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When Americans get tired of burning up about five hundred million dollars' worth of property every year and paying insurance to cover most of the loss, there will be more carelessness about fire, says the Kansas City Star. And when the nation is aroused to the folly of consuming its timber five times as fast as it is produced, along with allowing vast areas to be destroyed in forest fires annually, there may be some widespread movement toward timber conservation and reforestation. High prices for lumber, the principal building material of the country, waste of the soil and other evils might be checked by the growth and preservation of forests. In Missouri and most other states of the Union there are vast stretches of land that can be put to profitable use only through the planting of trees and preservation of woods lands. In Massachusetts and a few other states tree planting on waste lands has gained considerable headway. In certain instances state aid has been extended communities engaged in this useful industry. America can't afford to go on eternally laying waste its resources with inadequate moves for their restoration. Somewhere the turning point must come. It ought to come now in the matter of reforestation.

"Berlin is to have taxicabs propelled by man power," says the Springfield Republican, and comments: "There is ancient precedent in the Japanese Jiriksha," which was invented by an American missionary in Japan in 1860.

People who assert that America has no literature have evidently failed to give due attention to the largest and most steadily worded propaganda the world has known. Literature has different forms of appeal for different generations.

Chemists fear that the experiments with vast natural forces will cause the earth to blow up. This is one way to promote the impression that an earthquake may after all be regarded as a minor incident.

Before long we may expect to hear that no man as Rembrandt ever lived and worked and that all the pictures ascribed to him were painted by his pupils.


An incubator is not necessarily intended to decry. It merely serves notice that a member of royalty desires to relax and dispense with formalities that become more or less tiresome at times. Everybody knows who Lord Renfrew is and his Canadian visit has indicated a sense of humanity that will help to make him a first-rate king some day.

Here's a college professor telling the boys not to get married on less than \$4,000 a year. But the odds in the last analysis will make the final decision whether his advice is followed or not.

Prudence is the best policy as a rule, but occasionally a person gets a healthful kick by doing all the things he thinks are not good for him.

BILL BARBER SAYS

THEY SAY THAT AIRPLANES BRING DOWN THEY CERTAINLY DO MAKE IT DANGEROUS TO CROSS THE BORDER OF THE U. S. A.



Constitutional Amendments Pending

Two important constitutional amendments have already been proposed in the present session of congress. One of these, and the most far reaching in its effects, if adopted, was introduced by Senator Charles Curtis, of Kansas, and by Representative D. R. Anthony in the house, for the purpose of establishing equality of rights for women under all laws. The amendment is brief. It provides:

"Men and women shall have equal rights throughout the United States and every place subject to its jurisdiction. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation."

Under the equal suffrage amendment women now have equal rights with men so far as voting is concerned. It required a constitutional amendment to establish that right for the reason that states specified the qualifications of voters. For the same reason, a constitutional amendment will be necessary if women are to have equal rights with men in other respects. Property rights, particularly in the matter of inheritances, are determined by state laws, and at present a great many, if not the majority, of the states, accord the wife lesser rights than are accorded to her husband. In most instances when a woman dies her husband acquires a much larger right to her property than she acquires in the case of his death.

The difference in the matter of property rights has been gradually growing less as one state after another liberalizes its laws and recognizes the injustice of former notions of the rights of women, but there are some states that are still far behind the procession. The adoption of the Curtis-Anthony amendment would wipe out all these discriminations. With that amendment in effect it would be unconstitutional for any state to enact any law granting to one sex any privilege or right not accorded in equal degree to the other.

The other constitutional amendment referred to, was proposed by Senator Norris of Nebraska. It provides for the commencement of the terms of president and vice president and members of congress. At present those terms begin on the Fourth of March. Under the Norris amendment the terms of the president and vice president would begin at noon on the third Monday in January, and the terms of senators and representatives at noon on the first Monday in January. At present the president does not take his office until four months after the election. Under the Norris amendment he would take office about ten weeks after the election.

Although senators and congressmen assume their offices at present on the Fourth of March, their official service really does not become effective until the following December when the first regular session convenes, unless the president calls them into special session. That means that in their regular course of events a new congress would not have an opportunity to register its policies until thirteen months after it had been voted into power. The Norris amendment not only provides that senators and congressmen shall assume their offices on the first Monday in January following the election, but that there shall be a session of congress beginning on the first Monday in January. Under that amendment a change in the political complexion of congress would become almost immediately effective.

The new congress would be in session two weeks before the time for the new president to assume his duties. This difference is intended to provide congress an opportunity to elect a president if the vote at the general election failed to result in the choice of a president.

Governor Pierce issued a full pardon to Charles W. Purdin, who on December 30, 1921, killed his divorced wife and a stranger whom he found with her in their former home in Portland. Portland is one of the 26 of the larger cities in the United States which showed increased employment in November, according to the survey of the United States department of labor just issued.

