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Oregon Prunes Will Be Purchased For Army

Washington, Dec. 18.—At the request of Senator McNary, Quartermaster General Sharpe has directed the army purchasing agent at San Francisco to purchase Oregon prunes for the army if and additional supply is needed. Heretofore 15,000,000 pounds of California prunes have been purchased during the war period.

Navy Has 1000 Ships In Commission.

Washington, Dec. 19.—"We have 424 ships in course of construction," Secretary Daniels told the committee today. "That does not include submarine chasers, of which we are building 350 and does not include the small craft. The chasers will be in service by early spring."

Included in the 424 ships, he said, were battle cruisers, battleships, scout cruisers, destroyers, fuel ships, gunboats, hospital ships, ammunition ships, sea-going tugs, mine sweepers and submarines. Secretary Daniels said the navy now had more than one thousand ships in commission, as against 300 two years ago and an enlisted personnel of 230,000 officers and men, compared with 64,080 men and 4376 officers when America declared war.

Germany Has Millions Of Men on Western Front

Washington, Dec. 19.—Germany's strength on the Franco-British front is official dispatches, received here today at 154 divisions, or within one division of the great force massed there last July when the German military effort against France was at its maximum.

Withdrawals from the Russian front, and drafts upon the younger classes of reservists, have enabled the Kaiser not only to make up the enormous losses suffered in bloody battles with the allies, but to replace the men sent to aid the Austrians in their invasion of Italy. Winter, therefore, finds the Germans with armies facing the allies in France virtually equal to the largest ever before mustered.

The allies, however, are understood to have a considerable superiority of numbers on the French front.

Storm Ravages Grays Harbor.

Aberdeen, Wash., Dec. 18.—One of the most furious storms in years blew itself out this morning with property damage that will not exceed \$3000, despite the fact that the lowlands everywhere are flooded and the Olympic highway both east and west of this city has been under water in places to a depth of two to four feet. Two hundred and fifty telephones on the lines here and at Hoquiam were put out of commission. A tree, falling across the Northern Pacific tracks near Brady, east of here, struck the locomotive of a passenger train, tearing off the smokestack and whistle and putting the engine out of commission. The train, which was delayed three hours by the mishap, was finally taken in tow by a freight engine. The flood which has covered the lowlands of the east and west ends of the county has done the most damage, but in no case has this proved serious.

Violation of Law to Use 1918 Auto License

Portland Dec. 19.—The new auto license tags which are being delivered to automobile owners now through the mails must not be used until January 1, according to orders issued by Chief of Police Johns today. No records of the license numbers have been received by the police or public safety commission as yet, and in case of accidents or traffic violations, if the new numbers are used, it will be impossible for the police to trace the owner of the machine. The use of 1918 tags now is as much a violation of the state motor vehicle law as it would be to use a 1916 tag. The violation is punishable by a fine of \$50.

Malheur County—\$50,000 reservoir and canal on Crowley creek contemplated by the Malheur Livestock & Land Co.

Carolina Tin Deposits.

The United States Geological Survey Department of the Interior, has recently issued a report on the tin resources of the Kings Mountain district, North Carolina and South Carolina. The presence of cassiterite, oxide of tin, at many places in the district has led to much prospecting and to attempts at mining. In at least one place—the Ross mine, near Gaffney—placer mining was temporarily profitable. Practically all the work on the lodes, which are pegmatite dikes carrying cassiterite, has been done at a loss, but the results of this work have not been sufficiently conclusive to prove or disprove the value of some of the deposits. The report can be had free on application to the Director, U. S. Geological Survey, Washington, D. C., asking for Bulletin 660-D.

18-Pound Trout Caught By Klamath Angler

Klamath Falls, Or., Dec. 18.—H. W. Poole, of this city, landed an 18-pound rainbow trout at the mouth of the Sprague river, near Chilouan a few days ago. The fish measured 33 inches and was landed with a six-ounce rod. Frank Murry has collected \$5 bounty on a pelt of a gray wolf which he killed at Bear Flat on the reservation. This is the first gray wolf killed in this section for several years.

