

News Notes

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Figures just released by the forest service showed that in 1923 Oregon was second in lumber production with a total of 3,966,083,000 feet.

The Oregon supreme court, in an opinion handed down has reversed Judge Campbell of the Clackamas county circuit court in the case involving Samuel Director, accused of larceny in connection with the alleged burning of his store at Oregon City.

How to dodge automobiles will be a new course of instruction at the Parrish Jr. high school in Salem, according to announcement made by school officials.

Restaurants, hotels and manufacturing concerns of Roseburg dependent upon gas for conducting their business were sadly crippled when the gas plant froze Friday morning.

Any further action that may be taken by Governor Pierce with relation to the ousting of Dr. Thomas Ross of Portland as a member of the state fish commission probably will depend upon a recommendation to be solicited from the attorney-general.

Fines aggregating \$69,286.85 were imposed by the courts in Oregon as the result of activities of the state traffic officers during the current biennium, according to the biennial report of T. A. Rafferty, chief inspector for the state motor vehicle department.

Four boys who escaped from the state training school were captured by the police while hiding in a dwelling on Front street in Salem.

One hundred and eleven mills reporting to West Coast Lumbermen's association for the week ending December 20, manufactured 79,154,963 feet of lumber; sold \$9,330,993 feet, and shipped 72,226,612 feet.

The Oregon-California Railroad company and the Southern Pacific company filed suit in the Marion county circuit court to reappropriate the railroads' share of the expense of constructing two overhead crossings located at Wilbur and Sutherlin, Douglas county.

Sale of approximately 1,300,000 feet of pine, fir and larch on Teepee creek in the Wallawa national forest, was announced at the district office of the forest service in Portland.

It is reported at Salem that Governor Pierce has under advisement a proposal to include in his message to the legislature a recommendation that the state printing office be operated in connection with the state penitentiary.

Steve Edwards, a Springfield youth, who nearly a year ago pleaded guilty to the charge of larceny in a store at Springfield and who was sentenced to serve two years in the state penitentiary and later paroled by the court, received a Christmas gift in the form of an order from Judge Skipworth of the circuit court discharging him from his sentence and clearing his record so far as the court is concerned.

A census of game and predatory animals in the Cascade national forest has been completed at the request of the forest service, and figures have just been submitted.

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SENATOR SCHALL



Recent portrait of Thomas D. Schall, blind congressman from the tenth Minnesota district, who was elected senator to succeed Magnus Johnson.

Peace Medal Given to Viscount Cecil

New York. — While the orchestra played "God Save the King" and a British flag and the Stars and Stripes floated above him, Viscount Cecil of Chetwood, received from Norman H. Davis, of the Woodrow Wilson foundation, the \$25,000 award and the medal plaque presented in recognition of his service for world peace.

More than 1200 guests, among them Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, thronged the grand ball room of the Hotel Astor at the dinner in honor of Viscount Cecil given on the anniversary of the birth of Woodrow Wilson, and applauded the presentation of the award.

In accepting the award Viscount Cecil asserted that the advance in the past five years in the direction of international co-operation had been "little short of marvelous."

Praising the United States for having consistently stood for peace, Viscount Cecil said that he would not utter a word of criticism of the attitude of America toward the league of nations.

Senator Couzens Favors Tax Publicity Washington, D. C. — The movement for complete publicity of income tax returns was given great impetus when Senator Couzens, Michigan, republican, and chairman of the investigation committee, announced himself in favor of complete publicity.

Washington Leads in Lumber Cut. Seattle, Wash. — Washington state, with a total cut of 6,656,090,000 feet of lumber, led every state in the Union and contributed 18 per cent of the nation's lumber cut for 1923, according to bureau of census figures announced by the district offices.

R. W. Brown, Widely Known Elk, Dies San Diego, Cal. — Robert Wood Brown, past grand exalted ruler of the Elks and editor of the Elks' National Magazine, died at his home here of cerebral hemorrhage.

C. S. Jackson, Portland Publisher, Dies Portland, Or. — C. S. Jackson, publisher and owner of the Oregon Journal, died Saturday night at his home in Portland, after an illness of many months.

Rescue the Little Folks

The products of our industries must compete with the products of the industries of states which permit the labor of children of tender years for long hours daily in industrial pursuits.

Large Increase in November Exports

Washington, D. C. — A large increase in American exports during November was chiefly due to foreign taking of foodstuffs and raw materials.

Total exports were \$493,597,000 against \$401,484,000 during the same month a year ago.

Exports—Raw foodstuffs, \$58,599,000 against \$14,461,000; foodstuffs ready for consumption, \$54,800,000 against \$52,295,000; raw materials for use in manufacturing, \$196,385,000 against \$160,346,000.

Imports—Raw foodstuffs, \$38,074,000 against \$40,134,000; foods ready for consumption, \$29,091,000 against \$35,590,000; raw materials for use in manufacturing, \$112,843,000 against \$97,814,000.

