

## NATIONAL BUILDING REVIVAL HELD NEAR

Construction Is Called Key  
Log in Business Jam.

## MATERIALS COST LESS

Drop in Price of Labor Also Is  
Taken as Indication of More  
Activity in Near Future.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., July 2.—(Special.)—Building construction, key log in the business jam, appears to labor department officials about to move. Strong currents, great and growing, moving so far under the surface as to be unseen to the casual observer, give cause for hope that the lethargy in building etc. long will be replaced by activity.

Material costs are coming down and while they may not have reached the bottom, they are now reported far below the peak; labor is deflating and signs are multiplying that the deadlock in many great centers is wearing itself to a slow finish, and back of both these important facts is the ever-growing need for homes to keep pace with the country's growth in population.

Labor department officials have as many agents in the storm centers of building trade troubles as the department's somewhat scanty appropriation will permit and these agents have reported back within the last week that the outlook is brighter for a resumption of business on a more general scale than it has been any time this year.

**Reports Are Checked.**  
Their reports are checked by reports to the federal reserve board, which shows that building permits were taken out during May for more than 250,000,000 in new construction throughout the nation. As a whole, this compares favorably with April. Were the rates maintained, it would mean a \$3,000,000,000 a year building program. To catch up with normal conditions the United States needs somewhere between ten and 20 billions of dollars' worth of new buildings.

When building construction revives, in the belief of the chamber of commerce of the United States general prosperity will come in its whole. These and many other large centers of population have been racked by readjustment pains in the building industry. Some of the centers have solved their problem, at least temporarily, and men are back at work; others still are in the doldrums. It is in the latter class that the chief symptoms of revival are shown. Inevitably, the department believes, there is coming a day soon when the sides will get together and work.

It now costs, according to an authority in the department, about 10 per cent more to put up a home than it cost in pre-war days. In other words, a moderate sized home would have cost \$3500 to erect in pre-war times, now costs about \$3500.

**Efficiency Declared Lower.**  
The materials, this authority claims, are about 80 per cent higher than they were and the labor 100 per cent. In figuring the labor cost, lowered efficiency was taken into consideration, for wages are not double the pre-war figures.

But in 1920, that same \$3500 pre-war home would have cost more than \$12,000. A total of \$2500 has been clipped from the peak. Material men say their prices are selling at virtually no profit and labor declares that it has gone further back toward normal than material costs. John H. Donlin, president of the building trades department of the American Federation of Labor, has this to say:

"Now is the time to build. It can be done more expeditiously and cheaper now than in the recent past or in the near future."

## BRAZIL SENDS STUDENTS

Positions at Home Await Two Who  
Have Studied in Oregon.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, July 2.—(Special.)—Two Brazilian youths, who have been taking work in forestry and horticulture at the college for the last two years, are ready to start home. They have completed a year's work—Stenio de Mello in forestry, and Joao F. Guedes in horticulture, and the former will take an instructor's position in a Brazilian school of forestry, while the other will take a place in the Brazilian horticultural experimental station.

"Hereafter our government expects to send out 50 young men each year for technical training in the United States," said one of the southerners. "We're as well impressed by the college as the work offered here that we will influence our government to send a number of them here," was the promise they made.

## PORTLAND MAN IS NAMED

N. Schneider Made Assistant to  
Benton County Agent.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, July 2.—(Special.)—N. Schneider of Portland has been appointed assistant county agent for Benton county. Schneider has been a rehabilitation agent in the college. He has studied agriculture and specialized in marketing. Part of his time will be given to the development of co-operative marketing for the Benton county farm bureau. Authorization was given Schneider at the last meeting of the farm bureau to take necessary steps for the development of a county exchange.

## OREGON PIONEERS FROLIC

Roseburg Party Guests Veterans of  
Ox-Team Days.

ROSEBURG, Or., July 2.—(Special.)—One of the most unusual parties ever held in Douglas county occurred at the home of Mrs. William Voorhis in Looking Glass. All of the guests, with but two exceptions, crossed the plains by ox team into Oregon.

