

City Briefs

WEATHER

OREGON—Clear today, tonight and Friday, except patches of valley fog; slightly colder in valley tonight; moderate westerly winds off coast; easterly gales in Columbia gorge.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA—Clear to day, tonight and Friday. Warmer in Joaquin Valley today. Moderate northerly wind off north coast and fresh northerly off southern coast.

Relief Men—Mike Jasven of the warehousing division of the war assets administration in San Francisco, returned to the bay area this morning after spending the past two weeks in Klamath Falls. Jasven was here relieving as superintendent of warehousing at the Tulelake camp during the absence of George Smith. Roy D. Nowlin of Berkeley will relieve Jasven.

New Year's Spree—W. A. Spangler, Pine street, was host at a party held at Cal-Ore tavern on New Year's Eve honoring his guests, Mr. and Mrs. Don Wedder of Chicago. Others at the party included Mr. and Mrs. Loren Palmerston, Mr. and Mrs. Bob McReynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Vernard Goodwin, Mrs. Lucy Stoddard and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Steinsiefer.

In San Francisco—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gerber are spending this week in San Francisco. On New Year's Day they attended the East-West game and plan to be back next Monday. Also spending the holidays in the bay region are Mr. and Mrs. Howard Barnhisel and Dr. and Mrs. John Merryman.

Back to School—Maryellen Wright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Wright of 438 High, returned to Eugene Thursday. She is a junior at the University of Oregon, and has been home for the holidays since before Christmas.

Discharged—Among the soldiers honorably discharged from the separation center at Fort Lewis this week were Pvt. Eveland Chiloquin of Chiloquin, and Pfc. Austin H. Stewart, 5641 Miller, Klamath Falls.

Choir Meeting—The First Baptist church choir will meet at 7:30 tonight, Thursday, at the church. All members are urged to attend.

Pneumonia Patient—Jerome Shine, 2602 Kane, was moved by ambulance New Year's Eve to Klamath Valley hospital where he is receiving treatment for a severe attack of pneumonia.

Home From Hospital—Emery Purdin of Wocus is at home after being in the hospital for the past 10 days. He will be confined to his home for two or three weeks.

Royal Neighbors—The Royal Neighbors of America installation has been postponed to January 24. There will be no practice Sunday. The regular meeting will be held January 10, and all old and new officers are urged to attend. Practice for the installation will be held after the meeting.

To Los Angeles—Beverly Melhase and Ruth Fletcher of Klamath Falls will leave Saturday morning for Los Angeles, returning to classes at Woodbury college. Both young women spent the Christmas vacation here with their parents.

Installation—Alona chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, will install new officers for 1947 at 8 p. m., Saturday at the Masonic temple. All Eastern Star members are asked to attend.

Returns South—Margaret Pearl Halley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Halley of 1526 Etna, returned to San Francisco Tuesday after spending Christmas here.

Social Club—The Eastern Star Social club will meet in the Masonic temple at 1:45 p. m. Friday. Hostesses will be Mrs. Leo N. Huls and Mrs. Calvia Hunt. There will be a brief business meeting when new officers will assume their duties.

Back At Work—Mrs. Elsie Siemens, deputy tax collector, is back at work today after being away for two months recovering from injuries received in an automobile accident. Her work was done by Max Saunders while she was out of the office.

Pneumonia—Juanita Hecosta, resident of Beatty, was moved by ambulance to Klamath Valley hospital at 6:40 p. m. Wednesday, suffering from a severe attack of pneumonia.

VFW Meeting—Pelican Post 1383, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will meet tonight, Thursday at 8 in the KC hall.

Jobs Daughters—Members of Jobs Daughters will meet tonight, Thursday, at 8 o'clock in the Masonic temple.

Patient—Mrs. Walter Kelly, Sprague River, is a patient at Hillside hospital.

Surgery—John Lott Sr., Chiloquin resident, had major surgery Tuesday morning at Klamath Valley hospital.

Returns—Dr. Sarah Ethel Smith, 205 Willis building, has returned to her office after an absence of one month.

Rogue River Forest Figures Show Huge Demand For Lumber, Prices Reach Record High Level

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Woods operations on the Rogue River national forest, Klamath area, have shut down for the winter months but some road work will continue as long as weather permits.

The year, 1946, climaxed the end of the war-time timber sales with the cut amounting to 53 million board feet of pine and fir. During the war period a total of 192 million board feet was cut. This was valued at \$1,021,000, with OPA ceiling prices in effect. National forest timber was made available during this period when other stumpage was held off the market or sold only to a limited degree because of ceiling prices. Under such conditions the national forest timber helped sustain the Klamath basin milling capacity during the war and housing period immediately past.

