

# Von Zeppelin And His Airship

Biggest Dirigible Balloon Ever Constructed and Successfully Used—Sixteen Separate Envelopes For Gas—Carries Nine People With Ease.

THE biggest airship that ever soared into the empyrean is Count von Zeppelin's latest model, which recently made two successful trial trips in German atmosphere. This vessel is as big as an ocean steamship and speedier than the average of such craft. She can sail from eighteen to thirty miles an hour. The length of the vessel is 430 feet and the diameter about forty feet. She carries two Daimler motors of eighty-five horsepower each, by far the greatest horsepower ever applied to an airship. The hydrogen gas supply that buoy her up is calculated to last for 120 hours. Thus if conditions are favorable this ship may fly five days, or long enough to cross the ocean from Liverpool to New York, at the speed of a fast steamship.

In the construction of this ship Count von Zeppelin followed his former plan of inclosing his gas bags in a long cylinder of aluminum plates, each bag or balloon in its separate compartment, independent of all the others. There are sixteen of these balloons in the 430 foot cylinder. If one should become punctured and collapse the others will keep the ship afloat. Several of the balloons, in fact, might be put out of commission without making the airship useless. This is what may be called an armored cruiser of the air, the armor being the aluminum plates. It is designed by the count primarily for use in warfare and is therefore a new type of German war vessel, though not just yet attached to the imperial navy or army.

The old count, now in his sixty-ninth year, is undoubtedly the boldest and most persistent experimenter in aerial navigation now living. His experiments all have been upon a very large scale. He has spent his own private fortune, the kaiser has contributed to his expense funds, and certain German capitalists who believe more or less in the ultimate success of his experiments



COUNT VON ZEPPELIN AND HIS AIRSHIP. have added their cash to the cause, which has consumed several hundred thousand dollars.

Ferdinand von Zeppelin, in addition to being a German nobleman, is a soldier of distinction. He rose to the rank of lieutenant general in the German army and for years has been chief military adviser to the king of Wurtemberg. In the Franco-Prussian war he won fame as the first Prussian officer who crossed the frontier into France. He was a noted leader of scouts. Prior to that he had served his fatherland in the United States during the civil war as a military attaché, and it was in this country in 1864 that he made his first balloon ascensions. Balloons were used by our government to some extent in making military observations. The count went up several times, and that gave him a taste for aerial experimenting as to the uses of balloons or airships in war.

During the past ten years Count von Zeppelin has done little more than build airships and finance propositions for building better ones. The present ship is his third model. The first was bought by his government. The second he destroyed, selling the material for junk. Model No. 3, which flew around and over the Bodensee, the lake between Switzerland and Baden, carrying nine persons in its two carriages, was eight months in building. Work began last February. At times 200 workmen were employed day and night.

The ship was built in a long hall extending out over the waters of the Bodensee. The floor of the hall was so constructed as to float outside when the ship was ready for launching and float back when it was desired to return the monster to its mansion. The vessel went up about a thousand feet and made a circuit of the lake, crossed twice and returned to the starting point, gracefully alighting upon the platform. This programme was repeated the next day with even greater success. The first trial was of two hours' duration and the second of four hours. The propellers, rudders and motors worked smoothly on each trial.

In general shape the aluminum cylinder inclosing the balloons resembles a monster torpedo flying through the air. It has an advantage in cutting the air in being sharp pointed.

# HE HAD TO BE SHOWN

Kongo Chief With Appendicitis Objected Like a Missourian to Unknown Operation.

## SLAVES LOST THEIR APPENDICES

Belgian Surgeon Had to Cut Open and Cure Twelve Healthy Blacks Before Their Sick Ruler Would Go Under the Knife.

Dr. Ennl Maestricht, surgeon major in the Belgian army, stationed in the Kongo Free State, saved the lives of twelve negroes by operating on them for appendicitis. None of the negroes had appendicitis, but they had to be operated on or be killed with a war club.

No surgeon ever faced a more terrible responsibility. Imagine an operation for appendicitis in a jungle, under an equatorial sun, with no trained nurses, no surgical appliances, no hospital staff, no cleanliness, no means of keeping down the inevitable fever!

And yet these were the awful conditions under which the young surgeon worked and watched for six sleepless days and nights. He worked not only to save the lives of the twelve dusky patients, but to save his own, for he felt certain that if even one of the twelve died his own life would pay the forfeit.

