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OSLER THEORY IS REVERSED

Watchman Under 45 Years Old Discharged From Service.

Washington, D. C. — The Osler theory is being reversed by the quartermasters' bureau of the War department, through an order, now rigidly enforced, which provides that no man shall be appointed a watchman in the War department service unless he has passed the age of 45 years. This fact came to light recently when the War department ordered the discharge of Benjamin Shaffer, watchman at Fort Lawton, because he was not yet 45 years old. Shaffer had served in the regular army and lost a leg in the service. This brought about his discharge from the service, but as soon as he was able to leave the hospital he was appointed to the watchman's job. Shaffer had not long been on the payroll as watchman before it was discovered that he was under 45 and immediately this was reported to Washington, his discharge was ordered. His previous military service and the fact that he had lost a leg while serving in the army counted for naught in his favor.

It remained for Representative Humphrey, of the Seattle district, to appeal personally to Secretary Garrison, in order to have Shaffer retained.

The secretary was readily convinced that this was a case where the rule might properly be waived, and thanks to the intervention, Shaffer will continue as watchman at Fort Lawton.

BOY DOES KNOTTY PROBLEM

Mathematical Prodigy Startles Professors With Solution.

Philadelphia—This city harbors a mathematical prodigy and perhaps a rival of Sids, of Harvard fame, if his solution of the trisection of an angle, a mathematical problem which has puzzled the ages, meets with the approval of several mathematical societies, including the Universities of Pennsylvania and Columbia, as well as a number of mathematicians of national reputation to whom the solution has been submitted. The boy is Sydney H. Gross, and he is a student at the Central High School.

The boy mathematician started the faculty of this high school the other day when he told one of the instructors that he had evolved a solution for the trisection of an angle. The faculty was so impressed with the solution that they immediately submitted a model of the experiment to Professor M. J. Bobb, president of the Philadelphia section of the Middle States and Maryland Mathematical association. The learned professor lectured on the model to his classes at the University of Pennsylvania.

A search through mathematical literature has failed to reveal a solution similar to the one submitted by the youth.

CLUBS GUARD SUFFRAGETTES

Disciplined Defenders With Cudjels Awe London Mobs.

London—Defying the police order closing Hyde Park to their meetings, the Women's Social and Political Union sent speakers Sunday, who held forth there for a long time under the protection of male sympathizers armed with clubs.

When the comparatively peaceful non-militant organizations which are still permitted to use the park finished their customary small demonstrations, flags of the Women's Social and Political Union were raised at 12 different points and as many speakers harangued the crowds.

Mobs of men and boys started to rush the speakers, but much to their amazement, found themselves menaced by disciplined body guards wielding stout clubs. The crowds had to content themselves with hooting and singing, while the police looked on without attempting to check the speakers.

Wilson's Cousin Locates.

Wahkiacus, Wash.—James C. Wilson and family have located at this place. Mr. Wilson, who says he is a cousin of the president of the United States, expects to engage in business at Wahkiacus. He is firm in the belief that his cousin Woodrow will go down in history as one of the greatest Presidents of the United States. Mr. Wilson is a native son of Oregon and for 40 years lived at North Yamhill. He is the owner of an extensive wheat farm on High Prairie, near Hartland, which he has leased.

Aviators Driven to Sea.

San Francisco—Caught in a choppy sea and gusty wind off the United States transport docks and his hydro-aeroplane completely wrecked, Roy Francis, one of the best-known young San Francisco aviators, and Charles H. Craig, of the Western Pacific railroad, a passenger, were swept by a strong ebb tide for more than a mile out in the open sea before being rescued by the crew of the United States steamer Hartley. Both men were badly numbed by the chill waters of the bay.

"Canned" Talk Demanded.

Greenville, Cal. — The "canned" message of the great white father at Washington is much in demand among the redskins of the Greenville Indian reservation. Since the information has been received that President Wilson has spoken his message to the aborigine in talking machines, local music stores have been bothered by Indians who want to buy the records, and they are much disappointed to find they are not made for sale.

