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WILSON ASKS FOR PERMISSION TO ARM BOATS

American Woman and Eight Negroes Die as a Result of U-Boat Activity

Sinking of Liner Laconia May Be Over Act That Will Result in More Bitter Feeling Between United States and Germany.

Washington.—President Wilson addressed a joint session of congress at 1 p. m. Monday, and asked for authority to establish a state of "armed neutrality." He has made full and detailed plans for protecting American ships desiring to enter the German war zone.

The president asked congress to empower him to use the armed forces of the United States to protect American rights on the high seas.

The immediate response was the introduction in the house of a bill, approved in advance by the president, empowering him to furnish guns and gunners to American merchantmen and to "employ such other instrumentalities and methods as may become necessary, and providing for a \$100,000,000 bond issue, to be used in his discretion for war insurance to encourage American commerce to brave the submarine peril.

The president made it clear that America was asking to exercise none but the rights of peace; that he was not proposing nor contemplating war. He was thinking, he said, of the right of life itself, the rights of humanity, "without which there is no civilization—rights deeper and more fundamental than merely the rights of Americans.

"No course of my choosing, nor of theirs," said the president, "will lead to war. War can come only by the willful acts and aggressions of others."

"Four weeks of unrestricted submarine warfare, the president told congress, has seen the destruction of at least two American ships, American commerce driven in a large measure from the seas through fear of the undersea peril and a resulting congestion of America's vital industries growing more serious every day. The fact that more American lives had not been lost, he said, was due to the fact that German submarine commanders had exercised "an unexpected discretion and restraint," rather than because of the instructions under which they were acting.

At the conclusion of the address, when the president spoke of the fundamental rights on which are based the structure of family, state and liberty, and said, "I cannot imagine a man with American principles at his heart hesitating to defend these things," cheers resounded through the chamber.

London.—Ten Americans—Mrs. Mary E. Hoy and her daughter, Miss Elizabeth Hoy, and eight negro firemen, members of the crew—are dead as a result of the sinking of the big Cunard liner Laconia, from New York for Liverpool, was torpedoed without warning Sunday night.

United States Consul Frost, at Queenstown, has telegraphed the American embassy here that Mrs. Hoy and her daughter died of exposure and that their bodies were buried at sea.

The eight American negroes also died of exposure, according to a Central News dispatch from Queenstown. The embassy's list of American passenger survivors follows: F. P. Gibbons, Chicago Tribune; Mrs. F. E. Harris, wife of Colonel Harris, U. S. A.; A. T. Kirby, New York, and the Rev. Joseph Wareing, Baltimore.

A later telegram from Consul Frost gave the total number of persons landed from the Laconia as 281 out of 294 on board. Of the 13 lost five were drowned and eight died from exposure and were buried at sea.

A Queenstown dispatch to the Chronicle says that the Laconia was torpedoed in comparatively calm weather. The first torpedo struck near the stern and when the vessel was struck a second time she listed quickly to starboard. The boats got away with considerable difficulty, but there was no panic among the passengers or crew. The smallness of loss of life was due to excellent discipline of the crew and the orderliness of the passengers.

Patronize those who advertise in The Sentinel. They deserve your business.

Newspapers Spoil Surprise Which Young People Plan

CLARENCE Spencer and Miss Hazel Ostrander, both well known young people of this city, sprung a surprise on their friends last week. Clarence left for McMinnville, ostensibly to accept a position, and Miss Hazel left for Eugene, ostensibly for a short visit. Both continued their journey to Vancouver, however, where they were married Saturday. Mr. Spencer had intended remaining at McMinnville for some time and the bride was to resume her position as "hello" girl, the secret to remain their own, but the unobtrusive Portland papers published the notice of the marriage license and the secret was out. Mrs. Spencer will, however, continue her work here for a short time.

Mr. Spencer is a son of County Commissioner and Mrs. Spencer and the bride is a daughter of William Ostrander.

Silk Creek Mouse Is Victim of Recent Snow Storm

Silk Creek, Ore., Feb. 27.—(Special to The Sentinel.)—Although there were some narrow escapes the only loss of life in this vicinity so far reported as a result of the heavy snow was that of a mouse caught under falling timbers.

A tree fell so close to the home of Mrs. Nettie Estes that some of the shingles were scraped off the roof of the house.

