

Local News In Brief

State News

RED CLOVER CAN BE SOWN EARLY

ADVANCE MADE ON FIFTH AVENUE

More Smallpox Reported—Norman Desilet's apartment in the New Foley building was placed under quarantine this afternoon for smallpox. This makes sixty-one cases of contagious diseases in the city.

Intoxication Charged—Charged with intoxication and disorderly conduct, L. Smalley was arrested this morning. He was released on his own recognizance until his hearing in police court at ten Monday morning.

Leave For Sanitarium—Mrs. Mollie Buck and her daughter, Mrs. Charles Harrison, left this morning for Hot Lake, where Mrs. Buck has been under the care of Dr. W. T. Pfy for the past six weeks.

Jailed on Assault Charge—Harry Boston was lodged in the city jail this morning charged with assault. The complaint was sworn to by Stanley Williams, who alleges that the defendant assaulted him with a razor. Bail was fixed at \$150, which he was unable to furnish. His hearing is set for Monday morning in police court.

May Report Monday—The grand jury is not meeting today, this being a legal holiday. It is expected that the jury will have its work in such shape that it will be able to report again Monday evening or early Tuesday morning. The next report will clear up the most important work before the present session.

Has Had Bad Luck—Mrs. Carrie Edal, nurse of this city was recently sent to Elgin to take care of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Ingdom, both of whom are seriously ill with the scarlet fever, but are now fully recovered. Mrs. Deal contracted the

- COMING EVENTS.**
- Feb. 13.—10:30, Boy Scouts meet at Y. M. C. A., form parade and march to First M. E. Church for special services.
 - Feb. 14.—Drivers of motor vehicles without 1921 licenses to be arrested hereafter.
 - Feb. 14-19.—Prune Week in Oregon.
 - Feb. 14—7:30 p. m., meeting of members of Boy Scout Council.
 - Feb. 14.—8:15 p. m., meeting of boys Sunday School class superintendents, ministers, principals and teachers of boys over 10 in the grade schools.
 - Feb. 14.—American Legion meeting at Eagles Hall.
 - Feb. 16.—Chautauqua Board of directors meet.
 - Feb. 20-26.—Father and Son Week—Banquet at Y. M. C. A., Feb. 24, 6:15 p. m.

disease, and for a time, was seriously ill. While recovering from the fever, she also took the smallpox, and at the present time, is out of danger, and beginning to be her own self once more.

Fewer Quarantines—Only three cases of smallpox were reported during the past two days. Joe Kelly, at the Waverly apartments, the Edwards residence at 1408 Jackson, and the Shirley place at 2808 Fourth were placed under quarantine.

Well Pleased With City—L. Lindgren, extension animal husbandryman, who was here as one of the principle speakers on the farm bureau's Farm Week program, left this morning for Lake county, where he will take part in a similar program. Mr. Lindgren stated that he was well pleased with the city of La Grande and Union county. This was his first visit here and the progressive spirit of the people impressed him very favorably.

DANCE with Thompson's International Sextette, Wednesday Feb. 16.—Zuber Hall. 2-14-3tp

EXECUTION OF WALTERS STAYED

PORTLAND, Feb. 12.—Husted A. Walters, slayer of Patrolman Jerome Palmer, was not hanged Thursday morning as the sentence imposed by Circuit Judge Tucker some time ago stipulated. Instead, he is still in the Multnomah county jail, waiting for such time as his attorneys can complete the appeal to the state supreme court. Presiding Circuit Judge Kavanaugh granted additional time several days ago during the temporary absence of Judge Tucker, that the transcript for appeal might be completed.

"The order carried by implication only that a stay of execution had been granted," Judge Kavanaugh explained this morning. "When the appeal is perfected and the supreme court acts upon the appeal, the formality of setting a new execution date will be required."

EARTHQUAKES ARE FEWER IN THE PAST YEAR

THOSE OF DESTRUCTIVE CHARACTER MORE NUMEROUS. Eleven of the Earthquakes in 1920, Resulted in Destruction of Life and Property.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—There were fewer earthquakes in the United States and throughout the world last year than in 1919 but two of a destructive character were more numerous and there also was much more volcanic activity.

Records compiled by Prof. Francis A. Tondorf, director of the seismological observatory and head of the department of geology of Georgetown University here, show 93 earthquakes were felt in the United States compared with 97 in 1919, while reports from all parts of the world show 161 quakes were reported as compared with 168 in 1919.

Eleven of the earthquakes last year resulted in destruction of life or property while in the previous year only 7 caused such losses. The most destructive during 1920 were those at Mendoza, Argentina and the Tepelini District of Italy, both of which occurred in December; and those reported from Mexico City and Vera Cruz, Mexico; Minas Geraes, Brazil; the Island of Yap, in the Pacific Ocean; Cadix, Spain; the Island of Formosa, the Island of Malta, Japan, Fivizyno, Italy, Giarre, Italy; and Grenada, Spain.

