

CLARA BARTON DEAD

Aged 90, Founder of American Red Cross Passes On.

Undimmed Intellect and Ready Wit Made Death Chamber Cheery to the End.

Washington, D. C.—Miss Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross and probably the most widely-known American woman of her day, died Friday morning at 9 o'clock in her home, Red Cross, in Glen Echo, Md.

She was 90 years old. Miss Barton suffered an attack of pneumonia in February, 1911, had a relapse and the case became chronic. She went last summer to her old home in Oxford, Mass., and returned to Glen Echo in feeble health last autumn. Muscular weakness of the heart developed and for weeks the condition of the great nurse was such as to cause grave concern. Her vision was undimmed almost to the last and her ready wit and quick repartee made her sick room a place of cheer. With her when the end came were her nephews, Stephen Barton, of Boston, and Dr. J. B. Hubbell.

The great regret of Miss Barton was that her enfeebled condition made it necessary for her to suspend work on her autobiography. She had brought this work down only to the beginning of her public career as a Civil War nurse. A woman whose training fostered precision, she left behind virtually the entire correspondence of her public career, as well as other data bearing upon her international hospital work and the work which she herself began will be completed by other hands.

REDUCED RATES ON WOOL ORDERED BY COMMISSION

Washington, D. C.—Radical reductions in freight rates on wool, both in sacks and in bales, transported from Western points of origin to Eastern destinations were prescribed by the Interstate Commerce commission.

The present rate of \$1 on wool from Pacific Coast terminals to Boston and other points on the Atlantic seaboard will be continued in effect, notwithstanding that this rate is materially higher than the rate from intermediate points inland. The commission specifically declares that this rate of \$1 is forced upon railroads by actual water competition, and that if the rate were advanced railroads could not handle wool from coast to coast.

While sustaining the coast rate, the commission finds that rates from interior points are excessive and orders reductions, but gives the railroads until May 1 to file new schedules which comply generally with the terms of its decision.

Under this decision, maximum rates will be paid by points along the eastern border of Oregon, California and Washington, the rates diminishing east and west of that line as necessitated by distance on one side and water competition on the other.

COLD SHOULDER FOR COAST

Navy Department to Send No More Battleships Till Canal is Built.

Washington, D. C.—The Navy department will send no more battleships to the Pacific Coast until after the completion of the Panama canal. This announcement was made by Assistant Secretary Winthrop to Representative Humphrey, who called to urge the department to recommend the building of an additional submarine on the Pacific Coast, or for a station on the West Coast.

Winthrop also said the department would not urge the construction of more submarines for stations on the Coast and otherwise indicated that the department would not favor the Coast in any way.

Bees to Change Pasture.

Riverside, Cal.—Twenty carloads of bees which have been wintering in Southern California are soon to be shipped back to Utah, the original shipment being augmented in numbers and in excellent honey-producing condition because of the winter's feasting on orange blossoms. The experiment of bringing bees from Utah to Southern California for the winter was inaugurated four years ago, and has been successful. Upon their return to Utah the bees substitute white sage and alfalfa for the orange blossoms.

Navy May Control Canal.

Washington, D. C.—President Taft has decided to submit to congress a plan to place the Panama canal under the jurisdiction of the Navy department. This decision is in line with the original object of the administration to transport fleets quickly from ocean to ocean. Through giving the control to the Navy department the administration believes this can be accomplished better than in any other way.

Owners Want Mediation.

St. Petersburg—It is officially announced that the powers have made proposals of mediation to Constantinople with a view to bringing to an end the war between Turkey and Italy over Tripoli.

IRON ORE SUPPLY IMMENSE.

Modern Inventions Utilize Deposits Not Now Available.

Washington, D. C.—Joseph Sellwood, an ore mine expert of Duluth, told the Senate steel investigating committee that the Lake Superior ore region contains 1,400,000,000 tons of available ore, of which about 550,000,000 tons, excluding the Hill lease ores, are controlled by the United States Steel Corporation.

Don H. Bacon, formerly of the Tennessee Coal & Iron Co., said there were at present 400,000,000 tons of available ore owned by that company, now a subsidiary of the Steel Corporation. The Birmingham district, he said, contained vast areas of undeveloped ore.

He was optimistic about the future ore supply of the steel business.

"To compete in the steel business," said Mr. Bacon, "it would be necessary to have a plant for a capacity of 50,000 tons of pig iron a month. To make that amount and run for a period of 40 years would require 72,000,000 tons of ore. But it would want a guaranty of ore for 100 years, which would require 180,000,000 tons of ore."

