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Probably rain or snow tonight and Thursday.

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## GERMAN KAISER HAS BIRTHDAY

Emperor Is Fifty-six Years of Age and Shows Cares of State in Appearance.

HEALTH NOT AS GOOD AS IT WAS FEW YEARS AGO

Is Well Posted on Military Subjects and a Great Reader of Poetry and Prose.

(By United Press Association)  
Emperor William II has the distinction today, as he celebrated his 56th birthday, of being more able to wield power for good or evil than any ruler since the first Napoleon. No man in history has aroused so much discussion. He is conceded everywhere to be the central figure in the war.

This man of whom everyone is talking was born on January 27, 1859. His father was Frederick II; his mother, the Princess Victoria, of Great Britain. When his father died on June 15, 1888, after a short reign, the present emperor succeeded to the throne. He married Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein, who is three months older than he, on Feb. 27, 1881. They have seven children, six princes and one princess.

William II is a busy man. With a capacity for hard work and long hours combined with a mind quick to grasp essentials he would have succeeded in almost any business or profession. As an emperor it is for the future historian to say whether he is a success or a failure. Until the war broke out, at least, he was thoroughly in love with his work and arose at 5 o'clock in the morning to do as much as possible. "We Hohenzollerns know nothing about dressing gowns," is a saying of his.

His program for each day, for each week and for each month is always carefully planned far ahead. Of course, the war has cut into his ordinary routine; in fact, the death of the Austrian Archduke compelled him to return from Norway where he always spent his annual yachting trip.

He is a prodigious reader and on his tables may be found American, British and French magazines and newspapers as well as German. His favorite books are those dealing with history and economics.

For recreation he reads Latin and Greek poetry. Horace and Homer being his favorites.

He has a clear, strong voice and his recent illness does not seem to have affected it—despite reports to the contrary. Furthermore, the emperor likes to use his voice in loud singing of hymns or in delivering flowery sermons to his family and crew on the "Hohenzollern," his yacht, or at one of the palaces.

But it is in the role of military man that William II will be remembered longest and his birthday today sees him engaged in a struggle which is the climax of that training which began with his boyhood days when he was given a miniature frigate, the Royal Louise, with which he might play. Since that time he has reviewed troops, supervised maneuvers, studied tactics and encouraged military and naval efficiency on the ground that the best preparation for peace is to

**DESERTS WIFE AFTER 21 YEARS OF MARRIED LIFE**

Giving desertion as the cause for suit, Mrs. Nora J. Holt has commenced proceedings in the circuit court asking that she be granted a legal separation from her husband, A. M. Holt.

In her complaint, Mrs. Holt alleges that they were married on January 30, 1892, and lived together for 21 years, but that on September 30, her husband left her and has not since returned.

She asks the custody of the four minor children together with costs of court and such other aid as the court may deem fit.

## KAISER WILHELM II. OF GERMANY



Photo by American Press Association.  
The German Emperor is celebrating his fifty-sixth birthday today.

## GOVERNMENT NOW OPERATING AN EMPLOYMENT BUREAU

(By United Press Association)  
Washington, Jan. 27.—For the first time in history the government is operating a real employment bureau. Secretary of Labor Wilson announced that his department opened bureaus in larger cities destined to bring the jobless men and the menless jobs together. The agriculture and post office departments are cooperating. It is proposed that real careful selections so that real service will be rendered the deserving.

W. T. Nicholls went to Halsey this afternoon to meet his music pupils in that city.

### CITY NEWS

**Final Hearing Set—**  
The hearing for a final account of the administration of the estate of Kate Tway, who died in Los Angeles on March 17, 1914, has been set for March 1 of this year. John T. Shea is the administrator.

**Administrator Appointed—**  
In the matter of the estate of Jessie Bias, who died intestate Nov. 24, leaving an estate of about \$250 value, T. J. Anderson has been appointed administrator by Judge McKnight. Bonds are fixed at \$100.

**Attends Treasurers' Meeting—**  
W. W. Francis left this morning for Salem where he is presiding over a meeting of county treasurers which is being held in that city today.

**P. R. L. & P. Manager Here—**  
W. M. Hamlin, manager of the Portland Railway Light and Power company's branch in Salem, was in Albany last night to attend the Y. M. C. A. banquet. While here he was a guest of Manager White of the Oregon Power company of this city.

