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### CHRISTMAS PARTY CHILDREN IS TO PANIC

### Trampled to Death at Erie

### MAD SCRAMBLE

### Children Injured Enough for Hospital Aid

Dec. 22.—As a  
5,000 children be-  
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were trampled to death  
and many injured in "Erie"  
last Tuesday after-

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seasonal gifts.

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through other exits.

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### TO MYSTERY.

CITY (N. J.), Dec. 22.—  
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the report to police late  
by Fred Koch, loco-  
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to the car owners. No  
injury or death to any

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out of washday, but  
most part of the ironing  
day. Everything  
washed and dried, and  
work is ironed. The  
indeed, work is beau-  
and you save many  
lost in the wash.

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## TURKS SIGN NEW RUSSIAN TREATY

### Pact Said to Be Reaction Against Other Powers' Locarno Act

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 22.—Soviet Russia and Turkey have reacted to the Locarno agreements with a treaty of their own. The government Tuesday published a Russo-Turkish treaty of neutrality which was signed Thursday by the Turkish ambassador to Paris and Foreign Minister Tevhicherin. Commenting on the consummation of the treaty, the Hakimet Millie, official organ of the Turkish government, frankly states that it is the Russo-Turkish reply to Locarno. This may be accepted as approximating the government's attitude.

BERLIN, Dec. 22.—The treaty just concluded between Soviet Russia and Turkey, presumably is calculated to counteract British influence in the Near East. The Soviet embassy Tuesday outlined the provisions of the treaty as follows:

1—Neither party will participate in a hostile alliance of inimical action directed against the other.

2—In case one party is involved in war against a third power, the other party must remain neutral.

## LABOR CENSURES ITALIAN FASCISTS

### President Green of the Amer- ican Federation of Labor Issues Warning

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—(United News)—The American Federation of Labor warns wage earners against the "menacing influence and pernicious practices of both soviet Russia and fascist Italy within our land," in a statement issued Tuesday night over the signature of President Green of the federation.

The federation denounced Mussolini as the greatest menace to liberty, viewing briefly the steps which have led to his present dictatorship.

"The sword has taken the place of reason in Italy," it warned. "Not satisfied with the powers of a dictator in Italy," it continued, referring to Mussolini, "he has extended the tentacles of fascism into other countries. His dictum that once an Italian always an Italian to the seventh generation, prohibits Italian immigrants to the United States becoming American citizens. They must remain Italian citizens and how to fascism. If they enter any organization having as its purpose opposition to fascism their property in Italy would be confiscated."

"Organizations have been formed in this country to discourage the naturalization of Italian immigrants. If they do not obey their families in Italy are subject to persecution the same as if they were real enemies of fascism and were plotting against the dictatorship of Mussolini. The executive council hopes that none of the Italian members of trade unions will submit to the threats of this dictator. He and his fascism are as great a menace to the peace of the world as is communism."

"Trade unionists and the people generally are urged at all times to be prepared to meet the propaganda of fascism with as strong opposition as they have made to communism."

## BROTHER PASSES AWAY

Walter West, has received word of the death of his brother G. H. West, resident of Moles, Montana, who passed away on Monday, according to the telegram received here. The deceased man was 50 years of age at the time of his death and has been ailing for some time. He is survived by a wife and seven children. West will be unable to attend the funeral which will be conducted today.

## ATTACK AUTO LAW.

SALEM, Dec. 22.—The constitutionality of Oregon's automobile license law is to be attacked in a suit to be filed in U. S. district court by W. R. Crawford, an attorney representing the Portland-Hood River truck line, the Interstate Truck service, the Alert Transfer and Storage company, and other automobile and truck interests.

## WATER USERS PAY FORMER SENATOR \$1,000 RETAINER

### Geo. Chamberlain to Handle Affairs

### LEGAL BUDGET \$3,000

### Water Users Believed Plan Legal Action to Test Power Contract

A legal retainer of \$1000 has been paid George E. Chamberlain of the firm of Chamberlain and Nice, Washington, D. C., by the Klamath Irrigation district board. It was learned yesterday.

It is understood that the district board has entered into a contract with Chamberlain, ex-senator from Oregon, under which he will act in an advisory capacity and handle the Washington end of matters pertaining to the district.

