

INFORMATION

(855TH DAY OF 1917)
COMING EVENTS

Oregon Irrigation Congress, Portland, Jan. 27 to 30

WEATHER CONDITIONS
A moderate disturbance has moved inland from the North Pacific coast to the northern Rocky mountains and is producing heavy rain in the Northwest and British Columbia, the rainfall in Western Washington ranging from .94 to 1.14 inches. This movement has also brought winds of gale force along the Washington coast; maximum velocities of 56 south of Astoria and 58 east of Taholah Island occurred during the night. High pressure obtains over the coast and a state of calm exists. The weather is cooler in the interior southwest and the western portions of New York and Pennsylvania where light snow is falling. The weather is cooler in the interior southwest and the western portions of New York and Pennsylvania where light snow is falling. The weather is cooler in the interior southwest and the western portions of New York and Pennsylvania where light snow is falling.

TODAY'S FORECAST
Portland and vicinity: fair and cooler; Sunday fair; moderate westerly winds. Oregon: Tonight and Sunday fair; colder north portion; frost on the coast, colder east portion; fresh westerly wind.
T. FRANCIS DRAKE, Meteorologist.

OBSERVATIONS

STATIONS	Temp'ture				Precipitation
	Air	Surf	Wind	Max	
Baker, Or.	40	38	0	0	0
Bose, Idaho	44	40	0	0	0
Chicago, Ill.	36	30	0	0	0
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Galveston, Texas	64	58	0	0	0
Helena, Mont.	38	28	0	0	0
Jacksonville, Fla.	60	52	0	0	0
Kansas City, Mo.	38	30	0	0	0
Los Angeles, Cal.	68	52	0	0	0
Marshall, Or.	48	42	0	0	0
Minneapolis, Minn.	26	18	0	0	0
Portland, Or.	48	42	0	0	0
New York City	44	34	0	0	0
San Francisco, Cal.	58	52	0	0	0
Seattle, Wash.	48	42	0	0	0
Tampa, Fla.	68	58	0	0	0
Walla Walla, W. Va.	38	34	0	0	0
Washington, D. C.	30	22	0	0	0

TOWN TOPICS

Christmas Art Exhibit—The Christmas exhibition is now open at the Museum of Art. The exhibit consists of paintings after the great masters who painted the Christmas subjects from the larger part of the exhibit, arranged with greens, dandies and drapes. The special features are the Crucifix, the manger scenes by the art students, and, in addition, a "Nativity," an "Adoration" and a "Flight into Egypt" made by the children of the art school after the fresco by Giotto, now in the Arena chapel, Padua. The Christmas talks will be given on the following days: At 3 o'clock Sunday, Wednesday, Sunday, December 24, and New Year's day. The Museum will be open from Monday and on Christmas day, but will be open on all other days, as usual; week days, 9 to 5 o'clock; Sundays and New Year's day, 10 to 5 o'clock; Tuesday the afternoons of Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Portland Freight Agents Elect—At a meeting of the Portland Freight Agents' Association in session in the headquarters of the local agent for the North Pacific Lines, was elected president for the coming year. Those officers elected were: E. Smith of the Southern Pacific company, vice president; J. B. Glover of the O-W-R & N. company, secretary; treasurer, W. H. Lelure, R. A. Martin and W. S. Bean, executive committee. The organization includes representatives from the rail and express lines in the Portland territory and has for its purpose the promoting of greater efficiency.

Fathers of Soldiers Organize—The Fathers of Soldiers organization, "The Old Saltors" became a permanent organization at a largely attended meeting held at the library Friday night. As indicated by the name the society will be made up of the fathers of Oregon boys enlisted in the United States service. The following temporary officers were elected: Sanfield Macdonald, president; Tom Ward, secretary; J. J. Murphy, Professor E. Williams and Samuel White, publicity committee to confer with the State Council of Defense on cooperation work.

