

AGED EX-SOLDIERS SWELL RELIEF FUND

Some Needy Family Will Have Real Christmas.

MOTHER OF 3 IN WANT

\$125 Will Buy Underwear and Stockings for Children; Widow Asks Nothing for Herself.

CIVIL WAR VETERANS ADD \$25 TO RELIEF FUND.

Table listing names and amounts contributed to the relief fund, including Louis Gerlinger Sr. for \$20.00 and Mrs. Epping for \$2.00.

A veteran of the Civil war, now an officer in post No. 12 of the Grand Army of the Republic, visited The Oregonian yesterday in person...

Gifts from those who feel thus keenly the necessity of helping others are being gradually turned over to the bureau.

Before illness came the family had been getting along very well. The mother was suddenly faced with the responsibility of caring for her children unaided and with the added care of financial worries...

The oldest boy helps with the housework and all three try to do all they can for their mother, but they are not old enough to work. They are all unusually bright children.

GRAPPLERS ARE SOUGHT

JOE RIEG PREPARING FOR NEXT WRESTLING SHOW.

Bennie Reubens and Ted Thye May Headline Next Card to Be Staged Here.

Joe Rieg, local sportsman and promoter, was so pleased with the reception given his opening wrestling show held at the armory last Friday night that he intends to stage another in the near future.

For his top bout Rieg has two prospective opponents in mind. One is to bring Bennie Reubens of Chicago here as an opponent for Ted Thye, and the other is to bring Earl O'Connor, Canadian heavyweight, and Sam Clapham, in the headline act.

Reubens went to the front in the amateur ranks when he won the National Amateur Athletic union title in 1915 in San Francisco defeating George McCarthy in a spectacular match.

O'Connor has expressed a willingness to cross arms with any one of his weight in the country and prefers someone from the west. Earl Clapham has all of this and a little more.

With one of these matches as the feature attraction the rest of the card will be rounded out with local mat men.

MOONSHINE MASH TAKEN

Isolated Cove on Columbia River

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—Sheriff Johnson accompanied by Deputy Sheriff and County Roadmaster Nichols today raided an isolated cove on the Columbia near Cascade locks, confiscating 14 barrels of corn mash.

The officers learned of the activity of the moonshiners at a month ago, and since have had the cove under observation. The illicit manufacturers, however, grew alarmed and apparently permanently abandoned their mash. Their distilling apparatus had been removed. Water for the outfit was pumped by underground pipe from the river, and plans had been dug for refuge. The mash obtained by officers it is said, would have made 150 gallons of corn whisky.

ROBBERS DYNAMITE SAFE

Two Boys Are Held for Alleged Robbery at Nehalem.

TILLAMOOK, Or., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—Crackmen and robbers broke

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DANCER SAYS OLD STEPS ARE BEING REVIVED.

Hazel Keeley, dancing has come into its own throughout the United States since prohibition has been in vogue, and it has superseded the cocktail route with the tired business man, according to Hazel Keeley, who with Arthur Stuart, is creating a decided sensation at Pantages this week.

Miss Keeley, a wonderful dancer in her own right, declares that the only trouble with the professional exponents of the dance is that they can't get enough new steps. Many of the old dances have been revived to take care of the shortage and new ones are being added every day.

morning. Only a small amount of silver change was obtained. No clew has been found to the crackmen.

LOT AUCTION FINISHED

\$350,000 OBTAINED FOR 300 TRACTS IN LAURELHURST.

Building Era Is Predicted as One Result of Big Sale of Residence Property.

"Within 60 days there will be between 50 and 100 excavations underway for basements of new homes in Laurelhurst," predicted Paul C. Murphy, of the Laurelhurst company, last night.

The auction sale of lots in this tract closed yesterday afternoon in the ballroom of the Multnomah hotel. About 200 lots were auctioned off during the sale for an aggregate of approximately \$350,000. It was believed that had the auction been held in the big tent on the tract as originally planned, the receipts would have been at least 10 per cent greater.

"We are well satisfied with the auction, under the circumstances," stated Mr. Murphy. "We demonstrated that the auction was on the square, and that we lived up to every promise. There will be a large number of resales. Dozens of people have come to our office since the auction trying to learn the names and addresses of people who bid successfully on lots in which the inquiries were particularly interested. There may be a hundred more resales."

