

Oregon State News

A COMMUNITY DEBT IS AS YET UNPAID

Last Thursday a man gave his life in the service of the community. Ore Irons, the aviator, owed Albany nothing. He ungrudgingly and unhesitatingly answered the call of a city official to aid in the search for the body of a boy whom he had never seen. The humanity in him prompted a deed of real heroism. His plane was not ready. He hastened to prepare it for flight that he might perhaps assuage a little the anguish in the hearts of the dead boy's loved ones, whom also Irons had never known. It was entirely a gratuitous—the sacrifice of a human life upon the altars of the community. And the sacrifice was not for gain.

Today Mrs. Irons stands the sole heir to her husband. To her descends the community's debt to the fallen flyer. And yet but few Albany women have gone out of their way to appease the sorrow of the stricken wife.

Nothing can pay for the loss of a life, but that does not excuse Albany from trying to pay. A stranger and without friends, Mrs. Irons today is at the Central rooming house, at 214 West First street. A paltry few have called upon her to offer sympathy. It seems but a little thing to do to call for five minutes or so upon one bereaved, but that little multiplied as it should be, might do a great deal toward allaying the grief of Mrs. Irons and thus toward shrinking this ineradicable debt. So will not a few more women of Albany today, while they yet may, offer their sympathies at least to their sister-wife who has lost her all for the sake of a sister-mother.

And the casket that bears the body of Ore Irons back to his birthplace should not leave here bare of flowers. It will be shipped at about noon today from the Southern Pacific depot. There is still time. And there is no lack here of flowers.—Albany Democrat.

TO ELIMINATE CROSSING

Circulation of a petition among residents along the county road between Jefferson and Marion is under way for the purpose of requesting the county court to establish a new road so as to eliminate the five railroad crossings over the Southern Pacific between the two towns. The petitioners desire to get their petition into the county court for its October term and if the court passes favorably on the proposal part of the work may be done this year.—Jefferson Review.

GREATER THAN MUSCLE SHOALS

Senator McNary has recently been on a trip through Eastern Oregon on an inspection of the irrigation projects. His report bears out what we have always said, that Oregon has as good or better projects, yet undeveloped than the east can show. The eastern states naturally, boosted the Muscle Shoals project. A trip through some of the eastern states will convince one that the east and the west have not met, that east is still east and west still west. Senator McNary has studied the power situation thoroughly and is especially impressed with what is known as the Umatilla rapids. He says this proposition is far ahead of the famous Muscle Shoals for power development.—Turner Tribune.

WHEAT NEARLY CUT

CORVALLIS, Sept. 3.—The wheat crop in Benton is practically all threshed, and great mountains of straw dot the plain in all directions. For the last month all the available threshing outfits have been working on one of the best wheat crops ever produced here. The reports from the entire United States show bumper crops, even giving a touch of overproduction. Agent Briggs estimates the local crop as far above normal, but not quite as big a yield as was predicted two months ago.

LEAVING OREGON

E. J. Highberger, will quit Oregon for the Spokane country on account of his health. He has been troubled with asthma and hearing that Mrs. B. Prange, formerly of Sublimity, was so much better of that trouble at Spokane he decided to locate there. He expects to leave about October 1.—Stayton Mail.

LAWYER COMING WEST

HARRISBURG, Sept. 3.—W. G. Trill of Fossil, Or., was here Tuesday looking over the town with a view of locating here in the capacity of attorney. He has served as district attorney for Wheeler county for some years but prefers a location in the valley where his children can enjoy better school facilities and where labor on it will be more convenient for them to attend one of the state institutions.

CARELESS DRIVER ARRESTED

MARSHFIELD, Sept. 3.—District attorney Fisher yesterday filed an information against Frank Bellrose, the man who was driving the car when G. W. Sprague was fatally injured in a spill between Coquille and Myrtle Point. The charge is involuntary manslaughter, which carries a penalty of from one to 10 years in the penitentiary, in case of conviction.

Bellrose was seriously injured when the spill occurred and has since been an inmate of the hospital at Coquille, under espionage.

