

KLAMATH REPUBLICAN TAX LEVY IS 17.2 MILLS

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DEMON RUM AS CAUSE OF DEATH IS DIMINISHING

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—King Alcohol does not cause such a heavy percentage of deaths in this country as might be gathered from the talk of temperance workers, according to government statistics. Out of 753,308 death during 1910 causes of which were ascertained by the department of commerce, less than 3-8 of 1 per cent of them were caused by alcoholism. One-ninth of these who succumbed to the demon rum were women.

Natives of the United States are not so nearly addicted to excessive conviviality as those born in other countries. Only 3-10 of 1 per cent—1-8 of these were women—died from excessive drinking during 1910.

Scandinavians in the United States sacrificed more of their numbers to drink than any other nationality, 4-5 of the usual 1 per cent of deaths being due to hard and sincere application to it. It appears to be confined almost entirely to the men of this nation. Only 1-22 of the deaths in their ranks were of the gentler sex.

Germans, supposed to be of a heavy drinking nation, were below the general average in deaths from drinking, 2-7 of 1 per cent of Germans in America being due to this cause; 1-20 then were women. The Irish paid heavy toll, 5-8 of 1 per cent dying from the cause; 1-5 of them were women.

Italian women may well be proud of the record set by the women of their country in the United States. Not a single death among those recorded among Italian women was due to the assimilation of rum in great quantities, although Italian men died from this cause to the extent of 1-3 of 1 per cent of the total number of Italian deaths.

JOHNSON PURCHASES MILLS' INTEREST IN THE CREAMERY

The Klamath Falls creamery, which has been conducted for several years by Mills & Johnson, will hereafter be operated by William P. Johnson. Mr. Johnson has just purchased the interest of Lyle O. Mills in the concern.

"The plant is sufficiently large to take care of all the cream brought in, and it will be some little time before the dairy herds increase sufficient to demand an enlargement," said Mr. Johnson today. "However, I am planning to make some improvements in the spring.

Although there is no need of increasing the quantity of the butter manufactured here, I will, if such a thing is possible, improve the quality. Klamath Falls butter commands top prices in the outside markets now and if it is possible to turn out a better grade, it should result in good advertising for this section.

"Among other improvements I will make will be the addition of apparatus for pasteurizing all the cream received."

Mr. Mills has the management of the Mineral Baths and other interests, which will keep him busy.

GASOLINE TORCH EXPLOSION MAKES ROOM A FOOT WIDER

One of the rooms in the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Barron on Main street, near the intersection of Esplanade, is a foot wider than it was Sunday morning. A little gasoline blow torch is the cause of it all, too.

Barron, who is one of the proprietors of the Klamath Falls Auto and Machine company, was engaged Sunday morning in thawing out some frozen water pipes. To accomplish this, he was applying heat with a gasoline blow torch.

Without the gasoline being cut off from the flame, the pan in which gasoline for the flame is collected became dry, and the flame went down into the tank of the blow torch, causing the explosion.

As a result, the partition of the room was blown a foot out of position. At the floor, the partition pulled loose from the floor and assumed its new position. At the top, though, the wall took the roof along with it, and there was a strip a foot wide left, through which one on the interior could gaze up at the heavens.

Half a dozen New York young women were real mad the other day because several gallant firemen burst in the door of their gymnasium and saved them from burning to death. The girls were not exactly in calling costume. Hence their indignation.

Player Piano Rolls
Shepherd Piano Depot

GOWEN IS "MARRYIN' JUDGE"—MAKES RECORD

We shouldn't speak of the "marryin' parson" during the year to come. This is the title locally bestowed upon clergymen, who during the calendar year preceding officiate at the greatest number of weddings.

This year, though, "There haint no marryin' parson." There's a "marryin' justice," though, for Justice of the Peace E. W. Gowen so far this year (and the rest of it is very brief) has the record for the largest number of marriages.

In addition to being a record for the year, this feat of Gowen's is historic in another way. This is the first time in possibly a generation that the marrying record has been held by a justice of the peace.

Just how the magistrate happened to take the lead in the splicing business is a matter that, it is rumored, will be investigated at the next meeting of the Klamath Falls Ministerial Association. Judge Charles Graves, Gowen's predecessor, made strong, but ineffectual attempts to corner the matrimonial trade, and it is said that this determination was one of the biggest planks in the Gowen platform at election time.

