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HAPPY NEW YEAR

WILSON IS RAPPED

London Papers Believe His "Maladroitness" Has Aided Foe

London, Dec. 27.—It is not believed in official circles here that there exists any possibility of assembling a peace conference as proposed in the German reply to President Wilson's note, unless Germany is willing to make suggestions in advance regarding her ideas of the terms of peace.

London, Dec. 27.—The promptness of the German government's reply to President Wilson's note is characterized by the evening newspapers as evidence of Germany's eagerness to bring the war to an end.

The Pall Mall Gazette says: "Germany has not been slow to seize the advantages given her by President Wilson's maladroitness. It would be a real triumph for Germany to have herself recognized as the wireless puller of the power whose subjects her submarines drowned with impunity and which lectured her in the name of all the cardinal virtues. It would teach the world that by letting the Americans do talking Germany understands how to get her own way eventually in the sphere of practical politics."

Railroad Traffic is Demoralized By Storm

Salt Lake City, Dec. 27.—More than 12 inches of snow has fallen in Utah in the past 24 hours, breaking all previous storm records. Branch railroads have suspended schedules and only the main lines are open to traffic. Overland trains are many hours behind. Street-car traffic here is at a standstill. All suburban towns are isolated.

LONE BANK ROBBER SHOT RANCHER

Bandit Anxious to Plead Guilty and Begin Serving Sentence

Goldendale, Wash., Dec. 27.—Henry Jones, who held up the Bank of Bickleton in eastern Klickitat county last Friday for \$4000 and was captured the next day near Satus station, wants to enter a plea of guilty and begin serving his sentence as soon as possible.

He still has two small shot in the back of his head, put there by a rancher who fired at him as he was passing a farm house in the Glade country between Bickleton and Mabton. Jones was employed in a sawmill and worked in the harvest fields near Bickleton last summer.

Los Angeles Enjoys Rare Fall of Snow

Los Angeles, Dec. 26.—Heavy snow fell over the northern part of the city for the sixth time in the 40 years the weather bureau has been established. It melted almost as soon as it fell.

Union Pacific Is Blocked

Laramie, Wyo., Dec. 27.—The Union Pacific railroad is blocked in Wyoming by snow for the first time, it is said in 20 years. Not a passenger train is moving today between Laramie and Rawlins. Nineteen trains are being held at various points.

Estracada plans establishment of milk condensery or cheese factory. Corvallis New straight line highway proposed from here to Independence.

COLD WAVE GRIPS WHOLE NORTHWEST

Train Service Interfered With By Heavy Snow in Idaho and Montana

Spokane, Dec. 29.—A cold wave has gripped all of Montana in its grip today. Havre, Mont., reported a temperature of 22 degrees below zero. In Spokane 8 below was registered by the weather bureau thermometer.

The ground is covered with more than a foot of snow. The snow and cold has greatly interfered with the operation of trains from the East. The transcontinental trains are running at least six hours late.

Ten Billion Tons of Coal

The Nenana coal field, Alaska, will be tributary to the Government railroad now under construction from Seward to Fairbanks. Though the coal of this region is lignite and hence of low grade, yet it has great value as a source of fuel and power for Fairbanks and other Yukon placer camps. The field is about 60 miles south of Fairbanks. It is estimated by the United States Geological Survey, that the Nenana field contains some ten billion tons of lignite. The Nenana coal field lies in what is known as the Bonfield region, which also contains some small placers that have been mined in a way for the past 10 years. This district is described in a report entitled "The Bonfield Region, Alaska."

There is no logical reason why railroad legislation should not be placed under one national board. It would help railroad credit and encourage needed development.

New Year's Morning

By HELEN HUNT JACKSON

ONLY a night from old to new! Only a night and so much wrought! The Old Year's heart all weary grew. But said, "The New Year rest has brought." The Old Year's heart its hopes laid down. As in a grave, but trusting, said, "The blossoms of the New Year's crown bloom from the ashes of the dead."

The Old Year's heart was full of greed; With selfishness it longed and ached. And cried, "I have not half I need; My thirst is bitter and unslaked. But to the New Year's generous hand All gifts in plenty shall return; True loving it shall understand; By all my failures it shall learn I have been reckless; it shall be Quiet and calm and pure of life. I was a slave; it shall go free And find sweet peace where I leave strife."

Only a night from old to new! Night and the healing balm of sleep! Each morn is New Year's morn come true, More of a festival to keep. All nights are sacred nights to make Confession and resolve and prayer. All days are sacred days to wake New gladness in the sunny air.

Only a night from old to new! Only a sleep from night to morn! The new is but the old come true; Each sunrise sees a new year born.

NEW YEAR BELL IS SILENT.

Famous Bell of American Independence Formerly Rang in the Year.

Every New Year's eve citizens of Philadelphia gather round the shrine of Liberty, Independence hall, to hear the New Year rung in. Formerly this service was performed by the bell now known as the Liberty bell.

Before that memorable day in 1776 when the nation's fathers gave forth to the world their Declaration of Independence, whose signing was heralded by the ringing of the bell, New Year's rejoicing was started by the first peal of what is now known as the Liberty bell.

After the events of July 4, 1776, made the bell one of the most priceless relics of the nation, custodians of Independence hall restricted its use, fearing some mishap, and after 1830 the bell was no longer used for the New Year's salute. In 1832, on the celebration of George Washington's birth day, it was rung and not again for three years, when on July 8, 1835, while the funeral procession of Chief Justice Marshall was passing, the bell was tolled.

Suddenly the note grew discordant. An investigation was made. It was found that a crack had been started. The bell had completed its task. No more would it greet the New Year or pay tribute to the nation's great. But from the tower of Liberty's cradle another bell always welcomes the coming of a New Year.—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

Integrity without knowledge is weak and useless, and knowledge without integrity is dangerous and dreadful.—Johnson.

