

With Malice Toward None
With Charity for All
With Firmness in the Right.

THE EVENING NEWS

THE WEATHER
Tonight & Tuesday Cloudy.
Highest temp. yesterday... 46
Lowest temp. last night... 34

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A CLEVER FAKIR VISITS ROSEBURG

"Deaf" and "Dumb" Fortune Teller Makes a Hit—Gets The "Mazuma."

DOES A FINE BUSINESS

Bids a Fair Adieu to the City Beautiful and Seeks a New Field For His Lucrative Operations.

Like the proverbial Arab, he quietly folded his tent, slipped into his overcoat, tucked his earthly belongings into a commodious suit case, tripped lightly toward the Southern Pacific depot at an early hour this morning and deftly purchased a ticket south—to where—well, to where he can ply his vocation just as successfully as he did in Roseburg for the past few days. And his success in this city was by no means small. He "pulled" them over for sums ranging from fifty cents to two dollars—a very reasonable price, indeed, to have your "hand read" or the bumps on your head "diagnosed." In fact, when it came to getting those nice, shiny half-dollars and quarters this guy was some "jerg-puller." He was a veritable go-get-ter—and then some.

This finely dressed and gentlemanly appearing fellow came to Roseburg only a few days ago, located himself in central quarters, "sleeked" out the information that he was a "deaf and dumb" fortune-teller—couldn't speak a word—not even a whisper—and as to hearing, well his ears were closed so tight that you couldn't get anything larger than a gnat's heel past the outer lobe. He was certainly in a bad way and dreadfully afflicted—and in order to carry out his graft it was necessary that he have a complete "record" of his "customers" so as not to find some fellow who knew the "ins" and "outs" of a heavy of certain prominent citizens—and others who are not quite so prominent, but who are willing to part with a dollar or two to find out whether they are fit subjects for this or the other world—whether their husbands or wives were "true" to them—if they are to marry wealthy or to peg along at "six per." This was an easy task for the "fakir." He found a willing hand and the "game" was on. The first day's business brought him—net—twenty-five nice, round "plunks."

The following day was even better, and the fourth brought him to a realization that if the true facts became known some particular customer whom he had "feced" might object and be decreed to "vanish." This he did at an early hour this morning, though he had made many previous engagements for today. The "angelic ones" were disappointed, however, when they "popped up" for a "reading" today. The "deaf and dumb" had vanished—not only in person, but it was ascertained on good authority that his speech had returned, as well as his hearing. Just before he decided to take a "trip" south. In fact—being the fellow up from every standpoint—he was about as near perfect—physically, mentally and otherwise—as his "string" of customers. He was smooth sleek and cunning. He "faked" a nice living and among his customers he counted many of our prominent and leading citizens. They "fell" for him just like a baby would fall for a stick of "barber's" candy—and realized not until today that they had been "touched up" by a very clever "mute."

The fellow registered as Rodney Stone—but the way he handled his "patients" one might believe that "Stone" was a "gold brick."

There seems to be "something doing" in Roseburg every minute.

MELROSE GRANGE HOLDS OPEN INSTALLATION

Saturday evening the Melrose Grange held its installation of officers, and the meeting being an open one, the hall was crowded. Dr. C. H. Bailey, the Grange deputy, acted as installing officer, and the following officers were seated to serve for the ensuing year: Master, Royce Busenbark; overseer, Oscar Hansen; lecturer, Fred Goff; steward, Wm. Sandstrom; assistant steward, Ben Maddox; chaplain, Mrs. Ida Green; treasurer, Frank Bursic; secretary, Mrs. Fred Goff; gate keeper, Ernest Crane; Ceres, Mrs. George Kruse; Pomona, Mrs. Clara Anderson; Flora, Mrs. Della Churchill; lady assistant steward, Miss Maggie Conn.

After the installation services, the lecturer presented the following program: Song by the grande choir;

BILL IS INTRODUCED.

The bill providing for the regulation of fishing on the Umpqua river was introduced in the house today. The bill provides for a closed season from November 20 to February 1, and from April 15 to May 15, and from 6 p. m. Saturday to 6 p. m. Sunday of each week. It also contains regulations in regard to the setting of traps and nets.

address, "Cooperation by the Farmers and Grangers." R. A. Busenbark, violin solo, Ben Maddox, accompanied by Fred Goff; discussion, "Marketing Dairy Products," led by David Busenbark; instrumental music, F. L. Strang; discussion, "Marketing Eggs," led by Oscar Hansen; address, "Marketing Fruit," F. L. Strang; discussion, "Cooperative Buying for the Home," led by Mrs. E. R. Penn; address, "The Grange, the Farmers' Cooperative Organization," G. M. Green.

