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TEACH USE OF MAILS

Minnesota Educator Prepares
Textbook for Public Schools.

Postmaster General Gives Approval to
Undertaking—Hopes to Lessen Mis-
takes Now Costing Millions
of Dollars.

Minneapolis, Minn.—A manual textbook, dealing with the operation of the entire Post Office department and methods of utilizing the gigantic postal system, is being prepared by a committee here, for introduction in the grade schools of this state, with the hope of ultimately establishing this book in every public educational institution in the United States.

It is hoped to instruct children while they are young how to use the post office, in an effort to lessen the mistakes which are costing the government millions of dollars.

Philip E. Carlson of this city, president of the Minnesota Educational association, is head of the committee which is drawing up the textbook. Approval of the undertaking has been given by Postmaster General Will Hays, who, after the manual is completed, will give his and the department's authorization to use the book in the public schools, according to Postmaster E. Purdy of Minneapolis, president of the National Association of Postmasters.

The National Association of Postmasters is pledged to the move, the head of the organization announced. Mr. Carlson announced that not enough attention was given to the postal subject at educational meetings, and he announced that at the next annual convention of the organization this subject would hold an important place.

"Lack of knowledge of how to use the post office property is costing the government millions of dollars," said Mr. Purdy. "The instruction which this book proposes to give will obviate, to a great degree, many of the improperly made out money orders, registered mail losses, improperly addressed letters and packages, destruction of merchandise by faulty packing and the like."

Completion of the textbook probably will be after the first of the year.

GIRL WINS UNUSUAL BET



Miss Velma Tilden of San Francisco is shown winning her bet from Mrs. Robert Markey by making a trip on the wing of the Dutch windmill at Golden Gate park without sending out an "S. O. S." She made 25 trips in succession, winning a box of candy for each trip around—waving her hand to show absence of fear each time she rose to the top. The mill is the biggest in the world, measuring 150 feet from wing-tip to wing-tip, and cost \$150,000 to build. It pumps water for Golden Gate park.

BEEES AT HOME IN PUMPKIN

Give Trouble to Housewife in New Jersey Who Wants to Make Pies.

Caldwell, N. J.—Being a building inspector, Ted Farrand has time to revel in a truck garden. Ted raised a heap of pumpkins this year and after the first frost went out to the patch and brought a 60-pounder into his kitchen.

"There's a little hole in this one, Mary," he said to his wife. "I'm afraid it won't keep in the cellar. Better make some pies."

It was several hours before Mrs. Farrand got around to it and by that time the big golden bulb had perished and warmed up to the temperature of ice kitchen. She took a big knife and bisected the pumpkin. Out swarmed bees, bees and more bees. They flew all over the kitchen and all over Mrs. Farrand, who fled out of the house with the bees in pursuit. The cold outdoor air numbed the insects and Mrs. Farrand outdistanced them, but she bears enough marks of their stings to prove to the neighbors the truth of the story.

Trise Out Rifle; Kills Son.
Regina, Canada.—Testing a new rifle, Howard Mortensen of Gull Lake shot and killed his ten-year-old son. The little fellow was in a closet and the father, not knowing he was there, fired at a knot in the closet door.

BLACK STILL SUPREME

Paris Says It Alone Lends Itself
to Striking Effects.

Style Experts Retain Conventional
Black as Dominant Motif of All
Fall and Winter Modes—
Corset Comes Back.

Paris—Black remains supreme in the fashion world of Paris. Despite a severe onslaught by advocates of color, the supreme council of style has been forced to retain the conventional black as the dominant motif of all fall and winter modes, and there is every indication that colors, except in minor trimming effects, will not be able to challenge black until late spring.

French women say black is alone in lending itself to striking effects.

The French women's demand this fall was for black, and the big dressmakers bowed to the inevitable. Crepe Moroccan, velvet and perline are the most popular materials.

The corset makers, however, have been slightly more successful in their efforts to bring the corset back into its own. Dressmakers are insisting that corsets are now necessary to give the "uncorseted look." This propaganda has succeeded in some instances, but most French women, having fought and won their freedom, are loath, in the language of a famous French actress, "to jail their bodies again."

There are four definite features of the fall and winter modes—a very long waistline, longer circular skirts with full sides, eccentric sleeves of gay colors and the famous Batteau neck line.

Brick red has been used extensively as trimming, and some green steel ornaments for hats, purses, dresses and even shoes are the newest thing in novelties.

