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ROLAND BOYDEN



Roland Boyden, who is the American representative on the German reparations commission.

MRS. POINDEXTER STIRS WASHINGTON

Washington, D. C.—A letter written by Mrs. Miles Poindexter, wife of the Washington senator, to a Spokane newspaper in which she sharply attacks the cabinet officers for alleged petty graft at government expense, has caused a storm in official society circles here.

Mrs. Poindexter, in an amazing frank manner, complains because:

Wives of cabinet officers go shopping in government limousines.

Mrs. Denby, wife of the secretary of the navy, can give "at homes" and have the famous Marine band furnish music.

Secretary Denby took his family to the orient last summer.

"The war department furnishes good-looking officers for functions given by the secretary of war."

The botanical gardens furnish flowers for the house of Secretary of Agriculture Wallace.

Mrs. Poindexter says she cannot understand why senators vote government automobiles for cabinet officers and then deny them to themselves. Senators, she believes, need them more than secretaries.

BIG DEMAND FOR STAMPS

No Deficit Expected in Operations for 1923.

Washington, D. C.—The biggest demand for stamps and other postal stamped paper in the history of the government is in full swing and is taken by the postoffice department as an indication of healthier business conditions.

A billion more stamps were issued in the last six months than in that period a year ago, and the value showed \$30,000,000 increase. Leading postal officials believe there will be no deficit from postal operations when the fiscal year closes June 30. A year ago the deficit amounted to \$60,815,400. Orders for postal cards in carload lots have been received, the demand being larger than ever before for a similar period. One firm bought 13,000,000 precanceled stamps.

Borah Renews Parley Plea

Washington.—Senator Borah renewed in the senate his proposal for an international economic conference called by President Harding. The conference proposal, which already has been the center of one senate storm and is expected to develop another, was submitted this time by the Idaho senator as a separate resolution.

Chicago Political Leader Indicted

Chicago.—Frederick Lundin, whom anti-administration newspapers call the "power behind the throne" in republican politics, was among 24 persons named in a blanket indictment returned by a special grand jury investigating school board graft charges. Other prominent persons in politics were named.

Chaplin Admits He Will Wed Pola

Del Monte, Cal.—Charles Chaplin and Pola Negri, motion picture stars, announced their engagement at Pebble Beach lodge near here. They refused to say when they would be married.

WHY THE WALLULA CUT-OFF?

Snowbanks On Country Roads Prevent Jurors From Arriving On Time.

"Where are my wandering jurors today?" sang the court bailiff when it came time to open the arguments in the Taylor-Kuck damage suit, and the song was echoed by attorneys when several members of the jury were not present when court was convened.

The bailiff's clerical question did not remain unanswered for a very long time, however, because some of the jurors had already called Judge Phelps over the long distance telephone and informed him that the snow between Weston and Athena was too deeply drifted on the road to permit passage. They informed the court that they were making every effort to get here as quickly as possible.

The snowbound four are all residents of the east end of the county and include I. M. Phipps, Mrs. Pauline Denny, Stillman Dempsey and Bruce Shangle. Mrs. Edith Lumsden and L. I. O'Hara of Weston were late, but they arrived on the train and were not so long delayed as the Milton-Free-water residents.

OREGON STATE NEWS

Plans are about completed for the construction of a toll bridge across the Columbia between Hood River and Underwood, connecting the proposed Yakima highway with the Columbia river highway. The estimated cost is \$500,000.

Two stylishly dressed youths entered Solomon's jewelry store in the heart of the retail shopping district of Portland, asked to see some diamonds, covered a woman clerk, Miss Amy Bickel, with a gun, took two rings valued at \$1500, and escaped.

Seventy-five Indian children from the Klamath Indian reservation will be minus their tonsils and adenoids when the wholesale operations under way at Klamath Falls are completed. During the past week 40 operations were performed, the youngsters coming in relays.

A petition containing the signatures of approximately 400 poultry raisers in all sections of Oregon has been filed with the joint ways and means committee of the legislature in support of an appropriation of \$5000 for investigation and control of poultry diseases.

A sack containing a large amount of loot from the First National bank of Sheridan was found alongside a country road near Portland. The loot consisted mostly of securities taken from safety deposit boxes in the bank and was the property of customers of the concern.