"Could you get that ore today?" asked Representative Gardner. "That is, could you find that amount of ore, not now held by some other steel companies?"

"Yes," was the reply. "I think I could find it in the Birmingham district, and such an amount could be found in one body and not scattered over separate areas."

"Could that amount be found in the Lake Superior region?" Mr. Gardner continued.

"Yes, doubtless such areas of ore are available in what are known as the Hill lease lands, to be surrendered by the Steel Corporation," Mr. Bacon replied. He further said that lower grade ores were abundant all over the country and that modern invention and improved processes of manufacture were gradually reducing present necessity in ore for manufacturing. As these processes progress, the lower grade ores not now of value become useful," he added.

REJECT RIVER IMPROVEMENT.

Army Engineers Put Quietus on Upper Columbia Plans.

Washington, D. C.—In a report to Congress, the Army engineers' board reports adversely upon the proposed improvement of the Columbia River between the mouth of the Snake River and Wenatchee. They are of the opinion that commerce, present and prospective, would not justify the costly project which would be necessary to open this stretch of river to continuous navigation.

This stretch is 147 miles long and all but 17 miles is now navigable for steamers drawing from three to four feet of water. The principal obstacles are Rock Island and Priest Rapids. Canal construction will be necessary, report the engineers, to overcome these rapids.

Early in their investigation the engineers became convinced that the cost of these canals would not be justified solely in the interest of navigation, so the district engineer considered the co-ordination of navigation and water power development, with a view to reducing the cost. He presented several alternative plans, but gave preference to one which contemplates the construction of a single lock at Rock Island Rapids, at an estimated cost of \$1,910,000, including the installation of an electric power plant at the dam, the construction of three locks to surmount Priest Rapids, at an estimated total cost of \$5,050,000, including the power plant; the removal of boulders and clearing the channel and other necessary open river channel work, making \$7,925,000 in all.

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GENERAL FRED D. GRANT DIES OF HEART FAILURE

New York.—Major-General Frederick D. Grant, son of the famous general of the Civil War and himself commander of the East, died at the Hotel Buckingham, in this city, about 12:40 o'clock Friday morning.

Between 9 and 10 o'clock Thursday night General Grant was brought to the Buckingham from St. Luke's Hospital. He was accompanied by Lieutenant Howe, from Governor's Island, and General Grant's wife. He was attended by Dr. Robert Abbey and Dr. Edward B. Bench. The cause of the general's death was not made known when word of his death was sent to the hotel desk.

Electoral Votes in Doubt.

Washington, D. C.—A ruling from the Department of Justice as to whether the electoral college that will choose the next President of the United States shall consist of 490 or 531 members has been asked for by members of the House committee on judiciary.

Political activity in both parties has proceeded on the assumption that the larger number was correct, but this now is questioned on the ground that the reapportionment of Congress does not become effective until March 4 next.

Piling Jetties Finished.

Kelso, Wash.—United States dredge Cowlitz has just completed the work on four new piling jetties in the Cowlitz River near here, at an approximate cost of \$5000. Funds for this project were subscribed by the citizens of Kelso.

The purpose of the jetties is to maintain a deeper channel, to facilitate the docking of deep-draught vessels at Kelso and to relieve congestion in the rafting works.

Orozco Ignores Uncle Sam.

Washington, D. C.—Flaunting President Taft's proclamation of neutrality in the face of the State Department, General Orozco served notice on the United States that under its provisions every American in Mexico is there at his own personal peril, and he (Orozco) will pay no attention to demands of this country for protection of its citizens.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE

NEW DEMONSTRATION FARMS.

Experts Establish Two, One for Dry Farming, One Irrigation.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—Two new demonstration farms have just been established in Crook county by a committee from the Oregon Agricultural college, composed of President W. J. Kerr, Prof. H. D. Scudder and Regent C. L. Hawley. One, to be devoted to dry farming experiments, is 5 minutes walk from Metolius; the other, to be devoted to irrigation farming, is 10 minutes walk from Redmond. In both cases farms already in operation were taken over for the season, since it was desired to put every available dollar of the funds secured for the work, into the experiments, for which at present there is provision for this year only.

Careful investigation of the possibilities of all parts of the county was made before the selection, since conditions there are unusual and the best methods are, in many cases, unknown. The rapid development of the section since the entrance of the railroads has brought in many inexperienced farmers and others unused to the dry farming, resulting in disappointment and discouragement to many. The college hopes, through the experiment farms there, to show them the way to success.

