

DR. W. B. MORSE IS HEALTH BOARD CHIEF

New Vital Statistics Law Is Lauded at Annual Meeting of State Organization.

FEW DISTRICTS NOT FIXED

Frank C. Kelsey, of Portland, Named Consulting Engineer to Aid in Supervision of Municipal Water Supplies.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The Board of Health, at its annual meeting here today, elected Dr. W. B. Morse, president for 1916.

That the institution of the "model law" for uniform registration of vital statistics, passed by the last Legislature, is providing effective in the short time it has been in operation was the declaration of Dr. Morse, registrar, in his report to the board.

Since July 27 last, when work of executing the census the state began, 23 counties have been visited by Dr. Morse and registrars appointed to keep a complete record of births and deaths.

Counties where registrars are yet to be appointed are Baker, Coos, Crook, Curry, Jefferson, Klamath, Lake, Lincoln, Malheur and Tillamook.

Board Names Water Engineer. "When the entire state has been distributed," said Dr. Morse, "we will apply for Oregon's admission into the Federal registration area."

Under an act of the last Legislature, the State Board of Health receives supervision over municipal water supplies to see that sanitary regulations are observed, and the board is required to inspect the conditions whenever any city seeks to establish a new water supply.

Co-operation with the Oregon Child Welfare Commission in the health of subjects among parents and with the Child Welfare League, and the board intends to provide for sanitary inspection of Oregon's rural schools.

Work of Dr. Cushman Indorsed. By resolution the board indorsed the work of Dr. C. E. Cushman, Salem health officer.

Indorsement of the action of the State Board of Health of California in appointing a committee to look into leprosy conditions in that state with a view of urging the Government to establish a leprosy hospital was given by the Oregon board.

Those present at today's meeting were: Dr. W. B. Morse, Salem; Dr. E. H. Farnes, Portland; Dr. David N. Roberts, Portland; Dr. Andrew C. Smith, Portland; Dr. A. C. Senter, Roseburg; Dr. E. F. Swales, Medford; Dr. E. H. Marschall, Portland; were not present.

INDOOR CONCERTS FREE

VANCOUVER ARMY BAND WILL ENTERTAIN PUBLIC EVENINGS.

THURSDAYS ARE DESIGNATED AND POPULAR AND REQUEST MUSIC WILL BE RENDERED IN POST HALL.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—During the summer months the famous Twenty-first Infantry Band, under the leadership of Frederick G. Butler, bandmaster, gave outdoor concerts on the parade grounds. These concerts have proved very popular and oftentimes have been attended by hundreds.

Mr. Butler now has arranged to give a series of indoor concerts in the post assembly hall, free of charge, and the public is cordially invited to attend all of them. Music lovers are assured they will always hear an excellent program and at the same time, they will receive what is appreciated by the audience.

Upon the attendance depends entirely whether or not the concerts will be continued throughout the winter months.

The first concert will be held in the post assembly hall Thursday evening, December 22, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. Regular numbers will be played, the week following their receipt, or as soon thereafter as possible.

YEAR'S SHORT DAY NEAR

No, Not Today, Because Tomorrow Is One Whole Minute Shorter.

Nearly anyone you meet today will tell you, if you happen to ask, that this is the shortest day in the year. This will give you the opportunity to come right back at him and tell him that he is wrong. The almanac will back you up.

Tomorrow is the shortest day in the year. It is a whole minute shorter than today.

Whoever says December 21 is the shortest day in the year would be all right if he were talking for New York or Indiana, or some such place. On December 21 and 22 are both equally short in those places.

But it won't do for Oregon and Washington.

PRELATE ACCUSES MEXICO

COLLECTORS AND CONFESIONS FORBIDDEN IN CATHOLIC CHURCHES.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 20.—Cardinal Gibbons announced that he had received a letter today from the archbishop of Oaxaca, Mex., informing him that the Carranza government had forbidden collections to be taken in Catholic churches. Confessions have been forbidden for some time, according to the archbishop.

