

SWANS, ASHLAND PARK STAGE FATAL FIGHT TO DEATH

A fact unknown to many is that swan will engage in encounters and battle unto death. Last Saturday morning employees of Lithia park found one of the beautiful swans that have been admired by park visitors dead. Much speculation arose as to the cause of its death and the opinion prevailed that the bird had been killed by mischievous boys. The officials of the park decided to hold an investigation to determine, if possible, the cause of death. A thorough examination was made, but the investigators were as much at sea as in the beginning.

This morning brought a solution to the mystery. As employees of the park were performing their morning duties, they saw two of the remaining swan engaged in a fierce encounter, the huge birds using their wings with terrific force. Park employees finally succeeding in getting the birds separated them. The one that appeared about ready to accept defeat was carried out to the bank and it was thought that it was only exhausted and would recover in a few minutes. Instead, the bird toppled over dead, having been overcome by the blows of his adversary.

Park officials and citizens in general regret the loss of the two, as only four remain. Much of the pond occupied by the swan is frozen over and park authorities believe that the limited water remaining is responsible for the two fatal encounters. Preparations are being made to separate them and they will be kept apart until the ice disappears and ample swimming room is restored.—Ashland Tidings.

CHEAPER TO SEND PRISONERS PORTLAND THAN KEEP HERE

It is cheaper for Jackson county to send its prisoners to Portland and pay Multnomah county 60 cents a day for each offender than to try to look after the prisoners at home, according to County Judge Gardner of Jacksonville, who has been attending the state chamber of commerce and is now attending the sessions of the highway commission. Jackson county is not equipped to take care of prisoners serving a sentence, so it is considered more economical to ship them to Multnomah county, where they can work on the rockpile, than to establish a rockpile in Jackson county and furnish guards. Recently there appeared in the press a statement that Judge Gardner might be a candidate for the republican nomination for secretary of state in the coming primaries. The judge says that while a number of people have made the proposal to him, he has not committed himself one way or the other.—Portland Oregonian.

Kiwanians, Craters, Rotarians Backing Harding Memorial

The Medford committees appointed to assist County Chairman C. P. Talent of the Harding Memorial association, are as follows:
Craters—W. J. Warner, C. Y. Tengwald, A. J. Vance, Don Newbury.
Kiwanians—T. E. Daniels, A. G. Smith.
Rotarians—W. R. Kirkpatrick and W. A. Hanna.
It is not the intention of the organizers of the association to solicit contributions, but to have them voluntarily made.
If you favor the movement, please leave or send a contribution to any of the above or to C. L. Garlock at the Chamber of Commerce.

NERVOUS, RUN- DOWN MOTHERS

Worn Out Caring for Children and Housework—See how Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Helps

Indianapolis, Indiana.—"I was in a very nervous and run-down condition while nursing my baby, and hearing some talk of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, I began taking it. From the second bottle I noticed a big improvement, and I am still taking it. I am not a bit nervous now, and feel like a different person. If it is a great medicine for any one in a nervous, run-down condition and I would be glad to give any one advice about taking it. I think there is no better medicine and give you permission to publish this letter."
—Mrs. ANNA SMITH, 541 W. Norwood Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

The important thing about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is that it does help women suffering from the ailments common to their sex.
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JAPAN ALARMED OVER SUDDEN FALL OF YEN EXCHANGE

TOKIO, Jan. 10.—(By Associated Press). The recent steady decline of the exchange rate on the yen is causing anxiety especially among the foreign and Japanese exporters. The yen today touched 44 cents and nobody expects a halt in its descent until it reaches 40.

The drop already is affecting imports and exports point out that this holds disastrous possibilities because the imports that are being checked are necessities, not luxuries. The drop may retard rebuilding in the earthquake and fire zone because of the prices for lumber, steel and machinery.

The decline of the exchange rate on the yen, it is said here, is likely to force the government's hand in the matter of a foreign loan as it is thought that only a large dollar loan for the purchase of reconstruction materials can check the fall of the yen, consequently much interest is attached here to the activities of Kenji Kodama, who is in New York discussing the loan situation.

Financiers here believe a loan of a quarter billion yen (\$125,000,000) will be floatable in New York and London in the early spring.