It was at a native village 100 miles east of Mugarie that Dr. Maestricht performed the operations. The lieutenant in command of the expedition to which the surgeon was attached was under orders to establish a post in the vicinity, but the negotiations proceeded slowly because the chief was ill. Dr. Maestricht was sent to see him, and by questions addressed to the chief through an interpreter satisfied himself that the native potentate was suffering from appendicitis and must be operated upon.

It required many hours of laborious effort for Dr. Maestricht to explain to the chief just what was the matter with him. The chief knew less about anatomy than he did about the planet Mars, and he couldn't be made to understand what an appendix was and how it could be cut out without killing the man.

Finally, after hours had been spent in wrangling, the chief suddenly gave an



"IT'S THE WORK OF THE EVIL SPIRIT!" order to one of his boys. The boy ran away and quickly returned with a young woman.

"Operate on her first," said the chief with a crafty gleam in his dusky eyes. "If she gets well perhaps I'll believe you."

The young surgeon protested in vain that the young woman was not sick but the chief grew suspicious and said that the surgeon had deceived him and wanted to kill him.

"Operate on the woman, major," advised the lieutenant. "It's our only hope of getting away without a fight." "But if she dies?" asked the young surgeon anxiously.

The lieutenant puffed his cigarette lazily. "Well, we'll fight and run for it then," he said.

The young surgeon performed the operation, through which the girl under the influence of chloroform never moved. So still she lay that the chief declared she was dead and that the white man's doctor had killed her.

Finally, to the chief's amazement the seemingly dead girl stirred. Their her eyes opened languidly. After awhile she was able to speak in a weak voice. "The chief asked her several questions, which she answered.

"It's the work of the evil spirit," asserted the chief. "She says the white man's doctor's knife never hurt her. She didn't feel it."

# FULTON'S MESS NEWS TO TEDDY

## PRESIDENT ASSURES OREGON SENATOR THAT HE DIDN'T TELL COLLIER'S WEEKLY.

Roosevelt Was As Much Surprised As Any One That the Cat Was Let Out of the Bag.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—President Roosevelt assured Senator Fulton today that he had no knowledge of the publication of the letter in Collier's Weekly and did not give and was not asked to give his consent to such publication.

The President also said Secretary Hitchcock was not consulted about the publication and did not authorize the same.

## UMATILLA SCANDAL.

Washington, D. D., Dec. 11.—Senator Fulton today presented affidavits of many of the leading citizens of Pendleton testifying to the good character of Indian Agent Edwards.

Charges against Edwards were also filed, accusing him of graft, drunkenness, and general unfitness.

The affair will be thoroughly investigated by the Interior department.

## COUNTY WARRANTS MONDAY AFTER COURT

Persons who have claims against the county in the future will have to wait until the first Monday following the adjournment of the county commissioners' court before they can receive their warrants from the county clerk's office. Up to this time County Clerk Greenman has always endeavored to have the warrants ready for the claimants within 24 hours, but this method will have to undergo a change as the County Clerk reports it impossible to make out the warrants before the Monday following the adjournment of the county court. This change will prevent any impartiality and confusion.

## ALL-STAR FOOTBALL TEAM IS PICKED

Moore and Dimick Among the Elect—Injuries Keep Latourrette Off.

The all-star football team from among the college men has been picked by the pencil experts. Oregon furnishes both the ends in Chandler and Moore, the latter a former Oregon City boy. Dimick of Whitman is the unqualified choice for right tackle. He is a brother of Judge Dimick of this city.

Bagshaw of Washington is named for quarterback, but the writer says "Latourrette, of Oregon, had the misfortune of sustaining a severe injury in the opening game of the season, and was forced to retire. He was the All-Northwest quarter in 1904 and '05, and would undoubtedly have made good in the position again this year had he played in the more important games."

The expert also says no team produced a field general this year equal to Jack Latourrette of this city.

## DICKEY PRAIRIE VOTES ROAD LEVY

Great Interest Shown at Meeting Held Saturday—Five Mill Tax.

County Judge Grant B. Dimick attended the meeting of the farmers of Dickey prairie Saturday. A rousing and helpful meeting was held and the farmers of that district showed great interest in the good roads problem and as the result voted to levy a five mill tax in the Dickey district for the improvement of their roads.

## Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

Cures Colds, Croup and Whooping Cough.