In the case of shoes the usual order of things has been reversed, and the smartest shoes in Paris are "hucklebocker" shoes, with large steel buckles. The short, stubby toe has disappeared.

Black again dominates in hats, felt being the best-liked material. Crowns are much higher, and the full hats are so big that they interfere with dancing. Smaller hats will be worn with fur coats later in the season.

Circular earrings, usually a circle of jet or ebony within a larger circle, are worn by the best-dressed women this fall.

Gay color has its only opportunity in evening gowns for young girls. These are made in the brightest of colors. The empire period has given the inspiration for the youthful evening dresses this year. The skirts are large, full with hips extended.

GIRL'S HAIR TURNS GREEN

Baltimore Jury Asked to Put a Price
Upon Her Tresses in
Suit.

Baltimore, Md.—A jury before Judge Bond in the Court of Common Pleas was asked the other day to put a price upon the tresses of a fair young woman of West Baltimore, which are said to have turned from brown to green and then gray within a few hours at a local massage establishment early in the spring of 1920.

The plaintiff, Miss Gertrude Murray, asked the court to award her \$15,000 for the alleged transformation of her hair, and she directed her action against Miss G. N. Barrett, a masseuse. On the witness stand Miss Murray related that she was detained at the massage parlor from 8:30 o'clock until 2:30 o'clock one day in May, 1920, all of which time she was under treatment, although she was not permitted to look into a mirror until late in the day.

Then, according to her story, she discovered that her hair had changed from brown to green. She related that a maid was directed to accompany her to her home, and upon her arrival at the house she complained that her scalp and neck were badly burned. A physician was consulted, according to the testimony, and later the young woman's tresses were shaved from her head.

When the witness removed her hat she revealed hair that has become as gray as that possessed by any aged woman.

Lightning's Strange Trick.

Roseman, Mont.—A bolt of lightning played a mean trick on Steve O'Donnell, Gallatin valley rancher, a few days ago. It struck a hayrack on which he was riding and shaved all the hair off the right side of his head, as clean as a razor would have done, leaving the hair on the left side untouched. The flesh was only slightly burned. O'Donnell was stunned.

Smoking Frog Found; Grabbed Butt of Cigar

A smoking frog is the latest claim of Brown's Mills, N. J., for distinction. Celeb Bennett, working alone the shore of Saloma lake, tossed the butt of a cigar into the water. Rarely had it touched the surface when a big green frog, Bennett says, leaped from among the weeds, seized the cigar, and climbed upon a log, with the cigar still steaming in his mouth.

Tropical Fish Off Jersey.

James E. Taylor, while fishing off Cape May, N. J., a short time ago, ran into a shoal of pumpkins, a fish that never has been found outside of tropical waters. Taylor and his son caught nearly 100 of them. Fishermen say that pumpkins bring as high as \$1.20 a pound in southern markets. Old inhabitants say it is a sure sign of a mild winter, as tropical fish are never caught this late north of Norfolk.

W. L. MACKENZIE KING



W. L. Mackenzie King, Liberal Canadian leader, who becomes prime minister as a result of the recent elections.

IRISH PEACE TREATY CHANCES FAVORABLE

Dublin.—The decision of the Dail Eireanna to adjourn until January 3 was commented upon by all Dublin newspapers as favorable to the chances of Anglo-Irish treaty ratification. A note of regret is struck by the commentators, however, over the fact that the adjournment postpones the prospect of the release of the convicted political prisoners, which is expected to follow ratification of the treaty.

London.—The Dail Eireanna's adjournment of further debate on the Irish peace treaty until January 3, although coming as a surprise here, was considered as favorable to the chances for ratification. By agreement between the contending factions, the Dail members will deliver no speeches touching on the treaty during the period of adjournment, nor participate in public meetings at which the treaty is discussed, but it is believed the Irish people will get together and agitate for ratification.

Various agricultural and business associations and civic bodies in Ireland are said to be planning meetings to adopt resolutions favoring the treaty.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Secretary Wallace of department of agriculture reports that farmers' dollar today is worth 38 cents, and as a result buying is curtailed.

With only 500,000 bushels of wheat in the government elevator at Vancouver, B. C., which was supposed to hold 1,250,000 bushels, the big plant is now full.

The War Finance corporation is doing business at the rate of several million dollars a day, according to the annual report of that organization submitted to congress.

A resolution by which President Harding would be "authorized and directed" to call an international economic conference, was introduced in the senate by Senator France, republican, Maryland.

Purchase of American grain for the relief of the famine-stricken peoples of Russia, for which an appropriation of \$20,000,000 is made in a bill on which congressional action was completed, has been started.

