

DEAF MAKE SIGNS TO LEGISLATORS

Officials Visit State Schools for Dumb and Blind at Vancouver.

'BUILDINGS ARE DISGRACE'

Lawmakers of Washington Declare Blind Folks' Accommodations Entirely Inadequate to Demands—More Money Needed.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—Twenty-four state senators, representatives and state officials of Washington were entertained by vocal and instrumental music by pupils in the State School for the Blind, saw the chorus of the State School for the Deaf sing "Lead, Kindly Light," and "Hear, My God in Thee," in signs, and enjoyed a dinner cooked and served by girls from the classes of the deaf in the state institution here today.

The delegation arrived from Olympia last night and attended a banquet given by the Vancouver Commercial Club in honor of the delegates to the Southwestern Washington Development Association. At 8 o'clock today they were taken to the State School for the Blind and inspected the building, which they said was a disgrace to the state, and wholly inadequate to the demands.

Deaf Pupils Prepare Food. The State School for the Deaf was visited and the work done by the grades was exemplified. The deaf chorus, which sings in signs, gave several selections in their poetry of motion, and it was a revelation to nearly all of the visitors, and they were moved. After they were shown the poor accommodations at the school, and the urgent need of repairs, dinner was served by 14 of the girls in the cooking class. The pupils had also prepared it, and the legislators pronounced it good.

After lunch Representative Byrley happened to be standing near a little deaf boy. Touching the look of appeal in the small lad's face, he pulled a big dollar from his pocket and gave it to the boy, who made the sign, "Thank you." And there was another lad there and then several more and finally the dollars were exhausted.

Turning to Superintendent Thomas P. Clark, Mr. Byrley said, "Here many boys have you here, for goodness' sake?" "Sixty-eight," was the answer. "See that every boy has a dollar as a present and send the bill to me and I will send you a check for the amount," said the philanthropist.

The Legislature has reported out of committee an appropriation of \$50,000 for a new school for girls and \$15,000 for shops and equipment for manual training.

Requests Cut Down. Mr. Clark had asked for \$20,000 for repairs on the main building and \$7000 for a superintendent's cottage and furnishings, but these were cut out. A new school building necessary for the blind pupils, and a request was made for an appropriation of \$75,000, but this was cut by the Board of Control to \$64,000. The members who visited the two institutions today said they would go back to Olympia and work for the full appropriations, as they deemed them absolutely necessary for the care and education of the deaf and blind. There are now at the school for the blind 25 pupils, but there is a waiting list of 25 who cannot be accommodated.

When the older boys were asked a number of questions on current events, when the visitors were present, one of the senators suggested that one be asked, "What is the Legislature doing?" "Nothing much—except making appropriations," came back the sign.

The delegation which visited the two institutions today was composed of Senators and Representatives: B. Eastman, of Clark County; Oliver Hall, of Whitman; F. J. Allen, of Yakima; John A. Whalley, of King; E. Hamner, of Skagit; Fred Hutchinson, of Pierce; John E. Chappell, of Klickitat; George W. Shafer, of Spokane; H. M. White, of Whatcom; all state senators; Edward L. French, of Clark; W. L. Howell, of Fomeroy; W. E. Hornbrook, of Klickitat; Oliver Byrley, of Cowitt; Lloyd E. Gandy, of Spokane; R. J. Appleman, of Stevens; F. W. Hastings, of King; E. Twitchell, of Spokane, and George Y. Moody, of Clark, members of the House.

MAN FACES 3 INDICTMENTS

Telephone Ruse Works Cleverly in Case of Klamath Man.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—J. W. Norris, who has been in the County Jail for the past four weeks, now faces three indictments returned against him by the grand jury in session. One is for obtaining money under false pretenses, while the others are for burglary and robbery by violence. The charge of burglary is based upon his going to O. W. Cain, a business man with whom he had a slight acquaintance, and asking for a loan of \$5, stating that T. L. Temple, a railroad man, would stand back of the transaction. Cain refused the loan and Norris left with the statement that he would secure Mr. Temple and bring him to the store. A few moments later Cain was called over the telephone and the speaker stated that it was Temple's name who had secured Mr. Norris have the money and he would stand good for it. Not suspecting the ruse, Cain gave Norris the money, taking his note therefor. It later developed that Norris had himself called up Cain and imitated his friend, Temple, and that Temple knew nothing of the transaction. The charge of robbery was for entering the office of E. B. Henry, county surveyor, and paring a surveyor's transit which he tried to dispose of around town. In this he was unsuccessful and the transit was recovered. The robbery by force was for securing two diamond rings from the owner of a house on which he was tacked up, the owner of the rings not being returned any of it.

