

## LIBERTY BELL SEEN BY 600 PATRIOTS

### GOLD HILL PAYS TRIBUTE IN FULL

#### Train Halts Five Minutes and is Greeted by Salute; Bell Stirs Strange Depths

Six hundred patriots rose up on their toes and cheered, and cheered again, and still again, when the headlight of the Liberty Bell special blazed past the Gold Hill station and the car, with its fateful and precious freight, came to a full stop. At its approach a salute of twenty-one dynamite charges had crashed into night and flooded back in waves of echo. This at 1:45 Friday morning.

The crowd flowed up to the car and around it. A singular quiet took the place of holiday noise and cheering. Six hundred children of the nation were looking at the Bell whose image they have carried in their hearts since second reader days.

They circled about, endeavoring to see all of that portentous inscription: "Proclaim Liberty throughout all the land, to all the inhabitants thereof."



The Liberty Bell, a relic of the Revolution, which left Philadelphia on a tour of the country July 5.

This was it—the buzz of conversation and comment began; the train pulled slowly out. A roar of cheers followed the Bell into the night.

Many scores attended from Sams Valley, and Galls, Kanes, Sardine and Foots creeks. The racks were thickly lined with tethered teams. At 8:00 several hundred guests were received at the G. G. H. club rooms, and a program of patriotic selections and music offered for their entertainment.

- Announcement - H. D. Reed
- Piano selection - Miss Dorothy Smith
- Piano selection - Miss M. Wharton
- Vocal solo - Miss Claire Tucker
- Piano selection - Miss F. Wharton
- Vocal solo - Miss Claire Tucker
- Brief History of Bell - W. W. Truax
- Vocal Duet - Miss Virgie Besman and Mrs. Alva Walker
- Selected Reading - Miss Agnes Dietrich
- Vocal solo - Miss Helen Dodge
- Prayer - Rev. C. E. Wharton

Following the reception many of the guests of the evening attended the Club dance given in the opera house. The music was exceptionally spirited, Harry Porter consenting to aid with the drums. Much congratulatory comment was current upon the music and the pleasant time afforded.

### Parcel Post Admits Fruit Boxes of Standard Measure

Washington, July 13.—Postmaster General Burleson today ordered that the size limit of packages for parcel post shipment be increased to a combined length and girth of 84 inches, which will permit the mailing of standard sized fruit and berry crates. The old limit was 72 inches length and girth and there has been a widespread demand for its increase.

The postmaster general also authorized the establishment of a receipt system for parcel post packages similar to that employed by express companies.

"The new regulations," says a department statement, "provide that on payment of one cent, the postmaster at the mailing office may give the sender of an ordinary parcel of fourth class mail a receipt therefor. A postage stamp to cover the charge for the receipt will be affixed to the parcel and the name and address of the addressee shall be written in the receipt by the sender."

**Steel Rate Advance Suspended.**  
Salem.—The state public service commission has issued an order suspending the advance in rates on bridge, wharf and structural steel on the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation company's line from Portland to Pendleton and other eastern Oregon points.

The railway recently published a new tariff, naming rates 5 per cent a 100 pounds higher than those that have been in effect for the past two years or more.

**Wasco County Wheat Hurt.**  
The Dalles.—The estimated record-breaking yield of wheat in Wasco county this year has been reduced recently as the result of hot weather, which has shriveled some of the grain in different localities. Spring wheat has been slightly damaged generally, and a little fall grain, which was sown late, has been hurt, so that the output of the ranches of this county will be considerably less than had been expected.

**Women Plead Guilty to Manslaughter.**  
Portland.—Mrs. Bessie Fowle, aged 53, and her daughter, Harriet Fowle, aged 17, pleaded guilty in the circuit court to charges of manslaughter in having killed the girl's infant boy on May 17 last. They had been indicted for murder in the second degree, but were allowed to plead guilty to the lesser charge. Sentence was deferred.

**Southwest Africa Won by British.**  
Pretoria, South Africa.—The entire German territory known as German Southwest Africa, comprising 322,450 square miles, has been surrendered unconditionally to General Botha, commanding the Union of South Africa forces. This includes all the German military forces in that region.

**Oregon Bank Clerk Sentenced.**  
Corvallis, Or.—Chester A. Dickey, charged with the embezzlement of \$1490 of the Corvallis State Bank funds, who pleaded guilty in circuit court here, was sentenced by Judge Hamilton from one to 10 years in the state penitentiary.

