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## SEVEN PLANETS AT DANGER POINTS

A San Francisco paper recently published an illustrated article by Professor Albert P. Porta, a noted sunspot forecaster in which he says that owing to a strange grouping of six mighty planets, such as has not been seen in a score of centuries, the United States next December will be swept by the most terrific weather cataclysm experienced since human history began.

It will be caused by the hugest sunspot on record—a sunspot that will be visible to the naked eye. Since men first began to make records of events, no sunspot has been large enough to be seen without the aid of instruments. This one will be.

The sunspot will appear December 17, 1919, and will be a vast wound in the side of the sun. It will be a gigantic explosion of flaming gases, leaping hundreds of thousands of miles out into space. It will have a crater-large enough to engulf the earth, much as Vesuvius might engulf a football.

Such a sunspot will be rich enough in electro-magnetic energy to fling the atmosphere of our planet into a disturbance without precedent or parallel. There will be hurricanes, lightning, colossal rains. It will be weeks before the earth will regain its normal weather conditions. There will also be gigantic lava eruptions, great earthquakes, to say nothing of floods and fearful cold.

Professor Porta gives as his reasons for making this portentous prophecy that the planets in their orbits swing in great ellipses around the sun. They are linked to the sun and to each other, by chains of electro-magnetic energy whose compelling forces counteract each other and hold each planet in its regular path.

Whenever two planets wheel into such position that they pull together on the sun—either in conjunction on the same side of the sun, or in opposition with the sun between them—their united pull causes the sun's gases to "explode"—to leap out into space in the whirling volcano we call a sunspot. These sunspots in turn cause storms in the atmosphere of our earth—doubtless on other planets as well. Two planets united are enough to cause a small sunspot and a small storm. Three cause a larger one—four make a very great storm indeed.

But—on December 17, 1919, no less than seven planets will pull jointly on the sun. These will include all the mightiest planets, those with the most powerful pull. Six of them—Mercury, Mars, Venus, Jupiter, Saturn and Neptune—will be in conjunction; grouped together in the greatest "league of planets" ever known in the annals of astronomy. They will be massed in the narrow limit of but 26 degrees on the same side of the sun! Directly opposite, coming into opposition with this gigantic league, will be the huge planet of Uranus. The magnetic currents between Uranus and the six planets will pierce the sun like a mighty spear. Our earth is outside the league, at an angle of nearly 90 degrees—in perfect position to receive almost the full force of the monster electrical disturbance as it leaps into activity on what, to us, will be the eastern horizon of the sun's disc.

This means, according to Professor Porta, that we shall get the full strength of the storm when the sunspot is at its worst, before the exploding gases have had time to die down. Such a close grouping of planets has never been recorded before. The whole solar system will be strangely out of balance.

What will be the outcome Professor Porta claims he is unable to state beyond the fact that the storms, eruptions and earthquakes will be tremendous in their strength and scope.

Ashland had an attempted hold-up last evening, when Leslie Hubbard, a Southern Pacific employe, was stopped by two men on Fourth street, one of whom presented a revolver before his face and demanded him to hold up his hands. Quick action on the part of Hubbard put the thugs to rout before they had time to search his pockets. Hubbard, who is a nephew of Mrs. J. W. Hatcher, one of the chief of the city police, had been calling at his aunt's house on Gresham street, and had left at about 8:30 for his boarding place at the Depot hotel. Going down Fourth street he saw two men standing under the large cottonwood tree on the west side of the street, obstructing the walk. Hubbard stepped out on the lawn to get past the men, when one pulled out a revolver and showed it in his face with the demand that he hold up his hands. Quick as a flash Hubbard caught the gun and held onto it, while calling for help. A number of men rushed from the Potter rooming house across the street and when the highwaymen saw they were observed they took to their heels and disappeared in the darkness. No trace could be found of them as it was too dark for Hubbard to see to identify them later.

The American Library association has shipped two thousand scientific and technical books to the state library to be used especially for ex-library men of Oregon. These are printed lists with notes about the value of these various scientific and technical books. The library is ready to send lists to any individual or chapter of the American Legion. These chapter libraries need not necessarily consist of scientific and technical books alone, but this sort of literature is especially appreciated, as they are interesting and rather too expensive to be collected by the ordinary local public library. The services of the library are free to any individual or group of individuals in Oregon.