Whether or not Gowen marries couples at less than the union wage is not known definitely. The report that he presents them with a useful present and one ticket, good for a chance on the house and lot which will go to the lucky number holder was given credence for a little while, but it is denied by those who were started on the matrimonial sea by the justice. They say they only get hearty congratulations, so possibly it is the genial, whole-souled nature of the magistrate that made possible the 1913 record.

For several years there resided in Klamath Falls a certain Rev. George H. Feese, and as long as he was with us the title of "marryin' parson" went to him, for he was sought by the majority of those investing \$3 with County Clerk De Lap. Rev. Feese left here in October, and it is lucky for Gowen's record that he did, for a few more days might have thrown the justice from first to second place, as Feese is just one marriage behind Gowen.

During the year Judge Gowen married twenty-one couples. During his residence here in 1913, Rev. Feese officiated at twenty ceremonies. Third place goes to Rev. J. S. Stubbefeld, who so far this year married ten couples. The number of marriages by some of the other ministers follow:

Rev. J. W. Worrell five, Frank M. Upp two, Rev. Wm. McMillan two, Rev. E. C. Richards four, Elder S. D. Harlan four.

It is stated upon pretty good authority that there will be at least one more wedding this year. In case Gowen is the man to pronounce the couple one he will just double his present lead over the Feese record.

A total of eighty-nine marriage licenses were issued so far this year, according to the marriage record at the clerk's office. The record for each month follows:

January 10, February 6, March 6, April 6, May 6, June 8, July 11, August 7, September 5, October 13, November 6, December (incomplete) 5.

SUPPORT FIVE ON NINE BUCKS PER

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—How to be happy and healthy—fed and clothed—on \$9 a week if you have a family of five! Such is the problem which social workers have started to solve at Neighborhood House, in which Mrs. Woodrow Wilson is interested. They have a "model home," and there the girls of the poorer sections of the nation's capital are taught the scientific principles of how to make both ends meet—on \$9 a week—with five in the family.

The home is a typical Washington alley home, except that it is clean throughout. Cleanliness is the first precept that the instructors instill into the minds of their young pupils.

Housekeeping under difficulties is the gentle art that these social workers are teaching—and teaching from the kitchen to the garret. Thus far the course has dealt mainly with the food problem, but later the question of clothes will be considered—all on the \$9 a week.

Don't forget the masque ball John Houston is giving New Year's Eve at the opera house. This is the eighteenth year, and they have always been great successes.

Old papers for starting fires. Ten cents an armful. Come and get a load. W. O. Smith Printing Co.

THE TOTAL LEVY REACHES 25.5 MILLS

Increase of 3.5 Mills Over Last Year's Tax Levy—Two Thousand Dollars Is Cut From the Estimated Current Expense Fund, and the Appropriation for Miscellaneous Expense Is Just Cut in Half.

A total of \$87,099.06 was sliced off the appropriation budget as published by the county court at a meeting of the board Tuesday, when the levy was made for next year.

The levy for this year for all purposes over which the county court has jurisdiction, which excepts state and school purposes, will be 17.2 mills. Last year the total levy for this purpose was 18.3 mills, or a reduction this year of 1.1 mills.

The total levy for state and county purposes will be 25.5 mills, or an increase of 3.5 mills over last year. This increase is caused by the higher levy made by the state and schools.

The following reductions were made in the published budget: For current expenses from \$8,000 to \$6,000; for county physician, from \$1,440 to \$1,400; for insane, from \$300 to \$200; for miscellaneous, from \$2,000 to \$1,000; for coroner's office, from \$1,000 to \$750; state tax, from \$71,099 to \$64,290.94. In addition the \$75,000 that was proposed to be raised for refunding old warrants was cut out entirely.

The total valuation of property within the county is \$15,262,862.31, on which the levy will be 21.5 mills. The valuation of the property outside of incorporated cities is \$12,176,096.31, and an extra levy of 4 mills will be collected on this for road purposes. The valuation of the property of the incorporated cities is \$3,086,766, and an additional levy as made by the city councils will be added to that made for state and county purposes. No road tax is paid by the owners of property in the cities of the county.

The levy as decided upon by the county court is as follows: For state purposes, .0043; general purposes, .00525; school purposes, .004; road purposes, .004; county library, .0002; high school, .002; school library, .00025; new court house, .055. Total, .0255. Last year's levy was .022.

