

### Scappoose Items

Ray Gaittens Sundayed with Harry Smith. He missed the bus Sunday night.

Ethel Smith went home with her aunt, Mrs. Frank Tompkins, to Seattle for a while.

Girty Stump is visiting with her friends here this week. It seems good to see Girty's smiling face on our streets again.

Miss Eva Gillette visited at the Rose City for a few days.

Professor Bundy took a trip to Seaside Sunday.

Mrs. Pearl Sanstrom and children and her friend, Mrs. Warner, of Portland, Sundayed with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cloninger.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bass motored down from Portland to visit Mr. and Mrs. T. Cloninger.

Ella Razy was called home by the illness of her grandmother, Mrs. Ward, who lives at Deer Island.

Quite a number attended the circus from here.

Phil Cloninger returned to the P. L. camp Monday.

Mrs. Lucy Divens, of Houlton, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herm Usher was Scappoose visitors Sunday.

W. H. Bumgardner, of Warren, was seen on our streets Monday.

Miss Restona Adams Sundayed with her parents.

Mr. Jewbert has bought a new auto.

Miss Graham and Miss Rimple visited here for a few days this week.

Miss Katie and Ada Weist took in the dance here Saturday.

Mr. Cottingham visited his pal, Bob Hobert, Sunday.

Bert West took the tired clerks out for a nice little spin Monday night.

Mrs. Roberts, of Portland, visited with her sister, Mrs. Gillette, last week.

The Pender murder case, famous in Columbia county for its two long trials is soon to be argued again, this time before the supreme court. Pender, on a second trial, was found guilty at St. Helens last January of killing Mrs. Daisy Wehrman and her infant child, and was sentenced to be hanged in March, when an appeal stayed execution.

The postoffice at Amity was robbed Friday night. The robbers entered by means of skeleton keys. The safe was opened by nitro glycerine, the charge used being heavy enough to blow the safe to pieces and to move the front wall of the building, which is a frame one, outward two inches. The robbers secured about \$109 in money, but left other valuables, including stamps and registered letters, untouched.

Between 65,000 and 70,000 acres of land located in Grant, Umatilla, Baker and Walla counties have been designated by the federal government as subject to entry under the enlarged homestead act. All of this land is, or is supposed to be, of semi-arid character, non-mineral and containing no timber. It will be subject to entry June 1 of this year, where vacant and public.

## PEAGE ENVOYS HOPE TO SATISFY MEXICO

### Failure to Salute the Flag No Longer Factor in Pending Negotiations.

Washington.—Peace delegates of the Huerta government stopped in Washington while on the way to Niagara Falls, Canada, to attend the mediation conference. They are confident of the success of the mission, which, it was learned, is the broad question of pacifying all of Mexico.

Those close to President Wilson and Secretary Bryan assert that the question which is to be mediated is no longer the failure of Huerta to salute, or the offenses committed against the dignity of the United States, but the broad question of pacifying Mexico.

Those who know the viewpoint of the Washington government declare the American troops will not be withdrawn from Vera Cruz until a stable government is established or is in sight in Mexico City.

President Wilson told the American commissioners before they left for the mediation conference at Niagara Falls, Ontario, that the United States will keep its troops at Vera Cruz until a definite settlement of the Mexican problem.

The president gave the American commissioners—Justice Lamar, of the United States supreme court; Frederick W. Lehmann, former solicitor-general, and Diplomatic Secretary H. Percival Dodge—no specific instructions. They were told to place themselves in a receptive mood and await proposals from the three South American mediators.

### REBELS CRY 'VIVA WILSON'

#### President Coupled With Carranza By Victors at Tampico.

Vera Cruz.—A heavy rain storm which flooded the trenches and blew blinding torrents into the faces of the federalists contributed much to their defeat at Tampico, according to Americans who have come here from that port.

The constitutionalists took advantage of this and poured a terrific fire into them, forcing them back from the outposts into the town. Immediately the federalists began entraining.

The constitutionalists came into the town shouting in the air and shouting "Viva Carranza, viva Wilson!"

