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OIL PRODUCERS RESENT ACTION

Optimism Prevails With All Residents

Future of City and County is Pleasing in Aspect, Say People Who See Prosperity.

Interviews with various business men, ministers, heads of organizations and representative men of Klamath county industries, have shown a gratifying spirit of optimism in the entire community and for the coming year of 1927 there is nothing but peace and prosperity for this chosen spot of southern Oregon.

A few of these opinions, as expressed by prominent Klamath Falls men, portray the sentiment that Klamath has shown in its development during the past five years:

KLAMATH A BETTER CITY  
Tom Watters, Mayor-elect—"The disbursement of funds derived from the recently authorized tax levy, during 1927 will be one of the fine things that the new year holds for this city because it will mean a great deal of much-needed civic improvement. Principal constructive measures to be realized will be improvements in the street, police and fire departments, all of which will tend to make Klamath Falls a cleaner and better city all around."

UNLIMITED DEVELOPMENT  
Keith K. Ambrose, Fire chief—"Along with the civic betterment promised this city in 1927, will undoubtedly come the advent of additional railroads into this territory, a move which will probably do more for the development of this city than any other factor. On a recent trip to Portland and Seattle I had occasion to meet and talk personally with several leading officials of the Great Northern, and the trend of their conversation without exception indicated that the entrance of the (Continued on Page Six)

Students Depart Here on Saturday

While the heavy holiday railroad traffic is over for this season, indications by the volume of reservations made for New Year's day at the local depot, are that the first day of the new year will see many local residents traveling.

This is according to R. G. Stein, ticket agent for the Southern Pacific, who yesterday stated that virtually all space on the south-bound train Saturday, has been reserved.

An extra pullman coach each way out of Klamath Falls, will be provided Sunday, Stein stated, to accommodate the crowds of students from this section who will be returning to colleges and universities in various parts of the west, following the holidays.

Bond Jumping Was Popular Yesterday

William Wilson and H. R. Traversy, who were arrested October 22 on the charge of possession of intoxicating liquor, and Tuesday were found guilty on the charge by a jury in the court of Justice R. A. Emmitt, were yesterday fined \$250 and costs.

Wilson was not present, however, to hear the verdict, and his cash bond of \$250 which he had posted previously, was forfeited. At a late hour yesterday afternoon Traversy was unable to provide the \$250.

Another bond was "skipped" yesterday when J. W. Moorman, charged last month with possession of liquor, failed to appear for trial and his \$100 bond went into the county treasury. Moorman was called to Oklahoma by the illness of a relative, but returned to the city and left once more before the trial.

ADJUSTMENT SCALE IS CREDITED BEING MADE BACK IN 1848

COVALLIS, Dec. 30, (U.N.)—The latest addition to the Oregon Agricultural college chemistry department is a large adjustment balance, made in Boston in 1848. The instrument was shipped around Cape Horn and used in Portland for a number of years to weigh gold and bullion brought in by prospectors of the old Oregon country.

The balance weighs more than 700 pounds and is very sensitive, being able to record weights to one-thousandth of an ounce.

Mexican Bandits Hold U. S. Miners Demand Ransom

Desperadoes Pose as Revolutionists and Carried Men Away; Appeal to Embassy and Foreign Office Made.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 30, (U.N.)—Capture of two American miners by Mexican bandits posing as revolutionists caused an urgent request from the United States embassy for foreign office aid in effecting a rescue. The men are J. W. Wiley and E. B. Connor, both employees of the British owned San Francisco mine. They have been held since December 28 since their capture near Paral, state of Chihuahua.

The bandits demand ransom for their release.

Balsigers Give Big Duck Dinner

The employees of the Balsiger Motor company were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Balsiger at a duck dinner in the chamber of commerce last night which was followed by entertainment from the men and women who sat about the festive board.

New Year's resolutions were recited by each guest present and following the promises to be good for at least another day, a quartet composed of Lee Parker, Clarence Snodgrass, Frank Snyder and Phil Brixner, rendered a few harmonious notes. A group as closely connected in spirit and unity, as was represented last night, is a rarity in this busy work-a-day world, but the fellowship exhibited at the dinner was worthy of comment.

The following were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Balsiger: Miss Georgianna Cliff, Leroy Cool, Wanda L. Rudisill, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell A. Clark, Blanche Jensen, D. R. Jensen, Verna Albert, Bert Albert, Mae Edwards, Joe Edwards, Madeleine Wiman, Arnold Wiman, Olive Dark, Henry Dark, Maude Reed, Roy Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Carroz, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Van Buskirk, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Bentley, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Snodgrass, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Brixner, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Parker, A. V. Moore, Stuart Balsiger, Forrest Miller, Eddie Van Sickle, K. M. Winetroun, Mark Knoll and T. A. Hendricks.