"It means that there will be increased activity in building, for a great many of the buyers are anxious to build. One man bought a lot Monday afternoon and was in to see me today with his check for \$12,000. A string of people have been in here discussing their plans for building."

CITY BARRICADES STREETS

FIVE EXITS ON WATERFRONT CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

Failure of Property Owners to Make Repairs to Driveways Causes Action.

Barricades yesterday were erected on Front street at Washington, Alder, Yamhill, Salmon and Taylor streets. Orders issued by City Commissioner Barber in charge of the department of public works, the street end leading to the waterfront were closed, according to Commissioner Barber, because property owners refused to place the driveways in safe condition.

Under the orders no vehicles will be allowed to enter the driveways until the property owners have complied with the orders made by the city to repair them.

Department Asks for \$1,678,648.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—An appropriation of \$1,678,648 was asked of congress today by the department of justice to meet deficiencies expected to arise during the current fiscal year. Attorney-General Palmer said \$1,000,000 of the sum would be needed "for the detection and prosecution of crime."

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—(By the Associated Press.)—Shrinkage of values of the country's farm crops has placed their total worth this year at almost \$5,000,000,000 less than last year, although the 1920 harvest was one of the most abundant in the nation's history with half a dozen crops broken records.

The important farm crops, which comprise about 90 per cent of the total, were valued this year at \$4,148,519,000 by the department of agriculture today in its final estimates. Last year these crops were valued at \$4,647,990,000. Acreage devoted to the important crops also decreased, the total being 361,062,409 this year, as compared with 356,162,112 last year.

Crop Extraordinary One. "The extraordinary character of the harvest, which proved to be one of the most abundant in the country's history, notwithstanding beginnings about as unpromising as ever known, is emphasized by the December revisions of estimates," the department said in a statement commenting on the report. "The final outcome of the 1920 wheat harvest, winter and spring combined, is now estimated at 324,265,900 bushels, compared with 324,265,900 bushels in 1919, this being an increase over the earlier estimates for 1920 of 29,250,000 bushels.

The 1920 acreage abandoned from winter-killing was less than was expected and indicated by the very bad and unpropitious conditions on May 1, and the increasingly favorable character of the later season permitted much wheat then considered hopeless to develop and come to harvest. "The reports of increase over earlier expectations of winter wheat produced came from almost every important winter wheat state. The greatest gain, 12,000,000, is in Kansas, the leading producer of winter wheat. In that state the increase was helped by an area of over 1,000,000 acres of volunteer wheat sprouted from shattered grain in the autumn of 1919, which despite its unpromising beginning and doubtful prospects in the spring of 1920, came finally to harvest.

"In general, it appears that the reduction in crop acreage in 1920 below 1919 is less than was thought and reported at the beginning of the crop season. Notwithstanding the early unfavorable conditions for farm work the efforts of the farmers to seed their fields, assisted by favoring days that came late in the planting period, resulted in plantings greater than were anticipated."

Early Estimates Exceeded. Increases in almost every crop were reported in the revised production figures, as compared with the preliminary estimates announced in November. Corn with a record crop, shows an increase of about 25,000,000 bushels; winter wheat an increase of almost 43,000,000 bushels; spring wheat a decrease of 2,000,000 bushels; oats an increase of almost 70,000,000 bushels; barley increased almost 11,000,000 bushels; potatoes increased 5,000,000 bushels, and tobacco increased 22,000,000 pounds.

The yield of corn per acre set a record with an average production of 30.3 bushels. Only once before has the average yield per acre exceeded 30 bushels and that was in 1906 when 30.3 bushels was made. While the corn crop is a record one, its value this year is \$1,200,000,000 less than last year's crop, which was smaller by 374,000,000 bushels. The price being paid to farmers for corn on December 1 was announced by the department as 67.7 cents a bushel as compared with 81.49 a year ago.

Final estimates of crop production, and value for this year were announced as follows:

Table of crop values: Corn \$2,222,927,000, Winter wheat \$1,200,000,000, Spring wheat \$1,200,000,000, Oats \$1,200,000,000, Rye \$1,200,000,000, Buckwheat \$1,200,000,000, Rice \$1,200,000,000, Sweet potatoes \$1,200,000,000, Hay \$1,200,000,000, Tobacco \$1,200,000,000, Cotton \$1,200,000,000, Soybeans \$1,200,000,000, Sorghum \$1,200,000,000, Beans \$1,200,000,000, Peaches \$1,200,000,000, Oranges \$1,200,000,000.

