

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE

PLANNING ENGINEERING SHOW

Students Will Airships and Do Brass Castings Stunts for Visitors.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—"Bigger, brighter and better" is the slogan of the engineering students of the Oregon agricultural college in their plans for the annual engineering show, to be held this year March 15 and 16. Hitherto the exhibit has been called an electrical show, and a manager, one of the electrical students, chosen to make the plans. This year it was decided to secure the cooperation of all of the engineering departments and make it an inclusive demonstration of what the college engineering as a whole can do.

Many new features are to be introduced this year. The forestry department will exhibit for the first time, and Prof. George W. Peavy, head of the department, is greatly interested in the display which is being prepared. The civil and mechanical engineering departments, hitherto but minor exhibitions, will this year have the larger part of the space.

A blacksmithing shop will be in full operation by the mechanical engineers, and a foundry, pattern making, and machine shop will interest visitors with the actual processes of making brass castings, and completing the furnishing processes, giving the visitors paper weights, monograms and other souvenirs made "while they wait." The woodworking shop and power plant will also show interesting operations. A number of new pieces of equipment in the mechanical laboratories will be in full operation, and furnish spectacular features.

A. M. Jepperson of Bascoria, and J. F. Hess, of Corvallis, have purchased the Curtiss biplane exhibited at last year's show, and after many tests and the building of models and gliders, will be ready to give demonstration of aviation.

The Architectural club, just formed this winter, is another new feature as it, also, will have an exhibit, for which it is now holding a contest in which the members are competing for the honor of arranging the club exhibit.

QUARRY NEXT STEP.

Governor Lays Plans for Road Construction Work.

Oregon City—The establishment of a state rock quarry at some convenient point between Oregon City and New Era is contemplated and that within the near future, according to Governor West, who was in the city accompanied by George F. Rodgers, chairman of the State highway commission. Governor West and Mr. Rodgers were met at New Era by a committee from the Oregon City commercial club and with L. R. Fields, superintendent of the Southern Pacific company, drove down the river road past the Wittenberg estate quarry a short distance north of New Era and the Willamette Pulp & Paper company quarry just south of Pulp Station.

Either of these quarries would be adaptable to the use of the state for obtaining suitable rock for road construction. The rock from the Wittenberg estate quarry has been examined by the State engineer and State geologist and has been pronounced first-class for road building.

The rock on the paper company's land is of similar formation and character. In both places there is sufficient land fronting the rocky bluff to install the necessary switches or side-tracks to connect with the main line of the Southern Pacific company only a few hundred feet distant from the quarries.

"I believe the state should own the quarry and that the land should be purchased outright," said the governor. "Permanent ownership would justify the state in going to the expense of constructing buildings, and we would have a supply of good rock that would last beyond this generation. We expect to be able to procure a rock crusher at a small cost in California from a railroad company, and by the use of convict labor, which could be about 25 cents a day, crushed rock could be sold to any county in the state reached by rail lines at a very small cost. Not more than 15 men could be used profitably in a quarry."

More Study of Farm Problems.

Oregon Agricultural College Corvallis—The new department in the Oregon Countryman the monthly magazine published by the students of the Oregon Agricultural college, is to be conducted by the Oregon experimental league which has also arranged to send a copy of each issue to every member of the league. In the new department will appear articles for the promotion of the study of the agricultural problems in different parts of the state giving results of such studies as have already been procured.

Growers to Widen Work.

Newberg—The second meeting of the Newberg apple growers' association was held recently. So much interest was shown that it was decided to broaden out and take in all of the apple and pear growers of Yamhill county. Talks were made by W. K. Newell, president of the State board of horticulture, and H. B. Miller, recently consul-general in China. It was evident that a general organization will be effected here at a later date of all the fruit growers of the county.

Kernville to Have Cannery.

Newport—Kernville, on the Siletz river, is to have a new salmon cannery. At present the only cannery on the Siletz river is that belonging to the Elmore estate. H. F. Barnes, a Portland business man, who owns the canneries at Waldport, on Alsea bay, and Oysterville, on Yaquina bay, is to establish the new Siletz cannery.

Bend Flour Mill Operating.

Bend—The flour mill of the Bend Milling & Warehouse company is now in operation. It is operated by electricity, power being obtained from the Deschutes river.

ONE POOR FARM IS PLAN.

Cost Would Be Less and Indigent Much Better Cared For.

Salem—To establish a central home for the aged, located in or near Salem, and do away with all poor farms and homes for indigent people throughout the state is the plan which is announced by Governor West. The governor believes that under the system which he proposes to establish the counties of the state will be saved at least one-half the expense incurred in caring for the poor and at the same time will be able to see their poor cared for in a much more humanitarian and comfortable manner.