The ladies present were: Mrs. J. M. Hartman, 82 years of age, a resident of Brockway and a pioneer of 1851; Mrs. Elva R. Laird, aged 40 years, a resident of Brewster valley and a pioneer of 1852; Mrs. M. A. Longworth, aged 78 years, a resident of Jefferson and a pioneer of 1852; Mrs. Lucretia Olivanti, aged 74 years, a resident of Olalla, a pioneer of 1852; Mrs. Lucy A. Arnold, 79 years of age, a resident of Looking Glass, who came to Oregon in 1870, and Mrs. J. H. Brown, Looking Glass, who came to Oregon in 1888.

The women spent the afternoon recalling the early experiences of Douglas county and the state of Oregon. They were served with a fine chicken dinner by the hostess.

## BOY IS SHOT IN CHASE

Trailing Confessed Boot-  
legger Is Cause.

Hoquiam Prisoner Said by Police  
to Have Admitted Firing on  
Lads With Automatic.

HOQUIAM, Wash., July 2.—(Special.)—Trailing a confessed bootlegger gave several boys excitement last night and ended with Eddie Benson, 17 years old, being shot in the back by a general hospital with a bullet wound in the ankle and John Lallas being confined in the city jail on an open charge. Patrolman Robert Winthrop narrowly escaped death while trying to subdue Lallas.

According to the story told in police headquarters by Lallas, Fred Henrich and Robert Burns, the two latter being boy companions of Benson, the boys had followed Lallas out on the Olympic highway west of the city. He went into the woods and shortly afterward returned and opened fire on them with an automatic pistol. One bullet took effect in Benson's leg and physicians said at the hospital it had shattered the bone.

Following the shooting Lallas, who the police said, admitted going out to the woods to get a gallon of moonshine, started back toward Hoquiam. The police in a car were hurrying to the scene on a call sent in by Mrs. Ann Henrich, mother of Fred Henrich. They passed Lallas without knowing he was the man they were looking for.

Later when the police retraced their way, they came upon him in an alley, but he was walking in such a position that a girl prevented police from getting close to him. Making a turn on to the street from the alley, he was alleged to have whipped out a pistol and fired at the police. The police, the bullet striking Winthrop's head. His next shell jammed and the police took him without further resistance. According to the testimony he was said to have admitted in the presence of several witnesses that he paid out annually in normal times to a million workers engaged directly and indirectly, in the industry.

## LOST GOLD MINE SOUGHT

Romantic Tradition of  
North Again Revived.

Expedition Organized at Edmon-  
ton to Hunt River Where Nuggets  
Are Big as Walnuts.

EDMONTON, Alta., July 2.—An expedition is being organized here to search for the lost gold mine of Lost river. The lost mine is one of the romantic traditions of the north. It is believed to be extremely rich.

A wandering Indian from the Mackenzie river country came into Fort St. John's several years ago with a gold nugget as big as a walnut. Fort St. John's is a fur post of the Hudson's Bay company, now closing out its rich prairie lands to farm settlers, and is in the northeastern tip of British Columbia on the headwaters of the Peace. The Indian could not talk the language of the local tribesmen nor of the whites. He indicated by signs that he had found the lump in the dry bed of a stream northwest of the fort. Then he strolled out of the story and disappeared toward his Mackenzie river home.

A white trapper who outfitted at Fort St. John's came in months afterward with a quantity of coarse gold. He too had found his treasure in the dry bed of a stream northwest of the fort. But that is all he would divulge. He lived thereafter on what the frontier called the fat of the land, spending his wealth with a lavish hand in the Peace river settlements. When he ran short of gold, he went out into the woods and came back with pockets bursting with more. His efforts were made to follow him but he was too cunning for his trackers. He was found dead on the bank of the stream one day and took his secret to the grave.

The dry river bed is thought to have been the channel of the Peace. It is known as Lost river though, except after heavy rains, it never flows. It is 25 miles northwest of Fort St. John's which is on the eastern watershed of the divide.

## SOLDIER DIES FROM ACCIDENT

Dallas, Or., July 2.—Gall R. Scott, a soldier of the United States army, was buried here Wednesday. He was a native of Gerfield, Wash., where he was born September 1, 1898. His father was Thomas Scott, who was a pioneer resident of Polk county. Young Scott had been an invalid from the head a year ago when his horse fell with him during drill at an army post in Arizona. He had been in the hospital for a year and a half since, an died at the army hospital at Camp Lewis. The local post of the American Legion had charge of the funeral.

