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MAY SUBMIT PROGRAM TO THE PEOPLE.

Series of Speeches Contemplated on National Defense to Spur Congress.

Washington, Jan. 10—President Wilson possibly may put the question of national defense before the country in a series of speeches as one means of getting the necessary legislation through congress.

The president today received several invitations to speak at meetings here, in Baltimore and in New York within the next month, and other invitations are known to be coming. Officials intimated today that the president might take advantage of the invitations to lay the administration's plan for national defense directly before the people.

As soon as the submarine controversy is entirely cleared up, the president intends to devote his whole attention to getting the national defense plans through congress.

Three Million Acres Opened to Settlement.

Washington, Jan. 10.—Secretary Lane today designated 3,000,000 acres of and as non-irrigable, opening to settlement vast areas in several Western states. Some of the land has been filed on already, however, and some homesteads have been patented. The land includes 2,000,000 acres in South Dakota, 500,000 in California and 250,000 in Montana.

Acquitted of Alleged Theft of Automobile.

Chehalis, Wash., Jan. 10.—Mr. and Mrs. F. Baker were found not guilty late Saturday night of selling to W. J. Vaughn of Chehalis, an automobile stolen from Dr. Anderson of Portland, last May.

Student Dies at State School for Deaf.

Salem, Or., Jan. 10.—Roy Vernon, aged 16 years, died at the Oregon School for the Deaf Saturday afternoon of brain fever and pneumonia. He was captain of the junior basketball team at the school. His parents reside at Des, Or.

PURE DRUG LAW UPHELD BY THE SUPREME COURT

False Statements Regarding Curative Effects of Drugs Cannot be Made.

Washington, Jan. 10.—The Shirley amendment of 1902 to the federal pure food law declaring drugs to be misbranded if the package or label bears or contains false and fraudulent statements regarding the curative or therapeutic effects thereof, was upheld as constitutional today by the supreme court.

The Glorious World

When Copernicus traced out the plan of the solar system and established the order of the planets to their central sun, he must have been half overwhelmed by the majesty of his discovery. But we receive notices every day that the sublime machinery is still working. The worlds are moving with out a jar. On their golden axes the worlds are turning; they are making the journeys of their mighty orbits and there are no mistakes—nothing is forgotten. It was planned that when the earth, exhausted through bearing the harvest, should have the curtains drawn and be given a long sleep, there was to be no forgetfulness. The sun from his far wanderings was to be recalled each year; he was to send his beams to the earth to thrill it and plant the flowers beneath the snow. A little later, the hardy birds were to begin to meet and discuss their plans; then the migratory birds and the first buds were to appear, and with each day's advance the sun was ablaze earlier and earlier above the mountain tops and was to linger longer and longer each evening.

The machinery is still in perfect order. Already the light remains for us to board the cars when the dinner hour draws near; the robins will be here now very soon. There is no break in the mighty order; the planets, the morning and the evening stars are all pursuing their sublime voyages and could a picture be made carrying but a trace of the splendor and glory of it all at the sight of it the hearts of men would throb faster and a reverence for the magnificence of it all would fill their hearts.—Judge Goodwin

OUR OWN STATE

Some Recent Happenings in Various Parts of Oregon.

Sewing Machine Agent is Charged With Arson.

Roseburg, Or., Jan. 8.—W. F. Plaman a sewing machine agent here, is under arrest on a charge of arson. He is accused of over-insuring his personal goods and stocks of sewing machines and setting fire to the house he occupied. Plaman has hitherto borne a good reputation, but has been in poor circumstances for two or three years. He has a large family. The house was almost totally destroyed on New Year's eve, and started to burn on two succeeding nights at the same hour.

Sells His Store to Go in Search of Health.

Yoncalla, Or., Jan. 10.—The general merchandise store owned and conducted in this city for the past 11 years by Z. L. Cox, has been sold to Louis Jensen, of Cottage Grove, and Mr. Cox also traded his residence to Mr. Jensen. Mrs. Cox who has been failing in health for some time, will probably go to Arizona.

Mrs. Merlo Sentenced Then Freed On Bonds.

Hillsboro, Or., Jan. 10.—Mrs. Rosa Righetto Merlo, convicted some days ago of manslaughter for the killing of her husband, Joseph Merlo, was on Saturday sentenced to the penitentiary for from 1 to 15 years, and to pay a fine of \$100 and costs. She was allowed 60 days to appeal to the supreme court. The appeal bond was fixed at \$7500 and she was allowed to go upon her old bond.

Baker Fire is Fought During Zero Weather.

Baker, Or., Jan. 11.—With the thermometer at 2 degrees above zero at 1 o'clock this morning, firemen fought a blaze in the Caldwell hardware store in the heart of the business district. The fighters discovered a quantity of powder in time to prevent a big explosion. The damage is \$5000, fully insured. A defective flue is believed to have been the cause.