**C. N. W. Officials Here—**  
Bert Maling, travelling freight agent for the Chicago and Northwestern railway, was in Albany last night on business for the road.

**Leave for LaGrande—**  
Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Baker left last night for LaGrande, where they will make their home. Mr. Baker was until recently manager of the Golden Rule store of this city, and will be in the employ of the Golden Rule company in LaGrande.

**S. P. Man Visits—**  
W. R. Scott, general manager of the S. P. lines, was in Albany this morning for a short time after making a tour of the C. & E.

**Ralston Returns—**  
J. M. Ralston, of the Ford agency of this city, arrived last night from San Diego, after an absence of three months from Albany.

## LEBANON MAN FILES CLAIM FOR HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

Although a levy was made on the property of J. C. Oster near Lebanon on June 6, 1914, by Sheriff D. H. Bodine as the result of a judgment found by the circuit court in favor of the Lebanon National Bank, the owner of the property waited until January 20 before filing any remonstrance against the proceeding. On that date he wired the sheriff, according to information given out at the court house today, claiming a homestead exemption.

In his message which was sent from Bandon, Oster explained that he had been in that locality recently for his health.

It is considered that the sheriff's office that the description given of his land by Oster is not sufficient, and that he has not filed his claim for a homestead exemption within a reasonable length of time.

## SPANISH WAR VETERANS TENDER COMRADE BANQUET

Honoring Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Baker, who have just left Albany to make their home in La Grande, the Spanish American War Veterans tendered a banquet last night to the departing member and his family. Thirty-five, including veterans and their wives and children, were present. Speeches were given by Mr. and Mrs. Baker, Mrs. M. L. Peters, Col. Ellis, J. B. Hayes, and Captain Collins, of Eugene.

A feature of the evening was the presentation to E. Washburn, G. A. R., of an honorary membership badge in the Spanish American War Veterans. The presentation speech was made by Commander Salisbury. Frank Stellmacher was toastmaster.

## WHEAT SOARS SKYWARD ON CHICAGO MARKET

(By United Press Association)  
Chicago, Jan. 27.—May wheat reached a dollar forty-eight and seven-eighths, a net advance of a cent and seven-eighths during the day. It closed at a dollar forty-eight and three eighths. July showed a net gain of two and a half cents at the close. Disquieting cables and the small available supplies caused the advance.

## PATROLMAN SHOTS POLICE SERGEANT BY MISTAKE

Thought Member of Portland Police Force Was An Automobile Thief and Fired.

(By United Press Association)  
Portland, Jan. 27.—Shot by Patrolman C. Klingensmith by mistake for an automobile thief, Police Sergeant R. H. Stahl died early this morning of the wound.

## T. J. BUTLER TAKES ISSUE WITH HIGHWAY ENGINEER

Would Wager \$100 He Can Buy Steel Bridge in Linn As Cheap As Can Major Bowlby.

"If Major Bowlby can buy a bridge in Linn county any more cheaply than I can, I will pay him one hundred dollars. If he cannot, I will ask him to resign from the position of state highway engineer," said County Commissioner T. J. Butler this afternoon. Mr. Butler objects to state interference with the county courts, and takes exception to the intimation of inefficiency in bridge building made by Major Bowlby yesterday.

"I went down to Salem yesterday to try and get hold of the highway engineer and put my proposition up to him, but I couldn't find him. If he really thinks he can buy our steel bridges cheaper than we can ourselves, he ought to be willing to take me up, don't you think so?" inquired Mr. Butler.

"A bill will probably come up in the near future," continued the county commissioner, "which will have as its aim the centralization of authority in matters of road and bridge building in the hands of the state highway engineers. If such a bill is introduced, I don't think it would carry, for the idea is not a good one. What the counties need more than anything else, is to be let alone. We know what we want."

Mr. Butler expressed himself as being entirely favorable to senate bill number 35, introduced by Senator Garland, amending the laws relating to bridge building. Mr. Butler stated that in many instances it is impossible to get low enough bids on bridge propositions, because of an understanding between contractors. All projects the cost of which would exceed \$500 must be advertised and bids secured, but the county commissioner states that with the passage of Mr. Garland's bill, the county court, in case the bids submitted were too high, could appoint a man to do the work and then see to it that it is done properly.