James Galbraith, a well known resident of Ashland, died Sunday morning, November 23, at 8:30 o'clock, following a long and painful illness. Mr. Galbraith had been ailing for some time and finally underwent a critical operation in the hope of receiving benefit, but his trouble was too deep seated for medical and surgical skill to avail for long. The deceased had been a resident of Ashland for many years and was closely associated with its development. For the past three years he has served as park superintendent, and the beauty and charm of that scenic point of Ashland has been largely due to his care and skillful attention. Funeral services were held this Monday, at 10 o'clock from the Dodge undertaking parlors, conducted by Rev. E. A. Edwards, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, and interment was made in the Ashland cemetery. Mr. Galbraith is survived by his wife and one son, George Galbraith of Talent.

The local post of the American Legion is steadily growing.

Three new parties have recently made application for membership. Harvey G. Carmack, who served with the 62nd Engineers, and also the 71st Transportation Corps; Pay F. Potter, who served with the 63rd C. A. C.; and Milton Silby Nichols, who recently moved to Ashland from El Centro, Calif., and who served in the 9th regiment, 2nd division of the marine corps.

All ex-service men who have not already joined are urged to do so at once.

Prof. F. C. Reimer, who sailed for China about four months ago, writes as follows concerning his work in the Flowery Kingdom.

"Have just returned from a two weeks' trip in the mountains east of Pekin. This was the hardest trip I have ever taken and was about as uncomfortable and unpleasant as could be imagined, being made entirely on donkeys, riding on a hard mat saddle. A native interpreter was taken along and not a white man seen on the entire trip. Each night I was completely worn out, yet compelled to sleep in a dirty, stinking, vermin-infested Chinese inn. On account of the cholera epidemic it was necessary to boil all water for cooking purposes and to sterilize everything possible. The bread we took along became covered with a green mold, which had to be pared off and the remainder of the loaf tossed before being eaten. Stereo cubes and Postum helped most.

"All the time we were in the midst of squalor, misery and disease. In the mountains most of the people have gotter, which is generally of the most horrible proportions; scrofulous skins, smallpox pitted faces, children covered with crusts of dirt—filth, filth everywhere. In one place I thought I detected seventeen different stinks. Worst of all was the bound stink of the little girls, whose ever-recurring crises of azoosy soon became pitifully familiar. My interpreter was stricken with that dread disease, cholera, but prompt treatment prevented the attack from becoming serious. A native doctor supplemented my dosing by sticking pins into the suffering boy, to let out the supposedly bad blood. Some very valuable material was found, so the trip was highly successful, in spite of the hardships."

R. L. Chambers, charged with having broken into a warehouse at Horribrook containing liquor and with having stolen ten cases of whiskey last June, was found guilty of burglary by a jury last week and was sentenced to serve an indeterminate term in San Quentin penitentiary by Judge James F. Lodge at Yreka Saturday. He was taken that afternoon to prison by Sheriff Calkins. Chambers was a conspicuous character around Ashland last summer where he posed as a famous cowboy rider.

The steady increase in population in Ashland is not only filling up all possible houses and residences but is causing a very material increase in the business of the Ashland post-office and the city carriers are getting in their full eight hours each day. The postmaster is frequently seen making a hand delivering parcels in order that the mail be cleared from the office each day. A brand new parcel post hand street wagon was sent by the department and made its appearance on the streets Saturday to assist in expediting the delivery of parcels.

## SHRINERS INVADE GRANTS PASS

Grants Pass was the Mecca for all Shrinefolk of Southern Oregon which is comprised in Hillah Temple of Ashland, and all of the Nobles belonging to this order with their wives belonging to the White Shrine were in the city Saturday attending the great ceremonial in honor of the visit of the Imperial Potentate, W. Freeland Kendrick of Philadelphia, who with his party, was official visitor at the event. Grants Pass was turned over to the Shrinefolk for the day, and the ceremonial observance lasted from early in the afternoon when the brilliant street parade was staged until the last feezed member, tired but claiming to have had the time of his life, stole quietly into Ashland in the gray dawn of the Sabbath morn.

