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MRS. THOMPSON PRESIDES AS MRS. SPEAKER

SPEAKER STANFIELD IS INDISPOSED AND THE LADY FROM WASCO TAKES HIS PLACE

ORTON INTRODUCES BILL TO PROTECT AMERICANS

Measure Is Introduced Which Will Forbid Foreigners From Being Employed on Any Public Work—House Passes Bill to Compel Public Service Corporations To Pay Interest on Meter Deposits.

Salem, Jan. 24.—(United Press)—Mrs. Alexander Thompson, member of the Legislature took Speaker Stanfield's place today. She presided at this morning's meeting of the House of Representatives, on account of Speaker Stanfield's slight illness. The members addressed her as "Mrs. Speaker". It was the calmest session since the start.

Senator Orton introduced a bill providing that all public institutions, school districts and contractors in public work or for municipalities employ only American citizens. It prevents all aliens from working on public jobs.

The Senate passed Senator Eddy's bill providing for the recall of school directors.

Representative Kubi in the House introduced an anti-picketing law. It was sent to the second reading. It will probably be in the committee's hands by the end of the week.

Representative Callan presented a bill making the insurance commissioner the state fire marshal, and authorizing him to appoint deputies. It provides an insurance premium tax to supply the necessary funds.

The House passed a bill providing that Public Service corporations should pay six per cent interest on all meter deposits. Cornelius, Hodges and Peck vigorously opposed this.

The bill repealing the law providing that the delinquent tax list should not be published in newspapers, nearly passed the Senate through accident. Just before the Senate voted on the proposition of amending the bill making it effective only in Multnomah county a senator discovered an error, whereby the bill repealed the publication law throughout the state except Multnomah. It was "quickly changed" and the amendment restored.

A. R. HUNTER SELLS HORSES

A. R. Hunter, the Island City breeder, yesterday sold a pair of grade mares to C. W. Day of Sterling, Colorado, for \$600 and a pair of registered Percheron mares to Dr. J. A. Niles of Great Falls, Montana, for \$950. Dr. J. A. Niles also recently purchased from Ross Irvin of Summerville a 2000-pound thoroughbred Percheron stallion.

"Through All The Years Between"—They Remembered

Edward Parrish, of Enterprise, and Mrs. Nancy Hall, of Portland, Plight Troth Though Both Have Passed Three-Quarter Century Mark. "Nothing Foolish" In Their Wedding.

After an acquaintanceship of 62 years, which passing the stage of friendship and ripening into love, a romance of Oregon's early days was brought to light Sunday in the marriage of Edward Parrish of Enterprise, Walla-walla county, and Mrs. Nancy Hall of Portland. Both have passed their seventy-seventh birthdays, but time has touched them lightly, and they are setting their craft asail upon the sea of matrimony with all the hopes and enthusiasm that marked their first ventures more than half a century ago.

Both Married Before.
Both have been married before, the bride once and the bridegroom twice. Three years ago Mr. Parrish became a widower for the second time, while his bride of Sunday has been fighting her battle of life alone for something like 27 years. She was married when first they met, although she was only 16, for the girls who came out with the ox teams early took up their burdens. He, too, was of pioneer stock, and both used to think a little about "what might have been" if they had met earlier, but never quite did they lose track of each other. She came

SIX ALLIES AEROPLANES DESTROYED ON WESTERN FRONT BY GERMANS

Germans Also Claim They Are Making Progress in Roumania—Engagements Reported South of Riga—Cold Hinders Operations.

Berlin, via Sayville, Jan. 24.—(United Press).—It was announced that the German defensive fire destroyed six Allies' aeroplanes on the western front yesterday.

The Germans successfully progressed in Roumania. Favorable engagements developed on both sides of the River As, south of Riga. Severe cold hindered operations at the front held by Archduke Joseph's army.

Northwest News

Moscow, Idaho, Jan. 24.—(United Press).—Jurymen in the Latah county district court object to getting "cries in the joints" on account of having to sit on hard chairs while hearing cases. They complained to Judge Steele. He promised them swivel seats at the next term.

Salem, Ore., Jan. 24.—(United Press).—Closing a three-day session, the 14th annual Oregon State Labor convention will adjourn tonight. The 100 delegates are interested in the passage of a law consolidating the industrial accident commission and labor boards.

Burns, Ore., Jan. 24.—(United Press).—Lawen district farmers today are organizing a farm loan association to get government loans under the rural credits act. They will deal with the rural credit bank at Spokane.

