

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

Annual Meeting Tonight—The annual open meeting of the Women's Missionary circle of the First Baptist church will be held tonight at 8 o'clock at the church. The berean chapter of the World Wide guild will give a play entitled "The Pill Bottle." The public is invited.

Governor Olcott—And Secretary Kozer in the prize eating contest, now showing at the Liberty today and tomorrow. (adv.)

Social Time Enjoyed—Tuesday evening, "Church night" at Jason Lee Memorial, was enjoyed by a large company of members and friends, the men of the church acting as hosts. Rev. and Mrs. Blenkinsop contributed two numbers to the musical program and the games were heartily entered into by young and old.

Prize Eating Contest—Showing Governor Olcott and Secretary Kozer, now showing at the Liberty today and tomorrow. (adv.)

Missionary Meeting—The Women's Home Missionary society of the Jason Lee Memorial church will meet at the home of Mrs. C. M. Roberts, 1915 Shipping street this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. This will be the quarterly tea.

Want to Secure—A \$7000 and a \$1400 loan on first class ranch security. Socot-sky, 341 State street.

Alliance Meets Today—The alliance of the Unitarian Church will meet this afternoon at the home of Mr. C. S. Hamilton, 290 Front street.

Come in and Hear This—"Some Little Bird" is all that a song can be—a charming lyric—a melody beautiful to hear and easy to remember. It's a whistling song—a hitting, swaying, dancing song. Sold at Myrtle Knowland's, 415 Court. Phone 352.—(adv.)

Copper to Pendleton—Percy A. Copper, state engineer, left last night for Pendleton where he will meet with the Umatilla county court relative to re-adjustment of water rights in Umatilla county. Rights along the Umatilla river and also along the Walla Walla river in the Milton-Freewater district are to be investigated.

See Myrtle Knowland For—If it is a song hit Myrtle Knowland has it. "Some Little Bird" is making new friends every day. Come in at 415 Court and hear it.—(adv.)

Church Files Articles—Articles of incorporation were filed here yesterday by the church of the Nazarene at Tillamook, Ore. The incorporators are the trustees, A. N. Erselme, J. B. Honey, Clyde Kinnaman and B. E. King. The property valuation is \$3,000. A permit to operate in Oregon was issued to the Doty Lumber & Shingle company, a Washington corporation capitalized at \$200,000. E. J. Mersereau of Portland is named as attorney-in-fact for Oregon. Resolutions showing an increase from \$100,000 to \$250,000 were filed by the Charles R. McCormick Lumber Company of Portland, and by the Umpqua Savings & Loan association of Roseburg from \$200,000 to \$500,000.

Have You Heard—"Some Little Bird"? Being featured now by the "Dreamland Rink Orchestra." For sale by Myrtle Knowland's, 415 Court. Phone 352.—(adv.)

Final Account Filled—A final account of the estate of T. W. Dodson, an incompetent person, was filed yesterday in the

office of the county clerk, by the administratrix of the estate, Florence Webster.

"Some Little Bird"—Such a song hit doesn't occur once in ten years. Hear it, dance to it! Sold where all the latest hits are sold. Myrtle Knowland's, 415 Court. Phone 352.—(adv.)

High Makes Purchase—T. G. High has purchased the property on Marion and Liberty streets, belonging to the Joseph Kaiser estate, from the E. M. Pages, executor of the estate. Mr. High is having the building remodelled and arranged in apartments, for rent.

Income Tax Statements Prepared—Or examined. General accounting practice. G. Ed Ross, phone 2938-R.—Adv.

Settlement Papers Filed—Property settlement papers were filed yesterday in the circuit court in the case of Phoebe Ann Payne vs. Henry M. Payne, whose suit for divorce is pending.

Legal Blanks—Get them at The Statesman office. Catalog on application. (Ad)

Reeves Files Discharge—Marsdell E. Reeves filed an honorable discharge from the United States army in the office of the county clerk yesterday. Mr. Reeves enlisted August 7, 1918, and was discharged from service June 17, 1919.

A Classified Ad—Will bring you a buyer.

Rasmussen Injured—M. C. Rasmussen, 154 Broadway street, while crossing High street yesterday was knocked to the pavement by an automobile driven by R. R. Ratcliff, route 3. Mr. Ratcliff took the unfortunate man to a doctor for an examination. It was reported last night that his injuries were not serious though his body was bruised by the fall.

Auto Radiator Repairing—Modern equipment, prompt expert service. Nelson Bros., 355-359 Chemeketa St.—Adv.

