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THURSDAY, JANUARY 1.

A Few Items Of News.

Let us disclaim at the outset any intention to steal the stuff of Frank Jenkins or Arthur Brisbane, but honestly, with such a first page as that of The Guard of yesterday staring us in the face we cannot do less than write a little about what is in the news.

Eugene's bank clearings for 1924 are the greatest on record. The handsome total is \$22,483,880.37. There is money in circulation here.

The Southern Pacific company has created the office of city passenger agent here, with F. G. Lewis, favorably known in Eugene, in charge. Our prestige as a railroad center increases.

Eugene's building permits for 1924 aggregated \$2,732,605. New buildings include 336 dwellings and 25 business structures. It was our greatest building year.

A bond issue of \$175,000 has been negotiated, the proceeds of which will be used to complete the splendid new Eugene hotel. Work is to be rushed.

There is prospect for the early lessening of seasonal unemployment which has been in evidence in recent weeks, according to Frank L. Armitage, of the employment bureau, and the outlook for the coming year for working people is bright.

The freeze is over, the floods have receded and the Amazon once more flows within its banks.

The auditorium bonds case goes up to the supreme court and there will be delay. That seems to be the only piece of jagged shell in the oyster stew.

We progress. And it is New Year's day. A full year of possibilities is just ahead.

The Twentieth Amendment

A valued reader hands to us a copy of the Fairbury, Neb., News and Gazette, calling attention to an editorial which it carries in opposition to the federal child labor amendment. We quote from the News and Gazette:

"In our opinion the need for or the merits of a law prohibiting child labor should not enter into consideration of this amendment. It is only a question of whether it is advisable for the states to delegate any more power to the federal government than it has already assumed. The state (Nebraska) already has excellent laws along the line proposed. * * * What possible excuse could we have for surrendering this power? * * * When we ratify this amendment we will in substance admit our inability to deal with these matters."

Undeniably the question of the advisability of extending the powers of federal control in the states is a debatable one. With the opinion that this question is the only one involved we do not agree. There is involved also the highly important question of the protection of children in some few states where their labor is now commercialized. These few states have failed and refused to legislate for children's protection. They can only be reached through federal action. In various states conditions of child labor differ, but children are the same in all states and all ought to be entitled to equal or at least adequate protection.

There is no proposal for the surrender by the states of their own powers of child labor regulation. The 18th amendment has not taken from the states the right to enforce prohibition on their own account. Neither would the proposed 20th amendment take from the states the right to enforce their own child labor laws.

There is no question involved of inability of the majority of states to deal with child labor. The proposal is one to authorize congress to compel the few backward states to deal with it properly. That is what is contemplated and all that is contemplated under the 20th amendment. Talk of possible laws under the amendment to prohibit boys under 18 from milking the cows on a farm, or girls from washing dishes, or interference with children in after-school employments is either mistaken talk or else designedly misleading.

The Oregonian, ablest metropolitan newspaper of the west, never serves half portions, and its annual New Year's edition goes true to rule. It is a complete and comprehensive exposition of what the Oregon of today is and has and does. It covers every resource of the state and every notable activity of the past year. The covers of each of its five special sections are in color. Its illustrations are excellent, particularly the pen-and-ink sketches of R. C. Harrington and the birdseye stuff of Fred Routledge. And—possibly because Dave Foulkes, superintendent of mechanical departments on the Oregonian, wanted to show what his folks can do in the way of speed—the special sections of the great edition were completed and printed in time to be distributed in Eugene on the last day of the old year instead of the first day of the new one.

