

## DECISION DUE IN SIX WEEKS

### Strahorn Thinks I. C. C. Will Act on Klamath Case By That Time

"About 30 days to six weeks," said Robert E. Strahorn yesterday, when asked when a decision from the interstate commerce commission might be expected, adding: "My guess is about as good as anyone else's."

"The commission appreciates the importance of the case before it, in which all Klamath county is interested," Strahorn continued. "No doubt it is making every effort to arrive at an early decision in order that development work may get under way."

"No one knows just when the decision will be forthcoming, but we think word will be had within six weeks."

## NATIVE SONS IN RUSH TO BEACH

### Los Angeles Gets Temperature Up to 90 Degrees Saturday

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 27.—(United Press)—Thousands of Southern Californians deserted their homes and offices Saturday afternoon and trekked to the beaches for relief from the midwinter heat wave, gripping this region.

Temperatures rose to an average of 85 to 90 degrees in Los Angeles and other cities of the California southland, the balmiest February weather in years.

The beaches were lined with week-end visitors, many of them in bathing suits enjoying cool plunges in the surf. Beach highways were jammed with automobiles, most of them ocean bound.

Entire families embarked in their machines for week-end visits at the ocean side, suggestive of the midsummer popularity of the surf resorts.

Weather officials predict the balmy temperatures will prevail until Monday at least and there was no let up in the beach rush.

## PORTLAND LOTS GO TO OIL MAN

### Millionaire of California Makes Huge Investment in City

PORTLAND, Feb. 27.—(United Press)—Ralph B. Lloyd, millionaire oil operator of Los Angeles, announced late today the purchase of \$2,000,000 worth of property holdings in the east side district of Portland. This is the biggest east side real estate transaction in the history of the city.

The purchase included an eight acre industrial site near Kenton and approximately 900 lots. It will be improved at once, according to Lloyd. He contemplates the erection of a 2000 seat theatre, a market building and a first class hotel at an estimated cost of \$2,000,000.

Lloyd is the discoverer of the Ventura oil fields in California and his wealth is estimated at \$10,000,000.

After announcing completion of the deal Lloyd said:

"I have made a careful study of Pacific coast cities and my findings are that Los Angeles and Portland stand out above all others as places in which to invest in real estate."

## Shrine Honors Dr. E. D. Johnson

PORTLAND, Feb. 27.—(Special)—Dr. E. D. Johnson of Klamath Falls has been appointed a rajah in Al Kader temple, Myatic Shrine, in Portland, for 1926, according to an announcement made by illustrious Potentate Phil Metschan. The selection comes as a result of the untiring work performed by the Dr. Johnson on behalf of the shrine. The principal duty of the rajah during 1926 will be to act as personal representative of Potentate Metschan in all matters pertaining to Al Kader temple in the Klamath Falls district.

## COMMITTEE SIGNS TEN YEAR LEASE FOR BUREAU SITE

### Helms Paid \$1800 for Use of Land

## WILL INSTALL EXHIBIT

### Effort to Be Made At Once To Divert Tourists Via Klamath Falls

Klamath county's special delegation on behalf of the Southern Oregon Tourist Bureau yesterday signed up a ten year lease of the A. B. Helm property at the southern side of the junction of the Klamath Falls-Ashland highway, paid \$1800 to the Helms when the lease was consummated—and returned last night without having visited Ashland.

The delegation was headed by R. C. Groesbeck, director of the chamber of commerce, who acted as legal advisor. With him were George Walton, Lynn P. Sahlin, chamber secretary, and Ben H. Stevenson.

Members of the delegation paid the highest tribute to the public spiritedness of Mr. and Mrs. Helm to agree fully with the plans as formulated by the bureau. Both of them appreciate the enhancement of their property values by reason of the establishment of the bureau, and gave the delegation a warm welcome yesterday when it arrived to undertake the lease.

### Install Exhibit

Plans will be developed immediately by the chamber of commerce to install a permanent Klamath county exhibit in the commodious hotel building at the highway junction. Every available means will be undertaken to acquaint tourists with the scenic, agricultural and other resources of Klamath county.