SNOWS CAUSE BACK SEASON

Crater Lake National Park Opening May Be Month Later.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—W. F. Arant, superintendent of

the Crater Lake National Park, is predicting that the season for tourist travel for the park will be at least a month later in opening the coming Spring than it was last year. While he has not been in the park since he left the Government headquarters, three miles below the rim of the lake, at the commencement of snowfall last Fall, he says there is more snow, from all indications at the lake, than there has been for seven winters past. Twenty miles below Crater Lake, near Fort Klamath, the snow is five feet deep and it is believed there is at least 30 feet at the Government headquarters and 25 at the rim of the lake.

This is the local opinion among those who fell there during the Winter of 1904 and it was July 1 before any travel could be made with any comfort to the lake. Last year the tourist travel was in fairly full swing by July 1, and the road was open to the lake and considerable travel there as early as June 1. This year the snow will be so well packed that he can make the trip on foot on top of the snow and after reaching the camp he will be able to drive his motor into his home, where he spends the Summers and where he left wood and supplies when he deserted the place last year.

SPOKANE PAPER IS SOLD

INLAND HERALD AUCTIONEER; F. B. GREGG PURCHASER.

New Plant Sold for \$10,000 to Man Who Has Advanced Large Sums to Keep It in Operation.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—F. B. Gregg, proprietor of the Quick Print Job Plant, acquired the property of the Inland Haypress Publishing Company, publishers of the Inland Herald, an afternoon paper, for \$10,000 at receiver's sale this morning. Gregg was the only bidder.

Under order of the court permitted the receiver, Mr. Sammis, to borrow money to keep the paper going until today's sale, enough cash to keep the plant in operation. It is said to have been advanced by Mr. Gregg during the last month, so that when the formal conveyance is made, no money need be paid by Gregg for his purchase. The money advanced by Mr. Gregg from January 23 to February 17 will constitute a prior lien upon the property and this amount is said to be \$19,000.

Attorney Williams explained to the purchaser would have to shoulder all encumbrances, but that the purchase did not include bills and accounts receivable, nor the ledgers in which these accounts were kept. He also explained that the \$25,000 lien on the property held by bondholders was released, which thus makes void any and all claims of bondholders. The assets of the company amounted to about \$35,000, but mortgages and conditional sale contracts on machinery and equipment left the equity in the property less than \$10,000. The mortgages are held by the American Type Founders Company for \$12,000, by the Mergenthaler Linotype Company for \$11,000, by R. H. Co. for \$7,000, and by the Printers Ink & Supply Company for \$750.

The interest on many notes to these concerns, now long overdue, are part of the liabilities. The Inland Herald since its foundation a year ago are rated as approximately \$400,000, distributed as follows: \$250,000 bonds, which have been sold and hypothecated; a floating indebtedness of about \$150,000, and the receipts of the Herald during the last year amounted to approximately \$160,000. It is estimated that the Inland Herald, owned by the Wallace backer, have advanced approximately \$150,000 during the last year.

BIG METEOR IS SEEN

CENTRALIA AND TACOMA FOLK WOULD SOLVE MYSTERY.

Prominent Washington Farmer Describes Phenomenon as Like Calcium Streak Through Sky.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—Witnessed by reputable residents in various places and having the additional proof of its force in falling to the earth, a meteor dropped somewhere between Centralia and Tacoma yesterday. A number of farmers are now looking for the meteorite for the sake of its value.

Among the residents who saw it was T. R. Pather, a prominent farmer of Lincoln Creek. He describes the visitor as passing closely in a white blaze like calcium streak through the sky, followed by a whitish vapor that faded in its flight and which seemed of gaseous formation. The flame burned like a ball of about 45 degrees and seemed to drop about midway between Centralia and Tacoma, but in a northeasterly direction.

Just at the time the blaze was seen descending from the sky, Tacoma was shocked by a loud report and the force of the blow shook buildings. It was thought that some blasting operations were going on and the rumor spread that all the dynamite had been set off at the reservoir. The report was followed by an unusual blasting had been taking place. All remained a mystery.

One reason that the light in the sky could not be seen from Tacoma is that the commotion was felt more there, was because of the sun, which was in a position to shut off other light from Tacoma. The light was behind the falling light of the meteor.

BULLET IN LUNG IS FATAL

Idaho Homestead Quarrel Results in Slaying of Washingtonian.

COLFAX, Wash., Feb. 18.—Delbert Emmons, deputy postmaster of Soldier, Idaho, was shot to death by a bullet which he was struck by on Thursday. Emmons, who is a son-in-law of Sheriff G. B. Carter, of here, and his brother, Clifford, of Soldier, were in the office of E. B. Henry, county surveyor, and paring a surveyor's transit which he tried to dispose of around town. In this he was unsuccessful and the transit was recovered. The robbery by force was for securing two diamond rings from the owner of a house on which he was tacked up, the owner of the rings not being returned any of it.

