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PARTISANS FIGHT BITTERLY AS WET HEARING STARTS

Star Witness Fails on the Start

OFFER MUCH ORATORY

Edge Is Challenged to Show Authority Which Would Permit Referendum

WASHINGTON, April 5.—(United News)—Although he was summoned as the star witness of the wets in the first session of the senate prohibition investigation, Lincoln C. Andrews, assistant secretary of the treasury and the director general of enforcement, gave little aid or comfort to the enemies of the Volstead act.

He will take the stand again Tuesday when the wets will make further efforts to extract from him an indictment of prohibition.

Senator Bruce, Maryland, wet democrat, opened the hearings with an impassioned re-statement of the case against prohibition. He stated with a little more eloquence, the criticisms of federal prohibition that have been heard in congress almost daily this session. Wet representatives at the hearing were disappointed with the testimony forced out of Andrews. There was some feeling among the wets that more aggressive questioning might bring forth the desired criticisms. It is possible that the wet counsel, Julien Codman of Boston, may give way temporarily at least, to Captain William H. Stayton, head of the association against the prohibition amendment, in questioning important witnesses.

Same Old Stuff
Neither wets nor dries would make formal comment on the day's proceedings.

"It was the same old stuff," said one important dry representative. "Senator Bruce made a great argument against prohibition," said one of the wet representatives.

Only one casualty was discovered on the field afterward. Photographers had delayed the opening of the hearings and had just been ordered by Chairman Means to desist, when they discovered Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel of the Anti-Saloon league, sitting in the front row among the spectators. They had photographed a group of wets with the committee, and asked Means to pose with Wheeler.

"No, we're through," Means snapped. "Take his mouth in the hall if you want his picture."
Wheeler, who, meanwhile had advanced expectantly toward the committee table, retired in confusion.

Want Time Kept
Senator Reed of Missouri, wet democrat, insisted that time be kept on the hearings, as it is to be devoted equally between the two sides.

Wets used two hours and 40 minutes of their allotted 24.
Following are the major points made by the witnesses called at the request of the wets:

Senator Bruce, Maryland, democrat—Prohibition lacks the moral
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LEGION'S HALL POPULAR PLACE

Practically Every Night of Month Signed Up for Program

"Every night during the month of April, with the exception of four, has been scheduled for outside activities in the American Legion memorial building."

This was the announcement made yesterday by J. M. Glover, chairman of the building committee.

Of special interest this week is the American Legion smoker to-night, and every ex-service man in Klamath Falls is expected to attend whether they are members of the legion in Klamath Falls or any other section of the country. Wrestling and boxing and a good round of music will be among the numbers on an excellently prepared program.

The opening dance Saturday night met with instant success, according to legion men, and brought scores of visitors to the building. The floor is said to be the finest in Klamath Falls and the music excellent. Galloway's American Legion orchestra gave the first of the Thursday and Saturday night dances.

To Barney Chambers goes much credit for the decoration of the building, which was made interesting by the donation of his trophies.

FLOODS DAMAGE IN LOS ANGELES

Trains North and South Are Tied Up by Bad Washouts

LOS ANGELES, April 5.—(United News)—A record flood swept over Los Angeles Monday, flooding streets, halting traffic and causing great property damage.

The downpour which reached torrential proportions at times, rendered pedestrian traffic impossible for a period of several hours. Train service, north and south, was delayed by the storm and washouts which followed.

The rainfall for the storm totaled 2.76 inches at 7 p. m. and was general throughout the state.

This probably will be increased by further rains.

While washouts, landslides and scattered cloudburst did damage to some of the electric lines and caused numerous tie-ups on coastal and inland railway lines to the north and south, the rain is calculated to be of great benefit to agriculture and water systems.

More than six inches of rain fell in a cloudburst on Mount Lowe. The deluge swept earth and boulders from the hillside, blocking the railway above the incline. Ten inches of rain were reported at Opid's camp at the head of the west fork of San Gabriel canyon. Mount Wilson reported 4.96 inches.

Damage was caused to highways and railway tracks as a result of cloudbursts near San Diego. A landslide 60 feet long covered the Southern Pacific tracks and the coast highway at Wave, between Ventura and Santa Barbara.

Altamont Camp Has Easter Baby

"Birthday Cottage" is the name given to a little white cabin, one among many, at the Altamont Grove auto camp, with the second birth in the brief history of the little house reported on Easter Day.

To Mr. and Mrs. Fred LaMarth of Altamont, was born a baby boy on Easter morning at 3 a. m. This is their fifth child.

Late in the fall a baby girl was born in the same cottage, the only two children born at Altamont Grove.

