

Local News In Brief

COMING EVENTS

March 5, 6, 7—District high school basketball tournament at Union.

On Business—J. D. Lynch left for Baker this morning on a business trip.

In Portland—Elder I. Stoddard left this morning for Portland, where he will spend several days on business.

Blanks at Police Station—Application blanks for licenses for motor vehicles, chauffeurs, etc., are now on hand at the police station.

Returns to School—Theodore J. Heidenrich left on last night's train for Corvallis to resume his studies at the Oregon Agricultural college.

Called by Sickness—Mrs. H. W. Thompson and children went to Boise this morning. Mrs. Thompson was called to that city by the sickness of her mother.

Have Son—Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hinger are the proud parents of a baby son born to them on Christmas day. The baby has been named John Edward.

Shop Changes Hands—Marie Waters and Margaret Loe have bought the Starbuck's Cosmetic Shop in the New Foley building. Betty Garlick will remain with them. They will take immediate possession.

Left Yesterday—Miss Grace Chapman left La Grande yesterday after spending the Christmas holidays with her parents here. Miss Chapman is en route to Eugene, where she is a student at the University of Oregon. She will spend the week-end with friends in Portland.

Personal Mention

R. K. Anderson of Ontario, Oregon, was at the Sommer hotel this morning.

Miss Wilma Ingels of La Grande left on No. 24 this morning to attend a party in Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Strickland of Inbaker were registered at the Hotel Foley yesterday.

Paul F. Lake and wife of The Dalles were among the guests at the Sommer hotel yesterday.

Spotless Hungarian Horses—Will Drew, carriage of Pope Pius XI.

Aviators Head for Alaska—FAIRBANKS, Alaska, (AP)—Within a short time the government intends to invade Alaska with army, and possibly navy, airplanes for the purpose of collecting data, mapping the territory, photographing remote places, and experimenting with winter flying, according to a letter received here from Lieut. Gen. Elisha, United States pilot, who is now stationed at Langley Field, Virginia. He bases this prediction on orders already received by government aviators.

SCHOOL FUND LOSS IS HIGH

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tance of their actual worth and the schools of Oregon were robbed. And, not content even with this, some cases the owners delayed for years the filing of their deeds and so escaped all taxation on the lands they virtually stole. Surely a severance tax on lands so acquired would not be an injustice.

Causes Given.—Losses suffered by the school fund, according to Starrett, were due to two causes: poor original surveys and the abandonment of security by conditions arising after the loans had been made.

REPORT THOUGHT POLITICAL. SALEM, Ore. (Special)—State officials, with the exception of Governor Pierce and State Treasurer Myers, have declared that they report little or no credence in the report of J. V. Starrett, special investigator for the state land bonds, that losses of common school funds due to questionable loans would aggregate more than \$500,000. The report was filed here today. In most instances these officials referred to the report as political, apparently an effort on the part of the administration to induce by false charges made against Thomas R. Kay, state treasurer-elect, during the recent campaign.

THE OPEN COURT

CORRESPONDENTS MUST SUBMIT THEIR NAMES TO THE EDITOR IF THEY DESIRE LETTERS PRINTED.

A PROTEST.—Is not Oregon, rich as she is in natural resources, able to support an adequate normal school? Primarily, a normal school is a place for the practical training of teachers under competent supervision. Certainly, loyal Oregonians wish it said that Oregon is turning out as well-trained teachers as any other state in the union.

If the public were asked to cooperate in the improvement of a state university (there would perhaps be more response). This is illogical, since the teachers who have charge of children in the schools are more responsible for their educational careers than the university. The Oregon State Normal at Monmouth has great need of a new training school, more classrooms and additional funds for operating expenses, for the increasing enrollment each succeeding term. The enrollment has doubled since 1920 and it is expected that 1000 students will be admitted in the Oregon normal school. The enrollment this term has been 770, which is about 250 more than we are able to handle satisfactorily.

In the future are we as a state going to refuse admittance to our normal school no account of our lack of accommodations and faculty facilities?

—Normal School Student.

