

## NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

### Senate Passes Bill Authorizing President to Purchase or Build Alaska Railroads.

Washington.—By a vote of 46 to 16, the senate passed the Alaska railway bill, directing the president to purchase or construct 1000 miles of railroad in Alaska at a cost not to exceed \$40,000,000.

Fifteen republicans and Senator Poindexter, progressive, voted for the bill. Senators Bacon, Hoke Smith and Williams, democrats, voted against it.

The bill places on the president responsibility for the selection of the route from Idewater to the interior of Alaska, and the construction, equipment and operation or leasing of such lines as he may construct or buy to constitute this route. The broadest powers are conferred on the president in carrying out his duties.

#### Redemption Fund Provided.

The bill provides for a redemption fund into which shall be paid 75 per cent of all moneys derived from the sale of public lands in Alaska or of the coal or mineral contents thereof.

Machinery utilized in the construction of the Panama Canal is made available for the construction work.

The bill provides for the senate's approval of the appointment of civil engineers receiving more than \$3000 per annum; forbids any payment for the good will of existing railways; gives injured employees the right to sue the government, and limits the government's defense to the grounds provided for in the Federal employers' liability law of 1908.

#### To Urge Goethals to Stay.

Colonel George W. Goethals will be asked to remain in the federal service. He will not be permitted to sever his connection with the government except over President Wilson's protest. And the president expects Goethals to stay.

This much was learned here from an authoritative source. It is understood that the report that Colonel Goethals was seriously considering Mayor Mitchell's offer to appoint him police commissioner of New York shocked the president. He had already planned the issuance of an executive order creating a canal government with Colonel Goethals as governor.

The fact that Goethals even considered the offer, army officers said, was due to friction during the last year among certain Panama officials.

#### Accident Benefits for Postal Employees

The postoffice appropriation bill, carrying a record breaking total of \$305,000,000, was passed by the house. It includes an amendment which extends to postoffice clerks, letter carriers, rural free delivery carriers, mounted letter carriers and postoffice messengers, for injuries received on duty, full salary for one year after injury, with an additional half salary for another year if necessary, and \$2000 lump sum payment in case of death.

#### Apple Shippers Assured.

Pacific Coast apple shippers and commission merchants, who have been apprehensive of the results of the McKellar cold storage bill will not be affected by the measure. The bill would prohibit keeping in cold storage various products longer than 90 days. In response to a large number of inquiries from California merchants, Representative Kahn obtained a promise from Representative McKellar that his bill would not be permitted to apply to apples in cold storage.

#### National Capital Briefs.

A point of order struck out of the annual postoffice appropriation bill the "rider" to exempt all of the country's 2400 assistant postmasters from the civil service law.

Captain John T. Chaney, 54, for 50 years a special employe of the house of representatives and holder of the longest continuous service record at the capital, is dead.

The internal revenue department announced that American drunk 70,000,000 gallons of whiskey and smoked 4,000,000,000 cigars and 8,711,000,000 cigarettes in the six months ending December 31.

Efforts to get the resolution creating a special committee on woman's suffrage reported out of the rules committee to the house of representatives were defeated twice.

The White House bride and bridegroom, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bowes Sayre, have returned to the White House from their European honeymoon trip.

Only 25 per cent of the tillable land of the United States is actually under cultivation, according to estimates of the department of agriculture, based upon reports of 35,000 correspondents.

As a result of a conference between President Wilson and Secretary Bryan on the latest Haytian revolution, officials have been considering the advisability of adapting some measures to insure the continuance of constitutional government in the island republic.

## BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

Portland has a population of about 243,327, according to figures presented by Commissioner Dieck.

The Oregon State Hardware Men's association met in Portland for a four days' session beginning Tuesday.

Dust Manos, a Greek, who killed Bill Karahalios, a fellow countryman, at Philomath, was arrested near Corvallis.

