

JAMES UPTON SAYS NO FRICTION WITH GOVERNOR EXISTS

Head of Oregon Irrigation Congress Says, However, Executive Did Not Consult Body.

MEETINGS WILL CONFLICT

Irrigationists and Reconstruction Conference to Be Held in Portland With Similar Objects.

Portland, Dec. 28.—Rumors of friction between the governor and the Oregon irrigation congress were set at naught today by James H. Upton, president of the Oregon irrigation congress, while attending a meeting of the Central Oregon delegates to the eighth annual irrigation congress convention, which has been called for January 9-11 in Portland.

The Oregon irrigation congress has become a permanent institution and four lines of general development of the large arid and unsettled sections of the state of Oregon.

"In a row with the governor?" said Mr. Upton, "I should have no opinion."

Congress Not Consulted

"It is true that the governor has called a convention to meet in Portland on the same dates as the Oregon irrigation congress, and to meet in another part of the city, to consider the reconstruction policy of the state of Oregon. It is also true that he did not consult the congress as to any possibility of interference or conflict with our program, although on it will appear to men of national repute and the congress will to a large extent consider the question which the governor is trying to solve, nor has he invited any of the representatives of the congress to participate in the discussions.

"So far as I can see, there need be no friction and should be, no conflict and I hope the delegates to the congress will make it a point to give the governor's meeting the same courtesy, especially in view of the fact that the Oregon irrigation congress, through its officers, originated and gave the first impetus to the plan to reclaim the lands of the state as homes for the returning soldiers.

Aid Promised Governor

"The Oregon irrigation congress has done as much as any one civic organization to secure the development of the state of Oregon, and the governor could have complimented it as an organization by inviting us to set aside at least a part of our time to attend the convention he has called, but I can say for the Oregon irrigation congress that if he develops any sane, practical plan of reconstruction he will find the irrigationists behind it.

"I am sorry that anyone should have started the idea that there is any friction. The need of caring for our soldier heroes and developing the great state of Oregon is too big to allow the lapses of any one man or set of men to withhold from the people what can only be achieved by united action."

Eugene Woman's Son Dies in Rest Camp; Wounded in Alsace

Eugene, Dec. 28.—Sergeant Jerome E. Woodson, who enlisted from Portland with company E, 163d infantry, is dead in a rest camp in France after having been wounded during the spring drive when the Rainbow division was fighting in Alsace-Lorraine. His illness was contracted while at an American rest camp at West Winchester, England. Word of his death was today received in Eugene by his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Harrison, 362 Fourteenth avenue west.

Sergeant Woodson enlisted in Portland when 17 years of age and served with his company when it was called to the Mexican border. He was in France about one year. He is survived by his mother.

Eugene Pioneer Dies

Eugene, Dec. 28.—Lycurgus Davis, who, with a team of oxen crossed the plains and came to Lane county in 1842, died Friday night of pneumonia after having been wounded during the spring drive when the Rainbow division was fighting in Alsace-Lorraine. His illness was contracted while at an American rest camp at West Winchester, England. Word of his death was today received in Eugene by his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Harrison, 362 Fourteenth avenue west.

Umatilla County Men in Thick of Battle in France

Portland, Dec. 28.—Four Umatilla county men are being held as prisoners of war among the casualties in the last fighting in France. One of these died of wounds, one is missing and thought to have been killed and two are slightly wounded.

Thomas C. Baker died of wounds, as reported from Washington October 18. The last letters received from him by relatives at Pilot Rock were dated October 28, and it is thought there is some mistake in the date given of his death. He was a graduate of the Pendleton high school, in the class of 1916. He enlisted in 1917, and landed in France Christmas day a year ago.

THREE PORTLAND HEROES ARE HONORED



Left to right—Major Sereno E. Brett of the Tank Corps; Private Ernest C. Kyle of the 116th ambulance company; Captain Karl J. Swenson of the Medical corps.

Distinguished service crosses have been awarded to three Portland men for acts of extraordinary heroism during the war, Major Sereno E. Brett, Captain Karl J. Swenson and Private Ernest C. Kyle.

Major Brett of the tank corps was decorated for extraordinary heroism in action near Richecourt, France, September 12. On the opening day of the St. Mihiel offensive, Major Brett led his battalion on foot from Richecourt to the Bois de la Reserve in the face of heavy machine gun and artillery fire, by his coolness and courage setting an example to the entire battalion.