England Sends Out Experts To Save the Lives of Whales

LIVERPOOL, (AP)—Four members of a government expedition to the South Pacific, to study the breeding of whales and to prevent the extermination of the species which is now threatened owing to their indiscriminate slaughter, are now on their way to the whaling fields of South Georgia and South Shetland, and will form a scientific staff at the marine station. Other members will follow them next year.

Besides conducting whaling research the expedition will undertake scientific investigations affecting oceanography, meteorology and magnetism.

WILL PROBE LIQUOR TAX

BIRMINGHAM (AP)—During the life-time of the present Conservative government the question of the heavy burden of taxation borne by the liquor trade will receive the closest attention of the cabinet, according to Colonial Secretary L. S. Amery.

The secretary told a recent meeting of the wine and spirit merchants (there was a licensing trade because it dealt with a commodity which when taken in moderation was harmless and enjoyable, and to that extent beneficial, but when taken in excess was undoubtedly the cause of a good deal of ill health, misery, suffering and many social evils.

"The government could not," the speaker continued, "deal with these great problems in the crude and rudimentary fashion advocated by a certain type of mind by sweeping away the trade altogether, or if that could not be done by harassing the members of it and making their lives miserable. The experience of the United States has shown that even if Great Britain could 'rise to the pitch' of a national decree abolishing the production of alcoholic liquor it would not solve the problems."

Such a decree might deprive "millions of sober minded people of refreshments which had done them no harm in the past and of which there was no reason to be deprived," the secretary said, adding that it would not prevent real intemperance as the American experience has shown.

Concluding Mr. Amery said that to include in liquor in prohibition when it was allowed by the laws of the country "was a perfectly natural, moral and temperate action," but to include it in alcohol even in moderation against the laws of the country, and thereby inducing large numbers of people to earn their livelihood by law-breaking was "intrinsically a worse form of intemperance than drinking in a country where the law allows intoxicants to be drunk."

No Calling Secure From Invasion by Women of England

LONDON (AP)—OF THE 1,000,000 women of British working people numbering in 1921, 17,177,950 persons, no fewer than 5,965,332 were women. Several startling revelations of the state of British industry are made in this census, which has just been made public, but most unusual among them is the extent to which women workers are creeping into every conceivable occupation.

Women own factories, manage them and supervise them. They are plumbers, riveters, safe-makers, sand-blasters, gunsmiths, fitters, electricians, upholsterers, furriers, makers, undertakers, repairmen, sweepers, light-house and lighthouse hands, bookmakers, race horse trainers and jockeys, aviation brewers, collar "men," railway station masters and yard masters, railway workers, farm managers, railway porters and trackmen, barge workers, stevedores, street singers, fisherwomen, coal and shale mine workers, builders, bricklayers, glaziers, the makers, brick and pottery makers, metal workers, dynamo motor attendants, locomotive engineers, and textile workers. But of the 157,283 persons employed as dynamo motor attendants, stationary engine drivers, only two are women.

There are more women than men in professional occupations, excluding clerical staffs, but including religious organizations, law, medicine, etc. The men number 206,820 and the women 259,982.

Another interesting fact is that the greatest industry in the country is that of "persona service." The gigantic army of people catering to the personal comfort of their fellow creatures, which includes waitresses and people employed by institutions, clubs and hotels numbers 1,876,425 of which 535,944 are women. Of indoor domestic servants, 1,148,628 are women and 61,096 men.

She'll Wed.



Mrs. Bertrude Howard, widow of Congressman Martin E. Gimpel, soon will be married to Vance McCormick, former chairman of the Democratic National Committee. No definite announcement as to the date of the ceremony has been made, but friends say it probably will take place around Jan. 9.

Hunt's Letter

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or hint at revolutionary discoveries, he is able to convince members of the patent committees of congress that he "has something."

Back in 1918 a joint resolution providing for a compensation of Giggosian's "free energy generator" was adopted by both houses of congress.

This resolution guaranteed him full patent protection in case the Giggosian at that time declined to exercise his invention on the ground that the resolution put upon him the burden of proving that he was the "first and original inventor" of the method, which he said he would be unable to do.

An amended resolution relieving the inventor of the necessity of such proof has been passed to protect other inventors or discoverers making similar claims, has been reported from the house patents committee to the present congress.

The amended statute made in recent years such inventions as the airplane and radio have made

members of congress particularly chary about branding any claimed invention as a "fake."

