from Senator Steiner to the effect that he had received the letter endorsing the resolution of change of title, and that he is giving the matter his careful attention. He also states that he sees no difficulty in the matter of the change of title if the procedure is carried out according to law.

Telegrams of a like nature have been received by the Klamath Irrigation District.

Boys Club Team Given
Medals at Kiwanis Meet

Presentation of three medals to boys of the county who won distinction by receiving second prize at the Pacific International Livestock Exposition, was made at the Kiwanis club luncheon today by Elmer Balsiger. The boys who received the awards were Phelps Lewis, Merrill High school youth; Claude Puckett of the Henley district and Lewis Williams, Klamath Union high school student.

Took Second Place
The three boys constituted the team from Klamath county who entered competition with 46 other teams of 146 boys from

Here's Argument
Against
Of I

CHICAGO, Jan. 30 (AP)—Without seeking whatsoever to express his personal views on the merits of long and short skirts, Frederick Rex, city librarian and statistician, revealed today that in 1913, when skirts were long, 1323 women were injured boarding street cars, and that in 1928, when skirts were short, only 328 were similarly hurt.

FORT RESIGNS
AS SECRETARYFinds Duties as Congressman Too
Pressing to Continue; Says
Hoover Position Strong.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (AP)—Representative Franklin Fort of New Jersey, has resigned as secretary of the Republican national committee, in which capacity he has served since Herbert Hoover's nomination for the presidency.

Party In Good Shape

In a letter to Chairman Claudius Huxton, Fort gave the press of his duties as a member of congress as the primary reason for his withdrawal, and added he felt free to "leave at this time since the affairs of the party are in such splendid shape."

Huxton accepted the committee secretary's resignation with a letter saying it came as no surprise but was a source of deep regret. Both letters were made public last night. Commenting on party matters, Fort said:

Hoover Stronger Than Ever

"There is no question in any sane mind of the fact that the president is stronger with the rank and file of the nation even than of the day of his triumphal election. Nor can there be any doubt that the continuance of his fine habit of transforming the ideas of the American people into practical reality, as in the farm relief legislation and the calling of the London conference, for example, will lead to yet greater triumphs in the future."

McGee Funeral to
Be Held Saturday

Funeral services for Mathew McGee, late of Klamath Falls, will be held Saturday, February 1st, at 1:00 p. m. at Finley's chapel in Portland. Commitment services will be held at Lincoln Memorial park.

The above announcement was made in the Oregonian for Thursday, January 30. Mr. McGee was a partner in the firm of Stitch & McGee, contractors, of this city.

UNSETTLED WEATHER

The Cyclo-Stormograph at Underwood's Pharmacy has registered but slight changes in barometric pressure during the last 24 hours and little change in weather conditions is probable.

The Tyco recording thermometer registered maximum and minimum temperatures today as follows:

High..... 38

Low..... 27

Forecast for next 24 hours:

Unsettled with moderate temperatures.

Why Admiral Byrd Wants to Get Home



Here are four good reasons why Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd, trapped behind several hundred miles of ice near the South Pole, wants to get home. His three children, pictured above, are counting the days until they see

their daddy again. They are, left to right: Katharine Ames Byrd, Richard Evelyn Byrd III, and Evelyn Holling Byrd. In inset is Mrs. Byrd, wife of the explorer, upon whom falls the task of waiting.

FIRE DESTROYS
ARVIN FACTORYSash and Door Frame
Concern Valued at
\$30,000.00.

The plant of the Arvin Frame Manufacturing company located in Altamont acres, was completely destroyed by fire between 5 and 6 o'clock last night. Loss is estimated at \$30,000. This was partially covered by insurance.

The cause of the blaze could not be determined. The plant shut down at 4:30 and most of the crew left for their homes. The fire was discovered at 4:50, and a few minutes after it started the structure was a mass of blazing timber and machinery. Since the mill was located outside the city limits there was no way to check the blaze after it started.

Burns Two Hours
The fire burned nearly two (Continued on Page Ten)

Olene Farmer Died
Here This Morning

Edward W. Van Antwerp, for many years a prominent farmer and resident of Olene and well known throughout the Klamath basin, passed away in this city at 5:45 this morning following a brief illness. He was 51 years ago at the time of his death.

Mr. Van Antwerp is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Alma Hager of White Pigeon, Michigan; Mrs. C. A. Young of Detroit and Miss C. E. Wilson, a half sister of Constantine, Michigan. He was unmarried.

The remains are in the gold room of the Earl Whitlock funeral home where friends may call until 7 o'clock tomorrow evening, when the body will be shipped to White Pigeon, Michigan, for burial.

PRESIDENT IS PROMPT.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30. (A. P.)—A driving snowstorm that almost brought traffic to a standstill failed today to keep the president of the United States from reaching his office on time—3 o'clock.

BLY CITIZENS
ATTEND COURTSpeak easy Proprietors
Given Opportunity to
Flead Guilty.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 30. (A. P.)—An effort to check alleged extensive bootlegging activities in the railroad camp at Bly, east of Klamath Falls, Ore., opened in federal court here today with four proprietors of alleged Bly speak-easies being given an opportunity to plead guilty before Judge McNary.

Raid Made Jan. 7.
State and Klamath county authorities have invaded Bly on several occasions, but not until January 7 did the federal officers sweep into the town and make a wholesale raid. Many of those arrested by state and county authorities have been taken to Klamath Falls where they were fined.

