

## OREGON TO GET FOUR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

HOUSE CENSUS COMMITTEE REPORT WOULD INCREASE THE MEMBERSHIP TO 484

### MAY PLACE THE LIMIT AT 500

States Will Have to Enact New Laws for Formation of Congressional Districts

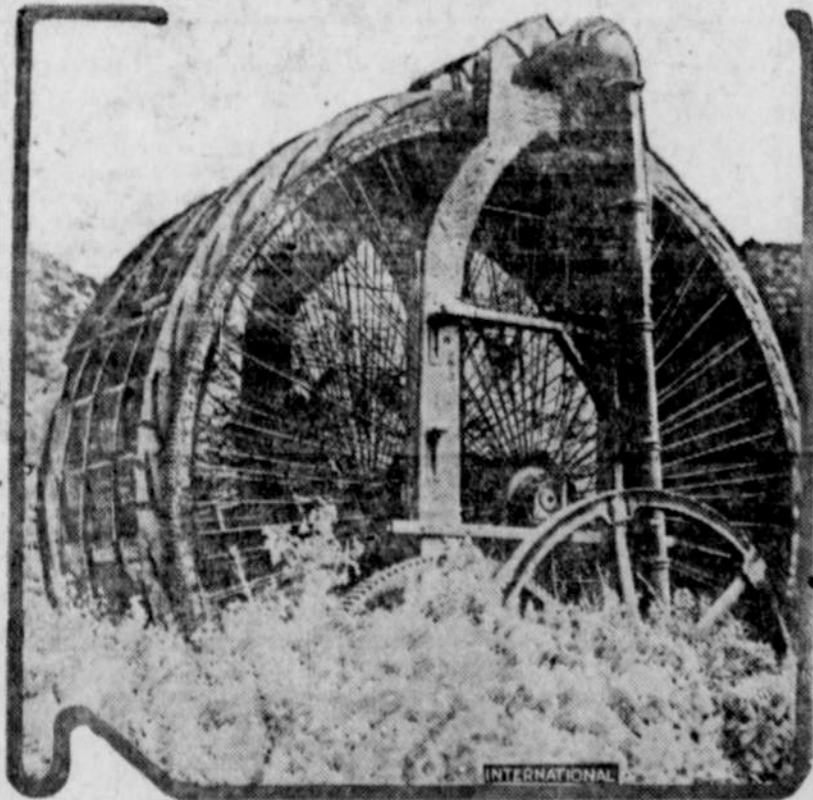
Washington, Jan. 6.—(A. P.)—The house census committee agreed today to report to congress the Siegel bill fixing membership of the house at 484, an increase of 48 over the present membership. It also recommended a constitutional amendment limiting membership of future houses to 500.

Under the committee's bill, representation of Oregon would be increased from three to four and Washington from five to six. It provides in case of any increase in number of representatives, such additional representatives shall be elected at large until legislatures pass redistricting laws.

## ROWAN-BARTON MINING CASE WON BY BARTON

Judge Calkins, of the circuit court has handed down a decree in the case of Rowan vs. Barton et al., in which he finds for the Bartons and their associates in the controversy that has created much interest in this district. Two years ago a receiver was appointed for certain chrome mining properties and personal property held by the Bartons upon the petition of Rowan, who alleged that a partnership existed between the Bartons and himself and that he was entitled to a portion of the proceeds received from the conduct of the chrome mines. By the order of the court appointing the receiver, war savings stamps, bank accounts and other valuable holdings of the Bartons were tied up, but the decree as now entered releases all of this property. The court holds that a partnership never existed, that Rowan has no interest in the proceeds from the mining operations of the Barton brothers, and that the appointment of a receiver was wrongful. Judgment against the plaintiff is given for the costs of the case. Attorney H. D. Norton was the legal representative of the Bartons.

## Water Wheel Nearly a Century Old



This giant water wheel was erected in 1838 by Henry Burden at Troy, N. Y., and supplied the motive power for a large plant continuously from that time until 1890. The wheel developed 1,200 horse power. It is 60 feet in diameter, and now is but a landmark.

