

MILLION DOLLAR SUITS SETTLED

Business Leaders Predict Great '29

Klamath Falls Men See Success, Prosperity, Advancement for New Year

With the advent of the new year in Klamath County the general business prosperity shows a great increase. The business men of Klamath Falls are all well pleased with the past year which was one of health to all in this part of the county, and they are sure that 1929 will eclipse all others in harmony, general good will and advancement.

Several of the business men of this community were interviewed and questioned as to their predictions for the coming year. Each has faith in the growth of the Klamath Basin and Klamath Falls.

H. N. Moe, president of the local chamber of commerce, is (Continued on Page Six)

HABEAS CORPUS WRIT DENIED

Writ of habeas corpus submitted in the case of the State vs. Frank Look, charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor girl was denied yesterday by Circuit Judge A. L. Leavitt.

Attorney for the defense, James Bacon, submitted the writ, alleging that Look was illegally held. A representative of the district attorney's office argued the writ showing that a new charge had been filed against Look who was arrested in October and that his detention was legal. Judge Leavitt sustained the district attorney's office and denied the writ.

Question Mark to Attempt Record

VAN NUYS, Calif., Dec. 31 (UP)—The attempt of the army plane Question Mark to set a new world's endurance flight record, remaining aloft until its engines wear out, will be started here Tuesday at 7:30 A. M. It was announced tonight.

The craft, manned by five army fliers, will take off with a light load of gasoline and immediately will be given additional fuel in the air by a supply ship.

The Question Mark is scheduled to take aboard additional fuel and oil twice during the day, both times over Rockwell field at San Diego.

In case weather condition will not permit the refueling at San Diego the question Mark will take on gasoline over the airport near El Centro, where a second refueler will be stationed.

Gab Master Bedazzles Mumbler With Oratory Winners Borrow Money

By Sam Love
United Press Staff Correspondent
New York, Dec. 31 (UP)—Bedazzled by a flow of words from a man who really can talk, Miss Betty Wilson and Howard Williams, world's champion talkers, gave back their \$1,000 prize to Milton C. Crandall, gab fest promoter, this afternoon and staggered out of his office hardly aware that they had also left him L. O. U.'s for \$200 apiece.

The tribute the champions paid to Professor Crandall's talking ability was not made less remark-

DOMESTIC BUSINESS BREAKS ALL RECORDS DURING YEAR OF 1928

Editor's Note:—Domestic business broke all records in 1928 and present activity is to continue, according to Dr. Julius Klein, director of the foreign and domestic commerce of the department of commerce. Automotive and building industries were the backbone of this record-breaking activity, Dr. Klein said.—U.P.A.

BY DR. JULIUS KLEIN,
Director Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, Department of Commerce.

The year 1928 closed with domestic business larger than ever before and foreign trade in ex-

ceptional volume, and there is every indication that the high levels of recent months will be carried into the new year. The output of farm crops during 1928 was about 5 per cent larger than in the preceding year, and industrial production showed an even greater increase. Exports of merchandise were larger than in any year since 1920, exceeding five billion dollars.

Auto Production Grows
The automotive and construction industries continued throughout 1928 to be the back-log of America's prosperity. Auto-

Eight-Year-Old Murder Enacted Before Governor

MADISON, Wis., Jan. 1 (UP)—The eight-year-old murder of Nicholas Biesen, farmer, was reenacted today in the office of Gov. Fred R. Zimmerman by Biesen's slayer, John Beier, implicating the farmer's wife, now Mrs. Helen Bartovich of La Crosse.

Beier, serving a life sentence in prison for the shooting, appeared before the governor and begged clemency after relating his story of the circumstances leading up to the slaying.

"John, You're Mine"

Mrs. Biesen enticed him when he was a young boy on a neighboring farm, the prisoner related, telling him, "John, you're mine." She was sent to prison for following her husband in the trial of Beier eight years ago.

Beier broke out a closet in the Biesen home where she kept him hidden for four months unknown to her husband and shot the farmer as the latter advanced with a butcher knife, he told the governor.

"Shoot Him Again"

"John shoot him again," he said Mrs. Biesen told him, handing him a shotgun after he had dropped his revolver with which the first shot was fired.

"In my weakened power of mind, she had me so far down I had no resistance whatever," Beier said, acting out the firing of both shots.

District Attorney Lawrence Brody of La Crosse county was present at the hearing in the executive chambers. He declined to comment on possibility of action against the woman if the governor accepts Beier's story as a true version.

The pair's relations began when Beier was 17 and Mrs. Biesen was 39, and continued until after the shooting of Biesen, which occurred shortly after Beier's 21st birthday, he said.

The youth attempted to end the relationship but Mrs. Biesen induced him to stay "for a night or two" and locked him in the closet which then became his home for the next four months, Beier said. This fact is supported by her admission in previous hearing of the case.

TO BURY GENERAL

Washington, Dec. 31 (UP)—Funeral services for Major General Lutz Wahl, late Adjutant General of the Army, will be held Wednesday, with burial in Arlington National Cemetery, the war Department announced today.

