

OPENING OF LOCKS TO BE ON MAY 6

An Event of Great Importance
to the Entire Willamette
Valley.

CELEBRATION WILL BE
AT OREGON CITY

Other Valley Towns Asked to
Take Part in Celebrating
the Event.

The Commercial club is asked to join the Oregon City club in celebrating the opening of the Oregon City locks to free travel on May 6. In a letter received today from M. D. Latourette, Secretary of the Oregon City club, President Robert and Secretary Oliver, of the Commercial club and Mayor Carl are invited to be special guests at Oregon City that day.

The exercises at Oregon City will begin on the morning of the 6th and in the afternoon the fleet will go down the river to Portland to take part in the events down there. The celebration is under the auspices of the Dalles Celilo and Oregon City Locks committee.

The opening of the Columbia and Willamette rivers to free boat traffic will mean a lot to the cities along both streams. The Willamette locks have been under private ownership heretofore, and a tonnage charge was placed on all stuff shipped through them.

It is expected to run both rail and river excursions to Oregon City on the 6th.

THE PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH IN U. S.

Washington, D. C., April 21.—The latest report on mortality in the "registration area" of the United States, relating to the calendar year 1913 recently issued by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, contains some interesting and significant figures with reference to the principal causes of death in this country. More than one-half of all the deaths in the registration area—which in 1913 contained about 65 per cent of the total population of the United States—were due to nine causes: Tuberculosis, heart diseases, pneumonia, Bright's disease and nephritis, diarrhoea and enteritis, cancer, apoplexy, diphtheria and croup, and typhoid fever. The first three of these maladies alone were responsible for more than 30 per cent of the total mortality reported for that year.

The death rate from these nine causes combined in 1913 was 810.4 per 100,000 population. This is a material decrease from the corresponding rate in 1900—937.4 per 100,000—when the Census Bureau made its first annual collection of mortality statistics. The number of deaths resulting from these causes, however, formed a somewhat greater proportion of the total reported mortality in 1913 than in 1900—57 per cent in the latter year as compared with 53 per cent in the earlier.

PROF. O'COU AT THE LIBRARY TOMORROW NIGHT

Professor DeCou, of the department of mathematics of the University of Oregon, will lecture at the Albany Public Library Thursday evening, April 22, at 8:45 on "Canada."

Professor DeCou brings with him a large number of lantern slides, and is an interesting and experienced lecturer. His subject at the present time is one of vital interest because of the bearing which the present war may have upon the relations now existing between Canada and England. This lecture is free to all and will doubt be fully up to the standard of those already given, which met with such popular reception.

PRESIDENT WILSON DEFINES TRUE NEUTRALITY

It Will Consist in Helping Both
Sides When the Trouble
Is Over.

(By United Press Association)
New York, April 20.—President Wilson today gave a definite and clear statement of his neutrality policy during the war in Europe. He announced the occasion of the annual luncheon of the Associated Press for what he said he regarded as a statement of greatest importance to the American people.

As the only great nation not engaged in the war or suffering under the immediate influence of the war zone, Mr. Wilson declared that a great distinction awaited the United States when the hour of readjustment should come, provided this nation should prove to the world its self control and self mastery. The past had been difficult, he pointed out, but the future would be more difficult.

America, the president said, never attempt to sit in judgment upon another nation. No nation was fit to do that, he added. No American, free from hampering ambitions as a world power, free of a lust for territory, calm, cool and without self interest, must be appealed to assist in the reconstructing processes of peace.

The neutrality of the United States, Mr. Wilson said, had a higher basis than a petty desire to keep out of trouble.

"There is something so much greater to do than fighting," he said. "Let us think of America before we think of Europe, in other that America may be fit to be Europe's friend, when the day of tested friendship comes. The test of friendship is not sympathy with one side or the other, but getting with one side to help both sides when the struggle is over."

SENATOR CUSICK'S POSITION ON O. C. LAND GRANT

Declares That Resolution of the
Senate Was in Interest of
the People Only.