## 60,000 Acre Feet Water for Thirsty Southern Oregon

Medford, Or., July 14.—The Rogue River Canal company will have 60,000 acre feet of water ready for southern Oregon when the present work at Fish Lake is completed. Fifty men are now at work on the impounding dam and the first unit will provide for 33,000 acre feet.

Manager J. T. Sullivan returned yesterday from Fish Lake having made the first trip by auto to that district and he said if there had been any doubts regarding the supply of water for the Rogue River valley they should be removed now.

The 33,000 acre feet would mean a rainfall of 12 inches on 33,000 acres, and as irrigation experts maintain 6 inches during the summer is all that is necessary for local fruit it is plain that if the property owners of the valley want water they can get it through this company. The canal company, moreover, contract to furnish one and one-half acre feet, or 18 inches of rain per acre, which is regarded as ample for all crops or for growing alfalfa between the trees.

The sentiment among irrigationists in the valley has veered around recently, the Butte creek proposition and modified district plan have been practically abandoned, and there is growing belief that the Rogue River Canal company holds the key to prosperity in the valley and must be depended upon to solve the irrigation problem.

**Alden J. Blethen, Of Seattle, Dead.**  
Seattle, Wash.—Colonel Alden J. Blethen, for nearly 20 years editor and publisher of the Seattle Times, died at his home here of a complication of diseases.

Colonel Blethen is survived by two sons, Joseph, business manager of the Times, and Clarence, managing editor; two daughters, Mrs. Thomas Mesdag and Mrs. Gilbert L. Duffy, and a widow, all residents of Seattle.

### QUEEN OF GREECE



The Queen of Greece, a sister of the Kaiser, who is said to have exerted her influence against Greece entering the war on the side of the allies.

### MRS. ROBT. LANSING



Mrs. Robert Lansing, wife of the man who succeeded William Jennings Bryan as Secretary of State.

## Southern Oregon's Shortstories

News Brevities of the Week From Rogue River Valley Cities

**The Iowa Society of Jackson county,** who held their annual high jinks and reunion at Gold Hill last year on a rainy day, will picnic at Ashland this season on July 30. Every Iowan in southern Oregon is urged to attend. One feature of the day will be the gallus athletes in their famous state game of "pitching horseshoes."

Thirty-five personal injury claims, the casualty crop of the Southern Pacific's recent passenger *Week* in Ashland, have been settled by the company without resort to litigation. There were no fatalities, nor are any anticipated. Loyal Taylor, fireman, who was most seriously injured, is rapidly convalescing at a Frisco hospital.

Jackson county road supervisors have been notified by the county court of the complete exhaustion of the road fund, and further ordered to discontinue all highway improvement of any sort for the "main and simple reason", as Penrod would say, that the wherewithal for payment will not be forthcoming.

The Ashland Tidings is touting a valiant lightweight pugilist, one Brud Shamrock, who is preparing to pass a pleasant summer in the "city beautiful." Brud should be very, very handy in Editor Greer's frequent clashes with the moss-back opposition of his springs development project.

"Iron Foot", famous football hero of Oregon University in 1909, has been committed to the insane asylum from Multnomah county. Fred Mollen was captain of the University team and registered from Klamath Falls.

### Victors of Table Rock Plan Darwinian Stunt at Merlin

Sunday we went fishing, and missed the ball game. That is to say, we missed it without missing it much. For the warbling waters of the racing Rogue were cool and pleasant, and the hope of a mighty steelhead strike fluttered every time the fly fell. If this be treason, make the most of it. Billie Fansher, who wanted to go fishing, but lacked the moral courage to desert his comrades, handed in the following story of that stern struggle which saw the Table Rockers wobble down to defeat by a score of 15 to 1. We wish to congratulate Manager Fansher, both upon the spirited performance of his heroes and upon his literary style—the latter a model of concise diction: Mr. Fansher writes: "Foley pitched a great game of sixteen strikeouts, with two boils on his snout. Clean nerve, old head! He will make a great pitcher with a little more experience. Dots Eddings came back to the good game in all his old time form. Fine work, old top! Peanuts Miller played a star game, gleaming four fearful hits. O, you Peanuts! Gold Hill, 22 hits; 15 runs; 2 errors. Table Rock, 10 hits; 1 run; 5 errors. My unbeatable braves go to Merlin, to mix again with the Magicians, on Sunday. I have every confidence in our ability to further nature's plan of constructing monkeys from the Merlin men."

