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Daily Weather Report

Fair Tonight and Wednesday;
Not Much Change in Temp.
Highest temp yesterday 34
Lowest temp last night 30

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MARSTERS ON STATE BOARD

Roseburg Banker Appointed to Responsible Position.

CANDIDATE DEFEATED—BOOTH RESIGNS

A. H. Lea, of Portland, Appointed Secretary of the State Fair Board to Succeed W. Al Jones.

Reorganized State Fair Board.
Hon. A. C. Marsters, of Roseburg, replacing J. H. Booth, resigned.
Hon. J. A. Reynolds, of LaGrande, replacing N. K. West.
M. L. Jones, W. H. Savage and Mrs. Edyth Tozier Weathered, all of whom are holdovers.
A. H. Lea, of Portland, secretary of the State Fair board who succeeds to the position held by W. Al Jones, of Joseph.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 18.—(Special to The News.)—A general reorganization of the State Fair board was effected here today as the result of the election of A. H. Lea to the position of secretary of the board which has been held by W. Al Jones, of Joseph, Wallawo county. Reports have been rumored that Jones was to lose his position, but nothing could be learned definitely. Booth and West were known to favor the return of Jones, while Jones and Savage were known to favor the election of A. H. Lea. Mrs. Weathered held the balance of power and when the issue was brought up in the meeting here this morning Lea was elected by a three to two vote. Booth and West immediately tendered their resignations as members of the board to Governor Withycombe, who promptly accepted them.

In order to immediately fill the vacancies on the board Governor Withycombe tendered the appointment to the vacancy created by the resignation of J. H. Booth to Hon. A. C. Marsters, of Roseburg. J. A. Reynolds, of LaGrande, was appointed to fill the vacancy by the resignation of N. K. West.

When Hon. A. C. Marsters was interviewed by a representative of The News this afternoon he said that he would accept the appointment. "I feel that the state fair is one of the greatest organizations that Oregon has. It does more to bring about a realization of our agricultural and stock resources than any other method we have and it should be encouraged to become bigger and greater every year."

A. C. Marsters is one of the best known men in the state of Oregon. For years he has been identified with the agricultural development of southern Oregon. He owns one of the best stock ranches in Douglas county and is interested in a big ranch in Klamath county. Since the organization of the Roseburg National Bank he has been identified with it, first as its cashier and for the past year as its president. Under his careful business management it has grown to be one of the strong financial institutions of southern Oregon. He served Douglas county at one time in the state legislature as its senator and all his life time he has been a strong and consistent republican. He is qualified in every way to assume the responsibilities of the important position to which he has been chosen and his appointment will give universal satisfaction not only in southern Oregon where he is best known, but throughout the state.

A. H. Lea, who succeeds W. Al Jones as secretary of the board, is well known over the state, having for the past fifteen years been associated with the Union Meat Company in an important position. He

knows most of the stock and agricultural men of the state and will be in a position to render the newly organized board a splendid service. He was appointed state game warden last April, but he did not accept the appointment which was later filled by appointment of Carl D. Shoemaker, of this city. Mr. Lea will make an efficient, capable and courteous official for the board which is to be complimented on his selection.

COMMERCIAL CLUB COMMITTEES NAMED

Following is an extract from the by-laws of the Roseburg Commercial club.
"Article 1. The name of this club shall be the Roseburg Commercial club. The purposes for which it is formed are to foster, encourage and develop the mercantile, manufacturing, agricultural, horticultural and home interests and resources of the city of Roseburg, the Umpqua valley, and Douglas county; to collect, preserve and circulate useful information concerning the said city, valley and county; to encourage wise and helpful legislation; to forward the improvement of streets, roads, avenues and public parks; to improve and extend our transportation facilities; to aid and encourage the erection of needed public buildings; to assist in the establishment of new manufacturing and the advancement of local industries; to increase the wealth, influence, industries, trade and population of said city, valley and county; to promote the general welfare of the inhabitants thereof, and to draw more closely together the citizens of Roseburg and vicinity, cementing their business and social relations."

With the foregoing statement of the purposes of the organization in mind the board of trustees of the Roseburg Commercial club held their first meeting in the club parlors last night, with all members present. Ray Lahey, Free Johnson and J. F. Hutchason were elected to membership.

After several earnest talks by several trustees, it was decided to organize the activities of the club for the coming year on the bureau plan, which has been adopted by all of the most successful Commercial clubs of late. It is more comprehensive in its scope than the committee system, as each bureau, and there will be about 15 of them, will have several sub-committees under it, each working on subjects interrelated, and subordinate to the bureau. In this way there will not be a member of the club who will not be working on one or more sub-committees, and the members will be so selected as to place them on those committees in whose work he is most interested.