Several head of stock at the M. F. Babcock farm had a narrow escape when the roof of the barn collapsed.

Quite a number of roofs fell in and a number of old outbuildings went down under the unusual strain.

Among those who had buildings go down were D. A. Estes, D. Cole, Mrs. Thompson and Mr. Moran.

GROVE LOSES IN ONE OF CLOSEST GAMES OF YEAR

Eugene High Basketball Team Is Victor by Score of 38 to 31.

In one of the best and closest basketball games of the season Cottage Grove lost to Eugene Friday night on the local floor by the score of 38 to 31. It was anyone's game all the way through with Cottage Grove leading. Team work was rather poor until the last, when Eugene pulled itself together and made several good baskets. Cottage Grove did not show up in its usual form, team work being rather weak. There were many fouls on both sides.

In the preliminary game between the sophomores and juniors of Cottage Grove high the former won, the score being 21 to 16.

Mrs. Amanda Martin Dies.

Mrs. Amanda Martin, wife of James Martin and sister of James, Joe and R. Y. Porter, of this city, died at a Portland hospital Saturday, having been brought there from her home at Silver Lake. The body will be taken to Silver Lake for burial but it may not be possible to get through the snow at this time. The Martins once lived here, leaving 12 or 15 years ago. Mrs. Martin was 63 years of age.

Surviving children are Arthur Martin, of Susanville, Calif.; Mrs. Ida Schroeder, of Silver Lake, and a married daughter living at Florence. Surviving brothers and sisters are the three brothers living here, Miss Martha Porter and Mrs. Martha Horn, of Portland; Mrs. Nancy Chrisman, of Baker; Columbus Porter and John Porter, of Silver Lake.

Sheds Fall in at The Cedars.

The Cedars, Feb. 28.—(Special to The Sentinel.)—The heavy snow has been playing havoc with some of the buildings of the neighborhood. A shed belonging to Ed Ashby went down, a chicken house and woodshed of Lawson's went down, also a buggy shed belonging to Jas. Sears.

The sidewalk between the cemetery and town collapsed under the weight of the snow.

Advertising pays—in The Sentinel.

Cottage Grove Apples Are in Demand in Washington

WERE any further proof necessary that Cottage Grove apples are the finest in the world, that proof is found in the fact that the Grange market has shipped six boxes of fancy Baldwins to Redmond, Wash., in direct competition with the fruit of the famous apple districts of that state. The apples were consigned to a man who had been visiting here, who sampled the apples and immediately decided that life would not be worth living without a generous supply of the Cottage Grove fruit in his cellar.

GRANGE DOES LOT; MUCH MORE FOR IT TO DO

State Organizer Tells of Financial Benefits Resulting From Cooperation

Also Urges Social Duties of Organization and Elimination of Personal Grievances.—Agriculturalist Talks on Rodents.

While there may in some cases be some grounds for the statements made by knockers that the grange does not do all it promises, or all that is expected to do, yet it has done a great deal and there is still a great work before it.

This is a brief summing up of the statements of C. J. Hurd, deputy state organizer, at the opening meeting of the grange held Monday afternoon.

Mr. Hurd referred to one case in which farmers who had been offered \$1.50 a hundred for their potatoes finally got \$3.00 a hundred by the simple method of combining the small holdings of each and shipping a carload. He said that with the proper kind of cooperation there is no reason to complain at any time of a lack of a market. The method he suggested was to cooperate in the study of the markets, raise the produce for which there is a market and then take advantage of the markets of the world by being prepared to ship in carload lots.

What helps the farmer helps the entire community and these points were made in an address upon "Making the Grange Serve Everyone in the Community."

Further points made were to take an interest in education, to give active support to boys' and girls' clubs, to provide a social atmosphere that will make life pleasant on the farm and to by all means prevent personalities from interfering with the great work which comes within the scope of the grange's activities.

N. S. Robb, county agriculturalist, spoke upon rodent pests and explained methods for their eradication, in the use of any of which methods community cooperation would be necessary. He advised the use of both traps and poison and the formulas which he suggested are printed elsewhere. He said that a number of farmer boys of the county are making good pin money from the trapping of moles, the pelts being worth from 10 cents to 25 cents apiece owing to the advance in furs of all kinds. The Oregon mole, being about twice the size of the eastern mole, brings a good price.