Kyle Carried In Wounded

Major Brett is the son of James Brett, 575 East Stark street, and sister to Mrs. E. Rolston. He was graduated from the Oregon Agricultural college in 1916, enlisted with the Third

Oregon and went with it to the Mexican border. Upon the outbreak of the war he took examination for a commission at San Diego, and in November, 1917, received the rank of second lieutenant while at Covallie. He crossed over with General Pershing and, since arriving in Europe, has rapidly been promoted.

Private Ernest C. Kyle, 116th ambulance company, was decorated for extraordinary heroism in action near Haumont, France, October 11. As a stretcher bearer, he gave proof of great courage and high sense of duty by helping transport a wounded soldier to a dressing station under heavy enemy fire, by which three other stretcher bearers were killed or seriously wounded.

Swenson's Acts Numerous

Private Kyle entered the service last March, from the Northwest Steel company, by which he was employed. He

went to Houston, Texas, where he took an aviation training course, was stationed at several aviation fields, until July 1, when he sailed for overseas.

Captain Swenson of the medical corps, 316th sanitary train, is the husband of Mrs. Maude E. Swenson of Beaverton. He was decorated for repeated acts of extraordinary heroism in action near Very, France, September 23 to October 4 and near Audenderde, Belgium, October 30 to November 3. During the drive in the Argonne forest, Captain Swenson established and maintained a dressing station at Very under almost constant aerial raids and severe shell fire. During the operations between the Lys and the Scheldt rivers, he repeatedly showed utter disregard for his own life, maintaining liaison between his own advanced dressing station and the battalion aid stations and searching for wounded men in the face of enemy machine gun and snipers.

COL. MARKS ADVANCES ADJUTANT SANDERS TO RANK OF MAJOR

Lieutenant Riggs Misses Chance to Go to France and Returns to Albany Practice.

Albany, Dec. 28.—Regimental Adjutant George E. Sanders has been promoted from the rank of captain to that of major by orders published today by Colonel Willard L. Marks, who is in command of the Second regiment of the Oregon Home Guard. Major Sanders is an experienced officer and has risen from the rank of sergeant to that of major since the organization of the home guard, following the mobilization of the Oregon National Guard.

High School Teacher Dies

Albany, Dec. 28.—Miss Bertha Golden, a teacher in the Junior high school, died yesterday in Brownsville while visiting the home of her mother, Mrs. J. H. Golden. She left Albany last Friday, apparently in good health, but contracted influenza, from which pneumonia developed. Miss Golden had taught in the schools of Linn county for the past 15 years. She assumed her position in the Albany schools only a few months ago, but had come to be regarded as one of the most capable teachers in the city.

Eastern Star Elects

Albany, Dec. 28.—Mrs. G. T. Hockenmuth was elected worthy matron of Barzillai chapter No. 16 Order of the Eastern Star, Junior Order of the Mothers' Meeting, at the annual election held this week. The other elective officers were: Mrs. Alton Coates, associate matron; Mrs. J. G. Lewelling, conductress; Mrs. R. T. Kelly, associate conductress; Mrs. I. S. Vanvinkle, secretary; Mrs. John R. Penland, treasurer.

Hoquiam Woman Is Guest of Honor at Vancouver Affair

Vancouver, Wash., Dec. 28.—Mrs. Gilbert Daniels entertained yesterday afternoon for Mrs. Frank Dye in her apartments in Franklin Court. Mrs. Dye is the wife of Dr. Frank Dye of Hoquiam and is visiting in Dr. Dye's parents' home here.

Sailor Takes Bride

Oregon City, Dec. 28.—A license was issued by the county clerk's office Saturday to Edith F. Gundlach, aged 20, 233 Thirteenth street, Portland, and Mark Kullison, a petty officer in the navy, aged 38. The couple were united in marriage by Circuit Court Judge J. H. Campbell in his office, in the presence of a few witnesses, among them being Henrietta Wilds, a friend of the bride, from Portland.

31 Ask for Citizenship

Oregon City, Dec. 28.—Monday will be naturalization day in the circuit court, at which time the petitions of 31 foreign born residents will be heard, 21 of them being natives of Germany and eight of Austria, and consequently alien enemies, and one of England and the other of Switzerland.

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More Than Million Slated for Early Return to Homes

Washington, Dec. 28.—(U. P.)—Men slated for early discharge from camps and overseas units number 1,065,239. Actual discharges in the United States camps now number 533,334 men and 35,409 officers.

Organization Handled All Drives and Enabled District to Make 100 Per Cent Showing.