The appointment of a receiver for the Glensbrook Farms corporation, which holds 2000 acres in the vicinity of Cornutt, in Douglas county, was asked in a suit filed by Katherine C. Thomas, who claims to hold \$100,000 worth of preferred stock in the corporation.

Conditions at the Chemawa Indian school, located near Salem, are gratifying and the work of the institution is proceeding in admirable fashion, according to the annual report of the board of Indian commissioners filed with the secretary of the interior at Washington, D. C.

Figures released by the office of the register show that the enrollment in the university of Oregon at Eugene for the winter term, 1922-23, is less by 129 students than it was last quarter. The total enrollment of the student body is 2090, as compared with 2189 for last term.

Fourth-class postmasters have been appointed for Oregon as follows: Alice M. Dunham, Bourne, Baker county; Donald F. Allen, Bull Run, Clackamas county; Isaac H. Veatch, Pedee, Polk county; Bert L. Reynolds, Powell Butte, Crook county; Mrs. Angie E. Sedgwick, Terrebonne, Deschutes county.

UMATILLA DELEGATION ASKS APPROPRIATION FOR RAPIDS

The entire Umatilla county delegation in both houses of the legislature at Salem have united in the introduction of a bill to appropriate \$10,000 for the purpose of matching a similar sum from the federal government to make a survey of the Umatilla rapids project under the direction of the interior department.

The bill was drafted at the unofficial request of Congressman Sinnott and Director Davis of the reclamation service. At the time of Fred Steiner's recent trip to Washington in behalf of the Pendleton Commercial association the whole subject of the Umatilla rapids project was gone over and a promise was secured at that time of federal cooperation in the survey of the project. Further advice has since been received from Mr. Sinnott and on the strength of his suggestion the state is being asked to appropriate \$10,000.

There is also another way whereby federal money and possibly be secured for the Umatilla rapids survey. That is through a \$50,000 clause in the bill for the Columbia basis survey. However, this measure has not passed congress and it is doubtful if it can pass at this session. On the other hand the other money is sure to be available and hence it is deemed wise to make use of it, provided cooperation can be secured from the state.

As Senator Taylor and Representative Mann are both on the ways and means committee, as is also C. G. Brownell, it is predicted the bill will be favorably reported to the committee and will pass.—E. O.

Don't Bother Mail Boxes.

Attention is called to the parents to instruct their children that the government will not stand for bothering the mail in the rural boxes or in the boxes at the post office and that they must leave other people's mail strictly alone and to be on the safe side they must not touch some one's else box. Let us try to keep from having the trouble that they had at our county seat by the children bothering the mail there.

Word has been received that Miss Alice Lambert has been chosen as a member of the O.A.C. girls glee club.

High water during the recent storm and flood is believed to have uncovered a large sized vein of coal at the G. Debernardi place on the North Umpqua river near Roseburg, opposite the state salmon hatchery.

Opposition to the proposed severance tax of 25 cents on each 1000 feet of lumber manufactured in Oregon is growing at Klamath Falls, and will result, it is thought, in a strong fight being made to prevent the passage of the bill. With this law in operation, Klamath lumber industries would be taxed over \$41,000 for a year's lumber cut equal to that of 1922, and in future years the amount would probably reach \$100,000.

The gross expenditures of the state highway commission have aggregated \$54,737,414.81, of which \$6,747,047.94 represented county funds, \$97,381.27 railroad funds and \$43,349,455.55 state funds. This was set out in the biennial report of the state highway department, filed with Governor Pierce. The Oregon highway system consists of 4450 miles of road, according to the report, of which there has been improved by the commission 695 miles of paving, 1313 miles of gravel or crushed rock surfacing and 194 miles of grading.

County Commissioners Sharp and Roney, who early this month discharged the Lane county agricultural agent, the county health nurse, assistant county school superintendent, county bridge superintendent and county roadmaster, have refused to certify to a fund donated by the Eugene chamber of commerce and the granges of the county for the support of the county agent, thereby preventing the state and government from matching the sum. The commissioners also refused to allow the agent to occupy an office in the courthouse if by some means the state and federal funds should be obtained.