Mr. Ward, of the biological division of the department of agriculture, who is now in Klamath, Josephine and other southern counties dealing with the rodent problem there, will speak before the grange here March 17 and supplement the remarks of Mr. Robb.

The county agriculturalist also spoke briefly on "The County Agent Service." He stated that many had a wrong idea of the work the county agent is supposed to do. He stated that the county agent does not propose to visit every farm and tell each farmer (Continued on page two)

COTTAGE GROVE WINS GAMES AT CRESWELL

Orchard City Players Too Light for Mill City Heavyweights.

In the basketball games at Creswell Saturday night both the boys and girls from here were victors by decisive scores. The local players were much the heavier and played their opponents off their feet.

The score in the game between the girls' teams was 14 to 7. Ridings did the star work for Cottage Grove and Miss Dersham for Creswell.

But for the fact that Miss Johnson, of the Creswell team, was injured early in the game the score might have been different.

In the game between the Methodist church boys' team from here and the Creswell high school team, the score was 37 to 11. Jones starred for Cottage Grove and Etherton for Creswell. This is eight games the local team has played, all of which it has won.

After the game the visitors were tendered a reception and spoke highly of the cordial treatment accorded them, something they have not received everywhere they have played.

The lineups were as follows:
C. G. Girls—Creswell Girls—
Wilkinson..... f..... Wackrow
R. Ridings..... f..... Dersham
Holderman..... c..... G. Johnson
Slagle..... g..... Steele
M. Ridings..... g..... E. Johnson
M. E. Boys—Creswell Boys—
Jones..... f..... Dersham
M. Leroy..... f..... Johnson
W. Leroy..... c..... Etherton
VanBoskirk..... g..... Lawton
Wallace..... g..... Evans
sub, VanProyen

FALL OF SNOW IS DEEPEST SINCE YEAR 1852

Pedestrians Are Inconvenienced, Travel on Roads Is Difficult, But No Serious Results

Thermometer Is Kind, Children Have Jolly Times With Snow Balls, Elders Ski and Weather Man Says: "Fine Stuff!"

A snow fall which one old resident says was the heaviest since 1852, was recorded the past week, the last of the white flakes falling Sunday night. The total fall, according to the record kept by Mrs. Lincoln Taylor, weather observer, was 21 inches.

There was no wind or other disagreeable condition with the snow but it was so wet and heavy that it was necessary to clean off flat roofs for fear they would give way under the strain. The snow is rapidly melting within the city and in the open but in the woods and mountains near the city, where it attained a depth of several feet, it will remain on the ground probably well into the spring. In the higher mountains, like those of the Bohemia district, it is probable that a depth of 10 to 20 feet has been attained, but that is a regular occurrence there.

Pedestrians were greatly inconvenienced because of the fact that in much of the residence part of the city the slush was not removed from the sidewalks, and travel on the country roads was very difficult for several days, resulting in several of the rural schools being closed down for a day or two.

Operations in the logging camps were impossible and the mills here will remain shut down for several days yet. Many of the men from the woods have come to the city to spend their short enforced vacation.

While the storm was very disagreeable to Oregonians, who know little about snow, the thermometer barely got below freezing, and there was not nearly as much damage done as there has been in other storms.

The Cottage Grove Electric company sustained a loss of about \$150 to bulbs in its street lights. Telephone and telegraph companies were heavy losers. The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company's line over the mountains south of here suffered the greatest damage, a crew of 20 men being used to put several miles of wire back on the poles. The old barn on the Landess property in the eastern part of the city went down under the weight of the snow.

The wooden awning at the laundry went down in the same manner just as men were preparing to remove the snow. The framework fell against the window and forced the window back four inches. Not a pane of the glass was broken but a large window pane leaning against the window was broken. Trains were delayed very little and mails were on time. The Oregon Pacific & Eastern did not run its train to Rujada Saturday but made regular trips on all other days.