### Horse Thief Cannot Elude Vigilance of Marshal Cook

Sheriff Charley Howard, of Siskiyou county, California, and Col. Sam McClendon, of this city, were boon comrades years ago. Hence, when a dago gent lifted a livery rig at Yreka, and fled northward behind the stolen team, the sheriff bethought himself of Sam at Gold Hill. He phoned his old friend Monday morning, to be on the lookout for a dusky individual, driving a team and rig answering to a given description. Mr. McClendon at once notified Officer Bill Cook, and within two hours after the advice was received, the culprit was halted by Cook on the main street of the city. Sheriff Howard was notified and motored to this city from Dunsmuir, taking the prisoner back with him that evening. The owner of the stolen outfit, L. S. Patterson, a Yreka liveryman, arrived on the evening train and started home with his property the following day. The team was hired by the foreigner, who failed to return within a reasonable length of time and persisted in travelling still further away. When taken he produced a fabled bill of sale, a palpable and illiterate forgery.

Keep your premises clean and sanitary with Dr. Hess Dip and Disinfectant. Prevents flies, destroys germs and foul odors. For sale in gal., half gal., and quart cans at **Bowers Pharmacy.**

I saw cordwood to stove lengths with power saw, promptly on order. Phone John J. Ritter, 3F21.

### Tumalo Project Water May Not Be Available Soon.

Bend.—Unless a supplemental flow of water can be obtained in the near future from Crater creek to continue the hydraulic work of stopping subterranean leaks discovered in the big reservoir of the Tumalo irrigation project it is extremely probable that the reservoir will not be available for use next year, or this year, according to engineers here who have made recent examinations of it.

The leaks were discovered at the outlet of the reservoir approximately four months ago, and since then as tests have been made they have continued to develop. Apprehension was felt at one time that the leaks might appear in sufficient numbers to make the project a failure, but engineers now believe they are localized and can be stopped. The leaks appear in the shape of what is termed a subterranean crack or fault about 20 feet below the surface. As tests have been only made at the outlet, it is impossible, say the engineers, to determine with any degree of certainty their extent.

The Russians have checked the Austro-German advances in southern Poland and eastern Galicia. It is beginning to appear as if the Teutonic forces may have made a mistake in developing two objectives after the fall of Lemberg. Present indications point to the improbability of Warsaw's capture at this time by Von Mackenzen.

## RAILS AND LIGHTS WIN DAY AT PASS

### Canning Demonstration Given.

Corvallis.—A special car for demonstrating canning by the steam pressure and cold pack methods are being operated over the lines of the Southern Pacific in Oregon beginning Monday, July 12. This is so far as known the first car of the kind to be operated in the United States. The purpose of the demonstration is to teach the system by some practical means that will enable those that are interested to do home canning both for home consumption and for commercial purposes. Demonstration from this car will be carried on at various points during a period of two weeks, according to arrangements that have been made by R. D. Hetzel, director of college extension, and H. M. Hinshaw, general freight agent of the Southern Pacific railway company. The car is in charge of Professor F. L. Griffin.

### Ask Big Park For Highway.

Portland.—A park system of 14,000 acres lying along the Columbia river highway will be set aside by the government if recommendations of the local forestry service and special committee of the Chamber of Commerce are acted on favorably by the department of agriculture.

The land which the committee proposes be set aside lies at points scattered along 23 miles of the highway in the Multnomah falls district. The roadway cuts through reserves at eight points in the course of that distance.

### Survey Work on Road Resumed.

Roseburg.—After idleness of several weeks, the surveying crew employed on Kendall Bros.' railroad, from Roseburg to the line of the Umpqua national forest reserve, has resumed operations here. The work of completing the survey as far as Rock creek will be rushed as fast as possible.

Construction will begin as soon as a decision of the supreme court is received with reference to the validity of the bonds voted by the people of this city to aid in the construction of the road. It is believed here that will be by August 10.

Put a dollar and a half in The News.

