

## PORTLAND IS FIRST IN POSTAL REFORMS

### City Becomes "Model" for Modern Ideas.

## NEW BUILDING TO PLAY PART

### Present Structure to Be Kept as Business Mail Center.

## WORK TO BE REORGANIZED

### One Hour Will Be Lopped Off Time Taken to Make Trains, Parcel Post Convenience Extended and Other Aids Given.

## OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU

WASHINGTON, April 6.—The Portland postoffice today was selected by the Postmaster General to be the first of a series of "model postoffices," in which reforms in postal service are to be tried out.

Postmaster Myers since taking charge of the Portland office, has suggested many practical reforms in the handling of mails, money orders and postal savings business, and because of his interest and the practicability of his suggestions, Portland was chosen as the first city where the reforms will be tested.

Instead of having five independent divisions, as in the past, the Portland postoffice will now have a two-division organization, namely a division of mails and a division of finance. The Superintendent of Mails and two assistants will exercise supervision over the entire mailing floor, supervising every operation relating to receipt, distribution, delivery, collection and dispatch of all mails. The Assistant Postmaster will act as superintendent of the division of finance and will supervise money order and the postal savings service and all other matters relating to accounts and bookkeeping.

## Speed Provision Made.

A new accounting system will be adopted which provides for a double check on every financial transaction. When the new Portland building is completed the present postoffice will be operated as a main station serving patrons of the business and shopping districts, and the new building will provide for the larger operations of collections and delivery and the general handling of all outgoing and incoming mails in accordance with modern postal methods. Under the new plan to go into effect immediately, letters will reach the railroad station in three minutes from the time they are deposited at the main office, a gain of one hour over the old plan.

Portland is to have a second automobile to make collections on the East Side and this automobile will make collections also on the main thoroughfares in St. Johns, Kenton, University Park, Rose City and Sellwood, and also will stop at Stations B, C and D and cover portions of the Station A district. Collection service in this territory has heretofore been unsatisfactory, it is pointed out.

## Parcel Post Gets Attention.

Parcel post matter, under the reorganization, is to receive especial attention, and hereafter packages will be canceled at the place of deposit to prevent rehandling in the main office. All parcel post business in the main office will hereafter be transacted at one wing.

The reorganization at the Portland office is as recommended after a long study by Special Agents F. E. Frazier, E. T. Bushnell and J. E. Fickett and Postoffice Inspectors Knox, Perkins and Martin.

Commenting on the reorganization, First Assistant Postmaster-General Roper says:

"Postmaster Myers is heartily in accord with the recommendations of the commission and the Department entertains no doubt of his success in giving effect to important changes that have been authorized. The endeavor to standardize and improve the methods and procedure in the postoffice should have the hearty support and co-operation of the people of Portland who can greatly aid the postmaster in bringing his service to the highest degree of efficiency."

## DRAFT OF PLANS IS HERE

### New Structure Will Be Four Stories Now—\$1,000,000 Cost Limit.

Portland's new postoffice building, to be erected on the block bounded by Broadway, Hoyt, Park and Gilman streets, is to be of steel skeleton construction throughout, four stories and a basement, according to "programme plans" received by Postmaster Myers from Washington yesterday.

The plans are in the nature of a memorandum for the six architects who will compete in supplying plans for the building. The cost limit is fixed at \$1,000,000. The allowance for certain appliances and for fees to the architect appointed is to be limited to \$150,000, leaving \$850,000 gross for the construction of the building.

It is intended that the building shall be of the modern office building type, rather than a monumental structure. The bill authorizing its construction requires that it shall be built to accommodate...

## FATHER IS JAILED; FAMILY NEEDS AID

### DEPUTIES HELP WIFE AND BABIES OF CHINESE DENTIST.

## MRS. LEE AND CHILDREN BEG TO JOIN

### Man in Cell—Crime Is Practicing Without License.

## With a wife and five little children,

dependent on him and in need of immediate assistance, Charlie Lee, a Chinese, was remanded to jail yesterday in default of a fine of \$75, assessed when he pleaded guilty to practicing dentistry without a state license. Mrs. Lee and three of the children were with Lee when he was taken to jail and begged that they might remain there with him.