BRIEF NEWS

Paragraphs on State, County and Community's Events

Hundreds of dead smelt and other small fish are reported to be floating about in the vicinity of the wreck of the British steamer Welsh Prince in the lower Columbia, as the result of dynamite explosions in blowing open the deck of the hulk.

Bids for resurfacing with crushed rock the Umatilla-Echo section of the old Oregon trail, covering a distance of 23 miles, will be opened at the next meeting of the state highway commission, to be held in Portland January 8.

Lake county leads in the state with relation to the proportion of boys to girls that complete a standard four-year high school course, according to an announcement made by J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction.

While out shooting chum salmon with a borrowed shotgun, Chris Zwifol, 16, of Nehalem, accidentally tripped and fell on the gun, which was discharged. The shot tore off the nose and part of his forehead and left eye.

An estimated total of 55,592 automobiles, the bulk of which were tourists, passed through Baker on the Old Oregon Trail during the last year, according to a report prepared by Walter Meacham, president of the Old Oregon Trail association.

In a decision handed down at Astoria by Circuit Court Judge J. A. Eakin, the recent consolidation of school district No. 7, of Clatsop county with district No. 56 of Columbia county was held illegal for the reason that no proper notice of the special election was given.

Convictions under the prohibition law are growing in number and heavier fines and jail sentences are being meted out than ever before, according to reports received by J. A. Linville, federal prohibition director, from every sheriff in the state. Eighty-six per cent of those arrested by the state officers in the last fiscal year, ending June 30, 1923, were convicted. There were 1678 arrests made in the year and of these 1445 persons were convicted. The fines totalled \$159,666.77.

Tom Murray, ex-convict and confessed leader of the trio who held up the Lane County State bank at Florence on the morning of December 11, was arrested in Portland with four other men, one of whom, the police said, has been all but positively identified as one of the bandit trio. The sum of \$1426, said to have been stolen from the bank, was recovered.

Herbert Egbert of The Dalles, and Mrs. G. B. Jones of Monmouth, were re-elected president and secretary treasurer at the final sessions at Eugene of the state convention of the Educational and Co-operative Farmers' union of Oregon. Wasco county was selected as the next meeting place, and it is probable that the gathering will be held at The Dalles.

There were five fatalities due to industrial accidents in Oregon during the week ending December 20, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victims were H. K. McKiddy, Nehalem, fireman; D. C. Hemminger, Portland, locomotive engineer; Charles Fox, Glendale, engineer; Alex Erickson, Clatskanie, hook tender, and Glen Crayton, Lowell, pondman. A total of 670 accidents were reported.

Twelve applicants for appointment to the United States Military academy, West Point, to be made by Representative Hawley, will be examined under the direction of the United States civil service commission on January 5. The applicants are: Marshall G. Barber, Ashland; Richard Middlebrooks, Beaverton; James H. Mills, Jr., Marshfield; Ronald Haines and Dwight L. Mulkey, Salem; Frank L. Dichter, Medford; Coy Brown, Central Point; G. W. Lucas, Tillamook; John F. Wadman, Powers; John L. Sherman, Dayton; George E. Williams and Clarence U. Bell, Corvallis.

To ascertain why two appropriations, one of \$400,000 and another of \$500,000, for beginning construction of the Baker irrigation project in Ore-

Christmas Pageant Well Acted Out

About four hundred people gathered at the opera house last Sunday evening to enjoy the impressive Christmas program put on by the local churches and Sunday schools. Especial credit is due to Mrs. C. L. Poley and Mrs. W. C. Bryant, superintendents of the Presbyterian and Methodist schools, who planned all the details of the program, assumed responsibility for carrying all things thru, and who also supervised the more tedious work of nightly practices in developing the pageant. Also should special mention be made of Mrs. Roy Kunsman, who assumed responsibility for the music, gathering the material, practicing in season and out of season, and carrying that end thru to a triumphant success. The reading of the pageant was done by Mrs. Poley with the aid of a megaphone, and was rendered so splendidly that it was heard in all parts of the house.

The pageant part was staged by some twenty or more local people. Mrs. Harry Pinkerton assumed the role of Mary and acted out her part splendidly at the manger scenes. Chester Anderson took the part of Joseph, L. M. Peterson presented Zacharias at the altar, while Millie Benson took the part of the angel Gabriel. Melvin Schadewitz acted the part of Isaiah, while Ethan Woods, Willie McKinney, Thomas Stephens, Edgar Alley and Paul Alley took the roles of other old testament scenes. Truman Strong, Jessie Beise, Gwendolyn Foss, Vivian Hulery, all acted their part in an impressive manner. Mrs. Truman Strong splendidly impersonated the angel in the annunciation to Mary. Some twenty or more juniors impressively presented the candle lighting scenes in the latter part of the pageant, while as a closing tableau, those as well as most of the actors of the pageant took their places on the platform.

