

# PILCHER VISIONS KLAMATH LEADER OF COAST TOWNS

### Chain Store Head Believes Opportunities Here Are Best In West

"Was there something I might

A quietly-dressed man, wearing a brown suit, asked the question last night in the local store of the R. A. Pilcher company. The man was unassuming; and he had just completed the sale of a hat to a roughly-clad customer.

"No, I guess not," the man in brown was told. "You see I don't care to buy anything. Do you know where I might find Mr. Pilcher, of New York city?"

The conservatively vested man behind the counter hesitated a moment. Then he smiled and said: "My name is Pilcher."

His questioner, in turn, paused. "R. A. Pilcher, of New York?" he asked.

The head of a great chain of stores, one of which recently was installed here, smiled again. "I am he," he said.

And then many statements were made.

Mr. Pilcher said he is of the opinion that the population of Klamath Falls will, within three or four years be doubled.

He said he believes that, in no part of the United States, does there lie the opportunity to be found in Klamath Falls.

Business with the local store, he said, is far better than he ever anticipated. Soon, he explained, another floor is to be utilized that customers may properly be taken care of.

"Unquestionably," Pilcher said, "Klamath Falls is as good as any town in the entire west."

Mr. Pilcher, in the interests of his chain stores, has visited every state in the union.

He said he expects to leave the city sometime today for northern California, where he will search for other business fields.

"Somebody told me today that Klamath Falls is ugly," Pilcher said. "Perhaps my esthetic sense has been dulled. Perhaps I am looking toward the big business center which, some day, your town will be. Anyway, I have over what the man called its ugliness."

In conclusion Pilcher declared—or repeated—that no where in America is there such an opportunity as Klamath Falls offers.

### Stanford Takes Arbitrary Stand

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ferences could compete in athletics; barred the use of motion pictures as a means of scouting rival teams; voted to put the matter of athletic scholarships and also the matter of a stiffer amateur rule over until the May meeting; had named Los Angeles the next place for the annual meeting; had elected Dean H. V. Carpenter of Washington State college president for 1926, and Dean M. F. Angell of Idaho, secretary, and finally voted to send Geo. M. Varnell, noted coast referee, to the national football rules committee meeting in the east.

The big surprise of the meeting, however, was sprung today when the College of Puget Sound, Linfield, Willamette university, Whitman, College of Idaho and Pacific university announced that they had banded together into a new northwest conference with the idea of competing in all branches of sport. F. M. Erickson of Willamette was named president of the new body, and H. L. Hopkins of Pacific, secretary. In that the old northwest conference is dissolved by the withdrawal of the larger schools who are members of the coast conference, and the forming of this new organization for the smaller institutions, Gonzaga university of Spokane is out in the cold as far as collegiate athletic competition is concerned, no invitation having been extended to them to join the northwestern or coast conference.

#### PLAY THE GAME

VICTORIA, B. C., Nov. 12.—Victoria's Cougars and the Calgary Tigers played a no score overtime game here tonight. Both teams gave an exhibition of rare hockey up to the last minute.

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Willie Keeler, Idaho bone-crusher, who meets Jack McGreer Thursday night.

### Heavies Start Workouts Here

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has kept in perfect condition and looks to be even faster than when he used his right and left mitts for meal-tickets. The wise ones among the fans are predicting he will take Crim like Grant took Richmond, but the Indian youth doesn't seem to be doing a lot of worrying.

Jim Fleming is showing a lot of real speed in his workouts this week and "One Round" Hogan from Malin may run into a brick wall low.

when he meets the bridegroom in the 4-round special event.

A four-round opener between a pair of fast boys will round out the card.

### Columbia Gives Up Coach Rockne

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phone last night that he was going to return to Notre Dame I accepted his word as the truth and I have never questioned the matter further.

"Rockne has eight years yet to serve Notre Dame under a contract signed two years ago, and, unless we release him—which is not at all probable—he will be here at least eight years. We hope it will be until he retires from active coaching."

