OF CURRENT WEEK

Brief Resume Most Important Daily News Items.

COMPILED FOR BUSY READERS

Events of Noted People, Governments and Pacific Northwest and Other Things Worth Knowing.

August A. Brown, who served in the famous Light Brigade of the British army at Balaklava, died at Elkton, Md.

King Constantine, of Greece, has applied for and received the regular bread card which is issued to all heads

Rev. Dr. David H. Fouse, a prominent Denver minister, addressing the Ben Franklin club, made a plea for birth control on moral and racial improvement grounds.

Senator Shafroth made a set speech Senator Shafroth made a set speech in the senate advocating passage of a constitutional amendment to limit a President to one six-year term and have him elected by direct vote.

Six days after the fund available for paying off gopher bounties in Marion county, Or., became available, \$2500 of the fund had been expended. This represented 25,000 gopher scalps.

A correspondent on the Belgian front writing to the Amsterdam Telegraff Organization Perfected and Business says he learns Belgians deported from the neighborhood of Charleroi have been sent to occupied parts of Poland to perform compulsory labor.

Canadian casualties from the opening of the war until December 31, a period of 29 months, total 68,290. This is made up of killed, 10,854; died of wounds, 4010; died of illness, 484; presumed dead, 1108; wounded, 48,-454; missing, 1970.

Conductor Clyde Gibson, of Port Angeles, Wash., and two laborers were killed and Engineer Harry Legeer, Fireman Bert Ferguson and 20 laborers injured when a work train on the Seattle, Port Angeles & Western railroad was wrecked west of Majestic.

Baron Devonport, the English food controller, has fixed the following prices which home growers may charge for their 1917 crops: Wheat, 60 shillings per 504 pounds; oats, 38 shillings 6 pence per 336 pounds; potatoes, a varying price of 115 to 130 shillings.

Jaunary 10 has been tentatively agreed upon by the Federal Farm Loan Board as the day for opening stock subscription books to the 12 farm loan The books will be opened in each city where there is a farm loan

According to the Handelsblad, of more than 1,000,000 marks' worth of German cut diamonds will be shipped at an early date to America by a German submarine. mbination of German underwriters issue squarely. has agreed to insure the shipment at 8 per cent, "free of capture," or 11 per cent against capture.

There is a woman's suffrage move ment in China but it does not amount to much now, Dr. J. W. Bashford, bishop of the Methodist Episcopa church, resident in China, said on his arrival in San Francisco recently. Suffrage in a constitution now making probably would be based upon educational and property qualifications, the bishop said.

Postal clerks and carriers, both urban and rural, would receive increases of from 5 to 10 per cent in their sal aries by a bill agreed on by the house postal committee Friday. The in-crease would affect about 200,000 carriers and cost \$10,000,000 a year.

The assassination of M. Jollos, ar influential member of the Russian Duma, is reported by the Overseas News agency. According to this re port, M. Jollos disappeared mysteriously a short time ago, and it is believed he was the victim of a political

All clocks in New South Wales were set ahead one hour January 1 to save daylight, according to a cablegram received by the Australian Trade commission in San Francisco. A daylight saving act has also been passed in the state of Victoria.

An estimate that 60,000 persons in Massachusetts are addicted to the drug habit was included in a report of s commission appointed by Governor Mc-Call to investigate the drug evil. The habit, it was said, is not confined to any particular class of people.

Many Belgians who were deported to Germany for manual labor purposes, are returning to their native country in pitiful conditions.

One young lady was killed and he sister seriously injured when a Portland interurban train struck their automobile at a crossing on the Estacada

E. L. McClure, of Portland, one of the promoters of the "Forty-five Effi-ciency Club," became frantic at the

WORLD HAPPENINGS PROCEEDINGS OF OREGON LEGISLATURE

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY OREGON GOVERNOR TO LEGISLATURE.

Hope expressed that session will be businesslike and economical and establish record for excellence, sanity and brevity.

Tendency toward decentralization of state government deprecated.

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Fruning of \$461,000 from amounts asked for by state departments and
institutions advised, together with legislation to increase revenue by
\$250,000. Some of reductions suggested are:

Limit of appropriations to \$100,000 each for State University
and Oregon Agricultural College.

Reduction of wild animal bounty about 25 per cent.

Absorption of Child Labor and Industrial Welfare commissions by
Industrial Accident Commission.

Absorption of work of Social Hygiene Society by State Board of
Health.

Reduced appropriation for State Dairy and Food Commissioner and

Absorption of work of Social Hygiene Society by State Board of Health.

Reduced appropriation for State Dairy and Food Commissioner and transfer of food inspection duties to Board of Health.

