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F. E. FUNSTON DIES SUDDENLY

Suffers Attack of Acute Indigestion—Pershing Takes Charge of His Command

WOMEN RIOT IN NEW YORK

Germany Repeats Warning to Keep Away

San Antonio, Feb. 20.—Gen. Frederick E. Funston died last night of acute indigestion. His illness was short. General Pershing has assumed temporary command of the army of the southern department following the death of Gen. Funston and is awaiting orders from Washington.

New York, Feb. 20.—Three hundred thinly clad and hungry women swarmed the city hall steps this morning crying "We want bread." Most of the women carried babies in their arms or there were little ones tugging at their dresses or clinging to their hands. The police dispersed the women after arresting Marie Ganz. The hungry, excited women stormed the patrol wagon shrieking demands for the release of Miss Ganz. The police formed ranks and halted the charge. A crowd gathered in front of the police headquarters afterwards and called on Commissioner Wood to release Miss Ganz. Mrs. Ida Harris president of the Mothers' Vigilance League, led the crowd.

There was the greatest confusion about the city hall for some time. There were thousands of spectators in the city hall park.

The police reserve was called out. The women from the Worcester Square tenement district were the most insistent. The leaders screamed in anger when the doors of the city hall were slammed in their faces, but some of the leaders managed to get into the building demanding to see Mayor Mitchell, whom, it is given out, is absent. Mrs. Harris declared that hundreds of women and babies in New York today were starving.

Berlin, via Seville, Feb. 20.—It is announced that a German Prussian detachment captured a section of the Russian-English line south of Letrenslot.

The Government Press Bureau announces that it must be repeated again that whoever dares penetrate the barred zone perishes.

More Power for President

Washington, Feb. 20.—Secretary Lansing conferred with the Senate Judiciary Committee today in an effort to secure passage of a bill empowering the President to use the land and naval forces whenever it becomes necessary to enforce the United States' obligations and to detain vessels to prevent violations of these obligations.

Will Indict British Consul

San Francisco, Feb. 20.—It is authoritatively stated that Federal District Attorney Preston will soon attempt to indict British Consul Carnegie Ross on a charge of conspiracy to violate the neutrality of the United States.

Espionage Bill Passes

Washington, Feb. 20.—The Administration's Espionage bill passed the Senate today with a vote of 60 to 10.

It is learned that the Government will ask Turkey to obtain Austrian and German safe conduct for the passage of the United States collier and the gunboat Des Moines to Beirut, where a thousand Americans await homeward transportation.

Discourtesy Rebuked. Lord Palmerston expected work to be done well, but Mr. Preston Thomas in his book tells us that of mere peevishness he was tolerant. Some young gentlemen in the foreign office amused themselves by "shining" young ladies who lived on the other side of the street—that is, by catching the rays of the sun on a mirror and flashing them over the way. The father of the young ladies complained to Palmerston, who thereupon issued this minute:—

"The secretary of state declares that the gentlemen in his department will not cast discreditable reflections on the ladies opposite."—London Chronicle.

A Hint to Mother. A tiny girl of four was permitted to make her first call alone at a neighbor's home. She was gone a long time. When she returned her mother said: "You made a long call, Catherine. You must have had a nice time."

"No, I didn't."
"Didn't have a good time?"
"No."
"Why?"
"Because I told them a story."
"What did you tell?"
"They asked me if I take music lessons and I told them 'Yes.' And you know, mamma, that I don't."—Indianapolis News.

very bitter.
"I say, your ears have never been pierced, Alleen?" "No, but they're being pierced."—Ladies Bazaar.

Trying to Secure Parties To Open Cook Bakery

F. D. Fletcher, of the Sperry Flour company, and trustee of the bakery firm of Cook Bros., of this city, who recently failed, is in town today doing some work on the property which he has in charge. Carl Everson, of the Coos Bay bakery, is with him assisting in getting a line on the equipment of the bakery.

Mr. Fletcher states that it is his intention to keep the property intact and if possible to get in touch with parties who would be interested in reopening the bakery. In this, he says, he has the full cooperation of his company and both the San Francisco and Tacoma houses are making an effort to find someone who will take charge of the business.

"It is one of the best opportunities I know of," said Mr. Fletcher. "There is no competition and the field is large."

Today Mr. Fletcher is segregating the grocery department from that of the bakery.

No Change Announced

(From Thursday's Bulletin)

Through the over-vivid imagination of parties unknown, the report has been created that the promised change in train schedule was to take place Sunday. Either this report is without ground or the parties starting it have received private information that has not been made available to the post office or Southern Pacific employees of this city. Agent Paul Sterling of the local station said that he received a wire from General Passenger Agent Scott this morning to the effect that he is working on the new schedule and is giving it his very best attention; but he has received no notice of change of schedule. No word has been received by the local post office regarding a change in the mail service. Everything considered, it looks like the person or persons starting the report of the change must have been dreaming.

