

Grant Keyes, Near Successful Pioneer Airplane Inventor

That which was a sensation yesterday, it seems, will be but commonplace tomorrow. Scientists and inventors in this country and others are making such startling progress in their undertakings that their first crude demonstrations of new mechanical developments seem as the accomplishments of a little boy and little remembered age. In the lives of the men who these days besport themselves miles above the earth's surface, riding the breezes in monstrous, swift and powerful machines and endeavoring to find the limits to which man may go one sees nothing of that heart-and-body-wearing labor and anxiety that was the price paid by the pioneers in the game that the world might some day realize the wonderful possibilities of aviation. One does see today the glory of the map-bird in emulating and surpassing the feats of the feathered air travelers, and one does see beauty of the marvelous machines which the past decade has seen developed, but to thousands of Americans and Europeans today the sight of a man climbing thousands of feet into the blue sky or dropping in one of various kinds of apes from a cloud bank a half mile above them gives no more of a thrill than does the sight of a man performing acrobatic feats on a towering spire or steeple. Hundreds of men probably cherished the idea fifteen or twenty years ago of building with their own hands a machine that would enable them to travel bird fashion, but to only a few of the hundreds did success ever come. Grant Keyes, a former O-W locomotive engineer at La Grande, was one of the great majority. Mr. Keyes built his plane, only to be disappointed when he tried to get an engine to fit it with, and the remains of the plane still may be seen at Morgan Lake, where he built it. It was about 1904, when the Wright Brothers were just beginning to realize success in their efforts, that Mr. Keyes started the construction on his plane. The Wrights had the year before that made their first actual flight with a biplane, a flight of 852 feet, and it was late

in 1905 before they made a flight of any number of miles. La Granders who knew Mr. Keyes in those days and who were acquainted with his plans say that his plane was designed almost exactly on the same principles as are the biplanes which are such a success today. It was his idea to build it on the hill at Morgan Lake and to "hop off" from there for a glide down over the town. He completed his plane without being able to get an engine to drive it and friends think this was all that prevented him realizing his great ambition. L. C. Smith, who operated a bicycle shop in La Grande at that time, and who was somewhat of a hand with gasoline engines, was to be the pilot of the machine and Keyes and he had made arrangements to give a flight at a celebration in Portland that summer for which they were to receive \$5,000. Keyes tried hard to get an engine, going to the Thor factory in the east and showing them what he wanted, but they were unable to supply him with the motor. Disaster came upon the plane while it was standing at Morgan Lake awaiting the motor that was to give it life. A wind storm struck it one day and damaged it almost beyond repair. Discouraged, Keyes gave the machine up and left the wreck of the machine lying where the wind strewn it. It had taken him a year to build it and though success was coming rapidly to the Wrights and others in the flying game in the eastern states, he did not go about the task of rebuilding his machine. Keyes, it is said, worked out the whole idea of the plane's mechanism himself and for the reason that it was built on plans that have been carried out by the builders of modern machines, his old friends here believe that had he persevered it until he had his machine equipped with a power plant he would have been among the first of the successful aviators of the nation. Keyes left La Grande some time after the failure of his plans. He went from here to the Panama Canal zone, with other engineers, and was there for several years. He returned to the States and is thought to be living now in the east.

STRAY PLANTS

The idea of calling old-fashioned corn pone a "substitute!" Never permit a warlike nation to play possum. Club it! It kills! Everything hath its place in war. The profiteer is the evil worm in the bean. Keep busy. The bass drummer doesn't want to do all that work for nothing. Yes, sir, a nice little patch of government bonds will produce a crop every time. The Hun of the future may supply himself with "iron crosses" at the rummage sales. Details may deviate, but purpose is unwavering. Uncle Sam moves with a firm purpose. Teach the young people to "do" things, without dwelling too much on their "don'ts." The Kaiser hasn't captured the world, but it is coming to him with an enthusiastic belligerence. The fellow who calls the lady innocent because she saves material from her dress is an alien enemy, and ought to be attended to. There's enough of the beautiful in life. If the pond furnish the beautiful lily, why go on hunting for the frogs and snakes of the under slime?—J. H. Mackley in Ohio Farmer.