Governor West, in the past week, has sent letters to the county judges throughout the entire state, in which he has asked personal opinions as to his scheme, as well as complete data of the expense which counties have been put to in the care of the poor.

Letters are arriving, but not enough have been received that he is able adequately to give any comprehensive idea of the approximate expense as compared to the expense under the county plan of caring for the poor.

Governor West will incorporate in his message to the next legislature a plan largely along the lines which have been outlined tentatively by him.

GOOD ROADS BODY FORMS.

Oregon League Proposes to Foster Highway Building in State.

Corvallis—The Oregon Good Roads league was organized here Wednesday. Constitution and by-laws were adopted, and the following officers elected: President, Victor P. Moses, county judge of Benton county; first vice president, C. C. Lemmon, of Hood River; second vice president, B. W. Short, of Klamath Falls; secretary, Professor E. F. Ayers, Oregon Agricultural college; highway engineer, Robert Gelatly, of Benton county; directors for three-year term, J. R. Edwards, of Lincoln county, Professor H. M. Parks, of Oregon Agricultural college, and B. P. Cator, of Benton county; directors for two-year term, B. D. Schell, of Ashland, S. W. Laythe, of Harney county, and C. W. Leevee, of Corvallis; directors for one-year term, V. R. Allen, of Marion county, Harry Eason, of Astoria, and Phil Streib, Jr., of Portland.

The purpose of the organization is to foster good roads building in the state and to supply supervisors and others with information that may aid them in the highway improvements under their jurisdiction.

Revision Work Delayed.

Salem—It probably will be the latter part of February before the commission to revise the tax commission of the state holds another meeting. A desire to wait until after commonwealth day at Eugene may make some difference in the date, as State Tax Commissioner Galloway has been arranging plans so that the subject of taxation will be thoroughly discussed there at that time in as many of its phases as possible.

The various members, who were assigned the task of handling the details in connection with the six or seven bills, which it is probable the commission will pass on before they are sent to a vote of the people, have from time to time reported that progress is being made, and it is probable that by the time the next meeting closes these bills will be well under way toward formulation, if not entirely completed and in readiness for the voters.

Water Contract Drawn.

Salem—Sidetracking for a time at least, the Benham Falls project, the Central Oregon Irrigation company representatives and the Desert land board completed a draft of a contract on the remainder of the project. That this may be only tentative, as before, however, is evidenced by the fact that neither side signed it, and then refused to do so later. This is taken as an indication that even further changes may be made. The agreement stands, barring a few minor changes, as those previously drawn.

Jetty Work to Be Pushed.

Marshfield—The Marshfield chamber of commerce has received word from Congressman Hawley that the report made by Major Morrow favors the restoration of the jetty at the entrance of Coos bay, but that the engineers at Washington say the law prevents a report and estimate being made at this time. Unless these technicalities can be overcome in some way an appropriation for the improvement of the jetty would not be available at this time.

Good Roads Enthusiasts Busy.

Hood River—Hood River good roads enthusiasts are making efforts to comply with the recent good roads proclamation of Governor West, and four meetings will be held in different parts of the valley within the week. A meeting will be held at Parkdale hall in the Upper valley, to discuss the various proposed methods of road legislation. Meetings will follow at Park Grange, Pine Grove Grange and Hood River.

Marshfield Gets Busy.

Marshfield—The campaign to have the Coos Bay life-saving station changed from its present location over three miles from the bar to a more convenient place, is being pushed by the chamber of commerce and others. One petition which was generally circulated was signed by about 1,500 citizens and now another petition is being circulated only among the big mill owners, vessel owners and other large interests who are shippers.

Socialist Party Allowed Expenses.

Salem—That the Socialist party is entitled to \$200 apiece for five delegates to the national convention, to be paid by the state, is an opinion given by Deputy Attorney General Van Winkle.

OPIUM TRADE IS BETTER.

Chinese Flagrant Violate Law Since Outbreak of War.

Pekin—One unfortunate result of the revolution has been a revival of opium consumption. A fillip was given to the trade when Kuang-tung and Yunnan joined the movement, and proclaimed their independence. These two provinces, with Szechuen, were the largest consumers of opium in the empire, and the suppression of poppy cultivation and opium smoking was keenly resented by a good number of the inhabitants.

As soon as the authority of the imperial government was thrown overboard there was evidently a reaction among those addicted to the habit. Even before the revolution, and in spite of the stringent rules, there is reason to believe that opium houses continued to flourish secretly. Now it is said that they have begun to carry on their trade publicly in Canton and in other places, the bad example once set being quickly followed. Owing to the suppression of poppy cultivation and the foreign article is in great request. Prices have risen and clearances in Hongkong and Shanghai are very satisfactory from the trade point of view.

SHIP TO SEEK TREASURE.

Money Provided for Expedition to the South Seas.