Keeps Bounty on Coyotes

Canyon City, Or., Jan. 10.—The county court in session here this week decided to pay the \$150 bounty on coyotes which was discontinued by the state the first of the year. The county and state heretofore paid \$1.50 each, making a total of \$3. for coyote pelts, but as the state has discontinued the giving of a bounty on coyotes Grant county will pay a bounty of \$3.

Pioneer of 1852 Buried.

Roseburg, Or., Jan. 10.—Mrs. Amanda Whitney, an Oregon pioneer of 1852 was buried here today. She was twice married and two sons and four daughters survive. They are Herbert and Martin Higley, Mrs. Amanda Newby and Mrs. Mary Hopkins, all living in or near Portland; Mrs. George Langenberg of Roseburg, and Mrs. Charles Clements of Mabana, Wash.

Financier Remembers His Former House Servant

Roseburg, Or., Jan. 10.—J. Pierpont Morgan, the New York financier, has remembered a former house servant, George Shima, who is the Japanese porter at a hotel here, with a \$25 Christmas present.

Modern Building For Eastern Oregon News Paper

Enterprise, Or., Jan. 10.—The Enterprise Record-Chiefman this week moves into its own building, owned and constructed by it especially for its own use. In addition to walls consisting of many windows, giving much light there is maintained a rest room for visitors with tables, papers and other conveniences.

Claxter Residence is Burned

Chemawa, Or., Jan. 11.—Fire of unknown origin destroyed the L. D. Basy residence at Claxter Saturday night. An earlier blaze had been extinguished by neighbors. The loss amounting to about \$300, was covered by insurance.

Add Cheese Factory to Creamery

Grants Pass, Or., Jan. 11.—The local creamery established two years ago has proved so great a success that the directors at a recent meeting decided to enlarge it and add the manufacture of cheese.

Oregon Water Law to Be Tested

Salem, Or., Jan. 11 Attorney General Brown has received the briefs of the attorneys of the Pacific Livestock company in the case in which the latter assails the validity of the Oregon water law in the United States supreme court. Federal District Judge Wolverton held the law constitutional, and from his decision the company prosecutes an appeal.

Farmers to Have Expert Adviser

Grants Pass, Or., Jan. 11.—The county court has appropriated \$1250 for a horticultural and agricultural adviser, the state duplicating the amount appropriated by the county, making the total \$2500. It is not known yet who the expert will be, but it is expected that he will be selected in a few days by the Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis.

Heavy Fall of Snow in Southern Oregon.

Grants Pass, Or., Jan. 11.—The biggest snow storm in years has enveloped Grants Pass and surrounding country the past few days. In this city most of the snow has melted as it fell, there being only a covering of a couple of inches. The stage between this place and Crescent City is having hard work to get through, owing to the fact that over seven feet of snow lies on Oregon Mountain. The snow is a boon to the placer miners, as it will furnish an abundance of water until late in the spring.

Noted Indian Warrior is Dead

Chicago, Jan. 10.—Chief Ogallala Fire who fought with Sitting Bull in the Custer massacre, died at a hospital here, aged 59 years. A week ago, apparently tired of life, he cut his throat and was unconscious most of the time at the hospital. For many years he was an attraction at circuses and wild west shows.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Manufactures, Enterprises and Improvements, Providing Payrolls and Promoting Development of Oregon.

A. J. Sigman of Boston will build \$100,000 summer hotel at Port Orford. Every sawmill in Linn County expects to be running by spring.

Paisley—Reports here say Western Pacific plans feeder into this section of Oregon.

Twohy Bros. may get orders to build 1000 box cars at their Portland shops. Grants Pass people state line they started with \$200,000 bond issue will be completed by Twohy Bros., who have taken it over to Crescent City, California.

It takes 715 freight cars to ship the annual salmon pack of Oregon, value \$5,820,987.

France asks for bids on 200,000,000 ft. of lumber from Northwest mills. Eleven large railway systems have placed or are about to place orders for Douglas fir with Northwest mills, according to reports. When the railroads start buying, sawmills prosper and we all prosper.

Southern Pacific Co. orders 50,000 ft. of lumber from Spaulding Logging Co., Salem, to be shipped to Sacramento.

Japan has had a great shipbuilding boom and on account of its superior quality Douglas fir is being used extensively, though it costs 70% more than native pine.

Hood River tax levy is trimmed from \$165,000 to \$130,000.

Multnomah Co. expended \$1,620,674 on roads in 1915.

The British Government has asked Portland mills for bids on 12,000,000 ft. of lumber.

Gold Beach—Reports state that big Brookings mill will soon reopen.

Oregon Power Co., Marshfield has spent more than \$40,000 in improvements on Coos Bay in 1915.

