

AUTOMOBILE OWNERS TO IMPROVE COUNTY ROADS

WILL ENLIST SCHOOL AID

Portland Commercial Club Arranges to Address a Large Number of Pupils

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 9.—Exactly at 2 o'clock p. m. on February 19 has been chosen as the date when the business men of Portland will talk to the pupils of the public schools upon the importance of their co-operating with the business interests in helping to increase the travel which will come as a result of the one-way motor routes during the months of March and April.

The boys and girls in attendance upon the schools will be asked to write to their relatives, acquaintances and friends living in the older states, regarding these routes, and also to give their impressions of Oregon as they know it. Already a number of other cities and towns throughout Oregon have decided to adopt this date, and it is hoped that not less than 50,000 school boys and girls throughout the state may be induced to write letters. If they do, no one can estimate the value of this advertising vehicle, as the great majority of these letters will be read and reread again and again.

Within the past week announcement has been made that in addition to the \$25 fare from Missouri river points \$30.50 from St. Louis and \$33 from Chicago, a proportionate rate is good from every point in the United States. For instance, New York \$50, Boston \$49.45, Cleveland \$39.75, Birmingham \$40.25, and Jacksonville \$50.75 are given as illustrations.

The Portland Commercial club has now in the hands of the printers, leaflets giving facts about the city and state in addition to these rates, and these will be distributed at each and all of the schools. Samples of these leaflets are available to any reader of this paper. Oregon should get 20,000 new settlers during March and April.

Portland certainly gave a warm welcome and an enthusiastic entertainment to the 299 "Inland Empire" excursionists, who spent Saturday in the metropolis. The party is under the auspices of the Spokane chamber of commerce, en route through Oregon and California. One of the most appreciated incidents was a package of stamped souvenir postals ready for use, presented to each guest by their hosts.

As a special committee from Burns, Harney county, Messrs. William D. Hanley, J. W. Gowen and G. A. Smith will extend to the business men of Portland at the Commercial club luncheon Tuesday, February 9, an invitation to organize a great excursion early in the spring to visit Harney county.

The third trans-Missouri dry farming congress will be held at Cheyenne, Wyo., February 23 to 25 inclusive, and Secretary John T. Burns of Cheyenne urges the appointment of delegates by the commercial bodies, development leagues, mayors and county judges of Oregon.

CZAREWITCH ORDERED THE BAND TO PLAY AT MIDNIGHT

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 9.—The 4-year-old czarwitsch is developing a quaint little character of his own, and many amusing stories are being told of his sayings and doings.

"Alysha" (his pet name) seems to be already in training for an autocrat; he issues commands and sees that they are obeyed. When aboard the imperial yacht in the bay of Finland he ascended in the middle of the night and issued an impromptu verbal decree that the ship's band should immediately play to him.

ALL SUBSCRIBING TO FUNDS TO BETTER THE LOCAL HIGHWAYS

Will Employ Grader and Smoother—Prize Offered for Best Kept Half Mile of Road—Many Auto Owners Contribute to Improvement.

The automobile owners of the valley are taking steps to improve the roads of the county and the subscription list that is being passed about is being generally signed. It is the purpose of the club to put a grader on the roads as soon as the weather clears and smooth them down for the spring. A machine for smoothing the roads and smashing the clods is also to be used.

J. E. Enyard has offered a prize of \$50 to the person who keeps the best half mile of roadway in repair. This is offered to anyone who takes an interest in the roadway by their property.

The movement was started by a number of machine owners and it took no time for the different machine owners in Medford to fall in line and contribute to the cause.

The roads certainly show much chance for improvement, and with the large number of machines in and around Medford, a tidy sum should be realized to better them.

C. H. Snyder has on hand the circuiting of the petition.

"DIXIE" WAS MADE A NATIONAL AIR BY LINCOLN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—"Dixie" is a national air and not the property of the south alone, according to a declaration today by Joseph Nimmo, Jr., one of the few surviving friends of Abraham Lincoln.

