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SENATE WANTS UNCLE SAM TO REMOVE PESTS

**PREDATORY ANIMALS SAID TO
BE GREAT HARM TO
OREGON FARMERS.**

OREGON NORMAL SCHOOL BILL PRESENTED TODAY

**Calls For Fifty Thousand—Heated
Debate Follows Plan to Have Steno-
graphic Work Contracted For—
Budget Plan Fails—Predatory Animals
Bill Passes in the Senate.**

Salem, Jan. 13.—The senate today passed a memorial to congress asking for an appropriation of \$300,000 to be used in the extermination of predatory animals in the national forests of the state. Senator Burgess, author of the memorial, said the annual loss to stockmen, and poultry raisers in National forests of the western states amounts to \$13,000,000 annually. Senator Hawley introduced a bill today providing an appropriation of \$50,000 for construction and equipment of a new training school building for the Oregon Normal at Monmouth.

Pudget Plan Fails.
In the house an amendment to the rules present by Schuebel, proposing the use of stenographic work in the legislature be contracted for. This engendered a bitter debate which was in progress when lunch adjournment was taken.

Stenographic Bill Debated.
Representative Hunter presented an amendment providing that stenographic work in the legislature be contracted for. This engendered a bitter debate which was in progress when lunch adjournment was taken.

County Representative Woodell this morning wired to E. S. Norris asking him to ascertain as far as possible the attitude of the taxpayers in this county on the proposed irrigation tax, Mr. Woodell desiring to know to what figure, if at all, the tax should be placed. This proposition followed the resolution of the irrigation congress in Portland recently. Some irrigationists urge a half-mill state tax and others a one-fourth mill.

CASH, CAMERA GONE.

**Snake River Resident Finds His Suit-
case Was Molested.**

H. A. Beckwith, who lives on the Snake river below Lewiston, is loser \$60.00 and a camera worth the same amount. He says that he supposed the money and camera were in a suitcase in his hotel, until he went to get them, when he found them not. He has turned the matter over to the police. In the meantime he is bewailing the loss of his spare cash.

Rebekas Hold Installation.

On January 12, district deputy President Mattie Golden installed the following officers for Crystal Rebekah lodge No. 50, of La Grande: Louise Douglas, N. G.; Zora Clapp, V. G.; Zoe Golden, R. Sec.; Iva Bakeman, F. Sec.; Emma Harding, treasurer; Miriam Elledge, Warden; Prudence Kame, Con.; Jessie Eckengreen, Chap-

lain; Cora Fitzgerald, R. S. N. G.; Vesta Shaw, L. S. N. G.; Zella Davis, R. S. V. G.; Estella Webb, L. S. V. G.; Margaret E. Morrison, I. G.; Ed. Stringham, O. G.

The following were elected: Lon Robertson, musician; George Robertson, W. A. Worstell, Mattie Golden, trustees; J. L. Robertson, captain degree team.

A general social time followed and a rousing good time is promised next Tuesday night.

Ohio Holds Safety Exposition.
Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 13.—With exhibits from nearly a score of states, the industrial safety exhibition opened here today under the direction of the state industrial commission. It is the first exhibition of its kind to be held under state direction.

New York is represented by 12 of its largest manufacturing concerns, Illinois by nine and Pennsylvania by four. Among other states represented are: Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Colorado, Missouri, Michigan, New Jersey, Wisconsin and West Virginia.

Safety appliances on railroads are shown by several railroad companies. The bureau of safety and efficiency of the Alcohol League of the United States is demonstrating the relation of alcohol to accidents. Prevention of disease is being shown by life insurance companies.

NORTH COAST STORM SWEEP

**SIXTY MILE GALE RAISES HA-
VOC WITH SHIPS.**

**Two Killed, Many Injured, Big
Freighter is Aground.**

New York, Jan. 13.—Lashed by a 60-mile gale, for 18 hours, the North Atlantic coast is facing the worst storm of the winter. Two are known to have been killed here, and a dozen injured.

The damage is heavy. There is no sign of a let up.

Steamers reaching North Atlantic ports were compelled to battle for hours against mountain waves. The Italian freighter Oceanic is aground in a fog off the Statue of Liberty and lifesavers are attempting to reach her. High seas prevent ascertaining whether her position is dangerous.

Conferring With Sportsmen.