California reported the largest number of earth tremors of any locality in the United States in 1920 with a total of 92, while in 1919, California reported 80. The Georgetown University seismographs recorded 82 quakes during the year. None of the earthquakes reported in the United States resulted in any loss of life or extensive destruction of property.

In addition to California's 82 reports for 1920, five were felt in Utah; three each in Washington, Oregon; Missouri, Illinois, Colorado; two each in Maine, Tennessee, and South Dakota, and one each in Wyoming, New Hampshire, Montana, Virginia and South Carolina.

In Italy and the immediate vicinity of that country there were 127 earthquakes reported during the first eleven months of 1920 as recorded by the Royal Central Office of Meteorology and Geodynamics.

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Governor Olcott has announced that he has appointed Miss Margaret Oesper, Salem; Alfred G. Platt, Portland; A. C. Hampton, La Grande, and G. A. Briscoe, Ashland, members of the state board of textbook commissioners.

Senator Chamberlain has left the emergency hospital in Washington which he entered more than five weeks ago to undergo a serious operation, and is back at his apartments under the care of his physician and a nurse.

Governor Olcott has issued a proclamation designating the week of February 14 to 19 as "prune week" to encourage a movement among growers to dispose of 22,000,000 pounds of prunes which remain unsold.

From the beginning of the cereal year to February 1, wheat and flour receipts at Portland and Astoria were equal to 19,128,459 bushels. In the same period the shipments from the Columbia river amounted to 17,855,971 bushels.

Government engineers have ordered a detailed survey of the Coos Bay entrance and proposed jetty sites for the purpose of making estimates of the cost of constructing breakwaters on the north and south sides of the channel.

George S. Parker, 61, of La Pine, believed to have been dependent as the result of ill health, went into the woods Friday, sat down on a log, put the muzzle of his rifle under his chin and pulled the trigger. Death was instantaneous.

Overwork, incident to his achievement in completing the Deschutes county tax rolls three weeks earlier than in any previous year, caused a nervous breakdown which resulted in the death of W. T. Mullarky, assessor of Deschutes county.

The sale of timber on a tract of land, between 5000 and 10,000 acres in extent, on Winberry creek, within the Cascade national forest, to Washington milling and timber interests is in contemplation, according to announcement of the Eugene office of the forest service.

A flume five miles long, to carry lumber from the Lost Creek valley above Dexter to the Southern Pacific railway at Penza station, on the Natron cutoff, will be built at once, according to announcement of D. E. Moran, one of the organizers of the Mount June Flume company of Eugene.

During the week ending February 3 there was one fatality in Oregon due to industrial accidents, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victim was John McKeown, laborer of Portland. A total of 424 accidents were reported in the course of the week.

Unidentified men gained entrance to the state tuberculosis hospital at Salem, carried a safe to an automobile, which had been parked some distance from the institution, drove more than a mile down the highway, and there wrecked the automobile and obtained approximately \$300 in cash and \$150 in checks.

Contracts for more than half a million dollars worth of road work, including construction of six bridges and the laying of 15 miles of pavement, were ordered entered into by the state highway commission following the opening of bids upon the proposed work. Bids on many other jobs were opened and rejected, and a second advertising of the work ordered.

Charles J. Schnabel, prominent attorney of Portland, was shot in the back and fatally wounded by Joseph C. Poeschl, an excellent, as he was about to enter an elevator on the third floor of the court house. He died in an ambulance on the way to a hospital. Fancied grievances against the lawyer, harbored for more than ten years by Poeschl, furnished the motive for the killing.

Representative Hawley of Oregon has succeeded in having four special pension bills incorporated in the omnibus pension bill which has been reported to the house. They are for Mrs. Henrietta Brewer of Roseburg, Mrs. Sofia E. McKimney of Cottage Grove, Mrs. Caroline Hines Willis of Roseburg, and James M. Berry of Mills City. The widows will receive \$20 each and the veteran \$30 a month.

Federal aid for developing hydroelectric power at Umatilla rapids, in the Columbia, and passage of the Joseph hydro-electric commission bill by the Oregon legislature, were sought at Pendleton Saturday in a meeting of government and reclamation engineers, representatives of the Northern Pacific, Spokane, Portland & Seattle, Oregon-Washington Railway & Navigation, and Milwaukee railroads, the ways and means committee of the state legislature and 200 business men of eastern Oregon. John H. Lewis, formerly state engineer, and Robert N. Stanfield, United States senator-elect, were among the principal speakers. The project proposes the development of 120,000 horse-power from the river and the irrigation of 525,000 acres in the John Day project, Oregon, and the Horse Heaven project, Washington. A large sum of money already has been pledged, and co-operation of the railroads and the government is sought.

Many Farmers Plant as Early as February, Even While Snow Is On Ground.

SEED SELECTION IMPORTANT

Plant is Hardy and Not Injured by Ordinary Cold, and Sowing May Be Done While Other Farm Work Is Comparatively Slack.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Red clover has been sown the corner stone of agriculture in the North Central and Eastern states.