Nimmo's statement was caused by a report published here that President Schneider of the Chicago board of education had forbidden the singing of "Dixie" at the Lincoln centennial.

"That 'Dixie' is reasonable I am prepared to deny from my personal experience," said Nimmo. "Early one morning in April, 1865, the news reached Washington that Richmond had been evacuated. There was a rush to the White House. Soon Mr. Lincoln appeared at the window over the front entrance. He replied to the demand for a speech. I will remember his closing words, which were:

"There is a song or tune which I used to hear with great pleasure before the war, but our friends across the river have appropriated it to their use during the last four years. It is the tune called 'Dixie.' But I think we have captured it. At any rate, I conferred with the attorney general this morning, and he expressed the opinion that 'Dixie' may fairly be regarded as a captured property. So, I shall be glad to hear 'Dixie' by the band."

"Ever since then 'Dixie' has been regarded as a national air, beloved by the people of the north and of the south. The tune of 'Dixie' was composed by Dan Emmett, a northern man, who wrote the words. It will remain for all time a truly national song, made so by the good natured humor of Abraham Lincoln."

ZEPPELIN AND PARSEVAL PLAN NOTABLE FLIGHTS

HAMBURG, Feb. 9.—Count von Zeppelin and Major von Parseval have accepted an invitation to attend the airship exhibition to be held at Frankfurt July 10 to October 10, and they will travel thither in their airships from Friedrichshafen and Bitterfeld respectively. During the exhibition they will make a series of flights with passengers.

EXPECT WAR IN CHINATOWN

Peace Pact Expires Tomorrow--Was Entered Into for New Year's Day

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 9.—The dragon of war is showing his teeth in Chinatown today and there is a feeling of uneasiness among San Francisco residents, owing to the fact that the peace pact entered into by the warring Sney Doa and On Yiek tongs will expire tomorrow. As a result of the feud two On Yiek members and one Sney Doa man have already been killed. In order that the Chinese New Year might be celebrated in peace and amity, the rival tongs agreed to suspend further murderous activities until February 10. The temporary treaty of peace will become ineffective tomorrow and further outbreaks of the murderous hatred that exists in the ranks of the two tongs are confidently anticipated.

The Sney Doas allege that the On Yieks are cravens and cowards, and are not playing the game according to rule, because of the fact that the latter has appealed to the courts of the white devils to bring about the punishment of the Sney Doas responsible for the murder of the two On Yiek men, Low Hong and Wong Lung. The On Yieks have promised to assist the prosecuting attorney in bringing the assassins to justice, and have employed a prominent local attorney to assist the prosecution. This action has caused the Sney Doas to impotent wrath, not unmixed with fear, and a permanent peace pact may yet be agreed upon which will put an end to the warfare of the tongs and stop the prosecution of the alleged murderers. Meanwhile, the Sney Doas are calling down upon the heads of the On Yieks all the maledictions in the Chinese vocabulary of curse words, declaring that their action in appealing to the California courts will put an end to the ancient and honorable profession of assassination, so long the pastime of the rival tongs.

BANDIT BEZEMER WILL SAY HE WAS INSANE

MOUNT VERNON, Wash., Feb. 9.—The work of empanelling a jury to try Leo Bezemer, charged with having kidnaped E. G. English, a millionaire timber land owner of Skagit county, was begun this morning. Bezemer is a shingle weaver, better known as "Whistling Rufus." The sensational case is still fresh in the memory of residents of Skagit, Whatcom and King counties. English was held up at the point of a revolver in a dense woods near Mount Vernon last November by unidentified men. The wealthy lumberman was bound to a tree with a chain and forced to write a note to his wife, asking that she give the gearer of the message a \$5000 ransom. While the highwayman was on his way to English's home to collect the money the prisoner managed to loosen his bonds and gave the alarm. Suspicion pointed to Bezemer, who had been working in a shingle mill at Mount Vernon, and he disappeared. Posses were organized and for days he was tracked through dense forests from Skagit to King county, where he was captured while sleeping in a lonely cabin. Bezemer's plea will be insanity.