The yen's decline is attributed to three factors, first, the unfavorable trade balance which official figures just published show to have totaled 600,000,000 yen (\$300,000,000) last year; second, the heavy demand for dollars to pay for reconstruction materials purchased in America; and third, the refusal of the government to employ its specie holdings abroad to retard the downward tendency of the yen.

The government's refusal is due to a desire to limit imports, thus making foreign trade come more nearly to a balance and also to the low point reached by its specie reserve abroad.

WIFE OF PORTLAND BANKER DIES, WILL GIVES STUDENT AID

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 10.—Mrs. Ida May Crawford, widow of Edward G. Crawford, senior vice-president of the United States National bank, who died here last night at her apartment. She had been in failing health from the time of her husband's death.

Mr. and Mrs. Crawford made reciprocal wills directing the disposal of their property. By the terms of these testaments, after making certain annuity bequests out of the estate, valued at about \$400,000, the income of the residue is to be held as a perpetual student loan fund. This fund approximates \$250,000, which the trust department of the United States National bank as executor is authorized to loan to worthy young men seeking education in mechanical, trades and business lines. Loans are to be made on nominations by the executives of the United States National bank in sums of not more than \$1,000 and at interest rates not exceeding five per cent.

COPCO RATE RAISE FULLY EXPLAINED

Due to a typographical error in last night's Mail Tribune in quoting letter of the Public Service Commission of Oregon regarding adjustment of rates of the California Oregon Power company it was stated as follows:

"The proposed electric cooking rate provides for an increase from 1c to 1 1/2c per k. w. h. for the consumption in excess of 230 k. w. h. per month," whereas this should have read "an increase from 1c to 1 1/4c per k. w. h. for the consumption in excess of 230 kilowatt hours per month." The Mail Tribune is advised by the power company that no cooking customers will be affected unless their monthly bill is over \$7.00, and then only to the extent of 1/4c per k. w. h. for the excess over 230 k. w. h.

FORUM APPROVES OF RELIEF TO GERMANY

At the chamber of commerce luncheon at the Medford hotel yesterday, William Moore, state fire marshal, made the startling statement that the Oregon per capita fire loss in 1922 was greater than any other state in the union and that 50 per cent of the fires were preventable. Jay Stevens of San Francisco, a former Oregonian, described the Berkeley fire and its relationship to the atmospheric conditions. He gave a demonstration of what happens when people place in their electric light system hairpins and other metals instead of using the proper plug.

Mayor Gaddis spoke in the interest of the campaign for the starving children of Germany and the forum voted a recommendation on this subject to the directors.
J. W. Wakefield was chairman of the forum and it was well attended.

THE PLAN IN BRIEF

Proposes

1. That the United States shall immediately enter the Permanent Court of International Justice, under the conditions stated by Secretary Hughes and President Harding in February, 1923.
2. That without becoming a member of the League of Nations as at present constituted, the United States shall offer to extend its present cooperation with the League and participate in the work of the League as a body of mutual counsel under conditions which

1. Substitute moral force and public opinion for the military and economic force originally implied in Articles X and XVI.
2. Safeguard the Monroe Doctrine.
3. Accept the fact that the United States will assume no obligations under the Treaty of Versailles except by Act of Congress.
4. Propose that membership in the League should be opened to all nations.
5. Provide for the continuing development of international law.

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STILL FIGHT OVER PRIORITY BONUS BILL ON CALENDAR

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Divided into two camps, house republicans will meet in conference tonight to determine whether tax legislation or the soldiers' bonus is to have right of way on the legislative program.
One group, endeavoring to bring about a house vote on the bonus by the end of the month, is expected to propose either that the ways and means committee be instructed to report the McKenize bonus bill ahead of the revenue measure or that the conference go on record as favoring enactment of both proposals without saying which should be given priority.

The other faction is led by Representative Longworth, the republican whip, who has announced his intention to fight any proposal at variance with his contention that the ways and means committee should be instructed to report certain of the tax bills before taking up the bonus.

The committee put aside for a time today consideration of the revenue bill to discuss the proposal for a constitutional amendment prohibiting the issuance of tax-exempt securities.

URGES RAILROADS TO USE TRUCKS IN HANDLING FREIGHT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—The railroads and merchants of the United States could save more than \$1,000,000,000 in the next five years through removal of freight terminals from congested city areas to cheaper outlying property and the use of motor trucking service for the delivery of freight, Alfred S. Swayne, of New York, told the national transportation congress called by the National Railway association.

