



While extending the season's greetings may we hope that the gates of prosperity will swing wide bringing to you good times and good cheer throughout the New Year.

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OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Brief Resume of Happenings of the Week Collected for Our Readers.

The Eugene Masons have decided to erect a new temple next year.

Fire completely destroyed the Chilquin hotel at Chilquin, 30 miles north of Klamath Falls.

The total assessment of public utilities of Union county is \$5,583,283. Last year's assessment was \$5,127,436.

The Eugene lodge of Elks has appointed a committee to investigate the feasibility of remodeling its temple.

Members of the Willamette Valley Grain Growers' association held a conference in Salem to discuss market conditions.

Seventy-six carloads, or approximately 22,000, more sheep were shipped out of Bend this fall than in the fall of 1922.

The Pacific northwest intercollegiate conference meeting, scheduled to be held in Spokane, has been switched to Portland.

To relieve the shortage of dwelling houses in Albany a building and loan association is planned by several business men of that city.

The 14th annual convention of the Oregon Hotel Men's association was held in Portland with more than 100 delegates in attendance.

Cooperative marketing and banking were discussed at the annual convention at The Dalles of the Oregon State Horticultural society.

The Medford school district census for this year, just taken, shows the largest school population in the city's history, the number being 2342.

The fourth annual Winter fair and eighth annual Southern Oregon Poultry show, combined, was held in the Chautauqua building in Ashland.

Axel Erickson, a logger, was drowned when he accidentally fell into the Nehalem river at the Birkenseld Lumber company camp at Birkenseld.

Attorneys of the state, at an informal gathering in Salem, presented to the supreme court an oil painting of Justice George H. Burnett.

Two additional units of 25 miles and one of 12 miles on the Klamath-Eugene line will be contracted by the Southern Pacific on December 21.

Fred C. Schulte, former constable and deputy sheriff at Reedsport, was found guilty of accepting a bribe from B. O. Roberts, confessed boot-legger.

Dr. Mabel Aikin and Mrs. S. E. A. Smith, both of Portland, were appointed by Governor Pierce as members of the advisory board of the state industrial school for girls.

The demand for the appropriation of further funds to complete the Tongue Point naval base along lines originally planned is being carried direct to Secretary of the Navy Denby by Senator McNary.

A shipment of eight black foxes, valued at \$5000, has arrived at Klamath Falls by express, consigned from New Brunswick, Maine, to Captain H. E. Hansbury, who is starting a fox farm on upper Klamath lake.

Head officials of the California-Oregon Power company in San Francisco have authorized immediate construction of a half-million-dollar power plant on Link river in Klamath Falls with a capacity of 4500 horsepower.

The Oregon Walnut Growers' association, in session at Salem, voted to hold its convention next year at Newberg. L. S. Otis of Newberg was elected president and C. E. Scheuster of Corvallis was re-elected secretary treasurer.

As a result of the wind and rain storm that swept the state last week, streets in Warrenton were flooded; rocks fell on the Columbia River highway and trees blocked other roads; Seaside and Warrenton telephone switchboards were burned out; the burned area of Astoria was flooded when a high tide backed up over the seawall; Young's bay and John Day drawbridges were put out of commission temporarily; and minor damage was done at Hood River.

At a recent meeting of the Tualatin school board it was voted to authorize the clerk to issue warrants for \$1500 to drill a well on the high school grounds. A pump house will be built and a modern pumping system installed.

Earl E. Patterson, convicted of embezzlement of \$43,618 from the Lumbermen's Trust company bank of Portland, where he was employed as head teller and assistant cashier, was sentenced to two years in the state penitentiary.

The Western Pine Manufacturing association, with headquarters in Portland, has appealed to the Oregon public service commission for assistance toward obtaining an export rate of 12 1/2 cents affecting the Spokane and Baker territory.

TALES OF THE OLD FRONTIER

By ELMO SCOTT WATSON (Copyright, 1923, Western Newspaper Union.)

"BIG FOOT" WALLACE, A LONE-STAR HERO

TO THE reader of American history it seems that Texas has more than her share of frontier heroes. For what a splendid list it is! Houston, Crockett, Bowie, Travis, Bonham, Ross, Hayes, Capt. Bill McDonald—that is only a few of them, but one more name should be added, "Big Foot" Wallace.

