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CITY AND COUNTY OFFICIAL.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Five years ago today inscription won in Canada by a margin of 44 votes. Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec and former chief justice of the Dominion, today enters upon his 70th year.

H. Rev. Charles H. Brent, Episcopal bishop of Western New York and one of the most widely known churchmen in America, today celebrates his 21st anniversary in the episcopate.

Calvin Coolidge, vice-president of the United States, has accepted an invitation to deliver the address today before the annual meeting of the New England Society of Charleston, S. C.

Railroads throughout the United States today will begin the running of many special trains for the accommodation of the thousands of college students homeward bound for the Christmas vacation.

The football eleven of Pennsylvania State college is to depart today for the Pacific coast, where it is to engage in a contest with the University of Southern California at the Carnival of Roses in Pasadena on New Year's day.

An army of prohibition enforcement officers, recruited from different sections of the country, is to be concentrated today in the large cities in the east with a view to curbing the illicit liquor traffic during the Christmas holidays.

In the Day's News. The Duke of Abercorn, who has been appointed Governor of Northern Ireland by King George, belongs to one of the oldest and most distinguished families in the Emerald Isle.

Today's Anniversaries. 1777—Washington's army went into winter quarters at Valley Forge, 16 miles from Philadelphia.

1805—The first ship built in India for the royal navy was launched at Bombay.

1829—Mary Ann Livermore, noted reformer and lecturer, born in Boston. Died at Melrose, Mass., May 23, 1922.

1828—South Carolina legislature protested against the tariff.

1830—Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild, one of the most noted members of the great family of financiers, born in Paris. Died in England, December 17, 1898.

1861—U. S. Congress appointed a joint committee of the two houses to inquire into the conduct of the civil war.

1877—The steamer "Virginia," surrendered to the United States by Spain, foundered at sea on her way to New York.

1915—Great Britain withdrew the Anzac army, estimated at 100,000 men, from the Gallipoli.

FORUM. We are having such a good time we went straight to Philadelphia on account of my father and mother being very sick. They are convalescent now so we left for the south.

No have looked Florida all the way down the east coast, and are today in Georgia. Last evening was the first rain we have been in since we left La Grande, October 17. We are leaving tomorrow by way of New Orleans to Phoenix, for a short stay of a month or so.

We are having lots of sunshine and roses, and all kinds of shrubbery are in bloom. It is all beautiful and grand to tour through but there is nothing like the west where we still have a little pep.

Hope you and yours are all well and enjoying good health, we remain as ever Yours truly, Bird and Nellie Lewis.

Danger of Alfalfa Weevil

No deaf ear must be turned to the statement of H. H. Weatherspoon relative to the advancing alfalfa weevil which seemingly is on an onward march to the Pacific coast. Mr. Weatherspoon as a member of the State Board of Horticulture, has been giving attention to the weevil ever since it appeared in southern Idaho.

The United States Government, through the department of Agriculture, has fought the pest without effect. Railroads have joined in proclaiming a quarantine on alfalfa raised in weevil regions and have gone to extreme care of cleansing every car in which alfalfa from such regions has been shipped.

The matter now comes home to us face to face and if we are to prevent alfalfa weevil from entering further into Oregon there must be a proper quarantine and a sensible patrol established. It has already found its way from southern Idaho and Malheur county to as far west as Durkee in Baker county, proving again that its yearly advance averages from 30 to 40 miles.

Mr. Weatherspoon proposes the only possibility of avoiding this dangerous pest, namely, to quarantine the regions now having it, thus preventing alfalfa from being shipped to other points, and to patrol highways, stopping every tourist and inspecting all bedding so that the weevil may not be carried by those who travel in automobiles. As a precedent of this plan we have the state of California, which has practiced this method and has thus far succeeded in keeping the weevil out of the state.

Baker Benefits by the Meacham deal

Ideas and thoughts are the greatest things in the world. Here in Eastern Oregon we have produced a man with an idea. That man is Walter E. Meacham, secretary of the Baker Chamber of Commerce. His idea is to perpetuate the historic old Oregon Trail. Perhaps some may say, "why anyone could have thought of that." Quite true, but we didn't. All of us saw Ezra Meeker come through this country in his covered wagon in 1806; we saw him set the stone markers for the Oregon trail; we heard the frail old man make his speech to the school children; we dined him and wined him just as he was entitled to, but it was left to Walter Meacham many years later to pick up the idea of recording the deeds of the early pioneers who travelled across the continent to the Pacific coast in search of homes over the old Oregon Trail.

To prove that it is a real idea we have but to call attention of the reader in the manner in which the press of the nation and especially the magazines, are securing pictures and data of the Meacham story to feed the American reading public.

Baker as a city should thoroughly appreciate the publicity she is receiving due to Mr. Meacham's efforts. Knowing Baker people as we do, we are inclined to the belief that she does possess that full appreciation. No better thing could be done by that city than to arrange matters so that Mr. Meacham could travel in an automobile with the name of Baker emblazoned on it from Seaside, Oregon, to St. Louis, on the Old Oregon Trail, stopping at every town and delivering the beautiful address which he has prepared on this important subject of history.

More Fresh Air Squads

What is good for children is good for their elders. Much win in one school conducting open air classes, 508 children gained in weight in one term, 168 under-nourished children were brought back to normal and only 22 remained at the same weight. Not one child lost ground.

The fresh air school squad works just the same in cold weather as in warm, but the children are more warmly dressed. Much house and office work could be done with windows open if people only thought so and would dress for the part. The work would go better, the health would be better, and coughs and winter colds be reduced to a minimum. It is stale air, not cold air, that is bad.

People who sniff at fresh air friends should think again, for human beings.

The Highway commissioners will resign just as parliament resigns in Canada when the people hold an election and elect a head of the government not in accord with parliament. Not a bad custom.

Editor Claude Ingalls of Corvallis insists that there is no danger of intellectual atrophy in Oregon and he says, "judging from the last election returns."

A little snow will do the Willamette valley good. May child people into stepping lively, but even that will do no harm.



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Local News in Brief. Notice is hereby given that Jennie R. Thompson has filed her final account as Administratrix of the Estate of Philip Thompson, deceased, and that the County Court of Union County, Oregon, has fixed Friday, the 22nd day of December, 1922, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m. as the time when it will hear objections to said final account and will settle and determine the same. CHAWFORD & EAKIN, Attorneys for Administratrix. Nov. 21-28-Dec. 5-12-19

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