

PROPOSALS OPEN WAY FOR ACTION BY NEUTRAL LANDS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Germany's proposal for peace is regarded here as having broken the chains which for months have restrained the United States, as well as other neutrals from making offers of mediation.

Now that one set of belligerents has signified its willingness to discuss peace terms—a condition often reiterated as necessary to any action by President Wilson—there are indications that when the United States, acting as the intermediary, transmits the German proposal, it may accompany its action by some steps, to throw the influence of the United States into the balance for at least a consideration, however preliminary, of the terms on which a lasting peace might be brought to the world.

Whether the United States will transmit the German proposal without any comment whatever, or accompany it with some formal or informal expression, will not be decided until the note delivered to American Charge Grow in Berlin reaches President Wilson's hands, probably tomorrow.

TODAY'S MARKETS

Chicago Wheat CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Wheat: Open. Close. May \$1.05 1/2 \$1.07 1/2 July 1.43 1.43 1/4

Portland Livestock

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 13.—Hogs steady; receipts 263. Prime light, \$9.60@9.75; prime strong weights, \$9.65@9.75; good to prime mixed, \$8.25@9.50; rough heavy packing, \$8.50@9.10; pigs and skips, \$8.25@8.75; stock hogs, \$7@8. Cattle steady; receipts 8. Steers, prime light, \$7@7.50; prime heavy, \$7.25@7.50; good, \$6.50@7. Cows, choice, \$5.75@6.25; medium to good, \$5.75@6; ordinary to fair, \$5@5.50; heifers, \$5@6.25; bulls, \$2.75@3; calves, \$5@7. Sheep steady; receipts 1285. Choice lambs, \$9@9.60; common lambs, \$7@7.50; choice yearling wethers, \$8@8.50; good yearlings, \$7@7.75; choice light ewes, \$6@7; heavy ewes, \$5@5.50.

Portland Butter

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 13.—Butter weak.

Portland Grain

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 13.—Wheat steady; no trading. Spot bids unchanged. Bluestem, \$1.45; Fortyfold, \$1.42; club, \$1.42; Red Russian, \$1.40. Barley unchanged. Today's ear receipts: Wheat 13, flour 1, oats 6, hay 4.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Reported by Jackson County Abstract Co., Sixth and Fir Sts.

Marriage Licenses.

W. Boyd Keizer and Mabel Mann. Ira Tunkate and Alice V. Smith. John L. Grubb, Jr., and Mamie H. Clute.

Stephen F. Smith and Christina L. Hoeliff.

Circuit.

Ellen Coppock, et al. vs. James D. Simons, et al, foreclosure, summons. W. E. Phipps, vs. A. T. Lathrop, supplemental complaint. Jackson County Bank, et al, vs. J. W. Kirkpatrick, et al, notice. Chas. D. Colby, vs. City of Medford, stipulation.

T. H. Potter vs. W. T. and C. H. Veghte, answer.

Minnie Penninger vs. Charles A. Penninger, order.

O. M. Comettes vs. D. A. Bonar, et al, order for publication of summons.

Ed Conley vs. C. Frank Rhodes, order dismissing suit.

Theodore Ice, et al, vs. F. G. Mathison, et al, order, motion.

Lewis J. Trefren vs. Nola Pearl Trefren, default decree.

Chas. D. Colby vs. City of Medford, order.

Albert H. Stallworth vs. Martha L. Stallworth, default.

F. Zana vs. Maule Landis, et al, default, decree.

Golden West Coffee is "Just Right"

GIRLS PULL CANAL BOATS



This picture, exclusive to The Medford Mail Tribune, shows how English girls, whose fathers and brothers have gone to war are pulling canal boats. Ropes extending to the boat are wrapped about the girl's bodies.

Mary A. Kincaid vs. Charles H. Pierce, confirmation of sale.

Probate.

Women's Civic Improvement Club of Ashland, Oregon, corporate articles.

Clark's Creek Lumber Co., name of Russel S. Hawk, Malinda J. Hawk, assumed business.

William J. Virgin, estate, seventh report of executor.

