

## RILEY LECTURE DRAWS THROUG FRIDAY NIGHT

ARMORY IS FILLED TO CAPACITY  
TO HEAR GIFTED  
ORATOR

### SPEAKER'S CHIEF CHARM LIES IN HIS SINCERITY

Oregon Man is Entirely "Sold" to  
Subject He Discusses; Location of  
Ashland and Lithia Park Receive  
Much Praise by Visitor.

Evangelists for many creeds have appeared before the public imbued with the principles which they advocate, but never has one stood before a large audience more "sold" to his subject than Frank Branch Riley, of Portland, in his illustrated story of the "Lure of the Great Northwest," delivered at the Ashland Armory Friday evening as the crowning feature of the Winter Fair.

After a few minutes talk with Mr. Riley, the desire comes to dispense with all formalities, and to speak to him as "Frank," so great is the charm of his manner and of his personality. The secret of his success lies in the fact that he does not tell of the wonders of the northwest and Oregon in particular, but he throws himself into his subject with abandon, and his love of the country is as deep and his devotion as great as that a mother shows toward the babe in her arms.

"I think that Lithia park is the most delightful combination of wild beauties and man-made adornments I have ever seen," declared Mr. Riley this morning. "It is a model and pattern for all such tourist parks. Ashland is one of the most favorably situated cities in the world, nestling among wonderful hills and at the mouth of a beautiful canyon that reaches out toward a broad and fertile valley. Ashland is at once a challenge, and should be the object of every person who tours the west."

Though he has delivered his lecture on the northwest in hundreds of cities and to thousands upon thousands of people, Mr. Riley delivered his talk last night with the enthusiasm of a school boy declaiming his maiden effort.

"Few people west of the Mississippi river realize the colossal ignorance of the west that I find throughout the east, and I have talked before various chambers of commerce, civic bodies, public gatherings and educational institutions," Mr. Riley declared. "The questions asked of me following my lectures show the most elemental knowledge of the northwest. People are surprised, almost astounded, to learn that in Oregon pavement exists outside the limits of the larger cities."

During his annual tours of the east in the interests of the northwest, the press of the larger cities devote entire sections to the subject presented by the lecturer, while many of the newspapers carrying an illustrated section, come to him and beg to be given pictures of the northwest.

Mr. Riley counts that lecture a failure that does not find himself surrounded by a large and eager crowd, anxious to verify the statements he has made and the truth of his lectures. In many instances it is hard for them to grasp the fact that they are real and not the work of some artist with a great imagination. So great is the amount of interest, Mr. Riley states, that it is seldom he is able to find opportunity to write home until 2 o'clock of the morning following his lecture. Invitations, letters and phone calls are received in a veritable flood. Mr. Riley is more than a lecturer, talking on his subject; he is a missionary of the northwest.

Nearly 1000 people gathered in the Armory last night, until all available standing room was taken, and many were unable to gain admittance to the building. Mr. Riley expressed himself as being delighted with the attention given him by the audience, and the lack of any distraction so common with a crowd of that size.

Mr. Riley will speak at Klamath Falls Tuesday, and at Medford on Wednesday, when he will talk at a meeting of the Medford forum at noon, and to a public meeting, sponsored by the Craters, in the evening.

## SENATE COMMISSION REPORTS FAVORABLY UPON SUBSIDY BILL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—By a vote of 11 to 5, the proposed ship subsidy bill was reported favorably to the senate this afternoon from the senate commerce commission, by Senator Jones, Washington, republican, its chairman.

Ten republicans voted solidly to report the measure, one democrat with them, and five other democrats against.

## SCHOOL CHILDREN URGED TO COMBAT ALL FOREST FIRES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—An army of 22,000,000 school children in the United States to combat "the national enemy," the forest fire, will be recruited by Chief Forester William B. Greeley, of the forest service, United States department of agriculture.

Greeley said that he had written the state superintendents of schools calling attention to the danger from the dry condition of the forest and woodlands at this time of year and seeking to bring before the children the need of care with fire.

Forest fires, Greeley declared, exact an appalling toll of property damage in the United States each year. He estimated that 33,000 forest fires occur annually, more than 60 per cent of which "are caused by human carelessness."

"Each year," he said, "these fires burn over 7,500,000 acres, an area greater than Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire and Rhode Island combined. Seventeen million dollars of our country's wealth is each year reduced to smoke and gray ashes."

## CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS WITH DINNER PARTY

Mrs. George W. Loosley and Mr. Fred Neil celebrated their birthdays jointly Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Loosley on Oak street, where a fine dinner was served to those who had gathered to help make the day a pleasant one for those celebrating the anniversary of their birth.

