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EM-TEES

Just as everybody gets to feeling pretty good again, up comes something about baseball.

On some automobiles a pedometer would be more practicable than a speedometer.

None of the autos in the latest automobile shows has included among its newest accessories a pair of walking shoes?

Very few people write on the inside of a post card and it is considered misdirected energy opening a post card.

Once upon a time a druggist didn't have a certain article a customer wanted and ye druggist didn't recommend something else "just as good" to ye customer.

Don't start a war argument with a barber when he's shaving you. He wins the argument even if you are right.

We think it's awfully ally to hang up a sprig of mistletoe during the holidays, and likewise utterly unnecessary.

Little Jack Horner sat in a corner eating a Christmas pie; He put in his thumb and pulled out a pure food label.

Be optimistic in all things. When a dish is broken don't get peeved. Just say kind of sweet like: "Well, there's one less to wash."

An Englishman and a Scotchman were out walking in the Highlands when they came to a sign which read, "Five miles to Stronachlachar."

Sandy laughed, but refused to tell the Englishman the joke. That night the Englishman woke Sandy up with loud laughter. "Haw, I see the pun," said the Englishman. "Haw! the baker might not be in. Haw! quite clever."

SPAIN'S PROTEST CAUSES SURPRISE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Spain's action toward the German submarine campaign caused surprise here because no such vigorous statement from Spain had been expected.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 29.—A strike of members of six shipbuilders' unions employed in three Portland ship yards was called by labor leaders for 11 o'clock today as a result of the refusal of the employers to grant recent union demands that the yards be operated under the closed shop principle.

LANSING UNDER FIRE

CHARGES that Wall street speculators, by means of advance information, through collusion with government officials, had cleaned up millions in the bear raid on the stock market following the publication of the German and Wilson peace notes, has resulted in congressional resolution for investigation.

Secretary of State Robert Lansing has fallen under suspicion, both because of the "leak" in news to Wall street, and because of the peculiar interpretation he gave the president's peace note in his uncalculated "explanation" which caused the market to slump, and then his explanation of the previous explanation.

Secretary Lansing states that he welcomes investigation, while Thomas W. Lawson, the Wall street plunger, asserts that the trail leads right to the high officials loudest in demands for investigation—the inference being plain.

If Mr. Lansing resigns, he will be the seventh secretary of state to have quit amid sensations, beginning with Thomas Jefferson, who left Washington's cabinet because of disagreement with Alexander Hamilton, secretary of the treasury, and ending with William J. Bryan, who left the Wilson cabinet because he could not concur in the president's foreign policy.

Other secretaries of state who have left the cabinet were: Edmund Randolph, Jefferson's successor, who retired under charges reflecting upon his honor, through intercepted dispatches of the French ambassador; Daniel Webster, who resigned from Tyler's cabinet when the latter broke with the Whig party, which had elected him.

James G. Blaine furnished two cabinet resignations. Appointed by Garfield, he could not agree with Arthur after the former's death, and left. Appointed by Harrison in 1889, he resigned in 1892 because of personal, not political, differences with his chief.

Secretary Lansing's record has hitherto been beyond reproach. It is the duty of the administration to keep its record free from scandal. If Mr. Lansing is innocent, he should be cleared, and if guilty of commercializing state secrets, ousted from the cabinet.

VERY STRANGE, ISN'T IT?

THE water power lobbyists are insisting on the passage of the Shields and Meyers bills, which practically gives away for nothing and forever the remaining publicly owned water powers in the United States.

These gentlemen tell congress and the public that in the name of "development" the public water power must be turned over to private interests on "more liberal terms."

And yet it seems that water power development is taking place under just these terms and in the very place that the water power gentlemen say it is "locked up."

For the fiscal year 1916, says Henry S. Graves, chief of the United States forest service, twenty new water power projects which utilize national forest land began operation. This was an increase of 18 1/2 per cent in the total number. In the fiscal year 1915 the number of new projects which began operation was twelve.