Ex-Senator Palmer Dies.

Detroit—Ex-United States Senator Thomas Palmer, of Detroit, died Monday after a long illness. He was elected to the United States senate in 1883, and after serving one term was appointed United States minister to Spain. On his return from Spain he was appointed president of the World's Columbian Exposition, held in Chicago in 1893.

Representative Koenig Dies.

Baltimore—Representative Koenig, of the third Maryland district, died of pneumonia at his home here Saturday afternoon. He was 57 years old.

OREGON STATE NEWS IN GENERAL

Industrial and Educational Items of Interest To Oregonians

LONG CREEK ROAD USABLE

Expense of Construction of 30 Miles Estimated at \$50,000.

Prairie City—The preliminary survey made by William Narkus and E. C. Jones, under direction of the citizens of this place, for a new road extending through the mountains in a northwesterly direction to Long Creek, a distance of 30-odd miles, was completed Saturday. The viewers pronounce the project of building this road entirely feasible at a reasonable cost.

The object in building this new road is to open up to Prairie City trade the entire Northwest section of Grant county, a trade that has hitherto gone out by way of Austin by means of a much longer haul. Work on the road will begin at once and be rapidly pushed to completion.

The expense of construction, about \$50,000, will be borne in large part by the county. It is reported that the Sumpter Valley Railway people will aid the enterprise in every possible way.

CUTWORMS BECOME EPIDEMIC

Condon Merchant Looks for Little Effect From Austrian Beef.

Portland—The late spring has caused an epidemic of cutworms in the wheat fields of Eastern Oregon, according to Lester Wade, a young merchant of Condon, who was in Portland for several days on a business trip. The same reason is responsible for a shortness of range grass and the feeding of cattle, he says, is progressing slowly. In spite of these drawbacks, however, Mr. Wade is optimistic that the summer will be successful from an agricultural standpoint.

Mr. Wade, who conducts a retail store in Condon, is also an extensive feeder of cattle at his ranch. He looks for little material effect from the importation of Australian and Mexican cattle for beef, declaring the native animals far superior for the fancy trade at least.

ORENCO SCHOOL IDEA NOVEL

Children Have Elaborate Flower Gardens on Vacant Blocks.

Orencia—Most cities and towns are satisfied when they have prepared school gardens for their children, but not with Orencia. In addition to having school gardens of early and late vegetables at their homes the children have started an elaborate flower garden on a vacant block.

Plans for this garden were prepared free of charge by Charles P. MacDougall, a landscape architect of Portland. Winding walks are laid off between the beds of flowers with borders of tall growing flowers around the outer edges. Although the entire school has only about 100 pupils of all grades, about 75 are engaged in this flower garden work.

Along the front of the block in letters 10 feet in height, and extending 250 feet parallel with the Oregon Electric line are laid out in flowers "Orencia School Gardens."

Cherry Fair Dates Set.

Salem—A movement was inaugurated at a big mass meeting under the auspices of the Board of Trade and Commerce Club, to have the most elaborate cherry fair this year ever held in Salem. The fair will be July 4 and 5, and a Fourth of July celebration will be held in connection with the management of the Chautauqua, which starts June 3, also will co-operate with the fair management.

Fred S. Bynon was named president; Joseph Baumgartner, secretary, and Harley White, treasurer, of the fair organization.

Rate Fight Is Planned.

Astoria—Dr. Alfred Kinney, president of the committee of direction of the Port of Astoria, has announced the appointment of the executive board of 21 members, which will have direct charge of the energetic campaign for equitable rail freight between this port and interior points. The committee will also direct the efforts for the immediate dredging of a 40-foot channel to the sea, and the erection of modern port-owned docks, for the construction of which \$800,000 in bonds are to be issued.

Land Case Is Important.