ROCKEFELLER HEIR IS BITTEN BY BRAZILIAN

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Charles A. Strong, professor of psychology at Columbia university, who is a son-in-law of John D. Rockefeller, was attacked on the North American Lloyd steamer Barbarossa, Saturday, by a young Brazilian, Louis Leites, who is now a prisoner on Ellis island, pending an investigation of his sanity.

Professor Strong was bitten twice on the face by his assailant, who sprang upon him suddenly.

Leites says he was followed around the world by Professor Strong and accuses the latter of having attempted to put poison in his food.

State Surgeon Gustavus Helm of California was in the smoking room at the time and was the only witness of the attack.

SAYS FLEET SHOULD BE IN WEST

Rear Admiral Evans Re-dicules War Talk But Says Part of Atlantic Fleet Should be in Pacific

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 9.—While ridiculing the talk of a war with Japan, Rear Admiral "Bob" Evans, today declared that a portion, at least, of the battleship fleet should be sent to the Pacific as a precautionary measure.

He enlarged upon his statement by adding that the most positive cure for the "war talk" would be to place a part of the fleet on the western coast.

In discussing purely national affairs with reference to the navy of the United States, Admiral Evans said: "We are approaching the day—I do not say it is near at hand, but we are approaching it gradually—when the United States will have a fleet of warships so great, so powerful, that no power on the face of the earth will dare tackle us."

Japan Wants No War.

"Japan has not the slightest desire in the world to fight with her bankers, England and the United States are Japan's bankers. The Japanese are a clever people. They realize the truth of what I have just said. There is a limit to the resources of that country. Japan, I believe, can see the end of those resources even now. The country cannot go on at the rate it is spending money now. It is out of the question."

"The day is coming when the richest nations of the earth only will wield the power. These nations are the United States, England, Russia, and France. Germany, despite the efforts of the German emperor, is dropping to the rear. Germany has not the wealth. These four nations will rule the sea. Their supremacy will be unquestioned."

"That is one reason why I say that when the great conflict does come that Austria, Germany, France and Italy will line up against the Japanese with England as the ally of the latter. And what is more, England knows it. The very haste with which she is rushing to put her navy in shape proves that she knows it."

"Japan wants no trouble with the United States. Japan has bigger things on her hands now."

ODE TO COMING OF MARCH 4

Member of the House Committee Breaks Into Verse as the Days Go By

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Chairman Tamm and members of the house committee on appropriations are keeping a daily account of just how much longer it is to March 4. From day to day a clerk posts the bulletin on a big mirror in the committee room. Today the bulletin reads:

OREGON SENATE KILLS ALIEN EXCLUSION BILL

USE OF TIMBER HAS INCREASED

Sales in Year Increase 236 Per Cent—Amount Cut Has Doubled

The actual use of the varied resources of the government's 168,000,000 acres of national forest land is on the increase, according to the report of the work for the fiscal year 1908. The report says that from an administrative standpoint the most striking fact of the year was the remarkable increase which took place in the volume of business transacted.

This growth of business done by the United States forest service last year over the previous year is partly brought out in the following statement showing percentages of increase in the number of timber sales, 236 per cent; in the amount of timber cut under sales, 102 per cent; in the number of free timber permits, 76 per cent; in the number of grazing permits, 11 per cent, and in the number of special-use permits, 67 per cent. That the additions to existing national forests and new creations caused this increase only to a small extent is shown by the fact that the area increased is only 11 per cent. In speaking of this feature of the work of the forest service in his annual report, the secretary of agriculture says in part:

Growth in Business.

