

OREGON IN DANGER OF LOSING AIRPLANE PATROL FOR FORESTS

There is a possibility that the forest air patrol that was so well started last summer may be discontinued, according to N. F. McDuff, supervisor of the Cascade national forest, and he has suggested that the Eugene chamber of commerce take the matter up with Oregon's representatives in congress to do all in their power to secure an appropriation to continue the patrol.

"The continuation of the patrol means much to Eugene," said Mr. McDuff yesterday. "It already has been a great advertisement for this city and it would be a matter of regret if it were discontinued."

Mr. McDuff calls attention to an editorial in last issue of the Montana Forest School News, a portion of which follows: "Congress is not making the necessary appropriations for the work. This time it is not so much the forest service alone which is concerned with the failure of congress to appropriate funds. Everyone who owns timber, or who depends upon the production of wood or the use of wood, or whose welfare is related to forest protection and forest uses and forest influences—and whose welfare is not—should feel concerned."

Fires Great Menace
"Forest protection in the western forests has failed. Although damages have been reduced and although for every dollar spent hundreds of dollars have been saved in forest value, yet forest fires have in 10 years destroyed more timber on the national forests than has been cut and probably as much has been burned as has grown in that time."

"We know that on the basis of the detection and communication methods made possible by airplane patrol an adequate system of fire protection can be built. Airplane patrol will make fire protection efficient."

"It is said, too, that this nation is rapidly losing, or even throwing away, all that it gained in the use of airplanes for military preparedness. Nobody wants war again—we don't like even to think about it. We shall have least need for thought and worry and care about it if we are prepared for the worst that may come."

Congressmen Willing
"Four representatives and senators in congress like to work for legislation which you want. They hate like the dickens to have to work their heads off for a good cause and then come home to explain what it was all about and to try to drum up a little praise for worthy action done."

"Write to them today. Tell them how much forest protection means to your region. Tell them we are using one fifth part of the nation's merchantable saw timber each year. That fire damage, wasteful forest use and other devastations and depredations largely offset what we should get from forest growth each year. Tell them a protective system built upon the basis of airplane fire patrol will be the most efficient means known of preventing forest destruction. Tell them here is a means of helping to keep up our nation's military preparedness without the cost of an exclusive military measure."—Register.

New Book Worth Reading

"Woman," by Vance Thompson
A new book to be worth reading should be distinguished by a forceful style of expression and should deal with matters of vital importance to mankind. To this class certainly belongs "Woman." Such distinctive poise is seldom maintained from cover to cover. It is a book that destroys accepted and more or less erroneous concepts. It makes childish many mental attitudes and intellectual positions hitherto thought respectable. For instance, what do you think of the following aphorisms:
"Life is a conspiracy against woman."
"It is the male does the sputtering."
"Woman is humanity with a star in her."

"Jeanne D'Arc holds today the record of generalship—three victories on three successive days."
"When women united as women—as human beings—their cause took on new aspects of heroism and clean minded honor."
"The primal duty that every woman owes the race—that it may be preserved and go on—breeding, rearing and educating children."
"The Roman laws developed a tolerable marriage system—a good natured good tempered companionship, where under equal partnership woman had liberty and power."
"Woman is carrying on her back a dead load of patriarchal superstitions, prejudices, authorities, tyrannies, absurdities."
"The middle ages made woman the

gilded slave of virginity—bidding race duty go hang—balding mongering lovers sprawling at her knees."
"Nothing can resist the incessant and consistent will of woman, when she knows what is true and wills what is good."
The writer reasons broadly for the age of woman, that it has come to stay. He does not pettifog for the sex superiority of woman, but insists that goodness comes to her as to man, not by nature but must be worked for and fought for desperately. But he does make cabalistic inferences, printed in boxcar letters, showing that intellectual men have the most woman brains to best. He also shows that it is in the economic world that woman must seek her freedom, not in dress reform, although he does refer to the "flapping indecency of skirts" as "degrading sex advertising rags."

Vance Thompson makes a great deal of woman's higher sense of order; that the brain of woman is an ordinary brain; that order, not disorder, is the basis of all art; that in private and public affairs woman stands for orderly procedure; for the conventionalities and rules of social order; that she will make a better and more economical public administrator, and hence we are due for a woman ruled world. He does not quite say it but we are left to assume that in this new world she will alternately fill all offices with men, that men and women will take turn about filling every office and let the world judge of efficiency.

Auburn News Notes

The pupils of the Auburn school gave a program and tree Monday eve. The school house was packed and all enjoyed the excellent program which consisted of plays, cantatas and recitations. Miss Stella Spellbrink has charge of the school. Jay Cummings and family and Miss Mable Williams were guests Xmas day at the W. L. Cummings home on State street, when about 80 relatives gathered for a family reunion.

Coming as a surprise to his friends was the marriage of John LeRoy Sneed and Miss Elva Kent, at the St. Marks church in Portland Dec. 23. The marriage is the culmination of a romance beginning when both were students in the Drain high school. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. Anna Kent of Ashland and a graduate nurse of the 1914 class of the Good Samaritan hospital in Portland. The groom has recently returned from service in France, and is engaged in farming and fruit raising with his brother, W. H. Sneed, of Auburn.

Jim Suttie and wife of Salem are guests at the Mathews home. George and Dorothea Sneed are visiting their grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sneed of Drain. Mr. and Mrs. A. Hammer had as their Xmas guests their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gail Harford and children of Hazel Green. Mr. and Mrs. Will Hardy (Helen Williams) were visiting at the home of her sisters, Mrs. Jay Cummings, and Miss Mable Williams. Wade McKinney and wife and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Clark and children were Xmas eve dinner guests at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will McKinney.