Those present during the evening were Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Loosley and son, of Montague, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Loosley and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Neil, sons Joe and Kay and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Loosley.

**Gasoline Sales Heavy**—There were 5,405,454.2 gallons of gasoline sold in Oregon during October, according to reports filed with Sam Kozar, secretary of state. The state tax totals \$112,254.60. While gasoline sales decreased 15 per cent as compared to the previous month, sales of distillate show a gain of more than 30 per cent.

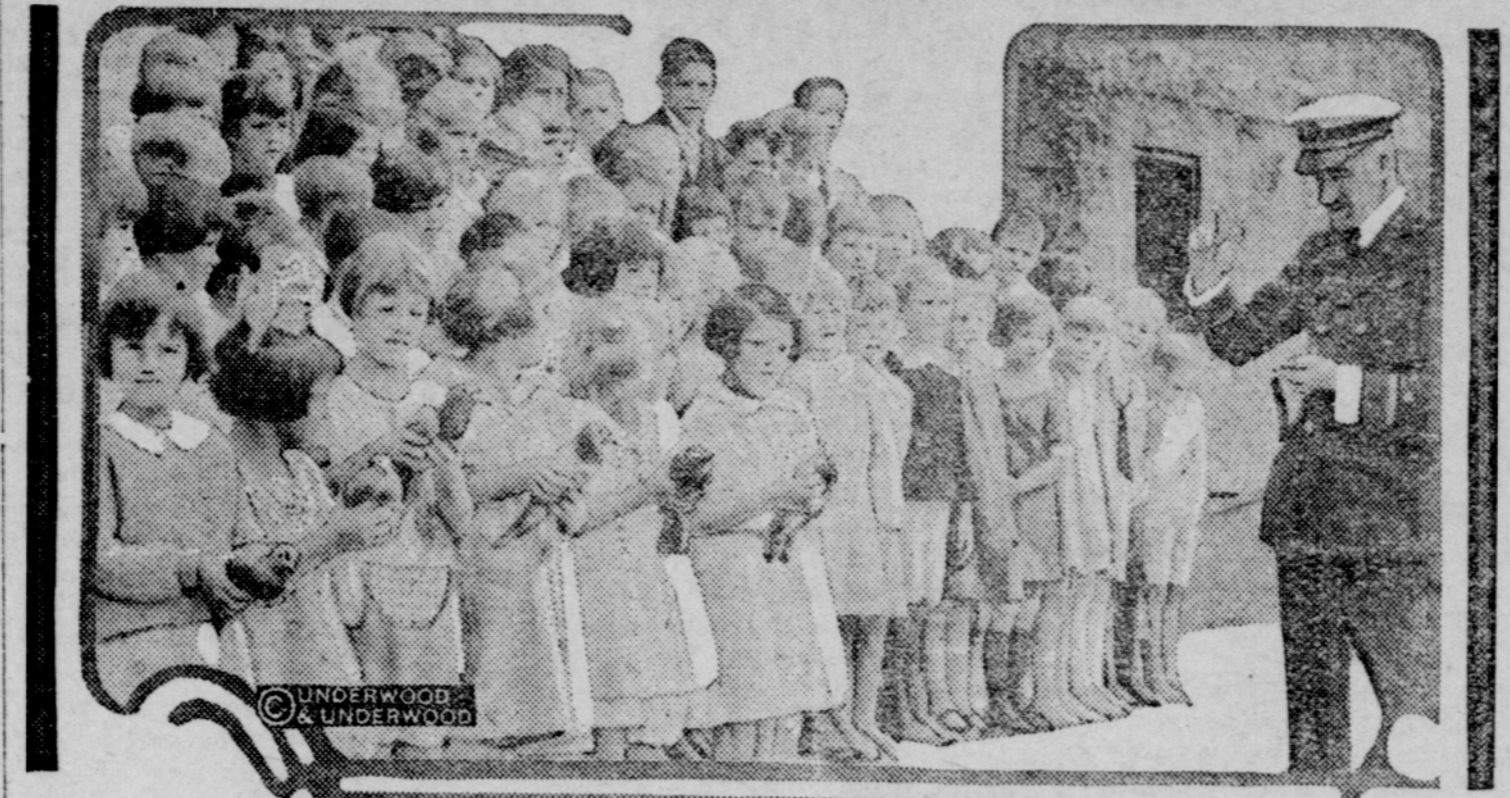
**O. A. C. Vacation Soon**—Students now attending the Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis will be returning home for the annual Christmas vacation in a short time. The vacation period will be in a little more than a week. Oregon and other colleges will close their doors a few days later.