The week, which Mr. Scott named as the maximum time that might elapse before he would be able to advise the people of this section as to what he could do, expired Wednesday and his wife to Mr. Sterling simply explains that more time is needed.

K. OF P. ANNUAL CONVENTION

Knights and Pythian Sisters Present From all the District Lodges

FOR BUSINESS AND PLEASURE

Will Ask Earlier Date for Grand Lodge Meeting

In spite of the disagreeable weather, the District Convention of the Knights of Pythias, held here yesterday afternoon and evening was a most enjoyable affair for those in attendance. About 150 of the Knights and Pythian Sisters were here, and all lodges of the county were represented. As the visitors arrived by train and boat they were taken to the headquarters in the W. O. W. hall, and here they spent their time in playing cards and in friendly reunion until it was time for the business meeting.

At the business meeting the matter of the dates for holding the Grand Lodge, which meets at Marshfield this year, was discussed, and it was determined to petition the Grand Chancellor for a change of date for this year from October to the 28th and 29th of August. This would give far more assurance of good weather, and that the many visitors would have a chance to visit the different parts of the county and see the real "Coos Bay Country." The local members of the order will be glad to take them around if they are here when the roads are in good order.

At seven o'clock the banquet was served and the assemblage sat down to a repast that was a delight to any whose digestion was in fairly good order.

Later the following program was carried out as it had been arranged, with the exception that Mrs. Pape, of Bandon, had found it impossible to be in attendance:

Instrumental duet, Mrs. M. O. Hawkins and Genevieve Chase.
Address of welcome, W. C. Chase.
Vocal solo, Rev. F. S. Shimian.
Response from Hector Lodge, E. C. Roberts, of Myrtle Point.
Reading, Julia G. Pape, of Bandon.
Response from Poseidon Lodge, Edgar McDaniel, of North Bend.
Vocal Solo, Leta Mast, of Justus Temple.

Response from Delphi Lodge, —
Response from Myrtle Lodge, T. T. Bennett.
Vocal Solo, Marion Schroeder, of Justice Temple.

Address, W. J. H. Clark, of Ivanhoe Lodge, Portland.
Address, Grand Vice-Chancellor Leslie E. Crouch, of Port-Cland.

Vocal Solo, Mabel Bay, of Coquille high school.

While the attendance would have been larger but for the bad weather, it was very satisfactory, under the circumstances, and it shows that the members of the order are appreciative of the benefit and pleasure of these annual reunions in the spirit of F. C. and B.

Lose to North Bend

(From Saturday's Bulletin)

Local basket ball fans saw all hope of winning the county championship disappear last night when the North Bend team won over the locals by a score of 20 to 14. It seemed to be North Bend's winning day as she had carried off the county championship in debating in the afternoon.

From the beginning the North Benders seemed to have the best of the game and the first basket was made by them when John Stanley passed the ball to a North Bend player by mistake. The visitors followed this up by making several more baskets in rapid succession and some splendid shots were made.

Otto Davis scored the first basket for Coquille and shortly after doing so was forced to retire from the game with a sprained ankle. The entire game was rough and at times it lost all semblance of basket ball. The referee seemed to despair of holding them down and few fouls were called on either side. The first half ended with the score 15 to 8 in favor of North Bend.

During the second half the Coquille team picked up and played a faster game while the visitors were far from being as strong as they were at the beginning. Twice during the half Coquille scored a field basket just after the whistle blew. No alibi can be given by the Coquille team and they lost because North Bend was playing better ball.

The girls' teams of the Freshman and Junior classes played the preliminary last night and the game was excellent from every point of view; except that of the Juniors who lost by a score of 15 to 2.

The line-up was:

Freshman M. Cunningham, C. Lella Avery, Barbara Treichler, F. Mildred Norton, Katie Price, F. Doris Tyrell, Ruby McDonald, G. Katherine Hersey, June Willey, G. Maude Toates

Third Lyceum Number

J. C. Herbsman, the noted Chautauqua lecturer, will appear at the scenic next Tuesday evening as the third number on the Coquille Lyceum Course. His lecture, "Life's Balance Sheet," is a fine inspirational address, full of wit, humor and homely philosophy. Advance notices indicate that he will fully maintain the standard set by the "Hawaiians" and the "Lyndon-Gordon Company" in their entertainments in this city. The following extracts will indicate the esteem in which he is held by those who have heard him:

From Tucson Citizen: Mr. Herbsman delivered one of the wittiest and



J. C. HERBSMAN.

most eloquent talks ever heard at a luncheon club meeting, and at the conclusion the speaker was given prolonged applause.

Extract from Redlands, Calif., letter: Mr. Herbsman is certainly a whirlwind. He gave us the best speech we have had this entire winter. If the rest of your talent is on a par with him, our Chautauqua will be a success.

