

FIRST PERMIT IS RECEIVED JAN. 3

D. F. Doherty Makes First Application of Year, For \$350 Repair Job.

To D. F. Doherty goes the honor for receiving the first building permit issued in La Grande this year. On Jan. 3, Mr. Doherty applied for a permit to alter and repair his home on N. avenue between Fifth and Sixth streets. The work is expected to cost approximately \$350.

Movement Aimed Against Unripe Fruit Marketing

WALLA WALLA, Wash., (AP)—An effective program designed to prevent the marketing of immature fruits and vegetables in the Pacific northwest will be drafted at a meeting of the Pacific Northwest Advisory Board committee here Jan. 13.

Committee members appointed by J. A. Stalwell, president of the board will convene with Stalwell, Thomas B. Hill of the Seattle chamber of commerce and H. J. Arnett, secretary of the advisory board. Several other interested parties have been asked from each of the six districts. The committee includes growers and shippers from Yakima, Wenatchee, Hood River, Boise, Klamath and Lewiston.

BOOST OREGON AND PORTLAND IN MAGAZINE

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 7.—Mayor George L. Baker, of Portland, writing the leading article in the Union Pacific Magazine for January, has started the new year by boosting Portland and Oregon in a very thorough manner. The magazine, featuring Mayor Baker's article, goes to 50,000 employees of the railroad, to chambers of commerce, public libraries, principal universities and schools, and to hundreds of business executives in every state in the union.

The January issue carries a cover page of Portland and Mount Hood, a frontpiece of Multnomah Park, Mayor Baker's four page article and a double page spread of Portland views, supplemented with a photo of Bull Run dam and a view of the Columbia River highway at Mitchell Point.

Being a city of homes and home owners, Portland, Mayor Baker points out, "is progressive, prosperous and substantial. It has a heart, a spirit and a purpose. Sixty out of every one hundred families occupy their own homes—large and small, with lawns, shrubbery, flower gardens and roses—roses that bloom in profusion from May until January. There are 75,674 such homes with the number increasing annually from 1000 to 4000."

The mayor gets right down to facts and figures. He states: "The city has 115,475 news papers, 65 theaters, 43 hospitals and sanitariums, 395 churches, 55 public parks with an area of 2,400 acres, 24 supervised playgrounds for children, 14 public bathing pools, 19 golf courses with 306 holes which are open for playing the year around, 4 police stations, 27 fire stations, 2 fire boats, 510 firemen, 427 policemen, 411 buses, 92,862 telephones, 36 banks, 19 libraries, 72 public schools and 5 high schools with 1761 teachers and 52,896 pupils."

Kieckhefer Beats Billiard Champion

NEW YORK, Jan. 7 (AP)—A surprising stand by Augie Kieckhefer, Chicago snitupaw, has knocked one corner off the triangular race for the national three cushion billiards championship, leaving it a draw between Otto Ebbelott of Philadelphia and Allan Hill of St. Louis.

After breaking even in his first two games, Kieckhefer last night defeated Johnny Layton of St. Louis, defending champion, 59 to 38 in 58 innings. It was Layton's first defeat in three years of tournament competition. Reichelt and Hill still are undefeated.

Yangtze Valley Cold Wave Severe

HANKOW, Hupoh, Jan. 7 (AP)—The Yangtze river valley today was gripped in the teeth of the most severe cold weather in many years. The temperature here stood at 2 degrees below zero at 6 o'clock tonight. Many destitute persons have been found frozen to death.