**Klamath to Open Season**—Official opening of the Christmas season at Klamath Falls will be made Tuesday. Christmas trees for street decorations, one for each 25 feet, will be supplied to merchants (at \$1 each). High school boys will cut the trees and bring them to town. The stores will not be open in the evening, but every merchant will have his windows decorated and lighted.

**Black Bear Near City**—While going up the canyon road one morning this week, W. A. Conner and Mr. Kelts spied a good-sized black bear crossing the road just above the third bridge beyond the lower reservoir. Mr. Conner says the bear did not see them approaching until they were only a short distance away, but that he made tracks in a great hurry once he saw them.

Mr. Conner also says that on Thursday morning he saw tracks where five or six deer came down the road to the Lacy home, which is only a little ways above the upper campground.

## Navy Men and Kids Racing Their Pigeons



Navy men from the naval air station on North Island, California, and school children of San Diego recently combined forces and held a big carrier pigeon race in which scores of birds were released by the youngsters to race back to their lofts at the air station. The photograph shows Ensign Charles G. Shome starting one of the races. Each youngster is holding a bird.

## CLEMENCEAU SITS IN HISTORIC CHAIR AT PHILADELPHIA

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 9.—"I come in the name of the immortal William Penn, and in the name of peace," was the greeting of Georges Clemenceau to the Philadelphia forum in a brief address made here. The "Tiger" says he is a man of peace, and avers that if Germany had suspected that America and England would enter into the war, there would have been no war.

"Let us make it plain to the aggressor nation in the future that it will have more nations to fight than the one attacked," he said. The "Tiger" sat in the historic chair of John Hancock and placed his hand on the Liberty Bell when the "Marseillaise" was sung.

## FOOTBALL PROTEST FAILS AT HEARING

Both Neff and Baughman were declared to be technically legal players at the eligibility hearing in Salem today, according to a special wire to the Tidings from George A. Briscoe, superintendent of schools. This will end all further controversy upon the subject.

## HONOLULU SAID SHIVERING WHEN MERCURY READS 71

HONOLULU, T. H., Dec. 9.—"Cold Wave Hits Hawaii" is the way the editor headed a story in one of the local newspapers when the weather

## ASHLAND NEWS IN PARAGRAPH

**Entertain Berean Class**—The monthly meeting of the Baptist Berean class, Mrs. O. F. Carson, teacher, was entertained by Mrs. Channell at her cozy new built home on Fairview and Union streets, Thursday afternoon. After devotional exercises, the afternoon was spent in review of Bible work in the Sunday school. The study of the life of Christ will be taken up at the next meeting in January. Delicious refreshments consisting of ice cream and three kinds of cake were served during the afternoon. Those present beside the hostess, were: Mesdames O. F. Carson, C. A. Cotter, J. H. Philpott, S. A. Peters Jr., Elda Anderson, E. Spates, C. Taylor, H. Hamilton and F. Dodge.

**Meets with Mrs. Cotter**—The Friday Afternoon Embroidery club met yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. A. Cotter, on Harrison street. The afternoon was spent in the rush of completing many dainty things for Christmas gifts, during which time light refreshments were served. Those present were: Mesdames Roy Hale, Mark Smith, Walter Frulan, O. W. Long, J. C. Poor, Frank Nelson, Roy Hosler, H. C. Emery, Guy Jacobs, and the hostess. Guests for the afternoon were Mesdames F. Dodge, E. Crisler, C. Bomar and H. Bell.

**To Meet in New Club House**—The Ladies' Art club will hold their regular meeting Monday evening and are taking advantage of the new Community club house which they will use for their meeting for the first time. The hostesses for the evening are Mesdames Shortridge, Patton and Harkins.

**Grants Pass Men Identified**—Positive identification of Oregon and Dewey Jones, charged with highway robbery north of Grants Pass last September, as convicts 1909 and 1910, by officials of the Oklahoma state reformatory, has been made. The eastern sentences were given July 12, 1917. Oregon Jones is said to have been released from the Oregon state training school at Salem in September, 1916.

**Gives Card Party**—Mrs. Henry Carter gave a delightful "500" party at her home on Sixth street last evening, which was followed by a delicious lunch. Mrs. Alex Livingston won first prize and Mrs. C. R. D. Jones was able to hold forth for the next prize. Those present for the evening were: Mesdames C. R. D. Jones, R. E. Hall, Tony Franco, Roy Gearhart, William Haberley, O. B. Turner, Roy Hosley, Millie Sackett, Mrs. Livingston, William Wallace, Lena Breeding and William Loomis.