Cablegrams based on messages from Tampico have been sent to Berlin urging the German government to protest against the forced loans alleged to have been imposed by the rebels.

## PRIMARY ELECTIONS HELD IN OREGON

Portland.—That Dr. James Withycombe, of Corvallis, and Dr. C. J. Smith, of Portland, will be the republican and democratic candidates, respectively, for governor in the November election was indicated clearly by the figures received from the state at large.

It is probable that Dr. Withycombe will have a plurality of about 4000. Dr. Withycombe, it is believed, will come up to Multnomah county with a lead over Gus C. Moser of about 10,500 votes.

Dr. C. J. Smith is nominated by the democrats in all probability by a plurality between 1909 and 1500. His closest competitor is A. S. Bennett, of The Dalles, who is second in both Multnomah county and the state outside.

C. N. McArthur has won the republican nomination for representative in congress in the third district, comprising Multnomah county, by a plurality over A. W. Lafferty, the incumbent, that probably will total 2100 votes, the top.

United States Senator George A. Chamberlain was renominated by the democrats, R. A. Booth received the republican and William Hanley the progressive nomination for United States senator. All were unopposed.

### Parks' Execution Seen.

Vera Cruz.—Additional confirmation of the execution of Private Samuel Parks of the Twenty-eighth infantry, was received here.

There was brought into the American lines one of Huerta's conscripts who had deserted. He said he was an eye-witness of the execution of Parks.

### Land Open for Enlarged Homesteads.

The secretary of the interior has designated for enlarged homestead entry 900,000 acres of land in small tracts, scattered all over eastern Oregon. The largest designations are in the Deschutes and John Day valleys. He also designated 170,000 acres in Asotin and Okanogan counties, Wash.

### London Consul-General Dead.

London.—John L. Griffiths, the American consul-general at London, died suddenly at his residence of heart disease.

## BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

Oregon Agricultural college defeated the Multnomah Club in the dual track meet at Corvallis by the score of 73½ to 57½.

Pacific University defeated the University of Puget Sound in the annual debate at Forest Grove by a unanimous decision of the judges.

Between 6000 and 7000 Lane county school children and their parents participated in the educational rally day exercises in Eugene Sunday.

Union will be the magnet for hundreds when the sixth annual Union Livestock show will be held in that city June 4, 5 and 6. There will be races and band concerts.

The girls of the 1914 graduating class of the La Grande public schools are establishing a precedent in that the expensive graduation dress cost is to be limited to \$5.

After an inspection of the hopyards of Salem, Louis Lachmund, dealer in hops, said that the 1914 crop would be from 20 to 25 per cent less than last year's crop.

The contest by the forest service against Hercules Santoine, now in Portland, for a homestead in Josephine county, has been settled in favor of Santoine.

Representative Hawley has applied to the board of engineers for permission to extend the wharf at Port Orford, damaged by rough weather. The board will make an investigation before announcing its decision.

Dr. Withycombe received 750 out of a total of 873 votes cast for all candidates for governor in the city of Corvallis. He received in 16 precincts heard from out of the 22 in Benton county 944 votes of 1179 votes cast for all candidates for governor.

Senator Chamberlain has introduced a bill amending the act to authorize construction of a dike on Olalla slough authorizing the construction on foundations already laid or farther up the stream of a dike with a gate for purposes of navigation, the plans to be approved by the secretary of war.

The Indian appropriation bill, reported to the senate, contains the following Oregon amendments: Appropriation of \$100,000 to purchase livestock, farm implements, seed, etc., to enable Warm Springs Indians to become self-supporting. Fifteen thousand dollars for an addition to the assembly hall at the Chemawa school.

An offer of \$50,000 was refused by Mrs. Melia C. Brown, Eugene woman inventor, for the patent obtained three weeks ago on a sanitary milk cap. The offer came from Denver capitalists. She is preparing to place the article on the market. Instead of slipping into the top of the milk bottle, the cap is convex in shape and slips over the top.

Do you know Nosh? Ark sells wash-boards cheap?