Formal announcement of the selection of Eugene Allen Gilmore to be vice-governor-general of the Philippine islands was made by Secretary Weeks. Mr. Gilmore is a professor in law at the University of Wisconsin.

Another low record price for the past seven years was established in the New York raw sugar market when sales of 62,000 bags of old crop Cubas were made at 1 15-16 cents a pound, cost and freight.

Legislation to finance a soldier bonus out of taxes on the legalized sale and manufacture of beer and light wines was declared by Representative Mondell of Wyoming, republican leader of the house, to be out of the question "early or late, by this congress."

A Nose for Trade.

An Auburn (Me.) merchant named Myers decided to quit business and offered to sell his stock to a born trader of the neighborhood named Merriweather at what it involved, \$1,900. "I won't take it at that," said Merriweather. "I'll give you 25 cents for every article and package in the store." Myers thought of his big line of slats and lead pencils worth a cent apiece and agreed. Two men were hired to help check up. Slate pencils, clothespins, packages of chewing gum and papers of pins were listed at 25 cents each, so were automobile tires, hammers of sugar and coffee. An egg was worth as much as a 50-yard bolt of cotton. The result was that Merriweather bought the stock for \$1,800.25, or just \$53.75 less than it involved.—Cape's Weekly.

Made Quite Sure.

An enterprising company in the Sudan had decided to lay a railway into the wilds, and many blacks were employed in its construction.

One day the telegraph clerk at the nearest civilized spot received a telegram from the negro foreman of the railway constructors: "White boss dead. Shall I bury him?"

"Yes," wired back the clerk. "But first make sure that he is quite dead. I'll send another white boss tomorrow."

A few hours later another telegram came from the foreman: "Buried boss. Made sure he was quite dead. Hit him on the head with a shovel."

SAVES COSTLY BOOKS

Blotting Paper Used to Prevent
Loss of Priceless Library.

Collection of Books on China Had
Been Soaked With Sea Water
During Visit of Tidal Wave
to Jap Port.

London.—The late Dr. G. B. Morrison, correspondent of the London Times at Peking, had collected a splendid library of books relating to China which he sold to the house of Mitsui in Japan. The Mitsui, the Rothschilds of the Far East, were about to establish a seat of Oriental study and desired the Morrison books for this purpose. This much is known, but what happened to the library between the books leaving Doctor Morrison's house in Peking and their arrival at Tokyo is not generally known and reads somewhat like a romance.

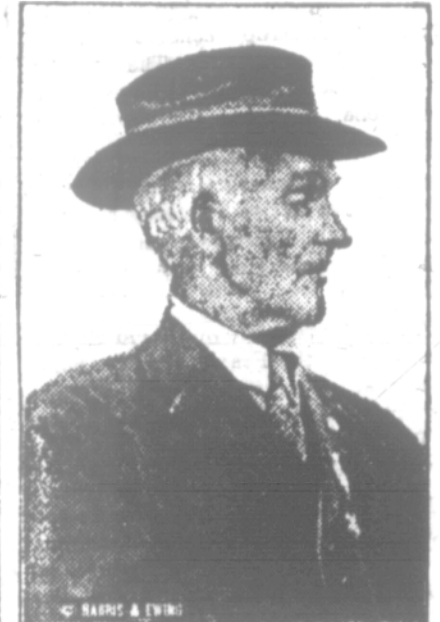
These priceless volumes were packed by the Japanese agents of the purchaser in ordinary packing cases and made the journey safely through the Yellow sea and were landed at the Japanese port of arrival. The cases were then put into the ordinary warehouses of the port. Then a strange thing happened.

The Japanese port was suddenly visited without warning by a tidal wave of unprecedented force and dimension. All the warehouses were flooded and the whole library was drenched in sea water. It seemed that the damage to the priceless collection of books must be irreparable.

The house of Mitsui, however, is resourceful; every scrap of blotting paper in Japan was secured and literally thousands of hands were set to work interleaving every damaged page with blotting paper. The entire approach to this particular port was blocked with wonderful books being dried—like Bombay ducks—in the sun.

The damage, of course, was heavy, but from the literary standpoint the library was saved.

OLDEST MEDAL OF HONOR MAN



Joseph Lonsway of Clayton, N. Y., the oldest holder of the Congressional Medal of Honor, given for bravery under fire. Lonsway will be eighty-five years of age next March, and served with the Twenty-third New York Infantry during the Civil war.