And the figures show another astounding thing. Forty-two per cent of the total developed water power of the United States utilize national forest land. And on national forest land, the water power companies must submit to exactly the restrictions in the public interest that they say they cannot submit to. If the Meyers bill passes, the control of these water powers on national forests will be taken away from the forest service and turned over to the interior department and the bill will compel grants to be made under less favorable terms to the public than the forest service now grants.

It does seem strange, doesn't it, that the power people found they could develop twenty new projects on the national forests at the same time they insisted that they could not develop power under such terms?

DULLNESS FEATURE OF STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Dullness was the most striking feature of the last day of the year on the stock exchange. Irregular price changes in the early session, with a general upward trend in the later dealings, resulted almost entirely from the usual settlement of professional contracts.

SICK GOVERNOR TO TAKE OATH OF OFFICE

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 29.—Requiel C. DeHara, governor-elect of New Mexico, left here today in the care of a nurse for Santa Fe, N. M., to take the oath of office January 1.

PANAMA CHANNEL BETTER THAN EVER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The channel through the treacherous sides of Gaillard cut to the Panama Canal now is in better condition than ever before. The work of clearing the passage, with hope against recurrence of the slides is far advanced, according to the latest official announcement.

FOOTS CREEK ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. McKinney returned to Ashland for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Mathews were callers in Rogue River Friday. A program was given last Friday here by the school and Sunday school.

WILSON'S NOTE MARKS ENTRANCE OF UNITED STATES AS LEADER IN WORLD'S AFFAIRS

BIGGEST THREE IN WORLD CRISIS TODAY

That Is Why President Had to Smash Tradition, If He Was to Show Our Hat in the Ring for the First Time.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—That the United States intends to sit in at the world's peace conference whenever that may be held, is the outstanding significance of President Wilson's address to the powers.

Mediations Discarded. Mediation used to be the method by which warring powers got together. A powerful neutral nation would serve as a medium through which the warring powers would match up their ideas as to settlement.

Theoretically ambassadors of warring nations do not speak to each other and theoretically there is no communication between warring nations. That tradition and make-believe have broken down, Germany smashed it the other day by dealing directly with her enemies.

The German offer of peace was as unusual in the diplomatic world as a flash of lightning out of a summer sky. Such a thing never had been before. It was a recognition that the age of sailing vessels and dispatch boxes and of communication by written document only had passed and that submarine cables, radiograms and the telegram have brought all nations—warring or non-warring—into hourly and almost momentary communication.

Takes Initiative. The necessity that the United States act as a mediator for the adjustment of peace views was a tradition. Germany has invited a peace conference of her own motion.

The United States, through President Wilson, has spoken. It has said in effect that no neutral nation is unconcerned with the great war and the terms of the peace settlement.

The United States is greatly concerned with the settlement of this war and with the terms on which it is settled. The United States proposes to do all in its power to exert influence on both these questions.

Neutral Rights Involved. Central rights on the ocean in world commerce and rights of all kinds will be involved in the final peace parley. The question will be considered whether there shall be a world league to enforce peace, whether there shall be gradual concerted disarmament.

In all these questions the United States renounces its historic and traditional policy of isolation. We renounce the George Washington injunction against entangling foreign alliances and recognize that the world is a smaller place than it was in Washington's days and that neighbors are brought close by three thousand miles of ocean rather than ten.

Our country demands that the rights as the most powerful neutral in the world be considered. President Wilson was urged months ago to call a conference of the neutral powers. If the answer to this informal note is not encouraging, his next step unquestionably will be to call that neutral conference.

Through this the interests and rights of neutral powers will be formulated and presented to the warring nations and influence will be brought to bear on the belligerents to adjust their quarrel and end the war.

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GOLD HILL NUGGETS

Mr. and Mrs. Earle Stanley-Smith were guests at the Bushnell ranch home in Sams Valley several days the first part of the week.

Mrs. W. A. Tresham and daughter, Miss Elsie, went to Hill, Cal., Saturday, returning Tuesday.

Miss Elsie Miller arrived here Saturday morning for a holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Miller.

