

REPORT OF DECEMBER WEATHER

Six Prisoners Escape From County Jail

Saw Iron Bars and Descend to Ground

Believed to Have Made Escape Early in Evening; Absence Discovered Near Midnight.

A jail break occurred early last evening, but which was not discovered until 12 o'clock last night, in which six prisoners made their escape by sawing the bars and dropping to the ground by tying blankets together.

The Escapes: Lee Gray, awaiting trial upon the charge of larceny.

Ed McClinden, charged with the issuance of bad checks.

Jack Saunders, awaiting trial upon the charge of larceny of a car.

J. F. Eckstrom, serving one year upon conviction of possession and transportation of illicit whiskey.

Red Henderson, charged with violation of the prohibition law.

Emilio Regnaco, charged with violation of the prohibition law.

It is believed that the men made their escape after being ordered to retire for the night and the lights had been extinguished, and in that event they had several hours to make their exit from Klamath Falls, or to go into hiding before their disappearance was discovered.

Sheriff Bert C. Hawkins was notified and immediately pressed into service every available deputy on his staff and a search of the city and surrounding country was instituted. A detailed description of each and every prisoner was telephoned to surrounding towns and cities. The police department was also notified and up until the time of this paper going to press not one of the prisoners had been captured.

It was learned at 2 o'clock this morning that part of the escaped prisoners left Klamath Falls in a car. Officers refused to divulge in which direction they departed, but it is hoped to effect the capture of the occupants.

Old Timer Thinks Bad Winter Sure To Follow Here

The weather and its possible changes for better or worse, constitutes a favorite topic of conversation around Klamath Falls these rainy days, and discussion wages particularly hot among the "old timers", one little group of whom expounded a startling bit of information on a local street corner yesterday.

This is the word from the elders who knew Klamath county before the surrounding hills and hummocks attained full growth:

The month of November this year started out the season of rain and snow much after the fashion of a corresponding month in 1889, when the fall rains began with a deluge and lasted for over four weeks. With the advent of colder weather in that former soggy month of November, the rain turned to snow.

In a comparatively short time, Old Man Boreas had piled up some four or five feet of snow throughout the southern Oregon basin, a condition that lasted until early spring, when precipitation was again measured in the form of rain and plenty of it.

CONSPIRACY ANGLE IN COURT PUZZLES FEDERAL JURIST

PORTLAND, Nov. 30.—(United News)—Can one man be defendant in a conspiracy case? Such was the unique situation that arose when Barney Perlman appeared in federal court to answer to liquor conspiracy charges.

Mexican Stabbed And Robbed of Large Sum Money

Found Near Sixth Street Viaduct in Serious Condition; Unable to Give Coherent Account of Assault.

J. Chbez, Mexican, is lying in the city jail this morning recovering from severe knife wounds inflicted by an unknown assailant, who stabbed and robbed him near the Sixth Street viaduct between six and seven o'clock last night.

Weakened by excessive loss of blood from five deep knife wounds, and in a state of semi-consciousness, Chbez was found lying in the mud near the scene of viaduct construction early last night by Joe Garela, who carried the injured man to Roy Call's garage at Sixth and Spring.

Here a car was obtained and the laborer was quickly conveyed to the Klamath Valley hospital, where he was found to be bleeding from two deep scalp wounds, one on either side of the head, two gashes in the left arm and a severe cut in the (Continued on Page Five)

Prisoners Leave For Portland On Morning Train

In Klamath Falls to make arrangements for the transportation of four federal prisoners to Portland, Deputy United States Marshal Davidson arrived here yesterday. Davidson accompanied Jim Hilton, deputy sheriff, who took G. E. Cramer to the state penitentiary to serve six months for assault.

Davidson will return to Portland with Mike Maras, Joe Cristich and Joe Holsa, who were bound over to the federal grand jury when they were charged with possession of intoxicating liquor, sale of intoxicating liquor, maintaining a nuisance and conspiracy to violate a federal statute. A fifth charge of selling liquor to an Indian was dismissed.

The three are of Austrian birth. Cy Hutchinson, flaming Indian, will also be taken to Portland by the marshal, bound over to the grand jury on the charge of sale, delivery and introduction of intoxicating liquor into the Klamath Indian reservation.

Hutchinson was arrested October 21 and has been languishing in jail since that time.

High Official of Southern Pacific Is Visitor Here

Another official of high rank in railroad circles visited Klamath Falls yesterday afternoon in the person of A. D. McDonald of New York City, vice-chairman of the executive committee of the Southern Pacific lines.