AFTERNOON TRAINS ARE TAKEN OFF FOR WINTER

Klamath Falls now has but two trains a day connecting it with the main line at Weed. Monday the Southern Pacific announced the discontinuance of the train reaching here at 4:45 and leaving at 5:30.

To reach outside points one must now leave on the morning train. The mail will hereafter be brought in on the evening train, and its distribution will be correspondingly later, making a delay of twenty-four hours longer in answering letters.

The discontinuance of the afternoon train will also mean a long wait at Weed for some of the Klamath bound and San Francisco bound passengers.

When the Southern Pacific officials announced they were considering taking off the afternoon train they stated that they were trying to reduce expenses. A further cut in this direction was made known today, when the services of a janitor at the local passenger depot were dispensed with.

J. E. BITTINGER TO START NEW LAUNDRY IN THIS CITY

A new steam laundry for Klamath Falls, a larger plant than there is in the city at present, is promised by J. E. Bittinger. Mr. Bittinger has secured a part of the Worden building opposite the White Pelican hotel, for the enterprise.

Machinery for the plant is on the way to Klamath Falls, so its installation is not a great ways off.

Mr. Bittinger is well known in Klamath Falls. He was connected with the ownership of the Klamath Falls steam laundry for a couple of years.

Last summer he disposed of his interest to D. B. Campbell, and left for California to go into business. After looking around there for several months he was unable to find a location that looked as promising to him as Klamath Falls, so he returned a few days ago to make preparations toward opening a larger laundry here.

CITY'S MARKET MAKES BIG HIT

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 30.—Carrying a market basket has become the fashion in Cleveland for rich and poor alike—so says John Kamp, the market master, and he ought to know, as the records of all municipal markets are submitted to him every month. According to Kamp, Clevelanders spend \$400,000 a week at the city markets. At one market alone—the new West Side Market House—the total buyers in one week numbered 30,000.

"The municipal markets are showing a wonderful increase in business," said Kamp, "which indicates that the Cleveland housewife is becoming more careful and is beginning to dispense with delivery, which only adds to the expense of food stuffs. She is more careful in her choice of what she puts on her table, and does not trust to the groceryman to pick her food stuffs. And this is a big step toward lowering the cost of living."

TO ADVERTISE A BOND ISSUE

The new city hall for Klamath Falls came one step nearer to becoming a reality Monday night, when the council adopted the ordinance declaring the result of the recent election on the question of issuing \$40,000 bonds for the erection of a city hall.

In addition Police Judge Leavitt was instructed to advertise in the Herald for bids on the issue. In this manner, it is hoped to have all the details attended to and the money on hand so work can start on the structure in the spring.

COURT DECIDES MANDAMUS CASE

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 30.—The supreme court today sustained the circuit court of Klamath county in its decision in the mandamus suit of M. M. Obenchain, instituted in an effort to prevent a special levy for the purpose of building a new court house.

In its opinion the supreme court held that the county officers had full authority to levy a special tax to build the court house.

(No. 501 Equity) Notice of Sheriff's Sale

Suit in equity to foreclose mortgage. In the Circuit Court of the state of Oregon, for the county of Klamath.

George C. Jensen, plaintiff,

vs.

Leo S. Robinson, Klamath Water Users Association, a corporation, Abel Ady, R. O. Vincent, Joseph S. Kent, Arthur Arlett, John Doe, Richard Roe, Jane Doe and Mary Roe, defendants.

Notice is hereby given that, by virtue of an execution and order of sale duly issued out of the above entitled court and cause on the 29th day of December, 1913, upon a decree made and entered of record in said circuit court and in said state on the 29th day of December, 1913, in favor of the above named plaintiff, directing the sale of the premises therein and hereinafter described, to satisfy the sum of \$8,720, with interest thereon from the 8th day of March, 1912, at the rate of six per cent. per annum, and \$500 attorneys' fees, and the further sum of \$20.80 costs:

Now, therefore, by virtue of said execution, and in compliance with said writ, I have duly levied on said premises, and will, on Saturday, the 31st day of January, 1914, at ten o'clock a. m. of said day, at the front door of the county court house in Klamath Falls, Klamath county, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand, all right, title and interest of the above named defendants, and each of them, in and to the following described real property, situated in Klamath county, state of Oregon, to-wit:

Lots six (6) and seven (7) of section ten (10), the southwest quarter (SW 1/4) and the west half (W 1/2) of the southeast quarter (SE 1/4) of section eleven (11), all that part of the east half (E 1/2) of the southeast quarter (SE 1/4) of section eleven (11) lying westerly of the present right of way of the California Northeastern Railway Company, and the southeast quarter (SE 1/4) of section twelve (12)—all in township forty (40), south range eight (8) east, Willamette meridian.