F. A. Raffety, of Roseburg, was in the city yesterday evening and today went to Wallowa county. He is conferring with sportsmen of Eastern Oregon as to just what is best in the way of prospective legislation. His findings will be reported to the fish and game commission which in turn will go before the legislature with their recommendations.

Deputy Game Warden W. E. Lef-fel accompanied him to Wallowa county.

County Commissioners Tried.

Baker, Jan. 13.—When the members of the county court paid their official visit to the county jail yesterday afternoon they were immediately "arrested" and tried in Kangaroo court by George Herbert's pets. The prisoners read the indictment against the officials, charging them with the crime of "breaking into jail." They were found guilty as charged by the jury, and sentence was passed by the "judge," who fined them each two-bits. The fines were paid and will go into the general fund of the prisoners for the purchase of smoking tobacco.

EARTHQUAKES IN ITALY DO MUCH DAMAGE

**ROME ITSELF SHAKEN UP BY
QUAKES THAT LEVEL MANY
SMALL TOWNS.**

OUTSKIRTS OF ROME FELT TREMORS WORST

**Whole Provinces in Some Instances
Suffer Seriously from Tremors
That Come at Early Morning Hour
—Numerous People Crushed Under
Falling Debris—Eighteen Die in
One Place.**

Rome, Jan. 13.—Reports from out-lying districts indicate the earthquake which shook Rome and vicinity this morning, caused considerable loss of life.

A number of buildings were destroyed in the outskirts of Rome. It is said 18 were killed at Pereto where the shock was severe—in fact it is plain that other parts of Italy felt the shock worse than Rome did.

Telegraph and telephone communication in many towns is interrupted.

It is reported later that there was considerable loss of life and enormous damage to property in Abruzzi province. The entire district suffered. Many small towns are said to have been practically razed. Several towns in the province of Rome suffered.

Megre ad-ees report great damage to the towns of Capelle, magliano, Prostone, Monete Rontondo, Valmonte, Alvano.

It is said most of the fatalities resulted from fugitives being caught in the ruins of the buildings and there being crushed to death.

Lumber Dealers Talk Insurance.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 13.—Opening a three days' session, lumber dealers from over the state gathered here today to attend the annual convention of the Nebraska Lumber dealers' association.

Leaders of the organization say that the association will probably throw its influence on the side of an anti-discrimination insurance law such as agents in some sections of the state are planning to bring forward for the consideration of the state legislature.

BANKS ELECT OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR COMING YEAR

Men who support and operate the banking institutions of La Grande yesterday afternoon met in annual meetings to elect officers and directors for the ensuing year.

Stockholders in the United States National were called together at 3 o'clock. The stockholders listened to the annual reports and at the election of officers, retained those who served last year. No changes were made in either officialdom or directorate. William Miller was retained as president, J. C. Henry as vice-president, T. J. Scroggin as cashier and Charles R. Harding as assistant cashier. With the exception of the last named, these men and the following form the directorate: George T. Cochran, C. T. Bacon, U. G. Couc, A. L. Richardson, J. F. Conley, and J. L. Caviness.

At the La Grande National, stockholders meeting, the previous officers were retained, but several new directors appear. Walter M. Pierce, J. E. Reynolds and W. J. Church, each of whom have been directors for several years, requested that they be not re-elected, not having the time to give to it, in the instance of the first two, and because of so much illness and absence from the city on Mr. Church's part. Fred J. Holmes was re-elected. C. C. Penington, vice-presi-

Views of Three Big Men on Prosperity



New York, Jan. 13. (Special).—Here are the views of three very important men on prosperity—Thomas A. Edison, who after the burning of a \$3,000,000 plant is not discouraged; Judge E. H. Gary, chairman of the board of directors of the Steel Trust, and James A. Farrell, president of it and executive over 150,000 workers. This is what Mr. Edison had to say about worry in connection with the business conditions:

"When any one talks about worry he might apply my new standard of worry. Just think of the kaiser, now on the defensive, with nearly 900 miles of battlefront, all told, on the east and west. Why the average

man's worries sink into insignificance compared to this. Another standard of disaster is Belgium—little, gritty Belgium!

"It has surprised me to see how Americans have become weak-kneed stricken with a sort of commercial paralysis. They want to get out and do something; now is the opportune time. Why, you can put a building up cheaper today than you could before the war, and yet many of our supposed good business men will wait until the war is over as a sign of prosperity and pay more for the building. The wise man will prepare now for the boom in trade that we will soon experience and which will be tremendous after the war."

