

# JACK LONDON DIES IN SUDDEN ILLNESS

Noted Novelist, Found in Stupor in Room, Cannot Be Aroused.

PASSES OUT IN PRIME OF LIFE

"The Call of the Wild" and "The Sea Wolf" Among Best Books—  
Socialist and Agriculturist.

Santa Rosa, Cal.—Jack London, one of California's best-known authors, died at his Glen Ellen ranch near here at 7:45 o'clock Wednesday night, a victim of uremic poisoning. London was taken ill Tuesday night, and was found unconscious early in the morning by a servant who went to his room to awaken him.

His condition at first alarmed his sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Shepard, who summoned physicians. It was at first believed that the author was a victim of ptomaine poisoning, but later it developed that he was suffering from a severe form of uremia.

Dr. J. Wilson Shields, of San Francisco, a close friend of the writer, was summoned during the day, and declared that the patient's condition was grave.

From the time London was found he did not regain consciousness. About midday he seemed to rally, but later suffered a relapse and sank rapidly until the end came.

Besides his sister, London is survived by a daughter, who is a student at the University of California; his mother, who lives in Oakland, Cal., and his wife Charmion London.

London would have been 41 years old on January 12.

Jack London was born in San Francisco, Cal., January 12, 1876. He entered the University of California, but did not complete his course. He left college to go to the Klondike during the famous gold rush.

He went to sea before the mast in 1892, and followed this the next year with a trip which included a visit to Japan and a seal hunting cruise in the Bering sea. In 1894 he tramped through the United States for the purpose of making a first-hand study of social and economic problems, which he used, with his other experiences, in his prolific writings.

In 1906 London built a 55-foot yacht, the Snark, and in 1907-1909 he cruised the South Seas in it.

His life was stressful, and many of his books, particularly "John Barleycorn," were popularly accepted as autobiographical experiences. He was an indefatigable worker. Early in his career he set himself the task of writing a certain amount every day, and he lived up to the undertaking to the last.

London was deeply interested in socialism, and latterly devoted himself to farming, a hobby, he testified in court a few days ago, to which he devoted all the earnings from his pen. He made a deep study of agricultural problems, and recently qualified as an expert on irrigation.

London came into literary prominence in 1903, when he published "The Call of the Wild." This was followed the next year by the "Sea Wolf." He was the author of at least 40 books, several plays and innumerable short stories.

## T. R. Heads Big Peace Body.

New York—Theodore Roosevelt has accepted temporarily the honorary presidency of the League of Neutral Nations, it was announced here Thursday. The organization was formed soon after the German invasion of Belgium to influence public sentiment in favor of the rights of smaller countries against "military oppression by the great powers."

Originating in Switzerland, the league now claims to have branches in Argentina, Chile, Denmark, Spain, Greece, Holland, Peru, Brazil, Norway, Sweden and the United States. Branches also were maintained in Portugal and Roumania until those countries entered the war, it was said.

## Deutschland Likely Safe.

Nantucket, Mass.—The merchant submarine Deutschland, returning to Germany with a valuable cargo, was believed Thursday to have left American waters in safety. Darkness, which set in soon after she started from New London, Conn., prevented observation of the submarine's progress along shore and there was no word from her since she passed Watch Hill, R. I., at sunset, a barely distinguishable object, 10 miles off shore.

# NEWS ITEMS Of General Interest About Oregon

## Oregon State Census Fixes Population at 834,515 Persons

Salem—Oregon's estimated population for 1916, based upon the school population, is 834,515, as compared with a population of 672,765 shown by the Federal census of 1910. In the six-year period this is an average gain in population of 19.4 per cent.

These figures were compiled by O. P. Hoff, State labor commissioner, and indicate that Klamath county, with a gain of 29.6 per cent, leads all other counties in the state.

Multnomah county's increase in population is 23.1 per cent, or 294,284 population, compared to 226,261 in 1910. For the two-year period, 1914 and 1916, Multnomah county gained 4.7 per cent in population.