Public Rights are Defended by Board

Chicago. — The power of employees of railroads to default themselves out of court may be granted, but they cannot default the public, the other party in interest in wage and working conditions disputes.

The brief is in connection with a suit of the board against J. McGuire, who refused to appear before the board and to testify in a wage dispute between the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen and the conference committee of managers of western railways.

The public, the brief states, has an interest, because an increase in rates of pay may be reflected in a demand for increased rates for carriage, which it would pay.

SENATOR METCALF



Jesse H. Metcalf, elected to the senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Colt of Rhode Island.

Congress Resumes After Short Recess

Speedy Action Necessary, as Less Than Ten Weeks Remain Before Adjournment.

Washington, D. C. — The Christmas week recess at an end, congress went back to the grind with house and senate facing legislative tasks that are expected to keep them working at top speed until the close of the present session March 4.

The Muscle Shoals problem, vexing as ever, still has right of way in the senate, which also faces a showdown on the question of sustaining the presidential veto of the postal salaries bill and is pledged before the windup of the session to take action on the Isle of Pines treaty.

On the house side appropriation bills will continue to have priority, with leaders planning also to dispose of the McFadden bank bill and perhaps the rivers and harbors authorization.

The house already has sent three of the dozen annual supply bills to the senate. A fourth—the treasury-postoffice measure, carrying more than three-quarters of a billion dollars and incidentally the largest peace-time appropriation bill in congressional history—will be disposed of this week, clearing the way for the army supply bill, which next will have right of way.

With less than ten weeks remaining before congress must adjourn sine die, leaders recognize the necessity of speeding action on these proposals, and it is expected that the next few weeks will see several of them on their way to the president.

Chicago. — More than 60 persons were killed, upward of half a hundred were injured and 15 others were missing as the result of an unusual number of accidents Christmas eve and Christmas day.

The most serious as well as the most pathetic Christmas eve tragedy occurred at Hobart, Okla., where 35 persons were known to be dead and six others were missing or dead as the result of a fire in a school house where a Christmas entertainment was in progress.

The next highest toll of life was taken near Roanoke, Va., where thirteen were dead and seven were missing as the result of the breaking of a "muck" dam at Saltville.

At Stanford, Tex., four were killed and six injured, one seriously, in a fire in the Stanford Inn.

Newspaper Publishers Protest Rates. Washington, D. C. — Protests against increases in second class mail rates proposed in the administration measure to raise revenue for postal salary increases were presented Saturday to the joint congressional postoffice committee by spokesmen for the American Newspaper Publishers' association.

San Francisco Bank Absconder Caught. Sausalito, Cal. — Dale Rowan, chief teller of the Bank of Italy, who disappeared May 24 with \$47,200 of the bank's funds and the auburn-haired woman with whom he disappeared were arrested by Sheriff Oyer and a posse on the ranch of Joseph Martinez, father of the young woman.

Britain Bars American Potatoes. London. — Great Britain has declared an embargo on American potatoes. The ministry of agriculture, in an order states that "for prevention from introduction of the Colorado beetle the landing in England and Wales of any potatoes grown in the United States is prohibited."

Advertisement for Hill & Co. Furniture Department, featuring De Luxe Bedspring and Halsey Oregon.

Her Red Pimple Dress. Baby has a red-dotted Swiss dress, so on Sunday morning she said: "Mother, I want to put on my red pimple dress."

GIANT DIVER IS LAUNCHED

New Submarine Can Go With Fleet in Any Weather. Portsmouth, N. H. — A seagoing submarine, the V-2, which with her sister ship the V-1 can accompany a battleship into action and under any conditions the fleet can fight, was launched at the navy yard here.

The V-2 is a sister ship of the V-1, launched here last July. Twice as large as any ever previously constructed in the United States, they are the first of a group of nine submarines authorized by congress in 1916.

The V-2 is 341 feet six inches over all, and displaces 2164 tons on the surface. She is designed to cruise as a member of the fleet at sea in any weather. Four oil engines provide 6500 horsepower.

Veterans to Get \$1,000,000 Hospital. Washington, D. C. — Contracts for construction of a 232 bed hospital at San Fernando, Cal., to cost approximately \$1,000,000 have been awarded by Director Hines of the Veterans' bureau.

THE MARKETS

Portland. Wheat — Hard white, \$1.83; soft white, \$1.77; northern spring, \$1.78; hard winter and western white, \$1.75; western red, \$1.72.

Hay—Alfalfa, \$19.50@20 ton; valley timothy, \$22.50@23.50; eastern Oregon timothy, \$21@22.

Seattle. Wheat — Hard white, \$1.88; soft white, \$1.84; western white, hard winter, \$1.78; western red, \$1.74; northern spring, \$1.80; Big Bend blue-stem, \$2.09.

Spokane. Hogs—Good to choice, \$10@10.50. Cattle—Prime steers, \$6.75@7.25.

