

## TIMBER BEETLE DOING SERIOUS FOREST INJURY

Leading Lumber Operator Points Out  
Wide-reaching Extent of Pest's  
Depredations and Urges Immediate  
Remedial Efforts

Lumbermen of this section are awakening to the fact that they have a serious problem on their hands in checking the ravages of the western pine beetle, which first became apparent in this county about three years ago and whose ravages have increased from year to year in proportion to its numbers and the spread of the colonies by migration until the pest covers a large infested area.

Entomologists assert that there is no known method to check the beetle's destructive work except by forest sanitation, that is by burning dead and fallen timber at a time when the beetles are in the larval stage, and continually and vigilantly keeping watch against the accumulation of dead wood and slashings. The beetle finds a prolific breeding ground in dry and partly dry trees. It cannot work to advantage on young and vigorous trees, as its deadliness consists of boring round the trunk underneath the bark—girdling the tree—and in young trees and heavy sap it is drowned if it persists in its attack.

There is no natural insect enemy in sufficient numbers to control the timber beetle. Wasps and hornets prey upon the beetle to some extent but not enough to appreciably diminish its numbers.

So far no bacteria or fungus has been found through which disease might be introduced into the beetle's domain, although experts are working along this line of attack. At present it is distinctly up to the individual lumberman to do what he may fit, the line of control by burning his cut-over areas and also the wind-fallen timber in his part of the forest, using care in choosing a time when the most beetles will be destroyed, and in his efforts to deal with a pest that seriously menaces the community's chief industry he should receive the support of every good citizen and all organizations with the public interest at heart.

In discussing the serious menace of insect attacks on timber a leading lumberman recently presented the Herald representative with a clipping from a Portland newspaper, which shows what Tillamook county is doing. The clipping says:

PORTLAND, Or., Moths are doing much damage to certain sections of privately owned timber in Tillamook county, according to A. J. Jaenicke, insect pest expert for the United States forest service, who has just returned from a week at the coast, where he examined the infested area. Caterpillars and moths are abundant in the Douglas fir and hemlock, and have killed several million feet of timber in the past season. Mr. Jaenicke believes the only means of controlling the pest is by logging out the infested trees.

The matter has been turned over to the bureau of entomology station at Ashland for further investigation.

A caterpillar invasion of this kind is rather unusual and occurs in Oregon and Washington only about once every ten years.

"Now there is a great need of just such service in Klamath County," said the timber operator in commenting on the clipping, "both through the Forest Service and Indian Service, as I have been over all of the timber in the past three years and beetle destruction has been going on at an increasing rate from year to year until now the damage ranges from five to twenty five per cent of the timber in different localities.

"I have heard people make statements regarding the probable length of time it would take to manufacture the timber tributary to Klamath Falls into lumber and they ranged from twenty to one hundred years but with production increasing at the

## MEXICAN REBELS PLAN DE FACTO GOVERNMENT.

EL PASO, Dec. 29.—Mexican revolutionary leaders are working on a plan for unity of various military commands and aims opposed to the Carranza government, with the setting up of a de facto revolutionary government as the first step, according to well defined reports reaching here today. Friends of Francisco Villa said he had been agreed upon as a leader by east coast revolutionists and southern rebels. It was said that the first military movement would be to obtain control of the Mexican oil districts.

## FIRST SERVICE FILLS CHURCH TO CAPACITY

Whether a church with a seating capacity of five hundred was too large at present for the city of Klamath Falls has been a question that has been up for considerable discussion during the past few months by the Presbyterians who were building their new church at the corner of Sixth and Pine streets, but the opening evening service last evening might be taken as an indication it would be advisable to tear out the front before going any further; and about one-third more to the building. Not only was every seat filled and every chair that could be secured and placed in the aisles, but the attendants filled all the available standing room in every corner.

It was without doubt, one of the largest church gatherings ever held in the city. The service was a service in which several of the city churches participated. The program consisted of anthems, solos, and quartettes, interspersed with hymns by the congregation.