Secretary A. M. Thomas yesterday said he was not authorized, in fact he had been forbidden by the board in formal resolution passed on December 7, to give out any information having to do with legal matters.

There is no secret, however, about the board's having included in its new administrative budget of approximately \$11,000 an item of \$3000 for legal procedure. This budget, Thomas said, had not been signed by the board. The total budget for the district will be approximately \$113,000.

Presumably part of the \$3000 will be spent in a court fight to learn if the power company's contract is valid.

Water users who visited Klamath Falls yesterday expressed approval of the board's intention to start proceedings over the power company contract. Secretary Thomas said the form of the proceedings had not been determined upon and that he was not certain if the matter would be pushed in congress or in the courts.

## COLE ASKS FOR TIME TO PLEAD

### State Deputy to Appear At 2:30 O'clock This Afternoon

William Cole, state prohibition officer, asked for 24 hours additional time in which to enter his plea to a charge of assault while armed with a dangerous weapon, when he appeared before Circuit Judge A. L. Leavitt again yesterday. His request was granted.

Cole is accused of shooting Leslie Congo and with slugging Frank Pecholt, and was secretly indicted at a recent session of the grand jury.

Cole announced he will enter his pleas at 2:30 o'clock today.

## New Features for Next Elks' Dance

A Charleston contest, reminiscent of old Carolina days, will be but one of the interesting features on Friday evening when the Elks enjoy their annual Christmas dance in the Elks' temple.

Johnny Houston is in charge of the affair which promises much in an entertaining way.

Novel decorations and several additional stunts have been planned for the affair to which several hundred invitations have been issued.

Galloway's orchestra will provide music.

## CHEMISTS KEPT OUT.

HAVANA, Dec. 22.—(United News)—Six American chemists have been refused admission to Cuba by the immigration authorities under the law which prohibits the landing of contract laborers. The men will be returned to New Orleans Thursday.

## TAX RATE WILL BE 23.1 MILLS

### Budget Calls for Greater Expenditure But Big Valuation Gains

Klamath county's budget for 1925 will be \$592,695.00, an increase of about \$50,000, and not the \$446,524.35 as previously officially published. The error of about \$90,000 was a mere matter of wrong computing. The county commissioners planned to pass the levy last night.

With an increased valuation on county property of \$26,292,246.71 the millage for 1925, even with the increased budget, will show a slight decrease, it was officially computed last night. Last year the tax rate was 24 mills, but the rate this year will be about 23.1 mills.

Some interesting comparisons are gleaned from the budget as finally passed by the county commission. Its total has been in doubt until the \$20,000 item for continuing the county timber cruise was finally adopted yesterday.

As the budget now stands it shows that it costs only \$10,000 more to run the county, aside from schools and roads, than the state tax.

The state tax is \$156,366.04. The county tax is \$166,986.00.

The county levy for schools and high schools, not including special district school levies, is only a little short of the state tax. This item is \$156,209.35.

## LEGION SELECTS NEW COMMITTEES

### Men are Named to Handle Important Activity For 1926

The new executive committee of the Klamath Falls post No. 8, American Legion, met in the court house last night for their first meeting and transacted business pertaining to legion activities for the coming year.

The most important business to come before the new executive committee was the election of a house committee to manage the new building and which was authorized by the post and the executive committee named them. They are Jack M. Glover for the three year term, O. D. Mathews for the two year term, and H. E. Getz for the one year term.

H. S. Mathews was elected to handle the entertainment, Linn W. Nesmith, publicity officer; O. D. Mathews, Americanization chairman; Alfred Fidler, service officer; A. D. Collier, chairman of the land and legislation committee; F. H. Olds, membership committee, and Dr. P. W. Sharp, H. S. Mathews and Keith K. Ambrose comprise the basketball committee.

The executive committee consists of O. D. Mathews, Linn W. Nesmith, H. E. Getz, George M. Barth, Alfred Fidler, T. D. Case, F. R. Olds, H. S. Mathews, Lee Crawford and A. D. Collier. The committee was all present except Crawford, Collier and Barth.

## Klamath Prisoners Go to Salem Today

Two more men from Klamath county will today receive their numbers at the Oregon state penitentiary at Salem.