WITH THE SAGES

If nobody loves you, be sure it is your own fault.—Doddridge. Life is a series of surprises. We do not guess today the mood, the pleasure, the power of tomorrow, when we are building up our being.—Emerson. He only is advancing in life whose heart is getting softer, whose blood warmer, whose brain quicker, whose spirit is entering into living peace.—Ruskin. Speak the truth by all means; be bold and fearless in your rebuke of error, and in your keener rebuke of wrong doing; but be human, and loving, and gentle, and brotherly the while.—W. M. Punshon. Living a good deal alone will, I believe, correct me of my faults; for a man can do without his own approbation in society, but he must make great exertions to gain it when he lives alone. Without it I am convinced solitude is not to be endured.—Sydney Smith.

MORE TIME GIVEN IN ELECTION CONTEST

WASHINGTON, July 29.—A resolution extending for 90 days the time for the collection of evidence in the Alaskan delegate contested election case brought by James Wickersham, Republican, was adopted Monday by the house.

LEGAL NOTICES

SUMMONS. In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Union. Lottie Nilson, plaintiff, vs. Theron Bangs, defendant. To Theron Bangs, above named defendant: In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, and if you fail to answer or otherwise appear, for want thereof the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief prayed for in her complaint, to-wit: For a decree reforming and correcting that certain deed made and executed by T. S. Smith, and Mary Q. Smith, his wife, on the 18th day of September, 1913, conveying title to Lot Seven (7) in Block Three (3) in Grandy's Second Addition to the Town of La Grande, Union County, Oregon, to Lottie Nilson and Theron Bangs, by striking from said deed the name of Theron Bangs as one of the grantees therein, and for such other and further relief as to the court may seem just and equitable. This summons is published by order of the Honorable J. W. Knowles, Judge of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Union, made and entered in said suit the 19th day of July, 1919, by which order it was directed that this summons be published once each week for six successive and consecutive weeks in the La Grande Observer-Star, a newspaper published in Union County, Oregon, and of general circulation therein. The date of the first publication of this summons is the 25th day of July, 1919, and the date of the last publication is the 5th day of September, 1919. GEO. L. MASTEN, Attorney for Plaintiff. Postoffice address, 309-10 Panama Bldg., Portland, Oregon. Wk—J 25; A 1-8-15-22-29; S 5.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the county court of the state of Oregon for Union county, administratrix of the estate of Charles E. Andrews, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same to me, properly verified, as by law required at La Grande, Oreg., within six months from the date hereof. Dated this 18th day of July, 1919. MARY A. ANDREWS, Administratrix of the estate of Charles E. Andrews, deceased. Wkly July 25, Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Oregon, July 12, 1919. Notice is hereby given that Eugene W. Wheeler, of La Grande, Oregon, who, on May 4, 1914, made Homestead Entry No. 013,257, for Southeast quarter, Northwest quarter, Southwest quarter, Northeast quarter, Northeast quarter, Southwest quarter, Northwest quarter, Southeast quarter, Section 32, Township 11 South, Range 36 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver, U. S. Land Office, at La Grande, Oregon, on the 8th day of September, 1919. Claimant names as witnesses: George B. Richardson, Pearl V. Styles, James Briggs, all of La Grande, Oregon; Henry Hagey, of Starkey, Oregon. C. S. DUNN, Register. Wk—Jul 18-25; Aug 1-8-15-22-29; S 5.

