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OREGON WEATHER

Rain in west, rain and colder in east tonight. Friday fair.

TIME TO GET BUSY

The legislators at Salem are putting in much of their time discussing road matters and a late dispatch from that city states that the members have tentatively agreed that a \$10,000,000 bond issue be provided for the purpose of building highways over the state.

From this vast sum many thousands will no doubt be spent on lateral roads as feeders to the main highway and already the citizens of progressive communities are working to secure appropriations for their respective districts. They are organizing and are strong believers in the theory that "everything comes to him who goes after it," realizing that in order to pull out of the old rut and enhance the value of their property, as well as to keep abreast of the times, they must have better and permanent roads leading from the rich farming districts to the paved highway. They will not receive all they ask for in the way of appropriations for these lateral highways, but by making an earnest and intelligent effort they will receive something—much more than will the community that sleeps with folded arms.

Isn't it about time for Grants Pass and the ranchers in this part of the Rogue River valley to wake up?

PEACE-TIME HEROES

There were 25 persons on the car, and with one possible exception all of those injured will recover," says a dispatch about an interurban trolley accident in an Ohio town. "The possible exception is Wilbert Lewis, motorman, who was seriously burned about the face, shoulders and arms."

Spreading rails, it seems, were to blame for the plunging of this heavy car 20 feet from a bridge over a creek. Pilings along the bridge caught the car before it went completely into the water, but the front part was submerged. "The motorman, who was both shocked and burned, revived when he fell into the icy water. He broke the glass door of the vestibule with his fist and got out. He then walked along the side of the car, ripping screening from the windows. He pulled four passengers to safety through the windows before he lost consciousness again."

Not all the stories of heroism come from the fields of France. If Wilbert Lewis dies of burns, exposure, shock and almost superhuman strain, he will have lost his life for his fellowmen just as truly as the boys in khaki have done.

A SPECIFIC REMEDY NEEDED

A few days ago the greatest seaport in America—at New York—was tied up by a strike of workers. Business was paralyzed, food supplies were interfered with, and many homes were cold because there was a lack of fuel. Foreign trade was

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blocked and the railway yards were tied up tight.

Since that time other strikes have occurred, the one at the shipyards of the Northwest being in full swing at the present time, approximately 50,000 men being out of work. But the American public has been so accustomed to strikes that it stands calmly by, taking tie-ups as a matter of course, something to be endured, like a crop failure or a blizzard.

America at the present time—with our president in France—is attempting to compel peace throughout the world, but this same America appears to be unable to compel peace at home.

Arbitration boards will not prove futile if backed by the proper legislation enacted by congress. The president and congress should get busy.

With the present Pacific highway completed and a military highway running from the Columbia to the California line, Oregon would be in a fair way to keep herself from sinking into the mud to her ears.

Twenty-five cents per pound for Oregon hops, on a three-years' contract, explodes the theory that prohibition "shot the hop business all to pieces."

GRAY AUTO HAD GREAT RECORD FOR CRIMES

Mexico City, Jan. 6.—Correspondence of the Associated Press.—The record of crimes attributed to the supposed organization popularly known as the "gray automobile robber band" has been augmented by the killing in the federal penitentiary of Francisco Oviedo. Oviedo had been a prisoner for a year and a half and was accused of being one of the sub chiefs of the robber band which has operated here for two years or more. He was slain with a dagger by a negro prisoner who was charged with nine other murders.

The killing of Oviedo places another obstacle in the path of the authorities who for two years have been trying to discover the supposed man or men "higher up" who direct the operations of the robber band which uses a gray automobile in making their raids.

Six men, including Oviedo were held in the penitentiary accused of being members of the band. Several weeks ago one of them, Rafael Mercadante, is said to have offered to confess. Shortly afterward he died from an unknown cause in his cell. Two weeks later Oviedo offered to tell what he knew and two days afterward he was killed. Four others who remained in prison have not offered any statements to the authorities.

The gray automobile, late in 1916 and early in 1917 figured in numerous daring and productive raids. Posing as agents of the district government and bearing forged credentials, the occupants would stop in front of a house, enter it on the pretext of searching for arms or robbers, or with no pretext at all, take what they fancied and drive away. At the height of their career the bandits, pursued by a police motor car, waged a running fight with their pursuers through the Paseo de la Reforma, one of the principal highways of the city. Several deaths resulted from the interchange of rifle shots.