Wallace was a Virginian who came to Texas as a lad to join an older brother, only to find that he had been killed with Fannin's men by the Mexicans at the Goliad massacre. That may account for Wallace's later fame as a fighter of the Mexicans. His nickname of "Big Foot" was not derived from any physical peculiarity but from his sworn feud with Big Foot, a celebrated Comanche chief. Wallace trailed him many times, but never succeeded in killing him. Fate ruled that Shapeley Ross, the Texas Ranger leader, was to have that distinction.

One incident in Wallace's life shows well the mettle of the man. He had joined the ill-fated Mier expedition into Mexico in 1842 and was one of the survivors who were taken prisoners to Saltillo. There Santa Ana, the Mexican dictator, ordered that one out of every ten of the Texans should be shot, the victims to be decided by having them draw from a jar filled with white and black beans. The men who drew black beans died.

One of Wallace's companions was a young fellow who had a wife and child waiting for him back in Texas. At the thought of them he broke down and cried as the drawing began. Wallace had just drawn a white bean, but at the sight of the grief-stricken boy he thrust it into the hand of the young man and whispered "Here, take this one. I'm feeling lucky today." Then he plunged his hand into the jar again—and drew another white bean.

One day in Wallace's later years, while riding in the Seven Rivers country, he mounted the top of a hill and saw before him a band of 90 Indian warriors herding before them a bunch of stolen horses. The Indians discovered him at the same instant and raised a whoop of triumph. Wallace's horse was tired and he knew that he would not have one chance in a thousand in a race with the savages.

But the Texas did not stop for an instant. Jamming the spurs into his horse's flanks, he dashed forward and as he charged he waved his hat toward the rear and shouted "Come on, boys! We've got 'em now." His magnificent bluff worked. The Indians fled without even trying to take the horses. Wallace rounded them up and by nightfall he had restored them to their rightful owners.

Community Building

IMPROVING LOOKS OF CITY

Something Can Be Done in That Direction in Practically Every American Community.

Every indication that American communities are becoming interested in the beautification of their environment is encouraging. Recently we referred to the proposal for an art commission for Grand Rapids, Mich., and we now note the appeal of the Des Moines Capital for the restoration of the "beauty dam" in that city. A town-planning commission makes the proposal, which is intended to protect the water level of the river, which in the low water season shows "an unsightly array of sand bars and stagnant pools."

Our western American towns and cities have grown up chiefly under economic influences, and while many have features of beauty, these are usually almost accidental. If we take a little trouble we can make our towns much more attractive to the eye and thus provide for ourselves and our children a daily pleasure beyond price. There is no reason why our communities, which are now well-to-do, intelligent, and ambitious of progress in the higher things of life as well as in material things, should not greatly improve their architecture, their public monuments, their natural features, parks, streets, and places of recreation. It is well worth while. When you hear of the Grand Rapids art commission or the Des Moines town planning commission you have a new interest and a new respect for these enterprising and prosperous centers of real American life.—Chicago Tribune.

PUT THE BEST INTO HOUSE

No Money Saved in the End by Using Poor Materials—Immense Damage Caused by Rust.

The small home builder has learned a lesson, and that is that poor planning and construction is much more expensive than good architecture and indifferent building. The demand for better home building is spreading, with the consequence that flimsy work will eventually be condemned by all home buyers.

"There is a clearly defined movement back to the substantial and enduring and away from the flimsy type of construction which has been a noticeable feature of much of our construction, particularly in moderate-cost homes, in the last decade," says W. A. Willis of the Copper and Brass association of the United States.

"The costly results which follow the erection of the type of house that is built merely to sell and not to live in is perhaps no better illustrated than by the amazing fact that home owners in this country spend more than \$350,000,000 every year in repairing and renewing rusted metal work in and on their dwellings. The significance of this loss is apparent from the fact that it is greater than the fire loss in residence structures. In all save danger to life rust is vastly more destructive and costly than fire, the more dangerous because rust works so insidiously."

Rules for Better Cities.

Believing that an era of better cities is at hand if citizens and traffic authorities will give study to the question, Charles Clifton, president of the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, makes six recommendations for city planning. He has sent his views to traffic authorities in several large cities asking for comment and criticism.