### Exploding Gas Destroys Truck

A lighted lantern was set down by Harvey Ayres, according to word received by the state highway officials here yesterday.

Ayres, the highway department explained, set the lighted lantern down in an oil house on Spencer's ranch on the Klamath Falls-Ashland highway, about 23 miles from this city.

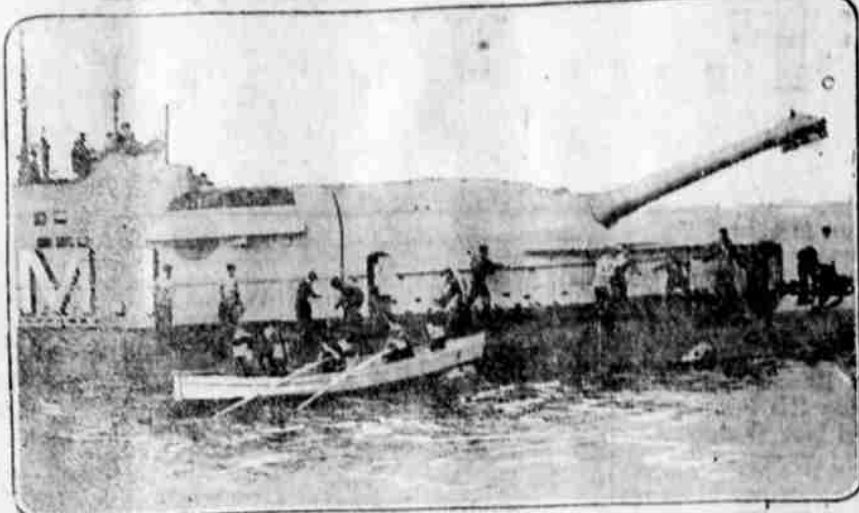
Furthermore he placed it near a gasoline tank. And, in some way, the gasoline exploded. What is more, a three-ton highway truck was burned in the conflagration.

The machine was covered by insurance, according to William Canton, of the local unit. Whether or not the building, damaged by flames, was insured was not known here.

Ayres is employed by the highway department.

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### British Sub Shrouds Death of 68 in Mystery



British naval experts are endeavoring to solve mystery of sinking of submarine M-1 in English Channel with 68 aboard. Photo of death, taken shortly before it began its fatal cruise, shows

### WASHINGTON LAW MAKERS SPEED UP

#### Deluge of Bills Expected When Session Con- venes Monday

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 12.—Because December 14 has been fixed as a deadline for the introduction of bills a deluge of proposed laws is expected when the Washington legislature convenes Monday.

Monday afternoon the school equalization bill comes up in the senate and is certain to bring discord. Two leading educators are divided on the bill. Senator H. J. Wilmer, Whitman county, author of the measure, is urging it to supply

\$275,000 to be allotted to the poor school districts. Senator W. J. Sutton, Spokane, is opposed and will lead the fight against the measure on the grounds that it is not effective relief for the majority of poor school districts.

The general appropriations bills carried the old millage assessments and was signed by all the committee members, while a bill giving the colleges increased millages and \$1,810,000 for capital outlay was signed by the majority of the committee, but which four members refused to sign.

Up to the present there have been 479 bills introduced and 63 measures, passed by both houses. The senate has passed 87 and the house 53 bills.

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### 1926 FOOT BALL SCHEDULE GIVEN

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 12.—Following is the football schedule of the new northwestern conference as announced today:

Sept. 25—Linfield at Whitman; Multnomah club at O. A. C.

October 2—Willamette and Puget Sound in double header at Washington; College of Idaho at Washington State; Pacific at Oregon; Whitman at Gonzaga.

October 9—Whitman at Puget Sound; Willamette and College of Idaho at Boise; Linfield at Pacific.

October 16—Pacific at Multnomah club.  
October 23—Whitman and Pac-

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