The two are W. K. Davidson, said to be the oldest moonshiner in the county, and C. K. McCarthy, accused of stealing money from the person of Larry Robinson.

Sheriff Burt Hawkins accompanied the prisoners on their trip to the big, gray house. Davidson was sentenced by Circuit Judge Leavitt to serve one year, while McCarthy's sentence was for two years.

## SELLING OFF SHIPS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—(United News)—One more step toward eliminating the government from the shipping business was taken by the shipping board Tuesday, when it sold the five ships of the American South African line to John M. Franklin as agent of the company.

Operation for five years is guaranteed by the purchaser. This is the fifth important disposition of established lines this year.

## LOCAL MEN FACE GRAVE CHARGE OF BARTERING DOPE

### Waive Preliminary Hearing

### HELD ON HEAVY BAIL

### Dr. Craver Said to Be the Leader of Local Drug Selling Activity

Dr. R. B. Craver, 126 North Third street, and Walter Davis, colored, were last evening bound over to await action of the federal grand jury when they waived preliminary hearing before United States Commissioner Thomas, of this district, on charges of violating the Harrison anti-narcotic act. Having been assured by federal narcotic agents, who brought about the arrests, that the local condition as regards drugs is grave, Commissioner Thomas set Dr. Craver's bail at \$10,000 and Davis' at \$5000.

The two men, against whom there are several charges all pertaining to the unlawful dispensing of narcotics, were taken into custody but a few days after Charles F. Miller and Benjamin F. Davis, federal men from Portland, had arrived in the city. The purchase of "dope" in Klamath Falls, they said, did not prove at all difficult.

Both of the prisoners are to be taken to Portland. Technically, Craver is charged with the unlawful possession of morphine; and with the unlawful sale and dispensing of drugs not in his regular course of practice.

Davis is charged with the unlawful possession of narcotic drugs not in or from the originally stamped packages, and with failure to register with the collector of internal revenue as required by law.

The federal men declared there are, unquestionably a number of drug addicts in Klamath Falls, and they added that the average victim usually causes at least seven other persons to become users.

Craver, it was said, is believed to be the leader of whatever sized ring exists here. One well known resident, it was said, arrived at the Craver residence to get his supply while officers were in hiding.

Craver and Davis probably will be removed to Portland today, it was said last night.

## HOTELS CAUGHT IN LIQUOR NET

### Oklahoma City Bell Hops Run Afoul of the Prohi. Forces

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 22.—(United News)—The swift kick of prohibition landed on the hip pocket of Oklahoma City Monday when Major Herbert H. White, district prohibition enforcement officer, declared that he would institute proceedings against the Huckins and Kinkade hotels, two of the largest in the state.

The shadow of the padlock appeared following the arrest of fifteen bell hops in the aforementioned hotels on charges of peddling intoxicating liquors.

## California Greek in Wild Man Role

TURLOCK (Cal.), Dec. 22.—(United News)—For several days Turlock has been talking of the "wild man" in its midst. Prints of bare feet seen at various places about the city gave rise to reports of a wild creature who roamed through the streets in the dark hours. Citizens crept to bed each night after an extra inspection of locks on doors and windows. The mystery was solved Tuesday with the arrest of Nick Demaris, a Greek, who was running about with no covering for his head or feet. He explained that he was doing penance following a "call from Providence," and was not held.

## MALIN SCHOOL SWEEP BY FIRE

### New Building Believed to Be Total Loss. No Fire Equipment

Fire, uncontrolled despite the efforts of scores of volunteer fighters, ate its way up from the basement of the new Malin grammar school last night and, up to a late hour, was turning to ruins an institution which had been in use but two semesters.

Starting apparently from a defective furnace, the conflagration slowly grew until hope that the school might be saved was finally abandoned. Reports from Malin were that the building in all probability would be gutted.

Shortly after the fire was discovered, about 8 o'clock, Malin residents sent a call to Merrill for aid. Immediately a small chemical engine, the only one available, was placed on a truck and was rushed to the near-by town.

The fire fighting equipment, however, proved of but little assistance and the many persons who endeavored to check the flames found their efforts of little avail.