McDonald, who arrived here in a private car about three o'clock, is on an inspection trip over the Cascade line and was enroute for San Francisco. He was alone on the tour and did not get off his car while in Klamath Falls. The vice-chairman received no callers while in this city and word to newspaper representatives was that he had nothing for publication.

Other Southern Pacific officials here yesterday were J. W. Pitts-Gerald, superintendent of the Shasta division, and T. Abern, both of whom arrived here from the south.

Strangler Fiend is Active at Portland

Fourth Woman in Portland Found Dead and Country-Wide Search Instituted for Man.

PORTLAND, Nov. 30.—(United News)—Police of two Pacific northwest cities are centering attention on a hunt for a human fiend who selects middleaged women for his victims and strangles them to death and who is thought to have killed five women, four in Portland and one in Seattle.

Portland was the last place he struck, smothering the life of Mrs. Blanche Myers, 48, some time Monday afternoon. Her body was found early Tuesday morning under the bed in an upper chamber, with the nose and mouth tightly bound in a narrow strip of white cloth.

The most important clue left, according to police, are large blood-smeared fingerprints in various places in the gore spattered room. The only other direct evidence is the statement of Alexander Muir, owner of the house which Mrs. Myers rented. He had lunch with the woman and her son, Lawrence, 18, Monday noon and said that after the boy had left a man called to look at a room she had for rent. Upon returning, he told police: "I don't like his looks, but it is (Continued on Page Four)

Southern Oregon Realty Board is Fully Organized

Organization of a southern Oregon realty board to comprise real estate groups in Ashland, Medford, Grants Pass and Klamath Falls, was the keynote of the meeting of southern Oregon real estate dealers in Medford Monday, according to word brought back here yesterday by members of the local realty board who attended the convale.

At the meeting, held Monday afternoon and evening in the Medford hotel, resolutions for formation of the mother board were drawn up and adopted, it is stated. Other discussion binged on advertising, multiple listing and topics relative to the real estate business.

Attending from this city were the following members of the Klamath Realty board: Miss Clara Calkins, Mrs. E. B. Yaden, C. S. Montelius, E. O. Nord, Howard Barnhisel, W. F. Sears, and Leslie Wright. Richard Smith also accompanied the local delegation who met with real estate dealers from Medford, Grants Pass and Ashland.

Prominent speakers at the banquet which followed the afternoon meeting were President Barnhisel, Seattle, of the Northwest Real Estate association, and T. W. Zimmerman, secretary-treasurer of the association.

WOMAN IS ARRESTED ON LIQUOR CHARGE

Mrs. Nellie Melin, who conducts the Midway Pool Hall and billiard parlors on 2222 south Sixth street, had a pint too much liquor in her possession late Monday night when proli officers came to call at her establishment.

Nellie was arrested by C. L. Hickman and entered a plea of not guilty before Justice R. A. Emmitt yesterday. Her attorney is D. E. Fletcher. Mrs. Melin paid \$250 cash bonds when they were set by Justice Emmitt and walked out of the court room to appear December 10 when her trial will be held.

WEATHER CHANGE IN CALIFORNIA BRINGS ADDITIONAL RAINS

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 30.—(United News)—More regular rains that will benefit agriculture have been predicted for California by Professor E. A. Bala, former weather forecaster for California and now consulting meteorologist in Alameda, in a lecture here.

Library Building Will Be Accepted Formally Shortly

Contractors, Architect and Library Committee Will Meet Today to Pass on Matters Pertaining to Acceptance.

Formal acceptance of the new \$40,000 city library, which has recently been completed at the corner of Klamath avenue and Fifth street, will probably be made during the coming few days according to members of the library committee, who are anticipating the arrival this afternoon of the contractor, G. L. Hord, of Hord & Brooks, and the architect, Harold D. Marsh, both of Portland.

Hord and Marsh, in connection with C. N. Caspabum, resident architect, and members of the Women's Library club committee, will meet in the library today to pass on its acceptance of the building.

The building is by far the most attractive piece of architecture which now graces Klamath Falls, and lawn will soon add to the attractive presentation of the site.

Members of the committee were interested yesterday in purchasing chairs for the auditorium which plays, children's hour, and other features of the building will be enjoyed.

Members of the Women's Library club have offered to furnish the club room, and the Business and Professional Women are furnishing the rest room. The California Oregon Power company has given the women the electric stove for the kitchen at cost, and numerous other equipment for the building have been received to advantage.

