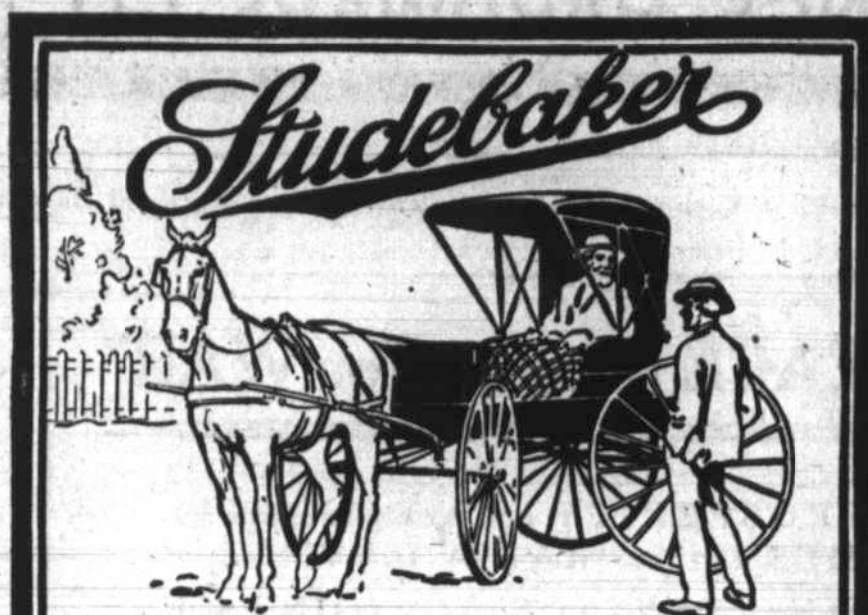




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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

Fire Protection is Big Drain.
Salem.—During the year 1912 stock fire insurance companies operating in Oregon collected over twice as much in premiums as they paid out in fire losses. The total premiums collected, according to a statement issued by State Insurance Commissioner J. W. Ferguson, for the year were \$3,252,393, while the total amount paid out for fire losses was \$1,547,936.

Schedule is Arranged.
Corvallis.—An official schedule of Oregon Electric service for Corvallis, via the branch from Gray, four miles east of this city, announces 10 trains each way daily. Each main line train north and south will be met at Gray, and two through trains between Corvallis and Portland will be operated, with a running schedule of three hours.

INDUSTRIAL BODY NAMED

Beckwith, Marshall and Babcock Are Chosen.

Salem.—Harvey Beckwith and W. A. Marshall, of Portland, and C. D. Babcock, of Salem, will constitute the industrial accident commission created under the workmen's compensation act passed by the last legislature. The appointments were made public by Governor West and correspond to predictions that have been made as to the personnel of the commission.

Under the terms of the act it is contemplated that three members of the commission shall represent the varied interests in the state—one the employer, one the employee and one member the people of the state at large.

Following out the contemplation of the terms of the act, Governor West named Mr. Beckwith to represent the employers, Marshall to represent the laboring interests and Babcock to represent the state at large.

Glendale Man Murdered in Cabin.
Glendale.—A murder was committed at Wolf Creek, four miles from this city, and Jim Berry, a section hand, until recently employed by the Southern Pacific here, was the victim. It is believed the crime was committed by a man named Chapman, who resided at Wolf Creek. The body of the murdered man was found in Chapman's cabin with the skull crushed. Chapman is missing. When Berry was last seen he and Chapman were together and are thought to have gone to the latter's cabin for the night. Both men had been drinking heavily and the crime is probably the result of a drunken row.

Henry is Acquitted.
Albany.—Ralph Henry, acquitted of a charge of murder in the first degree for the killing of George Dodd near Corvallis last October, was taken to the state insane asylum at Salem on a commitment made by Judge Kelly, based on the verdict of the jury, which found Henry not guilty on grounds of insanity.

Henry will remain in the asylum until experts pronounce him entirely sane and entitled to liberty. Henry walked out cheerfully from jail, where he has passed the last four and one-half months. He expects to be liberated within a few days.