"He recites many of the conditions among the clergy and the laity," said the cardinal, "and it makes one shudder to think of these outrages."

was arraigned in Justice Brinker's court today on a charge of forging the name of Alfred H. Lundin, prosecuting attorney, to a check for \$2575.75. The prisoner pleaded not guilty and his preliminary hearing was set for December 22. His bond was fixed at \$2500.

It is alleged in the complaint that Lundin owed \$50 to Mrs. Katherine M. Claberg. He had promised to pay her on many occasions but he never made good the debt. It is charged that he showed Mrs. Claberg the forged check which he said he was going to cash. He did not ask her to cash it. Mrs. Claberg took the check away from him.

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presented it to Prosecutor Lundin. The prosecution followed.

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SOCIALISTS START MOVE

NATION-WIDE CAMPAIGN FOR PEACE CONFERENCE PLANNED.

Support of Resolution Fledged by National Executive Committee. Other Neutrals to Be Invoked.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—The National executive committee of the Socialist party at a meeting held here today planned a nation-wide campaign in support of the joint resolution introduced in Congress by Meyer London, the party's only representative at the National Capital, directing President Wilson immediately to call a conference of the neutral nations with a view of ending the European war, and named a committee consisting of Eugene V. Debs of Indiana; Morris Hillquit of New York, international secretary of the Socialist party; and James H. Maurer of Pennsylvania, to call on President Wilson in Washington and urge him to use his influence in obtaining the passage of the joint resolution in Congress.

The committee also decided to begin official correspondence with the Socialist parties of the leading neutral countries of Europe with a view of having them introduce similar resolutions in the parliaments of their respective countries.

FIVE IN RAID ARE FINED

One Obtains Continuance of Case and Two Forfeit Bail.

Four women and one man were fined and two men forfeited bail yesterday, as an aftermath to the raid on the Columbia Hotel early Sunday morning by Police Lieutenant Harms, Sergeant Colner, and Patrolmen Martin, Willert, Wright, Forkan, Breuninger, Powell and Anderson.

Charles Gray, charged with improper conduct, pleaded guilty and was fined \$10. Rosa Hancock, co-defendant, obtained a continuance of her case until December 23. Bessie Brown and Helen Stewart, also Anderson, were fined \$15 each on charges of disorderly conduct. Maxine Weston was fined \$5 each and the fines remitted by Judge Stevenson.

PEACE DISCUSSION DODGED

Premier Asquith Declines to Talk on Subject in Parliament.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Premier Asquith declined to be drawn into any discussion of the subject of peace today in the House of Commons.

Mr. William Peillard Eyles, member for the Bedfordshire constituency, that recent debate in the Reichstag indicated a disposition to transfer the issues of the war from the battlefield to the council chamber. He was eager to know whether the government could see its way clear to suggest any form of response to that disposition.

FORESTRY REVENUE GAINS

Commercial Sale of Timber Only Shows No Increase.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Improvement in general business conditions has been felt in large revenue returns from all National Forestry activities, except the sale of commercial timber, eastern Graves, made public today.

The report shows increased earnings during the first three months of the fiscal year 1915 of \$119,000 over the same period last year.

County Farm Rent Turned In.

The county was made \$469.65 richer yesterday by a check from E. M. Lombard as rent on the old county farm which the latter had bought, but which came back to the county on a foreclosure proceeding. Lombard was unable to pay the installment. The money represents the sale of commercial timber, eastern Graves, made public today.

Attorney-Flance First Candidate.

LA GRANDE, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—County politics came out of hibernation today when H. E. Dixon, a young attorney soon to marry Miss Lucile Switzer, of this city, announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination to the office of District Attorney. This is the first definite candidacy to come forth.

TRAINS IN SNOW-BRE

Worst Blockade at Telocaset in Three Years Broken.