CAN'T TELL DAY FROM NIGHT

Sun is on Job Long Time in Newly
Discovered Oil Fields of
Canada.

Ottawa, Ont.—Residents of Fort Norman oil fields, newly discovered in the remote northwest of Canada along the Mackenzie river, forget whether it is day or night. This is the result of the long periods of daylight.

O. S. Flinn, who has recently returned from there, says he met a native, who asked the time.

"It's eleven o'clock," was the reply.

"Day or night?" inquired the native, with a languid glance at the sun, which had been shining continuously several days.

FILIPINOS TO BAR BACHELORS

Bill Being Prepared Provides Each
Immigrant Must Have
a Wife.

Manila, P. I.—An immigration bill which imposes a condition that each male immigrant into the Philippine islands shall be accompanied by at least one woman between the ages of eighteen and thirty-five is being prepared. The purpose of the bill, says the author, "is to increase the population of the Philippine islands by at least 50,000,000 as rapidly as possible. The bill would require an immigrant to become a citizen of the Philippines after having been a resident here four years."

Mani Safe Miles to Cemetery.
Sacramento.—Robbers, who entered a store here by night, carried a safe to the sidewalk, loaded it on a truck and took it to a cemetery two miles away, where they broke it open. The safe contained \$20.

Nutritive Value of Tomatoes.
The nutritive value of tomatoes is slight. But because they contain valuable mineral salts and acids, added to their delightful flavor, tomatoes have become very popular as an article of food. Tomatoes are composed of nearly 95 per cent water, leaving very little solid food to contain the elements that give the greatest nutrition, such as proteins, carbohydrates and fats.

Rescue What We Give.

When some one tells you, "How is the world treating you?" did you ever stop to consider that your answer is invariably in accordance with the way you're being treated the world? You cannot go around with a grudge on and expect the world or the people in it to be any too pleasant to you. We get "what's coming to us"—every time.

EDGAR PROCHNIK



Edgar A. G. Prochnik, who will be Austrian charge d'affaires at Washington.

HARDING CREATES PERSONNEL BOARD

Washington, D. C.—A new semi-official commission to be designated as the federal personnel board, has been authorized by President Harding in an executive order on recommendation of Charles G. Dawes, budget director, and will have general responsibility for improving the service and economy of employment methods in government departments. It members will be officials from the various bureaus and independent establishments and it will function under direction of the civil service commission.

The board, the executive order said, will be expected to formulate policies and plans for interchanging employees between bureaus and another, when emergency work requires enlarged forces, for maintaining a special force of employees on part time assignments in different departments, for training individuals to special fitness for certain services and for facilitating promotions to higher grades for properly qualified persons.

ALIENS GET LIBERTY

Privilege to Pass 90 Days With Friends
and Relatives Granted.

New York.—The gates of Ellis island swung open today more than 1000 aliens, detained under the immigration quota law, so that they might pass Christmas with friends and relatives in the land of promise.

They will be at liberty for 90 days, under an order issued in Washington by Secretary of Labor Davis, but must return at the end of that time for deportation, unless promised attacks on the constitutionality of the restrictive law have borne fruit, or the government decides to make more exceptions in their cases.

Soviet to Aid in Relief.

London.—As a result of negotiations here between representatives of the American relief administration and Leonid Krassin, Russian soviet trade representative, the soviet government has agreed to turn over to the relief organization \$10,000,000 in gold to be used by the administration for the purchase of foodstuffs and seed in America for relief in the Volga famine zone.

Soissons, France Gets Canadian Money.

Paris.—Canadian money to the value of \$6,000,000 will be used for the rebuilding of Soissons, according to the Journal Industrielle, which says that the Soissons municipal council has approved the terms of an agreement with Canadian banking interests for a loan to that amount.

Natives of India Hold Aloof.

Calcutta.—A hartal boycott of an entirely passive character, lasting for 24 hours, was declared for December 24. The occasion will be the visit of the prince of Wales to the city.

THE MARKETS

Portland
Wheat—Hard white, soft white, white club and northern spring, \$1.05; hard winter, \$1.10; red winter, \$1.04.
Oats—No. 2 white feed, \$27.
Corn—Whole, \$33; cracked, \$38.
Hay—Alfalfa, \$14.50 to \$15 per ton; valley timothy, \$15 to \$15.50; eastern Oregon timothy, \$18 to \$18.50.
Butter Fat—40 to 44c.
Eggs—Ranch, 44 to 45c.
Cattle—Choice steers, \$4.50 to \$7; medium to good, \$3 to \$3.50.
Sheep—East of mountain lambs, \$3.50 to \$4; best valley lambs, \$3 to \$3.50.
Hogs—Prime light, \$7.50 to \$8; smooth heavy, \$7.50 to \$8.

