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SOLDIERS AT MONTESANO

Yesterday, the sheriff of the county was quoted as having said that there was no reason for federal troops to be brought to Montesano.

Today he stated that he had received evidence from the prosecutors and the sheriff's office which seemed to justify the presence of troops.

The news reports are that the jurors yesterday morning were marched past the tents where they had a full view of the contingent of soldiers brought to Montesano on account of the trial.

The soldiers were sent for by the attorneys for the prosecution. They do not make public their explanations of why they made the request.

There is enough in the case against the murderers of the Armistice day victims at Centralia. The presentation of the facts in which four young men were shot down in cold blood after deliberation and preliminary planning is sufficient indictment.

If it shall turn out that the call for the soldiers was to make a setting with which to prejudice the jury, it will constitute an insult to the trial court and to the American judiciary.

The last place in the world to array the military is about a court house or a legislative hall. Huerta did that in Mexico. That was the resort of kings in times when human liberty was dead.

CARRYING THE TIDINGS

A NEW YORK judge, a Boston civic leader and a Buffalo manufacturer are but three of many who offer tribute to the vivid charm of Frank Branch Riley's lectures on the majestic scenery of the "International Pacific Northwest."

lication of views that one having thus heard of them, ever afterward years to see. There is nothing in the pamphlet to indicate whether public or private funds paid for its publication and distribution, but it does contain the irrefutable testimony of individuals and newspapers that Mr. Riley is doing a lasting work of good for the Pacific Northwest.

TO CURB SKULDUGGERY

A DIVIDED session of the legislature was suggested by Senator Pierce at yesterday's Press club luncheon, as a corrective of hidden jokers, secret manipulation and thimblebripping by crooked legislative members.

There would be, under the plan, a 35 to 40 days' session during which all bills would be brought to the point where they would be ready for final passage.

There would be full opportunity for wide publicity. There would be discussion by the newspapers and the people, and in that discussion hidden jokers or bad provisions would come to light.

After this interim of adjournment, the legislature would again convene for a five or 10 days session. The sole business of the closing session would be the passage of bills as framed and finished at the preliminary session.

The object of the plan is to give all the people a chance to know what the legislation is before it is finally passed. Thus, the "midnight resolution" went through the legislature at 3 o'clock in the morning, a few minutes before final adjournment of the 1915 session and it was not until two or three months after, that what was in the infamous measure was known to the public or even to members except the limited few who manipulated its passage.

At the late special session the notorious "straight vote" skulduggery was purposely held back until the closing hours in order that it might be rammed through when members were too weary and worn with their labors to think straight or offer serious opposition.

Indeed crooked work in the legislature is always done in secret to be discovered afterward, and it is the melancholy experience that there are always enough crooked men in a legislature to fool or force the more numerous honest members into the passage of crooked legislation.

Most of those who heard Senator Pierce explain the plan at yesterday's luncheon expressed themselves as heartily in favor of it.

OUR SWEET TOOTH

HAVING been classed with the profiteers in their unresponsiveness to the public's censorious complaints that their business consumes over much sugar and hustles the price upward, the candy makers of the country have at last emerged through their National Confectioners' association with a "tain't so" propaganda.

The craving for "something sweet" is nature's call for carbohydrates which supply fuel for the human engine and which is acceptably supplied in the form of candy.

And this, which is more ponderous: Authoritative statistical information shows that our total sugar consumption for the year 1919 was about 4,000,000 tons. Of this amount, 20 per cent, or approximately 2,800,000 tons, was consumed in the households and only 30 per cent, approximately 1,200,000 tons, was used for all manufacturing purposes, including canned fruits and vegetables, bakery products, condensed milk, ice cream, soft drinks, and candy manufacture.

WOMEN AND RAILROADS

THROUGHOUT the country will return to private owners on March 1 there is no sign that the women who were called into railroad service during the period of government control will return to their homes.

from the bottom to the top of the ladder of railroad success as quickly as he. This is rather unusual testimony in view of the fact that women are believed to be functionally deficient in the mechanics of figuring and under the physical necessity of enjoying at least one month's vacation a year.