## DALLAS TO VOTE ON BONDS

DALLAS, Or., July 2.—A special election will be held here next Wednesday on two city bonding measures. One is for \$25,000 for the extension of water mains for fire protection in the shop district of the city and the purchase of additional land at the water intake on Canyon creek. The other is for \$18,000 to purchase a site and construct a new septic tank for sewage disposal.

## STUDENTS GO TO NEWPORT

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, July 2.—(Special.)—Nearly 50 persons went in the party of summer-session students who went on the annual excursion to Newport starting Friday afternoon.

Elwood Smith, director of the summer session, placed Miss May Workinger in charge of the excursionists. She has a schedule of events that will fill up every minute of the three days at the beach.

The sun gives 500,000 times more light than the moon.

## CAPITAL IMPRESSED BY GENERAL DAWES

Force and Fresh Viewpoint  
Considered Striking.

Director Is Quiet Man  
Francis Kilkenny Camp Follower  
of New Official in Invasion  
of Washington Circles.

WASHINGTON now has had a week of ex-Brigadier-General Charles C. Dawes in action. The new director of the budget has been studied from every side as a new personality at the capital. What impression he has made?

"We deliver the goods," was the banner under which he served during the war as chief purchasing agent of the American expeditionary force.

Watching him at close range gives one an outstanding picture of a man of force and a fresh viewpoint upon an old problem. Yet the rest of the flash is that of a whirlwind personality pursued by a camp follower by the name of Francis Kilkenny, who has left his business and come on to see that General Dawes gets all the help he ought to have in starting the budget bureau.

**Aide Is on Job.**  
Francis Kilkenny was an Irish boy in a Chicago club, so the story goes, when General Dawes took him into his home. He was a camp follower, and when Mr. Dawes found him suddenly pressed by responsibilities, the fresh face of Kilkenny appeared suddenly to help him out. So he is around Washington today, and if asked who he is, he will reply quickly: "I am General Dawes' representative."

General Dawes has come to the capital when it was somewhat sluggish with the dragging of the legislative programme and in the midst of a heat spell and waked up the city during upon him. Making an official seal. He arrived surrounded by an atmosphere of expectancy and a plan and scheme of his previous life before the house committee investigating war expenditures, when he scored a hit after 22 volumes of testimony had been completed with little public notice. But the attitude of the capital has changed. The director of the budget at his desk here is one of the most serious minded of the official family and the capital is taking him seriously.

## CONFIDENCE IN WON

It is learning more about him.  
When he came back from the war and engaged in big banking business in Chicago several of the surrounding states deposited their state funds with him. That has considerable significance here now as indicating a kind of confidence he draws.

President McKinley selected him as manager of his campaign. Later he acted as controller of the currency. He has been mentioned as a candidate for the United States senate, and he came from Ohio as well as from Illinois, and is being counted at the capital as one of the new who trio—General, Walter Brown and General Dawes.

Notwithstanding the uproar with which General Dawes started his budget crusade, the capital has found to its astonishment that he is a quiet man. Those who have been around him this week say that he has been abstemious in the use of profanity regardless of the state of weather and the difficulties of getting the work under way.

## WOOD FLAYS DISEASE

General Lauds Campaign to  
Root Tuberculosis.

Progress of Plague in Philippine  
Islands Threatens Future of  
People, Says Warrior.

MANILA, P. I., July 1.—Indorsement by Major-General Leonard Wood of the proposed women's convention to discuss means of stamping out tuberculosis in the Philippine islands was received today in a letter to the secretary of the Anti-Tuberculosis society. The convention will be composed of delegates from every province of the Philippines.

The disease is so widespread and its progress so insidious, General Wood said, that its eradication can be accomplished only through fullest co-operation of the public.

"You have undertaken a splendid work," he said, "the successful outcome of which means much to the Philippines. Your plan for control and eventual eradication of tuberculosis is worthy of strong support from every soldier."

General Wood, with Cameron Forbes, former governor general of the islands, is visiting the provinces on a mission of inquiry for President Harding.

## SALVATION ARMY RETIRES

War Work at Camp Lewis  
Now Closed Incident.

Government Takes Over Famous  
Red Shield Inn for Use of  
Military Officers.

TACOMA, Wash., July 2.—(Special.)—The Red Shield inn, which for the last two years has been operated by the Salvation army at Greene park Camp Lewis, for the benefit of officers and enlisted men and their families, will be turned over to the army as officers' quarters, with Major William M. Inglis, 59th infantry, in charge.