## Rogues Left Coin in Resting Places of Dear Departed

The power of the press is mighty. At last The News has found the pioneer who remembers when the redmen of the Rogue laid their dead to rest at the Sleepy Hollow burial ground. Judge C. C. Gall deserves the controversy anent "Sid" Montgomery's veracity, and furnishes some information of genuine interest and value to students of local history and ardent anthropologists, as, for instance, Dr. R. C. Kelsey. Here goes Judge Gall, in a letter mailed to The News from Ashland:

"I see in The News about finding Indian bones at Sleepy Hollow. That used to be one of the Indian burial grounds and one of their winter camps. I saw them bury Chief George there in 1854.

"He used to sit on his horse and watch us mine on the bar at Rock Point. He had the consumption, with a bad cough. We used to give him scraps after we eat our lunch, if any was left. He had a fine rifle with brass-mounted stock, and also a good horse.

"When he was buried they put everything in the grave with him, then led his horse on the grave and shot it and cut off its forelegs.

"Some time in the 60's Jim Bruse and another white man and one Indian came from the Siletz and dug up two or three graves. John Neathammer said they got one big pocketbook full of money, and the Indian said there was one under the first old house, where the railroad track is, had hi you chick a men in it. They went above Doc Ray's dam, where the Indian said was about fifty \$50 slugs, but could not locate it.

"Old Jimmie Counts dug up one grave, on the now Eddington farm, and got \$27 in Mexican and French five franc silver, and gave it to my mother for a cow. Some years afterward, Cardwell's children was playing where the grave was. One of the children found a \$5 gold piece."

## ELECTION SPURS LOCAL INDUSTRY

### Progressive City Approves of Twohy Contract and R.R.P.S. Franchise by Big Vote

Grants Pass, Or., July 15.—For the fourth consecutive time the people of Grants Pass have registered a practically unanimous vote in favor of the coast railroad issue. At the election held Wednesday only 76 of the 940 votes who went to the polls voted against ratification of the contract made between the city council and the firm of Twohy Brothers company, the action of the majority assuring the continuation of railroad building and the pushing of the coast line into the Illinois valley without delay.

At the same election, by a vote of 730 to 196, a franchise was granted the Rogue River Public Service corporation for the installation of an electric lighting and power system within the city, service to be guaranteed within nine months, by which date at least two miles of wire carrying current shall have been erected within the city. The vote upon the two issues was much heavier than had been anticipated, showing the interest that had been awakened among the people upon the propositions. The vote upon the ratification of the railroad contract with the Twohy company was almost identical with the vote by which the voters first authorized the bond issue of \$200,000 more than two years ago, showing that the sentiment of the citizen body has undergone no change thro the lapse of time and the disappointments incident to the delays that pioneering in a new move brought with it.

### German Move on Labyrinth Fails.

Paris.—Directing a frightful fire of heavy explosives against their positions, the Germans attempted to blow the French forces out of the "labyrinth" region the war office has announced. The attempt failed, and, preceded by a hail of asphyxiating bombs, the enemy delivered a general onslaught against the French positions. This was also repulsed, when, caught under a cross fire of shells and gas bombs, heavy losses were inflicted upon the German forces.

Possibility of another ministerial crisis in England developed last week. Lloyd-George, the minister of munitions, is arousing antagonism among politicians who resent the reputation he is gaining as the empire's saviour. Rome is making preparations to meet attacks by German Zeppelins, which, according to reports, have been taken to the Austrian Adriatic coast for a raid on the Italian capital.

A minor German offensive in French Lorraine has strengthened the Teutonic line protecting St. Mihiel from the south. The German gain about offsets the French success last spring in the same region.

The daily toll of submarine victims around the British Isles has almost doubled since reports reaching shipping circles that the German admiral had heavily reinforced its U boat fleet and was determined to terrorize British shipping owners.

### Local Joe Knowles Returns From Two Year Forest Tour

By two years of wandering in the Idaho woods, John B. Hammersley claims to have substantiated his pet theory that any man can have the sort of healthful fun he wants, and earn a livelihood thereby. Mr. Hammersley arrived in Gold Hill Wednesday, accompanied by his pack train of six animals. With him were the indispensable dogs—five of them—all veterans of bear and cougar fray. During his absence the ex-postmaster of Gold Hill gathered in sixteen cougar and fifteen bear, with small game past all mention. At no time was he a dweller in the communities, but spent each part of every season on the trail and in the deep woods. "It was sure a splendid vacation," said Mr. Hammersley, "and a profitable one as well. I call Gold Hill my home, and I am back to stay for awhile." The News will publish an abbreviated journal of his wanderings, in another issue.