On October 1, 1918, more women were employed by railroads than at any time before or since. The number subsequently has decreased 20 per cent, but even now, upon the eve of the resumption of private operation, two and a half times as many women are in railroad employment as were before the war.

At the peak of women's employment there were 101,785 engaged in various railroad activities, and this number had dropped to 81,803 at the latest count.

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HELPING A CAUSE

MILTON J. ANDERSON, a union labor man, declared in an address at the Portland Press club luncheon yesterday that the unit of production has increased 100 per cent in the Standifer shipyard since December 1, and that it was done through the instrumentality of union labor.

In general, union labor has the most expert workmen. It is within the possibilities of the organization, by concerted purpose, to lift the unit of production. Whenever, as is said to have been done at the Standifer yard, union workers prove that they make a specialty of efficiency, prove that the largest unit of production is to be achieved through unionism, their cause will gain tremendous impetus.

But whether true or false, many employers are now charging that unionism tends to lower the unit of production. They claim that it is the policy to adjust the unit of production to that yielded by the slowest and most inefficient man.

Whatever the facts this is fundamental: That the world is seeking efficiency. In every line of work, whether in the big industries, in the shops or on the farms, men are wanted who will make the best showing, whether it be at hammering iron, managing a farm or reducing the cost of production in a great industrial establishment.

Schwab rose to headship from a grocer's clerk and delivery boy. A former newsboy is now governor of the mighty state of New York. Hoover was an orphan lad. McAdoo was a poverty stricken village boy. They rose because the world calls for efficiency. It is the inexorable rule—and no force can change it—efficient men are sought and inefficient are not sought.

In such a status the densest mind must realize that the showing by the Standifer union men is the true process, and that, applied universally, it would give tremendous impetus to the union worker's cause.

SUCKER LISTS

ONE of the most valuable assets of a "get rich quick" scheme is what is known as the "sucker list." This list is made up of the names of people who it is thought will be attracted by the glittering promises of big profits. It is gathered by various agencies and contains the names of those who have been known to have fallen for "good investments" in the past as well as those who are an unknown quantity.

Taking this list, which is politely called a customer list, as a basis, the promoter begins his operations by mailing to each person thereon his attractive literature.

unsatisfying information that, 40 years ago, the dinner which would now cost him \$15.86 could be placed upon the table for 25 cents. The dinner was a ham and two turkeys were to be had at 25 cents each, nuts 20 cents the bushel—not the pound—and butter at 10 cents the pound. Fruits and vegetables were common.

Successful Chicken Man's Figures Prove That Business Pays

J. A. Hanson of Corvallis Shows What Can Be Done in a Few Years on Few Acres. Do chickens pay? Chickens will pay if they are raised as a business enterprise and not as a side issue that in times of stress must give way to more important work.

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Overcrowding and Flu

Portland, Feb. 22.—To the Editor of the Journal—While attending one of the shows here in the city, I noticed the ever existing feature of overcrowding was particularly in evidence, and to the extent that every seat in the hall was filled with waiting men and women. This glaring menace to the city's health is definitely repeated each night by many show houses, and creates a very bad situation.

In times past overcrowded theatres have been channel houses, when fire or fright animated the helpless patrons; and yet, in spite of the flu and in the face of the health possibilities in case of fire or panic, we continue senselessly to permit this trifling with precious lives—and why?

Protests Tax Increase

Portland, Feb. 24.—To the Editor of the Journal—Having just received my tax bill for 1919, I am compelled to pay about \$70 in taxes for a small house, bought by installment, not yet paid for in full, costing me, with interest, principal paid, repairing, painting, etc., about \$1,200. I have a small business, and my net income for the year is about \$1,000. I am a taxpayer, and I am protesting against this increase.