Major-General Charles H. Muir, who has been commanding the ninth corps area, with headquarters at San Francisco, for the last two months, arrived in Tacoma Friday afternoon, and went immediately to Camp Lewis, where he reassumed command of the camp and the fourth division. Brigadier-General R. M. Blatchford, who has been acting as camp and division commander during General Muir's

## NOISE BAT IN VANCOUVER

Sale of Outlawed Crackers  
Magnet for Visitors.

Citizens From "Closed" Towns In-  
vade Washington City to Cele-  
brate Independence Day.

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 2.—(Special.)—Scores of automobile and motorcycle parties invaded the city this afternoon and evening for a three days' stay in the mountains. Others are going to the beaches. Firecrackers are being sold in the city and county by many boys and girls from "closed" towns, including Portland, where they are expected to swell the Sunday and Monday.

A big old-fashioned celebration will be held here Monday and Tuesday, in which soldiers from Vancouver barracks will take part. Major Delaplaine will be grand marshal of the day. There will be a baseball game, athletic events, dancing, fireworks, and a parade. The celebration will be held in the city and county, and the committee is advertising firecrackers and noise as part of the programme, which follows:

Parade at 10:30 A. M. Monday with many prizes, band concerts at 7 P. M. Monday and Tuesday afternoon. Street dancing around the city park. There will be sports for the youngsters at the city park with a prize for every boy and girl. A track and field meet will be held in Vancouver barracks. American Legion and soldiers now in the service. There will be special events open for soldiers at 1:30 P. M. Tuesday. The track events will be a baseball game at the post.

Rufus Holman will be the orator of the day Monday morning in the city park.

## DRY SWIMMING STUDIED

Summer Co-Eds at Corvallis Take  
Lessons Gymnasium.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, July 2.—(Special.)—Summer co-eds in Cauthorn hall are learning to swim without going near the water, according to reports of scissor kicks, flutter kicks and crawl strokes being tried by tall ones, small ones, and every one in between. A soft mattress, for use in case one capsize, a girl explained, are the necessities of the dry swimming pool. They will later try the swimming pool.

Rules of checking in and out, according to regular term women students, it is said, are sometimes forgotten by summer session students. Three girls were found in the pool, assigned "out," returned at the prescribed time, but forgot to sign "in." They were awakened at 1:30 o'clock in the morning, by an anxious preceptor, who asked them to remember in the future to check in.

## AIR BASE CHANGE PLAN

Forester Says Humptulips Would  
Be Better Than Camp Lewis.

HOQUIAM, Wash., July 2.—(Special.)—Efficiency in airplane forest patrol would be increased if the base were changed from Camp Lewis to Humptulips field, according to W. J. Hume, forest ranger, who made a statement to the Hoquiam Commercial club yesterday.

Efficiency would be troubled as far as the Quinalt reservation is concerned, he stated, and would be improved for all the Olympic district, observed Hume, from Friday's outlook is unsatisfactory, he explained, and under the present system the plan would be to make one trip a day over the area. Six trips a day could be made out of Humptulips, he said.

## BARBECUE PLANNED THURSDAY NIGHT

BANKS, Or., July 2.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the Banks commercial club held Thursday night it was practically decided to hold a barbecue on the high school grounds here some time this fall, probably about October 15. A committee of three appointed to confer with the board of directors of the hog and dairy show and make arrangements for the affair to be held jointly.

## RECKLESS AUTOIST GETS LIMIT

HOQUIAM, Wash., July 2.—(Special.)—Judge Smith yesterday gave Henning Hedberg the limit for reckless driving as the result of his telephoning a roadster parked on Riverside avenue Thursday night. The maximum under city ordinances is \$100 and costs 30 days. He started serving his sentence immediately.

## WOMAN DIES UNDER TREATMENT

SAN FRANCISCO, July 2.—Mrs. Mariana Solachi, 23, died in a physician's office here today while taking a steam and electrical treatment. An investigation was started immediately by county officials to determine whether her death was due to electrocution or asphyxiation.

## WOMAN DIES IN BATH TUB

SAN FRANCISCO, July 2.—The body of Mrs. Esther A. Campbell, 71, was found today in a bath tub filled with water at her home here. According to Mrs. Campbell's daughter, the woman had been there several years, and despondency is believed to have caused her to take her own life.