TWO DIE ON THE GALLOWS

Humphrey Brothers Do Not Flinch On Scaffold.

Salem.—Exploiting their crime of the murder of Eliza Griffith, near Philomath, in June, 1911, George and Charles Humphreys went to their doom without a murmur. Both of the men walked stolidly to the scaffold, ascended the steps with firm tread and without flinching allowed the prison officials to strap their arms and legs, while Barr G. Lee, Episcopal minister, was declaring their innocence to the assembled witnesses.

The two men died as they had lived—stolid and apparently stunned to their surroundings, and seemingly unappreciative of the awful fate which awaited them.

Veterans Can Attend Celebration.
Salem.—According to the provisions of a measure passed by the last legislature making a \$5000 appropriation for veterans of the Civil War who participated in the battle of Gettysburg, to attend the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the event in Pennsylvania, the governor is to appoint one or two commissioners to act with the Pennsylvania commission in arranging for the celebration, and they are to receive their actual traveling expenses. Further, it is provided that as many of the soldiers as the appropriation will care for shall be entitled to attend. Those first applying shall be given preference, it is provided.

AT GRIPS WITH A LION.

Exciting Battle at Close Quarters With a Thrilling Finish.

If you come suddenly face to face with a lion at ten paces or pass in the tall grass within a few yards of a hidden lioness and her cubs the chances are that you must either kill or be killed, declares Mr. E. B. Bronson, the author of "In Closed Territory."

One morning Geoffrey Charles Buxton left camp at dawn with his Somali shikari. When not more than half an hour out from camp he saw a big black mane about a hundred yards away, leisurely retiring before him. Buxton raced in pursuit until he came within fifty yards of the lion, and then, somewhat winded, halted for a shot. At the same moment the lion stopped and turned. His tail began to lash angrily from side to side, his head was raised and his eyes blazed angrily.

With a steady aim Buxton sent a heavy ball crashing into his quarry and dropped him quivering in the grass. If Buxton had left him the lion would have been dead in fifteen minutes, but although he knew he had given a mortal wound Buxton fired again. He could see little of the recumbent body and missed. The shot, however, roused the dying lion to action. He rose and charged. In another instant the huntsman and his quarry were at death grips.

Buxton was sure that the lion was carrying his death wound and that he needed only to save himself for a few moments. Above all, he must keep his feet and hold the lion off. So, as the lion came on, Buxton rammed his empty rifle barrel into the open jaws until three-fourths of its length had passed down the animal's throat.

There followed a struggle unparalleled, I believe, in the history of lion hunting. They swayed and struggled, while the beast's claws tore the flesh of the man's arms and legs to ribbons. Just as Buxton was near going down in sheer exhaustion help came from the Somali shikari.

The shikari had been trying all this time to shoot the lion with the spare Mauser, but could not discharge it. The gun had been set at "safe," and in his excitement the Somali failed to discover what the trouble was.

At length, in the very nick of time, the Somali dropped the gun and literally sprang upon the lion's back. Then he began to pound the beast so vigorously with his fists that it whirled about to reach him, and man and beast went to earth together, the Somali beneath the lion and the Mauser rifle beneath the Somali.

Thus released, Buxton painfully rose, gingerly pulled the Mauser free and with it blew the lion's brains out.

Dr. Hall, the resident physician of Juja farm, got to Buxton just in time to save his life. With iron nerve Buxton had cauterized his thirteen deep wounds with pure crystals of permanganate of potash and so prevented septicemia from adding to the peril that he suffered from his loss of blood.

Hooked It.

"Now, here is a book!" exclaimed the seedy man as he dashed into the banker's private office.

"Don't want any books," grunted the banker.

"But this one you can't help being interested in."

"Haven't time to read books, and—"

"But I am sure you will take this book," persisted the seedy man.

"Look here, sir, do you intend to leave the room or must?"

"Don't need to call the porter; I'll go. This is your book though."

"My book?"

"Yes; your pocket book. I found it in the hall."

Then he vanished, book and all.—London Mail.

A Deceptive Appearance.

