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A PROTEST

The reprint on this page about Portland preachers has no reflection on anyone local, providing, of course, they steer clear of any such notions. The News is not asking everyone to agree with its opinions, but by the last flickering glare of December candles we will fight any and every attempt to take the modern Christmas from the calendar. Even to we grown-ups it comes as a benediction of happy memories, and to children it must continue one of the glowing miracles of life, and the day in all the year devoted purely to joy.

THE NORTHERN LINES

The really big item of news yesterday was the presence in town of Great Northern railway officials. It shows interest. It tells a story. All the hocus-pocus of all interstate commerce commissions cannot smother the fact that the Northern lines are coming. Its large meaning to Klamath is in the expanding future. This section is headed for Empire achievement. Happy is the man who can visualize the next five years.

The Northern lines mean the Weyerhaeusers, too. Their golden wealth of timber must be harvested, and that right soon. Was ever any city so abundantly favored with natural resources?

PERSONAL RESPECT

The News has lined itself definitely against any further water or power concessions locally, and decidedly in favor of water and power users. The precise reason is that corporate methods have been carried too far. The assumption of control has overreached itself. Bylesby executives back East think to press the button and see everyone jump out here. And for some reason we fail to appreciate any semblance of dictation for Klamath from any man of any calibre in Chicago.

But this need not mean and does not mean any presumed discourtesy to local officials. For General Manager Crawford and Local Manager Boyle we have every personal respect. They are men of the Western breed, well trained, well-balanced, and capable of adjusting every difference if given half a chance. But when the corporations gorge themselves on other corporations, and interests get so big as to be almost indefinable, individual judgment has less weight and the business of operating a local power concern is nothing but a routine performance.

SECOND TO NONE

In the rush of Christmas advertising we want business men should know how completely and thoroughly we give circulation and results, both in town and in the country. It is very easy and simple to act on impressions, but facts are facts, and whenever anyone is ready we are prepared for any kind of a show-down. The News is winning on its merits, making good on its performance and getting business on the basis of deserving it. We are willing to allow sentiment in Christmas shopping, but not when it comes to placing advertising. Results are what count. Results are what we guarantee.

GROWING PAINS

The urgent need of more funds to make the city government reasonably efficient is our immediate problem. Mr. Smith outlined this at the forum luncheon yesterday, and to some extent the recommendations seem right. But why \$6900 for a new water truck? In what way does that urgency begin to compare with an isolation hospital and other essentials of primary importance?

We must expect some handicap for a while, and to show how happily these can be met read this experience from Canada's northland:

The queerest baseball game I ever saw in my life was upon the top of a Quebec hill last August, upon a diamond fringed with the slashings of the bush which had been cut from it only three days before. The pitcher's box was framed by three birch stumps, the roots of which were too deeply embedded to permit removal; the outfield was a collection of shallow muskeg, dead-fall and what not, which allowed a home run no matter where the ball was placed, and the bases were stones which happened to jut above the surface of the ground at distances approximately far enough apart to serve as stopping points.

A burlesque of a ball field it was, but the game itself was anything but that. A team from the Waite Montgomery mine had journeyed twenty miles by canoe to play the towners, and the town itself had stopped until that ball game could be finished. When it was ended the citizens did not hurry back to work. Instead, men, women, children, members of the ball team, rum runners, the preacher, the town police and the mayor labored until the night closed in upon them that they might move that slash a little farther back from the base lines, hook a rope to a few stumps and pull them out, fill sacks with sand so that there might be better bases for the next game.

Some parts of Klamath county are not so far behind this same spirit of team-work, but here in town we are beginning to get finicky. Fire and police and health protection come first. The other things will follow in due course.

POOR JUDGMENT

(From the Salem Journal)
Last week the Portland Ministerial association adopted resolutions condemning the "commercialization" of the Christmas celebration, declaring:
We call upon all Christian people to disregard the insistent call of commercial interests to give presents to every one in the family and friendly circle and to observe the day in the spirit of reverent worship.
In other words, the preachers evidently want us to wear long, solemn faces, and to take the joy out of life for the kiddies, imitating the example of our Puritan ancestors, who forbade the joyous observance of Christmas as a pagan celebration.