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TREATY WITH FRANCE TO BE SUBMITTED

WASHINGTON, July 28.—A senator who conferred with the President late today said that he would submit the treaty with France to the senate immediately, probably tomorrow.

of Home Bennett, Hattie Lun, and also all other persons or parties unnamed or unknown, having or claiming any interest in the above entitled Estate, as Heirs or Distributees, Defendants. To William A. Bennett, Homer Bennett, Mary Keefer, Hattie Lun, and also all other persons or parties, unnamed or unknown, having or claiming any interest in the above entitled Estate, as Heirs or Distributees: In the Name of the State of Oregon, you and each of you are hereby cited and required to be and appear before the above entitled Court, at its Court Room in the Court House in the City of La Grande, Union County, Oregon, on Monday, the 6th day of October, 1919, at 10 o'clock, in the forenoon of that day, and there to show cause, if any you have, why the facts should not stand and the rights of Heirship or distribution to the above entitled Estate, be decreed as set forth and prayed for in the Petition of plaintiffs on file herein and why it should not be decreed that William A. Bennett, and Homer Bennett, are not heirs of the above estate and are not entitled to distribution in the same. And you are further required to appear before the Court at the time and place above specified and file answer setting up your respective claims of Heirship, ownership or interest in the above entitled estate, if any. Witness the Honorable J. F. Phy, Judge of the County Court of the State of Oregon for Union County, this 23rd day of June, 1919. C. K. McCORMICK, County Clerk. (Seal) Wk—Jun 27; July 4-11-18-25; A 1-8.

COURTMARTIAL RULES CHANGED

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GOOD WORK WAS DONE AT JUAREZ

WASHINGTON, July 30.—Official detailed reports on the recent punitive expedition into Juarez to drive out Villa troops, when the battle there threatened lives of Americans in El Paso, give especial praise to the work of both the artillery and the cavalry. It is said that some of the achievements of the second battalion of the 82nd field artillery under command of Lieutenant Colonel H. L. Newbold were as spectacular as any in the great war when the small nature of the engagement is taken into consideration. The reports say Colonel Newbold had his men and guns in so closely behind the skirmish line that they were ready to fire before the infantry had made contact, and the instant the command to fire was given, the sharpshooters sweeping the fence corners and grand stand of the race track, where the Villa troops were, exactly on the target. Colonel Newbold's batteries got off sixty-four rounds with such speed and accuracy that observers report the action like a performance of the prize gun teams in France which made new records with the French 75's. When the infantry advanced, every point of vantage around the Mexican position was found riddled with steel bullets. The cavalry comes in for a full measure of praise for its rapid movement to cut off the main rebel body while the performance of the engineers in throwing across the Rio Grande in less than an hour, a pontoon bridge capable of bearing the heaviest equipment is reported as having set new record in that line. The "doughboys" of the infantry of course come in for their usual share of praise which is in no way dimmed by the mention of the success of the engineers, cavalry and artillery.

STATE NEWS

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one of the "big four" of the Pacific fleet, was commander of the Cruiser San Diego when she was sunk July 19, 1918 near Fire Island of the New York coast by striking mine supposed set adrift by a German submarine. He has been in the navy many years and is a brother of Howard Chandler Christy, a widely known illustrator.

ARMY COLLEGE OPENED

NEW YORK, July 30.—Among the soldier pupils at Camp Dix army college which opened yesterday, is Maj. Gen. H. C. Hale, commander of the cantonment, who will take the course in motor mechanics, one of the most popular subjects in the curriculum. Large number of enlisted men and officers have registered in the school. The equipment has been donated by the Knights of Columbus.

NORTHERN PEOPLE VICTIMS OF FLU

JUNEAU, Alaska, June 21.—(By Mail)—Two hundred children, ranging in age from ten days to twenty years, have been made orphans by the influenza epidemic in Ugashik Ugegak, and vicinity, according to dispatch received by the governor's office from the U. S. S. Marblehead. The canneries of the Bristol Bay district are caring for the orphans temporarily, but need for permanent provision for the children was pointed out by the commander of the Marblehead.