COMMUNITY PARK MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY NIGHT

It was a small but interested and enthusiastic crowd which met at the school house Wednesday in the interest of the Community Park. This meeting was held following an announcement in the Mirror that such a meeting would be held. Mr. Boardman explained the situation of the park, and what he knew of it. Then Mr. Blayden was selected president, Mrs. Earl Cramer, combined secretary-treasurer, and five directors were appointed to represent various sections of the community. Mr. King, Mr. Mead, East End; Paul Smith, center, and Mr. Dillabough and Mr. Cobb, West End, were elected as directors by motion of Mr. Blayden. Mr. Blayden, the president, will call a meeting of this board in the near future, and further plans will be announced later. Everybody boost!

YOU MISS MUCH IF YOU MISS P.T.A. MEETINGS

The last Friday in each month is the day for the Parent-Teacher association to hold its regular session. There can be no business transacted unless there are present eight people, or members of the organization. In October last, I went down to the school house to meet with the parents and teachers, but no one came, so, therefore, no meeting. In December I was not able to attend, so no one even remembered the date. On Friday last, I went again, and no other parent, except our vice president, Mrs. Root, came. We cannot have an organization worth while unless you, and you, and you are interested. You may use for excuse that we never do anything, when we do go. Well, look at our record book and see what we did last time, and bring up your own problems and let's have them thrashed out before the association. This is what will prove of interest. Subscribe for the Oregon Parent-Teacher magazine. Address Oak Grove, Oregon. Subscription price, 25c per year, and find in there things that will prove of great interest to each parent.

Mrs. E. B. Crawford, who is a member of our organization, sent me a copy of the November issue of the Oregon Parent-Teacher, and in this one issue alone I found what is worth more than money can buy. Do you want to read it or hear it? It is called "Mother's Trinity." Come next time to our meeting, and you shall hear it. And there will be so many things to talk about. So be on hand promptly at 7 o'clock and we will have an interesting meeting. Date, February 23.

MARGARET CRAMER, President.

F. L. Brown and family are visiting in Portland.

THE MARKETS

Portland
Wheat — Bluestem, \$1.44; soft white, \$1.26; western white, \$1.25; hard winter, \$1.13; western red, \$1.18; northern spring, \$1.20.
Corn — Whole, \$42; cracked, \$44.
Hay — Alfalfa, \$21 per ton; valley timothy, \$22; eastern Oregon timothy, \$23.
Butter Fat — 53c.
Eggs — Ranch, 27¢@32c.
Cheese — Tillamook triplets, 32¢@33c; Young Americans, 33¢@34c; block Swiss, 30¢@32c; cream brick, 28¢@30c.
Cattle — Choice steers, \$7@8; medium to good, \$6.25@7.
Sheep — East of mountain lambs and choice valley lambs, \$11.25@13.25.
Hogs — Prime light, \$9@9.50; smooth heavy, \$8@9.

Seattle
Wheat — Hard white, soft white, western white, \$1.30; hard red winter, soft red winter, northern spring and western red, \$1.22.
Hay — Alfalfa, \$24; timothy, \$25; straw, \$15.
Butter Fat — 52¢@54c.
Eggs — Ranch, 27¢@28c.
Cattle — Prime steers, \$7.50@7.75; medium to choice, \$6.50@7.
Hogs — Prime light, \$9.25@9.45; smooth heavy, \$7.25@8.25.

TREE PLANTING RECORD OF 1922 MAY BE PASSED

Last year there were over 15,000 trees planted on the Project. Another spring is near. What plans have you made for this year's planting? We may plant our places to alfalfa and other crops but the stage is never set unless trees are planted to complete the setting. Both from the attractive standpoint and the wind protection there is no better investment. You may invest in a \$10,000 tombstone on your burial lot that your memory may not be forgotten as long as a tenth of the above investment or less in the planting of trees will live each and every day and as lasting as the granite. To the naked desert, alfalfa covers the nether limbs. The trees are the upper body. A writer states that landscape decorations of trees are a necessity to the development of the soul. This is driven home when you stand in the depths of a red wood forest. The writer continues that the more one studies trees the more one understands God. A house is but a house but when you put trees around it, it is a home. How well we know that on this Project. How the future years will more fully prove it. Plans are now being made for the planting of trees along the highway from the spillway to the ball grounds. The planting of trees along the Peters road south from the highway. Why not do likewise where possible on every road leading from the highway to Project. Let the people who live contributory to each road plant a small park (alfalfa) to begin with where the road leaves the highway. Have an attractive sign at these intersections telling of your district. It will bring many a settler to the Project. A park board has been organized. A movement is under way to plant the park to trees this spring. It is a move that every one on the Project should get behind. Let's beat last year's planting of 15,000 and make it this year 25,000.

