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POSES FOR THE PIC-NING

In the air conditioned yard at the Ross Farnham home on Riverside a Japanese quince tree is in bloom. For the news of so annual an occurrence, The Bulletin is indebted to the owner, who wore a delicate blossom, freshly picked, in proof of his statements.

Since the news story relating these facts was published it has been suggested to us that the newly awakened desire of Japan to reestablish friendly relations with this country may have had a bearing on the winter activity of this Japanese quince, which ordinarily puts forth its flowers in March. We are inclined to believe, however, that the credit must be given to the weather. This year it is of the sort which, not many years ago, inspired the Redmond Spokesman to place Bend, once and for all, in the "banana belt."

Presumably these balmy days will not last indefinitely, however. There will be snow and zero temperatures and the little tree on Riverside will lapse into its normal winter unproductivity. When that time comes the hothouse will be the dependable source of poses for the buttonhole. Until then Mr. Farnham, we are sure, will make the most of his present opportunity, gathering his quince blooms while he may.

Such flowers, truly, are something worth wearing, especially for one living on the east side of the Cascades and more especially in the week before Christmas.

F. A. SILCOX, FOREST CHIEF

Less than two years ago Bend was incensed over a statement by F. A. Silcox, head of the United States forest service, in which the warning was given that, unless the future of the timber supply were safeguarded, Bend's days were numbered.

Yesterday Mr. Silcox died and Bend mourned him sincerely. In the brief time which had elapsed since his once highly criticized statement it had been recognized that there was merit in the warning and that a genuine concern had caused it to be given. There was need that methods be keyed more on the principle of sustained yield.

There has been progress made along these lines in the relatively short period that Chamber of Commerce, pine manufacturing companies and forest service have been working on the problem which concerns them all so vitally. As the work went on it became apparent that Mr. Silcox, far from being merely a destructive critic, as had once been thought, was an interested ally, a friend whose cooperation came to be highly valued.

Of him it may be said that he awakened Bend to its need and then helped Bend to meet the need.

Germany, the official nazi news agency intimates, will protest to Argentina regarding internment of the crew of the Admiral Graf Spee, and comments further that an "appropriate step will be taken."

In the form of a letter from Herr Goebbels to the Volkischer-Beobachter, no doubt.

OREGON EDITORIALS

A STRANGE STORY (The Dalles Chronicle)

One of the strangest stories ever told, and one that brought neither official confirmation nor denial when it was made public, was General Krivitsky's charge—made before the Dies committee—that Soviet Russia at one time engaged in a stupendous counterfeiting plot in a desperate effort to obtain foreign exchange. Krivitsky asserted that the soviet government went into the business of printing American money, chiefly in bills of large denomination. These bills, the work of expert engravers and pressmen, were such accurate reproductions of genuine American currency that scores of European banks accepted them without question. It was not until this counterfeit currency reached the United States, and came to the attention of secret service operatives, that the fraud was discovered.

Now comes a remarkable sequel to this revelation, if such it was, in the arrest at Bend, Oregon, of a neighborhood sewer by the name of Nicholas Dozenberg. Alleged to be the No. 2 communist in the United States, Dozenberg will be questioned about the alleged distribution of counterfeit American money by soviet agents—including \$100,000 in bogus bills found on one Russian when he was taken in custody by American secret service operatives.

Reports from Washington intimate that Dozenberg should be in a position to reveal all details of the counterfeit plot, if such a plot existed. And if he will talk he might be able to make things very embarrassing for the red dictator.

Powell Butte

Powell Butte, Dec. 20 (Special)—The Sorosis club was entertained by Mrs. J. C. Minson at her home Wednesday afternoon. There were 14 members present and Mrs. Minson's mother, Mrs. Susan Awe of Billings, Mont., was a guest. The new set of flowers show rules were read to the club. The ladies will meet Friday with Mrs. A. V. Stevens to fill their Christmas-cheer baskets. The gift exchange was held and lovely refreshments served. The next regular meeting will be with Mrs. Floyd Wyatt.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Weigand entertained the Sunday night dinner bridge club Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Weigand of Terrebonne are substitutes, and honors were taken by Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Vice, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Stevens and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Minson. The special entertainment of a Christmas tree and gift exchange was enjoyed and the next host and hostess will be Mr. and Mrs. Fred McCaffery on Sunday, January 7.

The Fixit club was entertained at a waffle luncheon by Mrs. T. C. Haynes. The ladies exchanged handmade gifts. The next meeting is to be a watch party New Year's eve at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orin Sleasman. This is to be a potluck affair with the husbands and children as guests. Each lady is to bring trimmings for a turkey dinner.

Charmaine Lister entertained a small group of girl friends Wednesday evening in honor of Lorraine Ayres' 14th birthday anniversary. The girls played games and enjoyed ice cream and cake. Guests were Betty Stephens, Ardeth Reif, Lois McCaffery, Mary Jane and Lorraine Ayres and the hostess, Lois and Ardeth remained all night at the Lister home.

David Iverson, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Iverson, who enlisted in the U. S. navy 12 months ago, is now seaman first class, having taken his examinations November 16. He passed these exams in a very short time of enlistment. He is stationed at San Diego aboard the destroyer U. S. S. Shaw. Besides the regular work David has had a regular course in sign work.

The Powell Butte Sunday school is presenting a short Christmas program of songs and readings Sunday at 10:30 a. m. at the local church to which the public is cordially invited.

Mrs. Edgar Peterson and her father, Joe Dyer of Hermiston, arrived home about 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon. They left here November 4 and have been to New York, Washington, D. C., Florida, Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, covering a distance of 9700 miles. They went by car and Mrs. Peterson did all the driving. They hurried home in time to assist with the Christmas rush at the local post office, and Dyer will remain here until after the holidays.

Grange met Wednesday evening with an average attendance. The application of Etta Brockett was presented, and the committee to purchase the community Christmas treats was appointed. The Christmas program will be presented Thursday evening at the new school gymnasium.

The community basketball team lost in a game with Madras Thursday evening at home with a score of 46-14. Players were Homer Ciesman, Bud Harris, Bob Graham, Ivan Copley and Glenn Ritter with Raymond and Leland Reif and Dale Ayres as subs. The first school team won Friday evening from Terrebonne, 13-8, and the second team won 6-4.

Word was received here Saturday of the death of Allen Cook, at his home at Eliah, Wash., Saturday morning. Mr. Cook is well remembered here as he lived in this community several years. He was a nephew of Mrs. J. J. Flint and Mrs. Sam Carter. He is survived by one daughter, Allene Marian, and three step-children, Jessie, Gladys and Carl Herring. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kissler took Mrs. Carter and Carl Herring to Washington Friday on receiving word of Mr. Cook's illness. Burial took place at Selah Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Clark and son, Milton, Jr., of Hollywood, Cal., and Mrs. Eva Woodington of Long Beach, Cal., arrived Friday to spend the holidays at the C. C. Vice home. The three ladies are sisters.

Jerry and Jimmie Heston attended a joint birthday party at the Heston home in Redmond Saturday afternoon, the occasion being the birth-

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