In an article in the Oregonian this morning the position of Senator Cusick, of this city, is reference to the action of the last legislature providing for intervention by the state in the matter of O. C. land grant is given. Mr. Cusick says the action was taken simply in the interest of the people. The tax on these lands now is approximately \$466,000 for the state, received by the different counties. If the land is thrown into a reserve, it is forfeited it will be the establishment of another big reserve. The state should not go into any kind of a reserve, either national or railroad, is the position taken by the Senator, who also denies that the resolution was passed surreptitiously in the interest of any one except the people.

Texas Yale Grads Meet.

Dallas, Tex., April 21.—Yale Grads and former students at Old Eli gathered from all parts of Texas today for the annual meeting of the State Yale Association. How to get some Texas huskies to reinforce the Yale football team was a subject informally discussed by many delegates whose Christmas lists have had to be curtailed in late years on account of Harvard victories. The annual banquet and toasts by men of statewide prominence and alumni representatives from other leading universities was to be held tonight.

Open Rupture is Imminent.

(By United Press Association)
Rome, April 21.—Open rupture between Italy and Austria is regarded as imminent by Senator Carafa. The senator declared negotiations between the two governments is now at a standstill and that he expects a break any time. Prince Von Buelow, the German ambassador, is declared to have made preparations to leave Italy.

Walter B. Tilley, of Corvallis, has been in town.

GERMANS AGAIN BEFORE RHEIMS

Because of French Mounting
Cannon There Another Attack
Made Necessary.

WILL NOT FIRE ON
CELEBRATED CATHEDRAL

Three Attacks By the French
Reported Repulsed By
Officials at Berlin.

(By United Press Association)

Berlin, April 21.—Owing to the French having mounted their cannon near the Rheims cathedral, the Germans were compelled again to bombard the position, the war office announced. It is stated that shells were not fired directly at the cathedral. The renewed bombardment of Rheims, together with attacks directed by the French at Flirey, between the Meuse and Moselle and about Metzeral, Condranchien, represented the chief activity reported. All attacks at the three points mentioned were repulsed with heavy losses, it is stated.

Heavy Fighting in France.

Paris, April 21.—The French forces between the Meuse and Moselle are engaged in the heaviest fighting in the Montmarie forest near Flirey and Essey, where the Germans are making a desperate effort to retake the trenches which they captured. The announcement of the war office declared the French are holding the positions taken, repulsing the German counter attacks with extremely heavy losses.

In the Usok Pass.

Geneva, April 21.—Reports of desperate fighting in the Usok pass region in which 18,000 Austro-Germans were killed, wounded and captured, were contained in advices from the Carpathian battle front. It is declared the Austro-Germans, taking advantage of the hill, delivered an unexpected attack Saturday. The Russians were forced to retreat, but were reinforced and drove the Austro-Germans out of the positions they occupied at the point of the bayonet.

On the Dardanelles.

Constantinople, April 21.—Twenty thousand Anglo-French troops are reported landed near Enos. A strict censorship is established by Berlin from Dardanelles and important operations are believed to be in progress there.

National Drama Meets.

Detroit, April 21.—Uplift of the stage, play-going and play-reading, were the topics before the Drama League of America which today opened its fifth annual convention here. Dr. Richard Burton of Minneapolis, president of the League, presided, and authors, playwrights and critics of national fame were among the delegates.

General discussion of the problems facing the League was the program for the first day of the convention and at a banquet tonight.

Organization of a league will follow tomorrow and one entire session will be devoted to the theme, "The New Movement in the Theatre," including addresses by prominent playwrights.

FUNERAL HELD TODAY OF MRS. JOSEPHINE LOGAN

The funeral of Mrs. Josephine Logan, who died at the home of her son at Fourth and Chicago streets yesterday afternoon, was held at the 10 o'clock. Rev. E. Maurer, pastor of the church, conducted the services. Mrs. Logan was born in Missouri Jan. 6, 1844. She came here five years ago to live with her son. She leaves four daughters and one son, all living in Oregon. The remains were shipped to Eugene on the noon train, and interment will be held in that city.