Chief-Staff March made public these facts today, at the same time revealing that the following generals have been designated for the Distinguished Service medal: Crowder, protest marshal general; Black, chief of engineers; Goethals, director of purchases, storage and traffic; Gorgas, ex-surgeon general; Hines, embarkation chief; Jervey, director of operations.

UMATILLA COUNTY IS PLEASED WITH GOOD ROADS STATEMENT

State and County to Improve Long Stretch Through Umatilla and Morrow Counties.

Pendleton, Or., Dec. 28.—With the adoption by the state highway commission of the highway building plans for 1919, and the decision for the expenditure of a large sum in graveling roads in the west end of Umatilla county and through Morrow county, M. O. Bennett, state engineer for eastern Oregon, is taking up the matter of selecting the permanent location for the road. He is now going over the engineering work in connection with this, and it is expected the state will be ready to let contracts for graveling some time in February.

Two Accused of Slacking

The Red Cross work parlor had an average Saturday night of about 40 ladies, who contributed great quantities of bandages and other material for our boys over there, and deserve great credit for their patient and untiring work.

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WASHOUGAL MINUTE MEN MAKE REPORTS ON WAR ACTIVITIES

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Washougal's organization of minute men has just made a report of its activities in the various war drives which it has managed during the year, and taking pride in accomplishing a 100 per cent showing in each instance.

Showing Is 100 Per Cent

The chairman of this organization wishes to congratulate the people of Washougal on the length of the honor roll in the following drives, which were 100 per cent successful:

Red Cross drive \$1,200
Second bond drive \$7,000 15,000
Third bond drive 15,000 25,000
War Stamp drive 15,000 21,000
Syr. and Arm. drive 25 48,000
United War Work 1,100 1,600

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BONUS AND BEER CONDITIONS PROMISED EMPLOYEES OF MILL

Oregon City Workers Enjoy Banquet by Management and Hear Good News.

Oregon City, Dec. 28.—Seated at four tables each nearly 75 feet in length, in the cutting room of the garment department, more than 450 employees of the Oregon City Manufacturing company, better known as the woolen mills, were given a banquet tonight at 5:30 o'clock that will serve as a memorable occasion for the mill workers.

After the huge gathering had assembled at their places "America" was sung, following which the dinner was served under the direction of J. J. Tobin of the Electric Light plant.

During the dinner Santa Claus personally went among the employees distributing toys for all. At each table were beautiful souvenir programs, embossed with the name of the employee.

The president of the company further announced that, beginning with the new year, each and every employee was to receive a bonus for his service according to his length of service. The months' steady employment, 2 1/2 per cent on his or her earnings; one year, 5 per cent; two years, 7 1/2 per cent; three years, 10 per cent, and five years, 15 per cent.

President Jacobs took occasion to thank his hundreds of employees for their cooperation and loyalty, and to point out what had been accomplished through such efforts and that greater things might be attained as well as greater prosperity come to all. He was followed by John Collier, superintendent of the plant; H. F. Tschirg, manager of the garment department; and Henry Woorich, sales manager, each of whom gave pleasing talks, the latter telling particularly of the problems met with during the year.

George Eggman Funeral

Oregon City, Dec. 28.—The funeral of the late George Eggman, who passed away Thursday morning in the Good Samaritan hospital in Portland from pneumonia, was held at 2 o'clock from the First Baptist church, Rev. W. T. Milliken, the pastor, officiating. Interment will be made in Mountain view cemetery, under the direction of Holman & Pace.

Mrs. Flora J. Hissey and Child Laid to Rest; Father Unable to Come to Funeral.

Mrs. Flora J. Hissey, wife of Sergeant F. J. Hissey, who is now in France with the American army, was buried the day after Christmas with her infant daughter, who had died three hours after the mother on December 14. Influenza took both.

W. R. Whitney

Forest Grove, Dec. 28.—W. R. Whitney died here Thursday after an illness of several weeks from Bright's disease. Mr. Whitney was born in Jefferson county, New York, November 14, 1843, and came to Oregon in 1888. He was a Civil war veteran, enlisting at the age of 17 years and serving until the close of the war. He was married to Martha J. Hines in 1870.

Mrs. Lottie J. Smith

Mrs. Lottie J. Smith of Aloha died at the Sallowood hospital Friday following a lingering illness. She was 48 years old and the wife of Frederick E. Smith, until recently a resident of Montavilla. The funeral will be held Monday at 2 p. m. at the Montavilla Christian church, with burial at Mount Scott cemetery. Her husband and daughter, Mrs. Floyd W. Jones, survive. Mrs. Smith was active in the affairs of the Neighbors of Woodcraft and of the Montavilla church.