Although the furniture for the (Continued on Page Five)

Portland Would Take Division Men From City

Removal of Shasta Division to Klamath Falls Would Cause 54 Trainmen to Vacate City and Lose Seniority Standing

Portland is again grasping for something that belongs to other communities, according to railroad men, who make their homes in Klamath Falls, and who by dint of long years of perseverance have become owners of homes.

The injunction sued out of the federal court in San Francisco several days ago by W. I. Gunlock and N. R. Graham, local employees of the Southern Pacific, restraining that corporation from changing the division point of the Shasta Division from Crescent Lake to Klamath Falls, will come up for hearing before Judge Van Fleet on Friday of this week, when efforts will be made to have the court declare the injunction permanent.

In order to prepare for the trial to be held in San Francisco, C. R. D. Jones, chairman for the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, residing at Dunsmuir, paid a visit to Klamath Falls yesterday and went into the situation thoroughly with local trainmen who are members of the Four Brotherhoods, Engineers, Firemen, Conductors and Brakemen. This is not a fight against the Southern Pacific company, but it is directed against the Brotherhood members who work out of Portland, according to Jones. It is a question touching upon seniority and should the order stand wherein (Continued from Page Five)

American Steamer West Ivis to Rescue

Ship Sailed from Havana November 17; Lives of Passengers Believed to be Endangered.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—(United News)—An SOS call tonight from the Holland-American steamer Maasdam, enroute from Cuban ports and New Orleans to Europe, saying she was afire, caused the American steamer West Ivis to rush to her assistance.

The Maasdam is off the coast of Portugal and its several score of passengers, consisting mostly of Spanish emigrants returning to their home country, and a good sized cargo, were believed to be endangered when the first call went out.

The ship sailed from Havana November 17 and stopped for passengers at New Orleans. It was due in Vigo, Spain, today.

First reports of the S O S call were received at Lloyds Agency here and were followed by a response from the West Ivis. When the British steamer Dalegarth offered assistance the Maasdam radioed back: "Thanks, have enough assistance."

The Maasdam's location is 42.4 north latitude, 14.38 west longitude.

Beloved Woman of Klamath Falls Is Dead in Bay City

Scores of friends, who were shocked at the death of Mrs. Bert Hall, for 25 years a resident of Klamath Falls, will be grieved to learn they cannot pay their final tribute to the gracious woman, who died in San Francisco early yesterday morning at St. Francis hospital.

Word was received last night from Mr. Hall by Mrs. Lottie Martin stating that private funeral services would be held at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon in the White Parlor, Sutter street, in San Francisco. Interment will be in San Francisco, also.

Mrs. Hall's sudden death was one of the most severe shocks that has come to Klamath Falls residents, who knew her during her long residence in the city.

During the summer of last year, Mrs. Hall suffered from sinus infection of the nerves and it was the same illness which her friends and husband thought troubled her before she left for San Francisco on Sunday, November 21.

Diagnosis of her case proven a mustard at the base of her brain and it was from this delicate operation that she sank into unconsciousness, from which she never rallied.

The many friends send their tokens of flowers to Mrs. Hall's bier in lasting respect. Mrs. Hall was a native of San Francisco and burial will probably be in the family plot.

ADMINISTRATOR'S ACCOUNT PROTESTED IN COUNTY COURT

Objections to the final account of the administrator, J. W. Siemens, of the O. G. Labree estate, were heard before County Judge R. H. Bunnell yesterday afternoon.

SILK SHIPMENTS IN RAW FROM ORIENT INCREASE HEAVILY

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 30.—(United News)—New silk is being received here from the Orient in record quantities. It was announced today that \$12,167,000 worth of the commodity was imported through this port during the month of October.

The N. Y. K. steamers brought all of the raw silk received here. The record shipment was on the Korea Maru, whose cargo was worth \$6,000,000. Five ships of the line combined for the total importation.

Improve Highways Is Edict Sent To State Commission

Chamber of Commerce Goes on Record and Sends Message Requesting Oiling of Highways Without Delay.