CIRCUIT COURT TO CONVENE NEXT MONDAY

Judge Galloway to Head Cases
Next Week, and Judge Kelly
Listen to Motions.

Judge Galloway's court will convene Monday, April 26, with the following cases set on the docket:

Monday, April 26, 10 a. m., Society of Independent Dukboroughs, et al., vs. Hecker et al.
Bertha Jones vs. Jerry Jones.
These cases will take about two days.

Thursday, April 29.—Williams vs. M. C. Gougan.

Friday, April 30.—Armstrong, vs. Armstrong.
Other cases may be brought up during the session.

Judge Kelly's motion and demurrer days will be Friday and Saturday, April 30 and May 1, and his regular May term will commence May 3.

Administrator Appointed.

The petition for letters of administration of the estate of Wm. S. Pound, who died in Brownsville, April 11, was approved today and John D. Rolfe was appointed administrator. The estate is valued at about \$2850.

Foreclosing Mortgage.

An execution for foreclosure executed in the circuit court of Lane county, was advertised today. Max S. Kibbe is collecting \$19,625, and \$400 additional, and interest at 10 per cent from April 1st, from R. C. Keeney, of Lane county. The property is located in Linn county. This is the fourth execution of mortgage that the sheriff's office has had this month. The sale will be held May 22.

Mrs. A. B. Atkins of Cottage Grove is the guest of Mrs. Sarah Wilfe, at the Sternberg home today.

Warranty Deed.

Orega Land Company to Arthur Gilfeather, Feb. 25, 1915. Lands in Sec. 4, Tp. 13, S. R. 1 east, 40 acres, \$650.

MEXICANS CHARGED WITH FIRING ON BROWNSVILLE

An Aviator Is Said to Have
Made the Uncalled For
Attack.

(By United Press Association)

Washington, April 21.—Secretary of War Garrison announced that he had received the report from General Funston of a Mexican aeroplane firing upon Brownsville. The details of the report will not be made public for twelve hours, the secretary said. He refused to explain the reason. Despite optimistic unofficial accounts of the incident, the action of Secretary Garrison in withholding the details is interpreted as indicating the affair might be of a serious nature.

MANY NAMES ADDED TO COMMERCIAL CLUB ROLLS

The first day's canvass for new members for the commercial club resulted very satisfactorily. Chairman Hamner, of the special committee, says that he is very well pleased with the first day's showing, but that those who escaped yesterday need not think that they escaped for good. The committees will keep busy and add to the list of subscribers for the big booster organization from day to day.

Liquor Question to Front.

Des Moines, Ia., Apr. 21.—Democratic committee members from ten of the eleven Iowa districts met here today in an effort to break the live to five deadlock in the selection of a committeeman from the third district to replace the late Charles Rodgers. Henry Bronson of Manchester and State Senator Hageman each have five votes for the third district. The wet and dry issue was involved, aided by Secretary Bryan's recent plea to name a white ribbon national committeeman to succeed Judge Martin J. Wade, resigned.

H. R. Slavens and wife, were down from Sweet Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Josephsen, recently from Spokane, passed through the city this morning on their way to their new home near Gates.

ATLANTIC FLEET IS NOT COMING

Government Afraid of Slides
Dividing the Fleet in
Two Parts.

GOV. GOETHALS WON'T
GUARANTEE NO SLIDES

So the Fleet Will Probably
Remain in the Atlantic
Ocean.

(By United Press Association)

Washington, April 21.—More cold water was thrown on the plan for the Atlantic fleet to pass through the Panama canal on a voyage to San Francisco, Puget Sound and Hawaii when it was announced through the war department that the Panama authorities could give no guarantee that there will be no further slides in the canal. This follows the reports that the canal is not deep enough at some places to permit a dreadnaught to pass, as a result of which definite information is asked from Governor Goethals. The announcement has made it appear extremely likely that the proposed voyage of the fleet might be abandoned.