Professor Talks at Eugene.

EUGENE, Or., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—Professor A. R. Sweetser, of the University of Oregon, lectured yesterday before the Astoria-Tacoma Association of the city upon the subject of heating and ventilation in the schools. He also touched upon the subject of open air teaching.

THE DALLIES BOOSTS

Publicity Work Is Lauded at "Get-Together" Luncheon.

CAMPAIGN IS CONTINUED

Business Men's Association Gives Welcome to Publicity and Railroad Officials and Reviews Work of Past Year.

THE DALLIES, Or., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—The "Get-Together" luncheon given by the Dalles Business Men's Association Wednesday evening at Hotel Dalles in this city to its members and several prominent local publicists, and O. W. R. & N. officials, was the most enthusiastic meeting of the kind ever held here. Covers were laid for 90 persons and the guests were plentiful. The Oregon also celebrated the completion of a 3,000 issue of The Dalles publicity booklet.

William McMurray, general passenger agent of the O. W. R. & N. line, spoke in regard to the publicity and immigration movement which has been carried on by the association. He said that he had just returned from a trip to St. Paul, where he held a meeting of general passenger agents, and he had found that the most inquiries were about Oregon. He said: "In regard to the new books just turned over to the association, which were given to the community publicity of the O. W. R. & N. Company, I suggest that The Dalles Business Men's Association take charge of \$5,000 and we will distribute judiciously 5000 and hold 5000 in Portland subject to your orders to be distributed by us." He complimented the association for its highly publicized work with the railway company. He said that the only question was going to be whether The Dalles is to have suitable accommodations and homes for home-seekers. He cited a case whereby a community lost a family who had a large sum of money to invest and was simply driven away because of not being able to buy a home.

Value of Publicity Told. William Bittle Wells, general manager of the community publicity for the railway company, made a talk upon publicity work and the value of commercial organizations like The Dalles association. He said that Oregon would receive more home-seekers during 1911 than ever before. He was astonished to know that The Dalles Business Men's Association had received from May, 1910, to January 1, 1911, 9983 inquiries through various organizations and personal letters; also from January 1, 1911, to February 14, 1911, that the association had received 17,000 inquiries, or over one-half as many from the first of January as they had received in the preceding eight months. He made his own estimate after looking over various letters received by the association that in 1911 the inquiries would amount to 30,000 for the year. He mentioned that the Dalles had been mentioned in the Chicago Tribune from May, 1910, to January 1, 1911, 9983 inquiries through various organizations and personal letters; also from January 1, 1911, to February 14, 1911, that the association had received 17,000 inquiries, or over one-half as many from the first of January as they had received in the preceding eight months. He made his own estimate after looking over various letters received by the association that in 1911 the inquiries would amount to 30,000 for the year.

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Mukden Letter Says Trader Collected Skins of Animals Which Are Said to Carry Germs of Death-Dealing Malady.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 18.—The spread of the plague in Manchuria and throughout China is commented here as showing the incompetence of the Chinese authorities. It is pointed out that the plague has not been permitted to extend into Korea or Japan, and has been held in check in the territory in Manchuria over which Japan has control.

A Mukden letter says the plague broke at Khatler and Taitshar City, where a vast quantity of tarbagan skins had been gathered by an enterprising trader, who has since shipped them to America. The plague is the Mongolian form, and originates with the Tarbagan or Mongolian Marmot. The Tarbagan is about the size of a full-grown cat, and has yellowish brown fur, which is used in the fabrication of cheap "imitation" furs. The steps of Mongolia swarm with the animals, which in their habits are much like the prairie dogs of the United States. The Indian form of the plague, which is carried by the rat, differs from the Mongolian, the latter, according to reports, being more deadly.

In Mongolia the natives shun the tarbagans. The fur trader brought nondescript Chinese to the city, and the marmots. These hunters were crowded into wretched hovels or inns and there were no sanitary arrangements.

The Mongolian plague thrives in the coldest weather, and there is no hope of checking it until the hot winds of April and May arrive.

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England has not declared a quarantine against Russia, but since the outbreak in Manchuria the usual precautions in the matter of examining ships arriving from that quarter have been taken, resulting in the detection of two or three cases.

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Lasher was captured at Portland, but while en route to Phoenix escaped. Afterward he took refuge in a rooming-house in this city. Some of the neighbors, noting his mysterious actions, sent word to the sheriff that the man was Sam Barron, the Venice car holdup man. When he was taken into custody, his identity was disclosed.