The awning of the city bakery fell Sunday morning at about 4 o'clock and (Continued on page two)

GRANGE WILL MAKE AND SELL RODENT POISON

Cottage Grove grange has started a project for the eradication of rodent pests of this section, including moles, gophers and field mice. A committee has been working for some time in an endeavor to learn some way in which the poison can be provided at a price the farmers can afford to pay. The lowest price obtainable from a manufacturer is something like 25 cents a quart but by purchasing ingredients and mixing them here the cost will be reduced to about 11 cents the quart. Farmers who are not members of the grange will be asked to cooperate and the poison will be sold to them at cost.

Mrs. W. A. Williams Dies.

Mrs. W. A. Williams died Sunday at the age of 67 years. The funeral was held Tuesday, Rev. E. G. O. Groat officiating.

Cynthia Ann Todd was born in Carroll county, Arkansas, May 19, 1850. When but two years of age she crossed the plains to Oregon with her parents. She was married to Mr. Williams Nov. 26, 1867. They moved to the Looking Glass valley, Douglas county, where they took up a homestead. Surviving relatives are: The mother, Mrs. A. L. Todd, aged 85, and who was with her daughter through her last illness; five children, John W. Williams, of McMinnville; Mrs. Nettie Ann Gage, of Roseburg; Mrs. Clara Heister Colver, of Newport; Mrs. Susan Lorane Robinson, of Portland; and Walter Scott Williams, of Linflore, Idaho; five sisters and brothers, Mrs. Ellen Berbeck, Mrs. Louvina Masters, Mrs. C. D. Brown, Mrs. Nora E. May, Mrs. Eva L. Byers, Aurelius Todd and Levi J. Todd.

Pluck and Perseverance Are Winners in Fight for Gold

SIX years ago James Pitcher was employed as a forest ranger on the Kenai peninsula. He is now a rich claim owner in the Tolstoi district and is credited with being the real discoverer of gold in paying quantities in that camp. When others stampeded to the reported strike two years ago, gave it the "once over" and quit with disgust, Pitcher had faith and stayed with it. And the original stampedeers are getting back there as quickly as they can, now that the paystreak has been opened for them. Gold doesn't lay on the top of the ground. You've got to sweat and dig to get it. You've got to do as James Pitcher did.—Anchorage Times.

Mr. Pitcher is a son of Miles Pitcher, of Star, a brother of Ben Pitcher, of Diaton, and a cousin of Green Pitcher, of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Pitcher recently visited here but are now in San Francisco and will probably return to Alaska from there.

Horse Inside of Falling Shed Climbs to Top of Debris

Hebron, Ore., Feb. 27.—(Special to The Sentinel.)—The unusual fall of snow did considerable damage to roofs, barns and outbuildings in this vicinity. There was some loss of livestock and several narrow escapes.

A shed which housed a horse fell in at the Archie Gilliam place. How the horse escaped injury is a puzzle, but the animal was standing on top of the wreckage in the morning awaiting further developments.

The C. W. Beals barn fell in Friday night, several goats being killed and several others badly crippled.

W. W. Shortridge's cow shed fell in Sunday night but no stock was hurt.

BUSY CANNERY SEASON IS ALMOST CERTAIN

Every indication points towards a banner year for the cannery this year. Letters have been received from brokerage firms offering to buy everything which the plant will put up f. o. b. the cars here and if sufficient produce is brought in the plant may run night and day during the busy season. No stock will be carried over and money will be received almost immediately for everything put up. This will be particularly pleasing to growers, as in the past some have had to wait over a year to get their money out.

At a special meeting of stockholders held yesterday the capital stock was raised from \$5,000 to \$10,000. This was done in order to be able to issue stock for the recently-made pledges.

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Temperature and Snowfall.

The weather report for the past week, as kept by Mrs. Lincoln Taylor, is as follows:

Date	Max	Min	Snow	Pr
Feb. 20.....	35	30	3 1/2	.59
Feb. 21.....	41	32	1	.34
Feb. 22.....	40	29	1	.50
Feb. 23.....	38	19	2	.22
Feb. 24.....	35	30	1 1/2	1.55
Feb. 25.....	39	18	1/2	.18
Feb. 26.....	45	32	1 1/2	.36
			21	3.74

The most snow on the ground at any one time was 16 inches on Sunday.

B. F. Fuller Not Guilty.

In the case of B. F. Fuller, of this city, who was charged with adultery upon the complaint of Mrs. June Zacharias, the grand jury in session at Eugene last week reported "Not a true bill," which brings to an end a case which has been the cause of much comment and has attracted much attention locally.