James B. Duke, North Carolina tobacco magnate, made a gift of \$40,000,000 to Trinity college in that state, but attached the condition that its name must be changed to Duke university. There was some public protest at the condition, but the gift was accepted. Here in Oregon we had an incident quite similar but on a smaller scale a few years ago, when the name of McMinnville college was changed in consideration of a gift to Linfield college. There was protest over that, too, and the progress of the college has been so little enhanced since the change that there is talk of taking it away from McMinnville.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS

The Easiest Way. (Corvallis Gazette-Times) The Oregonian Journal urges that the railroads should establish lines in central Oregon voluntarily, for, it says, they will otherwise be ordered to do so by the interstate commerce commission. They may appeal to the courts, says the Journal, and at least get a postponement of the action, but, says the Journal, "the simplest way

is always the best way" and the simplest way would be for the roads to submit to the inevitable and build the lines. We haven't the slightest doubt but that the railroad companies would long ago have built their lines through central Oregon if there was even a gleam of chance that the roads would pay. Because of the interstate commerce commission, roads can no longer

maintain branches through country where they do not pay by charging higher rates on some other and more profitable line.

The Journal is urging this measure merely to make itself solid with central Oregon. If there was a plan on foot to make it take its papers to central Oregon by airplane and distribute them to every farm house in that section, the Journal would issue a howl that could be heard to the moon. Yet, if there was a "commission" that could compel them to do it, "the simplest way" would be the easiest way, and the Journal might as well make up its mind to buy a fleet of airplanes and get busy.

Salem Plans Sugar Mill

There is a prospect of the early launching of a proposition for the building of a sugar mill in Salem. It is to be presumed that one of the first requirements will be the signing up of the required number of acres of beets to be grown by the farmers of this section; likely not less than 5000 acres. There are some leading business concerns in Salem that will gladly lend assistance to such an effort. Their managers realize that this would be one of the greatest things we could do for the benefit of both the farming districts and the city. The fact is, there are two or three propositions of the kind now on the tapis. We are going to get a sugar factory, if we keep on letting the world know that we want one, and that we have the best location in the country for one.

The Popular Dictionary

(Christian Science Monitor) One feature of the Christmas season in America which differentiated it from any previous one was the English dictionary! Reports from all over the country, that is, were to the effect that lexicons, copies of Roget's Thesaurus, and synonym handbooks were bought to an extent that had never been remotely approached before. And, of course, it was all because of the crowd-worship puzzle food. One prominent book dealer placed the increase in sales at about 1000 per cent. Say what some people may in a derogatory manner concerning this "craze," anything that drives the rank and file of ordinary folk to the dictionary in this way, cannot be wholly bad.

Postal Rates and Postal Pay

(New York World) If congress is to readjust postal rates on the basis of cost of handling mails, it should deal with the question solely on its merits. Statements now offered in Washington are both confusing and contradictory.

The better plan would be for congress promptly to provide for increased pay for postal workers, such as voted last session to grant them. Then let congress refer the problem of raising postal rates, for revenue purposes, to a competent commission not of politicians but of qualified experts and disinterested business men. A scientific, impartial investigation would carry weight.

To make of postal rates an excuse for holding up longer the Postal Employees' Salary bill, as the senate has done, is not fair. To pretend that the question of higher postal rates can be settled within the next two months is to accuse congress of not intending to examine carefully a complicated issue. To put off in the existing circumstances doing justice to the postal workers is both unreasonable and unjust.

In Lighter Vein

Some Differences.

(London Answers) Bob—How old would you say Peggy is? Bill—To her face or behind her back?

Fashion Note.

(Chicago Tribune) Who cares whether Helen of Troy was a blonde or not? The reason she is famous is because she was the first woman to get her gowns from Paris.

Before and After.

(Hempot) It isn't the gift—it is the value that counts.

Notice to Skunk Hunters.

(Kansas City Star) The aroma emanating from you skunk hunters does not seem to mix with the oriental perfume of some of

ABE MARTIN



There hasn't much difference between Christmas an' any other day, 'cept we've supposed 't say it with merchandise. 'T' girl that used 't loaf under 't' mistletoe bough now climbs in a Ford coupe.

our lady patrons, and we kindly ask that you forego your patronage to the Star theater until we are able to secure some perfume with a stronger kick.—The Management.

Sir!

(Minnesota Journal) A strange disease among chickens! No wonder. Let them put on underwear and overalls.