The heartiest congratulations were extended by the Pastors of the Methodist, Christian and Seventh Day Adventist churches and predictions offered for a renewed activity in the various lines of religious work of the city. It developed during some of the remarks that other new church buildings in the near future are more than probable.

## MRS. NICHOLAS GOES TO PRISON FOR YEAR

Mrs. Minnie Nicholas was taken to the state penitentiary at Salem yesterday to begin serving an indeterminate sentence of one year for the shooting of Dr. George Mitchell, veterinarian, several months ago. Mrs. Nicholas was sentenced by Judge Kuykendall Saturday afternoon, having previously entered a plea of guilty to a charge of assault with intent to kill.

rate of ten per cent a year it is my opinion that the height of production will be reached in less than fifteen years so it is up to the timber interests coupled with the efforts of our Commercial Club to get after our representatives at Washington and have them interest the Indian service and the Forest service in this problem that we may have the resources of our county conserved. Surely if it was a pest that was doing as great damage to our agricultural interests the whole country would be aroused and experts would be on the ground.

The ravages of the beetle are so widespread and have gained such headway that it is impossible to say with accuracy just what the actual cash loss has been or will be, but this lumberman estimates that the damage already done to merchantable timber in this district approximates five million dollars, and the beetle is so strongly entrenched that from now on the loss is likely to attain proportionately greater proportions. No wonder he thinks it is time to make a concerted effort to bait the pest.

## ALICE NIELSEN AT BEST IN FOLK SONGS

When Alice Nielsen steps on the stage of Houston's Opera House tomorrow evening it will be the first time that a really great artist of international fame has visited this city.

Alice Nielsen in the beginning of her career was by far the most charming comic opera star that America has produced. At the zenith of unusual popularity she suddenly left the comic opera stage for grand opera and has since thrilled the people of this country and Europe in tragic opera roles.

Perhaps no other singer of our time has even attempted to do what she has done and done so successfully—comic opera did something for Alice Nielsen in that it brought her nearer to the people than she ever would have been if she had had only grand opera experience—and that is why she sings with a charm all her own our melodious and simple old songs.

Neither Patti, Schuman-Heink, nor any other foreign singer ever approached Alice Nielsen in the singing of "Old Folks at Home," "Last Rose of Summer," "Bendemeer Stream," "Killarney," "Old Black Joe," "Kathleen Mavourneen" and the other old songs we all know. It takes an American to do it.

## DEAD GIRL'S FIANCE TAKES BODY EAST

Accompanied by Francis L. Carlson, forestry assistant at the Klamath Agency, to whom she was to have been married February 26, next, the body of Miss Bertha Lillian Lewis, who took her own life by drowning at the Klamath Indian Reservation agency Christmas day, started east Sunday morning. The funeral of the unfortunate young school teacher will be held from the family residence, 6217 Wilkey avenue, Govans, Baltimore, Maryland.

Miss Lewis was about 29 years old at the time of her death. She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Lewis of Baltimore, and by two sisters.

## PHARMACIST GOING TO NEW POSITION

J. Frank Evans, who for nearly two years has been manager for the Star Drug company, leaves Friday morning for Globe, Arizona, where he will assume similar duties for one of the biggest drug firms in southern Arizona. His leaving will be a distinct disappointment to a wide circle of friends, most of whom have been urging him to change his decision.

It is seldom that the departure of one who has been a factor in the business life of the city produces such a feeling of regret as will that of Mr. Evans, for his business ability, efficiency and courtesy has always been an asset to the community. What is true of him in a business way is equally true of the family in a social way and they go to their new home carrying with them a message of "come back soon," that certainly ought to exert a strong influence in bringing them back to Klamath Falls.

## PAPER GETS VERDICT.

PORTLAND, Dec. 29.—The jury in the case of Alseamon Ira Lucas against the Portland Telegram, a suit for \$50,000 for alleged libel, found a verdict for the Telegram on all counts.