# CENTRAL POINT TEL. CO. IS FLOURISHING

ANNUAL MEETING AT BROWN'S SCHOOLHOUSE—NEW OFFICERS ELECTED.

Central Point Telephone company met at Brown's school house at Central Point Saturday afternoon and closed up business for the year.

The company is in good, healthy condition, entirely out of debt with \$50 in the treasury; newcomers hitching on to the line continually; line stretching out in all directions. The company is going to add two more wires to the system right away.

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: Geo. Randall, president; I. Olds, vice-president; Geo. G. Randall, secretary and treasurer; David Pennmann, Martin Straubauer and August Stackley, executive committee; W. G. Randall, lineaman.

# ATTRACTIONS DATED AT THE SHIVELY

The Tilly Olson company, a dialect comedy-farce on the order of the Ole Olson, is billed at The Shively for December 19. A unique feature is that the leading character is commedienne instead of a comedian.

An old Oregon City favorite attraction is to return Saturday night, December 22—Gerton's Minstrels. This fine organization always draws crowded houses. It visited Oregon City every year for eight years until the last two years when it has been constantly in Florida.

The month's program certainly includes something for every taste, and if variety is the spice of theatrical life, surely all ought to be pleased. Comedy and minstrelsy will be followed by tragedy on December 28, when the John Griffith company will present the great Shakespearean tragedy of Richard III. This should be welcomed in a city where there are so many Shakespeare clubs.

# WIDOW WANTS TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

Though Married Again She Asks that Present Administrator be Ousted.

Suit was brought Monday afternoon before County Judge Dimick for the appointment of the widow of Carl Joerg as administratrix of the estate, in place of John Cooke, present administrator. Although the widow has married again, it is claimed she has the prior right. The court did not render decision today and will take same under advisement.

Margaret H. Hoskins instituted a divorce suit Monday against Hiram Hoskins, on the ground of desertion. Anna M. Johnston has made application to the county court to be appointed administratrix of estate of Thomas F. Johnston, deceased.

LeRoy S. Johnson has petitioned to be appointed guardian of Seth E. Johnson. Appraisers give valuation of estate \$2700.

# REVISED TIME-TABLE SOUTHERN PACIFIC

In effect November 25, 1906. Trains due at Oregon City as follows:

North Bound.	
No. 16—Overland, Due 6:41 a. m.	
" 18—Cot. Grove Pass, 10:11 a. m.	
" 12—Overland, ..... 4:33 p. m.	
South Bound.	
No. 11—Overland, Due 9:22 a. m.	
" 17—Cot. Grove Pass, 5:04 p. m.	
" 15—Overland, ..... 8:32 p. m.	
North bound No. 14 and South bound No. 13 not scheduled to stop here.	

# FALLS VIEW NEWS

H. C. Myers and family are visiting his wife's folks.

Mr. Turner was detained from returning to his home at Gaston, Or., by illness. Dr. Mount was called and Mr. Turner is now better. He will go to see his parents at Dodge Wednesday, and thence to his home on Sunday. The family lived in Clackamas county for twenty years, but have been in Washington county for the last three years and say that is the place to make a start.

J. H. Turner is cutting wood for Mr. Warner. Wood is very scarce here.

Great wind blows down buildings and ruins in San Francisco, and drives shipping on to the shore, Monday. One killed and score injured. Damage estimated at \$600,000.

# EVIDENCES OF RAPID AND STEADY GROWTH

ABEL MERESSE FINDS GREAT CHANGE IN OREGON CITY AFTER NINE YEARS.

Upon meeting former acquaintances after several year's absence from Oregon City, the present city editor of the Star is somewhat surprised to hear some of the residents speak of the city's growth in an indifferent and careless manner. "Why yes, Oregon City is growing, but then its quiet and the changes and growth are slow," is the ever ready reply of the friends.

Why, this thoughtless remark is somewhat perplexing, for should anyone say a word against the home town to them there would be trouble at once.

After an absence of some years, one can readily judge the rapid and steady growth of the pioneer city. Have not good, up-to-date buildings of brick or stone been erected? Has not the number of business houses increased to nearly double? Are not the citizens of Oregon City prosperous? These questions must be answered in the affirmative.

Every city needs the support of its citizens and only by such means will its advantages be made known to persons who are looking over the west for locations. Always have a good word to say of the community you live in, it will cost you nothing and the results will be wonderful.