SPOKANE IS MEETING PLACE OF LAWYERS

SPOKANE, Wash., July 30.—Three days of addresses and entertainment are planned for members of the Washington State Bar association which will meet here July 31 for its annual convention. Visiting attorneys are to be the guests of the Spokane County Bar association during the meeting. Former United States Senator Geo. Turner of this city will deliver one of his principal addresses of the session, on the German peace treaty and Attorney Carol B. Graves of Seattle will reply to Judge Turner speaking in criticism of the treaty. James H. Lawson of Vancouver, B. C., will speak on "The Taxation System of Canada," and James T. Rogers, an attorney of Bingham N. Y., will address the convention. J. B. Bridges of Aberdeen state supreme judge will respond to the address of welcome which will be delivered by Joseph McCarthy, president of the Spokane County Bar association, and C. O. Bates of Tacoma will deliver the president's address. Frederick Baumann of Seattle, former state supreme judge, will deliver an eulogy of the late D. C. Hughes of Seattle. A "high link" has been arranged at the University club here for one evening of the meeting and a banquet at the Spokane club will occupy another. The final day of the convention will be taken up with an automobile trip to Hayden lake, Ida., for a picnic.

WILL SEND TEACHERS ON TRANSPORT

HONOLULU, T. H. June 26.—(By Mail)—If private shipping lines fail to provide accommodations for 125 school teachers who are to come from the mainland within the next two months to take positions in Hawaii, Governor C. J. McCarthy will appeal to the war department to have them brought on an army transport. Passenger steamers are booked full for months ahead but last reports were that arrangements would be made to accommodate the teachers, whose services are greatly needed by the department of public education.

WITCHCRAFT AMONG INDIANS

JUNEAU, Alaska, June 11.—(By Mail)—Witchcraft, it appears, still is practiced by some tribes of Alaska Indians. The latest example has come to light in the arrest of the heads of the tribe of Bear Lake Indians, who are said to be below the average native in intelligence and physical endowment. Cause for the arrest, it is learned was the action of the Indians in trying a girl of sixteen, a member of the tribe, to a tree by the hair of her head and with her hands tied behind her back. A small boy was found loose to wander in the timber. When rescued a few days later the little fellow's face was raw from mosquito bites and the girl in serious condition. The children were taken to Telegraph creek to be cared for and the men of the tribe responsible for the mischief arrested.

FRENCH ENGINEERS MAKE INSPECTION

LOS ANGELES, Calif., July 29.—Twelve engineers sent to this country by the French government to make a survey of water and electrical projects to obtain ideas to be used in the reconstruction of France have been inspecting power plants in California. The engineers also are studying the electrification of steam railroads. Major, H. L. Auglard, M. Mauduit, M. Paradi, and M. Barilott, members of the party, said the French government was determined that in the rebuilding of France only the most modern ideas should be used.

PROPOSES MEASURE TO AID IN LESSENING COST OF LIVING

WASHINGTON, July 30.—As a means of lowering living costs, Representative Emerson, Republican, of Ohio, introduced a resolution Monday proposing repeal of all taxes and import duties on sugar and foodstuffs and the removal of the war tax on freight charges paid for the transportation of food.

COMRADE OF THE WASHINGTON

SAN FRANCISCO, July 30.—Capt. H. H. Chittay, commander of the 4th and 5th regiments of the 24th Infantry, was killed by a shell fragment while on duty at Camp M. H. DeWitt, near the city.

WHEAT RECEIPTS MAKE A RECORD

KANSAS CITY, July 29.—The receipt of 149 carloads of new wheat

ARMENIA, GEORGIA, LANDS OF ORPHANS

PARIS, July 29.—Twenty-eight orphanages have been established in the Armenian republic, according to a report on the situation there, made public yesterday. In the region of Erivan, in Trans-Caucasia, there were said to be 15,000 orphans, and in Georgia 3000 more, all of whom are maintained at the expense of the American relief association.