67 DIFFERENT BIRDS

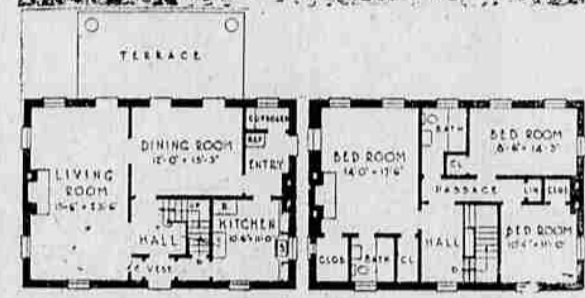
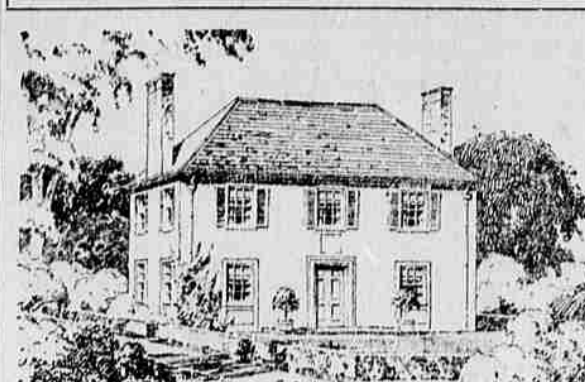
PORTLAND, Ore., (AP)—Sixty-seven varieties of birds were wintering in Portland the latter part of December, according to the annual bird census taken by the Oregon Audubon society. Sixteen new species were observed this year. They were listed as the pied-billed grebe, red breasted nuthatch, China pheasant, Wilson snipe, California quail, Hutton vireo, broad winged hawk, Oregon junco, Oregon ruffed grouse, slender billed nuthatch, California gull, red breasted merganser, short eared owl, shoveller, and ring necked duck.

PORTLAND MAN KILLED

MCMINNVILLE, Ore., Jan. 7 (AP)—Otto E. Hathaway, Portland insurance man, was killed here yesterday when his automobile slipped from the jack and struck his head in such a manner that his neck was broken.

The body was found by his family. He had been visiting relatives here. The coroner said there would be no inquest. It always has been a puzzle to us why more lumbermen did not go into the paper fighting business. Some of these fellows have very heavy hands.

CHANCE TO WATCH YOUR GARDEN



By the Associated Press. Both living room and dining room face a garden in this plan of a six-room Georgian type home. The terrace, with openings from both rooms, should be covered with a brightly-colored awning.

The unusually large living room includes a fireplace, as does the master bed room. Ample closets, the spacious kitchen cupboards and the well-placed entries to the kitchen are special features of appeal. Stucco or brick white-washed is suggested for the exterior with a tile or slate roof.

This type of home can be built economically considering its size and conveniences. Estimates for the larger cities range from \$14,000 to \$16,000 and lower in regions where the wage scale is less.

Japan Going Back to Gold Basis After Interval Of Twelve Years

By William R. Kuhns, Financial Editor. (Associated Press Feature Service) NEW YORK (AP)—On January 11 Japan will swing into line as the last of the principal war-time allies to put her currency on a gold basis.

In effect, she agrees to redeem her currency in gold on demand. Twenty-two countries preceded her in stabilizing their currencies since the war. Eight were the so-called new, post-war countries of Europe. Lithuania, Russia and Latvia resumed gold payments in 1922. Sweden and Germany in 1923. Sweden and Estonia in 1924. Great Britain, Holland, Hungary, Albania and Danzig in 1925. Belgium, Finland and Czechoslovakia in 1926. Denmark, Greece, Italy and Poland in 1927. France and Bulgaria in 1928 and Rumania in 1929.

The Japanese government has been preparing for months to meet pressure on its currency, expected January 11 when speculators and others who held yen seek to convert their holdings into gold. On November 20 the Bank of Japan arranged a credit of approximately \$50,000,000 abroad, half in New York and half in London. This is something like insurance against a fall in the yen and, theoretically at least, may never be touched.

When Great Britain restored her currency to a gold exchange basis in 1925 she arranged a similar back-stopping credit of \$300,000,000, or six times as large as that which Japan considered necessary. The United States removed its gold embargo in 1919. At that time Japan was in an advantageous position had she chosen to restore her currency to a gold basis, some international economic authorities say.

She had gold stocks of approximately \$1,000,000,000, almost half of which were held abroad. Two years later, in 1921, the total had risen slightly and half of it still remained abroad. From that time forward, however, Japan's gold holdings in foreign centers melted rapidly until last March they amounted to only \$45,000,000. Meanwhile, with a rising total of unfavorable yearly trade balances, the Tokyo government waited for a favorable opportunity to remove the troublesome gold embargo.

The fact Japan was not willing longer to postpone such action rested on a number of factors. In 1931, for instance, there falls due a sterling loan of which more than \$100,000,000 is still outstanding. With her currency on a gold basis she would be able to refund this obligation on more favorable terms.