San Francisco—That the failures of adventurers of the past to find hidden loot of bygone buccaners amid the enchanted isles of the South coast and coral reefs of the South seas, fails to discourage persons with a belief in the legends of wealth, became apparent when another story of a contemplated expedition leaked out here.

James Morton, just arrived from Topeka, Kan., is searching among the bulks of Oakland Creek for the sort of craft he thinks he needs to carry on a search for millions.

Morton said that the money already was provided for the undertaking and all that was needed was a schooner or barkentine capable of holding supplies and possessing accommodations for the score of men who will make the trip.

He refuses to divulge the nature of the princely fortune which will be brought in port several months after the vessel sails from San Francisco, but admitted that it was of immense bulk. In weight it would amount to several hundred tons.

"It is really a very expensive commodity," said Morton. "If I were to tell you the real value you would only smile, so I shall not discuss that part of it. What I want is the right ship. We have the money and are ready to pay cash. This is not a game, but a straight business proposition."

Inventor Loses Life.

Paris—Francois Reichelt, aged 35, a ladies' tailor, was instantly killed here when a parachute which he had invented failed to work as jumped from a stage of the Eiffel tower, nearly 200 feet from the ground.

Reichelt had been working two years on his invention, which he intended for use by aviators when aeroplanes began to tumble because of accidents.

The parachute was made of silk and was attached to the back like a soldier's knapsack. It weighed less than 20 pounds. Reichelt ascended to the first stage of the tower, which is about 187 feet from the ground. He placed a table near the edge facing the Seine and got ready for the jump while a crowd of reporters and cinematographers awaited him on the ground.

Reichelt jumped out from the table with the parachute on his back. For a second it seemed as if the parachute was about to open in accordance with the theory of the inventor, but it shrank together again and he fell like a stone, striking the ground in less than four seconds. He was picked up dead. His legs and spinal column were broken and his body made a hole several inches deep in the frozen ground.

Troops to Be Held Ready.

Washington, D. C.—To meet any emergency that may arise in connection with the unsettled conditions in Northern Mexico, General Leonard A. Wood, chief of staff of the United States army, has issued orders to commanders of several army posts in various parts of the country to hold their troops in readiness for duty along the border. General Duncan, in command of the department of Texas, was instructed to "use his own judgment" in moving the troops under him in enforcing neutrality laws.

Elks Will Ride in Specials.

Portland, Or.—Practically every Elks lodge in the Pacific Northwest will come to Portland for the grand lodge reunion by its special train. Within the past few days negotiations have been closed with the railroads for an aggregate of nine crack specials. These comprise nearly 100 standard sleepers, capable of handling 3,000 people. The lodges which will use these specials are Lewiston, Wallace and Moscow, Idaho; Walla Walla and North Yakima, Wash.; Baker, Pendleton, La Grande and The Dalles, Or.

Oyster Fleet Is Lost.

Tilghmans, Md.—Six oystermen are believed to have been drowned in the Choptank river when their boats were carried into the open waters in the ice jam that began to move early Monday morning with the gale that swept over Tilghmans island. The ice jam snapped up to a late hour, had found no trace of the boats. Five other launches managed to fight their way through buffeting cakes and made clear water.

Troops Held in Readiness.

Leavenworth, Kan.—Colonel Daniel Corman, acting commander of the army post at Fort Leavenworth, received orders to hold in readiness an expeditionary force of 1,500 men at a moment's notice to the Mexican border, the Seventh infantry, of which he is in command, and the second squadron of the Fifteenth cavalry, under command of Captain William T. Littigant.



SYNOPSIS.

Howard Jeffries, banker's son, under the influence of Robert Underwood, a fellow-student at Yale, leads a life of dissipation, marries the daughter of a gambler who died in prison, and is disowned by his father. He tries to get work and fails. A former college chum makes a business proposition to Howard which requires \$2,000 cash and Howard is broke. Robert Underwood, who has been repulsed by Howard's wife, Annie, in his college days, and had once been engaged to her, offers to loan Howard the money. Howard recalls a \$50 loan to Underwood, that remains unpaid, and decides to ask him for the \$2,000 he owes. Underwood, taking advantage of his intimacy with Mrs. Jeffries, convinces her to see him highwayman. Discovering his true character she denials him the loan. Underwood's absence from a question causes comment among Mrs. Jeffries' guests.

CHAPTER IV.—Continued.

"In a word," laughed the judge, "you mean that any one trained to read my mind can tell just what's passing in my brain?"

"Precisely," replied the doctor with a smile "the psychologist can tell with almost mathematical accuracy just how your mental mechanism is working. I admit it sounds uncanny, but it can be proved. In fact, it has been proved, time and time again."

Alicia came up and took the doctor's arm.