Ashland was represented on the various committees as follows: Program committee—W. Hal McNair, E. D. Briggs. Music committee—O. F. Carson, W. F. Loomis, C. F. Shepherd, Stunts committee—Thos. H. Simpson, Otto Winter, H. C. Stock, A. G. Livingston, Judd Miller, D. H. Jackson. Banquet committee—Stuart Saunders, M. F. Cyster, C. C. Wisenberger. Glad hand committee—E. V. Carter, G. W. Dunn, C. W. Nims, E. D. Briggs, P. K. Hammond, P. G. Swendenburg, H. Materna. Decoration committee—F. H. Johnson, C. H. Voght, C. C. Wisenberger. Lecturer—E. V. Carter. The Arab patrol consisted of C. A. Malone, J. J. Buchter, O. F. Carson, M. F. Cyster, P. R. Davis, L. B. Haskins, H. Duell, Wm. Johnson, D. H. Jackson, A. E. Kinney, T. B. Lumsden, W. H. McNair, J. J. McNair, C. W. Nims, F. Newman, T. H. Simpson, and F. D. Wagner. The ladies' committee from Ashland of the White Shrine was composed of Mrs. W. Hal McNair, Mrs. F. G. Swendenburg, Mrs. E. D. Briggs, Mrs. O. Winter, Mrs. C. H. Vaupeel, Mrs. T. H. Simpson, Mrs. Stuart Saunders, Mrs. H. C. Sparr, Mrs. E. V. Carter.

A large number of novices were led into the mysteries of Shrinehood at the evening session. Those from Ashland were Albert McCann, Frank Hanna, Verni V. Mills and John Fuller.

The ten-year lease on the present Ashland postoffice building and equipment expires next March. Postoffice Inspector Stanley L. Kidder was in Ashland Friday and posted notices in the lobby of the postoffice soliciting proposals for a lease, the said proposals to be submitted to the postoffice inspector at Roseburg, Oregon on or before Saturday, December 6.

The offerings are asked for both five and ten-year periods and call for the furnishing of rent, heat, light, water, closets, urinals, vault, and all necessary furniture and equipment for the proper conduct of said office at a stated price per annum. There will be needed in this instance not less than 2500 square feet of floor space and good daylight. The notice says further location not too far from business center and within eighty rods of railroad depots are points for general consideration.

Blank proposals and specifications may be seen at the postoffice and a sample form of lease may also be seen there. Diagrams of the rooms offered should be submitted showing dimensions, windows, etc. The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals.

The members of the local company of the National Guard are to receive full equipment, including clothing, overcoats, packs,—in short, full modern equipment.

It is expected that the local company will recruit up very fast in view of the certain pay, and the fine equipment which they are to be issued. Already the company have received a shipment of eighty modern rifles and bayonets, and a supply of Colt automatic pistols.

It is required that every man be present Monday night, as sizes of clothing will be taken, so that the appropriate order may be sent in. Any man not attending drill Monday night will have to take chances on the fit of his new wool uniform, or perhaps not have any.

C. A. Sawyer, a former well known resident of Ashland, died at his home at Fairview, Kansas, November 16. The deceased had been an invalid for many years of paralysis. He is survived by his wife and six children, Dr. Bertha Sawyer of Ashland; Mrs. Clyde Briggs of Oakland, Calif.; Mrs. J. F. Goeller of Klamath Falls and three sons in the east. Dr. Sawyer, who has been east during the past three months, visited her father while she was absent, and had left him shortly before the end came.

Ex-Senator S. H. Holt, one of the prominent residents of Ashland, died this morning at his home on North Main street, after an extended illness. No details have been learned as to funeral arrangements at the present writing, but a more extensive notice will be given later.

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The council at their regular meeting Tuesday night took up the matter of the city budget, and passed an ordinance making the tax levy for 1920. The total levy will be 18.2 mills, and will amount altogether to \$47,308.34. Following is the budget:

For general purposes	\$11,921.28
For cemetery purposes	162.00
For interest and bond	19,261.26
For sewer purposes	207.95
For street purposes	4,418.91
For fire department	4,655.60
For park purposes	4,392.92
For paving and sidewalk	
lights and interest	340.48
For library	3,145.23
For publicity	701.82
Of this \$47,308.34, \$19,261.26 is for redemption of bonds and interest.	

The estimates furnished by the different departments, including park and library, come to over \$6000 more than is allowed to be levied according to law, so that the council has cut the budget down to the lowest possible figure in order to cover the expenses necessary for the coming year.

Miss Kathryn Miller, who recently returned from Hawaii, is having splendid success teaching the Pilot Rock school, and is enjoying a lot of interesting experiences in connection with her pedagogic duties. Instead of holding herself aloof and attempting to play the role of a society girl from the city she enters into the life of the community and takes an active part in the work and play of that region, helping her sheep and catch coyotes like the "Girl of the Golden West." With one coyote scalp in her belt Miss Miller is planning to add a mountain lion to her trophies of the chase.

Each morning this plucky lady wades through a mile and a half of mud to the schoolhouse, clad in rubber boots and the garments which generally go with them, changing to skirts and patent leathers before school begins. Sufficient funds were obtained from a dance at Green Springs hall to buy an oil stove and enough supplies to give the school children a hot lunch every day for the balance of the term, something very much appreciated by both pupils and parents.