Reduced amounts for Livestock Sanitary Board, Forestry Department, Department of Mines and Geology, State Engineer's office and Water Board and Public Service Commission. It is suggested that Forestry Department's expenses be met to greater extent by timber owners.

Only one salaried Tax Commissioner.

Making Department of Weights and Measures self-sustaining.

Penitentiary will require less because of reduced population, due to enactment of prohibition law.

Decrease in commitments to State Hospital also expected.

Abolition of office of State Labor Commissioner at expiration of present term and transfer of duties to industrial Accident Commission.

Lastly, decrease in expenditures of present Legislature suggested. Two suggested feasible sources of new revenue are.

Readjustment of inheritance tax. Increase of insurance tax from 2 per cent on net premiums. Increase of insurance tax from 2 per cent on net premiums to 2 per cent on gross premiums. Increase of insurance tax from 2 per cent on net premiums to 2 per cent on gross premiums. Importance of road work reiterated, with moderate increase in automobile taxation, total revenue to be devoted to read work.

Legislators told that people expect legislation making absolutely effective haprovisions of the "bone-dry" liquor amendment.

Better housing and equipment for State Penitentiary recommended. And experiment reviewed. Soundness of movement asserted. Outstanding eatures are work for business and biaxing of trail for new Oregon industry, Investigation of feasibility of convict-operated lime quarry suggested. State Supreme Court is overburdened. Limitation of appeals recommended.

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Military training in State University and high schools recommended—
not compulsory, but with credits given on school work.
Absentee voters' law for soldiers recommended.
Bursi credits amendment requires legislation to make it operative.
Provision for arbitration of industrial disputes.
Passage of sine sterilization act to check increase of the mentally unfit.
Establishment of child welfare department at State University.
Creation of office of fire marshal recommended as good economics.
Increase of anglers' license fee from \$1 to \$1.50 advised, additional funds to go to propagation of trout for restocking streams. New fish ladder at Oregon City advised.
State Fair needs colliseum.
Workable trigation law needed.
Fruitful field for public economies lies in local administration. Waste in printing of state reports should be eliminated.
Recognition of services of Oregon pioneers recommended at as early date as state's finances will permit.

LEGISLATURE IS IN SESSION Callan, Corbett, Kubli, Lewis, Mackay,

Commenced on First Day.

State Capitol, Salem, Jan. 8 .- The Oregon legislature got off to a flying start today.

In both senate and house the pro-In both senate and house the pre-liquor advertising from the mails, will siding officers were elected, desk be presented later by Senator Eddy. clerks chosen and all details of organization completed when adjournment was taken this afternoon.

More auspicious for a successful session even than this business-like Tuesday, but it is due to die a natural expedition was the fact that there death in committee. wasn't so much as a ripple of inharmony.

In the senate Gus C. Moser, of Multnomah, was elected pres'dent by unan-imous vote. All five of the Democratic senators voted for him, and two of them, Garland and Baldwin, seconded his nomination.

In the house Robert N. Stanfield, of Umatilla, was elected speaker without a dissenting voice after he had been nominated by Louis E. Bean, of Lane, his opponent for the position up to last night.

to put the two bodies on virtually the same footing. Mr. Stanfield will give same footing. out his committee list early tomorrow. In the senate five bills were intro-

duced before final adjournment for the day. The house adjourned at 4:05

Before they adjourned, however, the

"Dry" Memorial Passes. It came about through the introduction in the senate by Eddy, of Doug-las, of a joint memorial petitioning congress to pass a bill pending to make the District of Columbia dry. This memorial was brought to imme-diate vote on suspension of the rules after Senator Eddy had explained that he desired its passage today because the dry bill in question is to be con-sidered in the United States senate tomorrow. With this explanation of the reason for rushing it through, not a senator voted against it. There were two absentees, Senators Bingham and

Olson, and 28 voted aye,
It had to wait in the house until the organization was completed. The rules were suspended and the question came up promptly on its merits. D. C. Lewis attempted to delay the proceed ings on the technical ground that the house was not ready for business. Dr. J. E. Anderson, leader of the "dry" forces, insisted on an immediate roll call and was supported by Speaker

Mr. Lewis insisted that he was not opposed to the merits of the measure and, to demonstrate his good faith, moved its adoption. But his position on the Issue was brought into question again when he voted against it on roll call. The seven negative votes were:

Desks Filled by Veterans.

