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POSTPONE CANAL OPERATING UNTIL NEXT SUMMER

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Formal opening ceremonies at the Panama canal probably will be postponed from March to July, and President Wilson will go to San Francisco by rail in March and to Panama later when the canal review will be held.

GUNS SILENCE MARSEILLAISE HYMN

PARIS, Jan. 28.—Announcement given out at the war office today says: "On the heights of the Meuse, opposite the French position at Sparges, German soldiers during the celebration yesterday of Emperor William's birthday, began singing the Marseillaise to the accompaniment of fifes and drums. A violent fire from the French troops silenced them."

BATTLE IN GALICIA ON BROADER SCALE

PETROGRAD, via London, Jan. 28.—The battles in Galicia appear to be developing on a broader scale along the Carpathians for a distance of 100 miles. Both sides appear to attach great importance to the outcome.

Mixed a Little

An editor of a country weekly was recently making up a page of his paper, when he "pled" a wedding notice and a notice of a public sale. He gathered up the scattered matter and replaced it in the form without taking a proof of it, and this is the way it read: "Wm. Smith, only son of Joseph Smith, and Lucy Maxwell were disposed of at public auction, one mile east, in the presence of 70 guests, including 2 mules and 12 head of cattle. Rev. Jones tied the nuptial knot for the parties, averaging 1250 pounds on the hoof. The beautiful home of the bride was decorated with one sulky rake, one set of work harness, nearly new, and just before the ceremony was performed, Mendelssohn's wedding march was rendered by one mitch cow five years old, one Jersey cow and one sheep carrying a bunch of Bride's roses, which were very beautiful. She wore a light blue spring wagon, two crates of tomatoes, three crates of apples, three trucks of hay and a grindstone, trimmed with about 100 bushels of spuds. The bridal pair left yesterday for an extended trip west. Terms cash." Exchange.

THE DOLLAR ABOVE HUMANITY

IN its passion for economy the legislature gives signs of going too far when it proposes to cripple the state eleemosynary institutions by cutting into appropriations deemed essential by those whose administration has proved efficient and who are best qualified to judge of the needs of the inmates. It is no fault of the management of the state institutions that the inmates are increasing out of all proportion to the increase in the state's population. Insane asylums, feeble-minded institutions and prisons are the fruitage of our civilization, and speak louder than words of the outcome of legislation placing the dollar before humanity. The least the state can do is to make adequate provision for the care of the wreckage created by social and industrial conditions. Although a new insane asylum was recently built in eastern Oregon, the older institution has only sixty-nine fewer inmates than it had before the new asylum was built, which now contains 380 inmates.

GOVERNED BY FORMULA

THE United States senate offers a fine object lesson of the rule of conventionalism and formula. A number of Democrats are opposing the president and threatening to oppose the party program because of a few dinky offices sought by spoilsmen. The Republicans are seeking to block legislation by resorting to the absurd filibuster tactics, wherein "senatorial courtesy" permits one man to block legislation demanded by a nation. The president is the sole representative of all the people at Washington. He should be clothed with the same power and responsibility that the English clothe their prime minister with.

Popular government is a political evolution. The federal constitution prevents or at least imposes every obstacle to that evolution. It took fifty years to secure popular election of senators and all other political necessities have to overcome the same burdonism. Rigid and immobile, the United States, restricted by its constitutional handicaps, imposed by those distrustful of the people, is far behind that of many constitutional monarchies in the actual rule of the people and the ability to secure legislation in response to popular demand.

A MERITORIOUS MEASURE

A BILL has passed the house, and should pass the senate (H. B. 120), which prohibits advertising signs, placards, posters or any advertising display along state highways, including the Pacific highway as well as the Columbia river highway. The bill reads in part: It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to paste, paint, brand or in any manner whatsoever place or attach to any building, fence, gate, bridge, tree, rock, board, structure, or anything whatever, within the limits of any state highway, or on the property of another within view of such highway without such owner's written consent, any written, printed, painted or other advertisement, bill, notice, sign, picture, card or poster, except within the limits of any city, town or village through which said highway may run.

A penalty of from \$10 to \$100 or imprisonment for not less than ten nor more than one hundred days is provided. The law permits any person to remove or destroy any sign or advertisement placed in violation of the act. This is the first requisite toward beautifying the highway. Next will come the planting of shade trees, which the ladies of Jackson county have undertaken.

OMAHA ACCUSES RAIL DISCRIMINATION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—The Commercial club of Omaha today filed a complaint with the interstate commerce commission, charging the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe and other railroads with discrimination against Omaha in favor of Louisville, Peoria, Ill., and Cincinnati, in rates on alcohol, high wines, whiskey and brandy shipped to points in Montana or Washington and California.

GERMAN HUIZZARS ON RUMANIAN FRONTIER

GENEVA, via Paris, Jan. 28.—The arrival of a regiment of German hussars at Orzeva, on the Serbo-Rumanian frontier, is announced here. The Serbian engineer corps has mined the gorges of the Danube from Trehia to Belgrade and has fortified all the defiles through which the Austro-German troops could invade Serbia.