## MATHIAS HARTMAN



Mathias Hartman of Line Lexington, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, one hundred and three years old in November, is believed to be the oldest male resident of Pennsylvania. He can see to read and write without glasses and has a remarkable memory, clearly recalling events of 90 years ago. He looks like a man of eighty or less. His wife died several years ago.

## TO RECOMMEND NEW GAME CODE

Pendleton, Jan. 6.—(A. P.)—An entire new game code is to be recommended to the legislature by the fish and game commission, said Marion Jack, commissioner. It will recommend an increase of hunting and angling licenses, and change the migratory bird law to conform with federal open seasons.

## MONEY FOR HOSPITAL BUILDING RETURNED

R. W. Clarke, from whom the county court on the day before Christmas negotiated the purchase of the Clarke residence for a hospital building, this morning returned to the county the \$3000 purchase price of the property, and resumed possession of a deed to the building and grounds. The purchase of the Clarke residence by the county was protested by Attorney A. C. Hough, who instituted injunction proceedings against the county court, though hearing upon the petition for injunction had not yet been had. Mr. Hough states, however, that he will continue to press his action against the county in an endeavor to defeat any attempt of the county to provide for any hospital building whatever.

## CEASE WORK ON DAM TILL THE WEATHER SETTLES

Continued High Water in the Rogue Makes Satisfactory Progress Impossible, But No Delay in Getting Water By Irrigation Season is Anticipated

All laborers who have been employed by the Shattuck Construction company in the building of the Savage Rapids dam were released by the company yesterday, and no attempt will be made to continue work upon the structure till there is more settled weather conditions and a lower stage of water in the Rogue. Concurrent with the release of the men, notice was posted stating that the wage scale now in vogue in Portland and other centers since the first of the year would be effective here upon resumption of work on the irrigation project. This scale shows material reductions from wages paid during the closing months of the old year, and are based upon the general reduction in living expenses and costs of all foodstuffs. The new scale will be \$4.50 per day for common labor with a nine-hour day. The scale for carpenters will be \$6.50 for the nine-hour day, with other labor in proportion. The only men retained at the Savage Rapids camp will be a cook, two watchmen and one laborer, these to be held pending the maturing of plans for the continuance of work or for a complete cessation for the immediate future. Engineer Wiley and Mr. Schneeloch will be here Saturday, when the plan that will best protect the interests of the district will be determined.

In speaking of the closing down of work at the dam, Superintendent Carrillo stated that the present indications were that there would be a heavy flow in the Rogue for some time, but that with the coming of lower water and the resumption of work the dam could be pushed to completion in ample time to serve the canals of the project at the opening of the irrigation season. The steam shovel will be held at the dam for a few days pending developments for the future, when it will be put at work on the Tokay canal. Certain of the machinery for the equipment of the dam will not arrive from the builders until late February, and Mr. Carrillo believes that work can progress by the time this arrives so that it can be at once placed in the power house. This machinery is being built especially for the Savage Rapids dam, from new designs, and the builders have caused some delay by changing details of plans as the designing and construction of the pumps and turbines has progressed. The power house architecture has to be made to accommodate the machinery.

## NEW OFFICERS FOR TWO KERBY LODGES

The Masons and Eastern Stars, installed officers Monday night, December 27. The following officers taking the chairs:  
W. M.—Mrs. Florence Hart.  
A. M.—Mrs. Eileen Woodcock.  
Sec.—C. J. Howard.  
Treas.—Frank Floyd.  
The Masons installed as follows:  
W. M.—W. L. Babcock.  
S. W.—Frank Hart.  
J. W.—A. V. Schmitt.  
Sec.—C. J. Howard.  
Treas.—Ed. Dalley.

The Rebekahs held a meeting Wednesday night adding four new members to their list, being: Vernia Albright, Sudee Payne, Mrs. Dolly Duncan and Mrs. Lydia Gordon.

The Christmas tree held at the church New Year's eve was quite well attended. The young people gave a very nice little program and the youngsters were all lavishly treated to candy and nuts, while the elders were all treated to pop corn.