A NEW PACKING PLANT

REEDSPORT, Ore., Sept. 3.—Formal opening of a new packing company was celebrated here Saturday by Reedspott citizens. The new industry is the Anderson Packing company which will do salmon canning and some mild curing. When operated to its full capacity the new plant will employ 40 men and will add greatly to the city's payroll. The superintendent of the new plant is W. A. Fenter.

SUFFERED FIVE YEARS FROM KIDNEYS

"I suffered with kidney trouble for five years or more. I could not sleep at night and I was always tired after coming home from work, and my back ached," writes John R. Gordon, Danville, Ill. "I secured some FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS and after a few treatments I felt better and could work with more ease, became stronger and could sleep better." For quick relief from Backache, Rheumatic pains, and Kidney and Bladder trouble use FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS. Sold everywhere.

San Francisco will be an applicant for the Republican National Convention in 1924. Why San Francisco? Why not Los Angeles?

PIERCE TALK IS NOT GIVEN

Governor Unable to Return From Trip in Time for Labor Day Event

Because he was unable to return to Salem in time from a trip to southern Oregon, Governor Pierce did not deliver the Labor day address that he was scheduled to give at the state fair grounds yesterday. The address that the governor had prepared for the day follows:

Address in Fall

Said the governor: "The first Monday in September of each year is Labor day, declared by law a holiday. It is a day of rest for those vast throngs who labor throughout the year and produce all those things that the people of this and other countries require. That day is fittingly observed in the capital city of Oregon this year by this vast assemblage. We are here to observe and to appreciate the spirit of young America, exemplified by the daring and thrilling races which are soon to be under way.

Advancing stages noted

"The progress of civilization may be recorded in advancing stages of sport. When man came out of the wilderness, his sports were cruel. Death and bloodshed were required to amuse. Roll back history's scroll for 18 centuries and behold the sports of ancient Rome! Men—big, stalwart men—were driven into the arena to fight to death. There was no reason for the fight and no reason for the blood to flow, except to amuse, to appease and to satisfy the cruel, blood-thirsty appetite.

Behold Rome! Rome, that proud nation that first taught the world to govern with effect—filling the arena with innocent men, women and children and then turning wild beasts of the field loose to destroy them. In that day, that was sport, and holiday after holiday was declared for people to witness the bloody amusement.

Old Ways Were Cruel

"When knighthood was in flower, seven centuries ago, the most fascinating sport was the contests of knights, fully equipped with spear and lance, battling, battling and battling on until many of the brave men received the fatal blow. It was a sport intended to amuse and electrify a cruel populace and king.

"With the arrival of America on the world's stage a century and a half ago, there came a keener public consciousness, demanding with each succeeding year, sports of a higher type, eliminating as far as possible danger to life and limb, and above all, bloodshed, that had been a necessary part of the festivities of the centuries past.

Sport Has Its Place

"All work, indeed, does make Jack a dull boy! Human characteristics demand that, on occasions, we break away from the solemn and serious affairs of life, to enjoy an exhilarating effort on the field of sports. The boy or girl who cannot play, usually fails to cope successfully with the great problems of life.

The state fair grounds should become, even more than they are today, a place for recreational activities. May there be played here in years to come, clean, wholesome sports—sports which aid us to pass by for a time worries and troubles of our busy lives.

Races Held Proper

"It is proper, indeed, to give prominence to the automobile races today. The genius of man never gave to humanity anything that exceeds the automobile in its influence and effect upon the peoples of the nations. We are too close to the coming of the automobile to realize its tremendous revolutionary effect upon our lives. It has made of many of our race automobile gypsies. Financially it has ruined thousands and it has made a few tremendously rich. It has abolished the isolated farm home. It has broken down many of the old habits of saving and accounting. It has brought joy into many a home by affording a pleasure that had previously been unpossessed. Lives there a man so dead to human joy that he would wish to live in a world without an automobile?

