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OREGON WEATHER Tonight and Saturday unsettled, probably snow; north-easterly winds.

AN OPPORTUNITY RIPE FOR HARVEST.

The growth of the moving picture business throughout the country has been little short of marvelous. Whole cities for the housing of producing concerns have grown up in southern California, and the monotony of scenery of that region has been pictured till it has palled upon the public appetite.

There is no equal territory in the United States that can present the variety of scenery, the marvelous wonders wrought by Dame Nature, that can be found within reach of a center occupied by Grants Pass.

With Crater lake and its weird beauty, the Rogue and its falls and foaming rapids, the coast at Crescent City within reach if the "sad sea waves" were needed in a scene picturing mermaids or mutineers or smugglers, deep underground mines as hiding places for the robbers and kidnapers, it is all here without calling upon the papier mache artist to produce it in rank imitation.

THE POTENT "IF."

"If the sugar beet factory had been running the past year, and there had been one thousand more dairy cows milked and two thousand beef cattle here together with five or six thousand more hogs raised in the country contiguous to Glendale, the pinch of hard times would not be so keenly felt in this part of Oregon.

CHILEAN AMBASSADOR WILL QUIT HIS JOB

Washington, Jan. 14.—Chilean Ambassador Suarez has resigned, the embassy announced today, assigning "personal reasons" as the cause.

"WATCH AND WAIT" TO REMAIN POLICY OF ADMINISTRATION

(By United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Jan. 14.—The Wilson administration will "stand pat" on its "watchful waiting" policy in Mexico.

The White House made this known officially this afternoon following a session between the president and his cabinet, in which the Mexican problem was discussed in the light of the massacre of 18 Americans at Santa Ysabel.

The announcement came in the face of England's intimation of her interest in recent outrages by the slaying of a British subject in Chihuahua and damage to British interests elsewhere; and despite further criticism in congress aimed at "watchful waiting."

The British embassy arranged for a conference with the state department over the Mexican situation. Simultaneously, General Carranza wired his ambassador here in effect that he can and will handle the situation in his domain.

Senator Works of California introduced a resolution to take the whole Mexican situation out of President Wilson's hand and, instead, to have congress intervene forcibly. The president, however, is determined to give Carranza a chance to prove himself and his ability to cope with the murderers and to guard against a repetition of this trouble.

Before the White House announced its "stand pat" attitude, President Wilson already had indicated to Chairman Stone of the senate foreign committee that he intends to send no American troops into Mexico at this time, but instead wants to allow Carranza an opportunity to show his power without American interference.

Official advices told of the safety of all Americans at Madera, where a second massacre had been reported unofficially.

In England's intimation of interest in the situation, certain officials saw the possibility of some complications, though perhaps not serious. England has a watchful eye on Mexico ever since the first of the revolution, when Wm. Benton, Englishman, lost his life—and without redress.

The opposition of congress burst forth further today when Senator Works' resolution was introduced. This proposed having congress act, forcibly and directly. In his attitude the California senator had the support of Senators Lodge and Gallinger, wheel horses of the republican minority.

The Creditor's Letter. Here is an interesting letter received by a well known English tailor in reply to a "final" application for settlement of a long outstanding account: "I have much pleasure in informing you that I have placed you on the list of my creditors, your number on the roll being 103. In common fairness to my other creditors, who have been on my books now for some considerable time, I am afraid I cannot hold out the slightest hope of the 'early' settlement which you ask for. I think it will be well, therefore, if you discontinue forwarding your frequent 'reminders,' which can do no possible good and which are a constant source of annoyance to me."

The Retort Courteous. "To what am I indebted for this visit, sir?" said the manager pompously. "To the fact that you are indebted to our company for \$7.75 which we are getting tired of waiting for," replied the collector just as pompously. —Detroit Free Press.

Bookkeeping. The Bride—James, dear, I'm afraid I'll have to ask you to give me \$3.50—it's the only way I can make my books balance. —Exchange

Not Anxious at All. "One word of our language that is almost always misused," said the particular man, "is 'anxious.' You will hear people exclaim how anxious they are to see a certain play or anxious to get a new hat or anxious to take a trip to Europe when they are not anxious at all, but eager or desirous. If anxious were used only in the right place we wouldn't hear it half so often."

KAISER WILHELM NOT NEAR DEATH

New York, Jan. 14.—Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany is not near death, as various reports from enemy sources have claimed. He receives guests daily, and soon will resume his usual activities.

This word came today from Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg to the United Press, in response to a request for authoritative information as to the emperor's condition. Coming as it does directly after an official denial through United Press Correspondent Ackerman yesterday that the kaiser's illness is serious, it was taken here as indicating there is no foundation for recent alarming reports.

The message from Hollweg follows: (Copyright 1916 by the United Press.)

"The United Press: 'Berlin, via Wireless to Sayville, Jan. 14.—His majesty receives guests every evening. He receives in audience his ministers of state and officers of high rank for daily conferences. The kaiser walks in the palace gardens when weather permits. He has never been confined to his bed, and will very shortly resume his customary activities.' (Signed): 'Von Bethman-Hollweg.'"