Harry A. Houser, estate, final order, final account.

D. C. Rose, estate, final account.

Edgar E. Minear, estate first semi-annual and final report.

Thomas D. Cot, estate, semi-annual report.

Guardianship of Magness James Hall, Ralph Charles Hall, Edna E. Hall, petition for sale of timber, order to sell timber, undertaking before sale of property.

Ruth Keizer, estate, admitted to probate.

O. H. Lawler, estate, order disposal personal property, fixing terms of final settlement; final settlement.

William Fowler, estate, inventory and appraisal.

Martha M. Johnston, estate, inventory and appraisal.

Emma Hughes, estate, order for publication of final settlement; final settlement.

Ilca Estate Transfers

H. M. Morgan et ux, to Thomas Morgan, W. D. to land in sec. 15, T. 34 S., R. 1 W., \$250

Nancy Carter to Wm. Carter, W. D. to land in sec. 16, T. 35 S., R. 4 W., \$600

PROSPECT

The dance at Embry's on the 2d was a decided success, in spite of very unfavorable weather conditions. Music was furnished by Lewis' orchestra of Persist.

Joe Simnot is in our midst again. He was accompanied this time by Gus Stinson, who drove the C.-O. P. Co. truck up from Medford. They arrived Wednesday evening after two strenuous days on the road, finishing the last lap of the journey in ten inches of snow with plenty of mud under it. Simnot's experience the last time he was up here, when he and Bob Medley tracked Jim Grieve's old Rowdo to his lair in the woods under the impression that they were trailing a cougar, has not discouraged him in his determination to get a rug from a bear or a cougar. Friday afternoon being too stormy to work, Joe went on another bear hunt and tramped most of the afternoon without discovering any sign. Jim Grieve had thoughtfully provided him with a set of diagrams picturing the difference between bear, cougar, and dog, sheep and cow tracks. So Joe wasted none of his efforts in following the last named animals. Deciding that it was time to go home, our bold hunter discovered that he was lost. After a time he found the fresh trail of a man in the snow and followed it. The farther he followed it the more travel it showed, but it did not seem to take him anywhere. Two hours later Gus and Frank Stinson found Joe patiently plodding around a well-packed circular path about 200 yards in diameter. He was all of a half mile from home and about a stone's throw from the main road. Joe says he is beginning to like this adventurous life in the wilds, but Jim Grieve advises him to confine his hunting strictly to rabbits in a ten-acre pasture.

Sceley Hall, Frank McKee and Herbert Kenner, three adventurous young men from the valley, drove up to Prospect Thursday in McKee's

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At the date for city election approaches candidates are being lined up. Mayor, recorder, treasurer, three councilmen, one springs commissioner and three park commissioners are to be chosen. There will also be three charter amendments on the ballot, two of which refer to proposed abolishment of the springs and park commissioners, and the third providing for a long-term lease of the city's excess mineral waters. The wording of these amendments is long drawn out, occupying a half-page in the local papers, and is even lengthier than the pro and con phases of Medford's Medynski memorabilia. Fred D. Wagner and Charles R. Lamkin are candidates for mayor. G. G. Eubanks for treasurer and for recorder over half a dozen candidates are in the field. Three councilmen are to be chosen. In the first ward, R. P. Cornelius and S. B. Stoner are named; second ward, W. W. Caldwell and J. H. Bill; third ward, J. N. Dennis and A. L. Lamb. Dr. Jarvis is candidate for springs commissioner. For park commissioner, five-year term, G. S. Butler; three years, F. E. Watson; two years, Wilber Holmes. B. R. Stevens has been elected chief patriarch of Pilot Rock encampment No. 16, the higher order of Odd Fellowship; John Uetz, high priest; E. E. Phipps, senior warden; J. J. Murphy, junior warden; A. W. Storey, scribe; J. M. Cascheer, treasurer. The membership is approaching the hundred mark. The name of Dr. J. O. Jarvis has not only been mentioned for springs commissioner, but petitions have been circulated in his behalf and he has duly filed papers as a candidate to succeed Bert R. Greer, whose term expires December 31, 1916. Councilman A. L. Lamb recently found that six miles of wire on the power line leading to his mine was stripped from the poles. A weight of about 1400 pounds of copper wire was the equivalent of the amount used on the line. Investigations led to the arrest of Howard Dunlap, a young man of this city, accused of the theft, and police are on the trail of accomplices. Dunlap has been bound over to the grand jury. The line had not been in use for some time past, a circumstance which gave thieves added opportunity to tamper with it. At the State Teachers' association, to be held in Portland, December 27-29, F. E. Moore, principal of the Ashland high school, is scheduled for a talk on "Methods in Handling Current Events," a topic incorporated in the history division. This will be given on Friday, December 29. On the same date Miss Emily De Vore of Medford will give a demonstration of indoor games. H. H. Wardrip of Grants Pass, formerly in the manual training department of the normal here, is chairman of the vocational education and manual training divisions. E. R. Peterson of Medford is chairman of the department of rural schools, and Miss V. M. Hillis of the same city is chairman of the department of city superintendents. E. E. Carleton is president of the association. Superintendent Briscoe of the Ashland schools is vice-president and will represent the Schoolmasters' club of the dual counties Jackson and Josephine. Miss Gertrude Engle, principal of the junior high school, will represent the Ashland schools. Superintendent Briscoe is also member of the executive committee of the association. Open 1906