Mr. Hoff's figures on the estimated present population in the different counties follow: Baker, 21,591; Benton, 13,594; Clackamas, 39,317; Clatsop, 19,459; Columbia, 13,101; Coos, 20,015; Crook, 12,728; Jefferson, 6334; Curry, 2543; Douglas, 23,325; Gilliam, 4123; Grant, 7335; Harney, 4602; Hood River, 7036; Jackson, 26,384; Josephine, 9398; Klamath, 12,160; Lake, 5740; Lane, 39,440; Lincoln, 6845; Linn, 26,231; Malheur, 13,522; Marion, 49,213; Morrow, 4892; Multnomah, 294,284; Polk, 17,542; Sherman, 4739; Tillamook, 8540; Umatilla, 22,466; Union, 8387; Wallowa, 10,963; Wasco, 21,043; Washington, 23,126; Wheeler, 3043; Yamhill, 19,492.

## Older Boys' Annual Conference To Be Held December 1-3

Nearly three hundred older boys will be assembled at Corvallis, Ore., December 1-3, 1916, for the Eleventh Annual State Older Boys' Conference. The fifteen and twenty addresses made by boys from as many western Oregon cities will be reinforced by the addresses by leaders. Among the leaders of this conference will be President W. J. Kerr, of O. A. C., Gale Seaman, International Pacific Coast Student secretary, Prof. Norman Coleman of Reed College and Rev. G. L. Clark of La Grande, Ore.

Three important exhibits will be displayed; one prepared by the Oregon Social Hygiene society for Older Boys; one on Thrift prepared by the International Y. M. C. A., and backed by the State Bankers' association, and one by a committee of boys in Corvallis.

Similar gatherings will be held at Baker, Ore., December 8-10, and Pocatello, Idaho, December 15-17.

These three conferences which are open to older boys from Sunday schools, High schools, and Y. M. C. A.s, are directed by the Oregon-Idaho State Young Men's Christian association executive committee. Information may be secured through John H. Rudd, Interstate boys' secretary, 305 Y. M. C. A., Portland, Ore.

## Road Protection Wanted.

Corvallis—An agitation was started this week by Corvallis people to have it made a provision of the automobile laws of the state of Oregon that no person who drinks liquor to excess or who is known to be a reckless driver shall be permitted to drive an automobile on the highways of the state. It is also argued by some that an examination of the heart should precede the granting of such privilege.

The demand for such a law followed an automobile accident in which two drunken men and a woman came near losing their lives, and the public highway was made dangerous for others because of their reckless driving.

## Logging Line to Build.

Eugene—S. A. Buck and A. H. Buck, of the Monroe Timber company, of Monroe, Wash., and the Buck Box & Crate company of Eugene, has filed with the Lane county clerk a record of right of way for a logging railway across property bordering on the Siuslaw river between Mapleton and Florence.

A large number of contracts to purchase cedar lumber also were filed by the same parties.

## Willamina Votes Bonds.

Willamina—A special election of Willamina was held recently to decide if the voters wished to bond the city for \$11,000 to meet outstanding indebtedness on improvements which had been made on the streets two and three years ago. The bonds carried by 16 votes. The bonds are to run for 20 years and bear 6 per cent interest.

## Lake View Votes Bonds.

Lake View—The bond election held last week to determine whether \$20,000 should be raised to purchase rights of way for the Strahorn railroad carried by a vote of 249 to 9. This was the heaviest vote ever polled at a municipal election in Lake View.

## South America Now Buying Wheat in Pacific Northwest

Portland—Australian grain dealers are establishing themselves in the West Coast trade, a zone reached from the Northwest in times when tonnage was plentiful, and two charters were made last week for the business from the Antipodes to South America, the American ship Star of Poland being fixed at 70 shillings and the barkentine Hawaii at 75 shillings to load wheat at Adelaide for Callao.