The southwest quarter (SW 1/4), the south half (S 1/2) of the southeast quarter (SE 1/4), the northwest quarter (NW 1/4) of the southeast quarter (SE 1/4) and lot thirteen (13) of section seven (7), and lots three (3), four (4), five (5) and six (6) of section eight (8)—all in township forty (40), south range nine (9) east, Willamette meridian.

Containing in all 873.07 acres of land.

Together with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining. The proceeds of said sale will be applied in the satisfaction of said execution, order and decree, interest, costs and accruing costs, and the overplus, if any there be, to be paid into said court, to be further applied as by law directed.

Dated at Klamath Falls, Oregon, this 29th day of December, 1913.

C. C. LOW, Sheriff.
By GEO. A. HAYDEN, Deputy.
1-1-1-29R.

CHICAGO WILL HAVE A BATHING BEACH SOON

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Chicago will have a swimming hole de luxe in operation when the mercury begins its first climb next summer. The beach commission of the city council today agreed upon plans for a bathing beach to cost \$339,000, with a frontage of 738 feet, and built along the north shore, already popular with bathers.

Plans for construction of the new beach were made after the commission visited Atlantic City and several other Eastern summer resorts. The main bath house will be of brick, stone and concrete. There will be a pavillion, a broad promenade, a kindergarten for the youngsters and a nursery where mothers may leave their babies while they romp in the lake.

The commission will recommend that persons not in bathing costume be barred from the sand and compelled to remain on the promenade. A space will be roped off for the exclusive use of women bathers, and the remainder of the beach left open for mixed bathing. The commission proposed that the city make the nominal charge of 10 cents for adult bathers and 5 cents for children under 15, to make the beach self-sustaining.

MATTHEWS WOULD GET LOWER RATE

Steps toward asking a physical valuation of the plant of the California-Oregon Power company were taken at Monday night's meeting of the council, when Matthews' motion that the city attorney be instructed to ascertain costs, etc., of securing this through the railway commission.

The data gathered in this manner is to be used toward determining whether the rates charged those using electricity and water in Klamath Falls are equitable, as the company maintains, or too high, as some of the consumers contend.

It is a noted fact that many women frequently "lose their head." Such being the case, why do they insist in buying and wearing twenty dollar hats.

A close observer says that one reason the world is so busy is because half the women are working to reduce their hip measurement, while the other half are working to increase it.

DAIRY OWNERS FORM ASSN

CO-OPERATIVE CREAMERY DISCUSSED AT MEETING

Enthusiastic Over the Plan, Farmers and Dairymen Name a Committee to Gather Data in That Section as to the Number of Cows, Etc.—Albatta Town Would Have the Creamery Closer Than Mount Laki.

MERRILL, Dec. 29.—A roving meeting of the dairymen and farmers of Merrill, Malin and vicinity was held Monday afternoon, at which time there was organized a Merrill branch of the Klamath County Dairymen's Association.

James Ezell, president of the county association, presided and opened the meeting, after outlining its purpose. Following this Will Adams was chosen chairman and J. G. Swan secretary.

The farmers and dairy men were all enthusiastic over the plan for a co-operative creamery, to be operated by the association. Articles of incorporation for the enterprise have already been filed.

The corporation is capitalized at \$20,000, divided into 2,000 shares, worth \$10 each. It was the sense of the meeting Monday that the stock should be owned entirely by the dairymen and farmers, each stock holder to have no more nor less than 10 shares.

A committee was named to compile statistics as to the dairying possibilities in this section. They will ascertain how many cows there are, and how many more might be purchased when the creamery starts.

Mount Laki, between Merrill and Klamath Falls, was favored by many as the ideal location for the creamery, on account of its being a central point for all the farmers. Malin dairymen, however, believe it should be closer to Merrill.

The farmers and dairymen comprising the association are all enthusiastic over the prospects for a co-operative creamery. Arrangements are being made to allow stock holders to pay for their shares by a certain percentage of the value of their butter fat.

"Smiley" Patterson, one of the old pioneers of Klamath county, who formerly lived at Bonanza, is in the city on a business trip from his home at Chico, Calif.

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