As the stoppage of a slide cannot be assured, it is stated, the part of the fleet might pass through the canal and the remaining vessels then be cut off by a slide.

Personal Mention

W. A. Hoover returned to Detroit this morning.

A. F. Gooch returned to Shelburn this morning, after a business visit to this city.

R. Edson returned this morning to his home at Quartzville.

Mrs. C. L. Ranson returned to Mill City on the morning train.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stahl, of Corvallis, passed through the city this morning enroute to Portland.

Miss Mabel Trask came down from Lyons yesterday for a few days' visit with friends.

Mrs. R. S. Shaw, who has been visiting in Mill City, has returned to her home in Astoria.

M. J. Geary and James Dickson, two railroad men from Portland, were in the city in the interest of the Rock Island and the New York Central lines, respectively.

W. A. Kimsey was a passenger to East Independence on the morning electric.

E. P. Anthony went to Salem on the electric this morning.

Oscar Tinkle went to Jefferson this morning.

Mias Brewer returned to Portland this morning.

F. N. O'Conner, an attorney of Junction City, arrived in the city this morning.

BENTON'S ROAD MAKING CONTEST IS TAKING

The manner in which the road supervisors of Benton county have entered into the contest for producing the best results in a district between now and October first, is worthy of observation by the other counties of the state. Three prizes will be given for improvement, \$100, \$50 and \$40. Out of 29 supervisors in the county the following 22 have entered: J. A. Tadlock, R. M. Jones, J. A. W. Heeler, John Dyer, Robert Wylie, Henry Hector, C. L. Tallman, C. A. Madden, Chas. Glender, R. B. Jordan, A. A. Oliver, J. E. Thompson, E. W. Liddle, Fay Porter, Peter Karstens, Robert Kyle, J. A. Clayton, Bird Rickard, Dan Widmer, M. B. Long, A. J. Price and Horace Underhill.

WHEN DE ALBANY ELKS GO TO SALEM

Two Hundred Strong, Dressed
As Hobos Day'll Take De
Capital.

When the Albany Elks, headed by Exalted Ruler Harry Klosser leave for Salem tomorrow evening Albany people will be given a hobo show worth going miles to see. The boys are getting their toggy ready and letting their whiskers grow, and dere'll be some process when dey start down de track towards de capital city.

The Salem bunch will be ready for them, headed by Big Swede Anderson, Foam Thirst Pete D'Arcy, Dutch Kurtz and Leg Westy Stege. They are getting the mulligan cooked up fer emuf men to fill de hall to overflowing, to use the language of the official notice sent out. "Come on Bo," is the way it reads, "and we'll set aroun' 'till a couple o'clocks in de morning', smokin' hozanna cigars an' blowin' de smoke all over de house Johnny Jones is getting de mulligan fixed up, an' you know der'll be emuf fer all."

In the entertaining line there will be a fancy dance by Jean Eckerlein, some boxing by Myers and Burnett, a duet by Art Walrus and Jim Chung and a poem by Pete D'Arcy on the Beautiful Snow. There will also be a parade and Doc Wright and Dave Doty of McMinnville will give an exhibition of tango, Chas. Buraggraf and Fred Dawson of Albany will do fancy roller skating on their feet, hands and ears, and Smith and McCormick of Eugene will bowl tea pins on their heads.

BLEACHERS ARE BEING ERECTED FOR SALES DAY

Preparations For Bigger and
Better Sales Day For
Saturday.

Among the many improvements for the convenience of the patrons of the next sales day is a bleacher stand to be erected on the sales ground tomorrow. Chairman Fisher has plans drawn and the work will be rushed to a rapid conclusion. The stands will be 70 feet long and will stand 8 feet high at the back. They will have a seating capacity of over 350 people.

Many stallion owners have already entered their fine stock for the parade Saturday afternoon, and more names are expected in today. There will be a fine showing of blooded horses. One of the entries took the grand sweepstakes at the state fair and was grand champion of Oregon in 1910. The parade will start at 1 o'clock, headed by the high school band.