COMMENTS ON T.R.'S MEXICAN POLICY

Washington, Jan. 14.—Colonel Roosevelt's advocacy of sending General Wood with troops into Mexico met with conflicting comment today from members of congress. Here are some of the views:

Senator Jones of Washington.—In the name of humanity we must take the step Roosevelt advocates.

Congressman McKellar of Tennessee.—It is fortunate that Roosevelt is not in authority.

Congressman Hensley of Missouri.—If Roosevelt wants to go to Mexico, I'm in favor of giving him his passports.

Congressman Anthony of Kansas.—It's the right thing to do, and I wish President Wilson would choose Roosevelt to lead the expedition.

Senator Gallinger of New Hampshire.—It's just what I would do if I were president. At least, Roosevelt proposes something.

"There is much more justification for interference in Mexico than there was in Cuba," said Roosevelt. "We should send in the regular army, and General Wood is the man to do the job."

At the same time the colonel took a fling at the president's foreign policy in general.

Where Were the Gordons?

An old woman of the name of Gordon in the north of Scotland was listening to the account given in Scripture of Solomon's glory, which was read to her by a little grandchild. When the little girl came to tell of the thousand camels which formed part of the Jewish sovereign's live stock, "Eb, lassie," cried the old woman, "a thousand Camdells, say ye? The Camdells are an auld clan, sure enough, but dinna ye see the Gordons too?" —Dundee Advertiser.

Blenheim.

A very "famous victory" was that of Blenheim, which is the English corruption of Blindhelm, the village on the upper Danube where John Churchill won his dukedom, his magnificent palace in Oxfordshire and his yearly pension of £5,000. This is still enjoyed by his heir, the present Duke of Marlborough, who annually places a French fleur-de-lis flaglet over the bust of his ancestor in the guardroom of Windsor castle, the condition of his tenure of the estate of Blenheim.—London Answers.

Not Desired.

Having at enormous pains got her length, breadth and thickness about right, the woman heaved a sigh of relief. "No fourth dimension in mine, if you please!" she exclaimed, with unmistakable feeling.

Some aver that the feminine mind is not attracted by metaphysics anyway! —Puck.

Spanish Generosity.

A Spanish adventurer, returning from highly lucrative wanderings in the early day Americas, is said to have given away \$900,000 in alms on the occasion of his marriage at Barcelona. Another stood in a Madrid window and threw handfuls of silver coins into the crowd until he had emptied two barrels.

OF INTEREST TO 8TH GRADE TEACHERS AND CLASSES

In the May and June eighth grade examinations a new plan will be tried in testing the pupils in the subjects of United States history and civil government, according to a statement issued today by State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. A. Churchill. During the examination the pupils will be allowed to refer to their text books, but the questions will be so framed as to test the ability of the pupil in expressing what he has learned in clear, concise language. The advantages of such a plan are that it permits the teacher to emphasize the historical events which she considers most important; it gives the trained teacher greater freedom so that she can do a much higher quality of work than simply helping the pupils to "crum" for an examination; it frees the teacher and the pupils from so teaching and studying as to make the examination the end; it tends to give the pupils power of expression and eliminates the memorizing of unimportant dates and facts.

"There is always danger," said Superintendent Churchill, "of the examination system developing a question and answer method of teaching. Any plan whereby the examination becomes the end is unpedagogical, and the examination usually deteriorates into a memory test. With this new plan, if the teacher will adopt it for the pupils' monthly tests, they will learn by the close of the year how to use the text as merely a reference work in writing their final papers. The questions will be so worded that it will be impossible for the pupil to copy any amount from the text book, but he will find help by turning to it to refresh his memory on some point that has escaped him just for the moment. When writing an examination a pupil often finds that he can not recall the answer to a question. He is then liable to become so nervous and frightened that he will fail in the entire examination. This is really the commonsense way to prepare a pupil for his work in the every day world, for if a man has to write an article or prepare a paper on any subject, he does not attempt to depend upon his memory for the proof which he wishes to use from various sources to substantiate his statements; rather, he has on his table a number of reference works dealing with the subject upon which he is writing. The eighth grade examinations, to a very large extent, set the standard for teaching, and I am very confident that this new plan will strengthen the work in the eighth grade and give the pupil much more power and confidence than he gains from the memory tests. If his class standing has been high during the year and his English work what it should be, he will pass a good examination. If his class work will be below par, the open book will be of no help to him during the short hour of the examination."

Turnpikes.

It was formerly the custom to obtain the funds to maintain principal thoroughfares by collecting a toll from those using them. Pikes or gates were set across the roads by the keeper or toll collector.

To prevent people who traveled his road from passing without paying the toll he was armed with a pike, a long handled stick with a sharp iron head. This was put across as a barrier, and when the toll was paid it was turned aside to permit the carriage or wagon to pass on its way; hence the name turnpike, which meant a road on which toll was collected.—Rocky Mountain News.

A Deception.