Elucidation Desired

Portland, Feb. 19.—To the Editor of the Journal—This morning I saw in the paper a card which appeared in typewritten form the following: Leonard Wood Republican Club of Oregon, 602 Corbett Building, Portland, Or., Feb. 19, 1920.

Don't Miss It. Second banquet at Benson Hotel, Crystal room, next Saturday evening, Feb. 20, 1920. Speakers, music, wonderful dinner, all for \$1.25.

The "Spoon of Life" and the "Ginger Man" and the "Pop Shooter" will all be there, and you will enjoy every minute of it. Blame no one except yourself if you miss the "Stunt Show" ever pulled off since Heck was a pup.

Letters From the People

Communications sent to the Journal for publication should be addressed to the Editor, 1000 Commercial Street, Portland, Oregon. Only one side of the paper should be used. All communications should be accompanied by a return address. The Editor reserves the right to edit and to use all material published in the Journal.

Believes Mexico the Motive

Aberdeen, Wash., Feb. 20.—To the Editor of the Journal—The article in your issue of Feb. 19, 1920, regarding the treatment of our illustrious president—the only president who ever put forth a decided effort for the common people at large, is a most interesting and timely one.

wondered that that speaker was not knocked off his perch with a rock. I am a laboring man myself. I talk with laboring men and I know it is time for Americans to wake up while they dare assert their rights. If these traitors had power the result would be too horrible to think of.

Rainfall Records in Portland

Portland, Feb. 23.—To the Editor of the Journal—I contented myself with 150 days' consecutive rain in Portland between 1891 and 1897. Am I right or wrong? E. J. H.

Portland, Feb. 23.—To the Editor of the Journal—Please publish in the Journal what year Sunday will next come on February 23. I would appreciate a sketch of the life of Fanny Crosby. MRS. LYDIA BARBOCK.

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Called to San Francisco to discuss changes in the Southern Pacific system's personnel in Portland, John M. Scott, general passenger agent, and H. J. Hinshaw, general freight agent, of the Southern Pacific line in Oregon, departed for the South Wednesday night.

W. C. Valentine, A. E. Abbott and W. A. Luddington, residents of Myrtle Creek, Or., found accommodations at the Portland hotel in spite of the crowds, and among the attractions at the hotel was a automobile show thing of much interest.

Speaking of prunes, Polk county refuses to play second fiddle to any spot on earth, even including the famous Santa Clara valley of California, where prunes are said to have given way, from the standpoint of quality, before the Oregon variety.

On the accelerator, to keep in sight of the camera, particularly during mid-June, last year. When a man goes from the state capitol to Portland in 40 minutes, and then travels from Portland to Albany in 71 minutes, from Albany to Cottage Grove in 16 minutes, on to Roseburg in 45 minutes, thence to Grants Pass in 42 minutes, and is at Ashland 37 minutes later, he is certainly going some.

Curious Bits of Information For the Curious

Following a summary of events in Governor Olcott's record as governor, Mr. Lockley recapitulates his distinguished subject's record as an actor.

In England, in the days when beer was cheaper than it is now, it sometimes served to mix mortar, which was supposed to enhance the durability of the buildings where it was used.

Olden Oregon

Wagon Route Through Cascades Was Object of Early Quest. One of the problems of the first settlement in Oregon was to find a wagon road across the Cascade mountains between Eastern Oregon and the Willamette valley in order to avoid the perils and hardships of the trip down the Columbia and the trail around Mount Hood.

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE

It looks as though Oregon has already put the "ex" in Poinsett. Do you know enough to be a postmaster in Portland—or do you want to be? While the paper shortage is so acute we suggest that the Court read the Record be suspended and that motion picture press agents be suppressed.

It is very nice of the weather man to forecast so much light rain or snow, though with 22 degrees we know very well which it will be, if either. "Father, come hurry!" "What's the matter, mother?" "Something's wrong with Eddie. I asked him to study his history lesson and he went at it without a murmur."

A lumber operator says he plans to build a large sawmill near Vancouver, B. C., and to sell the lumber to the land and the presidential election, so we take it that the lumber operator really knows whether he's going to build or not.