## U. S. GOVERNMENT WOULD RECOVER OREGON LAND

(By United Press Association)  
Portland, Jan. 27.—Arguments were begun in the Federal court in a suit by the government to secure forfeiture to itself of 96,000 acres of land in Douglas and Coos counties from a Southern Oregon company. The government alleges that the terms of the original grant made by congress to Oregon in 1869 have been violated.

## SEVERE EARTHQUAKE RECORDED AT LONDON OBSERVATORY

(By United Press Association)  
London, Jan. 27.—The west Bromwich observatory recorded a severe earthquake which is believed to have shaken Greece or Turkey.

## Taft Opposes Shipping Bill

Former President Says He Is Opposed to Government Ownership in Any Form.

SAYS OPPOSITION TO MEASURE IS STRONG

Ex-President Thinks That Private Capital Will Suffer From Government Competition.

(By Perry Arnold)  
Copyrighted 1915 by United Press)  
New York, Jan. 27.—That there is determined opposition to the administration shipping bill, now pending in the senate, was declared by Ex-President Taft. In a United Press interview he commended the filibuster against the bill led by Senator Burton.

## M. F. BARR DIES TODAY IN BROWNSVILLE HOSPITAL

Blood Poisoning From Year Old Injury Is Cause Given For Death.

After a lingering illness, M. F. Barr, of Crawfordville, died this morning at 5:30 in Brownsville where he has been under the doctor's care for the past four weeks. The cause of death given is blood poisoning, caused by an injured leg sustained over a year ago. Since that time it had given him considerable trouble, and for the past week it has been known that he was in a serious condition.

Mr. Barr is survived by a wife, a daughter and two sons. His daughter, Leoda, who for the past two years has been attending high school in Albany, was called to Brownsville over a week ago, by a telegram announcing that her father's life hung in the balance.

The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at one o'clock at Crawfordville.

## LITTLE ACCOMPLISHED BY LEGISLATURE TODAY

(By United Press Association)  
Salem, Jan. 27.—The senate was in session only a few minutes this morning and then adjourned until afternoon to give the committees an opportunity to catch up with the work. The bill proposing the close of the Willamette commercial fishing from Oregon City falls to the mouth of the Clackamas river occupied the time of the house. The bill is up for final passage and there is much bitter debate.

## ROCKEFELLER WILL VISIT COLORADO COAL FIELDS

(By United Press Association)  
New York, Jan. 27.—Rockefeller Junior, accompanied by Mather Jones, will visit the Colorado coal fields. An agreement to this effect was reached during the noon adjournment of the Industrial Relations Commission investigation. Rockefeller and Mather Jones complimented each other on the apparent willingness to "do the right thing" and shook hands when they parted.

## ROSE FESTIVAL MAN TO AID ALBANY MARCHERS

Phil Bates, of Portland Will Be on Hand For Organization Saturday Night.

To aid the proposed marching club in Albany, Phil Bates, of Portland, who is in charge of the amusements for the Rose Festival for this spring, will be in this city Saturday night and will meet with the Albany marchers when they convene in the Hotel Albany.

Mr. Bates wrote to headquarters here this morning, stating that he would be glad to come and give the local organization any aid possible. His advice will be based largely on the workings of the Rosarians, Portland's band of marching boosters.

In his letter, Mr. Bates advised that an attempt be made to secure the movie film showing the Rosarians on their trip into California which took place last year, and to use this at the Saturday night meeting.

## ROAD MEN FROM 3 COUNTIES TO CONVENE IN CORVALLIS

Judge McKnight Slated For Address on Volunteer Road Work.

Taking the place of the annual convention of road supervisors of Linn county this year, will be the joint convention of Linn, Lane and Benton county courts and road supervisors to be held at Corvallis February 1 and 2. Judge McKnight has been assured that in addition to the convention itself the road men from this county will be furnished a suitable place in which to hold their regular meeting.

A feature of the convention will be an address to be given by Judge McKnight on the subject, "The Possibility of Volunteer Work in the Cost and Maintenance of County Roads."

In mentioning this subject, Judge McKnight said this afternoon: "I think we can do a great deal in this county through volunteer work. This method of procedure will be encouraged this year as much as possible."