American Airmen Now at Vera Cruz

VERA CRUZ, Mex., Dec. 30, (U.N.)—American army airmen manning the five planes on a trip of goodwill to Central and South America were tuning up their machines Thursday for the 140 mile trip to Minatitlan which probably will be made Friday.

The four planes which failed to make the jump from Tampico to Vera Cruz arrived here at 2:40 p. m. The San Francisco had arrived previously.

Minatitlan is 140 miles southeast of Vera Cruz. All the fliers are in good health.

Dr. Massey Made New Scoutmaster

Announcement was made yesterday of the appointment of Dr. G. A. Massey as scoutmaster of Troop No. 1 here, one of the oldest and strongest boy scout troops in the city.

First meeting of the group under their new leader will be held Friday evening at the First Christian church, where the scouts will give an interesting program prepared by themselves.

Economic Meeting Promises Expansion

Plans Will be Laid to Further Agriculture in Klamath County and Bring in Investors.

The biggest factor that has ever entered into the development of Klamath county will become a reality February 9 and 10, 1927, when a two-day agricultural economic conference will be held in this city for the purpose of outlining a program for future expansion and perfection of farming.

This is according to an announcement from C. A. Henderson, county agent, yesterday, following the selection of a central committee, which is to direct the gigantic work of the conference.

The conference will be a sort of pooling of the best knowledge based on experience of farmers, business men, the Oregon Agricultural college and the federal department of agriculture, Henderson stated. A great mass of committee work faces those who are identified with the economic conference, and this is now being organized that the many workers can have ample time to complete their instructive and invaluable data by February 9.

The conference will be featured by the carefully revised reports of the eight committees working on (Continued on Page Four)

Freight Business S. P. is Enormous

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30, (U.N.)—The Southern Pacific company has announced that the greatest volume of freight ever offered for shipment in any one year was loaded on its lines during 1926 without development of any car shortage.

Figures compiled for the first 11 months of this year show that 1,277,736 freight cars were loaded, representing a gain of 3.5 per cent over loadings in a like period of 1925, the announcement stated.

Thirsty Gulped As Drys Worked

The fish and fowl that frequent the waters of lower Link river and Ewauna lake were given an excellent opportunity to start the new year off right (or wrong) yesterday afternoon when the prohibition department here dumped over 200 gallons of illicit whiskies, wines and beers into the drain in the basement of the courthouse.

The liquor, captured in raids throughout the county during the past four months, was all brands, colors and possessed of all odors which throughout the afternoon wafted all the fragrance of a neglected brewery into offices on the upper floors of the courthouse.

Yesterday's liquor dumping was the first that has taken place at the courthouse since late in August when the prohibition agents destroyed about 450 gallons of the confiscated potatoes.

District Deputy Visits Elks Lodge

The Elks Home last night was the mecca for a good representation of the local membership who gathered to hear Lewis Ulrich, deputy district Grand Exalted Ruler for southern Oregon, deliver an inspiring message from the Grand Exalted Ruler in Philadelphia, from where Ulrich has recently returned.

Addressing the Elks on topics of interest and importance to the order, Ulrich also spoke of the impending visit to Portland January 17, of the Grand Exalted Ruler, for a state meeting of the lodge.

A banquet following the initiation of candidates into the order, last night, presided over by Exalted Ruler Olds of the local lodge.

CHIEF YOULACHE IS LEARNING DIVORCE BUSINESS IN L. A.

CULVER CITY, Calif., Dec. 30, (U.N.)—From presiding at war councils to sitting as referee in divorce actions is a far cry but Chief Youlache of the Kookma tribe of Indians quartered here has announced the impending metamorphosis.

After spending a day on the bench with Judge Summerfield in Los Angeles, the chief explained the shortcomings in his tribe's present divorce customs. Judge Summerfield is a veteran of the divorce courts.

"An Indian now, when he wants a divorce, just leaves his squaw, who must make the best of it," said Chief Youlache.

Drys and Wets in Readiness for Big Fight Next Year

Neither Side Willing to Ask For Quarter and Wets Prepared to Proceed Vigorously; Drys Also Determined.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30, (U.N.)—Prohibition faces the New Year with both the Anti-saloon league and the National Association Against the Prohibition Amendment squaring away for a feroceous and claw battle which should mark 1927 in red figures as moments to the reform movement.

Neither side is willing to ask for quarter. Both are going in with sleeves up and fists flying. Wayne B. Wheeler, generalissimo of the Anti-saloon league, declared that the league was prepared to fight tooth and nail for the continuance of prohibition.

His is one side of the verbal assault which seems to converge on Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, spurred on to bitter intensity by the recent deaths due to poisoned liquor.