Lakeview—Testimony was taken here this week in what promises to be a series of the most important land cases ever tried in Oregon. It is the case of the government vs. O. E. Hoefler. The land in question is a claim in the Christmas Lake country has been contested on the ground that Mr. Hoefler has not complied with the requirements of the desert land law. It will be contended that instead of clearing and attempting to irrigate the claim, Mr. Hoefler merely burned the fallen timber from the land.

Pure Seed and Disease Laws.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—The new laws on pure seed and on contagious diseases in Oregon are the subjects of important articles in the new issue of the Oregon Countryman, just off the Oregon Agricultural College press. Dr. James Withcombe designates the new livestock sanitary law as one of the best efforts for constructive legislation enacted in this state for some years. Prof. H. D. Scudder urges every farmer to read the provisions of the new seed law.

Price of Wool Descends.

Pendleton—Smythe Bros. have disposed of their Arlington wool clip to J. P. Dufour, receiving 154 cents for coarse wool and 124 cents for fine wool. The total clip was 250,000 pounds. This is one of the largest individual clips in Eastern Oregon. For a similar clip last year Smythe Bros. received 18 cents for coarse and 134 cents for fine wool. Tariff agitation is said to be the cause of general depression in the wool market.

WRONG CROPS ARE GROWN

Sheep, Hogs and Corn Are Natural Oregon Products.

Eugene—Declaring that farmers in the Willamette valley can produce butter 50 per cent cheaper than can be made in New England, and that a pound of pork can be raised for the market for less than it can be raised for in the corn regions of the Middle West, Professor Thomas Shaw, agricultural expert of the Hill railroad system, told the University students that Willamette valley farmers are growing the wrong kinds of crops.

The Willamette valley, he said, is the one place in the United States where sheep can be grown to equal those of England. But instead of raising sheep, pork and dairy cattle, the farms of this district, he said, are raising hay, which can not be cut, often, because of rain.

He advocated the cause of dry farming; declaring that the great barren areas of Eastern Oregon can by this system be farmable, and that, with dry farming as it is now being practiced in Montana, 30,000,000 acres in 14 states that are now barren may be made to raise enormous quantities of wheat. By dry farming, he declared, Montana has increased its wheat crop from 250 carloads to 20,000 carloads.

Unless this land is pressed into this use, the United States has reached its limit in wheat production, he said.

The growing of sweet clover and rye has advanced the progress for Oregon, in the production of sheep, hogs and cattle.

Fish Obstructions May Go.

Astoria—Deputy Fish Warden Larson returned last evening from a trip to the Upper Lewis and Clark river, where he went to inspect some dams that are obstructions to fish in working their way to the natural spawning grounds in the upper reaches of the stream.

He found two such dams, one located about eight miles above Stavebott Landing and the other four miles further up. Each is an old splash dam put in by the loggers long ago, and they have not been in use for several years.

Mr. Larson found that the obstructions entirely block the progress of the fish, as they are 21 feet high and there is not a sufficient flow of water over them to permit the fish to jump them. In the numerous ponds below the dams he saw large numbers of steelheads playing about, and it is said in the fall hundreds of silverides ascend the stream.

Mr. Larson has forwarded a report to the fisheries department, which is expected to take steps to have the obstructions removed.

Bad Hill Being Planked.

Cherryville—Nearly all the plankings on the Cherryville hill has been completed and with a few days more of good weather the work will be finished. This hill has been considered one of the most difficult points on the automobile road to Mount Hood.

The hotels have prepared to take care of the summer travel. The new hotel at Government Gap was finished up last week. It has 38 rooms and a dining-room for 125 persons. E. Coalmann will be the Mount Hood guide, as in former years.

Cascade Locks Closed.

Hood River—Hood River and points above Cascade Locks are without river boat transportation, all the Columbia steamers having been caught on the lower river with the stream running so high at the locks that the officials there dare not open them to allow the steamers to come in. If the water continues to rise and reaches a point four or five feet higher than at present the vessels can make the rapids at the locks. All of the lowlands