Negro Is Burned At Stake For Deed

One Woman Captures Guard's Slayer Abductor of Girl; Mc's Acts Quickly

ROME, Mississippi, Dec. 31, (UP)—Charles Shepherd, negro convict, accused murderer and kidnaper, was saturated with gasoline and burned at the stake two miles north of here at about 7:30 o'clock tonight.

First reports said that the negro had been lynched and then burned but J. R. Walters, jailer at Sumner, Miss., denied this, saying the negro was burned at a stake in a cotton field just off the highway between Rome and Camp Eleven.

Walters, who witnessed the negro's death, said the convict was believed to have implicated another negro at the Parchman, Miss., prison farm, from which the negro escaped and killed J. D. Duvall, prison guard, Friday, and kidnapped his 13 year old daughter, Ruth.

Walters said the negro was believed to have confessed the (Continued on Page Four)

MOTHER GIVEN LIFE SENTENCE

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 31, (UP)—Mrs. Etta Mae Miller, mother of 10 children, was sentenced today under the Michigan habitual criminal code to life imprisonment for four convictions of violating the prohibition law.

Mrs. Miller was sentenced to serve the term in the Detroit house of correction by Judge Charles B. Collingwood in Ingham county circuit court. A jury found her guilty of being an habitual criminal.

The jury in the case today, summoned to determine whether Mrs. Miller's four convictions were justified, returned its verdict after 15 minutes' deliberation. Under the criminal code, the life sentence was mandatory.

WEAKNESS OF KING IS GREAT DANGER NOW

LONDON, Dec. 31, (UP)—The bulletin issued at Buckingham Palace tonight indicated that infection in King George's lung had been practically conquered, a high authority declared.

The bulletin marked one of the most important stages in the king's illness, it was asserted, and physicians now are dealing with the damage to the king's constitution resulting from the infection. This extreme weakness, which is of great danger, is being fought by every possible method.

The night bulletin said: "The king had a good day. There is no change in the condition noted this morning. Bacteriological examination shows that the extent and potency of the local infection are diminishing." (Signed) "STANLEY HEWETT, HUGH RIGBY, "DAWSON OF PENN."

Bolivia, Paraguay To Sign Protocol For Settlement

Washington, Dec. 31 (UP)—Complete agreement on the protocol providing for a settlement of the border conflict between Bolivia and Paraguay was reached tonight after a four-hour meeting of the special committee on mediation of the pan-American conference.

The protocol will be signed Tuesday by the representatives of Bolivia and Paraguay, Diez de Medina, of Bolivia, and Dr. Elizardo Ayala, former president of Paraguay and delegate to the conference.

With the announcement of the complete agreement of the terms of the protocol, it was also known that the United States, Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay and Cuba will be asked to name one member each to the commission set up by the protocol to investigate the border conflict.

In addition two other members will be named by each Bolivia and Paraguay, making nine in all.

Secretary of State Kellogg participated in the negotiations of the special committee which resulted in the agreement.

The agreement was reached despite the modification proposed by both Bolivia and Paraguay in the terms of the protocol proposed on Christmas Day by the conference.

Basil Brown will resume his studies at the University of Oregon tomorrow.

Klamath Stockmen To Meet Saturday

Will Draft Legislation To Protect Business From \$40,000 Theft Annually

Legislation will be suggested at a meeting of all stockmen in Klamath county at the county agent's office Saturday at 2:30 that will vitally affect all interested in the cattle business directly, and everyone in Klamath county indirectly.

It is stated by C. A. Henderson, county agent, that in the past year cattlemen have been robbed of approximately between \$25,000 and \$40,000 by thieves who drive up in trucks, load two or three head of cattle at a time, and later sell them at markets.

To Draft Legislation

At the meeting Saturday the stockmen will discuss the problem of stopping these larcenous on their business and will draw up legislation which will be combined with legislation which will be drawn up in other cattle-raising sections of the state and will (Continued on Page Three)

CHAPMAN SEES NO TAX CHANGE

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 31, (UP)—"There is hardly any more chance for a real, constructive tax reduction program to get through the Oregon legislature at the coming session than for the proverbial snowball in hades," thus declared C. C. Chapman, member of the state tax investigating committee in an address here today.

Chapman declared the recommendations made by the committee were contrary to the views of many of the members of the legislature, and that while this group and that one favors tax reduction, none want the reductions to affect the particular institution of state activities to which it is devoted.

"And so it goes with every tax cut recommendation," said Chapman.

"The result will be a common feeling at Salem that in all probability it will kill off any constructive program."

Chapman said he looked with some hope on the proposals of California, Oregon and Washington, coming at the same time, for institution of an excise tax on corporations.

Goddards Return After Vacation

County Judge and Mrs. Fred R. Goddard returned yesterday from Talent, where they spent the Christmas holidays with relatives.

Judge Goddard reports that roads from the valley are in good condition, although it is advisable to use chains on the Green Springs Mountain section of the highway, he says.

