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GORST'S NEW INVENTION

Neither Fish Nor Fowl, Names it Amphibion.

The Marshfield Record gives the following details of the invention recently perfected by V. C. Gorst, a former resident of this city.

"V. C. Gorst's invention, which he terms an amphibion, is likely to solve a transportation problem that many minds had puzzled over since Coos Bay was settled. The machine is a combination invented by Mr. Gorst and is a peculiar looking affair. It is built on the frame of a Hupmobile and the motive power is one of the 80-horsepower aeroplane engines taken from an old aeroplane. The engine is mounted about six or seven feet high, back of the automobile, and the power is generated in the aeroplane propeller, which revolves at a tremendous speed. There are no chain drives and the machine is sent forward at a terrific speed by the propeller.

"Mr. Gorst has made two trips from North Bend, going into the water, speeding to Jarvis Landing, thence across the sandspit to the seawall and up the coast to the Umpqua river. There are pontoons on each side of the craft to support the machine while in the water. The trip from Ten Mile creek to Jarvis Landing, a distance of ten miles, was made in 11 minutes on one of the return trips.

"There was a big crowd at North Bend to see the initial introduction of the amphibion this week, and although Mr. Gorst went through to Jarvis Landing over the water at a 15-mile rate, he is not satisfied and desires to get more speed for water out of the machine, and will therefore experiment some on improvements.

Electric Sparks

Ambassador Tom Page is now in a position to get some pointers on a history of the reconstruction days in Italy.

Still if prohibition grabs the city of Washington, it won't be such a long long way to Baltimore.

The California Stage beauty who calls her husband a "simp" probably caught him with a simp.

New Jersey this year takes up the proposal to tax bachelors. Why does not the state ever take the other horn of the dilemma and propose to pension married men?

Though Bernard Shaw is unpopular

in Germany, that does not make him any more popular in England. No wonder he is coming to America.

This country made and sold 2,200,000 top buggies last year. Naturally those enticing places for courtship do not lose their popularity.

Besides ships for the carrying trade Uncle Sam needs young men who can talk with the South Americans in Spanish and Portuguese.

In these times that try men's souls it is sweet to realize that the checker tournaments are attracting crowds.

Doubtless the password into the inner councils at Springfield Ill. is "Highball" uttered with an alcoholic accent.

Odd jobs will never enable the unemployed to keep even.

With Charley Fairbanks in the arena for 1916, Indiana buttermilk will make another famous beverage look gay.

It's hard to preserve faith in eugenics when a perfect couple after two years of wedded bliss begin to look for a kid to adopt.

Although Congress has tried in vain to find out what "constitutional psychopathic inferiority" means, there is growing suspicion that the patient never recovered.

The president is working overtime nowadays explaining his Jackson day speech. It is not so easy to make it clear how he happened to say what he did not mean and to mean what he did not say all at the same time.

It is reported that the German Government diamond syndicate of southwest Africa has offered its stock at reduced rates to an American concern. The time has come when coronets and tiaras are not regarded as actual necessities in Germany.

The London Times begs leave to refute the popular opinion that Poland is wild and desolate, but the armies have hardly had a fair chance yet.

Instructed by Court

Grants Pass, Or., Feb. 8—The Road Supervisors of Josephine County were in session with the County Court, Saturday. The meeting was held for the purpose of instructing the Supervisors and they were advised of the best ways and means of constructing permanent roads. Each district was advised of the amount of funds it could spend during the coming year and where work would be of the most benefit. The Road Supervisors were guests of the County Court at a luncheon at the Josephine Hotel.

MASS MEETING

Nominates Candidates For City Officers Only Contest Is For Councilman.

The mass meeting called for the nomination of candidates for municipal offices to be held at the election March 2, was held at the city hall Wednesday evening. Although a pretty fair crowd was in attendance but little interest seemed to be taken in the nominations except for councilman.

Mr. Emil Britt was chosen chairman of the meeting and upon the completion of the organization, nominations for councilmen were called for and the following names presented: Wm. H. Johnston, W. I. McIntire, Chauncey Florey and C. D. Abbott. Mr. Abbott asked that his name be withdrawn and a ballot was taken upon the three others with the following result: Johnston 82, McIntire 49, Florey 47. Messrs Johnston and McIntire were declared the choice of the meeting.

