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NEWS LETTER

Commission Moves

Salem.—With its program practically completed and its existence nearing an end the Capitol Reconstruction Commission has at last decided to move its office to Salem, a move advocated by many state officials from the inception of this commission.

The move, it is understood, will also include dismissal of the two stenographers heretofore employed by the commission but Alton John Bassett, secretary to the commission, is to be retained at a salary of \$350 a month. Bassett was in Salem this week conferring with State Department officials regarding the use of a room in the capitol building for his offices but it is understood the commission plans to make use of the offices now occupied by the clerk of the works in a temporary building on the new library site in order to economize on clerical help, telephone rental and other expenses.

New Capitol Dedication

Formal dedication of the new \$2,500,000 capitol will take place on October 1, Governor Martin's 75th birthday. One formal opening and an "open house" celebration have already been observed since the new building was completed.

Decrease in Use of Electricity

A material decrease in commercial and industrial consumption of electricity in Oregon during March, April and May is shown in a survey just completed by the Public Utilities commission.

New Forestry Buildings

The Public Works Administration has given its approval to a grant of \$97,476 for construction of new buildings for use by the State Forestry Department. The buildings, already under construction, are located east of Salem, adjacent to the state highway shops.

Dr. W. D. McNary has just completed 25 years of service as superintendent of the eastern Oregon state hospital at Pendleton. Prior to going to Pendleton Dr. McNary was for 16 years employed at the state hospital at Salem.

Oregon's Relief Payments

Oregon's contribution toward the relief of the needy aged, averaging \$21.35 a month, is well above the national average of \$19.35 a month, according to figures compiled by the bureau of research and statistics of the federal division of public assistance.

Oregon's quota of needy aged who are receiving financial aid, however, averaging 195 for each 1000 of the state's aged population, is slightly under the national average of 212 pensioners for each 1000 of aged population. Among the states having the highest quotas per 1000 population are Oklahoma with 575, Utah 462 and Colorado with 454.

Highest pensions are paid by California where the monthly average is \$32.67, followed by Massachusetts with a monthly average pension of \$28.07.

Oregon's general relief payments, averaging only \$15.62 per case per month fall far short of the national average of \$25.34. This situation is largely accounted for by the more generous relief payments in the more prosperous states of the east. New York topping the list with a monthly average of \$35.33, followed by Massachusetts with \$29.61 and by New Hampshire and Pennsylvania with monthly averages slightly in excess of \$28.

Martin Nails a Lie

A report circulated in Lane county to the effect that Peter M. Sullivan, county relief director, is a cousin of Governor Martin and that his appointment to the relief job was "political gravy" brought a prompt denial from the governor who told newsmen that this was the third time he had been called upon to "nail similar lies." In a statement to the press the governor said that neither he nor Mrs. Martin had any relatives in Oregon other than their son

and daughter, neither of whom are on the state payroll.

Mickle Honored

J. D. Mickle, appointed by Governor Martin to succeed Solon T. White, resigned, as director of the State Department of Agriculture, has been in the service of the state almost continuously since 1912 when he was first elected to the office of Dairy and Food Commissioner. Re-elected in 1916 he served until 1920 when he decided to quit public service and accepted employment with the Oregon Dairy Council as secretary. Upon the death of Curt Hawley, his successor, two years later Mickle was asked by Governor Pierce to again take over the post of Dairy and Food Commissioner, which he did. He was re-elected in 1924 and again in 1928 serving in that capacity until his department was absorbed into the newly created Department of Agriculture which also took him over as chief of the division of foods and dairies. Although a registered Republican Mickle twice received the nomination of both major parties and both of his appointments have been at the hands of Democratic governors.

Excellent Recommendation

County school superintendents in session here last week recommended that election of the state superintendent of public instruction be placed upon a non-partisan basis. The proposal will probably receive attention at the hands of the next legislature. There is ample precedent for the reform in the action of the 1935 session which placed the election of county school superintendents on a non-partisan basis, and prior to that, the action of the 1931 session in placing the election of all judges in the state on a non-partisan basis.

THE CHURCHES

The Baptist Church, Henry W. Davis, Pastor.—Sunday school, 19, Mrs. K. K. Mills, Supt.; forenoon service, 11; evening service, 8.

Christian Science Society, 242 Second Street.—Sunday school, 9:45; forenoon service, 11, subject, "Love;" evening service, 8, second and fourth Wednesdays. The public is invited to use the reading room on the second floor of the Petersen building between 3 and 5 on Wednesdays and Saturdays, and 7 to 9 on Saturdays, except holidays.

The Reorganized church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints meets in the Anderson-Middleton mill office located on south Tenth street each Sunday. Church school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11. Z. A. Coop, pastor.

Catholic Church, Rev. Anthony Gerace, Pastor.—Mass at 8 a. m. every Sunday.