Roy K. Hackett, assistant cashier at the First National bank at Grants Pass, with his wife and daughter, were Christmas day guests at the home of his uncle, Dr. R. C. Kelsey and family.

Mrs. M. G. Eldridge returned to Talent Tuesday after spending the holidays with children in this city.

Mrs. George Lane, nee Blossom Beeman, is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Beeman, having arrived Sunday from Shoshone, Idaho.

Miss Pearl Nowell was a visitor in Medford Saturday.

Horton (Bill) Beeman arrived home Friday night from Eugene, where he is attending the university.

Miss Fay McVeigh, a teacher of the Crescent City schools, has been spending the Christmas season with her grandmother, Mrs. E. Bolt.

Miss Mary Traux, who is attending the University of Oregon from Gold Hill, is at home for the holiday vacation. She arrived here Thursday last.

Miss Madeline Silver, who teaches the third and fourth grades in the local school, left for her home at Ashland Friday afternoon.

F. W. Dodge has been in town several days the past week from Grants Pass, where he is at present spending most of his time.

Miss Maude Miller, a teacher at one

of the districts near Gold Hill, left for Medford Saturday.

Hugh Hayes and wife left for Tillamook Saturday. They were en route from Ashland and stopped for a short visit with Mrs. Hayes' sister, Mrs. Alva Walker, nee Ivy Bailey.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Collins were visitors in Medford with their daughter, Mrs. H. De Armond, for Christmas.

Attorney and Mrs. Lenery of Ashland spent several days the first part of the week at the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. Stebbins on Gulls creek. They returned home Tuesday.

C. D. Sanders of Boise City, Idaho, arrived in town Tuesday on business. Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Kellogg and children, Fred and Kathleen, are at the E. B. Day ranch for a week's visit from Eugene, having arrived last Saturday.

Lester Dungray was a Phoenix visitor Christmas to spend the day with his sister Eunice, who now lives there.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bolt were visitors with relatives at Tolo Saturday.

In the contest for the Indians' wrist watch at the Comus theater, the six leading young ladies at the last count are: Ina Gardner, 593; Margaret Chisholm, 580; Ida Johnson, 570; Ivy Walker, 470; Veina Davidson, 370; Ruth Cady, 265.

Others are in the race also, and some are doubtless holding back their ballots, for the way the young ladies are campaigning shows their interest in the watch on display at the Bowers' pharmacy.

We might also say here that the Comus management are advertising a seven-reel show for next Friday and Saturday nights, with the same popular prices of 5 and 15 cents. Two reels of "Pog o' the Ring" and five of "London's Legency," with J. Warren Kerrigan as star, constitute the program.

R. H. Moore of Central Point, but who maintains a flour-distributing warehouse in Gold Hill, was in town Saturday in the interests of this business. He is expecting another ear shipment as soon as a car can be secured.

The M. E. church pulpit was filled both morning and evening by Rev. E. C. Richards, as well as Rev. R. A. Hutchison ("the little live Irishman"). Rev. Richards was at one time pastor of the local church and was again appointed for the coming year, but resigned to take a position as field worker for the Willamette university at Salem. His being here was made possible by he and Mrs. Richards spending Christmas with the latter's relatives in Ashland.

Richards' relatives in Ashland, Rev. R. A. Hutchison, who has now been appointed to this charge, will also supply Jacksonville, preaching there in the morning and here at the evening hour, until further arrangements are made when he will probably be transferred here entirely. If he is, it will mean the rebuilding of the church membership.

Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Walker were at the bride's former home with her mother, Mrs. Isora Hodges, for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Kellogg and sons, Noel and Boyce, were guests of Medford relatives from Sunday to Tuesday.

Martin Johnson and family were Christmas guests at the B. E. Adams ranch near Rock Point.

Margaret Hoffman of Grants Pass spent Christmas with relatives in Gold Hill.

AMBASSADOR PAGE CALLS UPON PREMIER

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Ambassador Page called on Premier Lloyd George in Downing street this morning. It was a call of courtesy, offering the American representative his first opportunity of seeing Mr. Lloyd-George since he became premier.

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