The milk and cream tests being conducted in various rural schools of Polk county have proven to be helpful to the dairy industry of the county.

Thomas B. Kay, state treasurer, has announced his candidacy for re-election, subject to the action of the republican party.

Five cars of Rogue River Valley potatoes were shipped to the United States army on the Mexican-Texas border. The price received was 75 cents a sack f. o. b. Medford.

Senator Chamberlain has introduced a bill in congress authorizing Multnomah county and Clarke county, Wash., to construct an interstate bridge across the Columbia river at Vancouver.

Senator Chamberlain has referred to the house committee various protests by salmon packers against Representative Lafferty's bill, requiring the date of the pack to be placed on the cans.

Farmers are finding good use for the oyster shells being dug out of the channel by the government dredger at work at Coos Bay. A large bed of the shells has been struck and the shells are excellent for a fertilizer.

In view of the protests by northwestern apple growers and shippers against the McKellar cold storage bill Congressman McKellar informed Representative Sinnott that his bill was not intended to apply to fruit.

A law and order league, having for its object "the enforcement of all laws of city, county and state, and especially those pertaining to gambling and immorality," has been organized in Bend.

Logging operators in Coos county have their landings clear and 11,000,000 feet of logs have come out on the high water in the last few days. One jam of 3,000,000 feet occurred in the South Coos river, but they were released.

James E. Godfrey, of Salem, has been appointed income tax agent in the internal revenue service on recommendation of Collector Miller and Senators Chamberlain and Lane. His compensation will be \$7 per day and \$4 per day in lieu of subsistence.

With a declaration against it by Attorney-General Crawford, all members of the state desert land board, with the exception of Secretary of State Olcott, have gone on record against Governor West's plan of irrigating public lands by state and federal cooperation.

The good roads convention held at Independence declared for the Pacific Highway being built on the west side of the Willamette river, or for two highways, if necessary. It also went on record in favor of constructing permanent hard surface highways on all main traveled roads in Polk county to connect with the Pacific Highway on the north and south.

In John Lytle, under arrest in Grand Island, Neb., for criminal assault upon a young girl, which he has confessed, Detective Sergeants Day and Hyde, of the Portland police, believe that they have at last caught the murderer of five-year-old Barbara Holzman and cleared up a mystery which has baffled the police since March, 1911.

With a capital stock of \$641, the Corvallis Cannery, operated by the Benton County Growers' Association, did a \$55,000 business in 1913. The cannery packed 17,810 cases of fruits and vegetables, this being 38 carloads of 36,000 pounds each. The cannery paid the growers approximately \$16,000, minus 25 per cent retained as working capital for 1914. Besides this about \$4000 was spent for additional room and equipment.

Russell Hawkins presented Jonathan Bourne, Jr., with a solid gold plate as a Christmas remembrance from citizens of Nehalem, Wheeler, Tillamook and Bay City, with an inscription testifying their "Lasting appreciation, respect and esteem and particularly in recognition of loyal, indefatigable, intelligent and effective effort in upbuilding the wonderful state of Oregon and welfare of the people."

Receiving reports that more boys in the state are smoking cigarettes than ever before, Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill has announced that a campaign, having as its slogan "swat the deadly cigarette," would be started in the schools at once. So determined is Mr. Churchill to put an end to smoking by school boys he has announced that no smokers, no matter how excellent their handiwork, will be allowed to exhibit in the children's industrial fair department at the State Fair, and none will be eligible for competition for which the prizes will be free trips to the exposition at San Francisco.

## NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST IN IDAHO

### Important Occurrences Of The Past Week From Cities In Our State

#### Government to Rent Grazing Land.

Orofino.—Supervisor Charles A. Fisher, of the Clearwater National Forest, with headquarters here, says the secretary of agriculture has authorized the grazing of increased numbers of sheep on the Idaho forests during the coming season. Mr. Fisher has been authorized to issue grazing permits for 7699 head of cattle and horses and 149,635 head of sheep and goats from June 1 to October 31, the grazing charges being 20 cents per head for cattle, 25 cents for horses and 6 cents for sheep and goats.