NORMAL TRAFFIC RESUMES

Snow Plows and Crews With Shovels Soon Clear O.-W. R. & N. Tracks. Wind Cessation Reported and No More Trouble Expected.

BAKER, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The worst blockade in railroad traffic in the past three years started last night at Bacon, three miles east of Union Junction, when winds, sucking through a nearby gulch, piled snow high on the O.-W. R. & N. tracks.

The blockade started at 6 o'clock and ended at noon today. Train No. 15 was sent last night back to Telocaset, and at 8 o'clock this morning, was held to give the passengers a chance to obtain provisions and drinking water.

In the meantime snowplows, old style and rotary, were rushed to the scene, shovel gangs were set to work, and at 1 o'clock today No. 15 steamers into Baker, 14 hours late. At one time last night five trains were still west of Bacon.

While the blockade was on, No. 17, westbound, was held in Baker and moved on toward Portland when No. 15 arrived.

The wind which caused the trouble is reported to have died down, and no repetition of the blockade is expected.

LA GRANDE TRAFFIC RESUMES

Helper Engine Is Caught in One Slide on Telocaset Hill.

LA GRANDE, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—At 3 o'clock this afternoon the last train tied up by the snow on the Telocaset Hill had passed La Grande and traffic is again normal. Yesterday's gale and snowfall caused three slides near Bacon on the Telocaset Hill. Five passenger trains were held up, some of them for 16 hours. Such trains as did not have dinner on them were backed up to dining-car trains and in this way neither hunger nor cold added to the worries of the long wait. Cross leaders in the valley are well choked with snow drifts and country travel was extremely difficult today.

AUTOISTS SAW FALLEN TREES

Wind Sweeps Grays Harbor and Makes Roads Impassable.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The heaviest snow in the Northwest last night and today, but did little damage. Five large trees were blown across the Aberdeen Westport beach road, and automobile parties en route to Aberdeen had to stop and borrow saws with which to remove the obstructions. The rainfall of the past 24 hours has been 2.5 inches.

\$450,000 IN OPIUM HELD

RECORD SEIZURE MADE ABOARD JAPANESE LINER.

Shipment Intended for Mexico and Action of San Francisco Authorities to Be Protested.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—The shipment of opium intercepted here by customs officials last Saturday aboard the Japanese liner Solyo Maru, in transit to Hongkong, China, to Salina Cruz, Mexico, was found today to be the largest single seizure of the contraband drug ever made in the United States.

Seventy cases each containing 100 five-ounce cans of opium and valued at approximately \$450,000 were taken from the vessel. The forbids had been made to conceal the shipment in the Customs Department at Washington.

Similar shipments, they said, had passed through this port previously, and they added that other vessels carrying opium to Mexico ports frequently had stopped at Honolulu, Hilo, San Pedro and other United States ports and proceeded without interference.

The seizure was made under a Federal law prohibiting the shipping of opium through a United States port.

COURT SUSPENDS CURB

SHOE MACHINERY COMPANY'S REQUEST IS GRANTED.

Order Will Hold Until January 25, When Arguments to Set Aside Restraining Decree Are Heard.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 20.—An order suspending the temporary injunction issued against the United Shoe Machinery Company in the Government suit under the Clayton law was issued in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals today.

The order was issued on the promise of the United Shoe Machinery Company to give \$100,000 bond to secure the public against injury as a result of the suspension of the injunction.

DADDY'S EYEBROWS INFLAMED SCALE

Scalp Thickly Coated Also. Caused Irritation. Spread to Hair Roots.

HEALED BY CUTICURA SOAP AND OINTMENT

"When my baby was one month old I saw a yellow scale on his eyebrows and soon after found that his scalp was thickly coated with it. It also. The eyebrows became quite inflamed and caused irritation and the scales spread to the roots of his hair. His scalp itched so he irritated it and his hair became thin and dry. After he was eleven months old I got some Cuticura Soap and Ointment. On combing his hair I noticed his scalp was almost clean and with the application it was healed. (Signed) Mrs. Nathan Sherman, Kelso, Wash., March 10, 1915.