PARENT-TEACHERS' ORGANIZATIONS AND GOOD ACCOMPLISHED

The Parent-Teacher associations have accomplished at least one thing. They have brought about a recognition everywhere of the need of greater co-operation between the teacher and the parent—a fact which must in time help vastly to eliminate that unfortunate break between the school and the home. To the child, his life at home is one thing—the real thing; school, however much he may be interested in it, is a thing set apart, and cannot but become to some degree artificial and stereotyped just as it falls of "hitching up" with real life as he knows it outside. Anything that tends to make the teacher regard the child as an individual and less as a disembodied intellect, and subject for "lessons," anything, on the other hand, that helps the parent to realize that the teachers are human, well-intentioned and generally able to see the child with somewhat juster objectivity than the parent himself can—will be a long gain toward the vitalizing of our schools. This is one hope that the Parent-Teacher organization holds before itself.

HOUSEHOLD ECONOMY

How to Have the Best Cough Remedy and Save \$2 by Making it at Home. Cough medicines, as a rule contain a large quantity of plain syrup. A pint of granulated sugar with 1/2 pint of warm water, stirred for 2 minutes, gives you as good syrup as money can buy.

THE PAGE TONIGHT Medford's Leading Theater. The Same Big Seven Reel Show With the Sixth Episode of the MASTER KEY Admission 5, 10, 15c.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC TRAINS TO MAKE SUBURBAN STOPS

A. S. Rosenbaum, general manager of Harriman lines in Medford, has been notified from Portland that Southern Pacific trains will hereafter stop at Seven Oaks and Rock Point upon being flagged. The order refers to trains 13, 14, 15 and 16, and supplies service to replace the service of the motor which was withdrawn.

HERRIN'S SISTER STRANGELY MISSING

PORTLAND, Jan. 28.—Mrs. Emma Herrin Diekey, sister of William F. Herrin of San Francisco, vice-president and chief counsel of the Southern Pacific, disappeared from Waverleigh Crest sanatorium, East Thirtieth and Powell streets, at about 5:30 p. m., January 7. Nothing has been seen or heard of her since, although the Portland police department, at the request of A. C. Dixon, has been searching for her. Mr. Dixon is manager of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company of Eugene. Mrs. Dixon and Mrs. Diekey are sisters. Outgoing trains have been watched, but no one answering Mrs. Diekey's description has left on them. This

gives rise to the theory that Mrs. Diekey is still in Portland. Mrs. Diekey has a brother, David C. Herrin, Portland insurance man, and other relatives in Ashland, where the Herrin family were pioneers. WILLAMETTE CLOSING BILL BEFORE HOUSE. SALEM, Or., Jan. 28.—Rights of sportsmen clashed sharply with the rights of commercial fishermen in the house today when house bill 18, introduced by John Gill of Multnomah, came up for final passage.

SALEM public library received \$5,058.13 for 1914 and spent \$113.20 for books.

THE PAGE Medford's Leading Theater Friday Evening Saturday Matinee and Evening WILLIAM FOX PRESENTS THE powerful dramatic sensation, the stirring photoplay masterpiece. A production based on the foibles of modern society and finance. By Henri Bernstein, even excelling that famous production, "The Thief." SAMSON Not a Biblical subject In Five Parts. Featuring WILLIAM FARNUM the Creator of "Ben Hur" Who will be seen in the star role of this photoplay production extraordinary. WHAT THE PAPERS SAY ABOUT "SAMSON" "A tense drama of love, finance and revenge that keeps you holding to your seat in poignant suspense."—Allan Dale in New York American.

IT THEATRE Thursday, Jan. 28 "Folly of a Life of Crime" Featuring SONTAG and EVANS California's Noted Outlaws Matinee and Evening, Six Full Reels, 10 and 20c.

Buy Your Tickets In Advance for JACK LONDON'S VALLEY OF THE MOON AT THE STAR THEATRE Friday and Saturday

PROBE OF RAILROADS BY I. R. C. ANNOUNCED

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—Frank P. Walsh, chairman of the federal commission on industrial relations announced today that the commission would conduct in Chicago an investigation into the entire transportation conditions of the country, the relations between railroads and their employees and conditions among the workers. This investigation, Mr. Walsh announced will be begun within a few days after the commission concludes its hearings here, probably the latter part of next week.

A Good Resolution. To help build up Medford payrolls by smoking Governor Johnson or Mt. Pitt cigars. John A. Perl UNDERTAKER Lady Assistant Mrs. S. BARTLEY 36 S. BARTLEY Phone M. 47 and 47-JB Ambulance Service Deputy Coroner

COAST GUARD BILL SIGNED BY PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—President Wilson today signed the coast guard bill, which combines the revenue cutter service and the life saving service.