WOMAN HAS WILD RIDE

Auto Passenger in Crash, Thrown Onto Engine Pilot. Indianapolis, Ind. — Thrown onto the pilot of the Knickerbocker special fast Big Four passenger train, after the train had crashed into an automobile in which she was riding and injured three members of her family, one fatally, at a crossing here, Mrs. Kenneth Clark, 18, of this city, had a wild 12-mile ride until she fell from the train into a ditch near Oaklandon, Ind.

Although unconscious when found, she was not seriously injured, suffering only from exposure from the sub-zero weather and slight bruises.

U. of K. Chancellor Asked to Resign. Topeka, Kan. — Dr. E. H. Lindley, chancellor of the University of Kansas, was requested to resign by Governor Jonathan M. Davis and the state board of administration.

Four Hundred Students Protest. Lawrence, Kan. — Four hundred University of Kansas students held a meeting here and adopted a resolution protesting against the removal of Chancellor E. H. Lindley by the state board of administration, which is headed by Governor Davis.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Under interstate commerce commission seniority policy, Clyde B. Altison of Oregon, became chairman January 1.

A campaign for the extermination of rats was launched in the city of Oakland, Cal., as a result of the discovery of rodents infected with bubonic plague.

President Coolidge has signed the \$110,000,000 naval construction bill for the building of eight new scout cruisers and six gunboats and for the modernization of the older battleships.

A bomb in the form of a Christmas package received by Ernest M. Torchia, an attorney of Glendale, Cal., exploded, blowing off his left hand, driving fragments into his body and injuring one eye.

Attorneys for Lawrence M. Hight, former pastor, and Mrs. Elsie Sweetin, convicted at Mt. Vernon, Ill., on the charge of killing Wilford Sweetin, appealed for a new trial. The jury verdict called for life imprisonment for Hight and 35 years in jail for Mrs. Sweetin.

Santa had snow for his sleigh.



SNOW BUNTING

"We are very fond of it along by the ocean," said Snow Bunting. "We really like to be by the ocean better than inland, though once in awhile we go into the country away from the ocean and whirl about before a snowstorm and through the storm, too, and look and appear as our name would have us look and appear!"

"We have clear, lovely calls and we can whistle, too—ever so prettily. Yes, indeed. "We're friendly with the horned larks. We look beautifully white when we fly, and we go way up to the Arctic regions, at times.

"These facts I was particularly told to tell. "And someone who saw one of our nests at one time described it in human words to be a lovely cozy nest. This person saw it in an old hollow log. The nest was lined with feathers and was made of grass and white fox hair.

"They say though that we look our best when flying through a snowstorm. Ah, but birds do look very lovely when they fly. Great crowds of birds flying is always a lovely sight. Even starlings when they fly are very beautiful. "They fly so gracefully and so magnificently.

"I say 'even starlings' for starlings are not so very popular. They have taken such possession of things. "They push other birds out of the way. "But they do not bother us at all. However, that is not what I am to talk about. I am going to tell you that spring is soon coming.

"Ah yes, for I heard a secret. Mother Nature whispered it to me. "She said: "Little Snow Bunting, the winter season is passing. For what do you suppose I saw today?"

"I asked her in my sweetest voice: "What, Mother Nature? Do tell me. "I saw a Mourning Cloak Butterfly," she said, "and you know, little Snow Bunting, when they begin to come, I know that Mistress Springtime is really on the way.

"Of course you know how she meets Winter on her way here, and how they chat and laugh and talk, and what a time they have, puzzling people for all they are worth! "But today I saw Mourning Cloak. I must tell you about Mourning Cloak, Mother Nature continued. "Mourning Cloak comes when it is very early spring. I often wonder if Mourning Cloak likes to listen to the chatter between Winter and Mistress Springtime!

"I often think that is it, for surely Mourning Cloak arrives early. "Mourning Cloak comes flying through the woods, just a little warm sunlight to encourage him. He flies about and flits here and there, and we can see those wings of his so dark and purple and rich in appearance with their yellow-edged touches.

"His blue spots are so handsome, too. Oh, Mourning Cloak is a handsomely dressed fellow, and there is no mistake about that. He is one of the best dressed of my family. "He sleeps all winter, hiding away in some cave or under some rock and he wakes up early. Yes, he doesn't wait until the last minute to arise.

"When Mourning Cloak is a caterpillar he wears a handsome black costume with striking red spots, and he feeds on the leaves of willow trees, for he's a rascal then. "He has a dangerous appearance then, but he is harmless and not at all like the green caterpillars with the short prickly spines.

"Ah yes, spring will be along soon, for the Mourning Cloak, the first arrival has come. "That was what Mother Nature told me," continued Snow Bunting, "and so I know it must be true. "And I thought that it might be nice for some of the winter creatures to leave a song for Mistress Springtime. She might be pleased to think she was spoken of—creatures are pleased, I've heard, when they've been asked about, even when they were away."

So Snow Bunting left a little song for Mistress Springtime alone, and only the Breeze Brothers who carried it to her from him heard what the song was about.

Welcome, rain and mildness.