## KANSAS FARMERS PROSPER.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 29.—For the first time in the history of the state, the farm products and livestock raised this year exceed a billion dollars in value. The annual report on farm production shows the aggregate values to be \$1,087,000,000.

High prices rather than unprecedented yields, were responsible for the slowing the report states.

## BIG MAJORITY FAVORS RAISE FOR TEACHERS

By a vote of 192 to 7 tax-payers of District No. 1 Saturday approved the special tax levy of \$4500 for teachers' salary increases. It was a foregone conclusion that the levy would carry but the practically unanimous vote in its favor was highly gratifying to its supporters.

The levy will be used to cover the increased salaries during the remainder of the present fiscal year and it is hoped that the school board will be able to make the increases retroactive to November 1, 1919.

The action of the voters places Klamath Falls abreast of most communities in recognition of the teachers' just demands for a living wage and is bound to result in higher efficiency in the teaching service and maintenance of the high educational standard which is essential to advancement.

The amount of the increase, it is estimated, will average \$25 for the individuals of the teaching force in the elementary schools of the city.

The next step that confronts the community is the provision of adequate class room. The last school census showed a marked increase in attendance and with the exception of the new Mills Addition school, school buildings are crowded to capacity and this congested condition will pass beyond the bounds of control if the development of the next year is as large as the past year's rapid growth indicates that it will be.

## DR. OSLER DEAD AT AGE OF 70

OXFORD, Dec. 29.—Sir Edward Osler, world famous physician, died here today, after several weeks' illness, at the age of 70 years.

Sir William Osler ranked among the foremost scientists and educators of his time. For fifteen years he had been regius professor of medicine at Oxford university. Before going to England he had been attached to the faculties of some of the leading universities and medical schools of Canada and the United States.

Sir William was a native of Canada, having been born at Bond Head, July 12, 1849. After completing courses at several of the leading educational institutions in the Dominion, including Trinity college, Toronto university and McGill university, he went abroad for further study in London, Berlin and Vienna.

Returning to Canada in 1874 he became professor of the institutes of medicine in McGill university. Ten years at McGill were followed by five years as professor of clinical medicine in the University of Pennsylvania. In 1889 Johns Hopkins university appointed him professor of medicine and in this post he made a reputation that extended to both sides of the Atlantic.

Professor Osler left Johns Hopkins university in 1905, after holding a professorship there for sixteen years, to become regius professor of medicine at Oxford. The farewell address he made at Johns Hopkins on Washington's birthday became celebrated. He implied, although he did not say, that the period of man's usefulness expired at the age of 40. He departed for England followed by showers of censure at his chance remark, for his implication, in the course of its tossing about in the press, had become a quotation in the first person.

At Oxford Professor Osler's activities seemed to increase with his years, particularly during the period of the great war. Soon after the commencement of the conflict he offered his services to aid the McGill base hospital, the staff of which comprised students and professors from McGill university and from Montreal

## DELAYED DECISION IN GOVERNORSHIP

SALEM, Dec. 29.—The supreme court will not, according to present indications, hand down an opinion next Tuesday in the case of Roberts vs. Olcott, the test case instituted to determine the tenure of Ben W. Olcott as governor. An opinion is looked for about the middle of January. The case, which is a mandamus action, seeks to compel Olcott, as secretary of state, to include the office of governor in the list of officers certified to county clerks, which are to be filled by election in 1920.

## O. E. S. INSTALLS 1920 OFFICERS

A very enjoyable evening was spent Saturday by Aloha Chapter O. E. S., when the new officers were installed for the coming year. Mrs. Frank Ward was the installing officer; Mrs. E. B. Henry, organist; Mrs. Mommyer, marshal; and Mrs. H. H. Edmonds, chaplain. The work by these ladies was a credit to the chapter.

A short program followed. Mrs. Don J. Zumwalt favored the chapter with a vocal solo, which was much enjoyed by all. Mrs. J. E. Bratton gave a reading and Beatrice Walton, a piano solo. Delicious refreshments were served by Mesdames A. J. Lyle, C. H. Underwood, Shive, Van Emon and Ferguson.