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of the physicians that performed the autopsy, said some sharp instrument had been used on the victim.

City Detective Frederick Mallet testified that when he arrived at the Asplund office, October 15, he found it in much disorder and the doctor dead.

PRISON CAMPS SATISFY

AMERICANS FIND GERMANY WILLING TO TREAT CAPTIVES WELL.

Berlin Objects to London's Zeal in Telling of One Bad Camp and in Overlooking Favorable Report.

BERLIN, Dec. 20.—(By wireless to Sayville.)—The British official statement concerning the reports of the American Embassy at Berlin on the British prison camps in Germany has been received in London newspapers arriving here.

It is noted that while the report showing unsatisfactory conditions at the Wittenberg camp is the same one has not been shown with regard to the favorable report on the American investigations at the Ruhleben camp. James W. Gerard, American Ambassador to Germany, in authorizing the publication of the reports, laid down the condition that all of them, favorable or unfavorable, should be published.

Attaches of the American Embassy engaged in prison camp inspection report that camp conditions, although not generally satisfactory, are generally satisfactory, considering war conditions, and that the camp and the central administration is ready to attend promptly to any complaints of prisoners brought to their attention.

"Bad" camps are found occasionally, it is said, but these are exceptional and usually traceable to the personal vindictive neglect of camp commanders or subordinates. Most of these, however, are humanely interested in the welfare of the prisoners.

MIMIC WAR IS PROPOSED

YALE AND HARVARD MAY STAGE ANNUAL MILITARY GAME.

1200 Cambridge Students Enroll for Training. Many of Whom Will Take Courses in Tactics.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 20.—A mimic war game between regiments composed of students of Yale and Harvard Universities was proposed today by William A. Peew, retired Brigadier-General of the National Guard of this state, at a meeting of Harvard students, at which 1200 enrolled for military training. General Peew's recommendation was received with applause. He suggested that the maneuvers be held each summer.

President A. Lawrence Lowell, who presided, referred to the expediency of preparedness. Too much stress should not be placed on drill, however, he said, adding that the important part of the preparedness plan at Harvard would be the work in the classroom. A course in military science, to be directed by a regular army officer and which would count toward a degree, is to be started at the beginning of the next semester. The Harvard general Peew's recommendation was received with applause. He suggested that the maneuvers be held each summer.

COLONEL MARTIN ON VISIT

Ex-Commander of Third Infantry in Portland for Holidays.

Colonel C. H. Martin, United States Army, who has been stationed with his command, the Eighteenth Infantry, at Douglas, Ariz., for the "last several days" returned to Portland today. Mrs. Martin to pass the holidays here and renew old acquaintances. They are at the Hotel Malcom and expect to remain about two weeks.

Prior to leaving Portland, about a year ago, Colonel Martin was in command of the Third Infantry's region National Guard, by special detail from the War Department. Colonel Martin brings word that conditions on the Mexican border are rapidly becoming settled.

Old Kelso Liveryman Sells.

KELSO, Wash., Dec. 20.—J. T. Robertson, for more than 25 years a Kelso livery stable proprietor, closed a deal Saturday, selling his livery stable and business to W. J. Deavers and son, Avery Deavers. The new owners took over the establishment immediately. Mr. Robertson, who is well known to all visitors to Kelso, has been operating in his last location for ten years. Previously he was in the livery business on the west side of the River. W. J. Deavers was formerly in the export business in Kelso, but sold out about two years ago and purchased a nearby farm.

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HIGH OFFICER TO ACT

Attorney-General May Conduct Pendleton Riot Inquiry.

PLEA MADE FOR CONGRESS

Anti-Suffragists Ask Militants to Halt Tormenting Tactics.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Spokesman of the National Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage argued before the Senate suffrage committee today against the proposed Federal suffrage amendment.