Femininity. The woman whom everybody calls great enters the woman whom every body calls the greatest.

OUR OWN STATE

Some Recent Happenings in Various Parts of Oregon.

No Snow at The Dalles

The Dalles, Dec. 25.—Christmas was ushered in with clear, crisp weather, but no snow. There has been no snow here for some time. Trains from the East are arriving here from three to ten hours late.

Rail Automobile To Make One Round Trip Daily

Hood River, Dec. 27.—Beginning January 1, the big 34-passenger rail automobile operated between this city and Parkdale, the upper valley terminus, by the Mount Hood Railroad company, will make but one round trip daily. The more frequent trips will be resumed during the summer months.

Five Miles of Highway To Be Built at Bandon

Bandon, Dec. 25.—Bids will be opened by the county court next Saturday for the improvement of the remaining five miles of the Coast highway between Bandon and the Curry county line. The bids call for clearing and grading. In addition to this work there will be \$40,000 spent on placing gravel on the entire 10 miles of road the coming summer.

Will Establish New Industry

Bandon, Dec. 27.—W. E. Craine, of the Crane Logging company, and G. R. Shanks, of this city, have leased the Hartman building, and after the first of the year will establish a new industry, the manufacture of white cedar chests. This city is the center of the largest body of Port Orford white cedar in the world.

IRRIGATION DISTRICT HELD LEGAL BY COURT

Culver, Dec. 29.—Judge T. E. Duffy of the circuit court, handed down a decision last week making legal the formation of the irrigation district, for that part of Jefferson county lying along the railroads and extending from Crooked river to the north end of what is known as Agency plains. Some of the cattlemen brought the suit, as they preferred dry farming. This case was appealed to the supreme court for final action.

OFFER REWARD FOR BODY OF DROWNED SALEM GIRL

Salem, Dec. 30.—At the next meeting of the city council, Alderman Ward will ask the city to appropriate \$25 for a reward for the recovery of the body of John Habacet, believed to have been drowned recently in the Willamette river. The county will appropriate \$25 and the father will offer \$50.

UNIFORM TAX PLAN TO BE DRAFTED BY COMMITTEE

Salem, Dec. 26.—Tax Commissioner Charles V. Galloway has been advised by Samuel T. Howe, president of the National Tax association, that he has been appointed a member of a committee to draft a state and local tax plan which will be nation wide in its operation. Charles T. Bullock, head of the economics department of Harvard university, is chairman of the committee.

BANKER INJURED IN WRECK

Independence, Dec. 28.—Roy R. DeArmond, cashier of the First National bank, of Independence, was seriously injured Saturday night when the automobile in which he was riding was thrown out, striking on his knees on the pavement. No one else was hurt.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

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

Portland—\$21,500 paid for prize bull at International Livestock show. Eugene—S. P. Co. pays over one-tenth taxes Lane county.

Oregon flax fibre found adequate for manufacture of fishermen's twine, now selling at \$2.35 a pound.

Oregon City—Crown Willamette Paper mills, Hawley Paper mills and the woolen mills all give Christmas presents to total of 1700 employees.

Grants Pass—Irrigation of 10,000 acres near here.

Politicians would do well to heed the sentiment of the public and hold down taxes and pass a minimum of legislation at coming session of legislature.

Linn county builds 70 miles of road the past year, gravelled or rocked.

The Bergemann Shoe company of Portland is enlarging its output and has added a water proof shoe oil to its line of products.

Swedish shipping concern with headquarters at Stockholm announces that within next 2 years it will have fleet of motor ships operating between west coast of North and South America and Sweden, with Portland as one of ports of entry.

Salem—\$23,619,902 invested in plants and equipment of various timber industries in Oregon.

Portland—Twohy Bros. get contract to build 200 freight cars for Union Pacific system.

Grants Pass—Josephine county's assessed valuation is \$8,698,249.08, of which amount \$1,548,673.39 is charged to the southern Pacific Co.

Bandon is working hard to establish a shipyard.

North Bend—New S. P. depot now occupied here.

Coquille—New cheese factory to operate here next summer.

Portland shipyards say they will close plants before they will give in to demand of hired agitators for closed shop.

Baker—Antimony ore to be shipped from here again.

Portland is to have a "knocked down house" factory, product to be shipped to foreign countries.

Gold Beach—Rogue river salmon run best in history.

Wasco county will expend \$250,000 bond issue coming year on good roads.

Eugene, Salem and Portland are considering means to secure flax factories for state.

Eugene—Excelsior plants to be increased one third.

Roseburg—22% of 65 road districts in Douglas county vote special taxes for highway improvements.

Echo—River road from Echo to Pendleton is latest.

Newberg—Valley canning Co. has order for about 3000 cases of canned potatoes.

Sandstones Are Porous

The more porous beds of sand and gravel along streams, lake shores and the coast absorb very large amounts of water. Next to these unconsolidated deposits the rocks capable of direct absorption are sandstones and certain porous limestones. The absorption by granites, slates, and other massive rocks is relatively slight, according to the United States Geological Survey. A cubic foot of sand will absorb on an average about 10 quarts of water, and certain sandstones will absorb 2 to 6 quarts. While there is no definite lower limit to the penetration of water into sandstones, the surface water is absorbed, and most of the pores and crevices in rocks are closed below the depth of a few hundred feet.

With best wishes for your prosperity and success for the coming year, we extend to you the

Greetings of the Season

and assure you of our earnest desire for a continuance of the cordial relations existing between us.

Lewis Ulrich

The Pioneer Store

Jacksonville, Ore.