

FLEET RETURNS AFTER A WORLD-RECORD CRUISE

**Followed Sun Around the World Bearing Message
of Good Will to All Nations--President
Roosevelt Reviews the Fleet**

Fortress Monroe, Va., Feb. 22.—"Not until some American fleet returns victorious from a great sea battle will there be another such a homecoming; another such sight as this. I drink the health to the American navy."

This was the toast of President Roosevelt today as he stood radiantly happy at the conclusion of the review and ceremonies attending the welcome home of the American battleship fleet. The toast was drunk by admirals and captains of the fleet. Rear Admiral Sperry responded by calling attention to the message sent to the fleet as it was starting from San Francisco, stating that great responsibility rested upon it.

"That we have today fulfilled the responsibility makes this the proudest moment of our lives."

The first glimpse of the ships today was when the black crosses formed by signal yards at their mast heads loomed above the horizon. Sight of the battleships' approach was obscured by smoke from the fleet, mingling with low-lying clouds. Gradually the white hull of the Connecticut, leading the long column of returning battleships, took form out of the mist. Only the leading ships in a long straight line were visible when the presidential salute started. The salute was caught up by every other vessel in the column, which seemed to disappear down the near distance of the close-drawn horizon. Flashes of red fire burning through the mist appeared to extend far over the earth's rim and the roar of cannon at the height of the volley was deafening.

In the wake of the 16 returning battleships were four other battleships of the home station and five giant cruisers. In matter of battleships, it was the heaviest fleet ever gathered under the flag.

Tonight the fleet is brilliantly illuminated. Ashore the admirals and captains of the fleet, together with two scores or more officers were guests at the annual banquet of the Navy league of the United States.

One of the principal speakers was President Roosevelt, who said:

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Admiral Sperry, officers and men of the battleship fleet: Over a year has passed since you steamed out of this harbor and over the world's rim, and this morning the hearts of all who saw you thrilled with pride as the hulls of the mighty warships lifted above the horizon. You have been in the northern and southern hemispheres; four times you have crossed

the line; you have steamed through all the great oceans; you have touched the coast of every continent. Ever your general course has been westward; and now you come back to the ports from which you set sail. This is the first battleship fleet that has ever circumnavigated the globe. Those who perform the feat again can only follow in your footsteps.

The little torpedo flotilla went with you around South America, through the straights of Magellan, to our own Pacific coast. The armored cruiser squadron met you and left you again, when you were half way round the world. You have falsified every prediction of prophets of failure. In all your long cruise, not an accident worthy of mention has happened to a single battleship, nor yet to a cruiser or torpedo boat. You left this coast in a high state of battle efficiency and you returned with your efficiency increased; better prepared than when you left not only in personnel, but even in material. During your world cruise you have taken your regular gunnery practice and skilled though you were before, with the guns, you have grown more skilled, still and through practice you have improved in battle tactics, though there is more room for improvement than in your gunnery.

As a war machine, the fleet comes back in better shape than it went out. In addition, you, the officers and men of this formidable fighting force, have shown yourselves the best of all possible ambassadors and heralds of peace.

Wherever you have landed you have borne yourselves so as to make us at home proud of being your countrymen. You have shown that the best type of fighting men of the sea know how to

appear to the utmost possible advantage when his business is to be have himself on shore and to make a good impression in a foreign land. We are proud of all the ships and of all the men in this whole fleet and we welcome you home to the country where good repute among nations has been raised by what you have done.

No Chance to Spray.

The fruit growers are lamenting the fact that weather conditions have not been favorable for spraying their trees for scale. The buds are commencing to swell with the warm rains and unless the showers let up soon, there will be little chance to spray big orchards. They are using every opportunity.

SPRINGFIELD PASSES NEAR BEER ORDINANCE

At an adjourned meeting of the town council Wednesday evening an ordinance was passed whereby it becomes necessary for anyone wishing to sell or keep for sale near beer or other soft drinks of the same kind, must first make application to the town recorder for a license and the same will then be acted upon by the council who may refuse to issue any license so applied for if in their judgment the same should not be granted. The council can also revoke any license issued, for cause, upon giving notice to the person holding the same that it will be revoked.

The ordinance also contains a section wherein it is unlawful to keep such places of business open later than 11:30 o'clock p. m. nor before the hours of 6:30 o'clock a. m.

By the enforcement of such a law the council will have the power to say who can operate soft drink emporiums and amusement resorts and if the applicant is not a desirable citizen, in the opinion of the council, they can refuse to grant a license. Ordinarily ordinances do not go into effect for thirty days after their passage but in this case the council declared an emergency to exist, therefore it is now in full force and effect.—News.