Dorothy MacKaye Joyful As Prison Sentence Ends

San Quentin State Prison, Cal., Dec. 31 (UP)—Joy overcame Dorothy MacKaye, once popular actress, as she prepared tonight to walk from this prison early New Year's Day after 10 months at a sewing machine.

She would not discuss plans for the future, apparently wishing to forget for the moment the unpleasant prospect of difficulties to overcome before she can realize an ambition to regain a place in front of the spot light.

Miss MacKaye's intention to renew contact with the theatrical world has often been voiced by her since she came here and she has endeavored to maintain good health and posture in the drab surroundings.

A few gray hairs have appeared and the absence of cosmetics has resulted in a pallor unknown to her friends during her successful days but her enthusiasm has not been noticeably dimmed and she seemed as lively as when she danced on the ferry that brought her here.

Matrons of the penitentiary (Continued on Page Two)

OREGON GRID CAPTAIN HURT TO PLAY GAME

Honolulu, Dec. 31 (UP)—A lacerated neck due to an automobile accident last night will not keep Captain George Burnell of the University of Oregon football team out of the lineup against the University of Hawaii tomorrow, unless coaches and the police interfere.

Burnell, asserting his injury was slight, announced he had come thousands of miles to lead his team to victory, and that he expected to do it.

Mrs. Northcott Pleads Guilty, Gets Life Sentence

Riverside, Calif., Dec. 31 (UP)—Mrs. Louisa Northcott, mother of Gordon Stewart Northcott, made a dramatic effort to save her son from the gallows here today when she abandoned all defense and pleaded guilty to an indictment charging the murder of nine-year-old Walter Collins.

The gray-haired woman was sentenced to life imprisonment by Judge O. K. Morton. She left for San Quentin prison late today in custody of Sheriff Clem Sweeters and Mrs. Sweeters.

Clears Son

In a statement to the court Mrs. Northcott declared that her son was not at the "murder farm" on the night of March 16 when she said she killed the boy.

She said further that the boy whose murder was touched by the indictment was not Walter Collins but an unknown youth who had run away from his home in New York.

Mrs. Northcott's change from a plea of not guilty followed two conferences with Riverside authorities in which she made a signed confession that she had slain the boy "named as Walter Collins."

"Mother Crazy Anyway"

She dispatched a note to her son, Gordon, in Los Angeles, urging that "it will be better to finish this out of court," but his only comment on receiving it was "Mother is Crazy anyway."

In her statement to the court, Mrs. Northcott said that the boy appeared at the chicken farm and said that he had run away from his home in New York to go to San Bernardino.

She said she let him sleep in the chicken house, where he remained all the next day. She said that when she investigated at night she saw Sanford Clark—her grandson—leaving the hen house.

Used Big Axe

"I found the boy lying there alive, but with the top of his head crushed in," Mrs. Northcott declared. "I hit him on the head with my axe to put him out of his misery, then buried the body in the chicken house. My son Stewart was not there."

Judge Morton asked her if she wished to be sentenced and she told him to "do what you see fit—I plead guilty."

"Your confession and the fact that you are a woman puts the court in an unpleasant position," Judge Morton said. "I sentence you to life imprisonment."

Word has been received from Dr. L. D. Gask, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, telling of his being in Chicago, where he is studying. Before returning to Klamath Falls he plans to visit at Rochester, Minn., at the Mayo Brothers' clinic.

Copco, Meadows Company Amicable

Agreement Reached Out of Court in Largest Suits Ever Filed in County

A trespass suit for \$500,000, and a damage suit for \$500,000 filed against the California Oregon Power company in 1925 by the Ft. Klamath Meadows company were dismissed yesterday by Judge A. L. Leavitt when papers were filed showing that the suits had been settled amicably out of court.

Suit of the Security Savings and Trust company against the Fort Klamath Meadows company et al., to foreclose on an \$80,000 mortgage purchased by the trust company from A. C. Marsters, from whom the third unit of the Meadows company's land was purchased, was also dismissed (Continued on Page Four)

NEW YEAR GETS GALA WELCOME

The new year received a rousing welcome in Klamath Falls this morning at 12:01 when the whistles and bells sent up a din which continued for some minutes. Groups of merry-makers holding "watch parties" and dances joined in the celebration and added to the noise making with whatever devices came to their hands and lips.

The Reames Golf and Country club ushered in the new year with a dance. A large crowd was entertained by the Pelican City Community Club and dancing was enjoyed there. The Elks Club also saw the old year out and the new year in with a dancing party held at the Elks Temple. Members of the younger set and the college set were also seen at the Winter Garden and at Altamont making "whoopie" with the new year coming in.

Schools of County to Open Wednesday

Schools in Klamath county will open Wednesday morning at the usual hour and the term which started in September, 1927, will be resumed after a holiday vacation.

County School Superintendent Fred Peterson is at the present time attending a meeting of all county superintendents of the state in Salem. He will not be back by Wednesday, but there are few changes in the teaching personnel and schools are expected to start running smoothly.

Flapper Fanny Says:



The bushel of kisses before marriage are, afterwards, reduced to a peck.