Throughout the reading of the Bible story "The Light of Men" Mrs. Kunsman played softly strains of appropriate music, while from time to time vocal renderings of familiar stanzas were given by a mixed quartet consisting of Mrs. Armstrong, soprano, Mrs. Smothers, alto, Mr. Hanson tenor, and Mr. Webb, bass. The special solos by Mrs. Armstrong and closing solo "The Holy City," sung by Mr. Webb added greatly to the musical part of the program. An orchestra consisting of E. E. Barzee violin, Miss Ruth Bryant, cello, and Mrs. E. R. Barzee, pianist, furnished two fine selections.

In between acts were rendered songs by the little folks of the Methodist church under the supervision of Mrs. O. A. Ramsey, and of the Presbyterian church under the direction of Mrs. T. C. Lee. Rev. U. C. Smothers announced and explained the purpose of the offering, which was taken for Near East Relief, and amounted to \$65.90.

Representative L. C. Crampton of Michigan, chairman of the sub-committee of the appropriations committee handling interior department appropriations, has decided to summon Secretary of Interior Work, Fred A. Phillips and William A. Stewart, who are in Washington, D. C., representing the Baker project, also will be called before the sub-committee to answer questions regarding the delay in getting work started.

The Pacific Bridge company of Portland, which has the contract for the construction of the new draw-bridge across the Lewis and Clark river at Astoria, suffered a loss estimated as high as \$15,000 and work on the bridge was delayed by a strange accident. The concrete base for the east rest of a solid block weighing approximately 300,000 pounds, had been completed and permitted to set under water for the required 28 days. Tests were made and the construction of the base was pronounced perfect. The water was pumped from the coffer-dam and preparations were made to proceed with construction of the rest of the pier. During an eight-foot tide the huge block of concrete split horizontally in the middle and was raised several feet by the floating of the coffer-dam, to which it clung by friction.



Sherman Electric Co.

The basketball schedule in the Coos County high school association for this winter includes 43 games and eight participating teams.

Guy Cordin of Roseburg has been appointed district attorney of Douglas county to succeed Carl Wimberly, who has resigned.

The spread of diphtheria in the city of Portland has not been curtailed as yet, for records in the health bureau shows that there are 111 cases under quarantine.

Dr. Jay Tuttle, for more than 40 years one of Astoria's most prominent physicians and surgeons, died at the hospital following a few days' illness, at the age of 81.

The Southern Pacific Friday ran trains over the branch line between Marshfield and Eugene for the first time in eight days. The line had been tied up by recent storms.

Representative Elton Watkins, the new democratic member of congress from Oregon, was assigned to the committee on immigration and expenditures of the war department.

Judge John Wesley Bell of department No. 1 of Multnomah county has submitted his resignation to Governor Pierce to become effective January 1. Judge Bell is 74 years of age.

The state and county tax levy for Lane county this year is 23.1 mills, according to announcement by Ben F. Keeney, assessor. This is two mills less than the levy of last year.

Representative Sinnott of Oregon has been named a member of the house steering committee, which puts its stamp of approval on all legislation to be considered by the house.

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HORSES LOST. From the H. B. Beise pasture about first of November. One sorrel mare weight about 1450, has slight split in left ear and white face. One brown saddle horse, gelding, weight about 900, has three white feet, while strip in face, branded combination figure 4 and dash on left shoulder. Phone the Observer office or notify H. B. Beise, Moro, Oregon.

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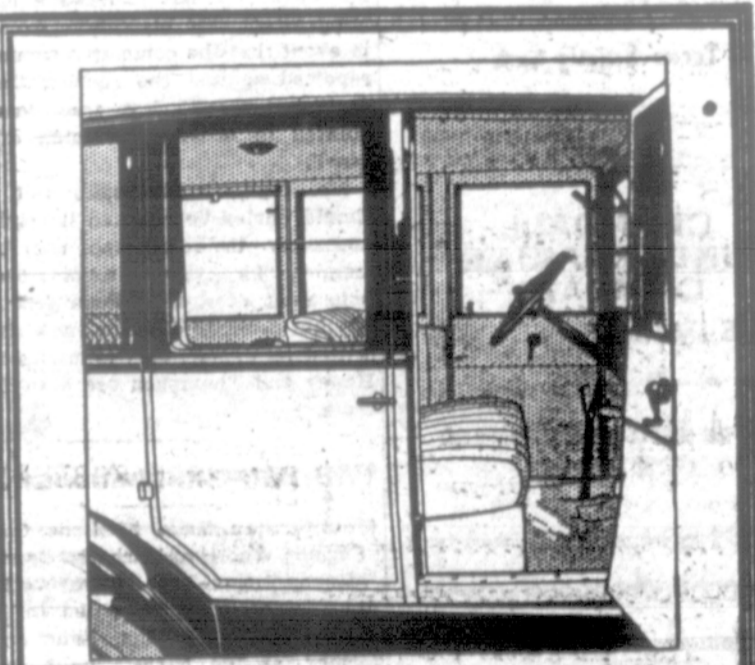
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