Empty Bottle Near Body—The body of a man found dead in a pool of water near East Madison street between First and Second streets, yesterday morning, was identified last night by Deputy Coroner Smith as that of Edward Wittner, about 50 years old, who had been employed as janitor in an apartment house at Grand avenue and Belmont street and died apparently from due to acute alcoholism. An empty bottle that had contained bay rum was found near the body.

Health Board Elects—At an adjourned annual meeting of the Oregon state board of health Friday, officers were elected for the coming year. The board placed the state laboratory at the disposal of any organization requiring bacteriological service and voted approval of the California program as a war measure. This program consists of a more stringent application of regulations covering communicable disease in cooperation with all societies working for the betterment of the public health.

Drills Are Postponed—During the holidays the three companies of Oregon State Guards will not meet at the armory for drill. The first drill night will be Monday, January 7. Major Richard Deich, commanding the battalion, will hold one or more meetings of the officers and staff to arrange for the issuance of uniforms and supplies, and for other matters, as he will order, before that date.

Pillow Cases Wanted—Pillow cases are wanted by the government for the soldiers. Calls for bids on 10,000 were received this morning by the Chamber of Commerce from the depot quartermaster at Fort Mason, San Francisco, and the chamber was asked to distribute them among Portland businessmen. The pillow cases must be 30 inches long, 20 inches wide, with a hem at top or opening, and sewed with best six cord. Each case must weigh 4 1/4 ounces.

Consider the "Webster"—Smokers of fine Havana cigars have known our "Webster" to be the highest grade obtainable. Awarded the Grand Prize at San Francisco in 1916. We carry this famous cigar in a variety of sizes. Boxes of 25 and 50. Prompt delivery anywhere in the city. Sig Sichel & Co. Two stores; 347 Washington, between Broadway and Park, and 92 Third street—(Adv.)

Victor Brandt Resting Easily—Victor Brandt of the Carlton hotel, who was injured while in the elevator of the hotel Thursday, is resting easily at the Good Samaritan hospital. The attending physician is now confident that the badly crushed leg will heal and that amputation as was first feared, will not have to be resorted to.

Two More Join Navy—Two Portland young men recently joining the navy are Eugene K. Oppenheimer and Fred Kriba. Oppenheimer is a young attorney and has been with the Davis & Farrell

THOMAS B. KAY WILL STUDY FLAX MAKING AT TONAWANDA, N. Y.

Will Try to Go Soon After First of Year as Chamber Representative.

"The appointment of State Treasurer Thomas B. Kay as the representative of the Chamber of Commerce in an investigation of the Starling flax manufacturing process at North Tonawanda, New York, is gratifying to all who are interested in the future of the Oregon flax industry," said Dr. E. A. Pierce, chairman of the chamber's flax committee, yesterday.

Mr. Kay has assured the Chamber of Commerce that he will endeavor to make the investigation soon after the first of the year. When he was first asked to report on the commercial feasibility of the Starling process and the capacity of the machines which Mr. Starling has invented it was expected that the mill at Sellwood, formerly built for mohar manufacture, might be secured for flax manufacture. W. D. Dodson, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, says the chamber is an industry important to the future of Oregon may depend upon his investigation and that consequently he will be performing a greater service for the state by going to New York than by remaining at his office in Salem.

J. Sidney Starling, inventor of the process under consideration, spent several months in Portland and is convinced that Oregon can produce flax as fine as that grown in Belgium and that the climatic conditions for flax manufacturing are equal to Ireland's. Mr. Starling has produced flax from flax without the customary retting process.

Hotel Janitor Dies At County Hospital

Charles L. Knox, janitor at the Byron hotel, died at the county hospital yesterday. He was taken from the hotel Thursday, unconscious, following what is believed to have been an attack of apoplexy. He is survived by three sons, one a soldier in France, one an employe of a steel company, a third in school at Fairview. The body is being held by Deputy Coroner Smith until relatives can be located.

law firm. He is a member of the Hunt club and Multnomah club. He is a grandson of Mrs. N. Loeb. Mr. Oppenheimer and Mr. Kriba left Monday night for San Diego to go into training.