Washington, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Following the election riot in Pendleton December 6, the subsequent arrest of Chief of Police Alex Manning and Policeman Stephens on complaints made by E. W. McComas, for which they have been bound over to the grand jury comes information that Attorney-General Brown probably will conduct the grand jury investigation or send one of his deputies.

District Attorney Frederick Steiwer, who returned from Salem yesterday, where he attended a meeting of District Attorneys, is authority for the statement. While in Salem Mr. Steiwer discussed the matter with Mr. Brown, and asked him to take charge of the investigation on account of the importance of the case which has grown out of the election.

Mr. Steiwer says he made the request because he considered the prestige of the Attorney-General's office would help to guarantee an impartial investigation of the trouble.

It is possible that other matters of serious import may prevent Mr. Brown or any of his deputies from coming to Pendleton, he has promised that Mr. Steiwer know definitely within a few days.

WAR ON COYOTES ASKED

GOVERNORS OF WEST REQUESTED TO CO-OPERATE IN FIGHT.

Stray Dogs Also to Be Exterminated to Check Epidemic of Rabies. Cattlemen Urged to Aid.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—Telegrams to the Governors of Nevada, Utah, California, Oregon and Idaho asking co-operation in a campaign to destroy coyotes and stray dogs in their states to control an epidemic of rabies were sent tonight by J. S. Hoggins, of the United States public health service. The situation in a dozen counties of the adjoining states of California, Nevada, Oregon and Idaho was described as acute at a conference of state and Federal health and forestry officials, who met here today under the auspices of the California State Board of Health.

It was planned by an interstate committee named by the conference and headed by Dr. Hoggins to begin immediately in the affected states with the co-operation of forest rangers and inspectors the work of exterminating Coyotes who attended today's meeting appointed committees to co-operate with the health authorities. Cattle associations of the five affected states were telegraphed tonight for immediate co-operation.

It was planned today to district the Oregon counties of Harney, Grant, Wheeler, Crook, Klamath and Umatilla and Idaho counties of Owyhee and Cassia and to patrol these districts.

Kelso Mill Closes for Holidays. KELSO, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The J. N. Moore shingle mill here is closed down for two weeks over the Christmas holidays.

MEXICAN CREDIT MAY GO

CLOSING OF FOREIGN INSTITUTIONS IS THREATENED.

European Embassies Protest to Washington Against Carranza's Plan to Force Note Redemption.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Closure of foreign banks in Mexico City and destruction of Mexican credit are predicted in official communications today to the State Department from some of the European Embassies, should Carranza carry out his intention forcibly to compel the banks to redeem their notes in gold immediately when presented by the government.

Strong representations have been made to the State Department by the Embassies. Representations against closing banks unable to pay bills of exchange in gold were sent today by the State Department to J. R. Stillman for transmission to Carranza. The chief bank affected is the National Bank of Mexico, a concern whose stock is held chiefly by French investors.

Polish Town's Name Changed.

BERLIN, via London, Dec. 20.—On the authority of Emperor William, the name of the Polish fortress town of Nowogeorgievsk, which was captured by the Germans last August, has been changed to its historic Polish name, Modlin.

Sight, Taste and Smell Make Appetite The Logic of Hot Steero Food must look good or you don't want it. It must smell good or you won't eat it. It must taste good or you won't like it. Anything to eat or drink that looks, smells and tastes good is going to give you an appetite if it's time for you to eat. That's the way a cup of Hot Steero makes people hungry. Its fragrant steam greets their nostrils with a promise. Get Steero Cubes in boxes of 12, 50 or 100 Cubes from your druggist, grocer or delicatessen dealer. And be sure you get Steero. There are imitations. Schieffelin & Co., Distributors, New York. STEERO CUBES Made by American Kitchen Products Co., New York. 'A Cube makes a Cup' Simply Add Boiling Water. Awarded Medal of Honor at Panama-Pacific Exposition San Francisco, 1915.