Presbyterian Church, James A. Smith, Pastor.—Bible school at 9:45 a. m.; 11 a. m., morning worship, theme, "Christ for Every Crisis," IV "In the Garden of Gethsemane;" special song, "Amen to Jesus;" 7:30, p. m., Christian Endeavor society, Vinal Randall Jr., leader.

Christian Church, Edward L. Kechley, Pastor.—Sunday school, 9:45; Hazel VanNortwick, Supt.; sermon subject, "The Greatest Business of Life;" vocal solo, "A Prayer" (Fox), Gerald Kechley; evening service, 8, sermon subject, "According to Capacity;" silent drama—Anthem; 7 p. m., Christian Endeavor; Thursday, 8, Young people's bible study; Friday, 8 p. m., choir rehearsal; Saturday, 8 p. m., concert by Northwest Christian College male quartet.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCHES

"TRUTH" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, July 24.

The Golden Text was, "Teach me thy way, O Lord; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name" (Ps. 86:11).

Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible: "Thou, therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Tim. 2:1, 15).

The Lesson-Sermon also included the following correlative passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: "The thunder of Sinai and the Sermon on the Mount are pursuing and will overtake the ages, rebuking in their course all error and proclaiming the kingdom of heaven on earth. Truth is revealed. It needs only to be practised" (p. 174).

ATTEND ASSEMBLY
 The Baptist Young People have

sent four delegates, Gene Hanson, May Anderson, Dorothy Anderson and Lois Hansen, to the Summer Assembly at Cascadia which opened July 25 and will last for ten days.

GOLDEN
PHANTOMS

Fascinating
Tales of
Lost Mines

by
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THE LOST CITY

IN 1879, near where the town of Aspen, Colo., now stands, a stranger staggered into a ranch house, ill, tired, and crazy from privation.

When he had recovered sufficiently to tell his story, he spoke about the ruins of an old city in Utah, near which were an old fort and a rich mine of gold and silver. The mine, he said, seemed to have been worked centuries before his discovery of the place. He had about 20 pounds of ore to back his story, which he had managed to keep throughout his journey over the broken country.

As soon as he had regained enough health to allow him to travel, the stranger set out again with his load of ore, saying that he intended taking it to Leadville to sell. He expected to devote the proceeds to furnish a modest outfit, when he would return to his find and work it. But he disappeared from all knowledge when he left the ranch, and was never seen again.

A party was gathered at Meeker to go into the Ute reservation where this mine was supposed to be, and it started out on the trail of the golden phantom. The party was headed by an old prospector who knew something of the country, and this man, as they neared the place where the mine was said to be, decided to go on ahead to scout the lay of the land. He was gone for some time, and when he returned he had with him two sacks of ore which were from 70 per cent to 80 per cent pure silver and also contained some gold. He came with bad news, however, for the Utes were not feeling hospitable.

Later on this same prospector met a cowboy who claimed to have considerable influence over the Utes. He was persuaded to join this man in a hunt for the lost city treasure, but first he made a map of the country and left it with friends, as he felt uncertain whether he would live to return.

Time went on, and no word came from the prospector or the cowboy. They seemed to have disappeared as completely as had the stranger who started for Leadville with his ore. At last the prospector's friends, who had been keeping his map, decided to go in search for him.

They followed the trail into a desolate country where no human seemed ever to have lived. At last they met an old Ute who appeared to be friendly, and told him that they were hunting for the two men. The Indian understood them, and led them on to the foot of a cliff. Here they found the body of the prospector, who had been shot and thrown off of the height, but no horse nor pack was to be seen. Several miles farther on the old Ute showed them the body of the cowboy, also shot to death and his outfit stolen.

The two men were buried where they fell. In 1904 the location of these graves was still known, but the site of the mine has never been found. Whether it was an old Spanish working or whether the Indians had taken out the ore was never known.

Raising Grasshoppers His Hobby

While Nebraska remembers with horror the grasshopper siege last summer, one Nebraska City man makes a hobby of raising them. In fact, the basement of the Charles Bratt home is turned into a laboratory for feeding and caring for about 100 grasshoppers. Bratt, high school science instructor, is studying them to get his master's degree at the University of Nebraska.

The Barrier Islands

The Barrier Islands are a group of some one hundred islands lying off the South Atlantic mainland of South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, extending approximately from Charleston, S. C., to Fernandina, Fla.

Formed First United States Bank

To supply the Continental Army, 97 men, led by Thomas Willing, James Wilson and Robert Morris, founded the first United States bank July 17, 1780. Called "The Pennsylvania Bank" it formed a purchasing fund of \$1,575,000.

DORENA GRANGE NEWS.

Dorena Grange met July 21 with a good attendance in spite of the hot weather.

Southern Lane county community picnic to be held in Cottage Grove was announced.