## COMING EVENTS

- Sixteen days yet remain before Christmas. Shop now.
- December 12.—Annual meeting Red Cross. Civic Club.
- December 12.—W. C. T. U. meeting.
- December 16.—Bazaar, and food sale, Christian church.
- December 16.—Stewart Long, lecturer, Lyceum course.
- December 22.—High school operetta, "The Captain of Plymouth."
- December 25, Monday.—Christmas Day.

## STATE STORM TOLL NOW REACHES FOUR

PORTLAND, Dec. 9.—Already four deaths and numerous accidents in various parts of the state have been reported as a result of the storm, which, with many of the roads closed to traffic and drifts piling up along the upper Columbia River highway today seem worse than it has been at any time since the temperature began to descend the early part of the week.

The deaths reported are: Adolph Croupe, 23, who died in the storm in the Catherine Creek hills near La Grande; Frank E. Arnot, who was crushed under a falling limb in a logging camp near Marshfield; and David Linn, owner of the Eugene Sand and Gravel company, and an employe, Henry Nestle, who was drowned while attempting to repair a cable broken by high water in the Willamette.

bureau reported that Honolulu had had its coldest weather in many years. The temperature dropped to 71 degrees.

## POWDER PLANT IS WRECKED BY BLAST AND FOUR ARE DEAD

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 9.—Four are dead and one dying as a result of an explosion which occurred in the Black Diamond Powder company at Suscon, five miles from here. The cause is undetermined. The dead are: Ray Alaugh, William Wright, Frank Garra and Ralph Brumm. Sebastian Fabian is dying.

Many were injured by flying glass and other missiles. Trees were uprooted. The concussion was felt miles away. Powder kegs were strewn for blocks away from the explosion. Practically all the 15 buildings used in the manufacture of explosives are demolished beyond repair.

## REPRISALS NEEDED SAYS IRISH LEADER

DUBLIN, Dec. 9.—Dublin is comparatively quiet today, after the summary execution of "Rory" O'Connor and three other republican irregular chiefs. Together with the Free Staters threat of further executions, it gave a temporary setback to republican plans for counter reprisals and violence. Military preparations have been taken to guard the lives of Free State officials and government property. William Cosgrove, Free State leader, says there is "only one way to crush conspiracy and assassinations, and that is by striking terror into the hearts of the conspirators."

## CLARA STILL PLAYS "HIDE AND GO SEEK" WITH AUTHORITIES

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 9.—A new search has been started by Sheriff Traeger and his deputies for Clara Phillips, escaped "hammer murderer." Since her escape last Tuesday, she has played "hide and seek" with the authorities.

Police are questioning Guido Spingola, alias "The Mouse," in San Francisco, who is suspected of aiding Mrs. Phillips in her getaway.

## 3 TESTING PLACES HAVE BEEN SET FOR BENEFIT OF OWNERS

Owners of cows in Ashland will have an opportunity to get the animals tested on Monday of next week. The city council has announced that a measure will be ready for adoption at its next meeting December 19, and will be enforced compelling all who sell milk or its products to live up to the testing and sanitary inspections.

Testing is being done free at this time by the federal inspector, Dr. Bishop, working in co-operation with the county agent's office. All who fail to get the cows tested at this time will probably have to pay quite heavily to get inspectors in for the work.

Three central locations have been chosen for cow owners to make use of in getting their cows to the tester. Use the one which is handiest to your place. The cattle of the south end of town will be tested at the barn of Mr. Baughman at the upper end of the cemetery near Hawthorne school, at 8 o'clock a. m. Those of the central part of town at the Smith barn near the creamery at 10 a. m., and those of the north end of town will meet at 1 o'clock at the big red barn on Almond and Wimer streets, belonging to Mike Morgan.

Take particular notice of the time and places of these testings if you wish to take advantage of the free testing, Monday, December 11.

## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY ELECT OFFICERS FOR YEAR

At the regular meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary the following officers were elected for 1923: President, Mrs. H. C. Wolcott; first vice-president, Mrs. S. A. Peters Sr.; second vice-president, Mrs. Mabel Souther; secretary, Mrs. Hazel Gunter; treasurer, Mrs. Donald Spencer; historian, Miss Mary Spencer; chaplain, Mrs. Lynn Slack; pianist, Mrs. Cecil Norton; sergeant at arms, Mrs. S. A. Peters Jr.