A total of 1600 people a day pass the junction of the highway, many of them tourists who have been foregoing the opportunities offered by Klamath county because they have not been apprised of its advantages. The Klamath county chamber of commerce has been widely complimented on its enterprise in effecting a means by which scores of people daily will be told of Klamath county's natural resources.

## Dr. Chase Gives His Answer Mon.

EUGENE, Feb. 27.—(United News)—The decision of Dr. Harry Woodburn Chase, president of the University of North Carolina, on whether he will accept the presidency of the University of Oregon will be withheld until Monday, it became known today, when a telegram was received by Dr. E. S. Conklin, head of the psychology department, a schoolmate of Dr. Chase.

## BILL GANONG COMING BACK FROM HOSPITAL

William Ganong, former district attorney of Klamath county, is returning the first week in March to Klamath Falls.

This was the word received in the city yesterday from Walla Walla, Wash., where Ganong has been a patient in the veterans' hospital for little less than a year.

No mention was made as to the health improvement of Ganong in the letter sent to friends, although it is the general opinion that his stay in the hospital has improved his health materially.

## LIMITED IS WRECKED.

ALTOONA, Pa., Feb. 27.—(United Press)—The crack Gotham limited of the Pennsylvania railroad was wrecked near here Saturday, when it side-swiped a freight train when it side-swiped a freight train when it side-swiped a freight train, three men being injured. The two engines and two cars of the passenger train were derailed while two of the freight cars left the track.

## PLAN TO REMOVE 60 DEAD CATTLE

### Foreman of Fort Klamath Meadows Co. Ranch Starts Task

The carcasses of about sixty head of cattle owned by the Ft. Klamath Meadows company, which mired and died at the upper end of Klamath lake are to be removed at once, according to reports reaching Dr. E. G. Newsom, county health officer.

Dr. Newsom has been in conference with W. C. Hackler, foreman of the Meadows company, and reports that Hackler is making every effort to remove the carcasses and burn them.

When the frost went out of the ground the cattle were unable to extricate themselves from the softened marsh. Estimates of the number of cattle dead run between 30 and 70 head.

## GRANDFATHER IS SLAIN FOR GOLD

### Two Youths Beat Old Man To Death, Steal Cash, Then Burn Body

CARSON, N. D., Feb. 27.—(United Press)—Goaded into a murderous frenzy by visions of an easily gotten \$3000, two youths brutally murdered Fred Stoller, robbed the body and then attempted to hide their crime by fire, they admitted to police today.

One of the youths was a grandson of the 72-year-old victim.

The youths, Aman Horst and William Stoller, both confessed only after hours of questioning by police and state penitentiary authorities. Each blamed the other for the actual crime.

Stoller was in the habit of carrying a considerable amount of money, sewed in the lining of his work coat, according to the confession. Monday the two boys went to his home, while other members of the Stoller family were away and immediately started beating the aged man. He pleaded with them to stop, even offering them part of his money. The beating continued until the old man was dead.

After ripping open the coat and stealing approximately \$3000 Stoller's body was thrown on to a bed and kerosene was poured on the body. Covers, also saturated with oil, were piled about it. The boys ignited the kerosene-soaked bed clothing and fled.

When the members of the family returned home they found the body in flames.

Later young Stoller and Horst were arrested for wine selling, and they were suspected of the murder. Questioning started then and ended with the confession today. The \$3000 stolen from Stoller was found hidden in young Horst's home.

## Senate Exonerates Atty. Gen. Sargent by Very Slim Vote

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—(United Press)—By a close party vote the senate has exonerated Attorney General Sargent of charges of procrastination and lack of good faith in the recent department of justice investigation of the Aluminum Company of America.

This action was taken Friday by rejection of the Walsh report as the climax of an acrid debate in which personalities figured conspicuously.

The vote against the Walsh report was 36 to 33. Two democrats, Blease of South Carolina and Bruce of Maryland voted with the republicans. The insurgent republicans voted with the democrats.

