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## ANNUAL ELECTION OF MASONS HELD

Arago Chapter Number 22 Chooses and Installs Officers for New Year.

The annual election, banquet and installation of officers took place at the meeting last evening of the Arago Chapter No. 22 of the Royal Arch Masons in their lodge rooms. C. H. Marsh, the retiring High Priest, was presented with a Past High Priest's \$100 jewel by the members brought into the lodge during 1914.

Previous to the installation of the new officers, W. J. Brown served a several course banquet in true Christmas style with turkey and the trimmings.

The following officers were elected and installed last evening:  
High Priest—Andy P. Davis.  
King—George Clinkenbeard.  
Scribe—E. S. Bargelt.  
Treasurer—George Winchester.  
Secretary—D. McIntyre.  
Captain of the Host—A. L. Bengston.

Royal Arch Captain—William Longstaff.  
First Vell—J. H. Stadden.  
Second Vell—W. L. Clabaugh.  
Third Vell—Victor Johnson.  
Sentinel—W. H. Leach.

## WILL GET XMAS CHEER IN JAIL

Charles Fisher Purloins Christmas Supplies and Lands In Jail.

Claiming he was hungry, was out of work and penniless, Charles Fisher, a logger and former laborer on the railroad, appeared in the justice court this morning, pleaded guilty to the charge of stealing something to eat from the dock last night, and received a sentence of 12 1/2 days in the county jail.

"You'll get a Christmas dinner," emphasized Judge Penneck, by way of easing off on the sentence.

Fisher seemed not at all ill-pleased with the idea. His face brightened up and he replied, "Well, Judge, maybe I can get a job when I get out. I sure do have a leaning toward that Christmas dinner," and he went forth in tow of Constable Cox bound for the nearest lunch counter.

Fisher roamed about the docks last evening hungry. At the foot of Commercial avenue he found a box left there by George Getting, ready for shipment, that contained a big ham, two bunches of celery, 29 pounds of onions and several cabbages.

Immediately one of the large bunches of celery disappeared and then with the edge taken from his appetite, Fisher became more fastidious and took the ham to a restaurant, where he put it up for sale. The proprietor became suspicious and immediately called an officer and the man was put in jail.

"First time I ever did such a thing," he told the judge this morning. "I've worked more than 300 days during the last year."

"Well, then, what became of your money?" queried the judge.

"Oh—I guess I blew it in."

## WATSON MAY STILL BE COUNTY JUDGE

That the judgeship of the county will be placed before the circuit court or the supreme court for final decision is reported to be the decision of Judge John F. Hall, who Monday went over to Coquille. It is rumored that Judge Hall has decided to abide by the legal interpretation of the six-year law for county judges for court decision. Should the court hold that the six-year law did not go into effect immediately after it was passed in 1910 and before the votes were counted then Judge Hall will not be the legal possessor of the office until 1917, and James Watson, elected in November to the office will be county judge on January 1.

But Governor West has raised the contention that the law did not go into effect until after the vote was officially counted and therefore county judges elected that year were elected under the four year term.

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## MORE U S TROOPS RUSHED TO NAGO

Three Regiments of Infantry and Several Batteries of Artillery Sent to Border

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—In response to a request from General Bliss at Naco, Secretary Garrison has ordered three regiments of infantry from Galveston, one battery of 4.7 inch guns and two batteries of 4.7 inch howitzers from Fort Sill to proceed at once to the Mexican border.

In announcing his action, Secretary Garrison said: "In view of the conditions on the border as he sees them General Bliss has requested that additional infantry and artillery be sent him. In compliance with this request the troops are being dispatched and placed under his command. These reinforcements are being requested and sent as a measure of precaution."

## VILLA GETS BUSY

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)  
EL PASO, Dec. 16.—Villa left Chihuahua today, returning to the south to enter upon a campaign against Guadaluajara, the second city of Mexico, which is defended by a strong Carranza garrison. The conventional troops have occupied Labarca, Jalisco.

## BANDIT HELD UP TEN IN SALOON

Masked Man, Single Handed, Gets Away With \$120 From Saloon at Ellenburg, Wn.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)  
ELLENBURG, Wash., Dec. 16.—Ten men were held up in the Horseshoe saloon late last night by a lone masked bandit who escaped with \$120. After lining up the bartender and the other men in the room against the wall, the bandit rifled the cash drawer and also another drawer in which money was hidden, showing that he knew the custom of the place. He then backed out and escaped.

## FIRE LOSSES ARE SETTLED AT ONCE

E. I. Chandler, agent for the Firemen's Fund and the London & Lancashire insurance companies, which had policies on the Central Hotel and the Red Cross Drug Store, which were damaged by the fires Friday and Saturday, has settled both losses. Mr. Chandler is empowered by his companies to adjust the losses promptly and settle them and this he did. The Central Hotel loss was caused by water and smoke during the fire at the Coos Bay bakery. The Red Cross fire loss was the heaviest. Checks have been given to both parties and the prompt settlement has won high praise from them.