Entries for the sale are also coming in in fine shape. More live stock than ever will be put up for auction, and the other goods are in preparation. The merchants are also offering big bargains in merchandise and preparing special sales in various lines of merchandise. People attending Saturday's sale will find many bargains in all lines.

Success of Irrigation.

(By U. P. Staff Correspondent)
Washington, Apr. 21.—The Federal reclamation service points with pride to the development of the Grand project in California. Pleading the opening of the project the region was one vast wheat field with ranches far apart marked by ramshackle dwellings. The community was described as dead. To-day it is called one of the inspiring young districts of the Pacific Coast.

Jap Vessels to Return Home.

(By United Press Association)
Washington, April 21.—Confirming the reports that Japan had recalled all war vessels in the Eastern Pacific near the American waters, the Japanese embassy announced that the warships had been sent across the ocean for the sole purpose of hunting German craft. As all the German vessels have been swept from the seas, it is stated the recall followed. The embassy added that the warships at Turtle Bay will return to Japan as soon as the stranded cruiser Asama is floated.

COL. ROOSEVELT'S TEETH FLASHED

As He Brought His Fists Down
and Denounced William
Barnes As a Boss.

HE TESTIFIED IN
CRISP, JERKY PHRASES

Giving History of Barnes' In-
heritance From Boss Platt
and Work with Murphy.

(By United Press Association)

Syracuse, April 21.—Bringing his fists down on the arm of the witness chair with resounding smacks, his teeth flashing an his indignant ringing out in crisp phrases, Colonel Roosevelt portrayed William Barnes as a political boss of the most dominant type. After the court ruled that Roosevelt must confine his testimony to the evidence having actual bearing on the case, the colonel launched into an attack upon his political enemy with true Rooseveltian vigor. He told how Barnes inherited his hold on the Republican machine of New York from the late Senator Platt, how he strengthened it, how Barnes worked with "Chief" Murphy, and other Tammany Hall leaders to defeat legislation at Albany; also as recounted by Roosevelt in support of his statements to the same effect it was upon which the Barnes suit was based.

MATINEE MUSICAL OF MISS HAMMEL TOMORROW

The Albany College conservatory of music will give a matinee musical tomorrow afternoon, at the First Presbyterian church, at 4 o'clock, when Miss Blanche Hammel, one of Albany's popular soloists will be heard, assisted by Miss Wilma Waggener, pianist. Following will be the program, which the conservatory of music will be glad to have the friends of Miss Hammel hear:

In Spring Fesca
Serenade Fesca
Gypsy Maiden Fesca
The Danza Chadwick
Sacrament MacDermid
Will o' the Wisp Spross
Aria—Caro Nome (Rigoletto) Verdi

Songs Neidlinger
1. Night
2. Morning
3. The Robin
4. Serenade

Mattinata Toati
LaSerenata Toati
My Abode Schubert
The Maiden's Wish Chopin
Dutchman Wagner-Liszt

Miss Waggener
Eighteenth Century Songs
Bergerettes (arranged by Weck-
erlin) French
1. Lizette One Morn
2. Ah! Love is but a Child
3. Exaudets Minuet
4. I Sing of the Love of Jean
5. Fair Aminta

When Love is Kin Irish
The Lass with a Delicate Air English

"TALE OF A HAT" TICKETS ON SALE

The ladies of the Methodist church will start the sale of tickets for Mrs. Carrie U. Adams' musical comedy, "The Tale of a Hat," this week. The general account of the talented singers taking part, and the fact that Mrs. Adams' music is used in all of the churches in the city. The Methodist ladies hope to fill the Methodist ladies in the city, the church auditorium out of compliance is the author, Mrs. Frank Powell as "Miss Croakenboss" and J. C. Irvine as the better "Dr. Long Hike" are said to be gentler comedians than most professionals, which is true of all who take part.