Exporters here do not look for a material movement of Australian cereal to the West Coast, and reason that with the difference in the market Northwest firms easily could compete with the Australians. But the tonnage feature is a drawback, besides the big movement from this district at present is by railroad to the Atlantic and thence by water to Europe.

## Naval Base Work is Speeded.

Portland—To insure the least possible delay in getting at facts relative to advantages in the Columbia river for a naval base, the Chamber of Commerce is engaged in assembling all data under a system that will facilitate consideration by Rear Admiral Helm and his brother officers on the commission, while a complete chart of the Willamette and Columbia rivers, from Portland to the sea, is being prepared by G. B. Hegardt, chief engineer of the Commission of Public Docks. The officers are due about December 15.

In addition the chamber of commerce has decided to request the Commission of Public Docks to relieve Mr. Hegardt from duty during the period the navy officers are in this district, even for a week if necessary, so that he may accompany them on their trips of inspection.

## Mills Ship and Run Again.

Baker, Or.—A slight lifting in the shortage of cars on the O. W. R. & N. permitted Baker lumber companies to clear out their shipping sheds, and all mills were running this week. Although the supply was not normal, it was such an improvement that mill owners were jubilant.

The Baker White Pine plant, which shut down one day because of the shortage, was able to resume with the full crew of men, and the three other mills, which had planned to stop unless there was relief, were able to continue. The railroad was unable to promise a normal supply or a continuation of the present service.

## NORTHWEST MARKET REPORT

Portland—Wheat—Bluestem, \$1.59; forty-fold, \$1.50; club, \$1.48; red fife, \$1.48; red Russian, \$1.48.

Oats—No. 1 white feed, \$35.75.

Barley—No. 1 feed, \$38.50.

Flour—Patents, \$8.40; straights, \$7.60; exports, \$7.20; valley, \$7.90; whole wheat, \$8.60; graham, \$8.40.

Milled feed—Spot prices: Bran, \$25.00 per ton; shorts, \$29.00; rolled barley, \$41.00@42.00.

Corn—Whole, \$49 per ton; cracked \$49.

Hay—Producers' prices: Timothy, Eastern Oregon, \$17@20 per ton; timothy, valley, \$16@17; alfalfa, \$16@17.00; valley grain hay, \$13@15; clover, \$12.50.

Butter—Cubes, extras, 36@38c.

Jobbing prices: Prints, extras, 40c; butterfat, No. 1, 40c; No. 2, 38c, Portland.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, current receipts, 49c per dozen; Oregon ranch, candled, 50c; selects, 52c.

Poultry—Hens, 13@15c; springs, 15@17c per pound; turkeys, live, 20@23c; dressed, 23@27c; ducks, 13@18c; geese, 11@12c.

Veal—Fancy—11@11½c per pound.

Pork—Fancy, 12@12½c per pound.

Vegetables—Artichokes, 75c@1.10 per dozen; tomatoes, 75c@1.25 per crate; cabbage, 75c@2.00 per hundred; peppers, 5@7c per pound; eggplant, 6@8c; lettuce, \$2.50; cucumbers, \$1@1.50 per box; celery, 65@75c per dozen; pumpkins, 1c per pound; squash, 1@1½c per pound.

Potatoes—Oregon, buying price, \$1.40 @ 1.50 per hundred, country points; sweets, \$2.75 per hundred.

Onions—Oregon buying prices, \$2.50 per sack, country points.

Green Fruits—Apples, new, 60c@2 per box; pears, \$1@1.50; grapes, \$1@2; casabas, 1½c; cranberries, \$10.50 @ 12.50 per barrel.

Hops—1916 crop, 9@12c per pound.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, fine, 25@27c; coarse, 33@34c; valley, 33c.

Mohair—35@45c per pound.

Cascara bark—Old and new, 5½c per pound.

Cattle—Steers, prime, \$6.75@7.30; good, \$6.40@6.75; common to fair, \$5@6.00; cows, choice, \$5.25@6; medium to good, \$4.50@5; ordinary to fair, \$3.50@4; heifers, \$4@6; bulls, \$3@4.25; calves, \$4@7.50.