"The growth in the volume of business arising from use of the forests has created a very serious administrative problem. Last year 78 per cent of the time of the administrative and protective force was taken up by the demands of national forest business. The average forest area to each officer supposedly available for patrol duty was about 120,000 acres; but with more than three-fourths of the time of these officers occupied with timber-sale, grazing and other business, the force actually available for patrol was equivalent to about one man to each 500,000 acres. That under these circumstances the fire losses in a year of exceptional danger were kept down to a very small figure in comparison with the value of the timber exposed and the damage from forest fires elsewhere is a matter of congratulation.

The risk incurred, however, is out of all proportion to the added cost which more adequate protection would involve. I am convinced that the provision made for the care and use of the national forests has become inadequate to their needs, and I have therefore submitted estimates for the fiscal year 1910, which ask for a substantial increase in the appropriation. With the further growth in business which is certain to take place during the present year, even less protection can be given than has been given in the past. Indeed, the point has now nearly been reached at which it is not even a choice between providing for the needs of those who would use the forests and protecting the forests themselves."

JURY PRAYED FOR VERDICT IN TRIAL

STAFFORD, Va., Feb. 9.—Prayer for divine guidance was asked on behalf of the jury which today brought in a verdict of murder in the first degree against Samuel Hardy. Hardy was charged with the murder of T. G. Jones at Holland, Va., last October. The jurors upon retiring knelt in prayer and on their return an hour later with the verdict two of the jurors were weeping. It was charged that the murdered man was to testify adversely to Hardy in a well-contested case.

ARMY OF VENIREMEN REPORT IN COOPER CASE

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 9.—Over 400 of the fifth venire of 500 men have been served and reported here today for the trial of Colonel Cooper and his son and John D. Sharp, charged with the murder of former Senator E. W. Carmack. Most of those drawn on this venire live in remote parts of the country, where newspapers are seldom read because of illiteracy. The few from Nashville and vicinity, it is conceded, cannot qualify as jurors because of having read the testimony at the application for bail.

In the foreign exhibit palace at the Alaska-Yukon Pacific exposition at Seattle next year, will be exhibits from England, France, Germany, Spain, Holland, Sweden, Russia, Austria, Hungary, Switzerland, Turkey, Italy, Persia, Greece, Netherlands, India, Belgium and San Marino.

FIVE GO ON RECORD AS FAVORING TOTAL ASIATIC EXCLUSION

Senator Bailey Said That "Vain Puffed Up Japan" Would Grow More Aggressive if Backward Step Be Taken

SALEM, Or., Feb. 9.—The senate spent the entire morning today in discussing Senator Bailey's resolution demanding the exclusion of all Asiatics from Oregon. The measure was finally killed by a vote of 22 to 5.

The five who went on record for complete exclusion were Bailey, Coffey, Hart, Miller, Linn and Scholfield.

The majority of the senators took a stand against this resolution on the ground that it is most inopportune at the present time, owing to the critical situation in California over the same matter.

Senator Bailey in speaking for the resolution said that it would be had to take a back seat now and that "vain puffed up Japan" would grow more aggressive if such a step be taken. Senators Bingham and Linnett spoke against the measure.

President Bowerman of the senate and Speaker McArthur of the house each received a message from United States Senator Bourne stating that the president was endeavoring to settle the Japanese question amicably.

Gillett Drops Out.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 9.—Governor Gillett today declared that he proposed to leave the future handling of the anti-Japanese situation in the hands of Speaker Stanton, as he did not propose to send any further messages to the house on the matter.

DOCTOR HAS PET SPIDER; WIFE IS FOND OF IT

LONDON, Feb. 9.—A spider is the pet of Dr. Barker, the dean of Carlisle, and of his wife. The dean, speaking of this strange pet, said:

"It occupies a crevice in the deanery. Mrs. Barker discovered it. I have tried to photograph it, but this cannot well be done. At present it is in a dormant state. Mrs. Barker comes and tells me about it every day and she is waiting for the time when it will spin its little web."