Employee of Lumber Mill Has Narrow Escape From Death

Centralia, Wash., Dec. 17.—John Wasson, an employe of the Walville Lumber company, narrowly escaped death in the company's camp when a cable caught him by the neck and lifted him into the air. His head and neck were badly cut and bruised by the cable before he was released. The injured man was taken to the hospital.

Major General Scott Returns From France

An Atlantic Port, Dec. 20.—Major General Hugh L. Scott, U. S. A., who is to be assigned as chief instruction officer of the new national army, returned today from Europe on an American steamship. He has been at the front in France studying conditions there. A number of United States army officers arrived here with him.

Railing For Paved Highway.

Chehalis, Wash., Dec. 21.—The Lewis county commissions will erect railing on each side of the pavement between Chehalis and Centralia. This road is built on a high grade and has been the scene of many accidents since the pavement was completed, because of the congested traffic and the many speed fiends.

Auto Stage Kills Two

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 19.—Fred J. Wilken, 65 years of age, a retired manufacturer of bedding from St. Paul, and his sister-in-law, Mary A. Weber, were instantly killed tonight when they were struck by an automobile stage. The driver was arrested.

Bandon—\$80,000 milk condensery to be located here.

Portland—Additional reservoirs to be built on west side of river.

Sanitary Fountains.

An investigation of drinking fountains at the University of Minnesota, carried out by the state board of health, led to the rather startling result that the 77 fountains in use at the university, most of which belonged to various supposedly "sanitary" types were found to be improperly constructed to prevent contamination by the consumer, according to the Scientific American. The principal defect was the vertical discharge of the water, making it necessary for the consumer to place his mouth directly over the point of discharge. It was found that the majority of persons drank with the lips touching the nozzle. The investigators devised a new type of fountain in which the discharge is at such an angle that there is no possibility of water falling back from the mouth upon or near the orifice.

A Unique Proposal

By F. A. MITCHELL

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They had initiated the bids by going South to avoid the cold weather. He was blase at twenty-two. She was romantic as every girl of twenty should be. Indeed it is questionable if women ever lose their romance.

"Do you see that rock out there?" she asked.

"Yes, what of it?"

"It is called lovers' rock. There is a tradition that if a man proposes to a girl out there she can't refuse him."

"You mean when the tide is coming in and she is cut off from shore; she can't swim; and the fellow won't save her unless she will agree to marry him."

"How you talk! It isn't that at all. There's some spell that is thrown over the girl which draws her to the man."

"I didn't know girls were moved to love on a barren place like a whale's back. I thought the way to win them was amid music and flowers."

"Yes, but I can understand how being under a spell might compel a girl to yield on a barren rock like that, when moonlight, music and flowers would fall."

"I think I would be most easily induced to propose to a girl after a good dinner."

"I fear that in your brain where the bump of romance should be there is a flat place."

"Rather a hollow. However suppose we go out on the lovers' rock, and see what will happen."

There was no reply to this. She sat gazing out to sea, evidently despairing of being able to touch a chord of romance in him, or rather regretting that such a chord did not exist.

"Come," he added rising. "I'm curious to know if I will be compelled to propose to you if we go out together to the rock."

"That isn't it at all. It isn't that the man is impelled to propose to the girl. It's that if he does, she is impelled by some strange influence to accept him."

"Well, let's try it anyway."

He put out his hand and helped her to rise from her seat on the sand, and led her to a rowboat moored to a floating platform leading out into the water. She got into the boat without saying a word and he pulled over a hundred yards of shallow water to the rock. There he called the painter around a stone and they went to that side of the rock facing the ocean. They had only to take a few steps, for the tide which was rising left uncovered no great space. They sat down side by side.

"I feel it coming," he said presently.

"What's coming?"

"The spell."

"Nonsense."

"Do you feel it?"

"Feel what?"

