

POULTRY SHOW OPENED AND BIG 'CONCERT' BEGINS

Fowls of Fine Breed Are Entered
From Many Sections; Classes
Shown Are Greatly Admired.

The basement of The Auditorium has been since dawn today resounding with the crows and cackles of a chorus of poultry voices, entries in the Western Winter show. The symphony outdoors even that of the famous barn-yard scene of King Chanticleer, with the White Leghorns carrying the soprano melody, the Rhode Island Reds and Barred Rocks supplying a tuneful baritone with their lusty deep notes, and the Black Orpingtons and Brahmahs, the heavy breeds, completing the "Barber shop" with their intermitted base notes.

Among the many entries are birds from Montana, North Dakota, and even as far east as Chicago, who have been traveling for several days in heated cars with porter and dinner service.

BIRDS COME FROM AFAR

Incidentally, the birds shipped from the farthest and coldest sections come through in better shape than those coming from the Willamette Valley and near-by sections, many of the latter having arrived with combs frozen.

F. A. Grace of Clatsop National park has the largest entry of Black Orpingtons in the show, having brought his birds all the way from Chicago, where they have recently been entered in the Coliseum show, the big poultry event of that section of the country. The Portland show is the official show of the Northwest Black Orpington club.

C. S. Whitmore, secretary of the Western Winter show, states that the Rhode Island Red cockerels and Rhode Island Red pullets constitute the largest class of this breed ever shown in Portland. "This is the official show of the western division of the Rhode Island Red Club of America," said Whitmore, "which brought in entries from all over the west to compete for the largest cash prizes ever offered by the association."

EGG SHOW FEATURE

U. L. Upson of the Oregon Poultry Producers' association, in speaking of the egg show, an important part of the Western Winter show, says this is the first event of its kind ever taking place in the Northwest, with more than 100 entries.

The Oregon Poultry Producers' association is the first commercial organization to put out a trade mark stamped egg, and as proof of the results which poultrymen are obtaining through the high standards of breeding now being adopted generally, Oregon leads in the number of eggs per fowl produced in any section of the United States.

PORTA STAYS BY HIS PREDICTION OF STORM

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tion of a bunch of planets will have the effect of concentrating all the planetary forces against the sun. Thus, goaded to reprisal, the sun would develop huge spots, which spots the professor asserts may be expected to cause caliginous weather disturbances on the earth.

In this instance the earth is the innocent bystander, who, as usual, is to "get it in the neck."

December 17 is the date scheduled by the professor as the time when all these celestial bickerings are to reach their crisis.

Other scientists assert that the theory of earthly destruction, which has followed Porta's announcement, is rank fallacy, inasmuch as the same conjunction of planets must have taken place dozens of times since the world began in the ordinary course of motion around the various orbits.

Many people, however, are inclined to credit the story, which was given some prominence several weeks ago, and several business undertakings have been held in abeyance in Portland until after the crucial day has passed.

This is the theory upon which the prophecy is based.

Between December 17 and December 20 all the planets of the solar system save the earth will be in an approximate straight line, and all will be on one side of the sun save Uranus. Uranus is in the same general line, but some hundreds of millions of miles beyond the sun.

All the combined "pull" which these planets exert, therefore, would be in a direct line, just as tug-of-war team would pull on the same rope. The same forces that hold the planets to their courses would in this instance be pulling against the sun, with Uranus pulling in the opposite direction.

Professor Porta insisted that the new configuration of the heavens would result in sunspots which would cause terrific weather disturbances on the earth. His forecast was not cataclysmic. Being a meteorologist, his concern was only meteorological, but since his discovery of the positions of the heavenly bodies other scientists have been scanning the skies. Astronomers have been doing so and their findings have not

SMALL HOPE AHEAD FOR 'WET' SPELL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—(U. P.)—Treaty ratification before January 16 or repeal of the wartime prohibition law are considered the last hopes of the wets for a lid lifting before constitutional prohibition becomes operative.