Mr. Clifton suggests as a means of improving traffic congestion and hazards in cities:

- (1) More playgrounds. (2) Stricter regulations and more scientific study of safety provisions. (3) New boulevards. (4) Detours for through traffic. (5) Parking spaces in basements of office buildings.

Some decision with regard to reorganizing new irrigation projects in Oregon should come from the secretary of the interior in the next few weeks. In the last several days a determined drive has been made by the Oregon delegation in both houses of congress, supported by representatives of four new projects in the state, for some definite step toward the development of further irrigation.

Tillamook harbor improvements have been approved, subject to minor modifications, by the board of river and harbor engineers, as a result of a hearing in Washington, D. C., at which the Oregon delegation and residents of that section placed new facts before the board. If this project is completed the federal government will appropriate about \$250,000.

The secretary of the interior at the request of Representative Sinnott, has sold up patents to land in Oregon involved in the cases of F. A. Hyde, C. W. Clark and others. Mr. Sinnott acted on the telegraphed request of Attorney-General Van Winkle of Oregon. The cases involve state lands used under the old lieu land law to obtain title to government lands.

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The World's Prayer

An International Song Dedicated to President Harding Since life began World's history's been wrought With men's grim battles oft renewed and fought; Progress has taught the evil of our way, And peace is dawning with a newer day.

The force of might—not right—has often ruled, And all the world in armament been schooled; Please God, no more vast graveyards where we kneel, But join our hearts and hands for common weal.

Men's minds have vied for better ways to make Destructive forces for destruction's sake; From chaos and confusion there shall rise Enduring peace and everlasting ties.

Chorus We pray for peace on earth, good will toward all; May love instead of hate our hearts enthral; We pray that every nation sees the right; That truth and justice rule in place of might; That armament forever cease its reign; And warring war may never return again. Long may the world be bright With freedom's holy light, And sing Great God our King!



Poem by Uncle John

What does the New Year mean to you? What does it hold—from your point of view? Are you prepared for whatever it brings—whether it comforts, or whether it distress? Taking account of the over-due, what does the New Year mean—to you? While you were watching the old year's end, did you conclude you had met a friend? Did you indulge the regretful tear at the demise of a profligate year? G. stated that your deductions were true, what does the New Year mean—to you? Welcome it, Brother, with all your might. . . Greet it with sonnets of purest delight. . . Live in it—cherish it—gladden its dawn. . . Make it your own. All the hour it's gone! I am determined this year SHALL BE just what I want it to mean to me!

Etiquette

What to do when to do it By A. Leda Readers desiring personal replies on points of Etiquette or heart advice may write Miss A. Leda, care of this newspaper, enclosing a self addressed and stamped envelope.

DEAR A. LEDA: (1) Will you please tell me what bridesmaids should wear in the evening in the way of hats? (2) Are bandeaus incorrect? (3) Do the bridesmaids wear gloves nowadays as they used to? Thank you. PHYLLIS B. AIA.

Small turbans are worn a great deal. Fitting close to the head as they do they go better with a dressy afternoon or evening dress than a large brimmed hat. Bandeaus are worn occasionally, but not often. Undoubtedly the reason for this is that in some churches women are forbidden to uncover their heads. (3) No. Gloves are seldom worn by the bridesmaids of today. That as well as a few other dress accessories seem to be a relic of the past.

DEAR A. LEDA: Please state just what part of a wedding (where there is to be a medium-sized reception) falls to the groom to finance? Also, if his best man comes from some distance and lodges at a hotel for a night, should the groom offer to pay his expenses? With thanks, A MASCULINE READER.

On comparison to the bride's end of a wedding financially, the groom has the small part. However, his duties are very divided and they start with the fees for the marriage license. Also the clergyman's and sexton are paid by the groom. In addition to these fees he must tip the sexton if the church is opened for a rehearsal. He must provide the marriage ring, the bride's bouquet, the bouquets of the bridesmaids, and if he chooses neckties and gloves for his ushers. Then the groom sees that carriages are provided to take the ushers to and from the church, and another carriage to take the bride and her ladies to the church. Such are the groom's duties.

HELPFUL HEALTH HINT

Cuts.—Painful as it is preferable to have a cut or a cut, as it can be had afterwards with a lancet. A lancet should never be used over being used, as it will cause a serious infection.