Seattle

Wheat—Hard white, white club, hard red winter, northern spring and Big Bend bluestem, \$1.11; soft white and soft red winter, \$1.10; eastern red winter, \$1.05.
Hay—Alfalfa, No. 1, \$18; timothy, No. 1, \$24; straw, \$15.
Butter Fat—44 to 45c.
Eggs—Ranch, 47 to 49c.
Cattle—Prime steers, \$4.75 to \$7.25; medium to choice, \$4.25 to \$6.75.
Hogs—Prime light, \$7.50 to \$8; smooth heavy, \$7 to \$7.25.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week
Briefly Sketched for Information
of Our Readers.

Nine hundred children attended Bend's annual community Christmas tree celebration.

La Grande's payroll is now over \$3,000,000, the O. W. R. & N. alone paying out \$2,044,816 in wages.

Connie Johnson of Union is dead as the result of an automobile wreck three miles from La Grande.

Farmers of Lake county who stored their wheat when the price was around the \$1.35 mark are now selling.

Two ice jams block the Columbia river within a few miles of The Dalles, completely spanning it in both instances.

The state highway commission will receive bids January 10 for the sale of 1,000,000 of 5 per cent state highway bonds.

December holds the low record for many years for marriage licenses in Astoria, only one having been issued so far this month.

Plans are already under way for the annual session of the I. O. O. F. grand lodge, which will be held in Eugene next May.

With the line of the Mount Hood railway open, shipments of apples from Hood River are increasing. Shipments last week reached 242 cars.

The Klamath Falls city council has accepted a bid of the Stutz company for a 10,000-gallon engine pump for the fire department, to cost \$12,000.

After the voters of the Bend school district had turned down a \$124,930 levy, the district board of directors met and passed a \$122,618 levy.

S. T. Aldhouse of Stiuslaw brought into Eugene the pelts of eight bobcats, the bounty on which he obtained at the office of the county clerk.

Development at present to a depth of 100 feet in the Gold Coin mine at Gold Hill shows a fair sized vein of quartz running \$100 per ton in gold.

Baker has a packing company with a capital of \$50,000, articles of incorporation having been filed by W. P. Smith, Chris Smith and A. J. Durr.

Deaths in Portland decreased by 350 during the fiscal year ending November 30, from the 1920 figures, while births increased by 33 during the same period.

The salaries paid to teachers in Grant county amount to \$39,379 a year. There are 79 teachers in the county and the average salary is \$512.46 per annum.

The engineering work for Pendleton's septic tank, authorized at the special election in November, will be done by Baar & Cunningham, Portland engineers.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Bogart, the first white child born in Lane county, died at Eugene at the age of 73 years. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Spores, pioneers of 1847.

More than 500 children of Hood River city and valley were carried by automobile Friday night to the Columbia George hotel, where Manager Thiele was host to a Christmas party.

The house passed a bill appropriating money with which to pay the expenses of circuit judges who are required to leave their respective districts in the performance of their duties.

George Hill, alias Joe Hill, was found guilty of murder in the first degree, at Portland for killing W. C. Powers, pool room proprietor, October 23. The jury recommended life imprisonment.

W. M. Wohlander laid the last of the concrete paving at the Marshfield city limits last week, connecting North Bend and Marshfield with pavement and hooking up with 18 additional miles to Coquille.

Fred F. Williams, prominent lumberman of this state, was killed and his wife, son and daughter-in-law were injured in an auto wreck at the concrete highway bridge over Canyon creek near Canyonville.

The two men who were in charge of the eastbound O. W. R. & N. railway passenger train the night of December 1 when it collided with west-bound No. 17 near Celilo, have been dismissed from service.

Suit for recovery of lands adjoining the Klamath Indian reservation will be instituted soon by the Klamath and Modoc Indians. The suit is based on an alleged error made in the survey following the treaty of 1864.

No. 1 hunting license for 1922 was issued to Mrs. Beatrice Clark of Portland, according to announcement by A. E. Burghdoff, state game warden.

For several seasons Mrs. Clark has obtained the first hunting license.

John M. Jones was confirmed by the senate as postmaster of Portland. In the usual order Postmaster Jones should receive his commission in about two weeks. Other Oregon postmasters confirmed are: Major G. Miller, Dayton; Ruby O. Engelman, Ione; and Lawrence F. Clark, Rainier.