J. C. Penney & Co. of New York will open new dry goods store in Eugene.

Shipping rabbits from Lakeview to San Francisco is a new industry.

Timber buying reported active in Coos county.

Salem—Chas. K. Spaulding and others have formed a new logging company.

Johnson sawmill at Coquille being enlarged to 40,000 ft. capacity.

Plans for Kendall Bros. new railroad out of Roseburg accepted by the city council and crews expected to begin active work early in March.

Klamath Falls is shipping much livestock, lambs, hogs, mules and horses to different parts of the country.

Fine gold is being scraped out of the river bed within the city limits of Roseburg.

Hubbard's fine new school house is nearly completed.

Reports state that the Geo. W. Moore Lumber Co., Bandon will soon operate again.

The Hawley Paper Co. of Oregon City will spend \$750,000 enlarging its paper mill at that place.

Million-Dollar Cargo in Metal in From Alaska

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 8.—The steamship Northwestern, which arrived from Seward, Alaska, yesterday, brought \$550,000 in gold from the Iditarod mining district in Western Alaska. The gold, the last of the summer cleanup, was transported on three dog sleds from Iditarod to Seward, 24 days being required for the 1500-mile journey over the snow trail. The Northwestern also brought \$450,000 worth of copper from Alaska.

Canal Tolls Exemption For Americans Sought.

Washington, Jan. 10.—Panama canal tolls exemption for American coastwise ships and ships of Pan-American nations in commerce with the Americas is the object of an amendment to the Panama canal act introduced today by Senator Fall, Republican, of New Mexico. The bill, if passed, would precipitate a renewal of the fight which resulted in repeal of the tolls exemption in the last congress.

WHY NOT NAME THE FARM AND HAVE A LETTERHEAD?

It Pays, Says Dean Morton and It Pays to Advertise, When There's Farm Stuff to Sell.

The Oregon farmer can swell his annual receipts by using good printing and by occasional advertising in the weeklies of his county, says D. W. Morton, dean of the new school of commerce of the University of Oregon.

A farm letterhead should carry the name of the farm, the name of the owner, the location of the farm, and perhaps a small picture of some feature of the place, says Dean Morton, who regards the farmer as a business man with a substantial investment upon which he should make every effort to pay interest.

"It gives a farmer a certain business standing if he has a neat letterhead of good stock, and it improves the value of his farm to have a name and something of an individuality," he said. "There is some initial expense in having a picture taken and a cut made, but the publisher of the nearest country paper will attend to the details and afterward will do the printing reasonably."

Legal Judgment That is Common Sense.

Judge Gantenbein has said of the enforcement of Oregon's Sunday blue law let the people do it, provided they are of that mind. That is not the language of the legal decision, but it is the effect thereof.

There is sound, homely commonsense in the gist of Judge Gantenbein's opinion. Conceding on the weight of judicial authority that the law constitutionally valid, Judge Gantenbein says: "I am thoroughly convinced however that this law is absolutely unjust, absurd and unsuited to modern conditions that I feel justified in postponing its execution until the people have had an opportunity to vote on it at the general election in November of this year. This law has lain dormant for seventy-two years. During that time the state has succeeded in struggling along fairly well, and it seems to me that neither the morals nor the health of any citizen is going to be materially affected by allowing it to sleep seven or eight longer."

It is apparent to most people that there are two motives which urge the enforcement of this law, spite and a certain fanaticism that is sincere enough in its intent to bring about good through straight-lined conduct and by compulsion if necessary. The motive of spite is wholly unworthy, and the other motive in its extreme expression is without reason. The law itself is inequitable. Its enforcement would work a hardship without public or private benefit; and it is a safe and reasonable conclusion that the people of Oregon do not want and will not vote for its enforcement.—Telegram.

\$600,000 Added to Payroll

Johnstown, Pa., Jan. 10.—The Cambria Steel company announced a 10 per cent increase in wages of all its employees except those working on salary and tonnage. The increase will affect about 9000 men and will add \$600,000 to the payroll annually.

Spice of Life

"Every one seems to be here for his health," remarked the new arrival at the summer resort. "Yes, every one but the hotel proprietor," replied the guest who had been there three days.—Judge.

"Would you go to war for your country?" "I'd do more than that. I'd lick any man who tried to get my country into a war."—Detroit Free Press.

The customer in the grocery store, having ruined his clothes, was hopping mad. "Didn't you see that sign, 'Fresh Paint?'" asked the grocer. "Of course I did," snapped the customer "but I've seen so many signs hung up here announcing something fresh that wasn't that I did not believe it."—San Francisco News Letter.

Start the New Year right

by giving us a share of your business.

We will appreciate it very much and try our best to please you.

Lewis Ulrich

The Pioneer Store

Jacksonville, Ore.