Senator Morris Sheppard of Texas, dry leader, declared there is no possibility of the law being repealed. House leaders agree with him.

Ratification of the treaty in time to give holders of huge liquor stocks opportunity to sell them also is out of the question, it was agreed.

been alarming. Astrologers have tele-scoped as well, but their findings have been disagreeing.

One writer on the subject styles the present heavenly conflict one between learning and superstition—"learning" referring to the astronomers.

It will be interesting to watch the skies in the early morning, astronomers say, although the full effect of the planetary alignment cannot be seen, at least observation. Venus is the most brilliant of the planets, rising three hours ahead of the sun and remaining in magnificent view until the sun gets high enough to blot out its light.

Mars, which rises at 1 a. m., will be further up in the heavens and Jupiter will be sparkling in the west. Saturn will be seen not far from Jupiter. Although Mercury will rise about an hour ahead of the sun, it probably will not be visible because of the haze near the horizon. Neptune will be so far away that it cannot be seen with the naked eye.

Many scientists pool-pool the Fort theory that this planetary arrangement will cause sunspots, declaring that the spots hitherto observed have been caused by internal disorders and recur in periods.

Astrologers, who teach that the stars exert benign or sinister influences upon the human race, have uttered the prediction that this configuration of the heavens is responsible for the strikes, social unrest, waves of crime and other human troubles. Some scare-mongers have also deduced that the destruction of the world is at hand.

PROPHESIED TIDAL WAVE IS DISCUSSED IN TILLAMOOK

Tillamook, Dec. 16.—How high will the tidal wave be prophesied for December 17?

Wise, seafaring men of Tillamook are speculating on this question. Many say there is nothing in the prophecy, but others believe in "safety first" and are preparing convenient packs of several days' provisions that they may take hurried departures for high places.

Estimates of the tidal wave place the height at from 25 to 75 feet. The lesser figure would put the city under several feet of water, the higher one would cover the Tillamook hotel.

DEALER IS ACCUSED OF ADVERTISING IN AN ILLEGAL MANNER

Warrant Issued by Rossman on
Complaint of Agents of the
Better Business Bureau.

A warrant charging the use of deceptive and misleading advertising was issued this morning by Municipal Judge Rossman for E. H. Blank and F. Blank upon complaint of Charles W. English of the Better Business Bureau of the Portland Ad club. The complaint states that the Blanks advertised a woman's coat for sale at the reduced rate of \$37.50, when the coat was not worth that price. The complaint involves the Advance Apparel shop, the Factory Sample shop, Blanks' Sample shop and Globe Sample shop. English stated this morning that he has repeatedly warned Blank and has endeavored to secure cooperation.

"We have handled over 1600 such cases through the bureau," English stated, "but this is only the sixth case where we have come to court. Recently Blank advertised an expensive gown for sale and when customers arrived he did not have any such gown for sale, but tried to drive another bargain." The case will be tried Wednesday in the municipal court.

F. Blank, proprietor of the stores under fire of the better business bureau, declared this morning that he believed English actuated by a spirit of revenge because of Blank's resignation from the Ad club.

In all our advertising we announce that we have refunded money within three days," Blank asserted today. "It looks to me as if English were using his position as that of a district attorney. If he is thus misusing his office, I certainly shall seek redress."

CARASROPHE IS THREATENED WITH DELAY OF TREATY

Crash in Europe Would Have
Adverse Effect on American
Industry; Compromise Urged.

By David Lawrence

Washington, Dec. 16.—President Wilson himself dictated the statement issued at the White House as to "the highest authority" to the effect that he had no move of compromise or concession in mind with reference to the status of the treaty of peace.

Senator Lodge, Republican leader, has insisted that HE WOULD NOT TAKE THE INITIATIVE. Each side blames and holds the other responsible. On the surface this may seem like confirmation of the fears of a permanent deadlock between the executive and legislative branches of the government, but there are other factors and forces of sufficient influence and strength to bring about a compromise.