"A desire to have me propose to you."

"Didn't I tell you that if the man—"

"Yes, yes, but is a man going to propose to a girl in cold blood? Is there no love current between them? My opinion is that if there is anything in this rock forcing the man to propose, the girl has as much to do with it as he."

"Not at all. The tradition is simply—"

"That a woman is obliged to accept a proposal. But—"

"Well?"

"Great heavens! There goes our boat."

The rising tide had unloosed the painter and was carrying the boat away. There would be no use in trying to regain it by swimming, for it was even now further from the rock than was the shore, and it was receding rapidly. Looking about them they saw that the rock was nearly covered with water.

"While we have been talking," he said, "the tide has cut us off from shore."

"What shall we do?" cried the girl much frightened.

"We haven't tested the proposal matter yet?"

"Don't talk nonsense! Our lives are at stake."

"I don't believe you have any romance in you after all."

"Come, come; how are we to get ashore?"

"They were far from their hotel or any house. Indeed there was no one near to render them assistance. Besides the twilight was fading. He took her hand and said:

"I think I am going to—"

"Heavens! Don't faint."

"Propose."

"Are you crazy?"

"No, I am under the influence of the spell."

She had by this time lost her self control, and although she could not swim, marched out into the water, hoping that she could wade ashore. It was nowhere over her head, but as deep at once place as to reach her shoulders. She feared to proceed.

King Winter Is Here!

Only a few days until Christmas- and Santa Claus is Coming

We are proud to announce that Jacksonville Merchants are better prepared than ever before to meet your requirements for winter and especially the Holiday Days, at prices a little better than you will find elsewhere.

Our stock is composed of a big line of Staple and Fancy Common Sense Merchandise, including Dolls and Toys, Hand painted China, Cut glass, Ties, Suspenders, watches, Umbrellas, Gloves, Pipes, Art Embroidery work, Hosiery, Handkerchiefs, Notions, Mackinaws, Sweaters, Smoking Jackets, etc.

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A Very Merry Christmas, we are

Jno. M. Williams Co.

The People's Store. Phone 142.

Jacksonville, Oregon

A. C. Yokom is Killed In Automobile Wreck

Canyonville, Or., Dec. 18.—The first fatal auto accident in Grant county occurred yesterday afternoon when an auto containing D. A. Yokom and his son, A. C. Yokom, plunged over the grade on Canyon creek, about four miles above this city. The father was driving and turned his head for an instant to hear a remark made by the son, when the machine went over the grade into Canyon creek. The son was instantly killed, but the father escaped injury. A. C. Yokom was about 25 years of age and resided below Mount Vernon. He is survived by a wife, his parents, two brothers, C. L. of Mount Vernon, and George Yokom, of Spokane, and a sister, Mrs. Harry Bailey, of Mount Vernon.

Portland To Become Primary Wheat Market

Washington, Dec. 18.—Upon the re-assembly of congress Senator McNary intends to introduce a bill to amend the food control laws so that Portland will be definitely designated as a primary wheat market for the Pacific Northwest and placed upon the same price basis as Chicago and other primary markets.

County Treasurer's 92nd Call For Warrants.

State of Oregon, County of Jackson Treasury Department. Jacksonville, Oregon, December 22nd, 1917. Notice is hereby given that there are funds on hand for the redemption of all County Warrants which were protested from September 1st, 1912 to February 28th, 1913, both dates inclusive. Interest ceases on the warrants above called on this the 22nd, day of December 1917. MYRTLE W. BLAKELEY, Treasurer of Jackson County, Oregon.

Satterlee Acquitted at Klamath

Klamath Falls, Or., Dec. 17.—The jury in the case of J. P. Satterlee, charged by S. Daniels with the larceny of hides and wool, returned a verdict of not guilty. Satterlee is the owner of a large farmers' warehouse of this city.

Porto Rico to Get Camp

Sau Juan, P. R., Dec. 17. Official advices received from Washington announce the establishment of a cantonment here for 13,000 men to be drafted into the national army.