Selective Cut
The timber cut during this period was all cut on a selective basis with about 40 per cent of

the merchantable saw timber left uncut. These are trees that the forester figures will stand for a number of years—trees that are wind firm, trees that are fast growing, trees that will withstand insect attack, and trees that will furnish quality high grade wood. At the same time, the area was made accessible by the construction of roads. These will greatly facilitate the protection of the areas from fire and will also make small salvage operations economical in the future. Lighter cuts will probably be made in the future, leaving approximately 60 per cent of the timber standing. This type of cutting was tried in 1946, and found to be economical.

During this period the counties and state by law received payments in lieu of taxes from timber receipts from this area alone, amounting to \$255,426, and \$102,170, respectively. Klamath county received \$96,038.18, from national forest receipts in the fiscal year 1945, and it is estimated \$65,231.66, for the fiscal

year 1946. This amount principally comes from timber sales receipts, but grazing and summer home fees add some to the Klamath county total.

Big Demand
The present demand for national forest timber is three or four times the amount of stumpage available under sustained yield management. Access roads are needed in many localities so that timber can be made available. Through such road construction, a 50 million foot tract has been made available to the Klamath basin. This is in line with the forest service policy of cutting each operating area or working circle up to the maximum allowable cut and still maintain a permanent industry. With the OPA ceilings off, timber is being put on the market by competitive bidding. Some of the most recent bids are astounding. White fir is being bid in at prices that used to be considered tops for ponderosa pine—\$7 and \$8 per thousand, pre-war prices being 50 cents and \$1. If you could get someone to take it. Some speak of these as inflationary prices—yes, to some extent, but possibly not entirely. There may be a small downward adjustment, but more truly the price indicates the large demand and corresponding lack of available timber. Economic adjustments are being made and more are in the offing in the local lumbering picture. These no doubt will come about through competitive bidding.

The immediate trend will be a reduction in sawmill capacity with some local interest shown in remanufacturing, followed by an alternate adjustment to the sustained yield cut for the basin as public and private timber, under various degrees of sustained yield management will produce the timber for local industry. Considerable interest will be shown by local industry in any public timber advertised that can economically be manufactured in Klamath Falls including douglas fir and white fir.

New Year's Party Climbs Mt. Hood

PORTLAND, Jan. 2 (AP)—A party of six Portlanders ascended Mount Hood early yesterday and planted flares on the summit on New Year's Day. Bill Gerber, one of the climbers, said his group passed two other climbing parties while returning to Silcox hut on the south slope.

Copco Head Predicts Big Population Growth In Basin

Prediction that the southern Oregon-northern California area served by The California Oregon Power company will see substantial population growth and increased economic activity in 1947 was voiced today by A. S. Cummins, president of the company. This optimistic view is based upon the record of the past year, which covered the first full year of reconversion from war to peacetime economy.

The lumber industry accounted for a major portion of increased business during the past year, Cummins said, although a marked improvement has also been apparent in agriculture, mining and general business. Like many other concerns, Copco has been faced with material and manpower shortages which have made it impossible for the company to fully meet fast growing demands for electric service.

Prediction of future growth and prosperity of this area was also based upon a widespread interest throughout the United States in Oregon which, from a physical viewpoint, is one of the last frontiers. Polls conducted in other sections of the nation and analysis of new population here

clearly indicates a general "go west" trend.

In spite of acute shortages, The California Oregon Power company was able to complete a 66,000 volt transmission line to Crescent City and a 66,000 volt transmission line from Dixonville to Myrtle Creek. Relocation of electric transmission and distribution lines and water mains along South Sixth highway was also effected. A total of 185 miles of new distribution lines was constructed, extending service to many rural and residential customers.

Keeping pace with the area's growth, Copco will undertake construction of a new 25,000 kilowatt hydro-electric plant on the north Umpqua river at Tokete Falls in 1947, following recent approval of the Federal Power commission and the Hydro-electric commission of Oregon. It is expected that the Tokete project will be completed by mid-summer of 1949. Further, negotiations are now under way with the reclamation service for 20,000 kilowatts of power from the Shasta project to be delivered to the company's transmission system at Delta, Calif.

'46 Gaudy Year For Crime In Klamath Basin

The year 1946 was a rather gaudy one on the crime calendar in the Klamath country. These happenings made the headlines:

On January 1 at Beatty, Willard Williams stabbed Egbert Hugo Smith in the throat. It was the second killing for Williams, and he was found guilty of second degree murder in federal court and on June 7 sentenced to life imprisonment.

Toward the end of that month, on January 25, Clyde Edward Todd shot Ross Simmers in an office at the Pacific Fruit Express ice dock. Todd was charged with second degree murder, later the count was reduced to manslaughter, he was indicted for voluntary manslaughter and he was found not guilty on July 16.

Earl Heuvel, former Klamath Falls police chief, came to trial on a morals charge on January 28. On February 1, after 25 hours of deliberation the jury was reported hopelessly deadlocked. A retrial started the next day and on February 6 Heuvel was found not guilty. Two other indictments against him were dismissed.