YOUNG HICKSON SHOT THROUGH RIGHT FOOT

A young man by the name of Hickson, who is working for the Cerro Gorda Lumber Co. seven miles east of Cottage Grove, accidentally shot himself in the foot Sunday with a 32 Caliber (special) Winchester rifle. The ball penetrated the right foot between and a little above the third and fourth toes, coming out at the bottom of the foot. The young man was in the act of ejecting a loaded shell from his rifle, muzzle down, when the accident occurred. The attending physician states that the young man will be brought to town in a day or two to have the wound redressed when it will be definitely ascertained whether or not he will lose the third toe, which was nearly severed by the rifle ball.

NEW COUNTY BILL UP TO GOVERNOR

Salem, Feb. 19.—The bill for an act to provide for the creation of new counties, organization and government of same, passed the house today with only eight dissenting votes. Having previously passed the senate the measure is now up to the governor.

This law applies to formation of any new counties in the state and requires that such formation shall be left to the vote of the people in the county or counties from which it is proposed to form a new county, a majority vote for or against the new county deciding its fate.

Graft and Trimming Fruit Trees.

Anyone wanting grafting and trimming of fruit trees done, call on I. N. DRESSER, Walker Ore. 43-1m

BIG ENTERPRISE AT CRESWELL

**Bank Established and
Large Land Tract to be
Sub-Divided.**

Two enterprises that mean much to the town of Creswell and which will be the means of bringing several thousands of people to this county have just been launched. They are the establishment of a bank at Creswell and the purchase of several thousand acres of farming land in that vicinity which will be cut up into five-acre tracts for the planting of fruit and will be sold to eastern people, who will be induced to come here through an extensive advertising campaign that will soon be started, says the Guard.

The prime movers in these big enterprises are gentlemen from the east, who were induced to come here by C. D. Fredericks, the hustling young real estate dealer of Creswell and Dr. L. D. Scarborough, the well known and successful fruit grower of that place. These two men deserve most of the credit for the establishment of these enterprises.

FRUIT GROWERS' BANK.

The name of the banking institution will be the Creswell Fruit-Growers' Bank. Articles of incorporation were filed with the county clerk last Friday. The incorporators are as follows: A. C. Bohnstedt, F. A. Richardson, E. S. Darling, T. R. Sloan, George Pirie, L. D. Scarborough, B. F. Martin, F. W. Ogram, and Geo. L. Gilfrey. The four last named are citizens of Creswell, the others being from the east. Mr. Bohnstedt is a member of the A. C. Bohnstedt company, one of the largest real estate firms in Minneapolis; Dr. Darling is also from Minneapolis, and is an expert fruit grower; Mr. Sloan, Mr. Richardson, and Mr. Pirie are from Fargo, N. D.

The new bank has rented temporary quarters in Ogram's hardware store and has contracted with J. C. Fuller to put up a concrete building on his lot. The bank will open business in its temporary quarters some time this week and will occupy the new building in the spring. The capital stock is \$10,000. The officers elected at a meeting of the directors a day or so ago are as follows: President, A. C. Bohnstedt; vice president, L. D. Scarborough; cashier, F. A. Richardson. Mr. Richardson was formerly cashier in a bank in the east and thoroughly understands the business.

These men all have means and will spend a large amount of money in this country in establishing their enterprises. Mr. Pirie, it is understood, will buy property in Eugene and build a fine residence there.

WILL BUY FRUIT LAND.

The A. C. Bohnstedt company of which Mr. Bohnstedt is the head, will purchase 5000 acres or more of land immediately adjoining Creswell and will sub-divide it into small tracts, most of them five acres each. They have employed civil engineers to plat 3000 acres of the land and the work will begin within a few days. Most of the land has already been contracted for and the remainder will be secured in a very short time. The company will at once set out 800 acres of the tract to apples and cherries.

A campaign of publicity will at once be inaugurated by the company and it is said that \$15,000 has been set aside for the purpose of advertising these tracts in the east. A large amount of literature will be printed and agents will be sent to all parts of the east to sell the tracts and bring the people here to live upon them. It is expected that 2000 or more people

will be brought to this county by the company the first year through its advertising campaign.

This great enterprise will be the making of Creswell as a town and will make a second Hood River valley of that portion of the county when all of this land is set to apple and cherry trees, as planned now.

MR. PIRIE BUYS LAND.

Mr. Pirie has bought two farms in the vicinity of Creswell and will go into the fruit-raising business on a large scale on his own account. He has secured H. Subbauer's farm of 315 acres for \$10,000 and Peter Danstrom's place of 384 acres for over \$8000. He will set 400 acres of this land to fruit and expects to expend \$10,000 in improvements in the way of new buildings.

CHILD DROWNED IN A SPRING

Everett, son of Samuel Beissell and wife, aged three years and a half was drowned in a spring in the woodshed at the family home near the Cedar Flat sawmill, in the McKenzie valley, about fifteen miles east of Eugene Thursday of last week.