FARMERS' WEEK BEGINS

Sessions Open in Eugene Chamber of Commerce With Good Crowd.

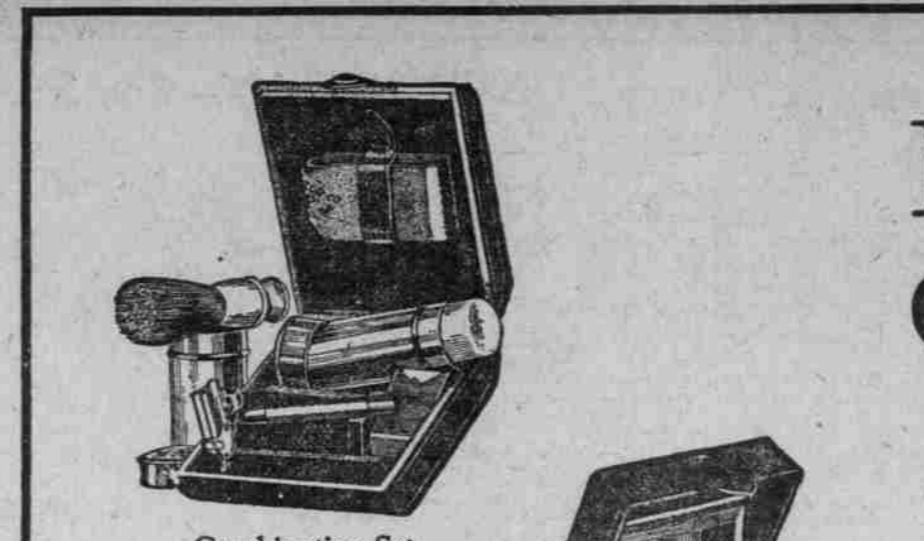
EUGENE, Or., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—Many farmers of Lane county interested in the general welfare of the county gathered at the chamber of commerce here today for the first sessions of farmers' week. W. S. Carpenter, extension specialist at the Oregon Agricultural college, demonstrated in his address and by exhibits that no part of the Willamette valley was better adapted to the growing of corn than Lane county, and his talk abounded with information as to the improvement of seed corn and the increase of its production. He also spoke on identification of potato diseases and had an interesting exhibit of diseased tubers.

I. N. Gabriel, assistant biologist at the college, in charge of rodent control, gave the farmers valuable information as to methods of eradicating the gray digger. In the women's section, Miss Jessie Billea, sewing specialist at the college, gave demonstrations.

C. J. Hurd, state county agent leader, who was in attendance at the property and the first day's sessions were the best of any farmers' week meetings he has attended.

Chamber of Commerce Elects.

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the directors of the chamber of commerce last night the entire list of officers who have served the chamber for the past year were re-elected. These consisted of George Neuner Jr., president; Irvin Brunh, vice-president; treasurer, treasurer and C. S. Heinlein, secretary. The officers have begun outlining some very important work for the coming year for the upbuilding of Roseburg and the county at large. It was also decided at last night's meeting to send delegates to the Oregon state chamber of commerce gathering at Portland, December 28 and 29.



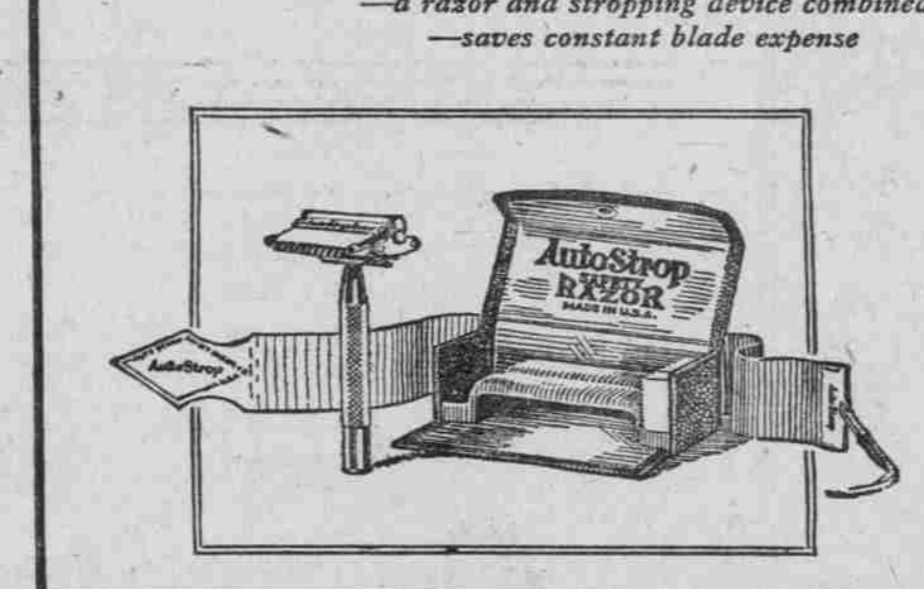
Combination Set Silver-plated AutoStrop Razor; special shaving brush and shaving soap in silver-plated tubes; twelve blades and selected leather strap, specially prepared. Eight and a Half Dollars.