"I do not expect rapid, but I do expect steadily sustained improvement during 1915," Mr. Farrell of the Steel Trust told a Pittsburgh audience. He insisted that a period of renewed prosperity was about to begin. Inasmuch as the steel business has for years been a barometer of general business, the statement of Mr. Farrell was considered of much importance.

"This country should be prosperous all the time," was the opinion of Mr. Gary. "There should be plenty of work for all who deserve to have work. Neither the capitalist nor the poor man, the employer or the employee, has good reason for discouragement in this country. It is to be regretted that there are so many idle men at the present time, and every

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DOVER WARDS OFF ATTACK BY 2 SUBMARINES

**GERMAN CRAFT SIGHTED IN
TIME TO PREVENT AN
ATTACK BY THEM.**

STORMS DON'T HINDER BATTLE NEAR SOISSONS

**German Casualty List Published,
Showing Partial Death List —
French Lose Ground Near Soissons
But Deaf It is Consequential—
English Papers Think Submarines
Were Sunk.**

London, Jan. 13.—It is reported that two German submarines which attempted to raid Dover, England, were sunk by land batteries. The admiral has made no announcement. All newspapers printed long dispatches from Dover claiming both submarines were hit and sunk. The Star said the submarines were sighted well outside the entrance to the harbor but were not fired upon until they were within range. Both disappeared, the Star said, and the British gunners are confident that they sank.

Soissons Battle Continues.

Paris, Jan. 13.—Despite bad weather severe fighting continued east and west of Soissons. The official war office statement admitted the French forces were compelled to yield some ground but denied that important positions were relinquished. Germans, heavily reinforced, are maintaining a savage offensive. Between Ypres and Neuport the fighting is by artillery.

Death Lists Published.

Copenhagen, Jan. 13.—The 121st German casualty list has brought the Prussian army's killed, wounded and captured up to 840,843, according to Berlin advices. This did not include Bavarians, Saxons and others.

HOT STOVE IGNITES.

**R. M. Allen Furniture Badly Dam-
aged by Hot Stove Fire.**

A hot stove, igniting a sofa in the Don Ruckman house at 1316 W avenue and occupied by R. M. Allen, last night came near burning up both house and furniture. The department made the long run with sufficient speed to get chemicals into action before the window panes bursted from the heat and created a draft. The sofa fire spread to the piano and scorched the keys badly and did considerable other damage.

The loss will probably reach \$400.00, which is protected by insurance. It is not known if the house was insured or not; it too sustained some damage.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen were up town when the fire broke out. In regard to the situation Mr. and Mrs. Allen said today:

"We wish to thank the parties that turned in the alarm when our home was burning last night while we were absent. We also express our thanks to the La Grande fire department for their quick response and good work in extinguishing the fire."

ANXIOUS TO GET SON TO OREGON

August Mortier, for several years an employe at the Palmer mill, is getting anxious about his son who resides in Germany. Next Spring the lad becomes of drafting age and must go to war for the kaiser, and Mr. Mortier is trying to get him out before the lad is 18 years of age. Various difficulties confront him, but Mr. Mortier expects to overcome every obstacle in order to gather his clan under the Stars and Stripes. He is confident that the kaiser can get

along without this particular son in first class shape. What the outcome of his efforts will be remains to be seen.

Special Session to Revise Tax Laws.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 13.—The Virginia legislature assembled in special session today, upon call by Gov. Stuart. The only business is to revise completely the tax laws of the "Old Dominion."

TWO NEW WARSHIPS ASKED FOR

Washington, Jan. 13.—The House naval committee has agreed to recommend construction of two new battleships next year.

This decision in the committee, it is expected, will find majority favor on the floor of the House and it is expected to pass as recommended. Friends of a "little navy" see their plans upset, but affirm that the ships will be built only after one of the hardest fights in history over the naval and army policy.

Santa Monica Has Commission Rule.

Santa Monica, Cal., Jan. 13.—Santa Monica is the latest Pacific coast city to place itself under the commission form of government. Under the plan adopted at a recent city election, commissioners of public works, safety and finance will have entire charge of the city's affairs. Ward election under the new system will be held in December, 1915.