Mellon's announcement that the government plans to remove all poison from industrial alcohol brought caustic comment from Wheeler and praise from Captain W. H. Stayton, chairman of the anti-prohibition association.

"There will be no marked changes in sentiment toward modification of the dry laws during the coming year. We are prepared to resist the onslaught of the opposition," Wheeler stated.

"The definite movement away from fanatical restrictive legislation, especially in the field of prohibition enforcement, will witness decided acceleration in the coming year," Stayton declared.

Streets Receive New Year's Bath

First steps toward cleaning main thoroughfares in the business district here were taken yesterday under the direction of Street Commissioner John Uerring, when that official called out street sprinklers and men and tackled the big task.

Before the onslaught of water and brooms, many of the downtown streets had been well washed by yesterday evening, and it was expected that the job will be finished up in time to welcome the new year with a full set of shining pavements, hidden for several weeks under a sloppy coat of mud and slush.

East Side Civic Club is Active

The East Side Civic club is already planning on a campaign for the new year, and as a forerunner to future activities a meeting was held Wednesday night which was largely attended.

The members of the club decided that a social would be held on Saturday evening, January 8 and an invitation has been extended to Mayor-Elect Thomas B. Watters and the incoming members of the city council.

The affair is to be a "get acquainted" social and refreshments are to be served. It is hoped to convince the incoming officials with the needs of the East Side district.

At the meeting held Wednesday night numerous civic problems were discussed and an outline of activity was worked out which will keep the members busy during the coming month.

The club plans to put on a membership drive as it is desired to enroll every owner of a home in the district.

Establish Military Zones in Nicaragua

Senatorial Criticism is Sharp Over Landing Naval Forces of U. S. on Nicaragua Soil.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30, (U.N.)—After issuing denials for several days the state department officially admitted late today that an American naval censorship had established zones in Nicaragua, but said that it had now been lifted.

However, so far as the Postal Telegraph company had been advised the censorship was still in effect. Its last word was a message received yesterday from the Tropical Radio company, which said: "Tropical Radio advises that under United States censorship it can not accept messages in code from Brazman's Bluff (Puerto Cabezas) Radio in Spanish, subject to censor's decision."

Senatorial criticism of the American occupation continued. One member who had been in close touch with developments predicted that the naval forces would be withdrawn soon after congress comes back.

As late as 3 p. m. today the state department again denied there had been any censorship by Rear Admiral Latimer in charge of the navy. (Continued on Page Four)

Avoid Trouble and Get License Early

The old story of "didn't get my license plates because the secretary of state was slow," will not go this year according to Walter Foster, state traffic officer who is putting in a few good hours every day warning Klamath motorists to obtain their automobile licenses for 1927 immediately.

According to Foster, Sam Koser the secretary of state, has compiled a system whereby efficiency is the keynote and licenses can be issued as fast as the applications are received.

Dynamite Found on Furnace in Hotel

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 30, (U.N.)—Belief that a can of nitroglycerine and a dozen sticks of dynamite were left on top of a furnace in the Winslow hotel by safe crackers was expressed by police here Thursday, following the discovery of the explosives by a night clerk at the hotel.

The hotel, which houses Jack Dempsey's gymnasium, is located in the heart of the downtown district, and only the timely discovery of the dynamite prevented a terrific explosion which would have cost a score of lives and wrecked other buildings in the vicinity, police believe.

The discovery was made early Thursday by John Newman, night clerk, shortly after he had started a fire in the furnace for the first time this winter.

Log Shipments to Weed Will Begin

A heavy movement of southern Oregon logs to northern California mills is scheduled for early next week when Robert Grimmitt, Ivan Lumberman, will ship about 100 carloads of big timber from his yard at Ivan.

This is according to word brought here yesterday by Grimmitt, who was in the city to arrange for cars to take care of the log movement. The logs are to be shipped to Weed for manufacture, and are said to represent nearly a million feet of lumber.

Grimmitt suspended logging operations near Ivan, several weeks ago, due to inclement weather, and will not resume activities until early next spring, it was stated.

YOSEMITE NAT'L IS POPULAR PLACE FOR TOURISTS IN WINTER

YOSEMITE, Calif., Dec. 30, (U.N.)—More than 10 times as many tourists are visiting Yosemite national park this winter than last, according to park officials.

In the first two months of the winter season the park had 8793 visitors and there were only 740 visitors in the same period last year.

Park officials say the new year-around highway is responsible for the increase.

State Expenses to be Over Two Million Dollars

Cost of Managing Affairs of Oregon for Coming Year Aggregates \$2,160,737.62; Within Six Per Cent Limit.