Salem.-The senate has an all-veteran desk organization. With one ex-ception, all the desk clerks and other from \$50 to \$100 to the yard. officials of the senate elected today served in the same capacity at the last session. They fairly bristle with experience. John W. Cochran, re-elected chief clerk, has been chief clerk for

Few Changes in Rules

Salem .- The house committee on rules met and decided to recommend the adoption of the rules used at the 1915 session with the exception of a

few minor changes.

The committee on military affairs is to be increased from three to five members.

Schimpff and Stott. It is believed that this is the maximum "wet" strength in the house, and it is probable that most of this group of seven will vote favorably when the "bone-dry" bill comes up. The text of the joint memorial was telegraphed to Washington D. C. tenicker.

Washington, D. C., tonight.

Two more joint memorials, one asking congress for a national prohibition law, the other asking congress to bar

Dry Bill Too Drastic.

Salem.—Representative Lewis introduced his prohibition bill in the house

The Lewis bill is dryer even than the "bone-dry" bill. It imposes stringent regulations on clergymen using wine for sacramental purposes, among other provisions requiring that each clergyman make affidavit to the precise number of communicants who actually drink wine in the performance of the religious rites.

But dry forces in the house do not take the Lewis bill seriously. The real to last night.

Although the house did not get quite so far as the senate on its first day, there remains only for Speaker a few days by Dr. Anderson, chairman Stanfield to announce his committees to put the two bodies on virtually the

Express Agents Alarmed.

Salem.-Express agents in many parts of the state are becoming exercised as to the possibilities of an emergency clause being attached to making the Before they adjourned, however, the legislation making the "bone-dry family does seem to run to girls."

A to both houses, and they had faced the ters being received by Attorney Genlegislation themselves in an embarrassing condition if a law suddenly went into effect repealing the present act and leaving them with quantities of ship-ments on their hands, which shipments would have been perfectly legal

Opposition to Be Withdrawn.

Salem, Or.-Senator Dimick will naval militia at this session and from surface indications that organization will have a peaceful journey through the session. During the last six years, for three sessions, Senator Dimick has assailed the naval militia appropriation, standing sponsor for bills victory, but it failed to pass both

This year the naval militia is asking for \$15,900, \$900 in excess of the appropriation given two years ago.

Platinum Deposits Valuable.

Roseburg. - Finding encouraging signs daily of the wealth in platinum deposits believed to lie in the hidden ledge of rock recently discovered on the place of W. F. Kernan, near Rose-burg, the owner said Wednesday that he already was preparing to develop the property. Mr. Kernan said he employed several experts to examine the property and they gave various esti-

Wants Public Kindergartens

Salem.-Senator Courad P. Olsor favors kindergartens for the youngsters of Multnomah county. He intro-duced a bill providing for kindergartwo sessions preceding this one. Mr. tens in counties of 20,000 or more, on Cochran, though, is a mere infant in petition of parents or guardians of 25 point of service as compared to John or more children between four and hair ribbons different. And the result P. Hunt, of Woodburn, the capable six years, living within one mile of an assistant chief clerk in 1907, and he elementary school building. Not less than three nor more than five kinder cannot be thanking the Lord in her gartens could be established the first year under this bill.

Seek Early Appropriations.

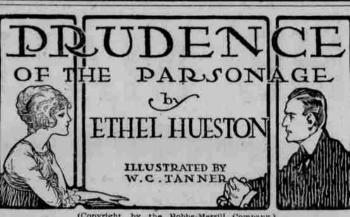
mittee has decided to report favorably on a resolution by Dimick providing that the ways and means committee have on the desks of the members by the 30th day of the session all the gen-eral appropriation bills ready for conciency Club," became frantic at the organization meeting at the Library, and threatened violence with a pocket knife.

The committee on insurance will be sideration. Senator Wood, of the ways and means committee, appeared before the resolutions committee and declared himself favorable to the plan.

Inst a girl yourself."

"I don't want to go to school," tor jumping a three-wire fence, and laughed Prudence. "Not any more. I the new insurance code.

Now, think! Did you ever see a recommittee and laughed Prudence. "Not any more. I the new insurance code.



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the future."

days dream-

hands dramatically.

dling in the bare idea.

few of them very likable."

dence quickly and seriously.

know, we like them fine!"

age girls themselves.