Last night it was impossible to secure an estimate of the damage done.

Today plans undoubtedly will be shaped with a view to housing the pupils when they return to school following the holidays.

## MERCHANTS AID 100 POOR KIDDIES

### Boy Scouts to Help News Deliver to Special List of Needy

Merchants of Klamath Falls answered the plea of kiddies who might be unhappy on Christmas morning when they faced an empty stocking, and donated pounds upon pounds of candy, nuts and cookies to go into 100 red stockings for distribution from the News office on Thursday morning.

There are some children in Klamath Falls who are too poor and too illly clad to be on the streets in inclement weather. With this fact to face a community tree has been abandoned and the gifts will be distributed by ten boy scouts and the aid of several cars.

At one o'clock the scouts will meet at the Klamath News office. They will be given directions as to the distribution of about 100 packages containing toys purchased from the Perkins Toy Shop through the Klamath News "Four-Bit" fund.

Names of the needy children who will be without the happiness of Christmas morning were provided by Miss Lydia Fricke, county health nurse, who has kept a kindly eye on deserving children throughout the year.

The merchants who have made possible the donation of the gift stockings, chock full with goodies and a huge golden orange, are H. N. Moe, Piggy Wiggly store, Chris Barnstable of the Harry Cash Grocery company, Blue Bird, Sunset Grocery, Twentieth Century Grocery, Stone's Grocery, Public Market, Hale's News Agency, Zimm's Chocolate Shop and the Falls Grocery.

## Boy Scouts Given Badges of Merit

Thirteen members of Klamath Falls scout troops received badges of merit last night when they appeared before the court of honor conducted in the court house with J. F. Kimball presiding as judge.

Arthur Carlson, Herman Darley, Ronald Ulrich and Clarence Howie were advanced to second class scouts; Thomas Massey and George Massey to first class.

Merit badge awards were made to the following: Merle Swanson, cooking, electricity; Elmer Wilkerson, cooking, cycling, camping and firemanship; Robert Hunter, civics and handicraft; Ross Hillman, cooking, camping, cycling, electricity and carpentry; Lee Hunter, personal health and carpentry.

Frank Moser received badges in mining, business and scholarship while E. O. Nord received badges in camping, cooking, business, and scholarship.

## TIMBER CO. ASKS BOOM PRIVILEGE ON LOWER RIVER

### Weyerhaeuser Files Application

### NAME SOUTHERN SITE

### Kimball Says Company Will Be Ready When Rail War Is Settled

The great Weyerhaeuser timber interests came materially closer to Klamath with their proposed saw mill operations yesterday when the Klamath Boom company, sponsored by the Weyerhaeuser people, filed application with the public service commission at Salem for a franchise to construct booms on that part of Klamath river, about five miles from Klamath Falls, adjacent to the company's south mill site property.

The move strongly indicated that the Weyerhaeuser representatives plan soon to begin their work in this vicinity. Just when activities will be underway, officials have not said.

On both sides of the river the company has bought sites and, for some time, speculation as to which side the company would erect its mill has been rife. Some time ago, it was said that the Holiday site, on the north side of the river and covering considerable more land than does the Sutton site, on the south, would be favored.

Some persons, however, who have seen the map which, with the application for a franchise, was filed with the public service commission, are of the opinion that the Sutton property may be used first.

It is understood that, at the present time, plans regarding the site are in the preliminary stage.

The Southern Pacific company's lines, it was pointed out, at present run directly through the old Sutton property. It was further said yesterday's application might affect plans of the northern lines, should they be permitted to enter Klamath, as they have a survey running down the north side of the river into the big Holiday site.

Asked what significance might be attached to this new move Jack Kimball, local Weyerhaeuser representative said last night: "This is simply a matter of the company making plans to begin operations here immediately upon the railroad controversy being settled in a manner satisfactory to our best interests."

## Prohi Officers in Raid on "the Flat"

Patrolmen, together with State Prohibition Officer McBride, last night broke up what McBride characterized as a "pleasant little drinking party on the flats."

Five men were taken into custody. They gave their names as G. J. Smithey, Frank Gavin, Pat Griffin, Phil Riley and Pat Stanley.

They will probably be arraigned before Municipal Judge Gaghagen.

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