Sheriff Word, who was in the jail when Deputy Constable McCullough brought Lee up, detected the need of the family for the father and offered to let Lee go on his own recognizance, if he would promise to pay the \$75 in five days. But Lee said that business was poor and he could not pay, as much as he would like to go.

Deputies in the Constable's office, who heard Lee's story, took up a collection so that Mrs. Lee might buy milk and food for her babies last night.

"He is a hard-working Chinese who is in hard luck," said Deputy Constable Nicholson. "He is a graduate from an American law school, and has taken the state bar examination, but was not admitted to practice law. He has taken the dental examination several times, but each time has failed to obtain a license. He has continued to practice dentistry, and each time he is arrested pleads guilty without a trial. Now his family is in need because he is not able to pay the fine and must go to jail to serve a 30-day sentence."

## ROADS IN RESERVE IS PLAN

### Chief Forester Graves Promises Co-operation for Forest Work.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—Senator Lane had a conference today with Chief Forester Graves concerning the condition of the Oregon timber forests. Lane secured the promise of his co-operation in a plan of road improvement in the reserves on a larger scale than that afforded by the present plan of devoting 15 per cent of the forest proceeds for the work.

An effort will be made to secure legislation authorizing a bond issue to obtain adequate funds for building roads and other forest improvements, so that local communities will receive the benefits. The Forest Service will cooperate with Secretary Lane in this direction and will send an expert to the Siskiyou forest immediately to make a survey and lay plans for new roads in that forest.

## GREAT POLE TO BE RAISED

### Oregon Flagstaff for Exposition Weighs 92,000 Pounds.

The great flagpole of Oregon is, which was towed to San Francisco from Astoria for the Panama-Pacific Exposition, will be set in place on the exposition grounds in the last week of May, when the delegation of Portland Rose Festival people visits San Francisco. Special ceremonies will accompany the raising of the pole, and the day will be made one of special celebration on the exposition grounds.

The timber, donated by the Whitney Lumber Company and owned to San Francisco in one of the Hammond rafts, was cut in the Nehalem country. It is 246 feet long and 5 1/2 feet in diameter at the butt. It weighs 92,000 pounds and contains 23,515.46 feet of lumber.

Owing to its great weight it will cost fully \$1000 to prepare for its raising and set it in place. It will be the largest flagpole standing in the world.

## TRAIN MAKES WILD DASH

### Motorman, After Killing Man, Is Paralyzed by Experience.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 6.—(Special.)—An unidentified man walking on the Peninsula Electric tracks was killed this morning by a northbound train. Paralyzed by horror, the motorman was unable to stop the car after the accident and the vehicle ran wild for over a mile.

The conductor and a passenger had seen the man walking and saw the body thrown 20 feet or more against the car. They expected the car to stop immediately, but instead saw the motorman standing like a frozen man beside the controller box. He was unable to turn off the current or apply the airbrake.

## 6,792,360 EGGS ARRIVE

### Largest Consignment of Chinese Hen Fruit Weighs 1000 Tons.

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 6.—The largest consignment of Chinese eggs ever shipped from the Orient to America was received here today on the steamship Empress of Russia.

The shipment, weighing 1000 tons, contains 6,792,360 eggs. Most of the eggs are consigned to points in the United States.

## MINERS CONTINUE AT WORK

### Indiana Men Vote 82 to 32 in Favor of Staying on Jobs.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., April 6.—By a vote of 82 to 32 the miners of the district voted, in convention today, to stay indefinitely on their jobs, a resolution which provided that the miners refuse to continue at work pending the adoption of a new contract.

On a plea for interpretation of the vote, President Houston declared it meant the men should continue at work.

## JOHN D. LINKED WITH STRIFE IN COLORADO

### Son of World's Richest Man Testifies.

## MORAL BLAME IS DENIED

### Arbitration, if Board Is Square, Favored by Scion.

## FATHER OWNS 40 PER CENT

### Uplift Worker on Stand Before House Committee Says Company Would Rather Lose Millions Than Deprive Men of Rights.

## WASHINGTON, April 6.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., son of the world's richest man, testified today before the House mines committee as to the question of his moral responsibility for the industrial strife which has kept the coal fields of Southern Colorado in turmoil for six months.