Mrs. Susie Agle, of Portland, is visiting friends and relatives in our valley.

Harold White is home for the Christmas vacation.

Miss Wilma Smith is spending a few weeks at home.

Emt Hunt is reported much better from his illness at this writing.

The various merchants are busily engaged in taking inventory this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Orby Shaffer, of Weed, Calif., are visiting friends and relatives in our valley during the Christmas vacation.

Miss Vera MacMaster went to her home at Sweet Home, Oregon for Christmas.

Emil Wells went to Chico to visit his mother for several weeks.

Miss Mattie Reed has assumed her school duties again after two weeks of vacation.

Mrs. Della Payne is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Hazel Skeeters, in Medford.

Miss Grace McCann is spending a few days at home from Springfield where she is teaching.

## GOING BACK TO RUSSIA



Pastor William Fetter, who was banished to Siberia during the reign of the late czar, later released but ordered to leave the country, who left Philadelphia with his wife to carry the Gospel to Russia. He goes in charge of a delegation of missionaries from the Russian Missionary Society of Philadelphia. Mr. Fetter is wearing the winter garb he wore in Russia. He was born of Lettish parents in Talsen, province of Courland, Russia.

## PLAN DEFENSE FOR ETHERIDGE

Portland, Jan. 6.—(A. P.)—City Attorney LaRoche resigned today to conduct the Etheridge defense. Frank S. Grant, potentate of Al Kader temple, of the Mystic Shrine, was nominated to succeed LaRoche, subject to vote of the council tomorrow. Federal Judge Wolverson issued an order authorizing the receiver's expenditures in conducting the business of Morris Bros. Inc., and of auditing the books.

## New Council Tonight

The new city council will meet and organize tonight, though the only change in personnel will be the seating of Andrew Shade as councilman from the fourth ward in place of Otto J. Knipps, who has filled the position for several years. Mayor Demaray and the other councilmen were all re-elected at the November election. The appointive officers of the city will be named by the mayor tonight, subject to confirmation by the council.

Regarding the Anjou, Mr. Lewis was of the opinion that it did not do well in western Oregon as it has a functional disease and is very slow in coming into bearing. The Winter Nells was not recommended as experience had shown that this variety is hard to grow and difficult to produce large fruit in this part of the state.

In the Grants Pass pear section of the state, with more than 700 acres planted in pears in Josephine county, the Bosc is becoming a favorite. But on an average, the Bartlett alone equals the total acreage in the state of all other varieties.

## RECOMMENDS PEARS FOR WESTERN OREGON

A member of the Oregon Growers Cooperative association recently wrote C. I. Lewis, organization manager, asking his opinion regarding the planting of pears.

Mr. Lewis, before becoming associated with the association, served 14 years as chief of horticulture at the Oregon Agricultural college and is a pear grower himself.

Based on his personal experience in pear growing, and his observations during his 14 years with the O. A. C., Mr. Lewis wrote the member of the association that in the selection of varieties of pears, he was safe in planting the Bartlett, as it has been thoroughly demonstrated that this variety thrives well in western Oregon.

And along with the Bartlett, the Bosc and Clairgeau were recommended as these varieties do well together.

## MAIL BOAT IS MISSING OFF NORTH COAST

THE PULITZER WITH CREW OF SEVEN MEN, NOT HEARD OF SINCE DEC. 15TH

### IS OWNED BY A PORTLAND MAN

Navy Department and the Coast Guard Join in Search for the Vessel

Washington, Jan. 6.—(A. P.)—The United States mail boat Pulitzer with seven men, has been missing since December 15th, and may have been lost in the straits of Shelikof, Alaska, Secretary Payne was advised by Governor Riggs of Alaska. The navy department and coast guard service have been asked by Payne to aid in the search.

Portland, Jan. 6.—(A. P.)—Dr. Andrew C. Smith, of Portland, owner of the Pulitzer, said he had no fear for the safety of the vessel. The Pulitzer was formerly a pilot boat at the mouth of the Columbia river and has been carrying mail between Seward and Unalaska. Dr. Smith obtained the mail contract a year ago.