Reisbeck Case Continued—Charged with assault with a dangerous weapon, Oliver Reisbeck of this city, scheduled for a hearing before Judge G. E. Unruh yesterday morning was granted a continuance until March 12. Reisbeck was arrested several days ago in a local pool hall following a controversy, when he was alleged to have struck Andy Kohler on the head with a bottle.

Mrs. Robinson Dies—Mrs. W. J. Robinson, aged 34, died at her home near Turner yesterday afternoon. She leaves

her husband, W. J. Robinson, two daughters, Jane Frances and Ruth, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Riches, and two brothers, Stanley and Wallace. The funeral will be held today at 2 o'clock from the residence with interment in Twin Oak cemetery near Turner.

The Spa—Our improvements are progressing nicely and we are through with the mussy part of the work. We are in a position to take care of our trade as usual. The Spa.—(adv.)

Bicycle Stolen—John Beatty of 872 North Commercial street, has reported to the police station the loss of his bicycle, from where he had left it parked Thursday night in front of the Levy Meat market.

For Sale—Eight three-light cluster mission electric fixtures; three six-light cluster mission electric fixtures and two single light mission electric fixtures. Big bargain. Inquire at The Spa. (adv.)

Bicycle Identified—T. A. Livesley called at the police station yesterday and identified a bicycle as his, which was found Thursday night by Police Officer Victor on Liberty street.

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Lot Will Build—Dr. W. H. Lott of this city is making arrangements for the erection of a \$2600 dwelling on the fairgrounds road. The building permit was issued in the office of the city recorder recently.

Auto Bus to Portland—Gray Cadillac-8. Busses leave Marion hotel 8. 1. 4:45 daily. Fare, \$1.75.—Adv.

Hubbard Man Dies—Isaac D. Pike, a resident of Hubbard, died at a Salem hospital yesterday at the age of 64 years. He is survived by his wife, Clara L. Pike. The body which is now at Terwilliger Home, will be taken to Hubbard today. Funeral arrangements will be made later.

Record Sale—Have you looked over our 59c Columbia records? Don't miss this opportunity. H. L. Stiff Furniture Co. (adv.)

STARVING CHINA IN SILENT PANIC

Business Paralyzed and Fear Prevails When Hunger Sets In

PEOPLE ARE DEMENTED

Droughts and Floods Responsible for Famine in Far East

NEW YORK, Mar. 5.—A graphic description of famine scenes in China, an explanation of their cause and outline of methods of relief is given by Charles Davis Jameson, who has been civil engineer in China since 1905 and for the last ten years has been connected with the Department of Famine Relief and Flood Control of the Chinese government. "Silent panic" spreads rapidly over the famine-stricken area when the people realize their danger of starvation, says Mr. Jameson. "All the people, when hunger sets in and the food is all gone are wandering not to any definite point, but to any place which changes the scene of their misery." He adds, "Business is at once paralyzed. When last passed through a famine district, there was not a cart of any kind in the roads or streets. Not a mule nor a horse nor a wheel barrow was seen in motion. Not a coolie was encountered going to or from market. It was as if a great fear were over the whole country and the people were holding their breath and listening and waiting for a horror. None but the starveling or sick are seen in the streets at such a time. Famine fever and typhus soon break out in every town and city.

"Outside the walls of these towns and on the highways are emaciated, half-demented men, women and children going anywhere, sometimes with a few belongings which they cannot sell. Some may carry bowls or baskets containing leaves, twigs, straw or bark from the trees. Every tree is stripped of its bark and dying. The people walk until they can walk no more and then sit down and die.

"Not a day goes by but one passes bodies in the highways or at the roadsides and the fields—men, women, children and babies. Over the fields and along the roads prowling dogs that once more are fierce wolves—gaunt, hungry, savage devours what lies in their way. In some instances men and women, insane, fight with the dogs for food. And once one of these dogs is killed, he is at once eaten by man or dog."

The natural causes of famine in China are droughts and floods, Mr. Jameson says. South of the Yang-tze river famines are rare as the rainfall is fairly regular but north of the river the country is classed as arid and the rainfall is subject to great variations. Sometimes the rain is so heavy that the grain is beaten flat on the ground, and large areas left under water. The harvest is lost, land becomes sodden and no crops are possible until the next year. What is not actually under water becomes one vast swamp.

More than four-fifths of the transportation of China is accomplished by hundreds of thousands of two-wheeled carts, pack camels, mules, horses, donkeys, men, wheel barrows and boats along the great rivers and canals. Mr. Jameson asserts that the calamity that has now fallen upon millions of Chinese is due to no lack of industry for they are the "most remarkable farmers in the world," although their methods and tools are much the same as those used in Egypt in the time of Moses. The people live a hand-to-mouth existence and a failure of crops one year means underfeeding. Two years of bad crops brings starvation and worse.