First came the minister, whom they

knew very well by this time, and con-

sidered quite respectable. He was

lively, as was to be expected of a

Methodist minister, and told jokes,

and laughed at them! Now, a comical

rector-oh, a very different matter-

it wasn't done, that's all! At any rate,

here came the Methodist minister,

laughing, and on one side of him

tripped a small, earnest-looking maid-

en, clasping his hand, and gazing alter-

nately up into his face and down at

the stylish cement sidewalk beneath

her feet. On the other side was Fairy,

The Misses Avery knew the girls by

name already-having talked much

"Such a Fairy!" gasped Miss Milli-

For Fairy was very nearly as tall

as her father, built upon generous

lines, rather commanding in appear-

ance, a little splendld-looking. Even

from their windows they could discern

sixteen-year-old girl, with the easy,

elastic stride that matched her fa-

ther's, and the graceful head, well car-

ried. A young goddess-named Fairy!

ing, like three children, as they were-

came the twins with Prudence, each

with an arm around her waist. And

they. When they reached the fence

that bordered the parsonage, the scene

for a moment resembled a miniature

exclaimed, and clasped their hands.

scrambled under the fence, followed

dence, too, was wriggling beneath the

"Hold the wire up for me, papa!"

cried Fairy. "I'm too fat." And a sec

ond later she was running gracefully

across the lawn toward the parsonage

The Methodist minister laughed boy-

ishly, and placing his hands on the

fence post, he vaulted lightly over,

and reached the house with his daugh-

ters. Then the Misses Avery, school-

teachers and elderly, looked at one an-

"Did you ever?" gasped the oldest

Miss Avery, and the others slowly

Now, think! Did you ever see a red

shook their heads

closely by the lithe-limbed twins.

Behind them, laughing and chatter-

cent, and the others echoed the gasp

but wordlessly.

little thing.

the girls-with Fairy to keep me bal-

anced! I read, but I do not like to

study.-No, you'll have to get along

"Don't you have dreams?" gasped

"Yes, I dream," interrupted Pru-

get them properly raised. You'll like

They really are a gifted little bunch-

ers!" And Prudence flung out her

CHAPTER II.

The Rest of the Family.

It was Saturday morning when the

four young parsonage girls arrived in

Mount Mark. The elderly Misses Avery,

next door, looked out of their windows

pending their appearance on Main

Mrs. Adams. "Don't you have dreams

of the future? Girl's in books nowa-

with me just the way I am, Mrs. Ad-

STARR, a widower Methodist minister, has been assigned to the congregation at Mount Mark, Iowa. He and his daughter, Prudence-she is nineteen, and the eldest of five girls-have come on ahead to get the new parsonage ready for the younger members of the family. Of course the whole town, especially the Methodists, is throbbing with curiosity about the newcomers. Mrs. Adams, a member of the Ladies' Aid society, hurried over to call on Prudence, and nosing around found the girl on her knees praying in the barn. So she began at once to "pump" the girl for all she was worthit would be great stuff to tell the neighbors-and is still at it.

CHAPTER I-Continued.

But to return to the Ludies-the parsonage girls always capitalized the Ladies of their father's church-"One of us should go and help the dear child." said Mrs. Scott, the president of the Alds, when they assembled for their business meeting, "help her, and welcome her, and advise her."

"I was thinking of going over," said one, and another, and several others.
"Oh, that will not do at all," said the president. "I think in a case like this

the president herself should represent the society. Therefore, I will undertake this duty for you.' But this called forth a storm of pro-

test and it became so clamorous that it was unofficially decided to draw cuts! Which was done, and in consequence of that drawing of cuts, Mrs. Adams now sat on the front porch of the old gray parsonage, cheered by the knowledge that every other Lady of the Aid was envying her!

"Now, just be real sociable and tell me all about yourself, and the others, too," urged Mrs. Adams. "I want to know all about every one of you. Tell me everything."

"There isn't much to tell," said Prudence, smiling. "There are five of us; I am the oldest-I am nineteen. Then comes Fairy, then the twins, and then the baby.'

"Are the twins boys, or a boy and a

"Neither," said Prudence, "they are both girls." "More girls!" gasped Mrs. Adams.

"And the baby?" "She is a girl, too." And Prudence laughed. "In short, we are all girls except father. He couldn't be, of course-or I suppose he would, for our

"Prudence is a very nice name for ams suggestively.

"Yes-for some ministers' daugh ters," assented Prudence. "But is sadly unsuitable for me."

Mrs. Adams looked critically at this young daughter of the parsonage. Then her eyes wandered down to her clothes, and lingered, in silent questioning, on Prudence's dress. It was a very peculiar color. In fact, it was no color at all-no named color. Prudence's eyes had followed Mrs. Adams' glance, and she spoke frankly.