Upon the conclusion of the program, the ladies of the Grange served a delicious luncheon, after which the young people spent a pleasant hour playing games, while their elders enjoyed themselves in social converse.

During the program the lecturer, Mr. Fred Goff, who is also one of the teachers in the Melrose school, announced that after February 15 the advanced scholars of the school would be in a position to test any cream from the dairies of the community, and would also be in position to advise with the owners of dairy cattle as to balanced rations. This is a feature that more of our district schools might emulate.

PAROLE OFFICER UNDER SUSPICION

Joe Keller, the state parole officer, will probably never know how close he came to being arrested on a charge of hoodluming during the few hours which he spent in this city yesterday. Mr. Keller arrived in the city yesterday morning having been sent by the warden of the penitentiary, together with Guard Ed Ongles, on a search for E. J. Clarke, who escaped from the penal institution a short time ago.

With the knowledge that he would probably have a rough and hard job, Mr. Keller did not dress in his fashionable garments, choosing instead a khaki suit, which, owing to strenuous service, was slightly worse for the wear.

Officer Williams, ever on the look out for law violators and especially those who might violate the city and county laws by surreptitiously disposing of intoxicants, spotted Mr. Keller and immediately gave chase. He trailed him as far as the station where the officer, in the pursuit of his duties, went through the train, carefully scanning the faces of the passengers in the hopes of finding the escaped convict.

Here Mr. Williams was joined by S. P. Detective Garbe, who, though he became suspicious of the stranger and with the authority of a railroad official the latter had just stepped forward to give the parole officer the "once over" when Mr. Keller stepped up and introduced himself. They went immediately to the sheriff's office where a very pleasant visit was enjoyed.

A NEW COMMISSION IS PROVIDED FOR

SALEM, Jan. 22.—Representative Laursgaard has introduced a bill providing a state highway department. This measure was drafted in accordance with the conclusions arrived at by a convention of county judges and commissioners, recently held in Portland. The bill provides for a highway commission of three members, who shall be appointed by the governor. This commission shall have jurisdiction over all state road work. Three state highways were designated, one from Portland to California via the Willamette valley; one from Portland to The Dalles, Ontario and Pendleton, and another from Portland to Seaside via St. Helens and Astoria.

BROCCOLI INDUSTRY GROWING.

Tom Hall and Tom Fletcher, who have taken up the industry of growing broccoli plants for sale, report that they have over three million plants under way which will be sold by contract to growers. This amount is in excess of the total amount produced in Douglas county last year.

FINAL EXAMINATIONS HELD.

The faculty of the Roseburg high school are today holding the final examinations. They are held in the rooms assigned by the superintendent and the teacher of each subject has charge of the class.

200 ACRES CURRY RANCH LEASED

Company of Seven Chinamen to Engage in Truck Gardening on Large Scale.

A CHOICE LOCATION

Broccoli, Potatoes and Onions to Be Principal Industry and Will Be Marketed to Distant Points in Car Load Lots.

Two hundred acres of river bottom land, some of the finest in the county, on the big farm of the N. Curry estate, on the North Umpqua river about six miles northwest of this city, is soon to be converted into a tract for truck gardening on a large scale.

A company of seven Chinamen from Portland has arranged with the owners to take the property over on a long term lease, the deal having been practically closed the latter part of last week when a representative of the Chinamen was on the ground and in company with Chas. Curry, made a thorough inspection of the fertile tract of the Curry estate and decided to lease the property.

It is the intention of the Chinamen to engage principally in the cultivation of broccoli, potatoes and onions, and ship in car load lots to distant markets, giving no particular attention to the sale of produce locally. Already plans are under way for the erection of houses on the property for the accommodation of the Chinamen and it is expected that they will be on the ground at an early date to commence operations for spring planting.

The Curry estate is one of the finest and largest tracts of individual property in the county and the bottom land is especially adapted to the purpose of truck gardening and will open up a large industry in the county. The company does not take over any other land aside from the two hundred acres of river bottom, the owners of this large tract reserving the balance for their own use which they will continue to cultivate and use for farm.

THIEF BREAKS WINDOW AND STEALS CAMERA

After breaking the pane sufficient to allow the admittance of an arm, some unknown person last night appropriated a small folding camera and a pair of leather gloves from the show windows of W. S. Powell's second hand store on Jackson street.

The glass was evidently broken with a rock or some other hard article, only a small hole having been broken out with a force sufficient to throw the particles into the store room. The camera, which is the property of Roy Apsie and had been left there for sale, was worth in the neighborhood of \$30, while the gloves were of a value of about a dollar. As far as could be learned no other goods were taken.