What might have been much more serious was barely avoided in our town last week when Mrs. Hicks and Mrs. Howell were driving into town and a single tree broke. Both were thrown from the rig, but Mrs. Howell caught the dash board while Mrs. Hicks fell to the ground and both bones in her wrist were broken. Dr. Hilsley was called and set the arm in a plaster cast and then took her to Hermiton for an X-ray. He could not administer an anesthetic, however, so advised her to go to the hospital, where she went Friday. She returned Saturday and is doing nicely.

GOOD NEWS FOR BOARDMAN TAXPAYERS

What ought to be good news to the taxpayers of this district was the action taken by the school board at two special meetings held recently. At one meeting, through the assistance of Mr. Starkley of Portland they made a reduction of a quarter of a cent in the rate of interest on \$49500, of the bonds out against the district, making a saving of nearly \$1500; but the biggest saving was made Saturday afternoon when they met with G. T. Judd, agent for the Investors Syndicate of Minneapolis, Minn., and made arrangements to purchase a \$35,000 bond, paying for it on the installment plan, \$2590 a year for 10 years.

In 10 years, therefore, the district with a payment of \$25900 will own a \$35000 bond which during the seven years before our bonds become due will have earned enough interest to bring the district \$50,750 or \$250, more than enough to pay off the bonds. It is simply a case of lending the investors' syndicate the money for which they pay us 5 1/2 per cent compound interest and instead of raising \$3000 each year for a sinking fund to take care of the bond, just \$2590 will have to be raised. The school board should be congratulated upon being able to make this saving for the district which will be a help to every one.

JUDGE SANFORD



Judge E. T. Sanford of Tennessee, appointed to the United States Supreme Court bench to succeed Justice Pitney, resigned.

REPORT RECOMMENDS REDUCTION IN GUARD

Washington, D. C.—A minimum peace time strength of 250,000 men for the national guard was recommended in a report of a committee of national guard and general staff officers who have been studying the problem for more than a year and which was approved by Secretary Weeks. The plan outlined by the committee was based on an efficient organization of 18 infantry and four cavalry divisions, and would mean a reduction from the present authorized paper strength of the national guard, which is 435,000 men.

In addition to the infantry and cavalry divisions, the guard, under the plan submitted, would consist of 130 companies of harbor defense troops, 12 infantry regiments to be allotted, and other units necessary to a well-balanced force, such as tanks, anti-air forces and artillery units.

The committee recommended that the strength of the guard be apportioned so far as practicable among the states in proportion to the number of members of the house of representatives.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Greece has decided to adopt the official Gregorian calendar as from February 1.

A world peace conference to settle problem of Ruhr valley is proposed in a resolution by Representative Chalmers, republican, Ohio.

Senator Brookhart, republican, Iowa, offered a resolution empowering the president to take over and operate the coal mines in an emergency.

Premier A. Bonar Law announced that government disbursing agents for disabled and unemployed a ring 1922 and 1923 would total 151,000,000 pounds.

A resolution to abolish the state legislature and substitute a commission of seven for it has been introduced in the state senate at Carson, Nevada.

Mae Ella Nolan, widow of the late John I. Nolan, representative in congress, was elected representative from the fifth California congressional district for both the full and short terms to fill the vacancy created by the death of her husband.

State Attorneys Would Argue Law

Washington, D. C.—The states of Oregon, Washington and Wisconsin, through their attorneys general, have asked the supreme court for permission to participate in the oral argument of cases involving the constitutionality of the District of Columbia law, which seeks to fix minimum wages for women and minor children. The lower courts held the law unconstitutional.

No Fraud Found in Engraving Bureau

Washington, D. C.—The government's investigation into the widespread duplication of bonds and currency in the bureau of engraving and printing, which led to the dismissal of 26 bureau officials, has now been completed. It was announced at the treasury department. No evidence of fraud or conspiracy was found and there will be no criminal prosecutions, it was stated.