"Oh, Dr. Bernstein," she protested, "I can't allow the judge to monopolize you in this way. Come with me. I want to introduce you to a most charming woman who is dying to meet you. She is perfectly crazy on psychology."

"Don't introduce me to her," laughed the judge. "I see enough crazy people in the law courts."

Dr. Bernstein smiled and followed his hostess. Judge Brewster turned to chat with the banker. From the distant music room came the sound of a piano and a beautiful soprano voice.

The rooms were now crowded and newcomers were arriving each minute. Servants passed in and out serving food delicacies and champagne.

Suddenly the butler entered the salon and, quietly approaching Alicia, handed her a letter. In a low tone he said:

"This letter has just come, m'm. The messenger said it was very important and I should deliver it at once."

Alicia turned pale. She instantly recognized the handwriting. It was Robert Underwood. Was not her last message enough? How dare he address her again and at such a time? Retiring to an inner room, she tore open the envelope and read as follows:

Dear Mrs. Jeffries: This is the last time I shall ever bore you with my letter. You have forbidden me to see you again. Practically you have sentenced me to a living death, but as I prefer death shall not be partial, but full and complete oblivion I take this means of letting you know that unless you revoke your cruel sentence of banishment, I shall make an end of it all. I shall be found dead, Monday morning, and you will know who is responsible.

Yours devotedly,
ROBERT UNDERWOOD.

An angry exclamation escaped Alicia's lips, and crushing the note up in her hand, she bit her lips till the blood came. It was just as she feared. The man was desperate. He was not to be got rid of so easily. How dare he—how dare he? The coward—to think that she could be frightened by such a threat. What did she care if he killed himself? It would be good for him. Yet suppose he was in earnest, suppose he did carry out his threat? There would be a terrible scandal, an investigation, people would talk, her name would be mentioned. No—no—that must be prevented at all costs.

Distracted, not knowing what course to pursue, she paced the floor of the room. Through the closed door she could hear the music and the chatter of her guests. She must go to see Underwood at once, that was certain, and her visit must be a secret one. There was already enough talk.

If her enemies could hear of her visiting him alone in his apartments that would be the end.

"Yes—I must see him at once. Tomorrow is Sunday. He's sure to be home in the evening. He mentions Monday morning. There will still be time. I'll go and see him to-morrow." "Alicia! Alicia!"

The door opened and Mr. Jeffries put his head in.

"What are you doing here, my dear?" he asked. "I was looking everywhere for you. Judge Brewster wishes to say good-night."

"I was fixing my hair, that's all," replied Alicia with perfect composure.

The THIRD DEGREE

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graph office. A special feature was the garden court, containing over 30,000 square feet of open space, and tastefully laid out with palms and flowers. Here fountains splashed and an orchestra played while the patrons lounged on comfortable rattan chairs or gossiped with their friends. Up on the sixteenth floor was the cool roof garden, an exquisite bower of palms and roses artificially painted by a famous French artist, with its recherche restaurant, its picturesque tziganes, and its superb view of all Manhattan island.

The Astruria was the last word in expensive apartment hotel building. Architects declared that it was as far as modern lavishness and extravagance could go. Its interior arrangements were in keeping with its external splendor. Its apartments were of noble dimensions, richly decorated, and equipped with every device, new and old, that modern science and builders' ingenuity could suggest. That the rents were on a scale with the grandeur of the establishment goes without saying. Only long purses could stand the strain. It was a favorite headquarters for Westerners who had "struck it rich," wealthy bachelors, and successful actors and opera singers who loved the limelight on and off the stage.

Sunday evening was usually exceedingly quiet at the Astruria. Most of the tenants were out of town over the week-end, and as the restaurant and roof garden were only slimly patronized, the elevators ran less frequently, making less chatter and bustle in corridors and stairways. Stillness reigned

Then came the answer. The boy looked up.

"He says you should go up. Apartment 165. Take the elevator."

In his luxurious appointed rooms on the fourteenth floor, Robert Underwood sat before the fire puffing nervously at a strong cigar. All around him was a litter of objects d'art, such as would have filled the heart of any connoisseur with joy. Oil paintings in heavy gilt frames, of every period and school, Rembrandts, Cuyps, Ruysdaels, Reynolds, Corots, Heners, some on easels, some resting on the floor; handsome French bronzes, dainty china on Japanese teakwood tables, antique furniture, gold embroidered clerical vestments, hand-painted screens, costly oriental rugs, rare ceramics—all were confusedly jumbled together. On a grand piano in a corner of the room stood two tall cloisonne vases of almost inestimable value. On a desk close by were piled miniatures and rare ivories. The walls were covered with tapestries, armor, and trophies of arms. More like a museum than a sitting room, it was the home of a man who made a business of art or made art a business.

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A NARRATIVE OF METROPOLITAN LIFE

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