Mr. Powell immediately reported his loss to the officers, who, believing the work to be that of transients, sent word to deputies in surrounding cities after which a careful search was made of the local tank shops and other places where disposal might have been made.

GERMAN CONSUL BOPP GETS TWO YEAR TERM

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 22.—German Consul Bopp, recently convicted of violating United States neutrality, was today sentenced to a term of two years imprisonment and a fine of \$10,000.

Halides Lost Sight Of.

BUENOS AYRES, Jan. 22.—No further reports of operations of the German raiders have been received here, and this fact has caused the belief that the vessels have transferred their activities to other places. South American waters are fairly swarming with all manner of armed craft, hunting the raiders, but so far no trace of the German has been discovered.

Artillery Fire Halts Attack.

PARIS, Jan. 22.—War office bulletins allege that artillery and rifle fire halted two German attacks north of Courvaux Woods today, and that patrol engagements in Alsace were raging.

W. S. Conlee, of the upper Deer creek country, spent the day in Roseburg.

NEW AUTOMOBILE AGENCY

Roseburg is soon to become the center of another automobile agency. Dr. J. R. Chapman has completed negotiations with the Vello Car Co. and will be the sole agent for this county. It is unnecessary to go into detail about the make of the Vello car, as it is used extensively in nearly all parts of the United States and is found to be of durable make as well as of a beautiful finish.

Roseburg has within the last few years, been a successful market for automobiles and the continued growth of this industry has caused Mr. Chapman to take charge of this agency. Mr. Chapman is planning on getting a car load of the cars in the near future and will soon be able to demonstrate its ability before the people of this county.

MATHEWS HILL TO BE ELIMINATED

County Surveyor M. B. Germond returned yesterday from the Buckhorn creek vicinity where he has made a survey which if followed for a road change will eliminate one of the worst hills in the county. Mathews hill, sometimes known as Watson hill on which the road at times reaches a grade of 27 per cent is to be circumvented in such a manner that the resulting highway will follow a grade of not more than two per cent and will follow closely along the bank of Buckhorn creek, the road forking off near the Bulger Chapman place and running in a northerly direction to the new bridge near the residence of George Shrum at the mouth of Buckhorn creek.

The residents of the vicinity between Glide and Peel have been anxious for an improvement of this thoroughfare for some time as the route is not only steep, but dangerous and forces a farmer bringing in produce to make a long detour by the river road through Oak Creek to Roseburg. They are heartily in favor of the improvement and requested Mr. Germond to make the survey in order that they might petition for the improvement and vote a special tax for the purpose of taking care of a large portion of the expense.

If the road follows the survey made by Engineer Germond it will be constructed through a territory which is unusually fitted to road building being level and following an excellent grade and through a country overgrown only with small shrubs. The cost of constructing for the three miles will be very light but will absolutely eliminate one of the steepest and most dreaded hills of the county.

ADVOCATES SCHOOL MEDICAL INSPECTION

Dr. R. H. Shoemaker, city physician, gave a most interesting and enlightening address on "Making Roseburg Healthful" at the Baptist church last evening. His remarks were well received by the large audience present. He said that Roseburg was a healthy city because of its pure water supply and its favorable climate but that care and vigilance were necessary to keep the city from fatal contagious diseases. In 23 states where records were kept it was shown that 10,000 died from measles, 5,000 from whooping cough and 11,000 from scarlet fever, all preventable diseases. He advocated medical inspection of the public schools and urged co-operation by the part of parents. Without the aid and assistance of parents an epidemic of infectious disease might get such a start that it would take three and probably result in loss of life, before the epidemic could be checked. Fees are a prolific source of infection and carry the germs of many diseases. "Swat the fly" is a good motto at any time of the year.

Dr. Shoemaker was followed by Dr. Eaten who spoke on "Divine Healing." He showed that the healing of the new testament was based on prayer accompanied by the best medical remedies known at that day. All healing is divine healing since all is in God's hands but the duty of a Christian is to use all proper remedies known to science and trust God to make the effective. The true rule is to use both remedies.

Newspaper evening H. Clay Dorr's address on the subject "Making Roseburg Clean."

E. C. Benson this morning received a communication from J. Clifford Bellow, president of the Oregon Retailers Association, to the effect that he would be unable to attend the business men's meeting here tomorrow evening. He expressed his regrets and said that pressing business prevented his attendance.

LETTER RECEIVED BY E. C. BENSON

Milling Co. Gives Statistics That Show The Increase in Wheat Prices.