#### Wheat Brings Big Price.

Lewiston.—Seventy-five cents a bushel was paid by the Vollmer-Clearwater company, for 10,000 bushels of white hybrid wheat. This is the highest price of the season in the Lewiston market, and is equivalent to 89 cents in Portland.

A record price also was reached on bluestem Friday when the Pacific Coast Elevator company paid 83 cents a bushel, which is equivalent to 96 cents in Portland or on the Coast.

#### Rich Strike on Wood River.

Hailey.—Recent developments at the Glendale mine tend to confirm the most sanguine hopes of the owners, Plughoff & Reed. A carload of high grade ore is ready for shipment and just recently a rich ledge of ore was accidentally disclosed by a caving of the footwall, caused by the seepage of water.

#### Cold And Snow Aid Grain Hauling.

Deary.—The farmers of the upper Potlatch have been unable to haul their grain to market owing to the bad condition of the roads, but if the present cool weather holds, it will enable them to begin at once. So far this has been the most open winter ever known in the upper Potlatch.

#### Lewiston Club Will Buy Game Birds.

Lewiston.—The Lewiston Gun Club is collecting funds for the purchase of five quail and pheasants from the Craig mountain section to be liberated in the country surrounding Lewiston. The game commissioner of Idaho county recently liberated 49 pairs of Hungarian partridges, and has decided to order 100 pairs additional.

#### NORMAL SCHOOL FOR BOISE

Boise.—Boise is to have a summer normal school, provided the city schools will co-operate with the state. That was decided by the state board of education.

In the past the summer schools have been conducted at several different points in the state. The board decided to add one at Boise on account of the utility of the capital. If the city schools co-operate, the summer school will have the use of the high school auditorium and laboratories and may other convenient facilities. The saving of railroad fares to the students was another factor considered. The usual schools will also cover, Lewiston, Albion and Pocatello, be held at the state institutions, Moscow.

The law is such that a large number of teachers from all parts of the state must attend a summer school for six weeks in order to secure or receive their certificates, and many who are not obliged to do so attend the summer schools.

The board decided to make no changes in the text books now used in the schools of the state. There has been considerable discussion of the question whether a change should be made, and the board settled it definitely in the negative.

Dr. Brampton, dean of the college of liberal arts of the University of North Dakota, was unanimously elected president of the University of Idaho by the state board of education. He succeeds Dr. James Alexander MacLean as president of the University. Dr. MacLean resigned a year ago.

#### Defunct Bank Pays Dividends.

Wallace.—The depositors of the defunct State Bank of Commerce, of which B. F. O'Neil was president, will receive a dividend of \$38,340, and which will amount to approximately 9 per cent.

#### Lumber Worth \$50,000 Awaits Snow.

Bayview.—About \$50,000 worth of logs, shingle bolts and poles are in the woods, which can not be moved until late in the spring, unless cold weather and snow soon come.

#### All His Toes Are Severed.

Burke.—J. Rankin had the toes on both feet cut off while trying to board a Northern Pacific ore train. The injured man was taken at once to the Hope hospital in Wallace.

## BAN PHOTOS IN WATCHES.

Pictures of Loved Ones Not Allowed in Trainmen's Pockets.

Chicago.—No longer may engineers, conductors, brakemen and other employes in the operating department of the Illinois Central railroad carry pictures of their wives, sweethearts and babies on their watch crystals. An order against the practice was issued by the management. Officials of the company have decided that such pictures are likely to distract the attention of employes from their work and that accidents might result. When an employe pulls out his watch his attention should be devoted exclusively to the time, they say. The order also specifies plain dials of a uniform design.

"This rule may seem to be a small matter; but, after all, it is the little things that count," said Vice President W. L. Park in discussing the order. "Every railroad man will admit that success in the operating department requires strict attention to duty."