Jars were given out to members to be filled for the Farm Home at Corvallis.

The next meeting of the H.E.C. is to be at Mrs. Loren Hunt's with Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. Rissue as hostesses.

The fair exhibit committee is to meet with Mr. Boldenweck just preceding the next regular meeting.

Thurston Grange sent word that it was impossible to meet with Dorena Grange on the date first stated but it will be present the first meeting in August.

Loren Hunt, Henry Williamson and Ed Finnerty talked on friendliness in the Grange. The thought being that the Grange should be as one big family.

Refreshments were served by Leo Hocker, G. W. Hocker, Mrs. Hocker, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Bettis and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Wicks.

The Juvenile Grange held its regular meeting with 21 members present. Initiation was held for five new members.

Grangers are urged to turn in their "Wild Flower" books at next regular meeting.

The subject of the program during the lecture hour was "Safety First," with all members taking part in the program.

Largest Dormant Volcanic Pit

Maui island, midway between Honolulu and Hilo, contains the towering mass of Haleakala, largest dormant volcanic pit in the world. It is 10,000 feet high and within the limits of its vast rim all Manhattan island could be placed with room to spare. There are cinder cones rising more than 1,000 feet from the floor of the majestic crater.

This Is a Different "Law"

The "law" in "mother-in-law" and "father-in-law" is not the same word as "law" in the sense of a legal mother or father, but is derived from the old English word, "lage," meaning "marriage."

Sated Lion Is No Menace

When a lion has fed he is said to be indifferent to game and other animals as they are indifferent to him; the zebras and other animals on the plains of Africa often allow a satiated lion to approach within a few feet of them, even to let the well-fed lion through the midst of the herd.

Montfaucon Memorial in France

The Montfaucon memorial is a monument at Montfaucon, northeastern France, commemorating American troops who fought in the great Meuse-Argonne battle in the World war.

Gibraltar Spanish Until 1704

Gibraltar was part of Spain until captured in 1704 by a British and Dutch fleet.

Seminole Least Europeanized

The Seminoles are said to be the least Europeanized of any American Indians.

Tremendous
Trifles

By ELMO SCOTT WATSON

ICE-JAM

OF COURSE, an ice-jam isn't such a trifle, but the one which choked the entrance to Chesapeake bay in the winter of 1784 was insignificant—if you compare its size to the broad expanse of the blue Atlantic. However, it was big enough so that a ship from London was held up for two months before reaching Baltimore.

One of her passengers was a young German named Jacob Astor who was going to make his fortune, beginning by the sale of seven flutes he was bringing with him. During the long days the ship was held in the ice-jam, young Jacob Astor had many long talks with another young fellow, also a German. He was returning to America to resume his fur-trading operations in which he foresaw possibilities for great wealth. Astor listened but was not particularly impressed.

At last the ship reached Baltimore and young Astor hastened on to the metropolis of New York city. But his venture in flutes was a failure. Then he remembered the enthusiasm of his fellow-German's fur trade. He guessed he'd try it. He did. And within a few years it had made him a fortune of more than \$2,000,000. Today the name of Astor is a symbol for great wealth—all because an ice-jam held up the ship which brought the first one to the shores of the New world.

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SAME OLD JACK-IN-THE-BOX

ROSICRUCIANS TO SEND
DELEGATES TO MONASTERY

From out of Enigmatic India came an invitation for an American delegation to study its ancient mystic arts and sciences, for the purpose of later admitting the delegation into the sanctuaries of Tibet.

Seven hundred members of the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC, a philosophical fraternity, assembled at their 1938 convention in San Jose, Cal., who received the invitation from the Andhra Research University in Madras District, voted to accept it and send a delegation in 1939.

Dr. Simkins of 1038 west Main street, local members of the Rosicrucian Order, who has just received an official report of the International Conclave just concluded, states that the delegation will include the Grand Secretary of the Order, Ralph Lewis, and two others, including a motion picture cameraman who will take with him complete sound recording equipment. Representatives of the Order will study certain rare manuscripts available at the Uni-

versity, to ascertain the truth or falsity of the claims to phenomenal power and control of Natural Law made by the followers of the Mystic sects of India. While making this research, negotiations will be made by the University officials, who include the Maharajah of Jeypore, for the party to visit certain secluded Tibetan Monasteries in the Himalayas, where it is hoped permission will be granted to film heretofore unrevealed customs and rites of the Llamas who are alleged to have miraculous powers.

Dr. Simkins also states that the delegation will be sponsored by the Rosicrucian Oriental Egyptian Museum, an affiliate of the Philosophic Order. Nine foreign countries and every state of the Union and Province of Canada were represented at the recent conclave. An exceptional feature of the Convention was the first showing of the sound motion picture "Along Civilization's Trail," which was filmed by a Rosicrucian camera expedition in Egypt and Mesopotamia in 1937.

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