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1911 Knox Styles. Of course, you are interested, even though you are men. Knox Spring styles are now on display—they're beautiful. We've lined them up and looked them over carefully. You'll vote them (as we do) the finest lot of hats you ever have seen—they are Soft Hats...\$5.00, Stiff Hats...\$5.00, Silk Hats...\$8.00.

Advertisement for Buffum & Pendleton. Text: 'We Always Try to Please' SPRING STYLES. Advance Showing of Benjamin Clothes, Knox Hats and Stylish Furnishings. Buffum & Pendleton, 311 Morrison Street, Opposite Postoffice.

Advertisement for Benjamin Clothes. Text: '1911 Benjamin Clothes Always the Best'. Bufr we think them just a little better this season than ever. We think you will, too, when you see them. Suits Priced From \$20 Up.

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BOYS TAKE BLAME

High School Team Arrested on Charge Stealing Pennants.

LOOT IN GIRL'S SATCHEL

Goldendale Students Put Up Cash Bail and Inset Girl Is Innocent of Robbery of Stevenson Schoolhouse.

STEVENSON, Wash., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—Following a bitter basketball game last night the entire basketball team representing the Goldendale High School was arrested on a charge of pennant stealing. Members of the team are charged with having broken 11 pennants, valued at \$20.

Upon missing the pennants search warrants were issued and they were found in the satchel of Miss Hineshaw, a Goldendale girl. She at once brokedown and sobbed and thereupon the other members of the team came forward and relieved her of all blame in connection with the possession of the pennants, which were given by Stevenson High School, but the Goldendale visitors left the party and started celebrating their victory, to such an extent that they were ejected from several places for alleged ungentlemanly conduct.

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SEA YIELDS OSKOSH DEAD

Bodies of Three Victims of Ill-Fated Schooner Found.

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—The bodies of three of the victims of the gasoline schooner Oshkosh disaster, were found today, one at Columbia Beach, one at Gearhart Park and one at Holladay.

The bodies were brought here tonight and were identified as the bodies of William H. Deane, part owner and engineer on the schooner; Charles Larson and Gus Chibberg, two of the sailors. The bodies of Captain Latham, master, Al Davis, cook, and Gus Rainbager, a sailor, are still missing.

Body Believed That of Fireman. ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—While not yet positively identified it is now believed the body found at Long Beach, Wash., a few days ago was that of William H. Deane, the revenue cutter Manning, who has been missing about six weeks. A launch was sent to Ilwaco today by Captain Deane and the body, but the Justice of the Peace there refused to allow the body to be taken away until it had been positively identified.

Seattle Gets Pittsburgher. SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 18.—A deal has been closed for the purchase by the Seattle Club of the Northwestern Baseball League from the Pittsburgh National League team.

President Dugdale, who announced the closing of the transaction tonight, said that he was not at liberty to state the purchase price.

This Prescription Knocks Rheumatism

The only logical treatment for rheumatism is through the blood. A prescription which has recently proved wonderfully effective in hospital work is the following. Any druggist has the ingredients or will quickly get them for you. Any one can mix them. "One ounce compound syrup of Sarsaparilla one ounce Tonic Compound; half pint of clear whiskey." These to be mixed and used in tablespoon doses before each meal and at bedtime. This cured thousands here last winter. It relieves immediately.

Not only will it eradicate rheumatism quickly but it is a splendid system builder, and soon restores appetite and vitality. Many persons troubled with rheumatism would not be without a bottle of this mixture on hand at all times.—Adv.

PIANOS, WATCHES, ETC., FREE!

Many other numerous valuable prizes free if you can find three or more of the composers' faces in the contest advertisement published on page 4, section 2 of this issue.

The contest closes Monday night. You will have to send your reply immediately.

This contest is of greatest interest to every music-loving home. Save this notice; the contest announcement will not appear again if not required that you name the composers, but you must find three of the five hidden faces.

PLAYER PIANO SELLING CONTINUES UNABATED. Player Pianos, the very latest and the very best of them, are now sold upon the same reduced price basis as our regular pianos. This is made possible by the well-known Eilers' little-profit-per-piano selling policy applied to the sale of the latest and best and the most desirable of all—the Player Piano. Every comfortable home should now have a Player Piano, which every member of the family can play.

Investigate carefully the merits of Player Pianos. If ever heretofore you were certainly are now furnishing the highest quality at the lowest cost.

EILERS' MUSIC HOUSE, 333 Washington Street, Largest, Foremost Dealers.

Highway Robbery, Charge

Elma, Washington, Has First Such Case in Long Time.

ELMA, Wash., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—J. Hill and Robert Madison were arrested here today on the charge of highway robbery committed on the person of Joseph Kaaka. It occurred late last night in a lonely place near town on the Northern Pacific tracks. Report was immediately made to George Martell, constable, and he