# BULKHEAD SLIDE BLOCKADES O. W. P.

The giving way of the old bulkhead on the Southern Pacific track beyond the Portland flouring company's mills caused a little delay to the ear service of the O. W. P. & Ry Co.'s traffic the early part of Tuesday afternoon.

About 1:40 o'clock the officials at the freight depot were notified of the slide. On investigation the electric company's tracks were found covered over with debris of the old bulkhead. A few men had the track cleared to allow passage in a short time. However Superintendent Fields sent word to the Portland office for a special crew to clear the rubbish.

Since the change of the Southern Pacific's tracks, the old obstacle had been left standing until time should take it away.

# NEW RESIDENCES ON THE WEST SIDE

Dr. Pickens and John Lewthwaite Will Erect Handsome Homes Across River.

Dr. Pickens and John Lewthwaite are making preparations for the erection of beautiful residences on the West Side near the Willamette electric station.

James Wilkinson, who lives at the corner of Main and 14th streets, is contemplating building several cottages on the property adjoining his home.

# FUNERAL SERVICES OF DR. SIMEON SMITH

The funeral of Dr. Simeon Smith occurred this morning with interment in Mountain View cemetery. The body was brought up from the home in East Portland and met at the undertaking parlors by a large number of friends. The services were directed according to the wishes of the deceased.

Judge Hayes gave a few remarks at the grave, giving an extended account of the good deeds of the pioneer physician. The pallbearers were all personal friends of the son of the deceased and were: J. C. Bradley, G. C. Brownell, J. U. Campbell, Judge Hayes, Judge Dimick and Charles Babcock.

Dr. Simeon Smith was born in New York in 1820, and passed away at the age of 86. He came to Oregon, locating on the East Side, Portland, in 1879, where he practiced his chosen profession, medicine, until a few years ago. His wife died several years ago and an only son, Dr. C. B. Smith of Eagle Creek, remains to mourn his demise.

# MORE BOOKS FOR DISTRICT LIBRARIES

Supt. Zinser has received the balance of the books from Salem for the school libraries and the districts that were not provided with their total number some weeks ago may now obtain the remainder that is due to their schools by applying at his office.

# 120 PUPILS NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY

RECORD BREAKING ATTENDANCE AT MILWAUKIE SCHOOLS REPORTED BY PRINCIPAL.

County school Superintendent Zinser received a communication Tuesday morning from the Milwaukie school, giving a record breaking attendance of pupils.

"We have 120 neither absent nor tardy this month and my room made a per cent of attendance of 99.7—H. C. Seymour."

Mr. Seymour is principal of the Milwaukie schools.

# METHODIST MINISTERS TO HOLD MEET HERE

East Portland District M. E. Ministers association will meet in Oregon City, Dec. 18-19. B. F. Rowland, the presiding elder, will be here. About thirty ministers are expected to attend.

# STAFFORD STENCILINGS.

The sick are all better at last reports.

There has been some high winds, blew over Friday night a small house belonging to Henry Schatz which he had partly unroofed, preparatory to tearing it down. I guess the wind demoralized the telephone as not one can get anybody. Mr. Gage was obliged to make a journey to Wilsonville, when if the telephone had been in working order so as to answer yes or no, he need not have been put to that trouble.

Mrs. Ollie Holton expects to return to her home in San Francisco this week.

Dick Oldsteadt has been hauling hay.

Will Dorland is plowing on the Weddle place and dodging between showers.

The iron company is tracing in land next to Ben Athy's. There will soon be no necessity of law to keep stock off the streets.

Charlie Larson is at work on the dam at Sucker lake.

George Bickel says he is getting to be a full-fledged hayseed.

Annie Sebata has been visiting near Sheridan with relatives and friends.

# Not Asking Damages.

Wilhelm Ott, husband of the woman killed near Clackamas, Saturday, and Albert Notz, brother-in-law, were in town Tuesday. Mr. Ott is not asking damages from the county but believes the county should pay the funeral expenses.

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Shaw has again come to the "relief" of Wall Street gamblers and sent them \$20,000,000 as a Christmas present, via the banks.

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Dr. Clarence True Wilson of the Portland Taylor-street church says godliness pays even in politics. If that is true, Wilson has found the first thing that pays in politics.

Eight firemen hurt, two seriously, by collision of trucks running to a fire in Portland, Monday night.

# Liquor License.

Notice is hereby given that I will apply at the next council for a license at my present residence at Fourth and Main 1-12

W. A. Man and J. A. Crispin.