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School Board Meeting Ends Rough and Tumble Battle

With every evidence of peace and harmony, the school board of the Clark district, 13 miles southeast of Oregon City, convened in regular meeting Friday afternoon. A half hour later, if manager returns from the front-line trenches are to be believed, the school meeting broke up in a general free-for-all, with Rev. W. H. Wettlaufer, clerk of the district, bearing evidence of what must have proven a thrilling encounter.

Warrants were issued from Justice Slevens' court Saturday noon charging E. Sullivan and A. F. Buche, two members of the board, with assault and battery and they will be arraigned Monday. According to Rev. Wettlaufer's story he was assaulted by his fellow member Mr. Sullivan following an argument over the teacher's contract, and before the smoke of battle cleared away, he had been knocked from his chair and bruised and otherwise maltreated by Messrs. Sullivan and Buche. While the two had him on the floor pummeling him about in an undignified manner, it is claimed that Mrs. Wettlaufer, chairman of the school board, came to her husband's assistance and finally the trio were separated. The teacher, Miss Florence Stromgren, who was present with the board, made a strategic retreat, when the incident occurred.

waiting thirty days the majority members in the feud, choose C. F. Bergman as clerk. In the meantime the teacher's salary and other district appropriations have been held up pending a final adjustment of the situation.

With the outbreak of physical hostilities Friday, the solution of the matter is still further away than ever, and probably mandamus proceedings will be brought in the near future to compel approval of the bond.

The parties are all well known residents of the Clark county, and Rev. Wettlaufer is pastor of the local church in the district. He claims to have "turned the other cheek" when he was assaulted by the other members of the board, and did not try to defend himself.

FATHER OF BANK PRESIDENT DIES IN UNION COUNTY

UNION, Or., Dec. 11.—W. T. Wright, prominent in eastern Oregon affairs for the past 40 years, died at his home in this city at 3 o'clock this morning. Mr. Wright had been slightly ill for several days, but his sudden death was unexpected by his family and a shock to the community.

A son, Will Wright, formerly state superintendent of banks, who lives in Portland and is president of The Bank of Oregon City, was notified of his father's unexpected death early today, and left at once for the family home at Union.

ELMONDA NEWS

(Too late for last week.) Mrs. C. Shepard and A. Hall went to Portland Wednesday morning. Mrs. Russell Kirby is a very happy woman. She has fully recovered from the illness which confined her to the hospital this past month. Her home coming has filled all concerned with happiness and good cheer. The curfew tells the tale of parting day;

Along the quiet lanes the cattle come; The plowman puts his implements away And jumps into his car and motors home.

O. W. Sanberg in competition with Oscar Heston, of La Junta, Cal., at the Portland Annual Poetry show was awarded first prize for best entry of Partridge Wyandotte pullet and hen and second prize for cockerel of the same breed. Mr. Sanberg is a breeder of this famous breed of poultry.

Miss Dora Schlotzmann went to Portland Thursday to spend the weekend, with her aunt. By the smile on the children's faces upon coming home from Portland, Wednesday one would think that Mrs. Jenny and her two children had seen "Santa Claus."

The mistletoe, that sprig of green; That gives us such a flash of bliss, And yet 't would be a foolish wish, Without the first of it—"The Kiss." Mrs. W. C. Dietz visited the poetry show and allied banter Thursday.

PERSONAL NEWS

Charles Adams, the popular motor-man of the O. E. Forest Grove, limited, has his head on collisions with the things that are unreal the same as other folks. He had been off duty at his home but a short time when— He was a "sammy" with the engineers—somewhere—they were building the abutments of a bridge, when horrors, the German fleet is seen approaching. What do? Hurriedly concealing themselves they waited until the ships came abreast then all arose and simultaneously hurled a mighty salvo of rocks, which obliterated the entire armada—? ?— His joyous, mighty "hurrah!" awakened Adams and he ruefully discovered that he had been asleep; and that it was "only a dream."

SOMETHING NEW

Help your "Uncle Sammy" raise two billion dollars by buying at least one war savings certificate. The cost is but \$4.12 and will net the owners 4 per cent on the purchase price compounded quarterly. A fine Xmas gift and the purchaser will be furnished free a thrift card to which such stamps shall be affixed. Upon the purchase of 16 stamps they may with a cash payment of 12 to 25 cents, be exchanged for a war savings certificate. Ask your mail man. He has them on sale.

Victor Knepp brakeman on the O. C. was summoned to the home of his late father-in-law, W. H. Norris who has responded to "taps." He was an exemplary citizen, having served in both the Mexican and Civil wars; and was one of the few Americans who witnessed the execution of Maximilian of Mexico, July 19, 1867.