Thought for Cynics.

(Life) Foolish is the fellow who believes all that he hears, but not nearly so foolish as he who believes nothing.

As You Were.

(The Daily News) "Clarence," she called. He stopped the car and looked around. "I am not accustomed to call my chauffeurs by their first name, Clarence. What is your surname?" "Driving, madam." "Drive on, Clarence."

Ever Thru.

(Detroit News) A New York judge let a wife take the bench and sentence her husband. Asked by her if he had anything to say, he replied, "No, never."

Oregon Briefs

Bunker Hill in Coos county is seeking consolidation with Marshfield. The community is a suburb of Marshfield, but is not inside the city limits.

T. M. Borglum, buttermaker, at the Oregon Creamery company of Portland, won first prize for the exhibit of creamery butter at the Pacific Slope Dairy show at Oakland, Cal.

The Sanborn Dock company at Astoria announces that it will begin at once the erection in that city of a modern theater building to seat 800 persons and to cost \$75,000.

M. G. Nease of Portland has been awarded the contract for completing timber cruising in Tillamook county. The recently accepted budget allowed \$30,000 for the work.

Eighteen descendants of the late James O. McDonald of Trail gathered last week at the home of Dr. Charles McDonald in Salem to hold their annual Christmas reunion.

E. N. Vilim, owner and operator of the Rogue Valley Milling company at Medford, whose plant was recently destroyed by fire, announces that the mill will be rebuilt as soon as weather permits.

The Indian school at Unstilla reservation, discontinued 18 years ago, will probably be reopened, the red men declaring that the education of their children with whites has proved a failure.

Hospital Plan Is Made By Red Cross

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—(AP)—

The memorial hospital to be constructed in Tokio from the unused portion of earthquake relief fund of the American Red Cross will not exceed three stories. These features are designed to make the building as nearly earthquake proof as possible. Reports to Red Cross headquarters in Washington reveal that the Japanese will build a branch hospital in Yokohama. Work on the buildings will begin next spring. The Japanese will spend \$1,500,000 of the unused relief fund for the two buildings, reserving the remaining \$1,500,000 as an endowment.

Eugene 25 Years Ago.

From the Guard of Jan. 4, 1900

Eugene legend of Rebekahs installed officers last night at their hall in the I. O. O. F. building.

George H. Yerrington left for the Blue River mines today where he has interests.

Dr. and Mrs. P. A. Paine will leave tonight for California for a trip of six weeks or so.

The annual business meeting of the Baptist church is being held this afternoon.

Mrs. J. D. Hampton and daughter, Nellie, left today for a visit to Portland and Baker city.

John Gray is back from Roseburg, having returned this afternoon.

Miss Maude Thomas and F. E. Martin were married today, Elder M. L. Ross officiating.

C. H. Park, the well-known miner from the Bohemia district, is in town today. He reports rich strikes in the Musick and Noonday mines.

The Booth-Kelly Lumber company today loaded at Springfield an engine for their mill at Wendling. It was put on a sled, and weighed 25,000 pounds. It will be drawn by 14 horses.

TODAY

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properties going up like that are really too good for Uncle Sam to keep.

On New Year's eve the old Philadelphia Bell in Independence hall, Philadelphia, rang 148 times, once for each year in the life of this nation. And the radio carried the sound of the bell all over the land, and across the water. That would interest intensely two men that signed the declaration, Jefferson and Franklin, both interested in science. Both had genius, but neither could have imagined the radio, except as a random guess. Even genius cannot think very far ahead if its own period.

Scientists by modern methods prove that the earth's solid crust is at least sixteen hundred million years old. That adds considerably to the old idea of a world created six thousand years ago. Feeble human imagination cannot grasp such a period as 1,600,000,000 years. Only 12,000 years ago, we were in the stone age. But the earth's great age encourages us to believe that this planet and human beings on it will exist for several hundred millions of years more, at least, as science predicts. A great deal can be done in that time. Even one million years should show considerable improvement, were you consider what men have accomplished in 12,000 years.