The standing committees of the club for the coming year will be as follows:

- House committee—J. F. Barker, H. O. Pargeter, Ben Caro.
 - Reception Committee—A. C. Seely, J. W. Perkins, J. E. McClintock.
 - Books and magazines—Sam S. Josephson.
 - Membership committee—Sam S. Josephson and two others to be appointed.
 - Transportation—Henry Harth, and two others to be appointed.
 - Legislation—M. F. Rice and two others to be appointed.
- The bureaus outlined so far are as follows:
Public utilities. This will embrace water, lights, gas, telephone and telegraph service. Any matters concerning these utilities will be handled by this bureau with a sub-committee for each of the five branches.
Agricultural. This will be one of the most important bureaus in the club, and is divided into horticulture, truck gardening, grain and forage. The country members will be prominent on these committees, which will have the gathering of statistics of production, the studying of new suitable crops for the Umpqua valley, marketing and the disposal of by-products and waste.
Animal industry. This bureau will do its utmost to encourage the in-

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PHOENIX LIKE YONCALLA RISES

Enthusiastic Mass Meeting of Citizens is Held.

WILL NOT LET DISASTER STOP SCHOOL

Churches and Private Homes Offered To House Classes—Splendid Spirit is Shown By All Citizens.

YONCALLA, Jan. 18.—(Special.)—The lamentable loss by fire of our magnificent school building on the 14th inst. is indeed a solarplexus blow to Yoncalla and district.

Just as the place was recovering from the bank failure of last February and a few subsequent misfortunes in the form of fires, and the outlook for 1916 rather promising, with school forces working diligently taking great pride in our magnificent school building and the advantages it afforded, we find ourselves without suitable accommodations with which to take care of the school children.

Today, however, a mass meeting was called at the M. E. church in this city and presided over by County School Superintendent O. C. Brown, who spoke with much feeling regarding the district's loss, and admonished all that the time to manifest a disposition to meet the trying emergency was at hand and that unless each one should see fit to get a shoulder to the wheel that the community and district would suffer mightily and that the welfare of the students would be greatly neglected. Prof. Brown's remarks

were very favorably received by everyone present and as he finished, it was very evident that each person present had taken a resolve anew to go to the limit in order to close up the yawning gap caused by the recent fire.

The true sentiment of the assembly was plainly manifested when McW. Daugherty, trustee for the M. E. church, stated that the church building, so far as he was concerned, could be used as a school room, which sentiment was acquiesced in by the remaining trustees and Pastor Hoeking.

Wm. Hellwell and Samuel Chestnut, trustees of the Presbyterian church, likewise stated that their place of worship would be open to the school. A. W. Lamb very generously tendered the use of his hall to accommodate a portion of the pupils, while Postmaster M. M. Strawn stated that he would gladly open two rooms of his home to accommodate the hearing of classes.

Taken all in all the meeting was the greatest from a public spirit standpoint ever held in Yoncalla and the highly commendable manner in which everyone willingly came to the rescue is certainly worthy of the highest compliments and very clearly manifests the deep, sincere and altogether heartfelt concern for the welfare of our school and the best interests of pupils and instructors.

C. P. Huntington, of the Huntington Drug Co., offered to furnish text books at wholesale cost. H. C. Stearns volunteered to furnish the necessary blackboards, etc., to get the school on a working basis at exactly invoice price, while Wm. Kietzer very generously volunteered to loan his large library to the school as reference books.

The highly commendable spirit which was manifested at the meeting stated above leaves no doubt as to the exact character of the people and can mean but one thing—abso-

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VILLA LEADER IS EXECUTED

Responsible For Death of Many Americans.

MANY REFUGEES ARRIVE AT EL PASO

Villa Again Urges His Followers to Slay All "Gringos" On Sight—Leader Hides In Mountains.

EL PASO, Jan. 18.—Colonel Valles, Villa's executioner, was publicly executed this morning within a few feet of a train where a number of American women and children refugees were sleeping. The body was placed in open view before the custom house along side of that of Rodriguez, as a bloody warning. The execution followed the unconfirmed rumors that Albert Simmons, of Los Angeles, and Victor Hamilton, of Chicago, had been murdered by Villistas. Valles was brought under guard from Casas Grandes. He was awakened at five o'clock this morning and was dragged to a clump of cottonwoods nearby. Instead of selecting a firing squad, the captain chose a soldier whose brother Valles had executed, and without any order, this soldier shot him. Few of the sleepers aboard the train were awakened by the shooting.

Two special trains arrived here bearing hundreds of Americans and other foreigners from western Chihuahua. A Villa deserter said Villa had reiterated his threat against all Americans, using his followers to slay the "gringos" unmercifully,

and ruthlessly. He said that Villa was hiding in the mountains around Durango.

Bodies Packed in Ice.