## NEW BUSINESS TO BE STARTED HERE

M. S. Sully, O. E. Sully and Geo. Gettings Form Partnership to Remove and Enlarge Delicatessen

The Delicatessen Company, of which M. S. Sully and O. E. Sully are the proprietors, which has been doing a successful business at 145 North Second street and demonstrated that by honest business methods, good quality of goods and a knowledge of the requirements of this line of business that there is room and a demand for this kind of service in Marshfield, has formed a partnership with George Getting of the Coos Bay Tea, Coffee and Spice House under the name of the Delicatessen Company, and will move their present business to the room formerly occupied by the Lewis Ice Cream Parlor at 136 North Broadway.

They will add several new features to the business and carry a much larger variety of cooked foods and delicacies that such a business requires and give their special attention to all orders for social functions or private parties, large or small.

They will also add a special feature in the way of quick service coffee booths, enabling one to make their own selections and be served in an economical and quick way. The new plan will fill a long felt want in Marshfield and no doubt will be accorded the large patronage it deserves from the start.  
(Paid Adv.)

## STILL HARD TO GET WAR NEWS

Some Strange Experiences With Censors in France.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)  
PARIS, Dec. 16.—Peculiar things happen to news in these days when it is so scarce and censors are so strict. Much news is "lifted" from one newspaper into another, and when a writer gets a story into print there is no telling under what date line, or whose name, it may re-appear.

One of the few graphic and authentic stories from the front appeared in an afternoon paper here on a recent Sunday. It was cabled to New York the same evening. The next day a Paris newspaper picked up the paper and that afternoon another paper did the same thing. Other papers, morning and afternoon, ran the story on Tuesday. And then, on Wednesday morning, an English newspaper printed the item as a "special dispatch from the north of France," over the signature of an authentic war correspondent.

The incident is not so much an example of loose editorial work as a demonstration of the journalist's troubles during the war. Copy is scarce enough at best, and the censor ruins the best of it while the staffs of all the Paris papers are decimated by the mobilization.

Each copies from all the others and a story that passes observation today may catch the eye tomorrow. This applies to the censor's staff as well, for an article approved in the morning is sometimes cut out in the afternoon. One man with the official scissors sees one paragraph that will not do. His colleague passes the same article in another paper, but finds another objectionable paragraph that the other did not see.

Clemenceau's reconstituted paper, contained the heading of an editorial "Is It True?" The rest of the column was blank and the public shall have to wait for the end of the war to know whether it is true or not.

In another case a dangerous news item was cut out but the head was overlooked. It was a good head, and of course, contained the meat of the article.

The Cri de Paris says "the censor is as capricious as a pretty woman," then proves it by giving details of certain incidents in which Minister Caillaux and Madame Caillaux were concerned, but regarding which the censor had imposed a strict silence. Monsieur and Madame Caillaux appeared arm-in-arm on the boulevard, and, were hooted. They went to a restaurant to dine and all the other guests rose to leave. They went into the garage where the requisitioned motor-cars of the military government of Paris are kept and ordered a car, but the car was refused and Gallieni approved the refusal. All these incidents, suppressed pitilessly by the censor in Paris, were passed in the Eclair of de Nice, and now the Cri de Paris has had the chance to smuggle them into Paris under the nose of the censor who previously cut them out.

The newspaper was one of the first institutions hit by the war. With the first excitement circulation went up by leaps and bounds, while the mobilization cut off sources of supply of paper. Dailies that had not a good reserve stock shrank at once from four pages to two, then from a full sheet, some even appeared for weeks in quarter-sheet size.

At the same time so many unemployed men, women and children became newsvendors, that Paris suffered for a time from a riot of news. The military governor decided that it was too much for the nerves of Paris, and at the first sign that the situation was becoming panicky, all extras were suppressed and the crying of news or titles of newspapers prohibited.

The temporary disappearance of the illustrated journals was a severe blow to those who gather around the kiosks and get cheap information and diversion from the dozens of periodicals displayed.

The "Illustrations," the "Annales," "Ruy Blas," the "Cri de Paris," "Lectures pour Vous" "Rise" and "Je Sais Tout," have reappeared, but nearly all the humorous weeklies are still absent for obvious reasons. The cartoonist is exercising his talent on war posters, displayed for sale alongside voluminous series of post cards. Some of them are subtle in their satire, but the war has benumbed the inspiration and wit of the French cartoonist.

The afternoon calm of the boulevards is undisturbed by the loud-voiced newboys who seemed always to be making a desperate race for some unknown goal and trying to sell out their stock of sporting papers on the wing. No racing killed the turf papers at the outset of hos-

## NO WARSHIPS TO PANAMA ZONE YET

Action on Gov. Goethal's Request Deferred—Rumor of Clash Between Officials

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—More information is awaited before President Wilson decides whether the request of Governor Goethal for destroyers to enforce the neutrality of Panama shall be granted. Suggestions of differences between Secretaries Garrison, Daniels and Bryan over the question were met by President Wilson with the statement that there could be no real differences since he would finally decide.