The little boy was found by his mother shortly after in the bottom of the spring, face down. He had evidently been trying to dip up a pail of water and slipped into the spring head first. The little bucket with which he often secured water from the spring for his mother had sunk to the bottom.

The little fellow was lifted out of the water and taken into the house and every effort made to resuscitate him, but without success. His parents worked over his body until 9 o'clock at night, but not a sign of life could they produce by the usual methods employed in drowning cases.—Guard.

ROWE IS AGAIN IN THE SHOW BUSINESS

To have his property sold under the hammer; his creditors paid off on a basis of fifteen cents on the dollar; to be discharged in court of bankruptcy, then to raise \$150,000, and send checks in full to all creditors who had settled their claims on a 15 per cent basis, all within a period of three months, is the extraordinary achievement of H. S. Rowe, proprietor of the Great Norris & Rowe circus.

The story of the recent financial troubles of the Norris & Rowe circus reads more like a pretty piece of fiction than a transaction in business in this prosaic old world of ours.

HERE'S LIMIT IN WAY OF PROHIBITION BILL

Topeka, Kan., Feb. 19.—The senate has concurred in the house amendments to the absolute prohibition bill. The bill will become a law when signed by the governor and published. It is the most drastic prohibition measure suggested, as it provides that physicians cannot prescribe liquor and that druggists cannot sell intoxicants for any purpose whatsoever. Governor Stubbs is said to be in favor of the new bill.

COOS COUNTY LOGGER CRUSHED TO DEATH

Coquille, Or., Feb. 18.—I. W. Daniels was instantly killed at the Cody camp on Lampa creek, by being caught between the two logs and horribly crushed.

Mr. Daniels was about 23 years of age, and was married last year to Miss Valetta Leneve, of this city, to whom a little daughter was born six weeks ago.

Dressmaking.

Mrs. Sanford desires to announce that she is again prepared to do all kinds of dressmaking and solicits the patronage of both old and new customers. Call at her residence on Locust street or Phone 277. Ladies tailored suits a specialty.

TALK OF A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE OREGON LEGISLATURE

**Governor Chamberlain Inclined to Let His Successor
Tackle and Solve this Perplexing
Problem Confronting State**

The legislature closed its career by failing to properly enact one of the appropriation bills.

A special session will be necessary, or senate bill No. 254, a bill appropriating \$350,000 for improvements at state institutions will fail to become a law. Owing to irregularities the bill was not legally passed, and is invalid. The special session, if called, will merely pass the bill in the form in which it was intended to be passed by the session just closed.

The bill which the legislature failed to pass legally is senate bill 254, by the ways and means committee. It appropriates \$250,000 for a new wing, equipment, fire protection, etc., at the asylum, \$17,500 for improvements at the penitentiary, \$7800 for improvements at the blind school, \$57,500 for new buildings at the institution for feeble-minded, \$8000 for the soldier's home and \$4000 for the reform school.

Salem, Or., Feb. 21.—A special session of the Oregon legislature will be necessary, or Senate bill No. 254, a bill appropriating \$350,000 for improvements at state institutions will fail to become a law. Owing to irregularities the bill was not legally passed, and is invalid. The special session, if called, will merely pass the bill in the form in which it was intended to be passed by the session just closed.

No special session has been called and none will be unless 20 members of the senate and 40 members of the house signify their willingness to come to Salem for a special session without expense to the state. This decision was reached at a conference tonight between Governor Chamberlain, President Bowerman, Speaker McArthur and Senator Kay. Senator Kay has undertaken to get the members to agree to come and believes he can do so. President Bowerman will not ask the members to come together on this condition, though they say they are willing to come themselves at their own expense.

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

Salem, Or., Feb. 22.—There will

be no special session of the Legislature in the immediate future, notwithstanding the \$350,000 bill for improvements at state institutions is invalid.

Senator T. B. Kay, who undertook to enlist the members of the legislature in the plan of holding a special session without expense to the state, has given the project up.

MATTER LEFT TO BENSON

Governor Chamberlain will not call a special session, so the matter will be passed up to Secretary of State Benson after the latter becomes Governor. Occupying both offices, Governor and Secretary, Benson will be two members of the board of trustees of the institutions interested. He will be in a position to declare whether the \$350,000 appropriations are so urgently needed as to justify the calling of a special session.

It is altogether likely that when the institutions begin to ask for improvements, Benson will call the legislature together. Delay will enable the House officials to correct their journals and determine whether any other errors have crept into the proceedings.

COLYAR GETS TWO YEARS IN THE PEN

Joe P. Colyar, charged with forgery, was arraigned in the circuit court Friday forenoon and at that time he appeared in court and entered a plea of guilty. He waived time for sentence and was given two years in the penitentiary.

Colyar forged the name of a

foreman of the Disston lumber company to several checks and passed them in Cottage Grove stores.

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