Labor Comes Into Rights

"The trials of these machines, almost human, in a friendly contest for speed, is but a natural result of our innate desire for sport, coupled with our admiration for the wonderful achievement of human genius—the automobile.

"Labor day has only recently been made a holiday. Only since America has taken her place on the stage of action has labor been recognized as the possessor of any rights worth while. In the days of gladiatorial fights of ancient Rome, to be a laborer meant to be a slave, and to raise a word of protest against the cruel lash of the master usually meant death itself. In the days of medieval knights, to be a laborer meant to be chained to the soil or to the task to which one was born.

Darkness Dispersed
"Through centuries upon centuries, the world was dark for

those who labored. To them there was scarcely a ray of hope or a thought of joy. In fact, before America came, civilization was built upon human toll exacted under the lash of the master. But those days have passed. With America came freedom for the worker—political, religious and industrial freedom.

"The worker is no longer a slave but enjoys freedom and liberty along with the respect and comradeship of his fellow being. It is a transition that is properly celebrated on this holiday by witnessing a contest for speed by automobiles—one of the great achievements of genius and labor.

Hospital Marks Progress

"The modern hospital is another of the distinguishing marks of progress. In the day of the bloody Caesars there were no hospitals. The sick and wounded were left to die without care. Often, even their end was hastened by a blow from the hand uneducated to aid in restoration.

"In those times there was wealth and strength for war and for bloody amusement, but none to save the sick or to aid the stricken.

"We citizens of today could not have existed perhaps, in those days of ancient Rome. We might have been crushed under the weight of human suffering. The dark ages of the Renaissance afforded not a ray of real human helpfulness as seen on every hand today. The peoples of the past built beautiful cities, magnificent cathedrals, elegant structures, but they had no time nor patience to think of caring for the afflicted.

Clubs Take Up Cause

"The capital city of Oregon without a modern hospital would not be in step with the world. Fortunately the Kiwanis, Rotarian and Lions clubs of this city recently pledged themselves to secure by subscription the necessary funds to obtain a high grade hospital for Salem. Part of the proceeds were obtained. The remainder, it is hoped, will be the product of the celebration of this Labor day on these grounds.

Prud we should be that we live in this age of human existence. Proud of the achievements of the centuries—the automobile, of the emancipation of labor, and of the modern hospital. Let us, one and all, be thankful that we have the opportunity to add our presence and support to the laudable undertaking for good apparatus here today. For the three-fold purpose of honoring Labor day, upholding the hand of clean sports, and for the realization that we are assisting in alleviating the suffering of stricken humanity."

PLAN SUBMITTED

PEKING, August 31.—(Delayed by the Associated Press.)—Marshal Teo Kun, North China leader has asked the Chinese government to sanction a plan of his for suppressing bandits in Shan-tung, Kiangsu, Anhwei and Honan provinces.

Another dream has been dispelled—Magna Johnson does wear suspenders.

BIG AUTO ROLLS, PAIR IS INJURED

Raffety Reports Spectacular Accident to Automobile Near Dolph

Traveling at an estimated rate of 45 miles an hour, a Hudson touring car plunged from the highway about two miles east of Dolph, Sunday noon, rolled over four times and landed at the base of a 40-foot embankment, injuring two of the occupants, Mr. and Mrs. B. Pearson, Zombo court, Twentieth and Washington streets, Portland. Mr. and Mrs. George Kann, 454 Hall, Portland, occupying the front seat, were uninjured. Mr. Pearson received a broken nose, his arm was fractured in two places and a leg fractured. His wife received one bruised limb.

According to T. A. Raffety, chief state traffic officer, who was directing traffic at the time, another machine had met with an accident on a bridge, breaking a front axle. A garage man, instead of dragging the machine to a clear place about 20 feet away, attempted to make the repair on the bridge. The Kann machine came around a blind curve at a high rate of speed, and in order to keep from crashing into the machine on the bridge, went over the embankment. The injured people were taken to a hospital in Tillamook. Raffety said.