MORE OR LESS PERSONAL

Random Observations About Town

Master builders from Northwestern cities, gathered here for their annual convention, are adding to the problem of finding housing for the guests of the automobile show and conventions. One visitor, denied a room at the Portland hotel Wednesday night, accepted or sleeping on a cot in the hotel assembly hall. Needless to say, the cot and assembly hall were chosen.

Walter M. Pierce, erstwhile candidate for several public offices, including that of governor, is at the Imperial, from whence his visit to the automobile show was not a difficult journey. Pierce's chief interest in the automobile show is not a difficult journey.

Pat Crowe, for many years a prominent resident of Heppner, reports the sale of his interests there and hereafter will reside in Portland. Crowe has joined forces with the Associated Engineering corporation of Portland and will make himself a party to the business advances of that organization.

Among the doctors whose titles precede their signatures at the hotels today are Dr. T. F. Foster of Astoria and Dr. A. E. Wrightman of Silverton. Both pleaded guilty to being attracted to Portland by the automobile show.

IMPRESSIONS AND OBSERVATIONS OF THE JOURNAL MAN

By Fred Lockley

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The official log shows the exact altitude at the various points en route. For example, between Astoria and Heppner, the highest point at which they flew varied from 6400 to 8400 feet. In addition to being straight across country flying with Colonel Watson, Governor Olcott died near Bend, in Crook county, where he spent the next year and a half.

Now, having got all these statistics and miscellaneous facts out of my system, and having told them as briefly as I can, I am going to close this column with my promise to Governor Olcott, that I will get myself into high and follow the governor's trail. As a matter of fact, one would have to get into high to give her all the judge she's got, and step the dog he received the reply that it had just passed the house on the dead end of the canyon, and that the dog on the run and never stopped until he got to the drug store, where it was found that the blast had injured one foot, took a little bit from his face, and jammed his eye up considerably. That night he was hunted up by his old friend Cy Roddick, who took him in and doctored him up.

A Dog Story From the Canyon City Eagle. Frank Jensen is mining on Canyon mountain. His partner and pal is a brindle brown, ordinary, every day common dog. He has a hard time to keep the dog out of the tunnel after a round of shots are fired. When the first shot is fired, the dog would rush into the tunnel if not watched. A few days ago he got by and when the first shot was fired, he rushed into the tunnel, went out, kept going, and when the second shot went off out of the tunnel came the dog on the dead run, and with all his hair sticking out in the opposite direction from which a dog usually wears it. He called to the dog, but in vain. The dog rushed down the hill, stopped at the cabin, for an instant, and then struck out for the canyon, and as Jensen phoned down the line to inquire about

The Oregon Country

Northwest Happenings in Brief Form for the Busy Reader

OREGON Lewis Jenkins, one of the earliest settlers of Eugene, is dead in that city, after a long illness. Work has begun on Manmouth's gravity water system, which will be ready for use by June 15. The state roll for Clatsop county totals \$1,618,782.65, the largest in the history of the county.

Farmers of Lane county are exercising their right of eminent domain of the gray-digger, a destructive farm pest. W. A. West, United States Indian agent, reports 14 deaths on the Kiama Indian reservation from influenza.

W. H. Council, a well known Milwaukee resident, has announced his candidacy for commissioner of Clackamas county. An apartment house is the latest proposition for Ontario, L. Hirsch promoting the building of the structure.

Douglas county holds the record so far for the number of acres licensed by the county, 1100 dogs bearing the county license. About 2,000 tons of cargo consigned to the Orient lies at the port terminals in Astoria without tonnage available to carry it away.

With dozens of calls for men to work on farms at good wages, there is no excuse for idleness in Salem, according to F. A. Tiedgen, for 10 years superintendent of the Marshfield schools, has engaged in family work to return to Michigan to engage in farming.