The boy has not been named. If it had been a girl, however, the mother says she would have named her Easter.

PENSIONS GET BOOST

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 5.—(United News)—In spite of a warning by President Coolidge, the house late Monday passed a bill authorizing an increase of \$18,550,000 in pensions for Spanish-American war veterans.

It recently was made known at the White House that Coolidge believed about \$10,000,000 a sufficient increase in the face of the large tax cut.

GERALD CHAPMAN PAYS WITH LIFE FOR HIS CRIME

Trap in Conn. Prison Sprung at 12:04

27 WITNESS HANGING

Governor Is Guarded for Fear of Reprisal by Bandit's Pals

STATE PRISON, WETHERSFIELD, Conn., April 6.—(United News)—Wearing the same sardonic smile that had been characteristic of his attitude towards life, Gerald Chapman was hanged to death in the execution chamber of Wethersfield prison at 12:04 Tuesday morning.

No last word came from the distorted lips of the bandit as he was hurried from the death cell to the spot where the noose hung ready for him.

Chapman glanced up to the high ceiling of the brilliantly lighted execution room and his features twisted into the semblance of a grin.

Then a black cap was drawn over his head and the noose slipped about his neck.

27 Witnesses
A moment later there was a thump as Warden H. K. W. Scott stepped upon a lever which released weights of the adjoining room and the slender figure of the bandit, clad in a blue civilian suit and white shirt with arms tightly bound, was jerked into the air to a height of 12 feet.

The execution was witnessed by some 27 persons, but there was not a sound in the execution chamber except the scratching pencils of newspaper men.

Motionless in its black hood, the bandit's body hung there. Prison guards stood about with bowed heads. Father Michael Patrick Barry, Chapman's spiritual adviser, who had had an opportunity for but brief prayer as the hood was being slipped over Chapman's head, stood near by, his head also bowed.

The dead man's hands remained rigidly clenched, as if he lived and still was resisting the fate that finally overtook him after his amazing career of banditry.

Pronounced Dead
Four powerful electric lights made the execution chamber lighter
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Kendall Undergoes Another Operation

Ed Kendall, former acting justice of the peace of Klamath Falls, returned from Portland yesterday, where he has been for the past week in Emmanuel hospital receiving treatment for his shattered left arm.

Kendall returned with his left arm and entire trunk in a plaster cast, and moves with difficulty. His arm was rebroken and a portion of bone taken from his shoulder and grafted into the arm above the wrist. Kendall was shot-up in a fracas with bootleggers while deputy under Sheriff Bart E. Hawkins last summer.

Klamath Deer Is Killed By Auto

Howard Steiner of Klamath Falls broke the closed deer season Monday morning, when he killed a three-point buck with his auto in a collision on the highway one mile this side of Keno.

On his arrival home, however, Steiner turned the carcass over to the police, who notified Deputy Warden Marion Barnes. The officials voted the buck was guilty of criminal carelessness in cavorting about on the highway with unattended does at such an unseemly hour.

The venison will be divided among local needy people, according to the officials.

CALIFORNIA AVE. WILL BE PAVED

Petition Goes to Council Wherein Residents Are Agreed on Plan

California avenue is to be paved in accordance with a petition presented to the city council at its regular meeting last night. The petition, as the result of unanimous agreement by the residents of California avenue, calls for two sixteen-foot strips of paving, with a twelve foot space unpaved between the two strips, from Conger avenue to Third street. The petition also called for sewer improvement, the twelve foot center strip and the half unpaved section to make possible the laying of sewer pipes, with connections installed at all street intersections.

In addition, the California Oregon Power company requested a grade on California avenue for the purpose of laying water mains. The council included instructions to the city engineer to make grades for sidewalks at the same time.

Petitions were presented last night for paving of additional blocks on Sargent, Crescent, Warden, Portland, Oak, Broad, Pine, Market and Carrol.

City Attorney Carnahan was instructed to prepare an ordinance making possible the improvement and repair of the Fairview and Main street sewer to the city limits.

FARMERS HAPPY WITH APRIL RAIN

Showers Insure Crop for Dry Farmers and Grass for Stockmen

Klamath farmers breathed a deep sigh of thanksgiving Sunday when a steady downpour of warm rain, which kept up intermittently Monday and Tuesday night, broke the two months' drought which spelled disaster for stockmen and dry farmers.

The operators on the irrigation projects also look upon this rain with the highest favor, as it will put the ground in shape for early seeding and give the new crops a good start before the regular season for irrigation. Without this rain the dry farmer faced practical failure, as the long stretch of sunny days had dried out his ground until the moisture in the seed-bed amounted to practically nil.

