

SURPRISE NOTE STIRS CROWDS

Auction To Close Klamath Spud Fete

High Praise Expressed for 1927 Potato Show; Attendance Is Great.

With the second day's attendance estimated at nearly 1,000, and prospects for greater crowds today, the second annual Klamath potato show ends this afternoon with that most interesting feature of the whole event—the auction of all potatoes on exhibit.

The auction, with Guy Merrill at the wheel, starts promptly at 2 p. m. today and it is expected that the show rooms will be packed with bidders and those who only come to watch the fun.

Officials of the show are highly pleased with the event this year and accept as an indication of its success the comment of visitors, especially the many buyers who have come here to view the exhibits.

Local Team Will Play Bend Friday

On O'Donnel field at Bend at 2:15 Friday afternoon the Klamath High eleven will meet the Bend high school team for an Armistice Day game, and the Klamath team will leave this city early Friday morning for Bend.

Guard Post Here Has Speedy Call

Despite the fact it has only been organized a few weeks, the local National Guard post may already have won a trophy in state competition, Commander Walter Abbey stated last night following a radio call from state headquarters Tuesday evening for a test mobilization.

The call was received here, as well as by every other post in Oregon, at 7:30. At 8 o'clock the local post was in formation 100 per cent 60 men and three officers.

MYSTERY BLASTS WRECK THEATRE; FIRE CHECKED

HAMMOND, Ind., Nov. 9. (AP)—A series of mysterious explosions which the police attributed to black powder bombs wrecked the State Theatre here at 8 o'clock this morning, damaged All Saints church across the street, blew down trolley and telephone poles, and broke plate glass windows for blocks around, causing estimated damage of \$500,000.

Aviation Record



With two newspapersmen as witnesses, Tex Rankin, Portland, Ore., aviator, claims a new altitude record for planes of less than 100 h.p. In his 30 h.p. OX-5 he climbed to 12,039 feet to beat the old record of 11,000 feet. He also carried enough gasoline on the trip to remain aloft five hours.

Store Closure Announced For Armistice Day

Tomorrow, Armistice Day, has been declared a holiday and all stores and public offices will be closed. Several events in honor of the day have been planned.

A simple service of remembrance which will be short and informal will be conducted by the Rev. J. Henry Thomas at 11 a. m. at St. Paul's Episcopal church to honor the boys who fell in the World War. Mrs. Ruth Holloway will sing "Kipling's Recessional."

The men of the community have been asked to attend the meeting of the Women's Library club for the first time in the history of the club "Civic Affairs" which is the subject of the program will start promptly at 2:30 tomorrow in the library auditorium. Anyone else interested in the work is also invited to attend.

SLAYER OF WIFE'S LOVER SURRENDERS TO DENVER POLICE

DENVER, Colo., Nov. 9. (UP)—George Ralston, 35, stepped off an eastbound passenger train here tonight and gave himself up to the first policeman he encountered. Ralston said that he had killed a man in Biggs, Calif., a month ago.

Ralston said that the slaying occurred a month ago as the result of a triangle affair which his wife was involved. He declared that he had not intended to stop here but that he wanted to "face the music" and stopped at the first station after reaching this decision.

Two Slew Woman In Zeal For Careers

Boys Who Strangled Grandmother to Get Cash Repent in Prison.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 9. (A.P.)—Dreams of grand opera careers were shattered for Leonard Cota and Howard Kramer today as they faced charges of having slain Cota's aged grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth McKetrick, who was strangled to death and robbed at her Swingle, Iowa home, Nov. 1.

Stains of rouge, which first attracted attention of detectives to them yesterday, were still on their lips and cheeks as they awoke this morning with marcelled hair awry and remembered that Mrs. McKetrick was dead. They did not know until a late hour last night that she had died, and when detectives told them, Cota broke down and cried.

Chandler Murder Delays Jury Work

Sudden murder of Love Chandler at Malin Tuesday night and the subsequent arrest of Michael Murphy, his alleged slayer, has delayed the report of the Klamath county grand jury, due yesterday.

Because the jury decided to investigate the Malin shooting and its adjournment, the report on findings of the current session will not be available until late this afternoon. District Attorney William Duncan stated last night.

Campbell Wins In Irrigation Race

Oscar Campbell is the new director of the Horsefly Irrigation district as a result of an election held at Bonanza Tuesday.