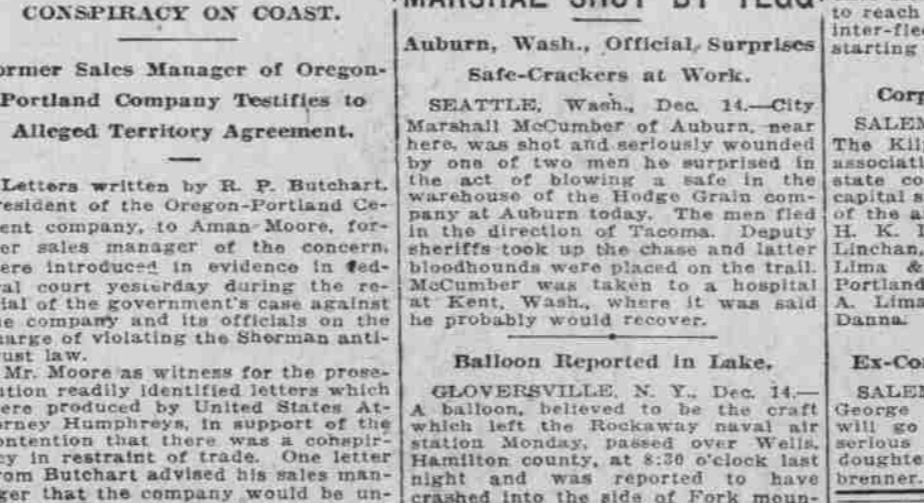
Combination Set Gold-plated AutoStrop Razor; special shaving brush and shaving soap in gold-plated tubes; removable beveled plate mirror; twelve blades and selected leather strap, specially prepared. In black leather case. Thirteen and a Half Dollars.



Sterling Silver Set Sterling silver AutoStrop Razor; twelve blades in sterling silver container; selected leather strap, specially prepared. In finest black leather case, velvet lined. Twenty-five Dollars.



Flat Metal Set Silver-plated AutoStrop Razor; twelve blades in silver-plated blade container; selected leather strap, specially prepared. In flat silver-plated case, handsome ribbon clasp, engraved top, velvet lined. Ten Dollars.



Standard Set Silver-plated AutoStrop Razor; twelve blades in silver-plated blade container; selected leather strap, specially prepared. In soft leather case, velvet lined. Case comes in black, maroon, red, green or blue. Five Dollars.

AutoStrop Razor—a razor and stropping device combined—saves constant blade expense

Bring back his Christmas smile every day

OPENED with a word of thanks on Christmas morning—the next day put aside and forgotten. How often that is the fate of an ill-chosen gift! Don't let that happen to the Christmas presents you give him this year.

There is one gift that will save him discomfort day after day—that will eliminate the needless trouble so many men have in shaving.

Unstropped razor blades grow dull quickly and pull and scrape—cause aftersmart and burning. To end these shaving troubles once for all get him an AutoStrop Razor for Christmas. It will give him every day a shave as cool and clean as his first shave with a new blade.

Built right into the frame of the AutoStrop Razor is a simple, efficient stropping device which quickly sharpens the blade. It renews the edge in a few seconds without removing the blade or taking the razor apart.

This unique razor is a gift a man will enjoy day after day—a present that will bring back his Christmas smile every morning.