Civil Service Examinations—The United States civil service commission announces open competitive examinations on January 8 for ceramic engineer, scientific assistant in public health and glove inspector in the quartermaster corps. Salaries range from \$1200 to \$2700 per year. Further information can be obtained from M. K. Wigton, Postoffice building, Portland.

Columbia River Highway Stage—Two round trips, Multnomah Falls to Portland daily. Leave Multnomah Falls 7:30 a. m. and 1:10 p. m.; leave St. Charles hotel, Portland, 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. Saturday and Sunday. Leaving Multnomah Falls 6:30 p. m. and Portland 11 p. m.

McKee Under Knife—E. D. McKee, clerk of the federal court in Portland from 1895 to 1908, who has been confined in his room at the Seward hotel for a few weeks, was taken to St. Vincent's hospital Tuesday where he underwent an operation. Hospital reports this morning indicated that his condition is improving.

Sunday Evening Open Forum—"The State Council of Defense" will be the subject of an address by Bruce Dennis, this Sunday, 7:45 p. m., at the Maritime chapel, Broadway between Yamhill and Taylor. Solo, Mrs. Hathaway, Public welcome.—Adv.

Testaments for Soldiers—The soldiers at American Lake will receive 3000 New Testaments at Christmas through the efforts of the Knights of Columbus, headed by Archbishop Christie. The order was placed Friday.

British Red Cross Society Sale of remainder of articles left over at the British section of bazaar, Saturday evening, K. P. hall, Eleventh and Alder. Proceeds go to bazaar fund. All interested invited to attend.—Adv.

Steamer Jesse Barkins for Carnas, Waboulog and way landings daily, except Sunday; leaves Washington street dock at 2 p. m. (Adv.)

Steamer Italia for St. Helens and Rainier, daily at 2:30 p. m. foot of Alder street; Sunday, St. Helens only, 1:30 p. m. (Adv.)

Answer Lett to E. J. Adams T. Paer Hit With New Idea

By Ralph Watson
"Come in, come in," T. Paer yelled, lowering his feet from the side of the fireplace and elevating his voice to carry through the front door. "Open the door; don't be afraid."

"Good evening," said T. Paer, cheerfully, advancing into the sitting room in answer to the summons. "Mrs. D. is out of town, so I thought I would just drop in for a minute or two."

"Supper's over," said T. Paer, hunting for a match. "You oughtn't to get peevish," T. Paer admonished. "Mr. Adams is a very pleasant gentleman. T. Paer replied, 'but this is the slightest of T. Paer's reply, 'but where did he learn to pave highways?'"

"Why," T. Paer informed him, "he used to be prominent in Michigan politics, this was speaking of the house back there once or twice."

"That qualifies him as an expert," T. Paer agreed. "Politics, like Hell, is paved with good intentions before elections, and repaired with broken promises, afterwards."

Interests Are in Florence
"Speaking of promises," T. Paer said, "E. J. tells me that the governor tells him that he intends to reappoint him for another term when his present term expires next March."

"He ought to get it finished if he gets four more years on the highway commission," T. Paer commented.
"Get what finished?" T. Paer asked.
"The highway from Eugene to Florence," T. Paer responded.

"Is he particularly interested in that highway?" T. Paer asked.
"Not particularly in the highway," T. Paer replied. "His interests are in Florence."

"I thought Mr. Adams was a married man," said Mr. Paer in a scandalized voice, as she came in from the kitchen. "Florence, my dear Mrs. Paer, T. Paer explained, 'is not a pretty woman, but a beautiful town down by the sea, garlanded with wreaths of rhododendron and kissed by the placid rays of the setting sun. It is...'"