A series of decisions issued by the Director of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury provides more liberal conditions for reinstatement of lapsed or canceled insurance.

The provision of Treasury Decision No. 47, allowing 18 months from the date of discharge for reinstatement upon payment of only two months' premiums on the amount of insurance to be reinstated, are retained. That decision is liberalized, however, by a new provision that men out of the service are permitted to reinstate by merely paying the two months' premiums without making a statement as to health at any time within three calendar months following the month of discharge.

After the three months following the date of discharge have elapsed, a statement from the applicant to the effect that he is in as good health as at the date of discharge or at the expiration of the grace period, which ever is the latter date, will be required, together with a written application for reinstatement and the tends of two months premiums on the amount of insurance he wishes to reinstate.

In order to give all former service men whose insurance has lapsed or been canceled, a fair chance to reinstate their insurance, including men who have been out of the service 18 months or more, and who are therefore barred from reinstatement under the former ruling, a special blanket ruling is made which allows all ex-service men to reinstate their insurance before December 31, 1919, provided that each applicant is in as good health as at date of discharge or at expiration of the grace period, whichever is the later date, and so states in his application. Of course it is necessary that he tender the two months' premiums on the full amount of insurance he wishes to reinstate.

Service men who reinstate their insurance by payment of all back premiums prior to July 25, 1919, when the decision requiring payment of only two months' premiums went into effect, upon written application to the Bureau may have any premiums paid in excess of two applied toward the payment of future premiums. For example, if after a policy had lapsed for six months, a man reinstated and paid six months premiums instead of two, he may secure credit for four months' premiums.

The provisions for reinstatement do not protect a man until he actually reinstates. If he waits he may not be in as good health as he was at the time of discharge and consequently he may not be able to re-secure reinstatement.

Don't put off reinstatement. Do it now!

The Dallas complaints of lack of railway spur facilities for local industries and asks state intervention to secure same.

Oregon to follow Washington in restoring death penalty for murder.

## MR. MERCHANT

YOU SHOULD HAVE YOUR AD IN THE WEEKLY AS WELL AS THE DAILY TIDINGS

By Using Both the Daily and Weekly Your Message Goes Into Practically Every Home in Ashland's Trade Territory—Both in the City and Country.

IT COSTS VERY LITTLE MORE TO COVER THE COUNTRY DISTRICTS IN THE WEEKLY

## TELEPHONE 39

And Advertising Man Will Tell You About It

Phoenix is on the tip-toe of expectation over oil prospects and the hope that the first test well of the Trigonia Oil and Gas company will be sunk in Fern's valley across from that town, on land leased by the newly organized company. According to a statement made by one of the representative citizens of Phoenix their hopes that oil will be found in that vicinity are based on the report of a geologist and oil expert from California to the effect that near that point every feature of geological formation indicates the presence of large pools of oil within a reasonable depth from the surface.

A well defined anticline, the repository of oil, clearly appears at the surface and in which are found oil shales and sands, according to this expert. This anticline, upon analysis, shows the presence of paraffin and asphalt, the usual co-products of oil. This oil indication extends for a long distance on the other side of Bear creek and prospects are that if a test well should strike a pool of oil this country will see a tremendous advance in prosperity.

Oregon's state flower, the Oregon grape, has been getting in bad. Only recently it has been learned that under artificial conditions it gets as hard as the black stem rust of cereals that has proved so destructive to grains and grasses in the east and middle west. Now the office of cereal investigations, U. S. department of agriculture, is going to co-operate with the plant pathology department of the O. A. C. experiment station in establishing a barberry and Oregon grape garden where all kinds of native and introduced grape and barberry may be grown and studied. The purpose is to find out which species will carry the rust, under what conditions, how the plants grow and behave, and their botanical classification. The federal department will be represented by G. R. Hoerner, former student body president of the college, and the station by H. P. Bars, head of the plant pathology department.

The state librarian is counting on the co-operation of the American Legion to complete the Oregon war records. At present 15,000 blanks are on file and more will be sent to any post of the American Legion, as the librarian is anxious to complete this record by the time of the distribution of the medals in this state. The records especially desired are those of honors and casualties. Clippings and the fullest possible accounts in connection with these will be appreciated.

Unit division and organization histories are being collected by the state library. This will be valuable and interesting for years to come. The library is collecting the official war photographs published by the government, especially those that would be interesting to western men. It has just received 129 photographs of the 91st division and will be pleased to loan these to libraries and posts of the American Legion for exhibit purposes.