POLITICAL ISSUES HELP

Royal Milling Company Prepares a Letter That Forebly Portrays Effect of War Upon Present Wheat Prices.

E. C. Benson, secretary of the Roseburg Merchants Association, this morning received a letter from the Royal Milling Company, merchant millers, located in Great Falls, Mont., containing the summary of wheat prices during the important wars of the last two centuries:

- 1775-76, American Revolution—Wheat rose to an average of \$2.49, the high point being \$3.00.
- 1815, Napoleonic War—Wheat rose to \$2.85.
- 1854, Crimean War—Wheat rose to \$1.85.
- 1868-64, Civil War—Wheat rose to \$2.28.
- 1876-78, Russian-Turkish War—Wheat rose to \$1.76.
- 1898, Spanish War—\$1.85.
- 1904-05, Russian-Japanese War—\$1.21.
- Minneapolis May wheat today is \$1.91.

The letter goes on to say that "certainly with the present war, which overshadows any other in the known history of the world, its effects will be far more reaching than anything we have ever thought of. The harvest of the world has failed and we have an acknowledged crop shortage. Spring wheat for seeding and milling purposes is disastrously scarce and one of the best states in the trade figures that at the present rate of export, the theoretical surplus of North America will be exhausted within three months. Political issues will doubtless continue to have great effect on the market with an upward trend in wheat values."

This letter plainly shows the effect of the present war upon wheat prices and plainly shows that the export of wheat to foreign countries should be stopped before it brings disaster upon our nation.

ROADS ARE BEING PUT IN CONDITION

J. M. Schaeffer, the newly appointed road supervisor, this morning stated to a representative of The News, that he had just finished planning gravel on Roberts mountain and that it is at the present time in fine condition. He has spent some time on this road and believes now that it will be the most durable one ever constructed.

Mr. Schaeffer will start operations tomorrow morning on the Sheridan hill road which was built last year. The road is situated this side of Shady Point and is a fine road, except that it is too narrow for a county road. It is the object of Mr. Schaeffer to widen this road two feet on each side, thus making it one of the best highways in the county. Mr. Schaeffer also has a number of other plans for the betterment of the roads in his district and expects to carry them out this summer. He served as supervisor several years ago and has had considerable experience in road building in the past.

STATE PAROLE OFFICER VISITS

State Parole Officer Joseph Keller arrived in the city yesterday accompanied by Guard Edmundson, of the state penitentiary. In their search for E. J. Clarke, who escaped recently from the institution.

They have found indications which would tend to the belief that the convict has come by way of Sheds and Eugene to southern Oregon in an effort to reach the California line. The two officers are determined to capture him if he is within the state and every clue will be carefully investigated.

Shortly after their arrival in the city they went to the office of Sheriff George Quinn where all the local police officers enjoyed a pleasant visit with them.

While here Mr. Keller investigated Herman Roseman who is being detained in the county jail on a charge of having stolen a suit case from J. W. Bowman. The man's queer notions have been a source of wonderment to the officers who have be-

BARBER RAISES BROCCOLI.

C. W. McAllister, besides being a barber is somewhat of a broccoli grower. He spent Sunday on his five-acre tract near Greens inspecting his broccoli crop and reports it in fine condition. He expects to get two car loads off his five acres this year and will realize a neat sum from the sale. He says the recent freeze had no effect on his plants and that they are heading up fine.

LOCAL TEAM MAY TRY FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

According to plans that are at the present time under way, the Roseburg high school basketball team may this year compete for the state championship. Reports received from Salem state that the high school team of that place intend to hold a state basketball tournament and have high school teams from all parts of the state attend and compete in a series of games. It is their idea to have the state divided into districts and the best team from each district attend. To further this interest they may decide to hold the tournament this year and if such is the case the local team will leave the first of next week.

The Roseburg high school team of this year is a husky bunch and thus far have lost only one game, that game being played on a very rough and small floor. They undoubtedly at the present time rank as one of the fastest teams of the state and not long ago defeated the fast Oklahoma normal team. The team also has had excellent coaching under the direction of Dr. Finley and the boys attribute their marked success to this more than anything else.

The boys, however, are pressed for players, as "Red" Baldwin intends to leave soon for San Francisco. One of their guards, Cliff Bemis, has been suffering from blood poisoning, and is reported to be slightly improved today. He will probably be unable, however, to play the game tomorrow evening with Cottage Grove. The subs of the team have been kept in fine condition and are at the present time ready to "step in" when called.

Manager Ted Jewett stated this morning that he would probably know for certain within the next few days whether they would be able to attend the state tournament. They have already secured their southern trip and will leave some time next week.