"What's that?" asked Mr. Cumrox as he looked at the notes from which his daughter was trying to play the piano. "That's music."

"You may think it's music, daughter, dear, but if you could hear how it sounds you'd realize that it's some kind of an optical illusion."—Washington Star.

Strong Winds.

Nowhere else does the wind blow so hard and steadily as in the Falkland Islands. Tree growth is practically impossible owing to this peculiarity, and with such force does the wind sweep that region at times that potatoes and turnips have been known to be blown out of the ground. Grass, however, grows luxuriantly.

MISFORTUNES.

Bear your own misfortunes with half the resignation that you bear other people's and you will be happy. It is so easy to tell other people how to be heroic and so difficult to be courageous ourselves.

\$25.00 IN GOLD. We Want You to Know the Fine Quality of Good Old "PLANTATION" COFFEE. Steel Cut, in Air-Tight Tins, 25¢ lb. WIN A PRIZE! For the best letter of 50 words or less—giving your opinion of PLANTATION COFFEE—accompanied by a rough drawing of the can and the label, we will give a first prize of \$10 in gold. For the next two best—prizes of \$5.00 in gold each—and then 5 prizes of \$1.00 each for the 5 next best. The letter will count as 75%—the rough drawing as 25%. No professional artists will be permitted to compete in this contest—win a prize and cut down your coffee bill without sacrificing quality. Contest closes February 15th. Address letters to Lang & Co. Advertising Dep't. 704 Broadway Building, Portland, Or. A Really Good Coffee at 25c Ask Your Grocer

Jenny Lind and the Trill.

Jenny Lind of 47 years of steady practice believed that the much coveted trill was for her an impossibility. She practiced hours a day, but was unable to accomplish the feat. One day, thoroughly discouraged, she was sitting in her garden when all at once she looked up into a tree. Above her a bird was trilling. She at once went to her piano and through some magic or power of imitation began the trill and from that day never had any further difficulty.

It Did.

"Do you know anything, doctor," said Mrs. Finnakin, "that will put a little color into my cheeks? I am so dreadfully pale."

"Well, madam," replied Dr. Blunt, "perhaps if I tell you that you have a hole in your stocking about the size of a quarter it may have the desired effect."

Lightning Conductors.

Experiments have shown that the best conductors of lightning, placed in the order of conductivity, are—metals, gas coke, graphite, solutions of salts, acids and water. The best nonconductors, ending with the most perfect in solution, are India rubber, gutta serena, dry air and gases, wood, ebonite, silk, glass, wax, sulphur, resins and paraffin.

Quite Homelike.

"Of course we try to make you feel at home here," said the manager of the hotel.

"Well," replied Mr. Cumrox, "you succeeded. The waiters stood around and criticised the way I selected my food and handled the tableware pretty much the way the folks at home do."—Washington Star.

A Hibernating Fish.

A remarkable fish known as Protopterus annectens is found throughout the whole of tropical Africa, but is most common near the West Coast, where it sometimes attains a length of six feet. During the dry season, when many of the ponds dry up, the fish descends some distance into the mud and forms a rounded hollow for a nest, which is lined by a capsule of hardened mucus secreted by the glands of the skin. It hibernates thus for nearly six months, drawing its sustenance from the fat secreted when it is active.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Portland, Jan. 14.—Market quotations today: Wheat—Club, 1.02@1.03; blue-stem, 1.06 1/2 @ 1.08 1/2. Oats—No. 1 white feed, 26 @ 26.50. Barley—Feed, 26.75 @ 28. Hogs—Best live, 6.85 @ 6.90. Prime steers, 7.50 @ 7.90; fancy cows, 6 @ 6.25; best calves, 7 @ 8. Spring lambs, 8 @ 8.25. Butter—City creamery, 34; country, 25 @ 29. Eggs—Selected local extras, 35. Hens, 14 @ 16; broilers, 14 @ 16; geese, 10 @ 11.

IN GRANTS PASS

Statements of New Hope Citizens Are Always of Interest to Our Readers.

To many of our readers the streets of New Hope are almost as familiar as those of our own town, and we are naturally interested to read of happenings there. The following report from a well-known and respected resident will be helpful to numbers of men and women here in Grants Pass.

John McCallister, Route 4, New Hope, Ore., says: "I suffered from kidney trouble for about a year. I had pains in the small of my back and twinges when stooping or lifting. My back ached at night and was lame in the morning. I tired easily and was languid and nervous. I had headaches and dizzy spells. The kidney secretions contained sediment and were too frequent in passage, causing me to get up during the night. Doan's Kidney Pills soon relieved me."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. McCallister had. Foster-Milburn Co., Prop., Buffalo N. Y.

LIFE PROBLEM IN GEOMETRY, SAYS PASTOR

(By United Press Leased Wire.) Chicago, Jan. 14.—Life is merely a problem in geometry, said Rev. C. F. Wilhard, local pastor. "Substitute one triangle—husband, wife and child—for husband and two women, or wife and two men; result, unhappiness."

For the New Year Blank Books Filing Devices Office Supplies Demaray's Drug and Stationery Store