## MEESKE IN WRONG.

SPOKAN, Wash., Feb. 27.—(United Press)—The stack of Billy Meeske, Australia's light heavyweight wrestling champion, took a decided tumble here tonight when it became known that he "ran out" on his scheduled meeting with John Kilonis of Boston.

## COUNTY OFFICERS FACING SUIT FOR UNLAWFUL ACTION

### Man Held 3 Months Without Trial

## IS FINALLY LIBERATED

### E. L. Elliott, Burt Hawkins, E. X. Kendall and Store Man Are Named

Three county officials unlawfully held John Lewis, laborer, nearly three months in the county jail, it is alleged in a civil suit filed on behalf of Lewis in the Klamath county circuit court by William Marx, his attorney. Damages totaling \$5362 are asked jointly of the defendants.

District Attorney E. L. Elliott, Sheriff Burt E. Hawkins and former acting justice of the peace, E. X. Kendall, together with Angelo Bocchi, store keeper, are made defendants in the suit.

Lewis was jailed November 24 on complaint of Bocchi, but the complaint was never sworn to, according to Attorney Marx. He was released February 19, without having been given a trial or preliminary examination, it is alleged. Bocchi charged that Lewis had given him a forged check and this charge appears against him on the jail record.

## Sanity Examined.

During the course of the man's confinement he was taken before the county court and examined for his sanity by Drs. E. G. Newsom and H. D. Stewart, but they found no evidence of insanity, and the county court remanded him to the custody of the sheriff.

Someone believed that he had been bound over to the grand jury on the check charge for a pencilled entry to this effect appears opposite his name on the jail register. The grand jury has met twice, but Lewis was forgotten, apparently.

The complaint sets forth that Bocchi was responsible for having filed the complaint before Kendall. District Attorney Elliott is named for having asked for the warrant and falling to bring the action to trial. Kendall is cited for having failed to hold the hearing. Sheriff Hawkins is held liable for having held Lewis unlawfully without a commitment.

## 2 Oil Companies Plan Big Merger

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—(United News)—Negotiations are under way for a merger of the Tidewater Oil company and the Associated Oil company, it was learned.

The combination, definite announcement of which is expected next week, will form one of the largest units in the country.

The control of Associated Oil, until recently, was owned by the Pacific Oil company, but this block of stock was placed on the market when the latter company was merged with the Standard Oil company of California. The Tidewater and Associated companies have carried on a close working agreement for some time.

## Fire Threatens in Newspaper Plant

Fire in the pressroom of the Herald shortly after 1 o'clock yesterday destroyed five composition ink rollers on the press, causing damage estimated at \$100.

A call to the Klamath Falls fire department after several of the printers had worked frantically to extinguish the blaze, put an end to the fire that threatened the whole plant. Cause of the fire was found to be a short circuit in an electric heater kept under the press to warm the ink.

## WEATHER REPORT

OREGON—Cloudy on coast; fair in the interior, not much change in temperature. Moderate west and northwest wind along the coast.

## TOM DIXON IS NOW INSURED

### County Road Master Will Be Protected From Future Wrecks

Tom Dixon, county roadmaster, was given a warm welcome in The News insurance department yesterday.

He was congratulated on his happy escape from an accident at the Sixth street railroad crossing, where his auto has twice been wrecked by an engine, a pen was put in his hand and he went out feeling much safer with one of the well known \$1.50 insurance policies.

"I'd like to know—can't you insure those engines against hitting me?" he asked, smiling broadly.

Well, now—began A. E. La Dieu, insurance department manager.

But Dixon was on his way out Sixth street.

## BEARS WIN IN FINAL CONTEST

### Oregon Pushes California To Limit to Win the Final Game

OAKLAND, Calif., Feb. 27.—(United Press)—The University of California basketball team took its second straight game from the University of Oregon here tonight, 29 to 23, and won the conference championship.

The game, however, was in doubt until the last whistle blew. At half time the score was California 12, Oregon 11, the contestants separated by but a single point.