SALEM, Dec. 30, (U.N.)—A state tax of \$2,160,737.62 to cover state expenses for 1927 and coming within the six per cent limit was levied by the state tax commission here today.

The amount, which is \$122,306.59 in excess of the levy for 1926, is still short \$323,837.59 of the actual needs of the state, as shown by the budget, not including new appropriations that might be authorized by the next legislature.

It represents the maximum amount which the tax commission can levy under the constitutional six per cent limitation.

Mail Clerks Will Get Two-Day Rest

With the rush of Christmas mailing over and late cards and parcels virtually all cleaned up at the local post office, clerks and carriers are ready for the two-day vacation that awaits them tomorrow and Sunday.

But for Postmaster John A. McCall and his assistant, R. L. Griffith, there remains a quarterly report of voluminous proportions which must be compiled during the brief lull at the post office. As this report covers the heavy December business as well as that for November and October, the officials are facing a real job, McCall declared. Incidentally the report will likely be the best one that has ever gone out from the local institution, due to the record-breaking business of the past quarter.

Mail left at the post office will be placed on the regular trains and that which arrives here on New Year's day and Sunday will be distributed among the boxes, but there will be no window service and the carriers will not go out on those days, the postmaster said.

The rear of the post office presents an entirely different appearance to that of a few days ago, for in spite of the fact that all extra holiday help went off duty Monday, the regular force has succeeded in getting all parcels and mail sorted and distributed, thus relieving the congestion of the forepart of the week.

Local Hoosegow is Growing Unpopular

Popularity of the local hoosegow as a lodging house for laborers in straightened financial circumstances, has waned during the past few days, according to the police, who state that no one has asked for a night's lodging for several days.

The officers are inclined to attribute this to the fact that there has been an exodus of unemployed from this city, starting before Christmas. Prior to this time from 10 to 15 men nightly came into police headquarters and asked for a place to sleep in the city hall basement, in the jail or boiler-room.

Deaths by Flood In South Now 17

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 30, (U.N.)—With flood waters in some quarters but still rising in others, a survey of four states in the afflicted zone shows a death toll of 17, property damage of approximately \$5,000,000 and more than 5,000 persons who were forced to flee their homes.

At Nashville the waters topped 55.6 feet Thursday, bettering the record of 55.3 feet established in the floods of 1882.

Mexican Oil Land Order to be Ignored

American Producers to Ask State Department for Protection in the Event of Confiscation.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30, (U.N.)—American oil operators in Mexico probably will not accept the new Mexican oil regulations, but will depend on the state department to protect their interests, it was learned tonight following two meetings of twenty members of the Association of Producers of Petroleum in Mexico, which represents eighty-five per cent of the American oil industry in Mexico.

The association held a three hour session in the afternoon at the offices without reaching any decision, but met again in the offices of the Chase National bank and while no announcement was made it was announced that the operators had decided to ignore the Mexican regulations. A further meeting of the association is expected to be held Friday when the operators will decide upon a definite course of action.

An official who declined to be quoted said the association probably would inform the state department of its decision and leave further action to the discretion of the department.

It was indicated that the attitude of this government would be based upon Secretary Kellogg's last note to Mexico which protested enforcement of the law and was interpreted as a threat to break diplomatic relations.

Whether Kellogg is likely to reform his threat into action and recall Ambassador Sheffield is believed to depend entirely upon President Coolidge.

Washington has no word as to what the oil men will do. This government stands ready to back (Continued on Page Five)

Eleanor Bruner, You Get Present

Will Miss Eleanor Bruner, who was awarded the handsome jade green pen and pencil set by the Shaw-MacRae Stationery company, call at the Klamath News and receive her gift for the prize letter she wrote to Santa Claus?

Of the many prizes which were awarded just before Christmas as the outcome of the Santa Claus letter-writing contest, there have been but three left unclaimed. One is Miss Bruner's pen and pencil set and the other two are savings accounts started by the courtesy of E. M. Bubb of the American National bank. They were awarded to Miss Alice Ewing and Orval Moore and they are earnestly asked to call for them at the News office.

Fire Laddies Are To Be Given Space

First signs of the changes that are to be made in the interior arrangement of the city hall for the accommodation of the five additional firemen who are to go on duty after the first of the year, became apparent yesterday when carpenters began work on a partition in the council chamber.

The rear portion of the council chamber is to be added to the present sleeping dormitory of the firemen, for the accommodation of the extra beds and for needed additional space for present beds. That part of the city engineer's mapping quarters that have been housed at the rear of the council chamber, will be moved into one of the rooms in the basement of the city hall.

Another sliding pole will be installed in the new adjunct to the firemen's sleeping quarters, to avoid any congestion that might result from all men attempting to use one pole for a speedy getaway.