Mrs. Anna Maria Weisenburger, wife of C. C. Weisenburger, died this morning at 7:30 at her home at 156 Manzanita street, after an illness extending over many years. No definite arrangements for the funeral have been made. The body will be shipped to Nevada City, Calif., for burial, but funeral services will be held here before leaving. Beside her husband Mrs. Weisenburger is survived by two children, a daughter, Mrs. Heinrich Heidenreich of Medford and a son, Lester.

Astoria—More than 30 acres in Clatsop county to be set to loganberries and strawberries this coming spring.

Oregon City—\$150,000 pulp plant unit ready to run.

SALEM—Murray Wade, cartoonist, establishing Oregon Monthly.

## ASHLAND ORIGINAL AUTO CAMPSITE

The Pacific Northwest Motorist, published in Seattle in the interests of Washington State Good Roads association, has in a recent publication a page devoted to Ashland's free auto-camp. A number of views of scenes from the camp are shown, together with the following writup of this noted resort, under the caption, "Have You a Motorist Campaign in Your Town?"

"Ashland, Ore., has the 'original' automobile camp. This attractive free camping place for motorists who camp by the way, is located in the heart of sixty-acre Lithia park. It was the first municipal auto-camp established on the Pacific coast and has won a coast-wide reputation as the best auto-camp between Canada and Mexico.

"The Ashland Commercial club people tell us that an average of between forty and fifty cars have camped nightly there during this summer. The city regards the camp as bringing in a sizeable direct financial return and a much larger return as a publicity feature.

"Among the features of the auto-camp are: A gas kitchenette with separate gas plate and locker for each camper, (this is the only feature of Ashland's parks which is not free, a charge of 25 cents daily being made to those who use gas); small shelters with sets of four gas plates in distant parts of the grounds; beautiful illumination, hundreds of lights concealed in the daytime by the foliage, lighting the park at night; fine drinking water from springs and the city system; shade everywhere; Ashland creek, a sizeable mountain stream which runs through the camp; a jitney service to the sulphur baths and plunge pools; the best sanitary arrangements, and a host information and hospitality service maintained by the Ashland Commercial club.

"The auto-camp is so attractive that fully two thirds of the campers, the most of whom intended to stay only one or two days, remain as long as two weeks. Ashland is fast becoming headquarters for scores of side trips, such as Mount Ashland, Lake of the Woods, Marble Caves of Oregon, many fine fishing streams and lakes, good hunting and dozens of valley and mountain drives within three days' drive of the auto-camp.

"Crater Lake may be reached from Ashland by any of three routes through Medford and up the Rogue River, over the Green Springs road to Klamath Lake to Crater Lake and the new Dead Indian roadway past Lake of the Woods, Pelican bay and upper Klamath Lake to Crater Lake."

The force of the Citizens Bank is increased this morning by the addition of S. A. Peters, Jr., to the working staff. Mr. Peters was formerly an employe of the bank, having resigned his position in September, 1916, to accept a place with the Canadian Bank of Commerce in Portland.

He advanced rapidly in their employ, and in June, 1917, resigned the position of savings teller in order to accompany the First Company O. C. A. to Fort Stevens. While at Fort Stevens he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant Major, Junior grade, which office he held until appointed army field clerk. This latter position took him to Seattle where he remained in the army headquarters until he resigned a short time ago to accept a position with the California-Oregon Power company.

When seen by a reporter this morning Mr. Peters said: "I am very glad to get back to Ashland and to once more be on the staff of the Citizens Bank. Ashland has always seemed like home to me and I am convinced that there is no better place on earth to live. I was surprised to find that the business of the bank had increased so much during my absence, but very glad that it has for it affords me the opportunity for which I have been seeking."

"We are mighty glad to be able to offer S. A. a place acceptable to him," said Mr. Smith, cashier of the bank, this morning. "He made good when he was with us before; he made good in Portland and he made good in the army. We are very happy to have him back."

ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1 WILL MEET at the Bellevue school house Friday, November 28, for the purpose of levying a special tax on all taxable property within this district. The special tax is not to exceed ten mills and will be used specifically for highway improvement work within that territory. A like meeting in behalf of district No. 2 will be held at the county hospital in the afternoon of the same day at 2 o'clock for the same purpose.

SALEM—Receipts corporation department for year ending July 1, 1919, were \$223,176.81 compared to \$197,801.47 for previous year. Expense of operation in this department was decreased.