Leslie Stansell for recorder and Jas. M. Cronmiller for treasurer, were nominated by acclamation as no other names were presented for either position.

Forest Notes

It is estimated that the government's Grand Canyon game refuge, in Arizona, now contains about ten thousand deer.

More than nine million young trees and ten thousand pounds of seed were planted on the national forests in 1914.

The government built more than two thousand miles of trail and three thousand miles of telephone line on the national forests in 1914.

At least 25 percent of the larch timber over large areas in eastern Oregon has been killed or weakened by mistletoe, and the forest service is taking steps to combat the pest.

Success has followed forest planting on the sandhills of Nebraska. Jack pines planted there by the government forest service ten years ago now have a height of over 15 feet and a diameter of 4 inches.

Increasing use of the national forests by local farmers and settlers to supply their needs for timber is shown in the fact that small timber sales on the forests numbered 8,298 in 1914, against 6,182 the previous year.

GERMAN WOMEN FIGHT

Russians Find Them at the Very Front With Rifles

Petrograd, Feb. 9—The engagements are growing in intensity at the two extremities of the Eastern battle front in East Prussia as well as in the Carpathians, according to information reaching Petrograd today. The same news sets forth that on the Warsaw front the battle has subsided.

The fighting line from the Province of Plock, in Russian Poland, as far north as Tilsit in East Prussia is virtually continuous. The Germans today apparently are taking the offensive from Gumbinnen and the Mazurian Lakes, as far south as Lipno, in Poland, on the right bank of the Vistula.

A dispatch from Warsaw says that among the prisoners taken by the Russians in the fighting at the junction of the Bzura River were a number of German women. According to this message some of these women were found with rifles in their hands in the first line of trenches.

Shooting Migratory Birds

From the number of letters which they have received on the subject recently, officials of the department believe that sportsmen may unintentionally violate the provisions of the Federal migratory bird law, which it is the purpose of the Government to enforce rigidly. Under the provisions of this law no waterfowl can be shot in the northern or breeding zone after January 15, except in New Jersey, where the season extends to February 1. In most of the southern or wintering zone the season closes Feb. 1, but extends to Feb. 15 in Florida, Georgia and South Carolina. These regulations were proclaimed on Oct. 1, 1914. No change has since been made in them, and no change is likely to be made until the constitutionality of the law has been passed on by the United States Supreme Court. As a matter of fact, the law provides that all changes in the regulations must be considered for a period of 90 days, and then must be approved and signed by the President before they become effective. It is thus evident that there is no possibility that prohibition of spring shooting will be in any way modified this year.

The officials of the department who are entrusted with the enforcement of the law are anxious that these facts be impressed upon the people because it is the intention to investigate carefully all reports of violations made to the department's inspectors and wardens and to prosecute all such violations in the Federal courts. In this connection it is pointed out that prosecutions may be instituted at any time within three years of the offense.—Dept. of Agriculture Bulletin

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Manufactures Enterprises and Improvements Providing Payrolls and Promoting Development of Oregon

Camps are being established and men are employed on the new Salem-Stayton railroad.

Oregon Power Co. installing new lighting system for Monmouth.

Polk, Yamhill and Tillamook offer to put in \$45,000 on Grande road to Tillamook if State Highway Commission puts up equal sum.

The Blue Sky Corporation Department wants control of platting additions and selling stock in real estate schemes.

Mary E. Clarke is building an apartment house at Marshfield.

More pit-log drags and less splitting profits with road contractors will make better roads.

St. Helens—Local quarry has a contract for 30,000 Belgian blocks.

The legislature is killing labor bills which interfere with industries as fast as they show up.

A St. Helens shipbuilder will build new mill for government snagboat Mathloma.

Springfield—S. P. Co. is Macadamizing Seventh Street to depot.

St. Johns—Evangelical United Church to be built to cost \$6000.