## EVANS' CASE CONTINUED

Hearing in the case of Bobby Evans, boxing promoter, charged jointly with Earl Hughes with the theft of a diamond ring from Mrs. Adele Culp, was continued by Municipal Judge Rossman yesterday until July 8, at the request of counsel for the defendants. Evans is at liberty under bonds.

## SWEDISH-FINNISH AGREEMENT MADE

Aland Islands Settlement Is  
Declared Important.

War Once Just Escaped  
Arbitration by League of Nations  
Is Great Achievement, Says  
George Barnes.

BY GEORGE N. BARNES.  
(Copyright, 1921, by The Oregonian.)  
LONDON, July 2.—(Special by Wire.)—Events of great moment have gathered so thick and fast upon us during the last few days that the settlement of the dispute between Sweden and Finland may attract less attention than its importance warrants. I wish here to put it on record as vindicating reason, in contradistinction to force, in the regulation of international affairs.

When Finland separated from Russia, Sweden claimed the Aland islands, situated just a short distance from the entrance to the Stockholm archipelago and which for three centuries had been under Finnish jurisdiction. For two centuries, however, Finland was a part of the Swedish state and for the last century, up to 1917, she had administered the islands on behalf of Russia.

**World War Just Escaped.**  
The Aland islands almost threw Sweden into the world war on the side of Germany. It was claimed that Russia, in violation of treaties, had fortified the islands to such an extent that they were a menace to Sweden. German propagandists in Stockholm used this pretext to inflame Swedish opinion against Russia and against the allies and at one time in the spring of 1918 the question as to whether or not Sweden should coat her lot with Germany and plunge into the maelstrom of war depended upon a vote in the riksdag. Sanity triumphed and Sweden remained neutral.

The question of the allocation of the islands and their administration in the future was last year referred to the council of the league of nations. This was a decided blow to Swedish aspirations, the claim being that the islands ought not to form a base for the defense of Stockholm.

**Award Is Accepted.**  
But Mr. Branting, the Swedish premier, has accepted the award on behalf of his country and it has been promulgated.

The settlement of the Aland island controversy and the acceptance of the award by Sweden mark a notable achievement on the part of the league of nations.

In Silesia there is another small island, not discernible on the international horizon. General agreements have been reached for the withdrawal of both German and Polish forces to the right side of the plebiscite line so that conditions are improved for settlement of disputed territory. This settlement must be made at the next meeting of the allied supreme council and fortunately that meeting is to be attended by the American ambassador to Great Britain, Colonel Harvey.

**Greeks Spurn Mediation.**  
Meantime the Greeks have spurned the proffered mediation of the allies and are preparing another offensive in Asia minor where the unfortunate Christian minority are in perilous and their fate depending upon Greek success.

Can the United States come to their aid? Can President Harding do anything to back up his words of last October to American citizens of Greek descent?

Here at home, the move of the premier, Mr. Lloyd George, for a conference on the Irish question, with no conditions attached to the invitation sent to the Ulstermen and Sinn Feiners marked a definite and important advance on the part of the government.

If the various obstacles which have arisen should prove too great to be overcome and the move ends in failure, the situation will be serious, the dread alternative in the background.

**Grace Period Ends July 12.**  
The date fixed for the last meeting of the Dublin parliament passed last Tuesday.

The last period of grace expires July 12. At that time the provision for a southern Irish parliament lapse and a crown colony or some kind of military rule may supervene. The moment is one pregnant with possibilities. The door to better understanding has been opened. The settlement of the Irish problem would do much for civilization and the peace of the world. It is a consummation devoutly wished by sensible and sympathetic men and women everywhere.

## CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our sincere gratitude to our many friends of McMinnville and Portland and the American Legion and Ladies Auxiliary, Mrs. Minnie Lodge, B. P. O. E., to Swift & Co. and employees for their kindness and sympathy at the time of the loss of our beloved husband, son, grandson and brother.

J. E. POOLE.  
MR. AND MRS. WM. POOLE.  
MR. ELMER POOLE.  
MR. AND MRS. S. H. MARIS.

## CARD OF THANKS.

To our neighbors and friends who showed us great kindness and sympathy at the sad death of our dear husband and father we extend our appreciation and thanks; also for the beautiful floral tributes. "Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least, ye did it unto me."

EMILY L. BOWMAN.  
MR. AND MRS. CHAS. TOOZE.  
Adv. HOLLIS BOWMAN.

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