The Trachsel brothers are finishing their fall plowing. They report the soil in prime condition for this work. Emil Schlotzmann reports his brother Bill, employed at a Portland shipyard.

The Holshelmer farm looks lonesome without Phillip who is leaving Uncle Sam.

There was a young man of Tomahawk bluff, Who carried pistols to make him look tough. And when he was asked, "do you chew?" He grimly answered, "you bet I do! I'm a regular, wetch of a wetch."

HOLT DIETZ

Red Cross Campaign Is On In Oregon

Oregon's campaign to enroll 40,000 members in the American Red Cross is under full swing. Headquarters have been opened in the Morgan building at Portland, in charge of C. C. Chapman, as state chairman and Henry E. Reed as state manager. Organization has been extended into every section of the state, and there is no doubt that Oregon, as usual, will respond generously to the nation's call.

The campaign is a nation-wide movement to increase the membership of the Red Cross to 15,000,000, and provide the United States with a large and effective machine for war relief work. President Wilson has declared himself for a well organized and efficient Red Cross. He says the best way in which to impart the greatest energy to the relief work of the war will be to concentrate it in the hands of a single experienced organization which has been recognized by law and international convention as the public instrumentality for such purposes.

The energies of the campaign in its national and local aspects will be directed towards making the Red Cross larger and more powerful. The particular purpose of the movement is to enroll one dollar members. No special emphasis will be placed on other classes of membership, except that where the opportunity is presented the advisability of the \$2.00 membership including the Red Cross magazine will be urged.

From the Portland headquarters the command has gone forth that every man and woman in Oregon must join the Red Cross. The slogan of the campaign is "Join the Red Cross; all you need—a dollar and a heart." Every member will be expected to wear a Red Cross button on Christmas day.

BIG FIRE IN ATTLEBORO

ATTLEBORO, Mass., Dec. 12.—Three large business blocks in the center of this city were destroyed by fire and 17 dwellings damaged with a total loss of \$500,000 early today. The fire was under control after it had been extinguished from the burning offices. The fire was the most disastrous in the city's history.

ITALIANS DRIVE GERMANS OUT OF PIAVE POSITION

ROME, Dec. 12.—Tentative troops were driven in flight out of the whole Casaglia position on the lower Piave river and that point was recaptured by Italian troops, today's official statement said. The Italians achieved their victory early last night. Numerous enemy support lines were seen in hasty flight. The enemy suffered severe losses in killed. Thirty-five prisoners were taken.

WOMAN FROZEN TO DEATH

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 12.—Mrs. Frank Drake, aged 40, wife of a Pa.-pack farmer, was frozen to death two miles from this place. She was driving with a horse and buggy and is believed to have lost her way in the blinding snowstorm.

CASUALTY LIST SHOWS 25,000 ARE HOMELESS

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 10.—Revised figures were issued today regarding casualties resulting from the explosion as follows: Known dead, 1200. Unaccounted for, 2000. Identified dead, 500. Wounded, 800. Homeless, 25,000.

Rhode Island Governor Flies English Channel



Governor H. S. Heckman of Rhode Island, who has been in Europe looking into war conditions for some time, flew from England to France in an aeroplane recently. He has been making a study of the war at first hand.

A plan is being considered by County Clerk Iva M. Harrington to appoint patriotic women of the county as the judges and clerks of election for the next two years, with the understanding that the volunteers for the places will devote their salaries aggregating \$2500 at each election, to the Red Cross.

The appointments will be made in the January term of the county court and if patriotic Red Cross workers will volunteer for the task and the court sees fit to appoint them, a tidy sum of approximately \$2500 can be turned over to the Red Cross activities at each general or primary election. There are 81 precincts in the county and the average cost for night and day boards is in the neighborhood of \$30.00, or \$2.50 apiece for three judges and two clerks for each shift.

Of course the proposition is entirely a patriotic one, but Red Cross workers all over the county believe that enough patriotic and responsible women can be recruited for the task, so that the full amount of the pay checks can be turned over.

Miss Harrington plans to hold the project open during the next week or so before making any recommendations for the county election judges and clerks who are appointed for two year terms. In the meantime the Red Cross workers are to begin a definite "drive" among their membership to get the required number of volunteers. When asked if she thought the women were capable of handling the election Miss Harrington called attention to precincts where women act on the boards, and where their work has been neat and better in every way than that of boards handled by men.