The new De Luxe AutoStrop Razor sets described on this page are especially appropriate for Christmas gifts. Any man will be happy to own one of these handsome, distinctive outfits.

Make your gift this Christmas an AutoStrop Razor. Ask your dealer today to show you the AutoStrop Razor sets shown on this page as well as others he may have in stock.



On razors, strops, blades, etc. hereafter manufactured by us we shall apply the trademark "AutoStrop" in addition to the trademark "Value" in indication that they are the genuine products of the AutoStrop Safety Razor Company, New York.

CEMENT PACT ALLEGED

LETTERS PURPORT TO PROVE CONSPIRACY ON COAST.

Former Sales Manager of Oregon-Portland Company Testifies to Alleged Territory Agreement.

Letters written by R. P. Butchart, president of the Oregon-Portland Cement company, to Aman Moore, former sales manager of the concern, were introduced in evidence in Federal court yesterday during the retrial of the government's case against the company and its officials on the charge of violating the Sherman antitrust law.

Mr. Moore as witness for the prosecution readily identified letters which were produced by United States Attorney Humphreys, in support of the contention that there was a conspiracy in restraint of trade. One letter from Butchart advised his sales manager that the company would be unable to quote prices until a conference had been held with California and Washington manufacturers, and expressed the opinion that "an understanding should be arrived at" regarding the territory in which several cement companies were to control the market.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—Police Judge Wilbur put on his anti-spreading clothes today and made a public announcement in court that, beginning now, speeders would be fined for first offenses and jailed for second offenses, regardless of prominence.

CRUISE ARRIVES AT CANAL. SAN DIEGO, Dec. 14.—A cablegram

MARSHAL SHOT BY YÉGG

Auburn, Wash., Official, Surprised Safe-Crackers at Work.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 14.—City Marshal McCumber of Auburn, near here, was shot and seriously wounded by one of two men he surprised in the act of blowing a safe in the warehouse of the Hodge Grain company at Auburn today. The men fled in the direction of Tacoma. Deputy sheriffs took up the chase and later bloodhounds were placed on the trail. McCumber was taken to a hospital at Kent, Wash., where it was said he probably would recover.

Balloon Reported in Lake.

GLOVERSVILLE, N. Y., Dec. 14.—A balloon, believed to be the craft which left the Rockaway naval air station Monday, passed over Walla, Hamilton county, at 8:30 o'clock last night and was reported to have crashed into the side of Park mountain, about three miles northeast of the city, but the report proved untrue. The craft was later reported to have fallen into Saranac lake.

Sheriff-Elect Seriously Ill.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—William A. Thompson, sheriff-elect, the only democrat elected on the county ticket at the November election, is seriously ill with sciatic rheumatism and is not improving as well as it was hoped he would. He may be taken to the hot springs tomorrow with a hope of benefiting his condition.

Speeders Are Threatened.

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50 Teachers Take Tests.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—More than 50 teachers from various parts of Marion county will assemble here tomorrow to take examinations for state certificates. The examination will be in charge of Mrs. W. A. Smith, Mrs. Mary L. Fulkerson and Mrs. Cora Reid.

California Lawyer Comes Here.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—

NEW STORM IS PREDICTED

Warnings Ordered Up Along Oregon and Washington Coasts.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—G. H. Wilson of the United States weather bureau reported a storm to be quickly approaching the coast from the southeast. Storm warnings were ordered up tonight along Oregon and Washington coasts.

RESTORED YEARS AGO HE STILL FEELS FINE

"I Can Recommend Tanlac From the Bottom of My Heart," Declares Spokane Resident.

"My strength all left me. I didn't seem to have a particle of energy, and I could never get a good night's sleep. I always felt so tired and worn out I could hardly stay up. I just suffered agony from lumbago when I stooped over, and my arms and knees, in fact, all my joints, hurt so badly from rheumatism at times I could scarcely go, and my arms were often so aching and stiff I couldn't raise my hands to comb my hair. "Well, I kept reading about Tanlac. I was living in Portland then, and finally decided to try it, and it certainly was a lucky decision. "Why, it was almost no time after I started taking it until I was much improved, and four bottles put me in fine health just like I am now. Others, of course, may take the kind of medicine they want, but I'll take Tanlac for mine every time." Tanlac is sold in Portland by the Owl Drug Co., Adv.

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