After consultation of the Central Oregon Development league with Prof. Scudder, President Carl R. Gray, of the Oregon Trunk, and the officials of the O. W. R. & N., preferred the matter of plans to President Kerr and Dr. James Withycombe. The new Hill line, the Oregon Trunk, and the new Harriman extension of the O. W. R. & N., each gave \$2,500, the Crook county court added \$3,000, and the localities interested and private citizens brought the total to \$10,000, which was placed in the hands of the college experts for the work.

Two experts have been chosen by the college to take charge of the work. W. L. Powers, of the college faculty, will direct the irrigation work, and C. C. Cunningham, of Kansas State Agricultural college, will direct the dry farming station.

Using these two farms as centers, co-operative demonstration work will be done throughout the county wherever farmers have problems to solve or difficulties to surmount. Every neighborhood will be reached and kept in close touch with the stations. The directors will travel through the country holding private conferences and public meetings, and frequent special gatherings will occur at the central stations to study the work done there. Prof. Scudder, who has probably more detailed knowledge of the county and its resources than anyone else, will be in supervision. He spent three weeks studying the county's various problems at first hand last year, that the final work might be thorough.

FINE CONTESTS DUE.

Eastern Oregon Children Interested in Industrial Fair.

Baker—N. C. Maris, field assistant of the O. A. C. extension department and state organizer of the school children's industrial contest of Oregon, in company with County School Superintendent J. F. Smith, completed the campaign in Baker county last evening, with addresses at Baker. Superintendent Smith and Mr. Maris traveled 255 miles and addressed about 2,500 people, finding enthusiastic and appreciative audiences.

Mr. Maris expressed himself highly pleased with his trip through Baker county, the splendid facilities for producing livestock and general farm crops.

After two months' work in this movement in Eastern Oregon, Mr. Maris says he has become more optimistic over the ultimate benefit to be derived from it, and he believes the enthusiasm engendered in these competitions will produce ultimately great results. Quoting from the bulletin, which is being circulated among school children, he said:

"We are attempting to enlist the interest of boys and girls of this state in work that will be clean, wholesome, healthful and profitable. We want these boys and girls to learn how to do the things they will be called upon to do when the take up their work in the world, and we want to dignify the labor which makes for the welfare of the home, the school, the community and the state."

Road Buys in Corvallis.

Corvallis—The Oregon Electric company has acquired a half block on Third street. The consideration was \$23,000. This property will be used for depot purposes and is centrally located. The several residence buildings now on the ground will be removed and a handsome station of stone or brick erected. The Oregon Electric will not enter the city proper until next year, as it will be impossible for the company to bridge the Willamette before that time, but trains will run to the bank of the river by fall.

Electric Power for Elgin.

Elgin—That Elgin will have a day and night service of electric power and lights within six months, is assured, according to Manager F. M. Harmon of the Eastern Oregon Light & Power company of Baker City, Ore. At a meeting of the city council a franchise for operating a light and power system in Elgin was granted to the Eastern Light & Power company.

BUMPER CROPS PROMISED.

Crook County Farmers Report Unusually Fine Conditions.

Redmond—Never in the history of Redmond and Western Crook county has there been such a promise for bumper crops as this year. The ground is in excellent condition on account of continued snow and rain that had occurred during the latter part of the winter and early spring, and, according to some old timers, this section of the state could get through the growing season this year without any irrigation from canals and laterals. The moisture has penetrated to a great depth.

The dry section north of here is especially fortunate this year in getting plenty of moisture into the ground, and the promise for large yields of wheat and oats in that territory is flattering.

Ranchers in the Redmond, Powell Butte, Pleasant Ridge and Crooked River districts are all feeling hopeful and predict large crops.

Irrigation this year, when necessary, will be on a greater scale than formerly, as there is every indication now that the irrigation company will push improvements rapidly so that water users may have all the water they are entitled to, and not be shut off in the dry months, as has been the case in former years.

With the promise of bounteous crops, the establishment of a creamery here, increase in the dairying industry, opening up of new land under the North Canal, and the furnishing of sufficient water, the prospect for a prosperous year are excellent.

NEW TOWN HAS FUTURE.

Prediction Made That Ruby Will Become Important Station.