Visitor's Evening Spoiled
"Full of town lots," supplemented T. Paer, as the speaker hesitated for the next word.
"You always spoil the picture," Ma chided her life companion. "I could just see the sun dancing on the waves and kissing the church steeples, and—"

"And the 'For Sale' sign," T. Paer finished.
"I think I had better be going," said T. Paer, lifting himself reluctantly out of Ma's chair.
"Don't hurry away," said T. Paer, "we're liable to have a pleasant evening yet."

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LAND FRAUDERS ARE SENTENCED AFTER ONE PLEADS FOR ANOTHER

W. H. Hollowell Gets 13 Months on "Island"; W. F. Lick Guest of County.

Sentence was passed by Judge Bean in federal court yesterday upon W. H. Hollowell of Seattle and W. F. Lick of Helena, Mont., convicted of using the mails to defraud in the Canadian conspiracy case, in which the Oregon-California railroad land grant was involved. Hollowell was sentenced to 13 months in the federal prison on McNelis island and Lick to three months in the county jail at Eugene.

An unexpected and dramatic feature of the session was the plea, made by Hollowell in behalf of Lick. Hollowell urged that the entire blame and, if possible, the entire punishment be placed entirely on himself. He wanted to testify that Lick, being a man without education or knowledge of law, had taken orders from him and obeyed them without any thought of wrong doing.

Judge T. J. Cleaton, representing Lick, likewise advanced this plea, with the addition that as Lick's three sons and two sons-in-law had all enlisted in their father's army, the entire support of their families devolved on this one man.

United States Attorney Clarence L. Reames laid special stress on the fact that never in the history of these cases had the charge of the taxpayers in the hands of the defendants in this or former trials to find out from government officials if the lands were open to entry.

150 WOODEN SHIPS IN 1918 OREGON'S AIM
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early dependent on the amount of timber the camps and mills can supply. O. M. Clark, speaking for the mills, said an estimate of 141,000,000 feet of ship timbers, with additional help to be expected from valley mills, is reasonable. He predicted that Oregon will build 25 to 33 1-3 per cent more wooden ships than Puget Sound. While the mills of Puget Sound are being organized, he explained, the Oregon logs yield a greater percentage of ship timbers.

Organization Is Suggested
William Pigott, the Seattle business man and shipbuilder, who called the Puget Sound builders together last Sunday night, then invited to Chairman Hurley a Puget Sound pledge of 400,000 tons of wooden and 600,000 tons of steel vessels, admitted that Oregon can build more edown ships than Puget Sound. He said that a local record 3 1-3 per cent greater than Puget Sound may be expected, and he promised to buy Mr. Clark either a suit of clothes or an automobile if his record is made.

H. B. Van Duser of the Inman-Poulsen mill said it should be possible to organize the milling industry greatly to increase the output of ship timbers. A large amount of lumber for shipbuilding should come from the Tillamook line, in addition to other districts mentioned, he said.

Mr. Pigott told how he had visited a number of the local yards and had been astonished at their clear evidence of efficiency and capacity. He advised the organization of an Oregon wood shipbuilders' association to deal direct with the shipping board. Chairman Hurley, he declared, is possessed of but one idea.

Red' Rupert Waives His Examination
Clyde G. Rupert, known familiarly as "Red," charged with stealing \$2400 in bonds from the Northwest National bank where he was employed as a guard, appeared with his attorneys before United States Commissioner Charles M. Jones yesterday and waived preliminary hearing.

First Presbyterian Church
Twelfth and Alder Streets
REV. JOHN H. BOYD, D. D.
10:30 A. M.
"THE ADVENT OF CHRIST AND THE DUTY OF THE PRESENT HOUR."
7:30 P. M.
"THE CHRISTMAS HOPE OF A WORLD AT PEACE."
Musical Features: Orchestra with Great Organ, String Quartet.

The Last Minute
Our stores will remain open all day Sunday. Postoffice building, Portland.

The only evidence of the flood at Portland, north of the city, is the fact that some of the houses are still under water. With the river going down a few inches more, however, most of the docks will be fully covered. The water never reached some of the higher docks.