Harold Cammack Reed

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Facets Serious Charge

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PORTLAND NURSE HAD SUCCESSFUL CAREER



Miss Mary J. Weitzel

After a successful career as a trained nurse, and just as she was to leave for overseas service with the Red Cross, Miss Mary J. Weitzel was stricken with influenza and died on December 20. She was ill 13 days, and was taken with the disease while nursing a case of influenza in Portland. At the time of her death she was living with her sister, Mrs. L. Thompson of 123 North Twenty-first street.

She was buried in Riverview cemetery on December 23, Rev. Hiram Gould of the Mount Tabor Methodist Episcopal church officiating.

Miss Weitzel was highly respected by the Portland physicians with whom she had worked, and was graduated from the Good Samaritan hospital and was for two years superintendent of the Sunnyside Sanitarium at Sunnyside, Wash. She entered the Red Cross nurse corps last spring and was to have been sent to France when the influenza epidemic came on and she was needed to help in Portland. She is survived by three sisters and three brothers and her father, who lives in Portland.

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Deschutes County Adopts Farm Bureau Plan; Drive Started

Redmond, Dec. 28.—To adopt paid membership in the farm bureau, the executive committee and the community chairman of the Deschutes county farm bureau met in executive session in the county agent's office here Friday and adopted the constitution and by-laws for the paid membership of the organization.

RESTRAINING ORDER IN KLAMATH COURT HOUSE DISPUTE IS DISSOLVED

Defendants Fail to Appear; Building Is Now Approximately 90 Per Cent Finished.

Klamath Falls, Dec. 28.—Circuit Judge F. M. Calkins of Medford Friday dissolved the injunction issued July 11 restraining the present Klamath county court from making or entering orders of any kind relating to the construction of a new kind finished courthouse building on block 10, Hot Springs addition, or from harassing, interfering with or in any way impeding J. M. Dougan, company contractor, in completing the new courthouse building on block 35 of Klamath Falls.

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The injunction was issued by Judge Calkins in an action by the county against the Dougan company, E. E. McClure, architect, and County Clerk C. R. Delap for the return of approximately \$41,000 paid from county funds as installments on the contract for the construction of the courthouse building on block 35, which is now about 90 per cent finished and which will be ready for occupancy about February 1. Judge Calkins had set December 24 as the date for the return of the money, but the injunction was not dissolved and the dissolution was ordered because no appearance was made by the defendants or cause shown.

Central Oregon Irrigationists Hold Convention

Redmond, Dec. 28.—Central Oregon irrigation subcongress convened at Redmond yesterday with 150 delegates present from 20 accredited organizations all over Central Oregon. Bend, Prineville, Redmond, Madras, Culver, Opal City, Lewis and Clark, Tulelake, Terrebonne, Bend Farmers' union, Deschutes county farm bureau, Powell Butte and other localities were represented.

Wounds Prove Fatal

Pendleton, Dec. 28.—Newly been received here of the death from wounds of Robert F. Ingalls, a Pendleton man. As far as can be learned here he received his wounds in the fighting of the famous "Lost Battalion" when Lieutenant Colonel Whitney gave the historic answer "Go to hell," when called upon by the Germans to surrender.

Canadian Will Try To Fly Across Ocean

Montreal, Que., Dec. 28.—(I. N. S.)—Lieutenant Colonel C. R. Colishaw, Canada's second greatest aviator, who downed 60 enemy planes, will attempt to cross the Atlantic in a Handley-Page machine next April, he announced today. Colonel Colishaw states that he will be accompanied in the flight by two pilots and a wireless operator. He expresses the belief that the flight can be made within 24 hours after starting.

Raymond Barbur Visits

Oregon City, Dec. 28.—Raymond L. Barbur, a former well known young man of Oregon City and at one time connected with the local telephone office as chief lineman, is renewing acquaintances in the city, having come from Bremerton, Wash., where he has been in the naval service for nearly two years in the radio department.

Shipyard Worker Proves Fireproof

Bristol, Penn., Dec. 28.—(I. N. S.)—Daniel Sweeney, a shipyard employe, is fireproof. Sweeney went to sleep in a bunkhouse with a lighted cigarette in his mouth. A few minutes later some of his companions noticed smoke issuing from his room. Sweeney was found sleeping peacefully with the bedding ablaze and his vest burned off. He did not suffer a burn. He was arrested and held until he could pay for the cost of the bed.

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