In the first place, foreign governments have let it be known that some of the reservations will be accepted.

PUBLIC IS IMPATIENT

In the second place, Democrats and Republicans who are not themselves actually suffering from the delay in their respective leaders are free to go ahead and map out a compromise.

And, in the third place, the American public is unquestionably impatient that something be done to clear up the confused status of America's relations with Europe as a consequence of the war.

The time is passing when approval or disapproval of President Wilson's statement will do any good. It would take the supreme court of the United States many months to fix the exact responsibility for the delay in the peace treaty if the whole case were taken into consideration from the day President Wilson went abroad without taking along representative Republicans to the night when the Democratic side offered the olive branch and resolutions of compromise and the Republican majority refused to permit even a vote to be taken on some of these proposals, but adjourned congress in a huff, and down to the statement issued by the president.

Each side is carefully reposing the same on the heads of his opposition.

EUROPE REACHES CRISIS

Who is responsible is of relatively less importance today than what can be done to relieve the suffering of Europe and to avert a financial and commercial catastrophe on the other side of the ocean which might conceivably have its effect in shutting down American factories and retrenchment of concern dependent for their income on foreign trade.

Big business and little business is pushing hard for ratification and nothing has caused so much favorable comment since the treaty fight began than the big page advertisement issued by the New York Chamber of Commerce pleading with both sides in the controversy to get together and ratify the treaty in some form.

President Wilson's move is the logical expression of his conviction that the treaty is still before the senate for approval or rejection.

BOTH ARE TOO PROUD

The senate leaders in the president's judgment can revive the treaty by a majority vote. He is too proud to take the initiative in begging the senate for a compromise. Senator Lodge is too proud to do the same. Clearly the leadership on both the Democratic and Republican sides of the senate would seem to be in danger. For Senator Oscar Underwood, leading Democrat, wants compromise. The so-called mild reservationists among the Republicans, led by Senator Lenroot of Wisconsin, could effect a compromise.

Outside of the White House are many persons in the administration who want a compromise on the peace treaty. By a compromise they do not mean amendments that would vitally impair the league or the peace treaty, but clauses which would clarify and make explicit the obligations of the United States. But nobody inside the administration dares to take the risk of negotiations with the senate for fear of presidential reprisals.

CLUES DEMONSTRATED

So the inevitable outcome will be a move in the senate on the part of the friends of the treaty, both Republicans and Democrats, who can arrange a compromise and take the initiative and relieve both the president and Senator Lodge of the embarrassments resulting from the positions to which they have committed themselves.

It is a sorry commentary on representative government, with the whole country anxious for something to be done and the party leaders on both sides insisting that some doves or machine should come along and solve the situation and save the faces of all concerned.

The coal strike offered an analogous situation. There was a rift in the cabinet. Meanwhile the country suffered. Finally somebody took the initiative and brought about a compromise.

ENTIRE WORLD WAITS

Just now the whole world is affected by the delay in defining clearly America's international relations and the opportunity to do something constructive is before the great number of Republicans and Democratic senators who care more about their country than they do pride of their leaders. A split in the Democratic ranks is predicted on every side. A split in Republican ranks has been in evidence ever since Senators Borah and Johnson and Knox and their group of eight set out to kill the treaty entirely.

So far as party disadvantage is concerned, a break away from the party leaders in an effort to save the situation with a great deal of comfort and advantage to an uneasy world. That, in substance, is the view which many senators are privately expressing, and if they could get up enough courage to put their private convictions into public action, the day of compromise on the peace treaty, which is bound to come, would be brought immeasurably nearer.

Until both Senator Lodge and the president would be compelled to recede from their positions and accept the changes made by their respective colleagues.

Dry Law Breakers Fined

Three violators of the prohibition law were hit hard by Municipal Judge Rossman Monday afternoon. Alex O. Gross and George Masch were fined \$100 each and Bob Ratch was fined \$50. Gross and Masch were charged with maintaining a nuisance. Edward Gagin was fined \$25 for having a bottle of liquor in his possession.