When this is done Mrs. Barker will continue to take care of it. Although most women have a horror of spiders, Mrs. Barker is very fond of them."

PARROT BEGINS TO LAY AT THE AGE OF 51 YEARS

LONDON, Feb. 9.—The longevity of birds has received a new illustration in a parrot at Ludgershall, Wilts, which has begun to lay eggs at the age of 51. From one point of view this may be considered the greatest feat on record.

ST PAUL LINE IS CONNECTED

Completion of The Bitter Root Tunnel Practically Finishes Line to Coast

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 9.—With whistles shrieking and other noises rending the air, the last tunnel of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Puget Sound railroad to pass the Bitter Root mountain met in the center of the bore at 10 o'clock this morning.

With the completion of this tunnel the entire line of the St. Paul's coast extension is practically completed. Less than 30 miles of rails remain to be laid to connect Chicago with Seattle.

An elaborate banquet will be given the workmen by the officials at Taft.

SWALLOWED PINS TO LEAVE SCHOOL; MAY DIE

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Young Miss Florence Smith deliberately swallowed half a paper of pins. She is in a critical condition at her home in Patchogue. Dr. Wallace Willis, who is attending her, fears that many pins—point first, of course—have perforated Miss Florence's intestines, and are held by their heads.

Hold a sheet of paper before you, stick a pin through it, then let go of the pin, and you will see what Dr. Willis sees in his mind's eye. He fears that the pins will corrode and cause blood poisoning or peritonitis.

Miss Florence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Smith, is 15 years old, and ordinarily robust and healthy. When the Christmas holidays were ending Miss Florence felt a strong disinclination to return to school. So she cast about for her bright, youthful mind for some means to make herself ill—not seriously ill, but just ill enough to keep her at home, away from school.

So she swallowed the pins.

CORTELYOU WILL BE HEA DOF GAS COMPANY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—It is well understood among prominent officials in Washington that Secretary of the Treasury Cortelyou has accepted the presidency of the Consolidated Gas company in New York. Mr. Cortelyou has declined to either affirm or deny the statement, but there does not seem to be any doubt as to its truth. It is understood that the secretary will leave Washington about March 4 for a rest of a month, and possibly longer, and that upon the termination of his vacation he will go to New York and assume charge of the gas company.

LARGEST BAND EVER ASSEMBLED IN CONCERT

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—The largest band which has ever assembled will give a concert in the Twenty-second regiment armory March 7. The idea was conceived by the bandmaster of the organization who announced that the organization would be made up as follows:

117—three clarinettes, 14 flutes and piccolos, 10 oboes, 8 bassoons, 20 cornets, 4 flugel horns, 8 trumpets, 24 French horns, 12 baritone, 20 trombones, 12 tubas, 4 bass violas, 3 bass drums, 5 snare drums, 2 sets of tympani, and 2 harps.

TORPEDO HAS ITS ROUGHEST VOYAGE

CHARLESTON, S. C., Feb. 9.—The torpedo boat destroyer Worden arrived late yesterday from Norfolk, after what Lieutenant Richardson, commanding, declared was the roughest trip he had ever taken. The Worden left Hampton Roads Friday morning with the torpedo boats Porter, Shubrick and Stockton for Charleston, but the first day out a terrific gale was encountered and the Porter was forced to put back. The Stockton put in at Morehead City, but the Shubrick made it in Charleston. The Worden succeeded in reaching here in safety.

WILD DEER LEAPS INTO BANK THROUGH WINDOW

NASHUA, N. H., Feb. 9.—People returning from church here yesterday were startled by the sound of breaking glass in a window of the Nashua Trust company, and, turning toward the sound, saw that a small buck deer had jumped through the plate glass. The animal was injured so seriously that it was necessary to kill it. Deer have been plentiful around here, and the buck evidently belonged to a herd which ranges north of this city. It was probably driven into the city by dogs.