The rancher dependent on the new crop of grass, which got an excellent start in March with the warm days, was beginning to fear the spring growth would be checked and dried up before the range stock and especially the sheep, had finished lambing and were ready for the hills.

Last year dry farmers hit a ten-strike and good crops were raised practically all over Klamath county. With the lack of snow in the hills and the continued sunny days, 1926 was beginning to look hopeless.

City people who were only concerned with good roads and the scenery for week-end trips, were perfectly satisfied with the balmy weather, as the farmers' problems were Greek to most of them.

So far, during this brief month of April, more rain has fallen than double the amount during the past month of March. This was the announcement which came late yesterday afternoon from the United States reclamation office. A report was received at six o'clock by the weather man, stating that 22 inches of rain had fallen Sunday and Monday, April 4 and 5.

Easter in Klamath Falls, outside the churches, where altars were brilliant and beautiful, was drizzly and gloomy. Old Sol refused to let one small ray fall to earth to lighten the day of days.

U. S. COURT CLOSES LOCAL ROAD HOUSE

PORTLAND, April 5.—(United News)—The 12-mile house of Klamath Falls has been closed under abatement proceedings concluded Monday at Federal court. Proprietors of this resort were arrested on liquor charges and it was closed as a common nuisance.

COUNTY PRINTING AWARD ATTACKED BEFORE CO. COURT

Law Covering Bids Pointed Out

NEWS DEMANDS SHARE

In Counties of Over 10,000 Printing Must Go to Two Papers

Appearing before the county court yesterday, Judges Charles F. Stone, assisted by attorney Caleb Jones, asked for a reconsideration by the county governing body of the recent award of the county printing to the Herald Publishing company.

It was pointed out by the attorneys that the court was in error in the printing award since the Oregon statutes prescribe that in counties of over 10,000 population, it is mandatory that two newspapers with the greatest circulation must be given the printing. A further statute then prescribes what shall be a maximum price paid by the court for the official county work, and it is not a question of either, personal feelings, number of subscribers between the two, or competitive bid between the leading publications.

Attorney Jones pointed out that The News Publishing company was anxious to bring in a certified statement of their total paid circulation, but owing to that paper being limited to but a few hours to prepare their bid at the time of the recent award to the Herald Publishing company, it had been impossible to prepare this statement.

A case in Columbia county was pointed out to the court as a precedent, where the county court had first made a printing award to one paper, then in four days time on exactly similar grounds, saw fit to re-consider this award. This was not an identical case, however, it was explained, since Columbia county has less than 10,000 population, where Klamath has admittedly over 16,000. It was pointed out again to the court that the Oregon statutes are absolutely plain on the awarding of the printing in Klamath.

At the close of argument, Judge Bunnell said the matter would be taken under advisement until Saturday, when a decision on reconsidering would be made.

1 Day's Building Permits \$27,300

Permits aggregating \$27,300 were issued yesterday from the office of the city clerk, according to the building sheets in L. L. Gaghagen's office. The largest permit was issued to Jack Slater for a \$20,000 structure, 40x60 feet, made of concrete and stone, to be built on Seventh street, between Main and Klamath. The building will be two stories high. The first floor of the building will be for office purposes with five apartments filling the second story. The Concrete Pipe company has the contract for the building, and it is expected, with construction to start immediately, that the building will be complete in 90 days.

Other permits include a \$3,000 home to be built by Bob Oliver on Lakeview street; Archie Worrell, \$1800 house on Johnson street; D. C. Hagan, \$200 remodeling job on Eleventh street; J. N. Bramhall, \$300 warehouse on Spring street; James C. Smith, \$150 structure on Main; Jasper Bennett, \$200 addition on Cedar; J. O. Beardsley, \$700 repair to house damaged by fire on Ninth street; J. C. Richter, \$500 office building, Oak; Allen Sloan, \$100 garage, Payne; A. J. Beck, \$250 remodeling of building on Main street.

REGULAR KLAMATH TROUT

WASHINGTON—The government started off the fishing season, right Monday with a honest to goodness fish story. It verified the capture by Johnny Skimmerhorn, an Indian, of a 39-inch 41-pound trout in Pyramid lake, Nevada.

OWL CAFE SOLD TO NEWCOMER

Wm. Duvall of Los Angeles Pays \$11,000 for Popular House

Main street restaurant changed hands yesterday when William Duvall of Los Angeles purchased a three-year lease on the Owl Cafe from Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hammack for a consideration of \$11,000. Z. J. (Doc) Powell is owner of the building.

Duvall has been in Klamath Falls for the past week, and business conditions in the city looked especially promising.