Wells Gilbert has informed the county commissioners that he is likely to file a suit for damages caused by his residence, contents and grounds at Riverwood because the county in its road construction did not provide for the proper relief of Elk creek in its attempts to reach the Willamette river last Wednesday. He calls attention to other alleged faulty drainage construction in the vicinity.

School district No. 1 has leased from Multnomah county 12 rooms in the courthouse at a rental of \$2100 a year.

Sanderson Road intimates that the roadmaster's office is trifling with him in promising to restore conditions at his place on the Linnton road known as Wildwood Springs. He wants immediate action and alleges dangerous conditions on the road because of neglect to comply with agreements made.

Twenty janitors of the courthouse and county buildings have respectfully petitioned for an increase in their wages to \$52.50. A watchman and an elevator operator join with them. General high cost of living is alleged to be responsible for the request.

British experts have estimated the world's production of copper last year at 1,800,000 metric tons, of which credit is given the United States for 650,000 tons.

Medford Man Amuck; Slashes at Stranger

John W. Reese Goes in Search of Liquor and Attacks Householder Who Denies His Requests.

John W. Reese, an employe of the Hammond Lumber company at Medford, went in search of booze on the East Side Friday night and got into the home of Julian Mariano at 373 1/2 East Third street. When Mariano protested that he had no liquor and tried to put the Medford man out, Reese drew a knife and slashed Mariano a couple of times over the head.

He then fled, and forced his way into a house at 385 East Third street, where the police, summoned by Mariano, found him. Motorcycle Patrolman Freiburg and Nelson covered Reese with their guns until he dropped his knife, and then took him to headquarters, where he was booked for assault with a dangerous weapon and held in \$1000 bail.

German Dream Near An End, Says Bishop

The dream of world conquest is about over, says the boys in olive drab will take it out and bury it, and it will never be resurrected, declared Matthew Simpson Hughes, resident bishop of Oregon for the Methodist Episcopal church in an address at a meeting at the Auditorium, Friday night. The

American Shipbuilding Name	Yard	Ships	No. of Ways	No. Ways Can Build
Columbia Engineering Works	Warrenton	None	2	4 more
Linnton Shipbuilding and Dry Dock	Linnton	2	3	2 more
Fennell & Bremer	Marshallfield	4	4	No more
Foundation company	North Portland	10	10	No more
Tillamook Shipbuilding company	Tillamook	None	1	No more
International Shipbuilding company	Foot Ball street	None	1	4 more
Kern	Foot Ball street	1	1	No more
Krus & Backus	Foot Ball street	1	1	2 more
McEachern company	Astoria	6	6	No more
Panama Shipbuilding company	Foot McKenna	None	None	3 more
Sumner Bros. company	Astoria	4	4	No more
St. Helens Shipbuilding company	St. Helens	4	4	2 more
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G. M. Standifer company	Vancouver	6	6	No more
Wheeler & Ballou	Foot East Oak st.	4	4	No more

Represented at the meeting in the Chamber of Commerce were the American Shipbuilding company of Warrenton, Columbia Engineering Works of Linnton, Fenney & Bremer of Tillamook, International Shipbuilding company of Columbia City, Kieran & Kern of Portland, Oceanic Shipbuilding company of Milwaukie, G. M. Standifer Construction company of Portland and Vancouver, and Supple & Ballin.

Workers Busy at Eugene
Eugene, Dec. 21.—All indications point to a Red Cross membership of more than 1000 in Lane county, though the teams have not all reported. There is splendid enthusiasm, business men, pastors, teachers and others being out making speaking campaigns. Workers in Red Cross uniforms are stationed at the Southern Pacific and Oregon Electric depots, and outgoing and incoming travelers are canvassed unless they wear Red Cross buttons.

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Rev. Joshua Stansfield, D.D. will preach on the above topic Sunday, Dec. 23, 7:30.

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