Klamath Falls, Ore., Jan. 24.—(United Press).—Incorporated for \$40,000, the Oregon-California Box company will begin operations in the old Savidge brothers plant here within a few weeks. Fifty thousand boxes a day will be manufactured, if the factory runs to capacity. Fifty men are to be employed at the start.

Lakeview, Ore., Jan. 24.—(United Press).—Stories about jackrabbits pelts being worth real cash took concrete form today when ranchers learned that a St. Louis firm offered 15 to 18 cents a pound for such skins, according to quality. There is also a five cent bounty on the jacks in this county. Shipping pelts to St. Louis would cost 6-1-4 cents a pound.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 24.—(United Press).—It was clearly indicated today that the mohair market this season would open at 50 cents a pound, the highest opening price on record. This means big money for the Willamette valley, where the mohair industry thrives. Last season the price reached 51 1-2 cents for a limited period late in the season.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 24.—(United Press).—The elements—our old friend J. Pluvius superintending matters—did more to affect the egg market than all the combinations of house-

Frank Harris Cuts Finger Badly Today

While chopping wood this morning Frank Harris, proprietor of the art store, almost severed the second finger of the left hand near the knuckle. The attending doctor believes the finger can be saved but is afraid it will be stiff. Mr. Harris thinks that the injury will prevent him from following his art work.

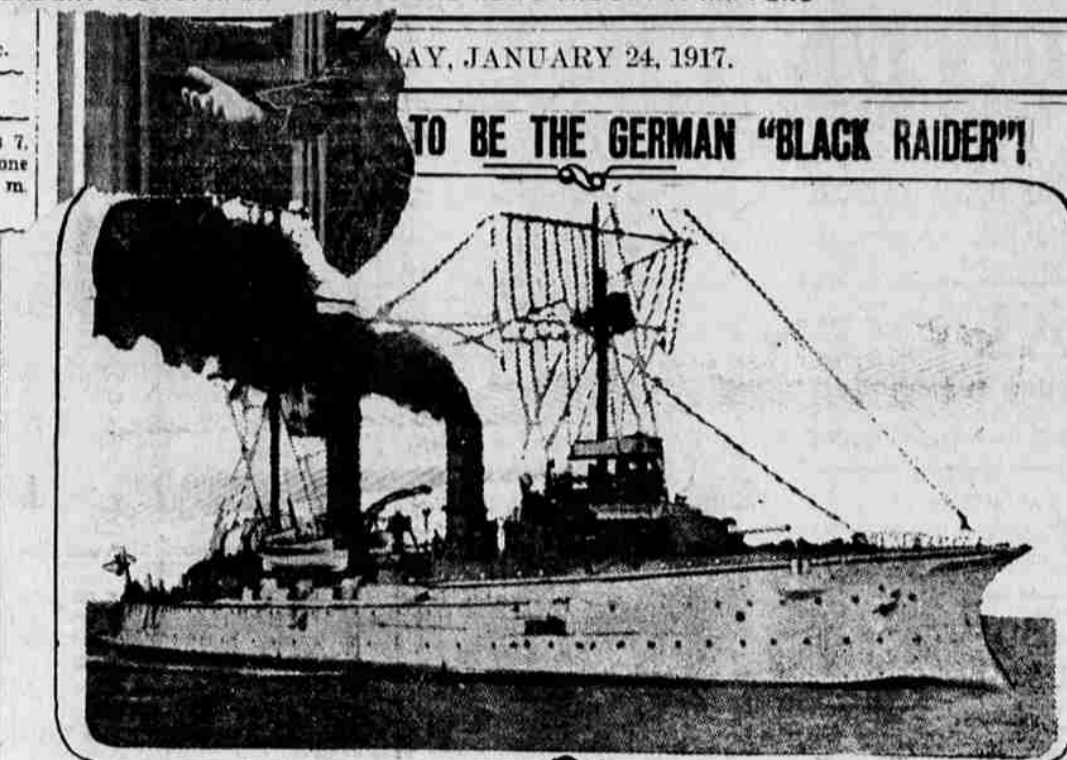
The handle of the double bitted axe which Mr. Harris was using caught on the block and the blow fell on the hand is Harris' explanation of the accident.

W. H. Vandewalker Dead.
Baker, Jan. 24.—(Special).—W. H. Vandewalker, formerly of Baker and Durkee, died on January 4 at his home near Ashland, Kansas, according to word received recently by his stepdaughter, Mrs. Jacobson of Baker yesterday.

Lutheran Aid Society Meets.
The Ladies' Aid Society of the Lutheran church will meet at the home of Mrs. N. Nelson, 501 Washington street, Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Jacobson will be the hostess.

