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OREGON WEATHER

Fair tonight and Thursday; heavy frost south and east portions and light frost northwest; portion tonight; variable winds; becoming easterly.

SCHOOL DISTRICT MASS MEETING

The story of the local high school building points a moral in the construction of public buildings. The plan adopted by the school board was a most admirable one, and the board, in its endeavor to best serve the interests of the people and to give a structure that might fill the requirements for many years, asked that the architect and the builder reduce the cost to suit the size of the fund available in the district. As a consequence the architect made certain changes that time has proved were not wise changes. To reduce cost and yet permit the building of such a structure as was desired, certain points of weakness were permitted to creep into the building. This no doubt should be charged to whoever was supervising architect, for of necessity public officials must accept the advice and follow the directions of the man who is supposed to be expert in such matters. But it is a condition that is before the public, and whatever the cause of the condition, it must now be met. For that reason the school board has called a mass meeting of the taxpayers of the district for the thorough discussion of the problem. It is going to be necessary to spend considerable money to make the building safe from damage. The building in the first place was erected at much less than a structure along such spacious and handsome lines could be constructed and meet all the demands of safety, and the money saved then must now be spent with a possible margin as penalty. The mass meeting will be held at the school building tonight, and every taxpayer in the district should be on hand to counsel with the board. It is the request of the board and the duty of the taxpayer.

SUBMARINE ISSUE UP AT CAPITOL

Washington, April 12.—On the eve of determining its final attitude on the submarine issue, the question facing the administration today was seemingly "How far can we go with the evidence in hand?" President Wilson and his cabinet are convinced that a German submarine attacked the British steamer Sussex without warning while Americans were aboard and that the Teuton undersea boats have embarked on a new reign of terror in which they disregard the safety and rights of neutrals with amazing recklessness. But conclusive proof of this may be lacking. A German note disclaiming responsibility for the Sussex disaster is expected at the state department today. The administration may show its evidence to Germany, suggesting that discrepancies between this nation's facts and the kaiser's contentions may be due to submarine commanders' erroneous reports, or to other reasons. This may show Germany that it is impossible for her to keep up the present submarine campaign without continually jeopardizing Americans. Then the United States, it is forecasted, may ask Germany to take steps which would render further

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strained relations impossible. There will be no dickering and no prolonged discussions, it was again declared in official circles.

ILLINOIS VOTERS SMASH SHERMAN'S PRIMARY SLATE

Chicago, April 12.—Incomplete returns today from the Illinois presidential primary showed that while the slate of United States Senator Lawrence Y. Sherman, republican presidential candidate, had been broken, John M. Harlan, the only avowed republican national convention delegate pledged to Roosevelt, was defeated. Four uninstructed delegates were elected. Two of them may possibly be Roosevelt men.

All candidates for delegates to the democratic convention were pledged to Woodrow Wilson.

Twelve thousand Chicago voters inserted the name of Roosevelt in their ballots.

Roger C. Sullivan has retained control of the state democratic organization and a majority of the delegates to the national convention.

Carter H. Harrison was defeated for delegate.

Control of the republican state organization was split between the Thompson, Deneen and Brundage factions.

AUTO DRIVER FACES INTENT TO KILL CHARGE

Portland, April 12.—A charge of assault with intent to kill probably will be filed today against A. C. Wariner, driver of the automobile which Sunday ran down and permanently disfigured Mrs. Henry Beckman on Columbia River highway.

NEARLY MILLION SPENT FOR ARMY MOTOR TRUCKS

Washington, April 12.—The sum of \$900,000 has already been spent by the government for motor trucks and gas tank cars for the American expedition in Mexico, it was learned today at the war department.

A Mean Hint. He—Women ought to be so removed from ordinary outside life that men can still look on them as angels.

She—How would the men like them to be recording angels?—Baltimore American.

Old papers, 5c per bundle, at the Courier office.

MILLIONS OF LOOT FOUND IN MEXICO

El Paso, April 12.—Five million dollars in loot, gathered during years of campaigning by General Tomas Urbina, a trusted Villa lieutenant, has been recovered by Carranzistas, Consul Garcia announced today.

The treasure was buried on Las Nievas ranch in the state of Durango. Among the articles found were 23 chests of gold coins, much jewelry, 20 bars of gold bullion, and considerable silver bullion.