Campbell had a total of 42 votes when the election closed. Mr. Tears was the other candidate.

Charles Berardot was elected in the Lanell Valley irrigation district with a total of 37 votes. Jake Rueck was the other candidate in this district.

Crowded Off the Road



U. S. DIPLOMAT HAS NEW FARM RELIEF PLAN

Proposes to Let Farmer and Stockmen Solve Their Own Problems

NEW YORK, Nov. 9. (U.P.)—Miles Polindexter, United States ambassador to Peru, today announced a farm relief program on which he plans to base his candidacy for the senate in the state of Washington next year. Polindexter sails to his post today, but will return in a few months to push his candidacy.

Highways Open Despite Storm

The heavy rains of the past few days have rendered a few roads in southern Oregon virtually impassable, according to farmers in this city yesterday, but highway travel so far has been unimpeded.

Reports yesterday that a bridge washout at Roseburg had tied up traffic on the Pacific highway, were last night declared false by Mrs. Virginia Schuppel of the Triple A booth at the chamber of commerce.

In a long distance telephone conversation with Roseburg, it was learned the bridge carried away by high water was merely a city structure, not on the highway.

Pender's Skull To Be X-Rayed

PORTLAND, Nov. 9. (UP)—John A. Pender, pardoned hatchet murderer accused of criminal assault on two girls, had his head x-rayed today to prove the contention of his attorney that he is suffering from skull pressure on the brain.

The negative will be developed tomorrow or Friday, it is said. Twice defeated in an attempt to secure a sanity hearing, Pender's attorney today received permission to remove Pender from the county jail to have the photographs taken for use during Pender's trial.

COMEDY SHOES REVEAL RING OF SMUGGLERS

Charlie Chaplin Footgear Leads Detectives to Discovery

NEW YORK, Nov. 9. (UP)—Shoes of Charlie Chaplin proportions today led custom agents to what they believe is a million dollar diamond smuggling plot.

Florence Lamot, second electrician aboard the Red Star liner Lapland, shuffled ashore in footgear that caused custom sleuths to laugh and then wrinkle their brows. They questioned Lamot. He seemed frightened. The agents took off his shoes. In the heels and toes they found false compartments containing diamonds worth \$160,000.

Weed Windows Are Smashed In Gale

Possibly the same that howled about residences in this city Tuesday night, a 55-mile gale swept through Weed, California, early yesterday morning crushing many windows and causing some damage in the business district.

This is according to Southern Pacific train crews who came into Klamath Falls from the California city last night. Property damage was largely confined to broken window panes, it was reported.

The wind came during a lull in a rain-storm which has caused mountain streams to rise rapidly, and following the wind storm, the downpour renewed itself vigorously.

Copco Cooking Class Popular

The free cooking classes which are being held each afternoon at the chamber of commerce rooms are meeting with popular approval by the many Klamath housewives who have attended.

The classes, which have been arranged through the courtesy of the California Oregon Power company, have proved interesting as well as instructive, and each day's attendance shows a marked gain.

Miss Irene Kerr, home economics instructor of Seattle, who is conducting the demonstrations, has many new recipes and interesting culinary ideas to give her hearers, and presents an entirely new program every day.

In connection with the classes, Copco is making a special prize offer which is available to all who attend. The prizes are given in connection with purchases.

Wife Near Death Is Defending Assailant

Woman Shot By Husband Would Save Mate; Places Blame on "Attackers."

PHOENIX, Ariz., Nov. 9. (U.P.)—Although her husband shot her when he found her in a room last night with another man, Mrs. Mary Marsh, 36, who is reported dying, still tries to protect her husband, County Attorney Wilson said tonight.

I. A. Marsh, 59, who is in jail awaiting the outcome of his wife's struggle against death, is said to have returned to his home last night only to find his wife in an upstairs bedroom with Edward Mahan, 22.

In an argument which followed, Marsh fired several shots. One bullet struck his wife in the right lung; a second passed through the bone in Mahan's arm, and a third struck Gertrude Marsh, 15, who entered the room as she heard the noise.