An old family coach with the driver on the box was waiting at the railway station. Beside the carriage stood a gentleman who had come down to welcome his brother home.

The expected guest was a portly old Virginian who tipped the scales at 250 pounds.

When the old negro coachman espied the incoming train rounding a curve he exclaimed:

"I know Marse William's on dere, Marse Frank, 'cause see how dat kyar kreens!"—Youth's Companion.

A Sop to Conscience.

Hub (after a night out)—I feel like the two spot. I wish you'd telephone to the office that I'm in bed with the grip.

Wife—That would be a lie.

Hub—How particular you women are! Fetch over that grip and lay it on the bed near my feet.—There! Now, will you telephone?—Boston Transcript.

NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

President and Congress to Work in Harmony on Tariff Legislation

Washington.—Committee meetings and conferences will be held during the week with a view to getting the congressional mill in good running shape for the tariff grind that is soon to commence.

The house, the senate and President Wilson have come together informally on the preliminaries of tariff revision. As a result Chairman Underwood of the house ways and means committee states that the two houses practically will be agreed upon details of tariff revision before the bills reach the house, and that the opinions and desires of the president have been considered.

Encouraged by the rapid progress already made in the preparation of a tariff revision bill, close friends of President Wilson predict that currency reform measures would be brought before the extra session of congress.

While members of the Democratic majority of the ways and means committee differ on what the income tax should be, it is indicated they will agree on a tax of from 1 to 1½ per cent on incomes upward of \$5000 a year and might agree to make the tax applicable to incomes as low as \$3500.

President Has Wage Material Now.

A movement for a nation-wide campaign for a minimum wage law for girls and women took definite shape here when Lieutenant Governor O'Hara, heading the Illinois "starvation wages" committee, put the result of the Illinois investigation before President Wilson.

O'Hara explained the close relationship between low wages and the white slave traffic and urged the president to call a national conference of anti-slavery commissioners from various states to meet in Washington with the object of starting a national campaign for a minimum wage for women. President Wilson was told that 32 states already had signified willingness to participate in such a conference.

Following his stand that the power and influence of the government of the United States shall not be capitalized by financial institutions seeking to make loans to China or other nations in need of money, President Wilson was asked what the attitude of the administration would be toward enterprises in China or elsewhere independent of government aid.

The matter came up in connection with a visit of George Bronson Rea, a confidential representative of Dr. Sun Yat Sen. Mr. Rea said he knew the president's attitude regarding the six powers loan project was approved by the officials of the new Chinese republic.

Mr. Wilson indicated that the development of the administration's policy toward China would be gradual and that there was no intention of withdrawing the potential influence for protection which the government has exerted in respect of China, and that the administration would make a vigorous effort to promote American trade interests in the orient.

The president's viewpoint was that the United States would be in a far better position to help preserve the integrity of China by remaining outside of any particular agreements which might have for their object a voice in China's political future than by actual participation.

Equal Suffrage May be Considered.

There is a strong probability that congress will very soon submit a suffrage amendment to the constitution to the people of the country for their approval. This action is foreshadowed by the vitalizing of the senate committee on woman suffrage. This committee has long been one of those which existed solely for the purpose of giving a chairmanship to some senator who otherwise would not enjoy that honor. The senate has now enlarged the committee from five members to nine, making it an active committee.

Most of the members came from suffrage states, and the chairman, Senator Charles S. Thomas of Colorado, took that office on the understanding that congress would take steps at the coming session to submit the suffrage amendment.

National Capital Briefs.

Willis L. Moore, chief of the weather bureau, has resigned.

Dr. Charles Elliot, president emeritus of Harvard university, has been offered the ambassadorship to Great Britain.

President Wilson is giving much serious consideration to the question of formal recognition of the new Chinese republic.

That the budget plan for running Uncle Sam's affairs will be adopted by the Wilson administration was indicated in a white house statement.

Led by Senators Shafroth of Colorado and Brady of Idaho, a group of United States senators expect soon to attack the conservation policy established by Gifford Pinchot and maintained by former Secretary of the Interior Fisher.

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