Mr. Fuller is a retired physician of about 75 years of age.

A want ad. will get it. 4147f

Landlord Enters Building by Unceremonious Method

WORTH Harvey, assistant cashier of the First National bank, played the stellar role in one of the funny incidents in connection with the recent snow storm. He was engaged in removing the snow from the roof of his building, occupied by the Barrett harness shop, when he stepped through a skylight and fell to the floor below. Mr. Barrett was asleep in a bed directly underneath the skylight and the rude awakening caused by the unexpected and rather unceremonious entrance of his landlord frightened him more than the fall did Mr. Harvey. The latter sustained a gash to the back of his head but otherwise escaped without injury.

EUGENE MAN IS ON NEW HIGHWAY COMMISSION

Governor Speaks Highly of E. J. Adams, Member Appointed From Lane County

In Naming Those Who Will Have Charge of Road Program Governor Had in Mind Creation of Confidence in the Minds of Voters.

E. J. Adams, of Eugene, has been appointed a member of the new state highway commission recently created by the state legislature.

Mr. Adams is one of Eugene's foremost road boosters. He has always taken a great interest in road projects in Lane county and he had the unanimous backing of the chamber of commerce and other organizations of that city for the appointment.

Mr. Adams is chief of the roads and highways bureau of the Eugene chamber of commerce and of the roads and bridges committee of the Lane county taxpayers' committee.

Other members of the commission are: S. Benson, a capitalist, road expert and philanthropist, of Portland. His appointment is for the district which is comprised of Multnomah county and his term of office is for three years.

W. L. Thompson, banker, of Pendleton, and leading business man of eastern Oregon. His appointment is for the eastern Oregon district and his term of office is for two years.

In speaking of the qualifications of the members of the commission, the governor said:

"Mr. Adams I have not known for so long, but he appeared a number of times before the old state highway commission, of which I was a member. I have been particularly struck with his ability to analyze road situations and was strongly impressed with his thoroughness and enthusiasm, as well as earnestness in his desire to advance good roads measures for the general welfare of the public. He received strong endorsements not only from the valley counties, but from the coast counties as well.

"In selecting this commission I have keenly felt that it has been the most responsible duty that has been placed upon me since I entered the office of governor. The road question is probably the greatest of all problems before the people of the state today. The legislature has enacted what I consider the most constructive road legislation in its history and it will compare favorably with road legislation in any state in the union.

"With the commission so framed, and with the safeguards that are thrown about the \$6,000,000 bond issue, which will go before the people for their ratification, I feel gratified in declaring that I can give my unqualified endorsement to the project. With the bonds issued under a limitation of \$1,000,000 for the first year and \$2,000,000 for the second year, the people will be well protected and the commission will be given ample time and means to get the great road program under way.

"I shall do all in my power to assist in bringing about a favorable vote on the bond issue in June."

J. W. Ashby Dies.

Silk Creek, Ore., Feb. 27.—(Special to The Sentinel.)—John Washington Ashby died Friday morning at the home of his son John, on Silk Creek. The funeral was held Sunday, Rev. King officiating. Interment was in L. O. O. F. cemetery.

Mr. Ashby was 84 years of age and was a native of Virginia. He moved from his native state to Missouri, from there to California and 28 years ago came to Oregon. He was a member of the Christian church.

Surviving children are John and Ed., of this city; Mrs. Rebecca Hicks, of Central Point, and Mrs. Amanda Johnson, of Yuba City, California. A brother and sister live in Missouri. Mr. Ashby was the father-in-law of Chauncey S. Whitlock, who died a few days previously.

Moose Have Big Time.

Saturday night was an eventful one in the history of the local Moose lodge, marking the close of a successful membership contest. The losing side was to have banqueted the winners but there being some doubt as to which side had the honors it was called a draw, but the banquet was held just the same. V. S. Goff captained one side and L. R. Long the other.

Nineteen candidates were initiated, the Eugene degree team putting on the work. There are yet 40 candidates to receive the degrees. About 30 were present from Eugene and there was a total attendance of over a hundred.

Heifer Is Killed.

Latham, Ore., Feb. 28.—(Special to The Sentinel.)—Lyman Adams lost a fine heifer last week when a shed weighted down by snow fell in.