PORTLAND LETTER

Utilize Beds of Kelp. Plan to Erect Signboards. Live-stock Prospects in Oregon Exceedingly Good.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 9, (Special) There never has been a time in the history of the state when the farmers have had such an opportunity to make money by raising livestock for meat purposes as at present. With an aggregate shortage of over 3,000,000 meat animals approximately 800,000,000 pounds, in the leading packing centers of the United States, it is certain that for some years to come there will not only be an unlimited demand for meat animals, but it is also certain that prices will range high and it is not impossible that all previous records may be broken.

Assuming that in the near future the present fertile farms of Western Oregon will be in urgent need of fertilizing materials, State Engineer Lewis has recommended that some action be taken to make use of the great kelp beds along the Oregon coast in order to save the enormous amount of potash which is annually going to waste. He states that it is comparatively easy to procure supplies of nitrates and phosphates, but the principal source of potash is now closed by war. It is believed the kelp beds can be made to produce enough potash for present and future needs and may also open up a new and profitable industry.

A plan which might be profitable be followed in all parts of the Northwest has been adopted by the counties included in the Willamette Valley Exposition association, by which large signboards will be erected along the line of the railroad telling passengers on the trains just where they are at any time, in what county and the distance to the state capital and also to the nearest important town. As these signs will be uniform in size and attractive in appearance, it is expected they will be of great interest to travelers.

Have you any fine scenery in your vicinity? During the present year Oregon will be visited by a great army of tourists and it is desirable that they be encouraged to visit every part of the state if possible. The Press Bureau of the Portland Commercial Club would like to receive a brief description of the notable scenic attractions in every community in the state. In addition to the description, state how the scenery may best be reached, whether by train, trolley or automobile and its approximate distance from principal points.

YOUR HOME PAPER

Are You Helping Build it Up?

"It is not enough for a live community that advertising should be correctly used to stimulate business and to promote general prosperity. The home newspaper is a social and intellectual thing as well as a medium of business. One cannot serve the community better than by seeing that interesting items get to the editor; call him up and tell him. To do so is the neighborly thing—a courtesy not to the publisher alone but to everyone in the district who might be interested in your little item."

Whenever Eric W. Allen, head of the department of journalism at the University of Oregon, speaks in a town he urges the citizens to get behind their home paper in both a business and a news way on the ground that the newspapers can be made a wonderful agency for building up a community. Mr. Allen means not merely the community whose business men are prospering, but the community that is a real social and intellectual center. He looks to the home paper as the most powerful means within reach to bring about this kind of "success."

"If you can once get all your people into the way of voluntarily pouring interesting scraps of news into the weekly paper, you will add immensely to the general friendliness of the community," says Mr. Allen. "You will be helping to make your town the kind of place where people want to stay and to which former residents will want to come back."—Ex.

Mrs. Marie Wilder, wife of E. E. Wilder, died at her home at Phoenix, Monday, aged 43 years. She was a native of Germany and had resided at Phoenix for the past seventeen years. She leaves a husband and three children.

Not Member of School Board

Salem, Or., Feb. 8—Supt. of Public Instruction Churchill recently ruled in a matter of the composition of School Boards that the directors alone constituted such a board, and that the clerk was not a member thereof. The question arose in Klamath County and the clerk not being satisfied with the ruling that left him off the board, so argued the matter that it was passed off to the Attorney General, who in an opinion rendered this morning sustains the Superintendent holding that the clerk only acts as secretary of the board and that a meeting called by common consent of the members of such board is legal.

BRITISH CASUALTIES

Asquith Tells Commons of Losses Up to February 4.

London, Feb. 8—Premier Asquith, speaking in the House of Commons today, said that British casualties in all ranks in the arena of the war, from the beginning of hostilities to February 4, amounted to approximately 104,000 men. This includes killed, wounded and missing.

Going Back to Work

Elizabeth, N. J. Feb. 8—The assembling department, one of the largest at the Singer Sewing Machine Works, has announced a return of all men on a full time schedule, beginning today. At the office of the management, it was said the entire plant will be back on the old schedule within another month. Early last Fall about 50% of the 9000 employed there were laid off.

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