Police Seeking Motorist Who Hurt Aged Man. PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 6 (AP)—While Police were searching one end of the city last night for the hit and run motorist who struck and probably fatally injured Sam Pilsner, 71, another motorist, Paul Ziehsnitz, 32, struck and killed Mrs. Susan Whitsett, 70, in the opposite section of the town.

Ziehsnitz was held without bail on a charge of manslaughter after Mrs. Whitsett died en route to the hospital of a fractured skull. The motorist was first held on a charge of reckless driving and driving with defective brakes. Eyewitnesses to the accident in which Pilsner was injured said the motorist panned momentarily and then drove away from the spot where the man lay on the pavement at a furious pace. Despite another lengthy grilling yesterday, Joe Packer, 24, arrested Saturday as the hit and run suspect in the killing of Herman Brandt, 60, watchman, refused to admit he was responsible and that he had any connection with the case.

Packer was arrested at the home of Miss Vera Carlson, 15, whose police found an automobile which tallied with the description of the one which killed Brandt. Miss Carlson and Packer were held on a man act charge when authorities said they discovered Packer and the girl remained in a Seattle hotel overnight following the accident. A professor says the pail should help to cut down divorce. It puts marriage on a sound basis.

Coast Guard Is Headed By Stern Former Educator

By L. A. Brophy, CAP Feature Service Writer. WASHINGTON (AP)—A physically compact former teacher, given to saying things succinctly, is Rear Admiral R. C. Billard, commandant of the coast guard.

Papers on his desk, headed as they are by an emphasizing finger pointing to remarks about his age. Billard's statement that the coast guard will not use "damnable structures" in stopping liquor smugglers.

The Billard pronouncement dropped into the restless sea of controversy over prohibition enforcement, caused widely varying comment here and brought a new focusing of national attention on the coast guard, its work and its men.

"The coast guard is indoctrinated with the idea of doing any job given to it—expeditiously, efficiently, and fairly," Admiral Billard said.

"Preventing liquor smuggling is the most difficult task that ever has confronted the coast guard, or any sea force, for that matter. We are going and we have gone about this thing strictly within the law. If somebody gets hurt, we regret that. But we cannot help it if they violate a fundamental law of the country which we are charged with enforcing."

Being its job well's religion with the coast guard and its commander sees the task of preventing liquor smuggling as something that must be accomplished to keep the historic waters of the service free from failures.

The most important duty of the service, in these times, is saving life and property at sea and in 1929 it rescued from peril or saved the lives of 4275 persons.

Admiral Billard, directing the widely spaced forces against liquor smuggling, was named commandant of the coast guard in 1924 just 20 years to the day after he entered the service as a cadet. His sun-wrinkled eyes have seen plenty of service.

There was the time when the U. S. S. Aphrodite, of which he was in command, bumped a mine in the North sea and her stern crumpled, but she made port. Her commander was awarded the navy cross for service in European waters.

Admiral Billard left a teacher's desk to enter the coast guard. He was commissioned an ensign in 1896. He has served on all the coasts of the United States and in Alaskan, Hawaiian and West Indian waters.

Laboratory Period Is Held In The Air

EUGENE, Ore., (AP)—The first college laboratory period ever held in the air is now in progress at the University of Oregon. Eight advanced geology students are enrolled in the course which is being conducted from the cabin of an airplane.

Major G. H. Eckerson of the Springfield airport is cooperating with Dr. Warren D. Smith, head of the university geology department by giving students special rates for the use of one of his planes. The students observe the major structural features of the country about Eugene and interpret its topography, noting the valley floor and other special features. The difference in formation of soil as it shows up in various colors also is studied.

Ambition

One trouble with human life is that the boy who knows his onions too frequently is inclined to fondle with needles.—Lafayette Journal and Courier.

NO FUTURE LIMIT ON POISON GASES

War Department Believes Gas Situation One of Most Important Things

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (AP)—The war department sees no future limit upon the use of poison gases. Major General Harry L. Hitchcock, chief of the chemical warfare service, characterized the gas situation as "one of the most important things facing us at the present time" in testimony before the house war department appropriations sub-committee.