### CITY NEWS

**Cigars on Johnston—**  
Dan Johnston is passing around the cigars as the result of the birth of a new baby boy.

**At the Hotels—**  
Registrations at the Vrandan for yesterday afternoon and this morning include: C. B. Morley, O. P. Crane, J. E. Larwood, M. W. Thompson, and E. A. Barette, of Portland; Charles Grell, of Tangeat; E. Cramer, of Silverton; and H. D. Bandy of Niagara. At the Albany are: E. E. Walker, P. R. Danford, J. L. Standefer, M. Bramberger, R. Marx, R. L. Morris, Rev. J. W. Amery, and William Buckley, of Portland; and Geo. P. Downing, of Corvallis. At the St. Francis are: A. H. Jones, F. Tiffany, E. C. Chamberlain, of Portland; J. S. Lambert, of Woodburn; Leonard Francis, of Mill City; Mrs. Sarah Hany, of Newport; and O. G. Estes, of McMinnville.

**Tree Blocks Track—**  
A tree felled by a section gang near the Jewish cemetery this morning, temporarily blocked the S. P. track. It was speedily removed when yardmaster S. T. Scott arrived on the scene.

**Cold Snap May Change—**  
With snow predicted for tomorrow, the mercury is refusing to register as low a temperature as has been the case within the last few days. Last night the 26 degree mark was reached, while the high temperature of yesterday was fifty degrees. The river stands at 3.6 feet.

**Hewitt is Administrator—**  
In the matter of the estate of John E. Slate, who died in Monterey, California, November 21, leaving an estate in Linn county, valued at approximately \$400, H. H. Hewitt has been appointed administrator, and his bonds fixed at \$100.

## GERMANS DRIVEN BACK BY ALLIES

Terrible Charge By Kaiser's Troops Is Met With Bayonets of French and British.

HUNDREDS OF DEAD LEFT BEHIND BY GERMANS

Germans Capture One French Trench and Celebrate Victory With Song.

(By United Press Association)  
Paris, Jan. 27.—German troops entrenched on the west bank of the river Meuse at Saint Mihiel, are again cut off from communication with the main body. Pontons which afforded a means of retreat should their positions prove untenable, were destroyed by French artillery, according to an official war office communication.

Recently the French destroyed the bridges, but they were replaced. French attacks against the Germans on the east bank of the river continued throughout yesterday. The statement reported that German charges east of Rheims and on the heights of Craonne were repulsed with severe losses. The French met them with bayonets and defeated the attack in Argonne.

**Germans Hurled Back.**  
Paris, Jan. 27.—Heaps of dead, the victims of reckless and bloody charges against the allies' trenches, were the German army's birthday present to the Kaiser. Inspired by the presence of the emperor, the Germans hurled themselves against the French and English positions in a series of night attacks on the North Sea-Rhein line. Excepting near Craonne where the French were driven out of the trenches, the assaults were thrown back with losses, according to headquarters officials. The Germans held a celebration and song service when they captured the trenches at Craonne.

## Y. M. C. A. MEMBERS SELECT SAME BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Over a Hundred Attend Annual Meeting and Banquet Held Last Night.

In recognition of the services rendered during the past three years by the board of directors of the Albany Y. M. C. A., the members of that organization, assembled in their annual meeting last night, re-elected the directors whose term had just expired. In addition, Homer Dowd was elected for a one year term to take the place of C. C. Bryant, made vacant by resignation. The re-elected directors are: C. E. Sox, P. A. Young, J. A. Howard, A. M. Hammer, and G. A. Finnelly. The officers for the coming year will be elected by the board at a future meeting.

Over one hundred members were present at the banquet given last night in the association building, where an excellent dinner was served.

L. H. Compton, general secretary of the Salem Y. M. C. A., in an address, advised the Y. M. C. A. to get hold of the young men and boys and to make the Y. M. C. A. more agreeable than other loafing places in the city. M. W. Hamilton, of the Salem branch of the Portland Railway, Light and Power company, spoke on the financial side of the Y. M. C. A. work. President H. M. Crooks, of Albany College and W. P. White, were other speakers.

**Death of Mrs. McDonnell—**  
Mrs. E. McDonnell died at her home on Albany Heights at 10 o'clock last night. Funeral arrangements will be made later.

Miss Babe Gaten left for Dallas in this afternoon to take up a position in the New Imperial hotel in that city.