If we quit the kindly presentation of gifts, as the preachers desire, and cut out the old observances, what will be left of Christmas? Of course Christmas is commercialized. Everything is in this commercial age, including many of the churches. But the giving of presents to symbolize our love and good-will for fellow men is commercialization in a good cause. Let us hope the congregations of the Portland pastors take them at their word and avoid offense by cutting out all Christmas gifts to them, but the rest of us prefer to continue to interpret the spirit of Christmas, as Dickens describes in "A Christmas Carol":
I have always thought of Christmas time, when it has come around

as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time; the only time I know of, in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem, by one consent, to open their shut-up hearts freely, and to think of people below them as if they were really fellow-passengers to the grave and not another race of creatures bound on other journeys. And therefore, uncle, though it has never put a scrap of gold or silver in my pocket, I believe that it has done me good; and I say—God bless it.

GREAT CHRISTMAS TREE WILL STAND

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tributed by a real live Santa Claus at the Christmas tree celebration Christmas eve.

"It is our aim to show the kiddies a real good time, and we are going to go just as far as our funds will permit," declared G. W. Branson, business representative for the council and chairman of the tree committee. "In addition to providing fun for the children at the tree, we hope to have ample funds for the distribution of quite a little holiday cheer to needy families."

The fund is to be subscribed to by unions affiliated with the Klamath Falls Building Trades council, and those men who will carry on the work of the Christmas treat, are as follows: G. W. Branson, chairman; R. T. Black of the Painters' union; R. W. Waites of the Plumbers and Steam fitters; H. H. Canter of the Electrical Workers; L. Anderson of the Sheet Metal Workers; Martin of the Plasterers; Demelie of the Lathers union; and W. E. Evans of the Hod Carriers and Building Laborers.

COUNTY COURT FIXES TAX LEVY

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amount of money to be levied in that district.

From the City of Bonanza, comes a similar finding of \$898.88 and an order issued by the county court to levy sufficient taxes in that community.

The City of Malin seeks \$530 to conduct their city business, and the City of Chiloquin, \$1,700.

The Klamath county school district, (unit plan), appearing from certificates of the clerk of the district board, finds it necessary to raise \$89,201.36. Similar instructions appeared in the report from the county court to the county clerk, to levy sufficient taxes in that community to raise \$89,201.36.

Union high school district, No. 1, seeks \$3,200.

- School district No. 1, \$127,000.
- School district No. 2, \$36,000.
- School district No. 7, \$1,985.
- School district No. 8, \$1,410.
- School district No. 28, \$2,200.
- School district No. 36, \$1,441.40.
- School district No. 52, \$20,290.
- School district No. 12, \$4,326.60

COAST AIR ROUTE THROUGH KLAMATH

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mail between Los Angeles and Seattle. At that time it was reported that Glover would recommend Klamath Falls to Gorst as an air mail base at least in winter, because of better flying conditions. Gorst acceded to this and further stated that he can secure a greater volume of business out of Klamath Falls than from present Pacific coast bases.

Glover is enroute to Cheyenne, and from there will leave for his Washington headquarters. Sacramento is working hard to have that city made a part of the coastal air mail system.

Receiver is Named For City Railway

CHICAGO, Dec. 15. (U.N.)—The Chicago Railways, controlling most of the surface railways in Chicago, went into receivership today by order of Federal Judge Wilkerson.

On the petition of the Westinghouse Electric company, which claimed the surface lines owed it \$67,975, Judge Wilkerson appointed Henry A. Blair, John J. Mitchell and Frederick H. Rawson as receivers for the railway company.

Outstanding securities against the Chicago Railways total more than \$100,000,000.

Although the Westinghouse unit was the apparent cause for the receivership the determining factor was the fact that \$103,000,000 in bonds mature February 1.

"Bondholders are amply protected," Kirkland said, "because the value of the physical property is about \$95,000,000. The replacement value of the property is much greater."

Besides the outstanding bonds, there are outstanding \$100,000 in stock, and somewhat more than \$200,000 in stock certificates.

Small Cities Lose Public Buildings

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15. (U.N.)—Small cities will receive little benefit from the public buildings program authorized at the last session of congress.

Secretary of the Treasury Mellon told the house buildings committee today that under the \$150,000,000 fund not more than 200 cities would receive consideration.

Representative Woodrum, democrat, Virginia, brought out that six large cities, New York, Chicago, St. Louis, San Francisco, Philadelphia and Louisville, would absorb \$45,000,000 of the \$100,000,000 to be used for construction and improvement in those states.

L. A. Grand Jury Indicts Ormiston

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 15. (U.N.)—Kenneth G. Ormiston, central figure in the McPherson case, was indicted by the Los Angeles county grand jury today on one count of conspiracy to defeat justice.