With only a 40 per cent vote in Medford and a 30 per cent vote outside, the mill tax levy for county fairgrounds improvements was carried at the special election in Jackson county by about 900 votes.

A committee of women representing the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Portland held a conference with Governor Olcott at Salem in relation to a stricter enforcement of the prohibition law.

The initial issue of \$10,000,000 of bonds authorized under the so-called bonus and loan act will be sold January 15.

Representative Sinnott appeared before the house appropriations committee to urge an appropriation of \$400,000 for the Powder river irrigation project in Baker county. The treasury estimates submitted to congress early in this month requested this appropriation.

That a determined effort will be made at the next regular session of the legislature to reduce taxes through the elimination of millage taxes and the lopping off of departmental appropriations was indicated by addresses made by legislators at Salem during the special assembly.

Illicit game hunting in the Modoc lava beds proved a costly pastime to J. C. Kreigh, a trapper, who was placed under arrest by Game Warden Courtwright and Miller, having been found with the carcasses of eight deer in his possession. He was brought before Justice Harrison Wilkins at Dorris and fined \$50 and sentenced to 150 days in jail.

The Oregon public service commission has suspended the operation of the proposed tariffs setting out increased rates which were filed recently by the Rockaway Beach company, the Garibaldi Beach Water company and the Tillamook Bay company. It is probable that a joint hearing will be held on these several matters at a reasonable early date.

The police system now in force in Portland is obsolete and a general revision is needed in order to put it on an efficient basis in accordance with the actual needs of the city, declared the tax supervisor commission, in a report following the filing of \$72,000 taken off the police budget in which it scored the police department and pointed out its various deficiencies.

The Standard Oil company has permitted to the secretary of state \$44,251.59, covering the tax on the corporation's sales of gasoline and distillates in Oregon for the month of November. From the Union Oil company the secretary of state has received a check in the amount of \$16,366.87, while from the Associated Oil company there has been received the amount of \$14,368.90.

Senator McNary has written a letter to the directors of the Portland chamber of commerce, calling attention to the unfortunate condition of about 1100 ex-service men living in Oregon who are unemployed. The letter appeals to the chamber for heroic efforts to provide employment for as many of these men as possible and urge quick action on the part of the membership to use its influence to this end.

Applications for authority to construct four overhead crossings on the Pacific highway over the tracks of the Southern Pacific have been filed with the public service commission. These crossings are to be located at Oakland, Sutherlin, Willamette and Point, all of them being in Oregon county. It was estimated that the construction will involve an expenditure of approximately \$250,000.

After spending approximately \$250,000 in development work and running a tunnel 750 feet past the place where it was expected to find the last Chance vein of gold ore, the Cornucopia Mines company cut the tunnel Friday and a revival of the mining industry at Cornucopia is expected.

Robert M. Butts, manager of the company, says that "enough ore is apparently at hand to keep the mill running seven or eight years."

Judge Bingham of the circuit court at Salem granted a certificate of probable cause following the filing of a bill of exceptions in the case of Dr. R. M. Brumfield, Rosburg dentist, who was convicted recently of first degree murder in connection with the death of Dennis Russell of Dilard, Douglas county. Brumfield is under death sentence. The granting of the certificate automatically stays the execution of the convicted man, who was sentenced to hang in the state penitentiary January 13.

ary 15, according to a resolution adopted by the members of the world war veterans' state aid commission.

With a gash on the forehead over the right eye, which would seem to indicate that a severe blow had caused unconsciousness or death, the body of an unidentified man, about 23 years old, was found in about two feet of water in a spring near the Columbia river, three miles east of The Dalles.

There were three fatal accidents in Oregon industries during the week ending December 15, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victims were A. Engstrom, laborer, Milwaukie; W. P. Wilson, laborer, Oregon City, and C. C. Ward, bucker, North Bend.

Delegates to the 11th annual Oregon irrigation congress, which held a three-day session at Pendleton, were unanimous in their expression that the conference was the most successful of any yet held. So great has been the benefit by the holding of the meeting in country actually irrigated, where problems can be studied in the practical, that it is understood that future conventions will be held in different parts of the state which have irrigated lands.

What is believed to be the longest record in the state as commander of a Grand Army post is held by I. W. Falk of La Grande, who has just been re-elected as commander of the local post. Mr. Falk is now beginning his 22d year as commander.

Extensive improvements at the state fish hatchery on the upper McMackin that will increase greatly the