After more than four hours of cross-examination, Mr. Rockefeller had told the committee: "That he and three others directed his father's interest of about 40 per cent in the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company, the central figure in the big coal strike."

"Competent" Men in Charge.

That as a director he had fulfilled all of his interest and responsibility in the company when he placed the officers, "competent and trusted men," in charge of the company's affairs.

That he knew nothing of conditions in the strike district except from reports of officers of the company.

That the strike had become a fight for the "principles" of freedom of labor and that he and his associates would rather than the present violence "that they lose all their millions invested in the coal fields than that American workmen should be deprived of the right under the Constitution to work for whom they pleased."

Arbitration Generally Favored.

That he favored arbitration in industrial disputes—generally—but that in the present instance he supported the officers of the company in their refusal to submit the question of unionizing the mines to arbitration.

In support of these conclusions Mr. Rockefeller was kept busy for hours explaining, defending and arguing. He asserted that employer and employee were "fellow-men and should treat each other as such," but could see no analogy between the unionization of workmen and the combination of capitalists.

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## CHURCH PUBLICITY URGED

### Cards in Stores and Space in Paper for April 19 Suggested.

Various means used to advertise "Go-to-Church Sunday," which is April 19, were reported at the monthly meeting of the Portland Ministerial Federation at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday by Rev. Delmer H. Trimble, chairman of the committee having the matter in charge. He said that the leading stores in the city would have cards in their windows.

Dr. John H. Boyd, of the First Presbyterian Church, said he was a strong advocate of using space in the daily papers.

## COAL LANDS ARE CANCELED

### Supreme Court Finds Fraud in Entry of Wyoming Acres.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—Patents conveying 2840 acres of public coal lands in Anita County, Wyoming, to Thomas Snedden and Daniel F. Harrison, will be canceled by a Supreme Court decision today which held the patents were gotten through fraud.

The land has coal 14 feet thick. The entrymen swore it had none.

Jury Hangs in \$50,000 Suit.

EUGENE, Or., April 6.—(Special.)—No verdict was returned by the jury in the \$50,000 damage case of Joe Burgess against the Willamette Pacific Railroad except to determine that the youthful plaintiff was working for the Willamette Pacific and not for the Southern Pacific. The jury was out 41 hours, divided six to six upon the assumption-of-risk issue.

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## FOREIGN POLICY OF REBELS SET FORTH

### Peace Forum Acts With Carranza's Consent.

## "DIPLOMACY LIBERAL" IN FORE

### Powers Not Left in Doubt as to Feeling Toward States.

## HINT IS GIVEN EUROPEANS

### Constitutionalist Chief Not in Accord With Attempt to Thrust Responsibility on America Because of Its Attitude to Mexico.

## EL PASO, Tex., April 6.—A carefully-

worded communication from General Carranza dealing with the rebel foreign policy was made public today by Dr. Henry Allen Tupper, of the International Peace Forum. Dr. Tupper interviewed General Carranza on the subject at the request of Morris Sheppard, of Texas, and the summary of the General's reply was made public with Carranza's consent. The letter follows:

"I have read with much interest the letter of Senator Sheppard, which you were so kind as to forward to me. In regard to the matters contained therein I beg to state the following:

"I possess a deep admiration for the American people and hold in great personal esteem President Wilson and William J. Bryan, the Secretary of State of the United States of America. I know they are men of great personal character as well as moral and political aims, and for that reason I think their friendship towards Mexico and the sympathy evidenced for the principles of the Mexican constitutionalists are not only sincere but entirely disinterested, and are the result of the existing harmony between the aims of the cause which I have the honor to represent and the ideals of American democracy."

Cordial Relations a "Duty."

"I possess such a high opinion and esteem of the political purposes and sagacity of the American Government and I am so satisfied as to their loyal friendship toward Mexico that in spite of the great responsibility which is imposed upon me as the chief of a well defined party, which reckons with the intellectual, moral, legal and economic elements sufficiently to be considered a decisive factor in political matters, not only of my own country but of foreign countries as well, that I have expressed no inconsistency in dealing in an unofficial and expeditious way with all matters of an international character which have been presented to me."