Penn-U. of O. Receipts \$23,000.
Pasadena, Cal., Jan. 24.—The receipts of the Pennsylvania-Oregon football game here New Year's day totaled \$23,000, according to figures issued today.

Eakin Addresses High School.
Municipal Judge Eakin this morning talked to the assembled high school students on the debt they owed the state, city and nation for their education and how they could repay.



THIS PICTURE SHOWS THE VINETA, THE VESSEL SUPPOSED TO BE THE MYSTERIOUS GERMAN "BLACK RAIDER," WHICH SANK 20 OR MORE ALLIED MERCHANT SHIPS IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC. THE VINETA IS A BIG PROTECTED CRUISER WITH TWO 8.2-INCH GUNS, SIX SIX-INCH, 12 15-POUNDS, TEN ONE-POUNDS, AND FOUR MACHINE GUNS. SHE CARRIES 465 MEN AND DISPLACES 5885 TONS, BEING 345 FEET LONG AND 57 WIDE, WITH 23 FEET DRAUGHT. SHE WAS BUILT IN 1898 BUT RECONSTRUCTED IN 1910. GERMANY NEVER ANNOUNCED THE SPEED ATTAINED BY THIS VESSEL AFTER RECONSTRUCTION.

wives organized to bear down prices. When the weather changed, eggs broke 6 to 7 cents on the Portland market during 24 hours.

Eugene, Ore., Jan. 24.—(United Press).—William G. McAdoo, secretary of the treasury, has written a personal letter to H. F. Harthun, professor of Spanish at the University of Oregon, urging him to popularize the study of Spanish there. McAdoo says a good knowledge of Spanish is necessary if the United States hopes to successfully promote trade relations with Mexico and South American republics.

PIONEER WOMAN OF BAKER COUNTY DIES

Mrs. Elizabeth Plummer Passes Away at Her Home at Rock Creek After Extended Illness—Son Lives at La Grande and Daughter at Cove.

Mrs. Elizabeth S. Plummer, aged 78 years and six days, a Baker county pioneer, died at 9:50 o'clock Monday morning at her home at Rock Creek after an extended illness.

Mrs. Plummer was born in Newton county, Missouri, in 1839 and came with her husband, William Plummer, to Baker county in 1884. She was married in Missouri in 1856 at the age of 17 and aside from her husband, is survived by three sons and a daughter: Jack and Carlos Plummer of Rock Creek; Van W. Plummer of La Grande; and J. L. Gibson of Cove. Mrs. Plummer also leaves a large number of grand children and great grand children.

William Plummer is a pioneer miller, having been interested in flouring mills at North Powder and at Rock Creek before the latter mill was removed to Haines.

Funeral services for Mrs. Plummer were held this afternoon from the Church of God in Baker, and burial will be in Mt. Hope cemetery. Rev. W. W. Crist of Middleton, Idaho, conducted the services.

45 Children Enter First Grade Monday

Forty-five children entered the beginners' classes in the Central, Riveria and Greenwood schools Monday, according to the reports submitted by the first grade teachers in these buildings. One child entered the third grade at Greenwood building and two the seventh grade in the same school.

The names of the pupils who started this week are: Central building—Lillian Graham, Ina Neiderer, Lily Neiderer, Robert Halt, Ray Clapp, Helen Jane Wall, Marjorie Gore, Charles Writeman, Rena Waldrop, Marie Baxter, Catherine Humphreys, Irene Spencer, Jene Honeywell, Mildred Bradshaw, Robert Mohr, Mildred Smith, Jean Rogers, Margaret Sprinkel, Earl Ford, Amy Brown, Esther Kammerer, William Miller, June Coolidge, Lecha Waldrop. Riveria building—Gareld Myrick, Lindsay Fuller, Kenneth Stacy, Merl Stacy, Neal Peare, George Eldon Strom, Simone Calcina, Leah Bramwell, Sam Bauman, Even McEwan, Virgil Wilde, Evelyn Gharat, Dorothy Decoursey, Merlin Hiatt.

Greenwood building—Vance Day, Helen Walker, Richard Weeks, Erma Watkins, Elmer McClure, Vincent Datson, Mattice Chartino, first grade; Edna May, third grade; Dora Mercer and Flora Mercer, seventh grade.

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LATE NEWS BY WIRE

One British Torpedo Boat Is Reported To Be Sunk.
Berlin, Jan. 24.—(United Press)—It is announced that one British destroyer was sunk off the Dutch coast. One German torpedo boat reached Dutch Harbor. The remainder of the German vessels returned, with only slight losses.