## HELP FOR NEGROES

President Wilson Outlines His Attitude Toward Black Race.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—Outlining his attitude toward the negro, President Wilson told the University Commission on the southern race question, made up of representatives of eleven southern colleges, that "our object is to know the needs of the negro and sympathetically help him in every way that is possible for his good and our good. The commission was organized to make an impartial study of the race question from the standpoint of the negro's economic, hygienic, civic and moral betterment."

## AMERICAN COTTON SAFE

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—France, in a note to the U. S. State Department today, gave assurance that she would not interfere in any manner with American cotton shipments either to belligerents or to neutral countries.

## TRADE ACTIVITY IN NORWAY INCREASED BY EUROPE'S WAR

Indications Point to Period of Unusual Prosperity—Authorities Deny Reports.

CHRISTIANIA, Norway, Dec. 16.—In this metropolis and in the smaller cities in this part of Norway, there is on the surface nothing to suggest that trade or industry is affected adversely by the great war. On the contrary it looks like a period of unusual prosperity and industrial activity, that is, for Norway. That which in Norway is called work we in America would call rest, Norwegian bustle and profound excitement would in Minneapolis be regarded as a profound calm. They will not believe it, but really, everything over here is pretty slow. One American visiting Christiania a couple of years ago claimed to have gathered the impression that in busy times the busy business men came down to their business for an hour every day, while the men in public office had office hours from 2:30 to 3:00 in the afternoon every other Wednesday.

## Public Favors Great Britain.

It needs but a short stay in Norway to satisfy even the casual observer that public opinion now is overwhelmingly friendly to Great Britain as against Germany. The country is carefully neutral in every public utterance, but the common talk of the streets and in the lounging places is most like that heard in London. There is in Christiania a little Anglican church, hidden away in one of the poorer quarters of the city off Moellegaten. It excites no comment when the king and queen attend the services in that church, in which special prayer is offered for success to British arms, as they did last Sunday. They are very democratic. They marched into the church with the rest of the congregation and took their seats on one of the front benches with whatever plebians happened to be sitting there. The congregation did, however, rise and remain standing while the king and queen walked down the aisle.

All other sporting journals suspended and thus far only the "Auto" and "Sporting" have resumed. Meanwhile new publications, born of the war—chronological, historical and photographic, are appearing almost every day.

The O. R. W. & N. has spent \$4,300,000 on its Malheur County extension to the North Bank of Harney Lake.

Yamhill County has appropriated \$15,000 for the Tillamook road west.

Symphony Concert, Thursday, December 17th, Lemanski's Theater.

Symphony Concert, Reserved seats on sale at the "Candy Nook," Lemanski's Theater.

## Real Christmas Cheer Means Shop Early-Shop Now!

YOU'LL make the clerks in the stores where you shop more cheerful if you shop early. It makes things easier for them.

YOU'LL be more cheerful when Santa Claus fills the stockings on Christmas eve and more cheerful when the presents are passed around on Christmas morning if you shop early.

SHOP EARLY, and when you do shop, be cheerful.

## Practical Christmas Gifts

There is nothing that gives so much joy to the recipient of a Christmas gift as to find that the gift is a practical one that will give service as well as beauty.

Among the many useful articles in our stock for Christmas gifts are Mackinaws for men, for boys and for girls.

For boys and girls the sizes in stock are 30, 32 and 34. They are the latest Norfolk styles and in a blue mixture. They are priced at \$5.00. Those in the Blue and Red plaids are priced at \$6.00.

For men, the Blue and Red Plaid are priced at \$7.50, the Brown and Red Plaid at \$7.50 and those in the Blue and Gray mixture at \$6.00.

We have a fine line of coat sweaters for men, women, boys and girls, and the prices range from \$3.00 to \$6.00.

We have a fine line of slippers for men and the prices are \$1.50, \$1.65, \$1.85 and \$2.00.

These are only a few of the many practical gifts in our stock. Your Christmas shopping will not be complete unless you see them.

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We never blame the sorcerers when our charms are so powerless. We never blame the wizards when our potions are so tasteless. We never blame the druids when our rituals are so meaningless. We never blame the priests when our prayers are so insincere. We never blame the monks when our lives are so austere. We never blame the nuns when our habits are so tight. We never blame the bishops when our robes are so heavy. We never blame the cardinals when their hats are so tall. We never blame the popes when their thrones are so high. We never blame the emperors when their crowns are so heavy. We never blame the kings when their scepters are so long. We never blame the queens when their diadems are so heavy. We never blame the warriors when their spears are so long. We never blame the scholars when their books are so heavy. We never blame the artists when their brushes are so stiff. We never blame the scientists when their tools are so dull. 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