Mr. Swayne, who is chairman of one of the six committees of the organization which recently completed studies of various phases of the transportation problem, discussed the relation of highways and motor transportation to other transportation agencies.
He outlined economies his committee had found possible, recommended proper regulation of motor transportation, advocated the development of highways suitable for economic handling of traffic and urged continued research to disclose more fully the possibilities of the use of motor vehicles.

BRINGS SUIT TO COMPEL S. P. TO ABANDON C. P.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Clarence H. Venner, a stock holder in the Southern Pacific company, petitioned the supreme court today for an order to compel the dissolution of control by the Southern Pacific over the Central Pacific railroad as directed by a supreme court decision delivered in May, 1922.

In making his plea Mr. Venner said the attorney general had announced the government would not appeal from the decision of the federal district court for Utah, approving the action of the inter-state commerce commission in authorizing the Southern Pacific to continue control over the Central Pacific.

After the supreme court decision, the federal district court in Utah ordered the dissolution, but the inter-state commerce commission permitted the Southern Pacific to continue its control and the district court gave its approval, holding in substance that while the dissolution decision of the supreme court had been based on the grounds that the consolidation was prohibited by the Sherman anti-trust act, the order of the commission was warranted by the transportation act of 1922.

In the petition today it was contended that the district court should have held that the commission was without jurisdiction to consider the application of the Southern Pacific for the reason that it was aimed to "nullify the mandate of our highest court."

AUTO GREAT AID TO THE CRIMINAL

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 10.—Practically every type of criminal, from bootlegger to forger, employs the automobile in his operations, Oregon sheriffs and federal prohibition agents were told here today by Joe Keller, investigator for the Automobile Underwriters association.

"The automobile is employed in ninety-nine out of every hundred criminal cases today," Keller said.
The officers are here in attendance upon a three-day law enforcement school conducted by the federal prohibition department. Discussion has centered chiefly around search and seizure, and explanation of the proper procedure in issuance of search warrants. Facts, not fancy, must form the basis of all such documents, the speakers have declared.

INSURGENTS NOW AFTER CUMMINS AS SENATE HEAD

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Reverberations from the month's battle in the senate which resulted in the election yesterday of Senator Smith, democrat, South Carolina, as chairman of the interstate commerce committee, over Senator Cummins, republican, Iowa, continued today in the form of rumblings that presaged a somewhat similar fight over the retention by the Iowa senator of the office of president pro tem.

The house meanwhile began work on the first big appropriation measure of the session—the interior supply bill—which was reported yesterday by the appropriations committee with the total cut to \$247,727,965 which is \$35,792,044 less than allotted to the department last year.

The likelihood of an effort to unseat the Iowa senator as president pro tem, now that the chairmanship fight is out of the way, has brought out suggestions in some quarters that certain republican insurgents and the farmer-labor senators, comprising the LaFollette group might throw their support to Senator Pittman, democrat Nevada. Republican organization senators have contended that Senator Cummins retains the senate presidency by virtue of his election at the last session of congress and they have not formally endorsed him for reelection.

In the house the Dyer anti-lynching bill, the Mexican situation and agriculture's problems received a share of committee attention with the ways and means committee continuing its work on revenue legislation.

The house immigration committee began work on the proposed bill which would restrict immigration to 20 per cent of the foreign born of each nation in the United States in 1890 and to two per cent of the blood relatives of foreign born here.

COAST BUILDING BOOMED IN 1923

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 10.—The 54 leading cities of the Pacific coast experienced in 1923 an increase of 38 per cent in building activities over 1922, according to a survey made public today by S. W. Straus and company. The grand total of building in these cities was \$492,049,508.

Utah showed the greatest relative gain of 53 per cent, while California came second with a gain of 42 per cent. The Washington gain was 20 per cent, Oregon 17 per cent and Arizona 14 per cent.

Annual gains of the large cities were: Los Angeles, 56 per cent; San Francisco, three per cent; Portland, 11 per cent; Seattle, 16 per cent; Salt Lake, 34 per cent.

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NOTICE TO ELKS

Bro. Frank T. Wrightman, District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Oregon, South, will pay Medford Lodge No. 1168, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, an official visit Thursday night, January 10, 1924. All members are urged to attend.

Attest: **LEWIS ULRICH,**
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Secretary.

M. M. Dept. Store Sale

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