Paul Wapato, junior from Wenatchee, took first place in Willamette university oratorical contest in Astoria on a oration entitled "Americanization." A week's extension school, featuring domestic crops, domestic science and domestic art, was held at the Lincoln county fair bureau.

Shipments of apples from Hood River district to various points of destination, more than 250 cars, have been having rolled to points of destination. Seventy-six lives have been the death toll from influenza during February in Spokane.

William Nortum, aged 78, is dead at Walla Walla. He had been a resident of this city for 40 years. Sales of school farm lands in Washington during February have added \$207,402 to the school funds. Two new granges have been organized in the county, including Milo Houghner, state grange organizer.

Fire at Walla Walla did several hundred dollars' damage to the A. K. Dice building on Commercial street. Josiah Benfield, aged 72, and two members of his family died the same day of influenza from pneumonia.

For the first time in the history of Washington, the Tacoma municipal jury showed a profit for January of \$182,000. Mrs. Walter King of Puyallup was painfully burned when her skirts ignited while standing in front of a heated stove.

Applications for entry on alleged oil and gas lands in the Hanford district were received at the Yakima land office in large numbers. James Carter has been found guilty at Fort Angeles of criminal syndicalism, and sentenced to a year in prison in that county for that offense.

Men employed by the Utah-Idaho steamship company have leased more than 500 acres of land in the county for the purpose of raising sugar beets. The public service commission has ordered the permitting the Tacoma Gas & Electric company to raise gas rates approximately 25 per cent.

Dr. Jesse Edgington, for many years chief of the health department, has tendered his resignation and Dr. R. Anderson has been appointed to succeed him. Dr. R. J. Donohue, chief of the division of dairy and livestock in the state department of agriculture, has resigned to accept a position for the Carnation Farms company.

Work has commenced on a huge fruit storage building at Walla Walla, which when completed will hold 50,000 boxes of apples and other fruit. It will cost \$100,000.

IDAHO A post of the American Legion has been organized at Astoria. The state convention of the American Legion will be held at Twin Falls, April 7, 8 and 9.

The Boise-Payette Lumber company's mill at Payette has reopened for the spring season. For the first time in the history of Twin Falls county there is no a prisoner in the county jail.

Headquarters of the Idaho branch of the Leonard Wood league have been established at Sandpoint. The state convention of the American Legion in the state of Idaho has just been organized at Boise.

Abstract and title men of the state are particularly busy during the month of June. The Idaho State Automobile association has organized at Nampa. Stockholders of the Fern Quicksilver Mining company have voted to increase the capital stock from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000.

Joe Lemhard, a citizen of Nampa, attempted suicide by shooting himself. He refuses to give a cause for the act and still threatens to kill himself. The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company has received a contract for a contract of over \$20,000 in improving the service to Lewiston subscribers.

Two burglars who had broken into the home of Mrs. J. W. Jones at Estacada, a shepherd, following an altercation over a game of chance.

The Journal Has Ever Shown Faith in Ship Traffic by Its Works. The state department of local steamship lines was a matter of exhortation. Now it is a matter of fact.

Once the securing of outside steamship lines was not more substantial than a plea. Now the lines are extending service to the ports of the Columbia, and with assurance that more tonnage will be ferried than they have cargo capacity for.

The rapid development of actualities and plans related to steamship service is a proper subject of congratulation to the ports of the Columbia. It is to the Journal a most satisfactory spectacle. For almost the period of its publication this newspaper has been clear in its conviction that it is of little avail to supply port terminal facilities without ships.

It has done more than that. It has offered to subscribe \$5000 to an Alaskan line if locally organized. It offered to invest \$1000 in an Alaskan steamship line and was a substantial contributor to the experiment in Alaska service which was undertaken. It held ready another \$1000 for the aid of a Portland-Alaska line.

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The Parcel Post From the Chesham Enquirer. "My mail for me today," asked St. Medd-grass as he came into the Hickville postoffice. "Betcha," replied the postmaster, "there's a cream separator, a buggy top, a tractor radiator and a wagon tongue."

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