Later a society woman complained to the authorities that she had seen a valuable necklace, stolen from her by the auto bandits, on the neck of an actress. Called upon to explain,

the dancer asserted that the jewels were a present from an admiral. The alleged giver was a general in the Mexican army. The necklace was returned, but apparently this clue did not lead to the leaders of the robbers.

The operatives, however, finally were surrounded while engaged in robbing a house in the foreign colony. But each time that it appears that the truth was near disclosure, the principal witness counted on by the state to establish its case, dies. Thus passed Mercadante and Oviedo.

BARON VON DER LANCKEN



Baron von der Lancken, civil governor of Brussels under the Germans, was selected to direct a commission of neutral residents of Brussels named to investigate charges of unnecessary devastation during the German retreat from Belgium. Von der Lancken played a leading part in the murder of Edith Caccil.

WOULD KEEP P. & E. FOR LOGGING ROAD

A meeting of citizens was held Tuesday to discuss the situation caused by the court order suspending service on the Pacific & Eastern, January 31, and a committee appointed to communicate with lumber owners and lumber operators, to secure their cooperation in efforts to keep the road in operation as a logging road—at least until the lumber men have time to formulate some plan for the future.

Another meeting was held this afternoon which was attended by H. D. Mills, manager of the Butte Falls Lumber company, and arrangements will be made to send a delegation to Portland to take up the modification of the court order and secure the terms of the receiver for the purchase of the property, with a view to enlisting capital and freight guarantees.

Mr. Mills stated that the Butte Falls Lumber company had expended \$140,000 the past year in modernizing its equipment and was now, for the first time ready for continuous operation. The mill is now cutting 50,000 feet of lumber a day, has a million feet manufactured and awaiting shipment and two million feet of logs cut. Two carloads of lumber a day can be furnished.—Medford Tribune.

Got George in Wrong.

Little Ethel, whose big brother, George, was her teacher's head, walked proudly to the desk with her examples worked neatly. The teacher, after looking them over, said "Ethel, I don't like your methods." "Well, then," said Ethel, "I'll tell my brother, George. He wrote them for me."

WILL VOICE DEMAND FOR WORLD LEAGUE

Portland, Jan. 23.—The state branches of the League to Enforce Peace in Oregon, Washington and northern Idaho will cooperate in holding the "Northwestern Congress for a League of Nations" in Portland, February 16 and 17. The call for this convention, issued here today, is signed by a committee on organization, consisting of 35 of the most prominent members of the league in these states. The governors and mayors and the leading organizations and societies in the three states have been invited to send delegates.

This congress will be the third of a series of nine to be held during February at important centers of population throughout the United States under the auspices of the League to Enforce Peace and its state branches.

William H. Taft, president of the league, will preside and speak at all nine conventions, and will take with him in his tour of the country a group of speakers.

2,000 MEN WANTED FOR U. S. MERCHANT MARINE

Salem, Ore., Jan. 23.—Governor Withycombe has received a telegram from Henry Howard, director of the recruiting service of the United States shipping board stating that the board wants 2,000 men on its training ships at Atlantic and Pacific ports.

The message says the shipping board "notes that there are indications of a coming of surplus of labor in your state," and asks that public attention be called to opportunities offered by the merchant marine. Men between 18 and 35 years of age are wanted for firemen, sailors or stewards with chances of advancement to officers' positions.

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NOTICE

All parties having bills against me are hereby notified to file the same with the firm of Blanchard & Blanchard, at their office in this city, who will immediately look after all such matters, during my temporary absence. Also, those who owe me are requested to make such payment to the above firm at once.

73

H. CAMERON.

Advertisement for Crescent Baking Powder. Includes text: 'CRESCENT is the safe, economical baking powder. It is made of the purest ingredients in correct scientific proportions...' and an image of a tin of Crescent Baking Powder.

Advertisement for E. A. Adams Car Repairing. Text: 'Help do your own Car Repairing. Now is the time to have your car looked over and put in shape for the summer...' and address: '508 South Sixth Street, Opposite Oxford Hotel'.

Advertisement for Grants Pass & Crescent City Stage Co. Text: 'Big, Easy Riding Pierce Arrow Cars. Office—Old Observer Bldg. Corner Seventh and G streets—Phone 29. Telephone—228-J and 16.'.

Large advertisement for Prince Albert cigarettes. Features a large illustration of a man smoking a pipe, the text 'PRINCE ALBERT The National Joy Smoke', and a pack of Prince Albert Crimp Cut Long Burning Pipe and Cigarette Tobacco. Text: 'YOU can't help cutting loose joy's remarks every time you flush your smokespot with Prince Albert—it hits you so fair and square...'.