General admission for those not holding season tickets, 50 cents, school children 35 cents.

APPROVE NEW RIVER PROJECT

Word was received this week that United States Engineers have approved the new project outlined for the Coquille river by the Port of Bandon, which if materialized will mean a 12-foot channel at low water between the mouth of the river and Coquille at all seasons of the year, says the Western World.

The project included the appropriation of \$60,000 by Congress to clear the channel and an annual appropriation of \$10,000 for maintenance. It also includes the construction and ownership of a suction dredge by the port, costing approximately \$40,000. Of this amount \$25,000 would be raised by issuing bonds and the balance obtained from the regular taxes. This would bring the total bonded indebtedness of the Port up to \$75,000.

In all probability the dredge would be built at the local shipyard and would be a material aid in getting that institution in operation again. The plans for the dredge have already been drawn by Junior Engineer J. H. Polhemus and have been approved by the Port.

Senator Chamberlain is endeavoring to get through an emergency appropriation of \$60,000 for the project, to be used in clearing the channel, and if he is successful the project is assured.

It is also believed that the project would be made to include the blowing out of several rock pinnacles said to project from a ledge on the bar, which would make it possible to get several additional feet of depth at the entrance of the river. Maps of the boring survey made by the government last summer have been completed and copies received by Assistant Port Secretary C. M. Spencer. These show exactly the depth of water from a point well outside of the bar to Coquille, marking all the "high spots" which would be necessary to remove to deepen the channel.

Making it possible for the sea-going vessels to dock at Coquille would increase the shipping over the local bar, as it would give the mills at Coquille an opportunity to ship by water as well as by rail. It would no doubt mean the construction of more boats for this river and in that way would be a direct benefit to the local ship building industry.

SENATE USES REFERENDUM

Refers Road Bill to People to Be Voted on at Special Election in June

SENATOR SMITH GIVES VIEWS

Coos and Curry Counties Neglected

Salem, Ore., Feb. 19.—The Senate road committee has added an amendment to six million dollar bond issue providing that it be submitted to the voters at a special election, probably June 14. It is believed the Senate will pass the amended bill.

President Wilson wrote Secretary of State Clegg a letter of appreciation for the pledge of loyalty given.

Salem, Feb. 17.—Licenses on automobiles and automobile trucks are to be doubled under provisions of a bill passed by the House yesterday and which is before the Senate today; the proceeds to be applied to the state highway fund for distribution in counties outside of Multnomah.

This bill is a part of the legislative road program; was prepared by the joint House and Senate committee on roads and highways, and is a companion to the general road code put thru the House last week.

It is expected to raise approximately \$280,000 in cash next year and to increase from year to year as the number of automobiles in the state increases.

The money is to go into the general highway fund and to be expended under direction of the State Highway Commission.

The present law requires the money to be sent back to the respective counties in the ratio in which it was paid.

The Multnomah delegation in the House and Senate have consented to an amendment that will permit all the money to be used outside of Multnomah county. They believe that this will do most substantially in developing the general road improvement thruout the state.

The plan calls for the issuance of \$7,900,000 in 25-year serial bonds. Of this amount \$1,900,000 would be used for forest and post roads and would enable the state to obtain a like appropriation, dollar for dollar, from the Federal Government under the Shaeffelford act. This would make \$3,800,000 available for the forest and post roads. It is proposed to use \$2,500,000 for post roads and \$1,300,000 for forest roads. The forest roads would extend through National forests and the post roads through sparsely settled parts of the state which cannot afford to construct roads on the county unit basis.

This would leave \$6,000,000 for use in paving roads throughout the state where counties of the state have constructed the roadbed. To finance the bonds the plan is to increase the automobile license fee. By raising the license on small cars to \$15 a year, on large cars to \$25 a year and on trucks to \$50 a year and placing the revenue in the state's general fund, together with the present tax levy of quarter of a mill for road purposes, the money derived would provide for the interest on the bonds and for their redemption, leaving an ample amount for maintenance of the roads constructed.

By this system each auto owner would contribute a small part to the good roads movement and general taxes would not be increased. The rapid increase in the number of automobiles throughout the state by reason of the improved roads, it is declared, would furnish additional revenue for further extension of the highway system.

The theory on which the road enthusiasts have worked is that the automobile benefits by good roads and causes the damage to roads and therefore should be the principal paying agency. The bill is backed by all the good roads enthusiasts of Portland and many from elsewhere in the state who favor Oregon keeping pace with Washington and California in the development of good roads.

The Commercial Club and Good Roads enthusiasts of Coquille all seem very much in favor of this method of securing funds for permanent roads. It is understood here that Senator I. S. Smith, alone of the Coos county members of the Legislature, is not in favor of the bill. This morning seven telegrams from the Commercial Club and prominent citizens were sent to Mr. Smith urging him to support the measure.