General Gabriel Gavia, commander at Juarez said that the body of the late outlaw leader would be packed in ice and placed on view at the depot tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Other Bandits Under Arrest.

JUAREZ, Mex., Jan. 18.—Manuel Gutierrez, the alleged bandit, was placed under arrest here last night, charged with having been primarily responsible for the firing of Cumbre tunnel, on the Mexican Northwestern railroad, between Casas Grandes and Pearson, Chihuahua, in which 21 Americans aboard a train lost their lives, February 4, 1914.

It is alleged that Gutierrez was a commander of the band led by Mexico Castillo who left El Paso last night for Cuba, after being released by the federal authorities here. Gutierrez had affiliated himself with Villa, and with the disintegration of Villa's forces, made overtures to Carranza officials who invited him to Juarez. On his arrival he was placed under arrest.

Gutierrez is supposed to have robbed E. P. Miller a ranchman near Villa Ahumada, some time ago.

Octavio Gualla Ferria, described as director of the Mexican-White Cross society also was under arrest today. The charge against him was not stated.

Shortly after the Carranza partisans became dominant in northern Mexico, the Red Cross in Mexico was banished on the ground that it was partisan. The society headed by Ferria also was not recognized. Ferria is said to be an Italian and was reported to have invoked the aid of the British consular representative at El Paso.

Mexicans coming from the interior of Chihuahua state confirmed the report that General Arguedo, heading 6,000 men affiliated with the element formerly dominated by General Huerta, had defeated a Carranza force January 10 at Escalon. Carranza officials declared it was impossible to send troops on account of the congested condition of the railroads. Hundreds of freight cars blocked the sidings. Six "dead" locomotives were found at Moctezuma, just south of here.

PREPAREDNESS NOW STANDS OUT AS MOST VITAL ISSUE



National preparedness has become the nation's most vital issue. Congressmen, at their homes during the holidays, learned how ardent is the sentiment of their constituents in this direction.
Many plans have been proposed, and the debates in congress will be heated. The most radical view is that held by Roosevelt, who apparently believes that the United States should be constantly on a war basis equal to the most powerful nations of Europe.
The program proposed by President Wilson, who insists on action without delay, is a compromise between the various departments of the government, and is thus not wholly acceptable to many who made recommendations. It was not accepted by the war staff or the war college on the ground that it falls short of requirements. The plan for a continental army has been criti-

cized by those who believe in more efficient militia.
Cong. Gardner, of Massachusetts, is considered the author of the preparedness movement, but his detailed program is declared by many of the military experts to be unscientific.
General Wood has given particular attention to the technical questions involved. The American people have never been instinctively a military class, but he insists that they should at least know the salient features of the military art.
Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the senate committee on military affairs, will have charge of administration measures in the senate. Senator Chamberlain is essentially militant and believes in maintaining our position regardless of developments.
One of the most notable advocates of a rational system of preparedness is Theodore Burton, former senator

from Ohio, who advocates a constructive policy, perhaps a typical of average sentiment, midway between the extreme tendencies of those who would place us on a war footing and advocates of peace at any price. He believes in such a degree of preparedness as is essential to defense, but opposes militarism. He advocates enlargement of the regular army, with reorganization and development of the national guard as an adjunct. He also lays stress upon the need for available officers, thoroughly trained in enlarged academies at Annapolis and West Point, extension of which is opposed by many.
Burton's attitude is of particular interest, because he is president of the American peace society, and while he ardently advocates a proper system of preparedness, he has not lost sight of the ultimate ideal in the settlement of international disputes by tribunal.

ULTIMATUM GIVEN GREECE BY ALLIES

BERLIN, Jan. 18.—England and France have presented a virtual ultimatum to Greece, according to dispatches from Sofia. The note demanded that Greece give the diplomatic representatives their passports within two days. If the demands are not accepted, the allies will take the necessary measures to enforce them, the message said. This, coupled with the reports that the allies have landed near Athens, makes Berlin have no doubts that the allies have decided on extreme measures to force Greece to abandon her neutrality. A dispatch from Vienna relates the following terms for the surrender of Montenegro:
All soldiers must lay down their arms, and citizens must surrender their arms. The Austrian authorities will search Montenegro to prevent the formation of guerrilla bands. The males must congregate in certain districts designated by Austria, and Austria will take over the control of all cities and transportation.

SENATORS DEMAND INTERVENTION

HUNTINGTON, Jan. 18.—Senator Lippitt, of Rhode Island, introduced a resolution in the senate proposing immediate intervention in Mexico. The anti-administration senators backed the effort, and an acrimonious debate followed. "We might as well kill the resolution now as to refer it to a committee," Senator Borah declared. Lippitt demanded an immediate consideration of his resolution, but Senator Stone insisted on referring it to a committee.