

HOAX PLAYED IN HOUSE BY WOMAN

Miss Rankin, Montana Representative, Impersonated for More Than Hour.

HUNDREDS SHAKE HANDS

Many Leave, Unaware of Joke by Wife of Pennsylvania Members; Closing Session Is Noisy Patriotic Demonstration.

VISTA HOUSE IS VISITED

REALTY MEN HIGHLY PLEASED WITH MEMORIAL.

Roadmaster Yeon Is Commended for Efforts in Behalf of Structure and His Achievement.

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The loss of a British torpedo-boat destroyer with all hands is reported by the British Admiralty. The vessel went down in the North Sea and is believed to have struck a mine.

A Cabinet crisis has arisen in China owing to the President having refused to approve the decision of the Cabinet that China should follow the United States and sever relations with Germany.

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The Pacific Telephone Directory is the most up-to-date reference book of the people of Portland and vicinity. Your name in this directory and a Pacific telephone in your home or place of business will keep you in touch with more people than is possible in any other way. If you do not have Pacific Telephone Service NOW is the time to place your order so that your name may appear in the directory that will go to press March 15th. There are now more than 49,000 Pacific telephones in Portland. Pacific Telephone Service reaches the people. The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. Telephone Broadway 12600

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Resident of Vancouver Found to Have Passed Away as He Slept.

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24 WILL BE CANDIDATES

Rose Festival Committee to Nominate Governors Tonight.

Twenty-four candidates for the board of governors of the Portland Rose Festival for 1917 will be nominated tonight at the meeting of the special nominating committee at the Chamber of Commerce, called together by President J. E. Werlein, of the Rose Festival Auxiliary, to meet at 7:30.

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The funeral of Orion Kinersly, well-known steamboat man and druggist of this city and The Dalles, whose death occurred at Good Samaritan Hospital Saturday, will be held from the chapel of J. F. Finley & Son today at 2:30 o'clock. The casket will be in charge of the Dalles, employed by the Blake-McFall Paper Company.

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SCHOOL ELECTION RED HOT

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GALE SWEEPS PORTLAND

Rain Gives City Relief From Accumulation of Snow.

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