EARLY DAY RESIDENT OF CLARKE COUNTY IS DEAD

James Wilson

Vancouver, Wash., Dec. 16.—James Wilson, who crossed the plains with his bride to this district with an emigrant train in 1875, died at his home near Camas Friday. He resided on the homestead in 1880, on which he died. He had been ill about two years. His wife and four children, Arthur, William and Alonzo, resided with him. Mr. Wilson was born in Indiana in 1849.

An interesting sidelight on pioneer life is furnished by the positions of the emigrant train in 1875 in attempting to reach Vancouver, Wash. Three days were consumed in crossing the sloughs to the bank of the Columbia, where he was forced to wait two days for a ferry.

More Than 600 Cars Short on
O-W. System Alone; Other
Lines Are Affected.

Continued car shortage is the greatest handicap facing the lumber industry of Oregon and Washington, according to officials of the West Coast Lumbermen's association. Records in the office of the O-W. R. & N. lines today show a shortage of more than 600 cars on that system alone. Other transcontinental lines are similarly affected and there are more than 14,000 cars of unshipped lumber on the books of the lumber mills of Western Oregon and Western Washington.

An embargo on all shipments of freight over the lines of the O-W. R. & N. and Northern Pacific was announced by the railroad trustees Monday morning, the only exceptions being fuel, perishables, livestock and foodstuffs.

According to advices in the hands of the association, the embargo was imposed on the yards of Eastern roads, but no apparent effort is being made to move them to Northwestern territory.

A meeting of the West Coast Lumbermen's association was held at the Portland hotel Friday, and the car situation will be discussed from every angle. Strong appeals are being made by lumber manufacturers, dealers and consumers to members of congress and officials of the railroad administration for relief.

PEACE IS DUE BY YULETIDE, PREDICTION

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council took up the question of assistance for Austria. The decision was reached that American aid was absolutely necessary if Austria were to be saved from famine.

After Chancellor Renner had addressed the council in behalf of Austria, the council considered means for sending 30,000 tons of wheat to Trieste immediately. Renner asked that a regular food supply program for Austria be drawn up for the ensuing year to permit this country to resume "normal life."

In addressing the council, Renner expressed the desire to have created a Danubian confederation, to consist of Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia.

To maintain Austria's territorial integrity, the council reached a decision to prevent separation of Vorarlberg from that country.

(Vorarlberg was the westernmost district of the former dual monarchy of Austria-Hungary.)

LIBERTY

LAST TIMES TODAY
"The Gay Old Dog"

Always MURTAGH and our \$50,000 ORGAN

STARTING TOMORROW FOR THREE DAYS ONLY

Another BIG Northland Story

MITCHELL LEWIS

"The LAST OF HIS PEOPLE"

MAN WHO WROTE ARTICLES AGAINST LUCAS TESTIFIES

New Evidence Is Introduced by
Defense to Suit for \$50,000
Libel Against Local Paper.

Reviewing the history of the connection of Dr. Alzamon Ira Lucas with the Multnomah county juvenile court and other public agencies, Arthur Caylor, Winnipeg, Canada, news writer, occupied the witness stand in Circuit Judge Tucker's court this morning testifying against Lucas in his \$50,000 libel suit against the Portland Evening Telegram.

Caylor, formerly a Telegram news writer, wrote most of the alleged slanderous stories about Lucas which resulted in the present suit. The sources of Caylor's information and his objects were investigated by Nels Jacobsen, attorney for Lucas.

Admitting that when he referred to Lucas and wrote: "But kick you on the shin! Never!" he had in mind the statement that a negro cannot be pained by blows, Caylor testified that he was to the special statement that caused Lucas to start his suit. Previously Caylor had admitted conferring upon Lucas the degree of V. D., meaning "voodoo doctor."

A "flood" of evidence came to Caylor against Lucas when he was carrying on the campaign against the self-styled psychoanalyst and vocational guide, the newspaper man testified.