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Oldsmobile en route to Crater lake. As they followed in the tracks made by Gus Stinson in the power company's big Red truck, the going was good as far as the power plant, but they were unable to make Union creek, as originally planned. Instead, they left the car at Prospect, and Friday morning Jim Grieve took them to Union creek with team and sled, where they struck out for the lake on snow shoes. McKee accompanied the other two as far as Silver's camp, and after seeing them started on the last leg of their dash to the lake, returned to Prospect, where he arrived Saturday evening. Visions of the large open fireplace at Jim's famous hostelry were too much for him, and he says he is willing for the others to reap all the glory and whatever pleasure a winter view of the lake affords. Him for the fireplace and three of Mrs. Grieve's famous squares a day. Jim will start out with a relief party if the two daring young explorers have not returned to Prospect by Tuesday.

John Grieve of Trail, district road supervisor, is visiting with his son, James T. Grieve. Forest Ranger Bert Mason has been in the valley several days on business. He drove down Tuesday. Bert Iginbotham and Ral Connelly drove out a band of cattle Friday, for which they had been looking for some days.

Lucius Kincaid has resigned his position as mail carrier and "Shorty" Hanson is now pulling the lines over Kelso's hayburners and otherwise attending to the duties along the mail route. Luke has gone back to cougar hunting. He and Charlie Walker have killed two bobcats, one of them weighing well over forty pounds, which is some cat.

The Waddell boys have killed six cats thus far this season. These varmints seem to be more plentiful than usual, while smaller fur-bearing animals are decidedly scarce. Miss Winifred Walker visited in Peyton Sunday.

Lee Waddell spent Saturday and Sunday with J. C. Embry at the power station.

FLOUNCE ROCK FRILLS

Miss Ila Lytle, who has been in Nebraska for some months, is now visiting her sister, Mrs. Ralph Young, of Franctias, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Cobleigh visited relatives here last week.

Miss Winnie Walker spent Sunday at Mr. Vaughans.

Mrs. John Richardson has been seriously ill for the past week and while slightly better this week, is still very weak and unable to partake of solid food.

Mrs. Peyton spent several days of last week with Mrs. Dawson, who was sick. Miss Pearl Peyton also spent several days with her sister, at the latter end of the week.

James Peyton spent Sunday at home. He has traded "Little Red Horse" to Mr. Conger.

Mr. McLeod has recently returned from a trip to San Francisco.

The W. M. B., which is the official title of the Peyton Sewing Circle, held its first regular meeting with Mrs. Broomfield Friday afternoon. There are 12 members, and they are pledged not to gossip, talk politics or religion. Each hostess is not to serve more than two kinds of "cats." A fine of 25c will be imposed upon each member, who transgresses the law. The following ladies are members: Mes