BAUER OF AUSTRIA QUITS CABINET JOB

VIENNA (By the Associated Press)—Dr. Otto Bauer, Austrian foreign minister, resigned the foreign portfolio Saturday. He retained, however, the post of minister of socialization in the cabinet. The foreign ministry will be taken over by Dr. Karl Renner, the chancellor, in addition to the chancellorship. Representatives of the allied powers as well as Austrians of the well-to-do order, are said to have been attempting for months past to bring about Doctor Bauer's resignation because of his supposed Bolshevik affiliations.

AUSTRIAN MINISTER ARRIVES AT BORDER

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., July 29.—Koloman Kania von Kanya, Austrian minister to Mexico, arrived at the border here Monday from Mexico City en route to Austria via New York and Rotterdam. He left here Monday afternoon. The minister is making his first trip home in five and a half years.

FIRE CAUSES HEAVY LOSS IN MONTANA

MISSOULA, Mont., July 28.—Damage estimated at \$45,250 was done by a fire that destroyed nine buildings at St. Ignatus, near here, Saturday. The flames were halted only by the efforts of the citizens, aided by an extraordinary measure taken by F. T. Crowe, project engineer of the United States Reclamation service, who had turned into St. Ignatus all the water available from the canal that runs from the great reservoir nearby and by the use of this water the firefighters were able to stop the flames.

OIL PROBE RECEIVES MUCH SUPPORT

WASHINGTON, July 28.—The senate adopted Painter's resolution authorizing the federal trade commission to investigate the recent increase in the price of oil, especially on the Pacific coast.

WILSON IS EAGER TO MAKE THE TRIP

WASHINGTON, July 28.—Secretary Tamm said today that the president's trip will be made even if the senate ratifies the treaty in the meantime as the president intended to "go to the country and explain things."

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FAVORABLE TO COLOMBIA TREATY

WASHINGTON, July 29.—The foreign relations committee unanimously ordered a favorable report on the treaty with Colombia. The treaty is to be taken up immediately, and a vote is expected soon.

Officers' Hat Cords

Hat cords of general officers are gold; of all other officers, gold and black; of men in infantry, light blue; of men in cavalry, yellow; of men in artillery, scarlet; in quartermaster corps, buff; medical department, maroon; corps of engineers, scarlet and white; ordnance department, black and scarlet; signal corps, orange and white.

Has Two Meanings

Troops is used in the plural to mean the same as soldiers, and not including in its meaning the number or whether infantry, cavalry or artillery. The word is generally used in the papers has this meaning. Therefore 2,000 troops means 2,000 soldiers. In the strict cavalry use of the word, however, a troop is the unit of formation, consisting usually of 60 troopers, commanded by a captain and corresponding to a company of infantry.

Cruelty in Training Birds

Performing birds are often taught by starvation. How many are aware that the pretty doves that fly when released to the bespangled artists, and form themselves into geometrical patterns on her head and outstretched arms, are often the sole survivors of hundreds which have been starved and then only fed when they perched upon an exact spot on the owner's arms.

God of the Lower World

In one temple of Japan the image is a Japanese conception of the god of the lower world. The figure has an unusual history. An image maker, it is said, died. When he appeared before the lord of the other world, he was told that in his lifetime he had never represented the lord of the world properly, and that he must return to earth and make a correct likeness. The figure is pointed out as the result of the order. It is so horrible with its red face and malevolent glare that the story seems plausible.

World's Urgent Need

The state will be saved if the Lord puts it into the hearts of the average man so to shape his life that the state shall be worth saving, and only on those terms. We need civic righteousness.—Theodore Roosevelt.

A Russell Story

A story that the late G. W. H. Russell told with gusto was of a mayor to north of England town. His worship presented some seats for the sea front, and had this inscribed on them: "Presented by the borough by the mayor, A. M. Boggins. The sea is his and he made it."—London Chronicle.