## WILLAMETTE FLOOD NOW AT ITS CREST

Portland, Jan. 6.—(A. P.)—Lowered temperature checked the flood of the Willamette and mountain feeder tributaries. The river stood at 18.9 feet this morning and is not likely to reach 19 feet before it starts to fall sometime tomorrow, said the weather bureau. The Willamette is falling at all points except at Salem and Oregon City.

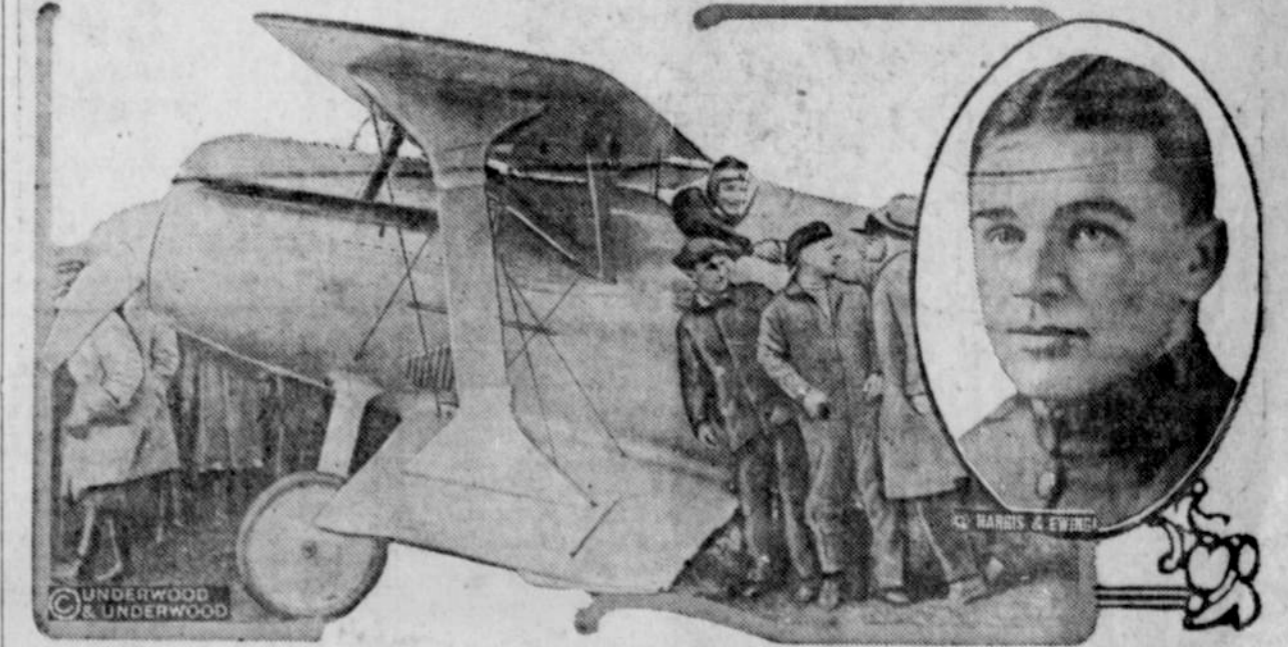
## Laborers Leave City

About 50 laborers who have been employed at the Savage Rapids dam left the city today in various directions following the temporary shut-down of work because of the continued high water.

## PAROLE IS GRANTED LORD MAYOR OF CORK

Washington, Jan. 6.—(A. P.)—Secretary of Labor Wilson granted a parole to Lord Mayor O'Callaghan, of Cork, detained at Newport News, on his own recognizance, pending a decision as to admission to this country.

## Pilot and Plane That Won the Pulitzer Trophy Race



Capt. C. C. Moseley, U. S. A., receiving congratulations in his Verville-Packard plane, in which he won the International Pulitzer Trophy aerial race at Mineola, L. I., from a field of 34 starters of many nations. He flew at an average speed of almost three miles a minute for the 132-mile course, which he completed in 44 minutes, 29.57 seconds, or 178 miles an hour. At the right is a portrait of Captain Moseley.