Ben Cohn, chief of the district attorney's investigators will leave at once for Sacramento to secure governor Richardson's signature to extradition papers. Cohn will then proceed to Chicago to begin the legal battle to bring the radio man back to Los Angeles.

UNDERWORLD WAS FULL MURDER TALK

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said he had a big job on. He told me he was going to leave town."

Betzler said that when he met the defendant accidentally on the Sunday before the murder, McDermott immediately boasted of affiliations with the "high mucky-muck."

Not to be outdone, Betzler admitted later, he told McDermott that he (Betzler) was also "some pumpkins."

The crime Betzler was convicted of was stealing a handbag.

The testimony of Betzler dovetailed with that given by Steve Kaschok, an important state witness who swore that McDermott persuaded him to "help slug an editor," and took him to view the Mellett home a few days before the murder.

Friends of patients and the general public are welcomed at Klamath Valley Hospital, where the comfort of the sick is the first consideration.

GREAT NORTHERN BUYS MORE LAND

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ath Falls, have progressed farther toward a final agreement than has been publicly announced following the eastern conclaves, last of which was held in Chicago December 10, and yesterday in New York.

Ralph Budd, president of the Great Northern, and William Sproule, head of the Southern Pacific, are now reported to be in New York City. That the rail executives are putting final touches to a plan for the proposed extension, is the general belief.

Value of property holdings of the Great Northern in this city, is now approaching the half million dollar mark and in addition to right of ways includes a terminal site on the west side of Lake Ewauna.

JUSTICE EMMITT BUSY ON DOCKET

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driven the car that struck Bobby O'Day, 8-year-old son of John O'Day, sending him to the Klamath Valley hospital with a fractured skull.

MEDFORD HIT AND RUN DRIVER SOUGHT HERE

Klamath officers have been asked to make all investigations possible in apprehending the Medford hit-and-run driver, who, Sunday morning, ran over the five-year-old son of Tom Swem, Medford art shop owner and collector. The child died from injuries received, Monday morning.

Only one woman was eye witness to the tragedy as the Swem child ran out from the Sunday school rooms in a Medford church shortly after 11 o'clock Sunday morning. The woman, whose name was not learned by Klamath officers, could only make but one identification, that the man was driving a Studebaker sedan.

CARD OF THANKS

We will always hold in grateful remembrance the many acts of kindness shown us during our recent bereavement, the illness and passing of our darling son, John Francis. We are especially thankful for the many expressions of sympathy tendered us, both verbal and floral, particularly to the employees at Bramhill.

MR. AND MRS. H. R. CRANE

GIVE

ELECTRICAL appliances

An Electrical Appliance Gift is one that serves for years, making easy the work of some one. That's why they are such greatly appreciated gifts.

At this store you will find an appliance to lighten every household duty. And you will find the prices reasonable.

Percolators Gasoline Irons
Urn Sets Lamps
Electric Irons Lanterns

CARVING SETS IN THE NEWEST STYLES

Boys and Girls Visit Our TOY DEPARTMENT

Klamath Hardware Co.
"RELIABLE"
530 Main St. Phone 116

Have your lunch in the Shopping district

When Shopping in Town for Christmas
Take lunch here and save time and energy. We serve a splendid merchants' lunch at reasonable prices. Families will find our pleasant booths a joy at noon time and our service beyond reproach.

If you are looking for individual Christmas Stationery you need look no further than

THE MARS CONFECTIONERY AND LUNCH ROOM
1036 Main St. Phone 1060

Christmas Ideas for the Great Outdoors

WARM CLOTHING

The warmest, wooliest and most comfortable socks are to be had here.
Heavy shoes for the winter days; boots (rubber and leather); duck trousers; warm coats for hunting and outdoor wear.

Men's Underwear

Zero weather calls for heavy woolen underwear for comfort and health.

To go with the underwear we have the finest logger shirts, mackinaws, blazers and sweaters.

Caps may be had in a number of styles.

Gloves for hunting and driving are wonderful gifts for a man.

Is there some sport he is particularly interested in?
Then we have the equipment he will like.
If it is hunting, get "him" a gun, shells; or gun case.
For the fisherman, a rod, tackle, reel or creel.
Consider the golfer, and give golf clubs or a bag.
Football, punching bags, basketballs, boxing gloves or skates for the athletic boy or girl.

For Sport

GUN STORE
"BARNEY" CHAMBERS, Proprietor