Combinations of men, women and draft animals pull the plows used in cultivating the soil. The crops are reaped by hand and threshed on the earth floor in the open. The straw is stacked for use as fuel for food and the grain is ground between millstones moved by men, women or donkey power. Old men and women spin the cotton with distaff and spindle. Their houses are of one-story with two or three rooms built of sun-dried bricks, with a clay floor and thatched roof and windows covered with paper.

It is essential that relief work should get under way as soon as possible owing to the extreme slowness of transportation. Mr. Jameson points out. Rice and grain are shipped up the rivers and overland and then distributed by Chinese relief committees formed in the towns and villages to forward food and clothing. In this work the missionaries lend efficient aid, he says.

The famine areas of Chihli and Shantung, are relatively easy of access but in the less accessible provinces of Shansi, where the famine area is widespread, he predicts that the suffering and deaths will be appalling and the number of fatalities may run into the millions. In Chihli and Shantung, the conditions are said to be "beyond description." Describing the present situation, Mr. Jameson says:

"This is the second year and the people have no food or money. They have sold their belongings for a few cents. There is no food or credit and the land is being

STARS GUIDE PILOT IN FLIGHT EASTWARD



Pilot Jack Knight, regular air mail pilot from Salt Lake City, Utah, to Omaha, Nebraska, who flew from Utah City to Chicago. Pilot Knight carried seven pouches of mail, which left San Francisco at 4 a. m. and arrived at Chicago at 9 a. m. the following day, twenty-seven hours elapsed time. The same letters leaving Chicago by train would be about seventy-two hours reaching Chicago. Pilot Knight, when he left Salt Lake City, intended to fly only as far as Omaha, where a relief pilot would take the mail on. Arriving at Omaha it was discovered no relief pilot was ready, so Knight, after a rest and a bite to eat, "carried on" flying through the night with but the stars to guide him over an unfamiliar route.

He sold it at a quarter of its value. Families are bartering their children because they have no food for them. Many small children and babies are being killed. "There is nothing to eat but leaves, twigs, the bark of trees and grass roots. The Chinese government is giving what it can but no business can be done and everything is at a standstill. The only real hope of the starving is in foreign money, administered under foreign supervision. But to save the people, this aid must come quickly."

PERSONAL MENTION

E. P. Morcum, attorney of Woodburn, was in the city yesterday.

Clyde Cutsforth of Gervais was a visitor at the court house Thursday.

Fred O. Brockton, secretary of the Interstate Realty association, who lives at Portland, was visiting relatives yesterday in the city en route home after spending sometime in the southern part of the state in the interest of the work he represents.

Sam Brown of Gervais was in Salem yesterday.

Ed Jacobs of Sublimity visited in the city yesterday. Mr. Jacobs was on his way to Texas where he will look over the oil fields in that section.

Frank Miller, formerly a member of the public service commission, who is now connected with the Albany Iron works, was a brief visitor in Salem yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Terwilliger of Newberg, N. Y., are the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Terwilliger, who are cousins of the former. Mr. and Mrs. Terwilliger have been touring the southern states and are now on their way home. From here they will take the Canadian route in

order that they may enjoy the majestic grandeur of the Canadian Rockies.

MUSSED UP HER LOT

There is an old negro washerwoman in Kansas City who has always felt that, above all earthly things, she would like a home of her own. So toward that goal she washed; and seven years ago she found that her toy bank held enough to make conversation with a real estate man worth while. "I've got just what you want," he told her; "three seventy-five-foot lots at Ocheleta, Okla. She paid all she had in exchange for the deed and went back to washing for the house. Three weeks ago she decided that her savings were sufficient to fulfill the second part of her dream, and she set forth, in a new hat, for Ocheleta. But when she arrived the lots were the site of a tumultuous activity—a rich oil field, as you have guessed; but the story has not had the usual Oklahoma oil ending. The oil operators refused to listen to Mammy Jennie. The attorney was adamant to her offer: "I gives you half ob all we gets." She is now back at the washboard, though she has her deeds, and while enduring the law's delay she laments: "Ah thought that place was to be mah home, but the way it's dug up

it's only fit for a graveyard."—New York Evening Post.

A BROAD DEMAND

The new minister in a Georgia church was delivering his first sermon. The negro janitor was a critical listener from the back of the church. The minister's sermon was eloquent and his prayer seemed to cover the whole category of human wants. After the service one of the deacons asked the old negro what he thought of the minister. "Don't you think he offers up a good prayer, Joe?" "I shtainly does, boss; why dat man axed de Lord for things dat de oder preacher didn't even know he had."—Fun.

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