Mrs. Marsh gave a story to the sheriff last night which told (Continued on Page Five)

New Plan



Judge Charles Burnell, presiding jurist of the Los Angeles superior court, created more than a mild sensation when he urged marriage on a basis of five years, with option of renewal, as a means to cut down divorce. Burnell claims this will merely legalize present customs by which divorces are secured through the collusion forbidden by law. No theology, but legal shortcut, is involved in his plan, Burnell asserts.

Credit Bureau Seeks To Give City "Ad" Club

Initial action toward formation of an Advertising club in Klamath Falls was taken at a meeting of directors of the Business Men's Credit bureau here last night, when it was decided to investigate the possibilities for organizing such a club here.

The secretary was instructed to gather data from Advertising clubs of other Pacific coast cities to aid the bureau in furthering its plan for a club in this city. Attitude of the directors was expressed as favoring an Ad club here on the grounds that the city has reached a point where such an organization would be of material benefit to its merchant members, united under the slogan of the National organization "Truth in Advertising."

O. F. Tate, secretary of the Retail Merchants' association of Oregon, will come here November 14 under the auspices of the bureau, to address local merchants on subjects of vital interests.

Lakeview Curious To Hear Message

State Says Missive of Lorena Will Shatter Her Plea of Self Defense.

LAKEVIEW, Ore., Nov. 9. (UP)—This little western town was in an uproar tonight over the dramatic close of today's session of the Lorena Trickey trial for the murder of "Smiling Slim" Harris, with R. M. Bennett, state prohibition officer, and the prosecution's prize witness on the stand.

Bennett had just produced a note which he claimed Miss Trickey, rodeo queen, had given him several hours after the slaying of Harris when court was adjourned, and the contents of the missive, which the state contends will shatter the girl rider's claim she killed Harris in self defense, was not revealed.

Miss Trickey gave me this (Continued on Page Seven)

Giles Postpones Honolulu Flight

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 9. (UP)—Captain Frederick A. Giles has postponed the start of his proposed flight to Australia until Monday according to an announcement made tonight at the Mills field airport.

Giles had planned to begin the first leg of his flight to Honolulu, Friday morning but decided on the postponement because of the storm which was lashing the coast Wednesday.

He did not take his plane up today because of the soft condition of the field.

Plane Collision Fatal To Pilot

NORFOLK, Va., Nov. 9. (UP)—A collision high in the air between an army bombing plane from Langley field and a Curtis Hawk pursuit plane cost the life of one naval aviator today while three others escaped by a daring parachute leap.

Lieutenant Addison Nelson, attached to the naval air station, was instantly killed when his Curtiss plane fell into the Lafayette river near the Norfolk country club. He was alone in the plane.

Three aviators in the bomber jumped following the crash and landed safely in an arm of the Lafayette river.

The dead aviator's mother, Anne O. Nelson, lives in Brookline, Mass.

BLIZZARD FAILS TO HALT VERMONT WORK IN RELIEF

MONTPELIER, Vt., Nov. 9. (U.P.)—Although Vermont was swept by a snowstorm of almost blizzard proportions today, work of rehabilitation went rapidly forward.

Communication by wire was completely restored and roads to most communities were clear to trucks, carrying food, clothing and medical supplies.

Suffering was caused in many sections by lack of fuel, much of the firewood being waterlogged. Governor John E. Weeks stated he would ask President Coolidge to help the stricken state.

WAR MEANS MORE BOL SHEVISM, IS EDITOR'S BELIEF

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 9. (UP)—Europe has shown a trend away from democracy and toward bolshevism and another great war will leave "only a short step" to complete the overthrow of present governments, Henry Wickham Stead, editor of the London Review of Reviews, said at the International goodwill congress today.

Europe is wondering whether it will be able to hold its own against the temptation to the ignorant of bolshevism and fascism. Stead urged that America "as the leader in democratic government" proclaim its opposition to aggressive warfare and asserted that no major war could be carried on without American financial support.

POOLE TO START WORK ON \$45,000 SHOW HOUSE

With plans under formation for several months completed, Harry W. Poole last night announced that work will start in the near future on remodeling the Loomis building, Main and 4th, for a new theatre in this city.

The new show house, to be installed by the Pelican Theatre corporation, will cost approximately \$45,000, Poole stated, and will seat more than 500 persons. Howard R. Perrin, local architect, has been retained to supervise work in the new theatre.

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DAYS TO SHOP

Avoid the Postoffice Rush
Do Your Christmas Shopping Early