On February 7, at Tulelake, C. A. Gunderson, a veteran and a border patrolman, killed himself with his pistol while playing "Russian roulette."

An indictment against A. W. Downs, former city building inspector, for arson in connection with the burning of some condemned houses was tossed out

of court on February 20 because of a flaw in the wording of the charge.

Charlie Twigg, watchman at El Rancho Tule, was brutally murdered and about \$10,000 stolen from two safes at the tavern during the night of March 3. Lead after lead popped for officers investigating this crime and it has never been solved.

On that same day George Washington Harvey haled up in his cave home near Merrill after a reported stickup attempt. He was jailed two days later for assault, but was not held by the grand jury.

Justin Oliver Looyen, a Californian, flashed brilliantly in the news for a few days, starting April 14 when he leaped from a passenger train and took a knife to a brakeman who tried to stop him. Looyen tried to slash his wrists in the county jail and was taken to the medical clinic, from where he escaped and entered a residence next door. The man was judged insane and ordered committed.

On April 24 two men, Bob Farris and Harold Gartin, were arrested here on morals charges and that arrest is still having repercussions in the news as 1946 comes to an end. Both were indicted for statutory rape. Gartin came to trial and was found not guilty on July 9. The charge against Farris was dropped.

A bloody affair which was not adjudged a crime occurred on May 23, when Glen Harris

and Tex Ainsworth locked in mortal combat at 9th and Walnut. Harris died of stab wounds and Ainsworth, shot five times, recovered. The grand jury did not indict him.

That happening also had a later chapter. Ainsworth was arrested for writing a threatening letter against Mrs. Georgia Fisher at the rooming house where the previous fight had taken place. He pleaded guilty in a Portland federal court on November 21, and is still awaiting sentence.

On June 28 two cons escaped the state pen, Frederick E. Cleveland and Alfred W. Strain, and were captured in Tulelake.

It was about that time of the year when the city police hot sheet began filling up with reports of petty burglaries. There have been dozens of them since, some solved and some not.

A man and wife, Brinton and Frances McNeil, were caught shoplifting in local grocery stores. The method was to tuck packages under her ample skirt. They got county jail sentences on July 9.

A fairly quiet period ensued during the hot weather, except for more burglaries and minor crimes. A woman committed suicide by jumping in the canal, some saddles and riding gear were stolen from stables, cars were stolen and found.

Then on Saturday night, Darwin Patrick Foster, who later proved to be just 16, stuck up the Western Union office and was immediately arrested.

He was sent back to the army at Salina, Kans., but has since escaped twice and officers here are still getting messages to look for him.

On September 6 a Lakeview child was kidnaped, then located in Oklahoma. Toward the middle of September the heat was turned on slot machines in the county and an arrest or two made. The machines are still out of operation.

Horace Manning, central figure in one of the most sensational criminal trials ever held in Klamath Falls courts, died September 20.

An eerie story broke on October 10. Someone found a bloody, bandaged foot and a bloody shoe at Algoma. Later it was identified as a skinned bear's foot. On that day near Dorris Edwin R. Beal was shot in the leg, and J. I. Brewer jailed for the shooting. Beal's leg was amputated.

Twenty-five persons were hurt in a bus wreck on Sun mountain October 18. On October 29 Rev. James T. Black was killed by a shotgun blast at Ft. Jones, and Sam Evans was sentenced to life in San Quentin for pulling the trigger.

Time marched on and on Thanksgiving Day Delbert Manuel Chandler was killed by a rifle bullet at Big Rock. Delbert (Dink) Lane, a hunting companion, has been on the end of a strenuous investigation and was indicted for threatening the commission of a felony—threatening to kill Chandler. He's still in jail.

The county grand jury, called into session December 2, was instructed to look into reports of police brutality. After days of session and recession, the jury returned an indictment against Police Officer Verne Wagner on a prisoner-beating allegation. The officer was released on \$3000 bail.

On December 14 Miss Mary McComb, county librarian, was shot in the neck, and her assailant, Donald Yancey, was jailed for assault with intent to kill. Miss McComb died a week later and the charge against Yancey was upped to first degree murder.

The Oregon state penitentiary received a number of guests from Klamath county this year, even though the number of actual convictions by juries in the local circuit court was negligible.

David Samuel Van Cleave was given life on a morals count, Elza H. Pryor received a life sentence for a morals offense, Raymond McLaughlin went up for 10 years on a sex charge, Merrill Andrus got 10 years for larceny and a number of other persons were given tickets to the state pen for lesser periods on lesser counts.

The city police department had a big year, breaking all previous records with more than 4200 arrests. That figure is exclusive of persons arrested by the state police, sheriff's office or constables.