And this Boston inventor has been able to impress the congressional committees with his high intelligence and integrity, that he has them all "guessing."

Scientists tell us over 7,000 different products can be produced from coal," Giggosian says. "We now burn this coal to get energy, thereby destroying forever the ingredients it contains."

"All this would be saved to future generations by my free energy generator. And in the meantime industrial and social reforms beyond anything yet dreamed of could be accomplished."

Officers of the army air service recount with gusto the loyalty to the service exhibited by Joey Wing III, Colonial chef and flivver pilot, attached to the primary flying school at Brooks Field, San Antonio, Tex.

Joey, it seems, having partaken too zealously of the commissary flavoring extracts, stepped too hard on the gas as he was driving into town and was promptly nabbed by a watchful cop.

Held to the police station, he was brought up before the sergeant for booking on a charge of speeding.

"Name?" demanded that official. "Joey Wing III," came the answer, accompanied by a military salute.

"Where from?" "Brooks Field."

The sergeant paused. Because of the cosmopolitan character of the school, it dawned on him that he might be addressing the nephew of the Chinese emperor, or a Colonial prince, at least.

"Oh, I see," he said conciliatingly. "Are you a flyer?"

"Sure, sure," answered Joey proudly. "We fly eggs, fly steak, fly anything."

But Joey couldn't "fly the coop."

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Obituary

MRS. MARY BEST, BAKER.—Mrs. Mary Best, one of the early pioneers died yesterday morning at her home, 1447 13th street from an attack of apoplexy following an illness of over a year.

Mrs. Best was born in Kentucky November 5th, 1852, and came to this city in the early '80s, and has since made her home here. By her loving nature and a wide circle of friends who will be deeply grieved to learn of her death.

Besides her husband, J. D. Best, the deceased is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Will Corvett of Baker, Mrs. Rose Taylor of San Francisco and Mrs. Iva Chambers of Baker. Three sons, J. O. Best and C. E. Best of Portland and one sister, Mrs. Jane Nelson of Boise, and two brothers, James Valentine of Milton, Oregon, and John Valentine of Coquille, Oregon. There are also numerous grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon from the West chapel.

Oregon Labor Outlook Is Good, Gram Claims

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1925 compared with 1924. About \$5,000,000 will be expended by the state in constructing roads in Oregon the coming year. The expense of construction of the state roads is delayed by money heretofore appropriated. In addition, many county roads are planned to be built next year, funded by both issues aggregating in cost \$2,000,000, also \$2,000,000 to be expended for market roads contemplated as a part of the county road building program.

"There seems to be a disposition on the part of the farmers of Oregon to depart from general farming and to undertake the cultivation of special crops for which there is already market and to which the soil and climate of the

state is peculiarly adapted, such as wheat, barley and other products.

"Fall wheat planting acreage increased 5 per cent over that of last year and it is figured that spring planting of wheat and most other crops will have at least the same proportionate increase.

"Mining does not furnish any considerable amount of employment in Ore. There has been some activity in Southern Oregon in the past season along the line of development work, which is expected to continue at about the same rate in 1925.

"Actual construction of 200 miles of railroad was undertaken in Oregon during the current year and will be in full swing again with favorable spring weather. This is significant of a trade development that means much to the entire state."

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10 lbs. Idaho White Beans	79c	Oregon Beauty Flour, per sack	\$2.09
3 lbs. Skagg's Best Coffee	\$1.29	4 sack lots	\$8.29
3 lbs. Skagg's Special Coffee	\$1.19	None To Equal Flour, per sack	\$1.99
1 lb. Golden West Japan Tea	59c	4 sack lots	\$7.89
1 lb. can Lipton Orange Peko Tea	85c	9-lb. sack Rolled Oats	54c
Post Toasties and Corn Flakes, per pkg.	10c	9-lb. sack Potlatch Pancake Flour	69c
Shredded Wheat, 2 pkgs.	25c	9-lb. sack White or Yellow Meal	45c
6 cans Corn	83c	9-lb. sack Pure Buckwheat Flour	89c
12 cans Solid Pack Tomatoes	\$1.69	100-lb. sack Scratch Feed	\$3.99
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