He referred to Lucas' effort to secure by public subscription through the Oregon Sportsmen's league a fund for the benefit of Mrs. O. N. Denny, wife of Judge Denny, who introduced the China pheasant into Oregon. When the league discovered a provision in the petitions providing that the collections should be turned over to Lucas the petitions were recalled and altered, according to Caylor.

The Lucas-Telegram suit is in its second week before the jury in Judge Tucker's court and is attracting much attention.

ALLEGATION OF FRAUD IS MADE

Portland & Southeastern Railroad Co.
Is Involved as Defendant.

Charges of fraud surround the organization of the Portland & Southeastern Railway company as the result of the presentation in circuit court on Monday afternoon of a suit sponsored by H. S. Huson, vice president, in which the appointment of a receiver is demanded pending an accounting.

Huson says Michael Lynott, president and promoter of the railway company, and co-defendant with the company and its officers, is chargeable with fraud as a result of placing excessive valuation on his stock. Huson declares the company is on paper only, and makes the allegation that on the board of directors are "dummies" representing Lynott.

He asks for an order restraining Lynott from disposing of his stocks, and that the capitalization of the concern be reduced to a reasonable basis. Huson would have the stock, when properly reduced, distributed equitably among those who have claims against the company. He values the services he has given, and for which he has received no compensation, at \$20,000.

When organized, the company planned to lay track between Salem and Stayton, Or., but gave up the idea in favor of construction between Bend and Mount Angel, Or.

DAMAGES OF \$15,000 BEING ASKED

Man Sues on Grounds of Alienation of Wife's Affections.

The alleged "clandestine, malicious and unlawful arts, words and acts" of Philip L. Linn will cost him \$15,000 if C. J. Bruzas is successful in the prosecution of the suit for damages he filed this morning in the Multnomah county circuit court.

Bruzas, who declared he was married to Mae Penell Bruzas on April 24, 1906, accuses Linn of alienating his wife's affections in a course of alleged mischievous activity.

Democrats to Meet

Stevens, Wash., Dec. 15.—George F. Christensen of this city, chairman of the Democratic state central committee, has issued a call for a meeting of the state central committee in Seattle, February 23, at which will be decided the time and place of holding the state convention.

Glass Enters Senate January 2

Washington, Dec. 16.—(U. P.)—Secretary of the Treasury Glass announced today he would take his seat as senator from Virginia on the reconvening of congress January 2, after the Christmas recess.

Three Are Injured By Slipping Down On Icy Sidewalks

Three men are in Portland hospitals today as the result of slipping and falling on the icy sidewalks. Tom Griffin, a second street, fell and was knocked unconscious while walking along Third street at Pine. Griffin is at St. Vincent's hospital, suffering a badly cut lip and probable fracture of the skull.

William Schiele of Maupin suffered severe cuts on the lower lip and chin when he fell on the sidewalk near the Union station. He was taken to the emergency hospital, where he regained consciousness.

An aged man named Caldwell is in the emergency hospital, suffering a "bad" internal injury and a bruise. He is believed that Caldwell, who has not recovered enough to establish his identity, is an inmate of the Mann Home at Twenty-second street and Sandy boulevard.

SUICIDE POSSIBILITY LOOMS IN DEFENSE IN MURDER HEARING

New Angle in Defense Suddenly
Appears in Case Against
Harry S. New Jr.

By W. Boyd Gatewood
Los Angeles, Dec. 16.—(U. N. S.)—The suicide possibility of defense developed dramatically this afternoon and overshadowed, temporarily at least, the previous contention of insanity when Harry S. New Jr., alleged son of United States Senator New of Indiana, went on trial today for murder before Superior Judge Gavin W. Craig.

New is accused of killing his sweet-heart, Freda Lesmer, 19, formerly a Birmingham, Ala. high school girl, on the night of the Fourth of July, last.

Examination of venereal disease called for the trial indicated that New's attorneys intended to be prepared to submit the probable suicide of the girl as a means of combat introduction by the prosecution of New's commission of the murder.