Seven German Torpedo Boat Destroyers Reported Lost.
London, Jan. 24.—(United Press)—Dutch correspondents to the London newspapers reported that German sailors said seven German torpedo boat destroyers were sunk and crippled. The Admiralty did not change yesterday's announcement. Holland authorities are considering interment of the crippled German destroyer V-69, which sought refuge at Ynwidien.

Brazilian Steamer Reported To Have Been Torpedoed.
Buenos Aires, Jan. 24.—(United Press)—The prison ship Hudson Maru left Pernambuco, hugging the shore line closely on its northern course. She carries presumably freight for New York. All prisoners were landed. It is sensationally rumored that the Brazilian steamer, Sirie, was torpedoed.

Kaiser Reads Wilson's Note—Gerard Gets German Views.
BY CARL W. ACKERMAN
Berlin, Jan. 24.—(United Press)—President Wilson's Senate speech was telegraphed the Kaiser and General Hindenburg at the front. Ambassador Gerard conferred with Foreign Secretary Zimmerman forty minutes last night. He later cabled Washington a confidential outline of the foreign office's attitude.

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Newsprint Paper Reported Going Up
Federal Trade Commissioners Perry and Soris Are Going to Investigate Report That Canada Is Going To Boost Price.

MAKE SNOW PATH TO THE SIDEWALK
"Make the snow path from the curb to the sidewalk" is the request the mail carriers who come to your house each day by cart make of La Grande people. It isn't much more work to extend the path the few feet to the curb and this kindness will be appreciated. As it is now, the carriers, numerous times each day, have not only to break through the original depth of snow but also through the snow moved from the sidewalks and placed on top of that already on the parking.

THE WEATHER
Portland, Jan. 24.—(United Press)—The forecast of the U. S. weather bureau follows: Weather partly cloudy. East portion colder. South winds.

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SENATE WILL DEBATE ON THE PEACE NOTE

SENATOR SHERMAN BITTERLY DENOUNCES RECENT ADDRESS OF PRESIDENT.

SHAFROTH IN FAVOR OF PEACE TRIBUNAL

International Court of Arbitration With Five Judges From Each Nation He Suggests, With Military and Naval Power to Back Up Its Decrees.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 24.—(United Press).—The senate failed to act on Senator Cummins' resolution for providing a general debate on President Wilson's address. It left the way open for discussion of the president's ideas at any time.

A hot debate preceded the action. Senator Stone suggested referring the resolution to the foreign relations committee.

Senator Cummins wanted every senator to talk one hour expressing his opinion of the peace steps. Senator Sherman bitterly denounced the president's address. He declared it was a "stump speech from the throne forestalling public opinion in the attempt to make the senate accept any treaty President Wilson might make."

Senator Shafroth introduced a resolution suggesting each nation have five judges on a peace tribunal, each nation to contribute a portion of the military and naval forces to enforce the court's decrees.

Leak Committee Goes Back to Washington

New York, Jan. 24.—(United Press)—The House leak committee adjourned to Washington. It will hold one meeting and announce the time of re-summing here. This action was taken after the committee learned it was impossible to get stock exchange records quickly. It asked the exchange to hurry.

Sues Railroad for Damages.
Baker, Ore., Jan. 24.—(Special).—Suit to recover \$15,000 damages was begun in the circuit court today by Alonzo Robison against the O-W. R. & N. company for injuries which the plaintiff claims to have sustained last July when an O-W. R. & N. engine and his automobile collided at a crossing immediately east of Weatherby station on Burnt river.

Robison alleges that the accident was due to negligence on the part of the railroad in failing to have proper warning signals stationed at the crossing, and on the part of the engineer for failure to watch carefully as he approached the crossing, which, it is claimed, he knew was a dangerous one.

Mr. Robison was thrown from the automobile by the impact and sustained several broken ribs in falling. The car was demolished.

Blue Mountain Grange Holds Its Session

The regular session of Blue Mountain Grange was held at their hall on Saturday, January 20. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather and drifted roads, there was a large attendance. After the usual business of the morning, dinner was served by section No. 3. The lecturer presented the following program:

Song, division No. 2; roll call, "Why Do I Like My Home on the Farm?"; paper, "Farm Management," Ben Gikelis; "Farm Accounts," Paul Spillman; "Business in the Grange," Minnie Holman; song, Misses Florence Burnett, Gene and Beulah Smith; paper, "Home Life on the Farm," Addie Grout; "Grange Echoes," edited by W. R. Gekeler; song by division No. 1.

The grange then with appropriate ceremony presented a past master's gold medal to C. D. Huffman in appreciation of his service as master of this grange since its organization 13 years ago. After the discussion of several measures now before the legislature, the grange closed to meet again on Wednesday, February 7.