COUNCIL REVOLT IS MENACING TO RUSSIAN PARTY

SEATTLE, Dec. 10.—Seattle's master butchers today stand ready to back up the packing houses in the fight against the striking union workers. At a special meeting of the Seattle Master Butchers' association yesterday it was voted to continue in business and to obtain their meat supplies through the regular channels patronized by them for several years past whether they be fair to union labor or not.

This action, it is believed, will result in the calling of a general strike of the union butchers of the city.

LABOR TROUBLES SETTLED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Difficulties which threatened a strike of 2500 telegraphers employed by the Baltimore & Ohio railroad and a tie-up of traffic on one of the country's most important railroads were settled today by the federal board of mediation and conciliation under the direction of Commissioner C. W. Smith.

Drafted Men Must Comply With New Ruling This Month, Else Forfeit Claims to Exemption

Supplies in great numbers are being received by the local board each day from the war department, preparatory to the sending out of the "questionnaires" to every registrant of the country under the draft act. The mailing, according to Clerk Iva M. Harrington, will start December 15, unless government orders are received in the meantime to the contrary, and pursuant to the regulations one twentieth of the total number which is around the 2500 mark, will be sent out on that date. Each day thereafter a like number will be sent out for 15 days. This system of mailing is in accordance with governmental instructions and will be followed to amplify

the tremendous amount of work in classifying and tabulating the returned questionnaires. The government imposes a strict duty on every registered person, to properly fill out and return the questionnaires within seven days from the date on which they are mailed from the clerk's office—and not the date of reception by the registrant. In case the registrant fails to get a questionnaire it is made his duty to apply to the local board for a copy of the same, and it is specifically provided that failure to give notice or receive the questionnaire will not excuse the registrant. Any person who fails to return the

questionnaire within the seven days will be deemed to have waived any claim to exemption he might otherwise have and shall stand classified as belonging to Class I, which means the next call for service. Failure to return the questionnaire means that the registrant is to be picked up by the proper authorities. The government places the burden on the registrant entirely and it is up to those who registered last June to be on the look-out for their questionnaires any time after December 15. The registrant is also held responsible for any change in his address made since June 5th last, and the burden is on him to keep the local board notified of any such change.

CAPTURE OF JERUSALEM TAKEN FOR GOOD OMEN

LONDON, Dec. 10.—Jerusalem has fallen. Capture of the Holy City, Christianity's most hallowed spot, by General Allenby's British expeditionary forces, was announced here today.

The news spread like wild fire throughout London. Its fall was heralded as a good omen. The most cherished Christmas gift which could be given the world of democracy and the hosts fighting for Christian justice and peace and freedom is this gift of the Holy City to world Christians again, after having been held by infidel hordes for four centuries.

Capture of Jerusalem brings the Holy City under Christian control again for the first time in 401 years. During all that time it has been under away of the Turks.

Since founding of the ancient city about 1400 B. C., it has been fought over, captured, razed, rebuilt under fire, and been the spot of a dozen armies, in wars and struggles dating from 1000 B. C., down to the Crusades of the eleventh century.

British armies began their sweep up the valley of the Palestine from the Suez canal early last spring. Almost unnoticed and overlooked by the terrific conflict on the west front first General Murray and later General Allenby pushed steadily upward against the Turks.

State highway from Corvallis to Polk county line to be paved.

PANAMA DECLARES WAR

PANAMA, Dec. 12.—Panama declared war on Austria yesterday. The government, in co-operation with the canal zone authorities, is interning Austrians. The zone has now been cleared of Germans and Austrians, in accordance with President Wilson's recent order.

Astoria will pave highway to Smith's point.

South American Rulers Who Broke With Germany



General Tasker H. Bliss is chief of staff of the United States army, and General John B. Hines has just been named adjutant general.

Women Police to Protect Girls Who Live Near Training Camps



From left to right:—Mrs. Josephine Cook, Mrs. Sarah C. Douglas and Miss Sarah Howard. In center, Miss Henrietta Corneil. These four women have been appointed special police women to defend. It has been charged that watch girls and soldiers near the conditions about some of these camps training camps about New York City require energetic action. The police they will be under the direction of women will not wear uniforms.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 12.—Residents of Milwaukie have filed a petition with the Public Service commission complaining as to the car service given by the Portland & Oregon City road and asking for a hearing. They state that the car service is irregular and inadequate; that there are poor station facilities at Milwaukie, and they also state that lives of passengers are endangered by filling the gasoline tank while passengers are on the car, and in case of fire there would be no exit except through the flames. They also charge that no car barn is provided, and that delay is caused by people "monkeying with the mechanism" of the gasoline engine.

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