### FLOGGED OUT OF THE ARMY.

#### Melancholy Fate of "The Whistler at the Plow"

Among the many pen names of the just "The Whistler at the Plow" was the happiest. It was chosen by Alexander Somerville, long since dead, who wrote the sweetest prose ever penned about the fields and woods and hamlets and the hermits, birds, reptiles and people of Canada.

I glimpsed him once—a stupendous Scot, with long white hair hanging over his shoulders and an expression of supreme sadness on the noble face. But he had the clear blue eye of the Scot—an eye that had an amber glint in it when he was roused.

He was an ex-soldier, but he did not serve out his term of enlistment in the army; neither did he get an honorable discharge.

Alexander Somerville was a private in one of the crack cavalry regiments of Great Britain and Ireland—I think it was the famous Scots Greys, but I am not sure. He must have been a magnificent looking soldier.

At the time of the great Chartist movement in England he was stationed with his regiment somewhere in the Midlands. The Chartists were looked upon as an incipient French revolution. Their meetings were forbidden, severe measures were undertaken, and things began to look bad. The Chartists—honest, I can't tell you what a Chartist was, but he was, I fancy, an ultra Liberal or Radical of those days—decided to hold a procession. The authorities decided to prevent it, and a bloody clash was billed for the next Sunday.

The Scots Greys were ordered to rough what their sabers in preparation to resist the mob. A sabre so treated breaks bones and tears and bruises the flesh, but it doesn't sink deep. It was a terrible order, and Alexander Somerville, the future "Whistler at the Plow," refused to obey. He could not draw his sword on his fellow countrymen who were demanding liberty.

A corporal's guard seized Private Alexander Somerville. He was tried for insubordination by a court martial and was sentenced to be flogged and then dismissed from the army. He suffered a fearful flogging, with the whole garrison and as many of the citizens as could see looking on—suffered without a cry or a groan—and when the cruel, brutal business—a business that would have made Sirling Bull or Red Cloud miserably ashamed—was over he came out to this free land, a lone, broken and melancholy man, to sing of freedom among the free hills.

Does any one know where is his grave?—Toronto News.

### Laying Bridge Floors.

The most interesting and dangerous looking stage in the construction of a suspension bridge is the building of the floor, says Popular Mechanics Magazine. In this work the builders have nothing to rest their work on and must build out each way from the towers, securing the floor piece by piece to the heavy steel bars suspended from the main cables far above. The work is done with derricks that are equipped with booms long enough to reach out ahead of the finished structure and hold the girders suspended while they are being riveted in place. As each section of the floor is completed the derricks are moved ahead and the construction of the next section is begun.

### He Was the Whole Cabinet.

The record concentration of office into a single hand was achieved by the Duke of Wellington in 1834, when William IV, suddenly parted with his Whig ministers. Sir Robert Peel, who was to form the new ministry, was in Rome, and it took between three and four weeks for the king's messenger to reach him and for him to return, traveling almost continuously night and day. In the meantime Wellington was practically the entire government. He really held the offices only of first lord of the treasury and home secretary, but any one of the secretaries of state can perform the duties of any other or all of them, and this Wellington actually did.—Westminster Gazette.

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OH, MR FAN, WON'T YOU PLEASE INTRODUCE ME TO SOME BALL PLAYERS—YOU KNOW THEM ALL SO WELL?  
 WHY CERTAINLY, MISS DOLLY, I DO KNOW 'EM ALL—THAT'S RIGHT! LET'S STROLL OVER TO THE HOTEL PLAZAZA—THE WASHINGTON TEAM IS STOPPING THERE.  
 THAT'S WALTER JOHNSON, THE STAR WASHINGTON PITCHER, COME OVER AN' I'LL GIVE YA A KNOCK DOWN!  
 REALLY! HOW PERFECTLY LOVELY!  
 HELLO, THERE, JOHNSON, OLD BOY! I WANT YOU TO MEET A FRIEND OF MINE!  
 BAM—LOVE'S DREAM  
 YAS SAH! JONSON'S MAH NAME WHO'S YOUAH FRIEN-?