

Growers Still Gloomy Over Reefer Lack

Klamath potato shippers have little hope regarding the refrigerator car shortage that the potato shipping situation will be improved by giving seed potatoes preference, in compliance with word received by the chamber of commerce.

Under this arrangement the supply of reefer cars will not be enlarged and seed shipments will be made at the expense of table stock shipments. The Klamath Potato Growers association reports that it is not satisfied with the present system because seed and table shipments are of equal importance and one should not be sacrificed for the sake of the other.

The growers association has again taken the matter up with authorities in Washington. They feel that the only solution to the problem is to provide more reefer cars for shipping.

Congressmen Wayne Morse, Guy Cordon and Lowell Stockman have been informed of the association's wishes.

C Of C Building Will Be Remodeled

The Klamath County chamber of commerce building is to be remodeled. Blue prints have been drawn up by Howard Perrin's office to include an office for the rates bureau department and a balcony for filing cabinets.

Remodeling will be in the rear section of the present building beyond the conference room. Work will be started within the next few days, Charles R. Stark, chamber manager, stated.

Paul D. Taylor arrived from Minneapolis a month ago to manage the rates bureau.

Christmas Trees Await Shipment

Twelve hundred Christmas trees, assigned for San Francisco, were unloaded at the Standard service station 1203 Main Tuesday, awaiting shipment.

The trees were cut by Danny Brown for Ernie Bridger, operator of the service station, at Crystal near Rocky Point this week.

Man Jailed In Wild Shooting

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was signed last night by McKay. Johnson had not been arraigned at a late hour today but remains in the county jail.

Mrs. McKay said this afternoon that three weeks ago the husband had a quarrel in which they exchanged blows, the fight arising from family trouble. She did not elaborate on the reasons for the quarrel. Immediately after this affair, Johnson is said to have advised McKay that in the future he intended carrying a gun and Mrs. McKay said Johnson told her husband "the next time I see you I'm going to shoot."

Mrs. McKay said that she saw Johnson reach toward his hip pocket and pull the gun. She lurched forward and grabbed Johnson's arm as he fired the first shot. Johnson was in the building and McKay was just outside the rear door.

Johnson had a permit to carry a gun on his person. Sheriff Lloyd L. Low said today that Johnson was granted the permit as he continually carried a large amount of money on his person through his work as a music machine repairman and operator. Five diners, two waitresses and a cook were in the restaurant at the time of the shooting. Lucca's is operated by Lilly Pretari and Amelia Pinelli, sisters.

Judge Passes Away After Heart Attack

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 11 (AP)—Judge Louis P. Hewitt, 62, dean of the Multnomah county circuit courts, died yesterday here in the Portland sanitarium after a heart attack at his home Saturday.

He had served in the circuit courts since 1922.

A native of Lexington, Neb., he came to Portland in 1910 after practicing law in Denver, Colo., for three years. He graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1904 and Columbia law school in 1907. His widow survives.

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Chief To Give Merger Views

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (AP)—President Truman is now working on a message to congress outlining his views on proposals to merge the army and navy into a single department.

Press Secretary Charles G. Ross told reporters today that he thought the message would go to Capitol Hill before the Christmas recess begins. He said he did not know whether the message would be discussed when General Dwight D. Eisenhower pays his first official call at the White House as war department chief of staff during the day.

Asked about the merger message, Ross replied: "It's in the works. I don't know when it will be ready, but it is being worked on." Disclosure that Mr. Truman's message might be ready before Christmas came after leaders of the powerful house military and naval committees had aligned themselves firmly in opposition to any merger of the armed forces.

Auto Union Asks For Strike Fund

DETROIT, Dec. 11 (AP)—The International United Automobile Workers union (CIO)—declaring it "apparent" that the General Motors strike will be "of lengthy duration"—asked its members today to contribute at least \$1 each to a special international strike fund.

December 15 has been set as the "I gave to win day" on which the drive for funds will begin. It will cease with the ending of the General Motors strike, now in its 21st day, the union said.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (AP)—The house military committee refused today to approve the administration's strike-prevention bill as an amendment to pending legislation repealing the war labor disputes act.

The action was taken in executive session by a vote members reported as 10 to 8. The administration bill would set up fact-finding boards to handle major labor disputes, and provide for prohibiting strikes during a 30-day period while the boards work.

Committee Ends Hurley Inquiry

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (AP)—The senate foreign relations committee today wound up its investigation into the Maj. Gen. Patrick J. Hurley case, all except for the technical formalities.

Strictly speaking, no official end has been voted for the inquiry into the broadside of charges made by Hurley when he resigned as ambassador to China, for no ballot was taken at today's closed session of the committee. Actually, however, committee members let it be known that there will be no more hearings on the subject, and there is no disposition to proceed further with the matter otherwise.

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