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## UNDERWOOD LEADS HOBSON FORSENATE

### VICTORY BY 20,000 TO 30,000 CLAIMED BY MANAGERS.

## Three-Cornered Contest for Alabama

### Short Term Seems to Be With Rushton and White.

## BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 6.—Scat-

tering returns from 46 out of 67 counties show Oscar W. Underwood leading Richmond Hobson by a substantial vote in the race for the United States Senate.

At 10:30 o'clock Underwood's campaign leaders claimed a victory by from 20,000 to 30,000 votes. No statement was made at the time by Hobson's campaign managers.

Early returns indicate that the three-cornered contest for the Alabama short term in the United States Senate would rest between Ray Rushton, of Montgomery, and Frank S. White, of Birmingham.

Governor B. E. Comer was leading the three other candidates in the gubernatorial contest, according to early reports. His closest opponent was Charles Henderson, of Troy. R. F. Kolb, of Montgomery, was running third.

John W. Abercrombie, Representative from the state at large, and Congressman J. T. Hefflin, from the Fifth District, were unopposed in today's contest.

## POTATOES SHIPPED SOUTH

### Cars Will Be Sent to California From Clarke County.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 6.—(Special.)—Eleven cars of Clarke County potatoes will be shipped to Stockton, Cal., within a few days by Wolf & Sons, through their local agent, Frank W. Pearl.

One car goes from Vancouver Junction and two cars each from Vancouver, Felida, Sifton and Orchards. Two more cars will be shipped from Felida to Bellingham, by boat, and transferred there to be shipped by rail to Stockton.

Potatoes in San Francisco vary in price from 85 cents to \$1.15 per hundred.

Five carloads were shipped from this county last week to a Denver firm.

## 320-ACRE CLAIMS URGED

### Fossil Club Wants Size in Wheeler County Increased.

At a meeting of the Commercial Club held March 20, a resolution was adopted calling upon the Secretary of the Interior to declare all Wheeler County open to the 320-acre homestead law, with the exception of Mineral and timber lands and lands withdrawn for power sites. Copies of the resolution were sent to all Oregon representatives in Congress, and to the Secretary of the Interior.

Work on the construction of the action, hundreds of 320-acre homesteads will be located in Wheeler County on lands that do not justify location under the 160-acre act, as they are chiefly grazing lands, though having sufficient arable land on them to raise feed for the livestock.

## AHSAKKA TO HAVE MILL

### Orofino Contractor Prepares to Move 11 Houses From Tract.

OROFINO, Idaho, April 6.—(Special.)—To make room for a mill to be erected by the Clearwater Timber Company at Ahshakka, I. Hanson, a local contractor, has gone to that city to move 11 houses from their present sites to points on the other side of the tract.

Work on the construction of the mill will be begun as soon as the site is cleared. It is said that a large crew of men will be given employment from the site.

There are nine Indian houses, a church and 10 or 12 barns to be moved, giving the company something like five acres.

## KOPIAH ROAD BEING BUILT

### Connection With Newaukum Highway Will Add Postal Route.

CENTRALIA, Wash., April 6.—(Special.)—Improvement of the road connecting Centralia and Kopiah is under way, and when completed a new territory will be opened to local merchants. Road Supervisor Wyatt will have \$10,000 to spend on the highway this summer, which will permit regrading where necessary and surfacing with rock a greater portion of the way. This road will connect with the Newaukum road, making it possible to establish another rural free delivery route out of Centralia.

## PENDLETON BILL PASSES

### House Allows \$130,000 Instead of \$70,000 for Public Building.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 6.—Representative Sinton today secured the passage through the House of his bill increasing the limit of the cost of the Pendleton public building from \$70,000 to \$130,000.

The increase is made to provide accommodations for the Federal Court which holds regular terms at Pendleton.

## GOOD FRIDAY PAUSE URGED

### All Christians Asked to Pay or Do Kind Deed for Minute at Least.

NEW YORK, April 6.—A pause of a moment for prayer, for meditation, for the performance of some charity or kindly deed is urged by the Protestant Episcopal Church on all Christians at noon on Good Friday.

The request has been sent out broadcast.