Draw a CHARMED CIRCLE of Home Trade Dollars



If every man and woman in THIS TOWN makes up his or her mind today to SPEND THEIR DOLLARS with the home merchants this town WILL BOOM as it never did before.

Out of town bargains often prove a DELUSION and a SNARE.

Trade at Home and See THE TOWN BOOM

To Make A Merry Christmas.

No \$2.00 that you can spend in Christmas present giving will go further than a subscription for The Youth's Companion. Look over your long list and see how few things on it are certain to be as eagerly treasured during every one of the fifty-two weeks of 1918. Acquaintance with it soon ripens into lasting friendship, for it has that rare and priceless quality among periodicals—character,—and the character of The Youth's Companion has made fast friends for it all round the world.

The Companion alone is \$2.00, but the publishers make an Extraordinary Double Offer—The Youth's Companion and McCall's Magazine together for \$2.25.

Our two-at-one price offer includes:

- 1 The Youth's Companion—52 issues of 1918.
- 2 All the remaining issues of 1917.
- 3 The Companion Home Calendar for 1918.
- 4 McCall's Magazine—12 fashion numbers of 1918. All for only \$2.25.

THE YOUTH'S COMPANION, Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Mass.

Weather Report.

Following is the report of U. S. Volunteer Cooperative Observer, E. Britt, Jacksonville, for month of Nov. Latitude 42 deg. 18. min. north; longitude 123 deg. 5 min. west.

| Date | Maximum | Minimum | Precipitation |
|------|---------|---------|---------------|
| 1 | 68 | 37 | |
| 2 | 55 | 36 | |
| 3 | 56 | 45 | 30 |
| 4 | 59 | 41 | |
| 5 | 55 | 41 | |
| 6 | 51 | 40 | 59 |
| 7 | 53 | 31 | 02 |
| 8 | 55 | 30 | |
| 9 | 60 | 36 | |
| 10 | 66 | 47 | |
| 11 | 58 | 44 | |
| 12 | 51 | 39 | 07 |
| 13 | 45 | 36 | 41 |
| 14 | 54 | 31 | |
| 15 | 51 | 31 | |
| 16 | 52 | 30 | |
| 17 | 51 | 27 | |
| 18 | 53 | 28 | |
| 19 | 53 | 28 | |
| 20 | 56 | 32 | |
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| 22 | 51 | 30 | |
| 23 | 51 | 37 | |
| 24 | 53 | 44 | |
| 25 | 50 | 40 | |
| 26 | 45 | 40 | |
| 27 | 42 | 40 | |
| 28 | 44 | 35 | 08 |
| 29 | 60 | 42 | 35 |
| 30 | 59 | 41 | 1.28 |
| 31 | | | 2.38 |
| | | | 5.44 |

Temperature—mean max. 53.76; mean min. 36.43; mean 45.09; Max 68. on 1. Minimum, 27, on 17. Greatest daily range, 31. Total precipitation 5.48 inches. Greatest in 24 hours, 2.38 in., on 30. Number of days with 0.1 inch or more precipitation, 9, clear, 10; partly cloudy, 10; cloudy, 10.

Total snowfall 1.4 inches

Precipitation for season, 5.72

Precipitation for last season

Seasonal average

E. BRITT, Cooperative Observer.

Notice To Creditors

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the undersigned, Sadie S. Jones, having been duly appointed administratrix of the estate of George M. Jones, deceased, and notice is hereby given that any and all persons having claims against said estate may present the said claims properly verified, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, which first publication is on the 22nd day of December, A. D. 1917, to the said administratrix at her home on Beatty Street, Medford, Oregon, or to her Attorney, H. A. Canady, at his office 216 E. Main Street, Medford, Oregon. Dated December 21st, A. D. 1917. SADIE S. JONES, Administratrix of the Estate of George M. Jones, Deceased.

"The usefulness of Senator Reed is gone," says the St. Louis Republican. No time for wind instruments.