Hogs—Prime, \$9.25@9.75; good to prime mixed, \$8.25@9; rough heavy, \$8@8.25; pigs and skips, \$8@8.25.

Sheep—Lambs, \$8@8.75; yearlings, wethers, \$7@7.50; old wethers, \$6.25@6.50; ewes, \$5@5.50.

## STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION DECEMBER 27, 28 AND 29

Prominent Speakers, an Important Program for Session to Be Held in Portland.

The session of the Oregon Teachers' Association which is to be held in Portland December 27, 28 and 29, will be the most important educational meeting ever held in the state, according to a statement issued by E. F. Carleton, president of the association. The Eastern and Western divisions have joined in one association, bringing the entire state into one convention. A new constitution has been adopted, which eliminates the old plan of holding county institutes in connection with the association. Equal representation has been provided, so that the convention cannot be controlled by any one section. Every county in the state is sending delegates in proportion to the number of teachers, and each local teachers' organization is entitled to a delegate provided that it has more than fifteen members, and not less than three meetings each year.

These duly elected representatives after their qualifications have been passed upon by the credentials committee, will be entitled to sit in the representative council.

The entire opening day, Wednesday, December 27, will be devoted to the deliberations of this council. Reports of three standing committees will be heard, and it is expected that the council will take definite action on at least three important problems presented by these committees. The first is a proposed plan for a retirement fund for the teachers of Oregon. The report will be presented by the chairman, W. T. Foster, President of Reed college. The second is the Retardation problem. C. W. Boettcher, city superintendent of the Albany schools, is chairman of the committee preparing this report. President J. H. Ackerman, of Monmouth, will present the report which is predicted will provoke the liveliest discussion of the day, "A Code of Ethics for Teachers." No one but delegates will have the right to vote in the representative council, or to discuss the questions submitted, but seats will be provided for all teachers who wish to visit the first day's session. The representative council will meet in the Portland Hotel which will be the official headquarters for the association.

The work of the second and third days will be open to all teachers of the state and the indications are that the attendance will be record breaking.

Two men of national reputation have been secured to address the general assemblies, Carrol G. Pearce of Milwaukee, Wis., president of the State Normal school at that place and formerly president of the National Education association; and Dr. Henry Suzzallo, president of the University of Washington, formerly of Columbia University. These two men are known as stars of the first magnitude in the educational world, and they will discuss educational problems of nation-wide interest.

Thursday morning, December 28 will be devoted to a general assembly of all teachers. Thursday afternoon and Friday morning, the teachers will meet in their various departments; Secondary, Industrial, Elementary, Art, Rural, Commercial, Council of English, City Superintendents and others. "The executive committee and the heads of the various departments have been working diligently for the past month on the program," said President Carleton, "and we expect to have a most profitable session."

The association will close with a general assembly of all the teachers Friday afternoon, where the teachers will again have the opportunity of hearing the speakers from abroad.

The executive committee at the opening of the school year, entered into a contract with the Statesman Publishing company under the terms of which the Oregon Teachers' Monthly became the official organ of the association. An editorial board appointed by the president of the association, publishes the journal, and every paid-up member of the association receives one year's subscription to the teachers' magazine. "If our plan proves successful, we shall bring before the association each year for careful consideration, some three or four problems affecting the welfare of the teachers and the public schools, some definite policies will be established, and the teachers' journal will be used to inform all the teachers of the state of the work of the state association, and through the year problems affecting the development of education throughout the United States will be discussed by able writers."

Members of the executive committee are: H. D. Sheldon, Eugene; J. Percy Walls, Jacksonville; Viola Orschild, Portland; Wm. Parker, Portland; E. D. Ressler, Corvallis; H. H. Herdman, Portland; Geo. A. Briscoe, Ashland, and E. F. Carleton, Salem, chairman of the committee.