## MISSING ARMY MAN IN \$600,000 DEAL

### Timber Sale Pending in Portland.

## ARREST INTERRUPTS "CLOSE"

### Captain J. H. Griffiths Said to Have Fully Confessed.

## ASSOCIATES EULOGIZE HIM

### Court-Martial of Officer, Set for Yesterday, Postponed—Reward Offered Police for Capture. No Trace of Him Found.

## SEATTLE, Wash., April 6.—(Special.)

That Captain J. H. Griffiths, U. S. A., a disarming officer of the Quartermaster's depot, who was under arrest for the alleged embezzlement of \$9000 of Government funds, and who disappeared from his quarters at the Ferry Hotel on Saturday night, had successfully financed a timber deal in Portland, which involved nearly \$600,000, was brought to light today through an investigation made in Portland by Colonel James L. Chamberlain, Inspector-General of the Western department, with headquarters in San Francisco.

Captain Griffiths made reference to the timber deal, it is stated, in his alleged confession to Major Hugh J. Gallagher, and investigation by Colonel Chamberlain followed. Captain Griffiths is said to have shown keen judgment in working out the details of the financial enterprise, and according to a statement made by brother officers today, "was too good a financier to be in the Army."

Final investment interrupted.

Final details of his investment, however, had not been completed. Interest at 6 per cent on his investment would have brought him a revenue of \$100 a day. The statement that this was how the money had been used is believed by his brother officers, as they state he had always been a man of exemplary habits.

The full confession which Captain Griffiths is said to have made is in the hands of Captain Deane F. Quinlan, Judge-Advocate of the court-martial board.

Captain Robert M. Brambila, of Vancouver Barracks, is acting as Captain Griffiths' successor.

Neither the Seattle police nor United States Army officers have found any trace of Captain Griffiths. Fifty dollars reward is offered for the arrest of Captain Griffiths, a deserter. He is 45 years old, 5 feet, 10 1/2 inches tall, weight 155 pounds, light complexion, light hair, blue eyes, smooth-shaven. He is supposed to be in the city of Portland. He had been under arrest several weeks, confined to his quarters on his honor as a gentleman, pending court-martial. The court-martial, which was to have been convened at Fort Lawton today to try Captain Griffiths, was dissolved until the missing officer is found.

The court-martial was to have been composed of Brigadier-General Ramsey D. Potts, president; Captain D. P. Quinlan, Judge Advocate; Colonel R. H. Wilson, Fourth Infantry; Lieutenant-Colonel Robert F. Morrison, Twenty-first Infantry; Lieutenant-Colonel John L. Hayden, Coast Artillery; Major Harold E. Cloke, Coast Artillery; Major S. C. Vestal, Coast Artillery; Major R. H. Van Deman, Twenty-first Infantry; Captain Perry L. Miles, Fourth Infantry; Captain Edward Kinell, Captain Clarence B. Smith, Captain Godwin Ordway, Captain J. L. Hughes and Captain Frank B. Edwards, Coast Artillery Corps.

## WIFE SAYS SHE IS IGNORANT

### Mrs. J. H. Griffiths Receives Letter From Missing Captain.

Mrs. J. H. Griffiths, who lives at 321 Council Crest Drive, received a letter yesterday morning from her husband. It was posted in Seattle after the time Captain Griffiths is said to have disappeared from his hotel. Mrs. Griffiths said the letter did not disclose the plans of her husband, other than that he was leaving Seattle, but did not tell her where he was going. His present whereabouts, she said, she did not know.

"Mr. Griffiths did not come home," said Mrs. Griffiths, "and I do not know his present whereabouts. I could not tell if I wished to, because I do not know. I have received a letter every day from him since he was detained."

Asked for a statement which would clear up some of the unpublished phases of the case, she said:

"When he was arrested he refused to make a statement. If he refuses to make a statement, it would not be right for others, especially for me, his wife, to make any statement of the case."

As to whether she intended leaving Portland soon or had any plans for the future, Mrs. Griffiths refused to be quoted.

Salvation Army Leader Dies.

NEW YORK, April 6.—Mrs. William Pearl, wife of the Secretary of the Salvation Army in the United States, and second to Miss Booth in command of the Army in this country, died today at her home in Mount Vernon, N. Y.