Gresham—A large platform and commodious warehouse have been built at Ruby, the station at the crossing of the Mount Hood road and Troutdale branch of the O. W. P. line. It was used for the first time on Monday morning, when the milk train from Estacada switched in from Linneman Junction and relieved the Mount Hood train of its cargo of milk for the Portland market.

The milk train then returned to Linneman Junction and awaited the Troutdale car with its load of milk and the whole cargo went to the city in one consignment.

Making Ruby an important station on the system was not predicted when the Portland Railway, Light & Power company took over the Mount Hood road. An agent will be kept there and a new business center is likely to spring up as a rival for some of the older places to compete with.

HIGHER AUTO TAX URGED.

Pomona Grange Would Charge \$1 a Horsepower for Cars.

Eagle Creek—At a meeting of Pomona Grange, of Clackamas county, at which 250 members were present, action was taken in the form of a resolution urging the passage of a law at the next session of the state legislature changing the method of registering automobiles in Oregon.

The present plan of registering is from \$3 to \$10 a year, but the Grange asks that a new plan be adopted charging \$1 a horsepower, thus making auto licenses run from \$20 to \$50 a car. The farmers ask that the money derived from this plan go to building and improving state roads.

The Grange also endorsed the high school fund law and the plans for school fairs for the benefit of the children.

Fine Apple Tract Sold.

Hood River—J. C. Skinner, recently returned from an Eastern trip for the Davidson Fruit company, has purchased from W. H. Johnson a 20-acre tract in the Odell district. The consideration has not been made public, but the place was purchased last fall from Cutler Bros. by Mr. Johnson for \$32,000. The orchard is considered one of the best in the valley. The tract has on it one of the largest settings of Ortleys in the Hood River district. Seven acres of the trees are 15 years old and the balance five years.

Starts Good Roads Petition.

Portland—Oregon's campaign for better roads was launched here when C. T. Prall, president of the Oregon Association for Highway Improvement, started circulating the initiative petitions for the six good roads bills drafted by Governor West's harmony committee. Each bill must have 10,000 signatures before it can be put on the ballot, so Mr. Prall's forces will have to get a total of 60,000 names on the petitions.

Keeping Tab on Hens.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Ore.—The first edition of the O. A. C. Experiment Station bulletin No. 19, on the trap nest, being exhausted, a new edition has just been issued, and will be sent on request to those interested in knowing which of their hens are paying their way with eggs. It gives full directions for the construction of the trap nest.

Rain Pleases Farmers.

Moro—A good, hard, driving rain, uniform over Sherman county, has been a great benefit to spring grain. Ninety per cent of the farmers have finished seeding and now are harrowing their fall grain, where there is too heavy a stand.

For County Clerk

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of county clerk of Washington county, Oregon, subject to the approval of the Republican voters at the primary election to be held April 19, 1912. If I am nominated and elected, I will give my undivided attention to the duties of the office and conduct the same in a courteous, economical and business-like manner.

H. A. BALL,
Candidate for County Clerk,
East Butte Precinct.
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For Sheriff

The undersigned, a member of the Republican party and residing at Hillsboro, announces himself a candidate for Sheriff before the Republican primaries to be held in Washington county, April 9, 1912. If nominated and elected I pledge myself to conduct the office as economically as possible and extend every courtesy to citizens having business with the office.

J. C. APPLGATE,
Candidate for Sheriff.
(Paid Advertisement)

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Congregational Church, College Way and First ave. north. Rev. D. T. Thomas—Sunday school 10 a. m.; Morning service 11 a. m.; evening 8:00 p. m.; Junior C. E. at 3 p. m.; Senior C. E. at 6:30 p. m.

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Artisans—Diamond Assembly No. 27, meets every Tuesday in K. of P. Hall. C. B. Stokes, M. A.; John Boldrick, Secretary.

Rebekahs—Forest Lodge No. 44, meets the first, third and fifth Wednesdays of each month. Miss Alice Crook, N. G.; Secretary, Miss Carrie Austin.

I. O. O. F.—Washington Lodge No. 48, meets every Monday in I. O. O. F. Hall. V. S. Abraham, N. G.; Robert Taylor, Secretary.

Modern Woodmen of America—Camp No. 6223, meets the second and fourth Friday of each month. A. L. Sexton, Consul; Geo. G. Paterson, Clerk.

Rosewood Camp, No. 3835 R. N. A., meets first and third Fridays of each month in I. O. O. F. Hall. Mrs. M. S. Allen, Oracle; Mrs. Winnifred Aldrich, Recorder.

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