Five dollars was sent to state headquarters for the Christmas cheer fund, and \$10 to the American Legion Christmas fund. Installation of officers for the new year will take place at the next regular meeting, December 22.

## INTERESTING PROGRAM AT COMMUNITY HOUSE TONIGHT

Lovers of music will be given a treat this evening at the Community club house, when Miss Alice Lavina Andrews will demonstrate the Duo-Art reproducing piano. Twelve numbers are on the program, most of which are the very best in the musical world, while the playing is a reproduction of the best artists of the day.

The program is being given by Rose Brothers, music dealers of this city, who are local agents for the instrument used during the evening. The public is cordially invited to attend the program.

## Attend Salem Hearing

G. A. Briscoe, superintendent of schools, and B. F. Forsythe, principal of the high school, left last night for Salem, to attend the eligibility hearing regarding two Medford football players. The hearing was set for 10 o'clock this morning, but neither of the two men could estimate the time that would elapse before the decision could be learned. Mr. Forsythe stated he thought it probable the findings would not be returned for a day or so. Coach Walter Hughes did not make the trip.

## INCENDIARISM IS THOUGHT CAUSE OF ASTORIA FIRE

RADICALS ARE SUSPECTED OF  
STARTING CONFLAGRATION  
IN TWO PLACES

## PLANS BEING MADE TO REBUILD BURNED AREA

Business Men Discuss Future and Care for Homeless; Supplies Needed and Are Being Rushed from Portland; Steamer Is Burned.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 9.—From chaotic ruin, citizens of Astoria have pledged their hearts and worldly goods that the "city by the sea" shall rise to greater heights. Representative business men met this morning and made plans for rebuilding the city and securing the 2000 homeless. Food for homeless people for 10 days, clothing for 1000 and coal are the urgent needs. Supplies are being made up in Portland and will be rushed here.

National guardsmen and ex-soldiers are patrolling the streets. Rev. W. S. Gilbert, major of the old Third Oregon during the war, is chairman of the relief committee.

It is believed by Mayor Brommer and Chief of Police Carlson that the conflagration was incendiary and was started by radicals. They say the blaze broke out simultaneously on both sides of Commercial street.

Homes and the remaining buildings became residences last night for the homeless. All power is off, and flickering candles and lamps were the only lights through the stormy night.

PORTLAND, Dec. 9.—A supply train, furnished by Portland civic organizations, left early this afternoon for the stricken people of Astoria. It carried rations for 2000 persons for a ten day period. It included canned milk, sugar, potatoes, rice, coffee, flour, butter, crackers, macaroni and other provisions. Red Cross nurses are ready to go forth in case sickness breaks out.

PORTLAND, Dec. 9.—The "Ione" was swept by fire today while docked in the harbor. The loss of the steamer is \$4000 and \$6000 additional to its supply paper. The "Ione" was engaged in river traffic between Camas, Vancouver, Wash., Portland and way points.

## HOLD QUARTERLY BANQUET AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Martha Gillette chapter of Westminster Guild held their quarterly banquet last evening in the Presbyterian church. Thirty guests sat down to a table prettily decorated with Christmas scarlet and green and loaded with the delectable viands, to which all did ample justice. A happy feature was the opening of the mite bag, totaling the amount in the treasury at \$50. Of this, \$10 was paid on the church fund, \$10 to the union Christian colleges in the Orient and \$20 to the women's board of missions for Guild stations.

Mrs. James Rudd, a patroness who has gone to California for the winter, had sent a gift, as did Mrs. William Lindsay, of Fallon, Nev., a former member. The spirit of good fellowship, in numbers and in service, the Guild is becoming an increasing joy to all who attend.

Tomorrow's program at 6:30 promises to be of exceptional merit at which time Mrs. Charles Roberts will speak on the poetry of India, Miss Eva Peley on India's music, and will sing "In the Secret of His Presence," written by a Hindu. Mrs. Koehler will speak on "What India Can Contribute to Christianity." A welcome is extended to all women who can attend.

## ENDERS AND VINING WIN AWARDS IN WINTER FAIR

First prize in window display competition during the Winter Fair was given to the Enders Company, with the Holmes grocery second and Swenson & Peebler third.

The Vining theatre was given first place for having the most attractive booth at the Armory, with Detricks grocereria second, and the Ashland Creamery third.

ASHLAND CLIMATE, without the aid of medicine, cures nine cases out of ten of asthma. This is a proven fact.

MALARIA GERMS cannot survive three months in the rich ozone at Ashland. The pure domestic water helps.