Many farmers will begin laying the corner stone as early as February, when it is customary in many sections to sow red clover on the surface of the snow, so that it will sink into the soil with the first thaw in the spring. Red clover is hardy, and is not injured by ordinary cold; and the fact that it can be sown at a season when work on the farm is comparatively light adds to the economy of its cultivation.

The first important point to be observed is the selection of good seed, say specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture. Considerable care should be used in this respect well in advance of the time of seeding. This is particularly true at present, when a large proportion of the red clover seed used in the United States comes from abroad. If poor seed is used the expected crop may be a partial or total failure.

Good Seed is Plump. Good red clover seed is plump or well filled, bright with a slight luster, the color of individual seeds ranging from violet to light yellow. The individual seeds should be at least medium sized and fairly uniform, free of adulterants of any kind and from seeds of noxious weeds.

Home-grown seed is desirable, especially in the North, because it is almost certain to be adapted to local conditions. If it is not available, samples should be obtained from reliable dealers. These should be examined for adulterants, weed seeds and shriveled seeds. They should also be tested for germination before purchasing in quantity.

In the absence of more accurate methods an estimate should be made of the proportion of true red clover seed and of weed seeds and other impurities. From the red clover seed separated from all impurities, a counted number, as 100, should be taken just as they come. These seeds should be placed between layers of moistened cloth or paper or merely covered in a bed of sand or light soil. A dinner plate, covered with another, is a suitable germinating receptacle. It can be kept in the living room, at a temperature between 65 and 85 degrees. Between the third and sixth days the sprouting ability of the seeds should be shown.

It should be borne in mind that the sowing value of the seed is represented by the amount of true clover which will germinate with reasonable promptness. Thus, if four-fifths of a sample is pure clover, and only three-fourths will sprout, then only three-fifths, or 60 per cent, of the original seed as offered will grow. Thus, the germinating test has an important bearing on the worth of seed offered to the farmer.

Protects American Farmers. A seed-testing service is maintained by the United States Department of Agriculture, where 20,035 samples of various seeds were examined and tested in the last fiscal year—16,442 in Washington and 13,100 in the five branch seed-testing stations. Similar service is offered by the various state experiment stations. The department also exercises a strict inspection service over field seeds brought from foreign countries, and last year 5,900,000 pounds of various seeds were rejected or held for cleaning before being allowed to be offered to American farmers.

It is important that the testing of seed be done early enough that a sufficient supply of pure seed can be purchased in time for use; and if seed is to be sent to one of the government or state testing laboratories, at least two weeks should be allowed.

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TRADESMEN ARE GRADUALLY BREAKING EXCLUSIVENESS.

Home Precinct of the Vanderbilts, Carnegies and Others Is Being Broken Up.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—Stealthy, but steady, advances by tradesmen, covering a period of more than 20 years, have virtually broken the residential exclusiveness of Fifth Avenue, known the world over as the home precinct of the Vanderbilts, Carnegies, Harrimans, Fricks and other wealthy families.

One by one mansions which housed international personages and gave to Fifth Avenue much of its glitter and fame, are surrendering to commercial enterprise, and the rich are seeking homes in new "exclusive" parts of the city. Real estate men, who have watched with interest this aggression of trade, say that another decade will have wiped out the last bit of residential exclusiveness in the avenue.

The change in Fifth Avenue was reflected in the recent purchase of property bordering the East River at Fifty-Eighth Street by Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Sr., where she intends to build a home in a section known as Sutton Square. This bit of property is directly across from Blackwells Island where a city prison is located and is almost underneath the Manhattan approach to the Queensboro Bridge. Real estate men expect that Mrs. Vanderbilt's migration to the East River will mean a new exclusive district in a part of the city where near slums existed before.

Mrs. Vanderbilt, who a few years back, helped to make Fifth Avenue history with her brilliant social activities, said when she purchased the East River property that Fifth Avenue had "lost its residential attraction," which was its most valuable charm. "Traffic and crowds, resulting from the trade invasion, she said had taken away its exclusiveness."

The fight to "save" Fifth Avenue has been waged since the late 90's when real estate men began to get options on property near the magnificent mansions. Members of the Vanderbilt family and others owning homes there expended millions of dollars in buying up property in an effort to stem the tide.

Much of this property was purchased at exorbitant figures and after a lapse of years has fallen back for business use—hotels, banking houses, jewelry stores, millinery and fine tailoring establishments have gradually crept northward along the thoroughfare.

The home which Mrs. Vanderbilt is forsaking, at Fifth Avenue and Fifty-Second Street will become the site of a trust company. Its sale was made possible as the result of the death of Mr. Vanderbilt in Paris when the house owned by his estate, was sold to the highest bidder. The first actual break in the Vanderbilt holdings came when General Cornelius Vanderbilt leased his home at Fifth Avenue and Fifty-Fourth street to a shoe firm. The residence of the late Henry C. Frick, steel magnate, will eventually go to the city for use as a museum.



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