Five minutes before the end of the game California and Oregon were tied at 23 points each. The northerners had staged some desperate playing to overcome the one point lead of the Bruins in the first half.

But in those last few minutes California players who had been brilliant in the game thus far forged ahead. California's winning rally started with a difficult shot by Milton Butts.

By that narrow margin of six points California was again declared conference winner for the third consecutive year.

## CALM PREVAILS IN RUM TRIALS

### Judge Leavitt Has Several Petitions and Writs Under Advisement

Circuit Judge A. L. Leavitt gave the battling bottleggers, their legal battery and the enforcement league headed by Justice R. C. Spink of Wood River time to cool off yesterday, and kept under advisement the various petitions directed against the justice of the peace.

A petition asking that Justice Spink be cited for contempt for his refusal to obey a peremptory writ of mandamus and permit Attorney Wm. Marx to have the record and appear in the George Hilland case has been filed by Marx. Also a petition for an order directing Spink to transfer the Hilland case to the Linkville district. It is these two petitions that the circuit court has under advisement.

## New Way Out

Attorneys yesterday saw an opportunity for Justice Spink to quietly relieve himself of responsibility of having accepted the \$500 check.

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## Plan to Pave Oak St. to the Depot

Klamath Falls may be served by another thoroughfare to the S. P. depot if plans now under way in the office of the city engineer materialize.

A petition to pave Oak street from Ninth to Spring street will be presented to the city dads in the immediate future. Papers are being circulated among the residents of that district, according to word from E. B. Henry.

Included in the provisions of the petition is the feature of providing a quicker and easier way to the Southern Pacific depot. It also states that it will relieve Main street traffic materially if the pavement is put in.

## DEADLY ELECTRIC SHOCK FATAL TO ROBERT KESSLER

### Pelican Bay Electrician Hits Wire

## FOUND BY WATCHMAN

### City Pulmotor Rushed to Scene By Fire Dept. Is Ineffectual

Robert B. Kessler, 35, chief electrician of the Pelican Bay Lumber company, was electrocuted shortly after 6 o'clock last night while repairing the pony carriage at the mill. He had come in contact with the deadly 440 volt current which, according to experts, has resulted in a high percentage of fatalities.

Checking in at 6 o'clock Kessler went to work on the electrically driven carriage. When found a short time later by the watchman he was lying prone, his testing set beside him. The current had passed from his right middle finger on which was a small blister, and burned its way out through the inside of his left thumb, having passed through his body. Death was instantaneous, it is believed.

## Call for Pulmotor

A call for the pulmotor was sent to the Klamath Falls fire department and Chief Keith Ambrose, assistant chief O. R. Biehn and Oak Boggs made a fast run to Pelican City. Before the arrival of the fire truck Dr. E. D. Lamb had been called to the scene, and it was he who called for the pulmotor. Members of the California-Oregon Power company also were called.

The Schaeffer method practiced by the power company employees to resuscitate electrocuted persons was used. And later the pulmotor was applied without restoring signs of life. Assistance was prompt in each instance. The call reached the fire department at 6:45 o'clock, within 45 minutes of the time Kessler had gone to work and other aid reached him shortly before. It is thought he was found within 10 to 20 minutes from the time of the fatal shock.

The body was taken in charge by County Coroner Whitlock and an inquest will be held.

Kessler is survived by a wife, Ethel Kessler, and two children, one of the children being a baby three months old, and two brothers in California.

It is the first time that the pulmotor donated the city by the American Legion has been put to practical use.

## Hahn Brought Back

Lester C. Hahn, who was arrested a year ago on charges of non-support, will be sentenced Friday in Judge A. L. Leavitt's court as a parole jumper, according to an announcement made yesterday.

Hahn posted a bond of \$100 before Judge Leavitt as evidence of his good faith to support his family. He later left the state and was recently returned to Klamath Falls from Los Angeles where he was located by local authorities.

## Women's New Slippers

New patent one strap with tan and grey kid appliques and moderate heels.

Trim patent step-in D'Orsey buckle pump with newer and higher heel.

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