## MINERALS IN FOOD

ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY FOR PRESERVATION OF HEALTH.

Physical Ailments Sure to Result When They Are Lacking—Serve Fruit, Vegetables, Milk and Eggs Liberally.

Prepared by Laura Breeze of the Department of Farmers' Institutes of the University of Wisconsin.

Some of the physical ailments resulting from mineral starvation are rickets, scurvy, pellagra and anemia. An anemic person has weakened vitality and resisting power, and is, therefore, a prey to colds, grippe and fevers.

The foods rich in minerals are vegetables and fruits, breads and cereals made from whole grains, eggs, milk and the natural rice. In the milling of the white flours, cornmeal, some oatmeal and most cereals, the parts of the grains containing the greatest amount of mineral substance are eliminated, consequently their value as sources of mineral foods is reduced.

The housewife, however, can always supply her table with fruit, vegetables, milk and eggs. There are such numerous ways of serving these foods that their appearance on the table should never become monotonous.

The following recipe offers suggestions for an attractive way of serving cabbage, the mineral content of which is very high:

Imperial Cabbage.—One medium-sized head of cabbage; two carrots, pared; two potatoes, pared; one cupful of cooked meat or chicken (or more, if desired); two teaspoonfuls of salt, one small onion, one-fourth cupful butter, melted; a little pepper.

Remove decayed leaves of the cabbage; form a basket of the head by removing the center and allowing two layers of the outside leaves to remain attached to the core. Crisp the cabbage by allowing it to stand in cold water. Drain well.

Put the cabbage removed from the center, the carrots, potatoes, onion and meat through the food grinder, add butter and seasoning. Mix all well, and fill the cabbage with the mixture. Tie the leaves in place over the stuffing with a clean string, and place the cabbage in a tightly covered baking dish and bake about one hour. There will be no need of adding water, as there is sufficient moisture in the vegetables to steam them.

## Apple and Rice Pudding.

Peel small, tart apples, core and put them in a baking dish. Have ready one cupful of boiled rice, mix with it two cupfuls of hot milk, into which has been beaten the yolks of three eggs and one-half cupful of sugar. Stir in one-half cupful raisins, some strips of citron and, if you wish to, one-half cupful blanched almonds. Put one teaspoonful of sugar into each apple and pour this mixture over them. Put in oven, covered, and bake until the apples are tender. This pudding may be frosted with the whites of eggs or served with whipped cream.

## Tea Rolls.

Dissolve a yeast cake and one tablespoonful of sugar in one cupful of milk, then add two tablespoonfuls of lard or butter melted and a half teaspoonful of salt. Beat until smooth, by adding four cupfuls of sifted flour, and a little more milk if needed. Knead thoroughly, roll out and shape into rolls. Place in a greased pan, and let rise for about two hours. When light, bake in a hot oven ten minutes.

## Making White Curtains Ecu.

First soak the curtains over night in cold water to remove all dust. In the morning wash in the usual way and rinse thoroughly to remove all soap. Then put in boiler with a tan stocking. Remove when the right color is reached.

## Hint on Broiling Fish.

Has anyone ever tried broiling fish on paper? Some call it pan-boiled. Everybody knows how fish sticks to broiler pan or any other receptacle it is cooked in, no matter how well greased. Cut thick brown paper, two inches larger than pan, so it will set well upon the sides and ends; butter and lay fish on; place pan in broiler pan and set quite close to gas. It will cook and brown deliciously and, best of all, leave your pan clean.—Baltimore American.

## Swiss Salad.

Mix one cupful of cold cooked chicken cut in cubes, one cupful of chopped English walnut meats, one cupful of French peas, one cucumber pared and cut in cubes. Marinate with French dressing, arrange on serving dish and garnish with mayonnaise dressing.

## Good Fudge.

A few drops of molasses in your fudge will prevent it from getting sugary and improves the flavor. To get the best results every ingredient should be accurately measured.