"I suppose you're wondering if this dress is any color! Well, I think it really is, but it isn't any of the regular shades. It is my own invention, abolish the organization, and one year puloted his bill through the senate to up and out and around and one day up and out and around, and one day when I was so nearly out of clothes I hardly felt I could attend church any more, she suggested that I cut an old one of hers down for me! At first I laughed, and then I was insulted. Fairy is three years younger than I, and before then she had got my handed-But now the tables were downs. turned. From that time on Fairy's clothes were cut down for me. I still feel bitter about it. Fairy is dark, and dark blues are becoming to her. She handed down this dress-it was dark blue then. But I was not wanting a dark blue, and I thought it would be less recognizable if I gave it a contrasting color. I chose lavender. I Fairy leaned over the fence, and dyed it four times, and this was the re- stared intently at this, their parsonage

"Do the twins dress alike?" inquired Mrs. Adams, when she could control

"Yes - unfortunately for Connie. They do it on purpose to escape the fence. handed-downs! They won't even have hair ribbons different. And the result cannot help thanking the Lord in her prayers that all of us outwear our shoes before we can outgrow them .-Connie is only nine. Fairy is sixteen, and the twins are thirteen. They are a very clever lot of girls."

"And what are you going to do?" inquired Mrs. Adams, looking with real ffection at the bright, sweet face. "You ought to go to school. You're just a girl yourself."

may possibly have occurred-we have never seen it. Neither had the three Misses Avery. Nor did they ever expect to. And if they had seen it, it is quite likely they would have joined the backsliders at that instant.

But without wasting much time on this gruesome thought, they hurried to a window commanding the best view of the parsonage, and raised it. Then they clustered behind the curtains, and watched and listened. There was plenty to hear! From the parsonage windows came the sound of scampering feet and banging doors. Once there was the unmistakable clatter of a chair overturned. With it all there was a constant chorus of "Oh, look!" Oh!" "Oh, how sweet!" "Oh, papa!" "Oh, Prudence!" "Look, Larkie, look

Then the eldest Miss Avery closed the window overlooking the parsonage ams. It's all I can do to keep things and confronted her sisters.

"We must just make the best of it," going now, without spending half the time dreaming of big things to do in she said quietly.

But next door the gray old parsonage was full to overflowing with satisfaction and happiness and love. Everyone has experienced the ecstatic, creepy sensation of sleeping in a brand-new home. The parsonage girls reveled in dence, "I dream lots-but it's mostly of the memory of that first night for many what Fairy and others will do when I days. "It may be haunted for all we know," cried Carol deliciously, "Just the girls, Mrs. Adams, I know you will. think, Connie, there may be seven ghosts camped on the head of your bed, except me. I'm just common little Pru- waiting-" dence of the Parsonage-but the oth-

When the family gathered for worship on that first Sabbath morning, Mr. Starr said, as he turned the leaves of his well-worn Bible, "I think it would be well for you to help with the morning worship now. When I finish reading the chapter, Connie, you will make the first prayer. Just pray for whatever you wish as you do at night for yourself. I will follow you."

Connie's eyes were wide with responsbility during the reading of the chap-



"Quick! They Are Coming!"

ter, but when she began to speak her voice did not faiter. Connie had nine years of good Methodist experience

back of her! "Our Father, who art in heaven, we humility and reverence. Thou art our God, our Creator, our Savior. Bless us this day, and cause thy face to shine upon us. Blot out our transgressions, pardon our trespasses. Wash us, that we may be whiter than snow. Hide not thy face from the eyes of thy children, turn not upon us in wrath. Pity us, Lord, as we kneel here prostrate before thy majesty and glory. Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer. And finally save us, an unbroken family around thy throne in heaven, for Jesus' sake.

Amen." This was followed by an electric silence. Prudence was biting her lips painfully, and counting by tens as fast as she could. Fairy was mentally goomething distinctly Junelike in this ing over the prayer, sentence by sentence, and attributing each petition to the individual member in the old church at Exminster to whom it be-The twins were a little longed. amazed, and quite proud. Connie was an honor to the parsonage but they were concerned lest they themselves should not do quite so well when their Prudence was a very little taller than days came.

But in less than a moment the minister-father began his prayer. When he said "Amen," Prudence was on her riot. The smaller girls jumped and feet and half-way upstairs before the others were fairly risen. Fairy stood gazing intently out of the window for a moment, and then went out to the Then the serious little girl barn to see if the horse was through eating. Mr. Starr walked gravely and soberly out the front door, and around pause, a very short one-and then Pru- the house. He ran into Fairy coming out the kitchen door, and they glanced quickly at each other.

"Hurry, papa," she whispered; "you can't hold in much longer! Neither

And together, choking with laugh ter, they hurried into the barn and gave full vent to their feelings.

Doesn't it seem that the happygo-lucky houseful of parsonage girls will win the friendship of the Avery spinsters and tear away the barrier of snobbishness and reserve which hedges them

(TO BE CONTINUED.)