PROHIBITION IN ALASKA PROBABLE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—The house territories committee has agreed to report favorably on the bill providing for prohibition in Alaska.

Liquor Confiscated.

MARSHFIELD, Jan. 22.—Sheriff Gage and two deputies today confiscated 50 quarts of liquor found hidden in the underbrush south of the bay. It is believed the liquor was brought ashore from one of the incoming steamers by a motorboat.

Peace Address Liked.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Officials at the German embassy here stated that their government and the liberals of Germany would undoubtedly resolve with favor President Wilson's address delivered before the senate this morning. It was stated that Von Hollweg will soon indirectly reply to the speech.

Fisheries Question Unsettled.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—The senate has been unable to ratify the Washington-Oregon pact providing for concurrent jurisdiction of the Columbia river fisheries. It was the opinion that the time was not opportune for consideration of the proposition, but it may be ratified at the next session.

SHIPS WILL CARRY GRAIN.

PORTLAND, Jan. 22.—London lumbermen have informed Portland dealers that no more British vessels will be available to carry lumber until after the war. All English ships will be used in carrying grain.

MENTAL CULTURE CLUB.

Tomorrow at the usual time the Mental Culture club will hold their scholarship loan fund program at the home of Mrs. A. C. Marsters,

SHIP YARROWDALE SUBJECT DISPUTE

Release Of Any American Prisoners Held Will Be Demanded.

PLANNING A SHAKEUP

Members of Diplomatic Service Will Tender Resignations to the President Inauguration Day.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Ambassador Gerard cabled the state department this morning that at the time the British ship Yarrowdale was captured by the German raider there were 459 persons aboard, but no mention was made of any Americans being among the number. The state department announced that Germany has been asked if there were any American citizens among those taken prisoner at the time of the ship's capture, and it was indicated that in event there were any their immediate release would be demanded. The department will hold that the Yarrowdale was a peaceful merchantman, and that Germany took as prisoners any Americans who may have been aboard the vessel. It will also be contended by the state department that Germany has no right to convert captured merchantmen into commerce raiders.

Diplomats Will Resign.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—That President Wilson is planning a general shakedown of the diplomatic service on March 4, is generally conceded in official circles. All diplomats will submit their resignations at the close of the presidential term. President Wilson intends in this way to improve the service by requiring greater efficiency and less politics. An unconfirmed report has been persistently circulated here that Secretary of State Lansing may replace Ambassador Page at the English court in London.

CALLOWAY HODGES PASSES AWAY

Calloway Hodges, one of Oregon's oldest pioneers, died at his home in Scotts Valley, Calif., January 19, after a short illness. Mr. Hodges was 87 years of age, having been born in Indiana, December 21, 1829. In 1847 he crossed the plains to Oregon and settled near Yoncalla where his death occurred at the home of his son, J. G. Hodges.

He was married at the age of 21 year to Elizabeth Belle, twelve children being born to the union. Mrs. Hodges died at Portland 12 years ago, the body having been interred at Medford. He is survived by eight of his children, L. M. Hodges, of Portland; Mrs. Emma Hearsh, Mrs. Maude Burdick, of Spokane; J. G. Hodges, of Roseburg; Herbert and Charles Hodges, of Eugene; Mrs. Alta Merrill, of Grants Pass, and Mrs. Trevena Heard, of Medford.

He was firm in the Methodist faith and during his entire life has been an active worker in that denomination. The funeral will be held at Medford where the body will be buried beside that of his wife.

STATEMENTS BEING PREPARED.

Four crews are now employed at the court house preparing the 1916 tax statements. About three weeks will be consumed in the work and the shifts that are employed at the present time are: Day—Mrs. Chastity, Mrs. Lula Vesson, Mrs. Echo Gadd's and Miss Gertrude Rest. Night—Sam Wardwell, Barton Hellwell, Ed. Coakleas, J. G. Stephenson, Roy Apsie, Gordon Stewart and Howard Calkins.

ROAD LAW NOT FINISHED.

District Attorney George Neuner returned last night from Salem where he has been attending a meeting of the committee appointed to recodify the road laws of Oregon. The bill has not yet been introduced and will probably not be introduced until the latter part of this week or the first of next. Mr. Neuner will probably return to the capital about Wednesday of this week to oversee the concluding of the final draft.

Redford Tester and Halbert Mathews today enlisted in the United States army, and will probably leave this evening for Vancouver barracks.

San Francisco Examiner—75c. San Francisco Chronicle—75c. Sacramento Bee 55c. per month, delivered. Fullerton's Drug store. 1422-4f

R. E. Borchfield and wife, of Winchester, came over this morning and spent the day in town.