It appears that four gentlemen have been representing the Philippine government in the United States, with an expense account. It also appears that by a gentlemen's agreement evidently, each one of them charge exactly nine hundred dollars every month for clothing. This teaches not only that Filipinos are hard on their clothes, but also, that they have not mixed with American politicians for nothing, and are about ready to govern themselves.

Trinity university in North Carolina has changed its name to Duke university, thereby acquiring many millions, generously given by James B. Duke. The university gets six millions at once, for buildings, and ultimately will have as endowment the income from twenty-five millions more.

"What's in a name?" is answered by Mr. Duke, effectively. That university by any other name, would not have received \$31,000,000. Who can estimate the future value of such gifts to education. What a blessing that men must give vast fortunes to help others, instead of spending the money as of old in an effort to buy special living favors for their own unimportant souls.

J. P. Van Zandt of the army air service, having traveled 9000 miles on various European air lines, reports that flying is past the experimental stage and under conservative conditions, as safe as travel on the land.

Since the war commercial planes have traveled more than 26 million miles. On a purely business and non-experimental basis, within 25 years long distance journey by train, will be confined to old fashioned, conservative people. If 50 years, for long distances, trains will be used as little as stage coaches are used now. For some it is hard to imagine that. But many find it hard to imagine anything.

Ella Holbrook and wife were visiting in Lowell over Christmas. They are now living at Shannon, Ore. Barclay Holbrook was home over Christmas visiting Blake Holbrook and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Bowen of Wendling spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. Bowen's mother.

Miss Nellie Carroll of the University of Oregon is spending the holidays with her brother, Mr. Herbert Carroll and wife.

Riles Gartin and wife of Zion spent

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

A Benediction for The New Year: The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.—Numbers 5:24-26.

Bible Question. (Look Up the Answer) In what manner should we walk?—Col. 1:10.

Tomorrow—A Chance to Retrieve

NEWS OF NEARBY TOWNS

Special Correspondence To The Guard From Various Live Districts In Its Field.

SPRINGFIELD

SPRINGFIELD, Jan. 1.—(Special)—Beginning January 5, the Springfield public library will be open each Monday, as well as Wednesdays and Saturdays. It was announced today by Miss Mary Roberts, librarian.

Melford Allen of the Walker undertaking establishment, left for Starport, Ore., today to visit friends and relatives for the remainder of the week.

D. C. Trotter of Waterville was in Springfield Tuesday for medical treatment.

Harry Pullen, truck driver for the Blair store at Lowell was in town on business Wednesday.

A letter received by Postmaster F. B. Hamlin from his son John Nellis Hamlin, who was recently appointed secretary to the American Minister to Albania, stated that he had arrived at his post in Tirana safely on December 4 and had been assigned to quarters.

Because of high water the Springfield Mill and Grain company was forced to close its flour milling department, but with the river falling at its present rate operations will be resumed within a short time. It was necessary to close down the feed milling department.

Homer Gilley of Dexter was in Springfield Tuesday.

Lucy Wallace of Jasper was in town Tuesday for medical treatment. Dale Kipley of Fall Creek was a Springfield visitor Tuesday.

Mrs. Arlen Marcum of Wendling was in town Wednesday with her small infant for medical treatment.

Alvin McBee of Wendling was in town Wednesday on business. Mrs. Frank Sears of Cottage Grove was a Springfield visitor Wednesday.

Marrin Spores of Donna was in town Wednesday.

Hubert Travis, who has been spending the holidays at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Travis of Springfield, returned Wednesday to his home at Sacramento, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stuart drove to Portland Wednesday to spend New Year's day with their daughter.

Jack Harburt of Thurston was in Springfield Tuesday.

Mrs. Lida McGowan entertained a number of guests at dinner Tuesday night. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. John E. Kotala, Miss Emma Straub, who is visiting at the Kettels home, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Whitney and their daughter Mary Elizabeth and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Adrian.