Klamath's roads and highways must be saved and to this end the Klamath county chamber of commerce, through the board of directors at luncheon yesterday, sent the following telegram to the state highway commission seeking aid for this section of Oregon, signed by President A. M. Collier:

"On account of heavy storms and other unexpected events, it is impossible for us to have representatives at the meeting today. Our roads and highways committee forwarded recommendations some weeks ago to the highway engineer and we trust you will give the engineer's report today, serious consideration. Roads that are not oiled in Klamath county are going to pieces very rapidly. It will be distinctly a program of economy to all graded roads here. The Bureau of (Continued on Page Five)

Southern Pacific Finishes Repairs Black Butte Line

Closed to traffic for several days because excessive wet weather resulted in the settling of track across 14 fills, the new Southern Pacific line between Grass Lake and Black Butte was again thrown open to trains Monday, according to word received here yesterday.

As the old line extending from Grass Lake to Weed has not been torn up, no delay in train service grew out of the temporary tie-up of the new line, completed late last summer. All freight and passenger trains were routed over the old line while the settled track was being repaired by gangs of laborers comprising several hundred men who worked almost continuously.

Some track settling was expected along this portion of the new main line of the Southern Pacific as fills are numerous, it is said. Some slight trouble of this nature has been reported from points along the Cascade line, but not sufficiently serious as to impede traffic. There have been no snow slides or washouts at all, according to reports here.

Town of Ivan to Have Post Office in Near Future

The little town of Ivan, Oregon, south of this city, is soon to be the seat of a United States post office, according to a statement yesterday from John McCall, local postmaster.

A. J. Hanan, construction superintendent on the logging railway now being built by the Oshkosh Lumber company near Ivan, has been appointed postmaster for the new office.

The Ivan office will take care of former patrons of the Worden post office, to be discontinued, McCall stated. As Ivan is little over a mile from Worden, the change in location of the office is expected to inconvenience former Worden patrons but very little.

The Ivan office will be opened in the very near future.

Fr. Ricard Predicts Unsettled Condition

County November Rainfall Heaviest of Any Month in 20 Years; Whole State Benefited

SANTA CLARA, Cal., Nov. 30.—(United News)—December on the Pacific coast will be more often fair than wet, according to the "sun spot" forecast of Father Jerome Ricard, of the University of Santa Clara.

Rains are foreseen, December 5, 6, 9 to 12, 15, 16, 19, 23 and 24. Christmas will be fair, prophesies Ricard.

A more detailed forecast follows: December 1, 2, 3, 4—generally fair over coast.

December 5—arrival over Vancouver Island of a disturbance which bids fair to affect the whole coast, yielding generous rains in all sections.

December 7—clearing.

December 8, 9—cloudy and rainy between Alaska and Portland, fair in other sections.

December 10, 11, 12—Rains as far south as San Diego.

December 14—Generally fair.

December 15, 16—Fine rains from Prince Rupert to Paso de Guerrero.

December 17, 18—Generally fair.

December 19—Rains in northern sections.

December 20—Generally fair.

December 21—Cloudy over north coast.

December 22—Rain over Portland northward; fair other sections.

December 23—Rain from British Columbia to San Diego.

December 24—Clearing showers.

December 25, 26, 27, 28—Generally fair.

December 29—Rain in north.

December 30, 31—Generally fair.

A boon to farmers is the announcement that Klamath Falls has just passed through the heaviest month of rainfall in over 20 years, according to an announcement made last night by Herbert D. Nowell, of the U. S. R. S. in Klamath county.

Rainfall for the 24-hour period of 4:30 o'clock Monday afternoon, (Continued on Page Four)

Alarm System of Fire Department Most Disturbing

Changing of gongs whose terrific din in the city hall gave word of fire alarms coming in simultaneously from almost every part of the city, brought local firemen quickly to their places on the track shortly before one o'clock yesterday morning, only to find that the severe rain storm of the previous night was responsible for the alarms.

After considerable effort, firemen were able to quiet the gongs, but it took them until late yesterday afternoon to get the alarm system adjusted and in proper working order again. Trouble, while not specifically located, is believed to have been caused by wet limbs of trees near the fire alarm lines, dropping on the wires, causing shorts at various points along the system, which is independent of all other city wiring.

As new shorts developed and old ones were eradicated, the gongs at the fire station rang out at different times during the day. At a late hour yesterday, however, firemen believed they had the situation entirely controlled.

A sagging telephone pole at the corner of Main and Riverside, loosened by the rains, permitted one wire to touch the ground, burning out several fuses on the alarm switchboard at the fire station. This and other discovered false alarm causes were quickly repaired. The situation would be extremely serious if not immediately remedied, it is pointed out, as a defective system might allow a city fire to get beyond control before the firemen could be warned of it.

WEATHER FORECAST

OREGON: Unsettled; fresh and strong southerly winds.