Included in the find were many golden altar ornaments, stolen from churches, and \$800,000 in bank notes.

Carranzistas, under General Francisco Murguía, have been searching for months for the cache. When Villa and Carranza split and Villa needed funds to finance his revolution, he demanded that Urbina give him half of the buried loot. Urbina refused. Villa thereupon killed him, but he was unable to find the treasure.

ESCAPING PRISONER LOCKS JAIL DOOR

Klamath Falls, April 12.—Escaping from the jail here today, Loren Kreigh, burglary suspect, fastened the prison door from the outside with a strange padlock so when the sheriff came to investigate he had difficulty in breaking into the bastle. The other prisoners said they had no idea how Kreigh escaped.

Elkay's Straw Hat Dye. Furnished in Blue, Cardinal Red, Brown, Green, Jet Black, Natural and Dull Black. A single coat of this dye will restore "original" brilliancy of colored straw.

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HOMESTEADERS MAY LOSE THEIR CLAIMS

San Francisco, April 12.—The homesteads of thousands of persons in California, Texas and other states depend today upon the ability of modern science to prove whether "C. P. Carpenter" and "George S. Jones" are fictitious persons. If they are found to be merely names used by F. A. Hyde, who recently finished a prison sentence for defrauding the government out of lands, the hundreds of thousands of acres involved will undoubtedly be turned back to the government, just as stolen property reverts to its original owners. The people who innocently purchased the land will be losers.

The test case to decide this question is now before J. J. Sanford, register of the United States land office. The securing of testimony has consumed four years. Branch hearings have been held in years past in Texas, Utah and other states and transcripts of the testimony are now in Sanford's hands.

When the Hyde expose came to light some time ago, charged jointly with him were "Carpenter" and "Jones." No such men have ever been located. Thus far they have been found to be mere names signed to homestead entries.

Science has been called in to prove them fictitious. Theodore Kytka, handwriting expert, after weeks of study of the handwriting of Hyde, declares that the names "Carpenter" and "Jones" were written by the same hand. Several weeks will be necessary before a decision is reached.

NAVAL REPORTS MUST BE BROUGHT TO LIGHT

Washington, April 12.—Two navy documents which have been suppressed must be made public by Secretary Daniels. The senate today, by a unanimous vote, directed him to do so.

One of the documents is the general navy board's report of August 3, 1914, containing a series of advices regarding the navy's condition. This also gives preparedness recommendations. The other paper is Admiral Fiske's report of November 9, 1914, sounding a warning against the unprepared condition of the navy.

The senate's orders to Daniels were based on a resolution introduced by Senator Lodge.

SPEAKER CONTRACTS WITH CLEVELAND AMERICANS

Cleveland, April 12.—Tris Speaker, former star swatsman of the Boston Red Sox, today signed his contract with the Cleveland Americans, after considerable dickering with James C. Dunn, owner. The terms were not divulged, but reports had it that Speaker's salary would be something more than \$10,000. He bats fourth in the Cleveland line-up.

REPORT PORTUGUESE CABINET HAS RESIGNED

Lisbon, April 12.—The Portuguese cabinet has resigned, it was divulged today. This is considered proof that Premier Almeida's measures were not satisfactory to his colleagues.

ARMY TRANSPORT SAILS FOR VERA CRUZ

Washington, April 12.—The army transport Hancock sailed today from Galveston for Vera Cruz with supplies for United States ships there. It carried no marines.

DIXIE

A. Reishl bought several head of hogs at the Dixie ranch Tuesday.

J. F. Burke, agent for the Overland, made a business trip to the Dixie ranch Friday.

A. N. Parsons and wife, and J. D. Gordon, of Portland, were at the Dixie ranch Sunday.

Rev. Long was out Sunday and brought with him Mrs. John Summers and children, Francis Gillilan, and Mrs. Clary to help sing.

Cecil Weston and wife and Mr. Hammerback and family spent Sunday in this vicinity.

Guy Thompson spent Sunday afternoon at the Wilhelm ranch.

EXPLOSION IN POWDER PLANT KILLS THREE

Bluefield, W. Va., April 12.—Three persons were killed and several injured today when an explosion partly wrecked the powder plant at Nemours, near here.

Letterheads at the Courier.

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