Rev. and Mrs. T. D. Yarnes and family stopped at the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Pollard Wednesday in honor for luncheon on their way home to Clatsop Falls after spending Christmas with relatives in Newberg. Rev. Yarnes was formerly pastor of the Springfield First Methodist church.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Bains have returned from Weed, California, where they spent Christmas with Mrs. Bains' parents. Mr. Bains is superintendent of the Springfield high school.

Miss Grace Miles of Portland, who is spending the holidays with her mother in Springfield, fell Wednesday morning and sprained her wrist.

Mrs. Lee Davis who sustained severe bruises and a deep cut on the left eye in an auto accident Saturday night, was in Springfield today for medical treatment. The injuries were not serious.

Nils Anderson of the Nicola Sash and Door company of Portland was in Springfield Wednesday inspecting a shipment of lumber for his firm at the Booth-Kelly mill.

The Booth-Kelly mill has resumed shipment of log fuel, after a delay of several days because of the cold weather.

Because of an accident which split the side of the drum on the new roll way at the Booth-Kelly mill pond has been held up. A new drum will be installed.

Junetta Flowers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Flowers is spending the week-end at Waterville, visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. K. James.

Ernest Parr, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis is up and able to walk.

R. H. Nesbitt of Jasper was in Springfield today on business.

Miss Hattie Nordvorne spent Monday in Cottage Grove visiting friends.

George Platt and Charles Taylor of Thurston were in Springfield Tuesday on business.

N. N. Kaldor and Charles Jessen of Waterville were in town Wednesday.

Theda Lyons of Swishome was registered Tuesday at the Spong hotel.

A. L. Strat and son of Lyons, Ore., were in town Tuesday and Wednesday.

SPRINGFIELD

Christmas with Mrs. Garten's mother Mrs. Mary Carter of Lowell.

Mr. C. E. Hall of Walkers has taken a position as head sawyer for the new mill at Lander.

Masquerade at Lowell New Year's evening and turkey, goose, duck and chicken raffle and shoot New Year's day.

Gordon Parkton of Weed, Cal., was home for Christmas.

Louise Wainwright who is working for Kelly and Sullivan above Oakridge, was home for Christmas.

IRVING

IRVING, Jan. 1.—(Special)—Irving Grange meets in regular session next Saturday. There will be installation of officers at this meeting.

On account of the high water across the highway, the most of the travel has been coming through Irving on the upper road.

Warren Bergman and family spent a week at the home of Mrs. Bergman's parents at Canum Swale. They returned home the fore part of this week.

Mrs. Bertha Near and two daughters visited relatives a few days before taking up the school work again.

A daughter of Mrs. Powell from southern Oregon is here to be with her for a few weeks. Mrs. Powell is very sick at the home of another daughter, Mrs. Harry Wimmer.

Grandma Bushnell is in her own home again, after spending several weeks with her son Robert Bushnell at Dexter.

Mrs. Livia Marsters of Portland spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Bond in Irving.

DANEBO

DANEBO, Jan. 1.—(Special)—The Christmas program was held at the Danebo Lutheran church Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Withers of Madel were down to see P. C. Withers. Services were held at the Danebo Lutheran church this morning.

Agreement Reached On Postal Rate Plan

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—An agreement has been reached by the joint congressional postoffice subcommittee to recommend that provisions of the administration bill increasing postal rates and salaries be effective for one year only pending further hearings.

LIVESTOCK MEN ELECT

LEWISTON, Ida., Jan. 1.—The Northwest Livestock show Tuesday re-elected A. A. Seaborg president; O. M. Mackey, treasurer and Mrs. F. C. Erb, secretary. All live in Lewiston. These officers will conduct the annual Lewiston-Clarkston fair in September.

OLD-TIME DANCE

Stevens Hall, Springfield, Thursday night, January 1st. Good music. Everybody welcome. (There will be a lady to introduce you.)

The New Year

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