When the federal grand jury reported last week, it was found that secret indictments had been voted against seven persons now in custody of the United States government.

Put Under Bonds.

Bench warrants were issued and Cal C. Wells, deputy United States marshal at Medford, returned to Bly, arrested five of the offenders and took them to Klamath Falls where bonds of \$2500 each were set. Only one of the prisoners, Jack O'Neil, proprietor of Jack's Place, was released when he raised the bond.

One Woman Held.
The others are: John Stolls, proprietor of the Highway Inn; (Continued on Page Ten)

Draft Committee
Completes Study;
Ready to Report

The draft committee for the new city charter, the members of which are the following: M. S. West, Walter R. Waggoner, J. H. Eikes, Charles W. Thomas, and Claude McCulloch, has completed its general study of the City Manager Plan, and expects to meet with the general committee of 15 early next week, probably Tuesday evening for approval, or such action as the committee wishes to take on the draft committee's conclusions to date.

The draft committee will meet to formulate its general conclusions.

When the general committee appointed the draft committee, they adjourned until Friday of next week. However, the work of the draft committee has progressed so rapidly that an earlier meeting is required.

It is believed that the draft committee will recommend the City Manager Plan along the general lines adopted by other towns and cities over the country, with broad powers of City Manager, and with a city commission composed of three of five members, elected by wards as councilmen now are, instead of being elected at large as is the method in some cities.

Hall Hotel Loses
Money to Holdup

About \$36 in cash was taken from the Hall Hotel at 2:30 this morning when a masked robber entered the lobby, walked up to the desk, pointed a gun at Carl Coleman, night clerk, and calmly took the money from a little drawer outside the office.

The safe of the hotel was not disturbed. The only description of the man stated that he was small in stature and did not have a car.

Cozad Brings In
Crescent Prisoner

Peter Tsayurer was brought to this city Wednesday evening by Constable Gary Cozad to face a charge of larceny in a dwelling. Constable Cozad made the trip to Crescent Lake to arrest Tsayurer.

The time for Tsayurer's hearing has been set for Monday, February 3, before Justice of the Peace William B. Barnes.

Cozad reports that the snow is melting rapidly in the Crescent Lake country, and that it is very soft and slushy.

A CORRECTION

The Herald wishes to correct an error which appeared in its columns Wednesday evening, in which it was stated that Fred P. Duke, president of the Oregon Bank and Trust company announced that the new bank building would be ready for occupancy on March third. J. P. Duke is president of the Oregon Bank and Trust company, while Fred Duke is the proprietor of the Yellow Cab company in this city.

CULT IS FORMED

PORTLAND, Jan. 30. (AP)—City Commissioner A. L. Barber suggested today that reduction of traffic accidents and fatalities by adequate enforcement of traffic regulations be made a "religion" by the council.

EXPLOSION
COSTS LIFE
OF WORKERCharles Phillips Tried
To Shut Off Flow
Of Gasoline.PROPERTY LOSS PUT
AT HALF A MILLION

Kettleman Hills Absorption Plant
Of Petroleum Securities Plant
Company Was Largest Oil Refining
Plant on Pacific Coast. Spreading
Oil Flames Create Veritable
Inferno.

FRESNO, Cal., Jan. 30

(AP)—Four blasts showering 25,000 gallons of gasoline starting from a battery of boilers, converted the Petroleum Securities company into a miniature inferno early today, leaving in its wake the wreckage of a half million dollar plant and one dead and three injured human victims. The exact cause of the explosion was unknown today.

Phillips Real Hero

Charles L. Phillips, a Los Angeles oil worker, whose badly burned body was placed in the morgue this morning, went to his death a hero. According to fellow workers, he was attempting to shut off the flow of gasoline from the huge stills when he fell.

But a moment before, warned by the initial blast that other tanks would probably explode, Phillips had shouted a warning to Max Givens, an engineer to shut off his fires and prevent fires sweeping through the plant, the largest of its kind on the Pacific coast.

Body Rescued

Falling at his post supposedly overcome by gas and seriously injured from burns, Phillips' body (Continued on Page Ten)

Health Records
Taken This Week
At Klamath Union

Physical examinations of students who entered the Klamath Union high school this semester, and those who were late in entering last semester, are being made today and tomorrow at the school.

Miss Lydia Fricke, county health nurse, and Dr. Sarah E. Smith are examining the girls, and Dr. George I. Wright the boys.

Health record cards are filled out for each student, and in this way a careful check is kept on each individual's physical condition.

Poor Pa



"Ma's right about keepin' up appearances. If you let it be known that you're not doin' well even the preacher don't seem to give you quite as much attention."

Wright Accepts Fate in
Attitude of Resignation

To spend the remainder of his life in the state penitentiary at Salem, is the fate which John G. Wright received this morning as the result of his conviction of the murder of Sydney E. Darling on November 12. Sentence was passed on Wright in circuit court at ten o'clock this morning by Circuit Judge W. M. Duncan.

Only a short period of the court's time was taken up with Wright's sentencing, the following conversation taking place:

The Judge: This is the time set for the sentencing of John

G. Wright. Mr. Wright, will you stand up? Have you anything to say before the sentence of the court is pronounced?

Maintains Innocence

Mr. Wright: I think not. Your Honor. I seemed to have had a fair and impartial trial. I want to make this statement though, that everything I said on the witness stand was the truth,—that I shot Sydney E. Darling in self defense; as God is my judge, it is the truth. It was either he in here, or me; as it is, it is (Continued on Page Ten)