It had been rumored about Main street for the past two days that the Owl Cafe would change hands, but no definite word could be obtained in connection with the deal.

The Owl cafe is located at 427 Main street, and the location is considered one of the best in the city. Mr. and Mrs. Hammack have enjoyed excellent success since taking over the Owl cafe last year, and have not yet announced their future plans.

PLANS TO SHOW COPCO MOVIES

H. G. Bromley Will Show Pictures of Local Interest Three Days Here

H. G. Bromley known to Medford folk as "Horace" and who handles the movies for the California Oregon Power company in Southern Oregon and Northern California will sojourn in the Klamath Basin for four days displaying his movie productions to all the populace men, women and children, free of charge, beginning Wednesday, April 14th and including Saturday, April 17th. Locations to be set later.

Mr. Bromley is a Thomas H. Ince star, D. W. Griffith when it comes to movies, and what he did not learn about the game himself, it is said, these two great men of the movie world taught him.

The itinerary arranged for Mr. Bromley takes him into many parts of, and with many groups in Klamath county, and he will show such pictures as "The Shrine on Parade in Ashland," "The Medford Salem High School Championship Football Game," "The Government Air Mail Service," and other pictures of the development of the Klamath Inland Empire and the territory adjacent thereto.

The itinerary includes The Klamath county chamber of Commerce, The Kiwanis Club, The Rotary Club, Klamath County High School, Henley School, Merrill School and the Main School.

Air Mail Pilots Forced to Land

PASCO, Wash., April 5.—(United News)—Alrmail plane No. 2, en route from Boise to Pasco Monday to take out the first air mail Tuesday, was forced to land about five miles from Pasco. Pilots George Buck and Joe Taft were in the plane and were slightly injured. Twice while crossing the mountains they were forced to land, but each time were able to make adjustments, take off and proceed.

The injuries are negligible, and the plane and pilots will be ready for the take off early Tuesday. Another plane is following and was expected here Monday evening.

Legion Members Asked to Attend

Members of the local post of the American Legion are asked to turn out for the funeral of Wilbur E. Frohock, ex-soldier, at 2:30 today.

The Legion is preparing to equip a rifle squad for funerals of all ex-service men. Equipment has not yet arrived for the squad.

MEXICO CALLS ITALIANS

MEXICO CITY, April 5.—(United News)—It is learned from semi-official sources that five thousand Italian immigrants and ten thousand Mexicans will colonize the Estacion Gusman in the state of Chihuahua, and become planters of cotton, corn and beans.

Two Italian agents are already inspecting the property.

RIVERSIDE PARK IS SOLD TO TWO RAILROAD LINES

Ordinance on Sale Passes Reading

TO PREPARE ABSTRACT

Park Board Decides to Divide Up Park Between Both Applicants

Closing the long drawn-out drama of the Riverside park sale to the two big contending railway systems, the Central Pacific and Northern lines, both striving for advantage in the development of the great Klamath section, last night the city council without further argument, passed the park sale ordinance to the second reading. The attorneys pointed out that the abstracts on the two parcels of land would be brought up to date and ready to turn over, as soon as the ordinance took final passage.

Klamath Falls witnessed a rich act in the drama of its railroad development yesterday in the city council chamber before the park board, where representatives of two railroads, the Oregon Trunk and the Central Pacific, played stellar roles in the purchase of the Riverside park property.

Makes Offer
Charles Hart, representing the Northern lines, made a formal offer to take over the entire city park property at a cost of \$62,635.

R. C. Groatbeck, representing the Central Pacific, countered with an amended bid, withdrawing a request for franchise privileges along Klamath avenue, to which there had been objections.

The park board accepted the amended bid of the Central Pacific, with one dissenting vote, and recommended to the city council that the sale be consummated with both railroads.

O. D. Mathews objected to the sale of the property to the Central Pacific. "I am in favor of selling the entire property to the Northern lines. We have been played with like a bunch of children by Robert E. Strahorn," Mathews said.

Questions Again
C. T. Darley, another member of the park board, questioned the wording of the Central Pacific's amended bid, but did not vote against the resolution. Darley thought the statement of the intention in the bid to let the request for a franchise drop for the present and take it up at some later date with the council, would tend to commit the city to the franchise.

This view did not meet with approval around the table. Groatbeck explained that it was merely an explanation of why the bid had been amended.

It is estimated by members of the park board that after all deductions are made, that they will have approximately \$38,000 left from the total of \$62,635 for the Riverside park property by the two railroads. The Oregon Trunk pays \$15,585 for 2,0175 acres, and the Central Pacific pays \$46,050 for
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