Following is the explanation given by Mr. Smith of the stand he took in this matter and his reasons for so doing: "The amended house bill 550 provides six million dollars for hard surface roads only. The U. S. government agent claims post roads will be selected where mail is carried only.

"The Eugene-Marshfield road is a post road, and the Roseburg-Myrtle Point road is a forest road. These roads are to draw from the government one half and state one half under house bill No. 21, which means a total bond issue of \$7,900,000.

"Special allowance is provided to Clatsop, Columbia, Hood River and Jackson counties, owing to heavy bonds voted by said counties. Coos county is not so favored.

"I represent Curry county as well as Coos, which is ignored entirely. The bill names approximately 2500 miles of road at a probable cost of \$60,000.

"The two paper roads from Marshfield total about 225 miles at a probable cost of \$2,225,000. Where are we to get this sum? If all the taxpayers have to pay the bill, why are they not entitled to vote on the bond?

SYNOPSIS OF MANY EVENTS

News of County, State and National Interest Told in Brief Concise Form

PRINT PAPER PRICES LOWER

English Ordnance Co. Can Not Fill U. S. Orders

More than \$1,000,000 of goods shipped over Bandon bar last year.

Grants Pass will experiment with New Zealand flax in this district.

Tacoma shipyards place rush order at Portland for 4,000,000 feet lumber.

Vancouver men take option on large amount of cedar near Florence and plan to erect shingle mill.

Shipyards at Portland are humming. Big steam schooner to be built, owned and operated by Portland men.

Beet growing is becoming the popular industry at Grants Pass. The land can be made to produce from \$75 to \$100 an acre under correct treatment.

The 1917 legislature cost \$58,000, an increase of \$8,000 over the last session. The secretary of state is compiling final figures covering the expenditures.

K. Spaulding, president of the logging company which bears his name, is planning to organize a company to engage in the paper making industry at Salem.

Four hundred American cowboys have invaded Mexico, determined to exterminate the Corner ranch raiders. Andrew Peterson, Jr., is leading the Americans.

Governor Withycombe Saturday appointed Dr. C. T. Bacon, of La Grande; Dr. Robert J. Marsh, of Portland, and Dr. Harry E. Clay, of Salem, as members of the state board of health.

Harry Gregory, a Greek fish dealer of Marshfield, has been arrested by Gam. Warden J. M. Thomas and fined \$50 and costs, or a total of \$62.50, for shipping crabs to the Portland market contrary to law.

At the meeting of the Socialists held at Marshfield Sunday, which was attended by a goodly number of the members of the party, a protest against war was made and resolutions voicing their sentiments were adopted.

Southern Pacific as its own expense, is maintaining complete patrol system for tunnels and bridges as well as its stores of supplies which might be destroyed and hamper operation of road when needed for rapid transportation of troops and supplies.

Contracts for the U. S. navy projectiles, first given to Hadfields' Limited, an English concern, have been let to the Midvale Steel Co., the Washington Steel and Ordnance Co. and the Crucible Steel Company. Hadfields were prohibited by the English government from accepting the contract.

Print paper manufacturers yielded in their opposition to the government's efforts to restore normal prices and agreed to permit the federal trade commission to determine a fair scale only when confronted with the alternative of personal action by President Wilson and a special session of congress to pass remedial legislation.

Dean & Brown, who are building the waterfront road pavement between Marshfield and North Bend, are opening a new rock quarry on the Eugene place south of the forks on Coos river. They have secured some very hard rock of good quality which they will use to make the concrete roadway. The rock was found after a good deal of prospecting was done.

Ordered to be at the Mare Island navy yard by noon Saturday "without fail," Thor Torgensen, a naval apprentice, left Eureka at 6 o'clock Friday night in an automobile for which he agreed to pay the driver \$150 if he landed him on time and nothing if he was late. The distance is about 300 miles and the roads are rough and mountainous and buried in places under two feet of snow. A. Hermanson, driver of the car, said he would get the \$150.

Output Reaches 100,000

The combined output of the two Johnson mills is now 100,000 feet per day. After running for a little over a week everything is going smoothly as the new mill and good headway is being made on the large spruce orders which are being cut there.

The car shortage situation which has bothered the local mills more or less during the past few months is somewhat improved at present and no difficulty is being experienced in getting cars to handle local shipments. The embargo on cars east of Chicago, however, has caused some inconveniences in the shipment of spruce to the Eastern cities. This has been overcome to some extent by making new routings.

Adam Pershbaker Passes

Adam Pershbaker, one of the oldest of the pioneers and formerly a prominent mill owner of the river, died Saturday and will be buried tomorrow at Bandon. The steamer Telegraph will leave Coquille at 8 o'clock, returning immediately after the funeral.