"There is no limitation of any kind as to what gases may do in the future," he said. "So far as wiping out populations is concerned," he told the committee referring to poison gases, "I know of no gas, sufficient concentrations of which could be phoned to accomplish the destruction of the population of a city, should any military commander be so foolish as to desire such a thing."

"Gas would create confusion, it would disrupt business and social activities and on an unprepared and untrained populace would doubtless cause casualties."

"Gas would be the more humane of the two," Hitchcock added, "and I believe it would be the more efficient of the two in bringing the inhabitants to terms on account of the confusion it would create."

"I have never heard," he asserted, "of any attack on an unprotected civilian world contemplated or contemplated. I am sure that we, as a civilized people, would not tolerate such an attack. It is something, however," he declared, "that we should be prepared against, and in case of war our people should be warned and instructed in the way they should act in a gas attack."

Husband Kidnaped Near Milwaukie

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 6 (AP)—D. L. Howard, 35, who three weeks ago was struck by a hit and run motorist who never was apprehended was in an Oregon city hospital today suffering from exposure after he is said to have been kidnaped from his apartment and found on a road near Milwaukie early today.

Police said Howard, who was paralyzed as the result of the auto accident, accused "Bud" Matson of entering his apartment and forcing him to accompany him. Howard, police said, accused Matson of alienating the affections of Mrs. Howard.

Authorities said they believed Howard was the victim of a marvellous tangle involving several triangles and that he was kidnaped to keep him from contesting the divorce action brought by his wife, Doris Howard. Time for filing an answer to the suit expired today.

Howard was found on the road, clad in pajamas, by a newspaper truck driver and taken to Oregon City.

SUICIDE AND MURDER

DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 6 (AP)—The six year friendship of Faye Belmont, 25, and John Desalvo, 28, today was broken by murder and suicide. Their bodies were found last night in an automobile in Desalvo's garage. Police declared their deaths to be the climax of a long-standing quarrel.

New Envoy To Germany Quiet Briar-Pipe Fan

By Reid Mumfort, CAP Feature Service Writer. WASHINGTON (AP)—A quiet, successful business man has been nominated as America's next ambassador to Germany.

He is Senator Frederic M. Sackett of Kentucky, 63-year-old, a quiet, successful business man has been nominated as America's next ambassador to Germany. The son of a wealthy Rhode Island woolen manufacturer, Senator Sackett was educated at Brown university and Harvard law school. He entered the coal business in Louisville directly after his college days.

Aside from being a member of the Kentucky state board of charities for four years and a federal food administrator two years, Senator Sackett never held public office until elected to the United States senate four years ago.

His laconic comment on that move was, "I ran and won." Although no orator in the popular sense, he always has come to the senate floor armed with facts, and his friends think well of his legislative accomplishments.

INSPECT NEW PLANE

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 6 (AP)—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh today will inspect his new, and most recently built, Lockheed monoplane, which has been equipped with fuel tanks with 450-gallon capacity so just as soon play golf and his counterpart may be proficient in both sports. Whether he is generally has a briar pipe along, and sees to it that his home and office have an equal distribution of them even if he has to move three or four to bring this about.



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Improvement Gossip

Redecorating—W. C. Fieberg is redecorating the C. H. Hackman apartments.

Electrical Work—The H. and S. Electrical shop has completed the wiring of the "Palace" and the installation of the hook sign at the new State theater. The work they are doing at the Blue Mountain creamery is also progressing rapidly.

Install Fireman—Fred Spaeth has installed an iron fireman in his home.

Gas Heat Plant—H. C. Harold on Ninth street has a Gabriel hot air furnace at his home. This was installed by Nate Zweifel.

CHARGED WITH MURDER

MCALLEN, Tex., Jan. 6 (AP)—Three charges of murder were filed today against Manuel Zamora in connection with the discovery of the bullet scarred bodies of two youths in the Rio Grande near here yesterday.

Search was continued today for the body of a third youth reported missing. A fleet of small boats were at work.

JONES NOSTRATED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (AP)—John M. Jones was nominated today to be postmaster at Portland, Ore.

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The past week has been pretty windy in La Grande and vicinity. Does the wind rattle your windows and blow in around the edges? METAL Weatherstrips will remedy this condition. They are easily installed without taking out the sash. It was the first time the baseball player had ever played straight down the fairway, then shouted, "which way do I run."

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