Successful in that proof of the corpus delicti, or establishment of proof of death caused by New, would be blocked. Heretofore New's counsel stressed the contention of the defendant's insanity as their chief bulwark of defense. The development of the suicide angle fell as a complete surprise.

During the impaneling of the venire for examination four women called as prospective jurors were excused because of scrupulous return of a verdict which might mean the death penalty for New. Two others remained in the jury box to submit to further questioning. They did not oppose capital punishment, they said.

Klamath Falls Fire Does Big Damage

Klamath Falls, Dec. 16.—The White Pelican garage burned Monday morning. The loss was more than \$50,000. The fire started from thawing water pipes.

SALE OF STRAND FORMALLY CLOSED; \$125,000 IS PAID

Seattle Interests Which Buy
Portland Playhouse Announce
That Repairs Are to Be Made.

As announced exclusively in The Journal one week ago today, the Strand theatre has been sold to Seattle interests, represented by J. Aronson, a capitalist, and Miesha Guterson, orchestra leader, who has been playing at the Clemmer theatre, Seattle, and who has had some experience in handling films. His most noticeable success having been with the "Mickey" feature, which he brought to Portland after "cleaning up" on it in Seattle.

With Aronson and Guterson, others interested in the transaction are W. H. Butchart, merchant; Frank Hayley and Carl Crowson, attorneys. The transaction represents a cash consideration of \$125,000, those represented on the selling end being S. Morton Cohn, Fred Langerman, owner of the New Grand theatre; Gun Metager, formerly manager of the Universal Film company branch in Portland; H. Y. Freedman, David Freedman and Harry S. Freedman, all of Portland.

Marshall Taylor, who came recently from the Clammer at Seattle to manage the Peoples theatre, will be the new manager of the Strand, succeeding W. B. Armstrong.

The Strand will be closed soon for about three weeks while repairs and alterations are being made. It is planned to increase the seating capacity of the house from about 1800 to 1500 or 1800. It is planned to change the name of the house, too, probably to the "Rivolt."

All contracts with producing companies, as well as a six year lease on the present property, on Stark, between Park and West Park, are included in the sale.

Marvin C. White represented the buyers in the transaction and Leon C. Butler, manager of the F. E. Taylor company, acted for the former owners. The theatre is located on the north side of Washington street, between Park and West Park in a building owned by the Farrell estate and held on a seven year lease by the Strand corporation.

Cold Wave Brings Holidays at O. A. C.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Dec. 16.—The college Monday closed its doors until after the holidays. Due to the freezing of all water pipes in the present property, on Stark, between Park and West Park, the college was notified late in the afternoon that they would also be excused from the final examinations, though they will not be permitted to leave the campus until they have registered for the second term.

Meat Believed to Be Contaminated Barred From City

Steps were taken this morning to safeguard the people of Portland from eating meat that might be contaminated, by the issuance of orders by Dr. George Parrish, city health officer, preventing Schlusser Bros. packing house in North Portland from sending any meat into the city. Parrish's action follows a public announcement of the finding of a bacillus in the water used on the killing floor.

"I have no authority to close the plant because it is outside the city limits," asserted Dr. Parrish. "I issue orders preventing meat coming into the city simply to safeguard the people. I still believe water used at the plant is contaminated."

Dr. David N. Roberg, state health officer, announced Monday night that he would take definite action following the analysis to be made by his bureau within a few days.

Dr. E. E. Chase, chief meat inspector of the city health bureau, took a sample of the water August 12. Former City Bacteriologist Pernot examined the water and found that it contained color and bacilli. A second sample taken August 14 was contaminated also, it was found. County Physician Cliff advised Dr. Roberg August 23 that his findings corroborated those made by the city health bureau. On September 17 County Health Officer Hesse collected a sample of the water which was free from germs.

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Roast Veal	20c
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Hamburger Steak	15c
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Veal Stew	15c
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