## HONEYMOON IN JAIL.

Town's Only Boarding House Full, They Have to Sleep Somewhere.

West Salem, Wis.—"Direct us to the best hotel," said a youthful bridegroom, George Evans, Chicago, as he shook the rice from his hat and hailed the night constable of this village.

"Can't do it, mister," said the constable; "the boardin' house is already chock full and won't hold another. Only place I can put ye in is in the calaboose."

There was no other accommodation to be had, so the honeymoon couple was escorted to the town jail, where they spent the night in one cell, while a bibulous wayfarer lodged in the other.

Embarrassed by this occurrence, the village board is preparing to pass an ordinance requiring villagers to open their homes to travelers in cases of this kind.

## WEDDING BIDS OF NO USE.

Girl Refuses to Mail Them—Why? Married in June.

West Orange, N. J.—When Mr. and Mrs. Silas A. Mills received from the engravers a box of invitations to be sent out for the marriage of their daughter, Miss Helen Mills, to William Forsyth of Orange, the daughter began to blush. When her mother told her to address the envelopes the daughter blushed some more and said:

"I don't think we will mail the invitations, mother."

"I hope you don't think we will deliver them personally," retorted the mother.

"But there is no use in fooling the folks," the young woman said. "We can save the money for the stamps, because Bill and I were married on June 18."

The mother bore up bravely under the shock, but more than 200 friends and relatives will have to forego the pleasure of seeing Helen Mills and "Billy" Forsyth married on Thanksgiving eve.

## DENIES SNOBBERY IN NAVY.

Officer Who Rose From Ranks Praises His Treatment.

Washington.—Lieutenant D. Lyons of the navy, who reached his present commissioned grade from the ranks, has written a letter to the secretary of the navy denying charges which have been made of snobbery in the navy and that graduates of the Naval academy were disposed to look down on non-graduates and discriminate against them.

Lieutenant Lyons has had twenty-seven years' experience as an enlisted man, warrant and commissioned officer, and he says that such charges are unjust and untrue. He declares that other men who have come from the ranks, with whom he has discussed the subject, feel the same way.

## MUSIC HALTS MARRIAGE.

Bridegroom Overcome on Hearing "Marching Through Georgia."

Kalamazoo, Mich.—During the marriage ceremony which united John Dean, seventy years old and a veteran of the civil war, and Mrs. Nancy E. Marks, a native of Alabama, a band passed by the courthouse, playing "Marching Through Georgia."

As soon as the old man recognized the air a thousand memories seemingly flashed through his memory, and he was so overcome with emotion that it was necessary to stop the ceremony. After the band had passed beyond hearing the reading of the marriage vows was concluded by Judge Felling.

## TO CURE UPSIDE DOWN BOY.

Johns Hopkins Hospital Doctor Says Lad Has "Camera Vision."

The experts at Johns Hopkins hospital, in Baltimore, have arranged to study the strange case of Russell Baker, eight, the Huntington (W. Va.) schoolboy who reads, writes and sings upside down. In making this announcement Dr. William H. Howell of the hospital staff said that young Baker has what is called "camera vision" and sees things not only upside down, but also backward—that is, reversed. Therefore the boy reads and writes upside down and from right to left.

His teacher first noticed when the boy entered her grade at the beginning of the year that he made his letters upside down.

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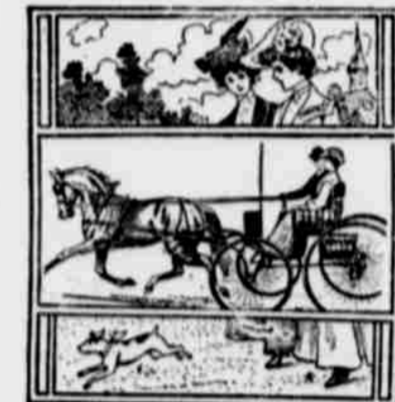
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