An unusually large number of cars were on the Tillamook road yesterday, Mr. Raffety said, but this was the only serious accident that occurred.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Labor day—
It touches all Americans—
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Everybody who is anybody in the United States, toils with brawn or brain, or, having accumulated or increased a competency, works with his mind and his means for the good of all. That is why the United States is great. This country has no leisure class. To be an idler in this country of toilers is a disgrace. It should be.

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In the arena men and women were thrown to the lions or harked to death to make a Roman holiday. How far removed are we of this day with the average automobile race?

Is the maniac game of the crazy speed fiend worth the candle?

The first news of the disasters in Japan came clear across the Pacific by radio without relay. The seven league boots of old time were in the class of the snail's pace by comparison.

Japan is about the size of Oregon, Washington and Idaho; but it is nearly all mountains. Think of 200,000 dead around the fringes of these three states! It would take the rest of us to bury the dead.

Some one suggests that it is a little too early to tell whether the political issue of 1924 will be the world court or the origin of species.

The weather is favoring the getting of all the flax under cover at the penitentiary. Then there will be nothing to do out there but work—all hands working to whip the flax industry into shape to support the institution, and give every worker in the institution a daily wage. That good time surely is coming.

Lorne Knight's Father Hears From Stefansson

McMINNVILLE, Sept. 3.—J. I. Knight, father of Lorne Knight, member of the Stefansson expedition to Wrangell island in the arctic, has received the following cablegram from Vilhjalmur Stefansson, dated London:

"Deepest sympathy, tragic, unbelievable news. Stefansson." Knight is without word as to what disposition will be made of his son's body but presumably it will be buried at Nome.

One of those who is most grieved at the death of the young McMinville explorer is his youthful brother, Joseph Knight. Joseph was commissioned to go with Lorne had there been another arctic expedition. Stefansson having given his consent to such an arrangement, and the boy has been

studying radio so as to be useful in the party.

Lorne Knight was one of the most wonderful specimens of humanity ever seen here and his strength was almost limitless, which makes it hard for his family to understand how he fell a victim to scurvy.

DISPATCH MILLION POUNDS OF RICE

U. S. Blackhawk Ordered to Tokyo With Non-Perishable Foods

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.—A wireless message received tonight by the navy department from Admiral Anderson, in command of the Asiatic fleet, said the destroyer tender Blackhawk, now en route from Port Arthur to Chefoo, China, would be loaded with one million pounds of rice and 500,000 pounds of beans and other non-perishable food and rushed to the relief of earthquake sufferers in Japan.

No information was contained in the message as to when the Blackhawk would reach the stricken area. It was presumed here that she would take supplies aboard at Chefoo. Earlier in the day Admiral Anderson had reported the Blackhawk accompanying his flagship, the cruiser Huron, to that port.

Later the war department sent cable instructions to Manila for the army transports Meigs and Merritt to proceed to Yokohama with food and medical supplies, tentage, bedding and cots.

The army has at Manila 500,000 rations (a day's food supply for one soldier) available for transportation to Japan, it was said and medical supplies sufficient to care for 50,000 troops for three months. In addition there are cots and blankets for 20,000 men which can be spared, and 400 large tents.

Both vessels are now at Manila, the Meigs, a freighter of 11,000 tons; the Merritt, a 28,000 ton ship with accommodations for 500 passengers. It was estimated here that, once loaded with supplies, it would take the transport six or seven days to reach Yokohama.

It is believed here the ships

can be made ready for the in a day's time. Instructions provided for a sufficient force of listed men to accompany the piles to insure prompt and efficient distribution to suffering the earthquake zone.

Work Is Actually Begun On Natron Cut-Off

Actual construction of the Natron cut-off from Kirk to the bridge was begun Saturday by the contractor, John Hanson of Grants Pass, under the initial work of clearing, grading and grading for this line north from Kirk. This announcement was made by W. Sprague, president of the Southern Pacific company. A large amount of material is on hand and the work of constructing the first part out of Kirk across Williams river will be under way by next week. Track laying will start about 30 days. In addition, laying will start out of the five mile stretch over which work was completed at the count of the unmerger.

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