There will be a Sunday school convention held at Macleay next Sunday, several from Auburn are planning on attending, but there will be Sunday school as usual; but as Rev. Lovell is helping on the convention program there will be no preaching service.

West Stayton.

B. H. Chamberlain and family spent the week end at the L. C. Mills home. Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Mills are working together in the timber. Miss Edna Bohle closed her school Friday for the holidays. An interesting entertainment was presented by the pupils the evening preceding dismissal. The vacation will last for two weeks.

Plans are being made by the Sunday school of West Stayton for a community basket dinner at the hall on New Years day. E. P. Mills and family made a business trip to Stayton Saturday. According to Mr. Mills the roads were badly flooded in places.

George Lathrope, a student in the Salem high school, is spending the holidays at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lathrope. When a barn burning, which had been loosened by the heavy snow fell, recently, Herman DeLong lost a valuable horse. The animal was instantly killed when the binding fell on it. S. J. Condam made a business trip to Stayton Monday.

Mrs. S. A. Lumbard, a winter guest at the J. W. Nippel home, is having her eyes treated by Dr. Findley of Salem and makes visits to the capital city for this purpose every week. Hood River growers are urging the allotment of further rolling stock to take care of the heavy shipments of apples that must be made as soon as weather conditions permit.

PRESBYTERIANS PLAN WAR ON CIGARETTE AND A DRY WORLD

New York, Dec. 27.—The Presbyterian church today entered the fight to bring world wide prohibition and abolish the cigarette.

In its annual program of reform, made public through the board of temperance and moral welfare here today, the church announced it would work for the following:
Elimination of the brewer and distiller in foreign fields.
Abolition of the cigarette.
Regulation of theaters and dancing.
Study of marriage and divorce problems.
Christianization and humanization of penal institutions.
Closer supervision over motion pictures.
Elimination of social diseases, use of narcotic drugs and the use of alcohol in the home.

The church has set aside \$50,000 to start its fight against the brewers and distillers in foreign mission fields. It was announced, and has sent the Rev. John Steele, associate secretary of the board, to England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales to aid in the prohibition fight.

An "especial target for attack will be the cigarette, which became so firmly entrenched during the war," the board's announcement declared. Professor J. H. Dickason, formerly of Wooster college, has been selected to lead this crusade and already has started a series of lectures against the "fag."

Family and juvenile work will be under the supervision of Professor W. A. McKeever, formerly of the University of Kansas. Winfield S. Hall, formerly of Northwestern university medical school, will have charge of social hygiene and sex relations reforms. The board's headquarters is in Pittsburg, with Dr. Charles Scanlon as general secretary.

Cloverdale.

Cloverdale, Dec. 24.—Cloverdale was certainly snowbound for a few days, having over two feet of snow. The school here has been closed on account of the storm and will not open until after the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Hadley's visit to Portland was prolonged for a couple of weeks on account of the weather. Mr. and Mrs. L. Hamilton and children Melva and Jack, and Mr. and Mrs. C. Thompson of Springfield are spending the holidays at the home of J. M. Hamilton. Mrs. Loretta Farris attended the teachers examination in Salem last week. F. A. Wood and families were shopping in Salem Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Kunke were visiting relatives in Salem last week returning home Friday evening.

Bandits Hold Mob at Bay While Blowing Safe

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 27.—Holding the entire neighborhood at bay with revolvers, three masked automobilists

blow the safe of the Frye & company meat market at Buckley, a small lumber town near here and escaped with \$250 in cash at an early hour Friday morning. Breaking a heavy lock, two of the bandits gained entrance through the front door of the store, while a third waited outside in an automobile. The robbers apparently were nervous and safe blowing. It took two shots to break open the safe. Union county has not \$400,000 of its \$1,500,000 bond issue which was voted recently to Kester Brothers of Portland.



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THUGS TAKE \$75,000 WORTH OF LIQUOR

Chicago, Dec. 26.—A band of thieves which entered the S. L. Ottenheimer liquor house had a merry Christmas. Besides escaping with \$75,000 worth of whiskey, wine and gin, the debris indicated the bandits went on a merry spree before their departure. The robbery was not discovered until company officials went to work early today.

Group of Miners Strike—Misunderstanding Likely

Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 27.—More than 125 miners of the Eagle mine, near here, went on strike Friday claiming their employers had refused to pay them the 14 percent wage increase awarded by the Indianapolis settlement. Mine officials declared there was a misunderstanding and professed belief the union leaders would order the strikers to return to work. J. C. Lewis, president of the state miners' organization, when apprised of the miners' action, declared steps to settle the strike would be taken at once.

Scientific Proof Promised On Immortality by Author

New York, Dec. 27.—Maurice Maeterlinck in America to lecture on the immortality of the soul, is studying the possibility of communicating with the spirit world and of the soul's appearance in tangible form before mortals. The Belgian author and philosopher said he has "an open mind" on these theories of spiritualism and is giving them much thought. "In my lecture," he said, "I will explain to the people of America the first scientific proofs of the existence of an immortal soul."

Daniels Not To Answer Sim's Refusal of Medal

Washington, Dec. 27.—Secretary Daniels will leave unanswered the letter of Admiral Sims refusing to accept the distinguished service medal because of alleged unfairness in the distribution of naval war honors, officers close to Daniels believed today. In view of his official position, Daniels could not afford to enter into "an argument" with Admiral Sims, these officials said.

Umatilla county will be required to pay \$234,444.52 more taxes when the 1919 collections are made than they paid in 1918.

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