After dinner talks were enjoyed. The past worthy matron, Mrs. Kipp Van Riper was presented with a beautiful pin given her by Aloha chapter for her past year's work. She responded with a short talk to the chapter. This closed the social evening.

The officers for the year are as follows:

Mrs. Effie Chastain, worthy matron; Mr. Van Emon, worthy patron; Mrs. Kate Peyton, associate worthy matron; Mrs. Pansy Bradford, secretary; Mrs. Ella McMillan, treasurer; Mrs. J. E. Bratton, conductress; Mrs. W. Smith, assoc. conductress; Mrs. W. Van Emon, "Adah"; Mrs. Martin, "Ruth"; Mrs. Lyle Mills, "Esther"; Mrs. B. M. Hall, "Martha"; Mrs. Epperson, "Electra"; Mrs. Boyd chaplain; Mrs. C. E. Jay, warder; Mrs. M. Hanks, organist; Mrs. Kipp Van Riper, marshal, Mr. J. E. Bratton, sentinel.

## VICEROY'S GUARD BULLET VICTIM

DUBLIN, Dec. 29.—Lieutenant Boast, officer of the guard, was shot last night near the vice-regal lodge. A coroner's jury today returned a verdict of "accidentally killed by a bullet from his own patrol party."

The officer of the guard was killed at about the same time that the body of a civilian, also killed by a bullet, was found in Phenix park, the park surrounding the lodge where Viscount French, lord lieutenant governor of Ireland, maintains his residence.

The nature of the firing last night led to the belief in some quarters that an attack was being made on the viceroy's lodge. Lord French's life was attempted last week while he was driving. A portion of the testimony indicated that Lieutenant Boast was killed by bullets fired by a party of six civilians.

hospitals. He threw open his house to his homeless colleagues from the University of Louvain. He made speeches to gain aid for the wounded and sympathy from the rich; he decried the relative fatality of war, declaring that more persons are killed by the "white plague" than by bullets.

He was married in 1892 to Miss Grace Revere, daughter of the late John Revere of Boston. Their only child, Edward Revere Osler, was wounded in Flanders and died August 30, 1917.

## OFFICERS SEEK WOOD ALCOHOL DISTRIBUTORS

Federal Revenue Agents Join With  
State and City Police in Rounding  
Up Persons Responsible for Sale  
of Deadly Decection

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The biggest roundup of bootleggers and manufacturers of illicit liquor ever made in this country is impending as the result of a wave of deaths and blindness which followed the sale of poisoned liquor during the Christmas week, the supervising revenue agent of the New York district announced today.

Three men faced charges before the U. S. Commissioner today in connection with the spreading of the "wood alcohol" whiskey throughout the state during the last ten days. Investigation is also being undertaken in a number of other eastern cities.

Detectives seeking the source of "whisky" manufactured from wood alcohol, which has caused scores of deaths in the east within the last few days, expressed the opinion that hundreds of barrels of the poison liquor were made in this city by a band of Italians and shipped to Connecticut and nearby states. They predicted a number of arrests soon would be made.

Two men were found dead and two seriously ill Saturday from what is believed by physicians to be wood alcohol poisoning in a Fulton street hotel.

When questioned by the police, the hotel proprietor denied having sold the men whisky and gave the officers a bottle from his stock for analysis. Chief Medical Examiner Norris and detectives are conducting an investigation to learn where the men bought the poisoned liquor.

CHICOPEE, Mass., Dec. 29.—Search is being continued for the persons connected with the traffic in poisonous liquor which resulted in the last few days in at least 53 deaths and many cases of serious illness in this and nearby cities. Fourteen arrests have been made to date and others are expected.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Suggestions that congress might take steps to safeguard the sale of wood alcohol were made by officials of the bureau of internal revenue on hearing that a large number of deaths had occurred from the beverage use of this poison. The bureau has no special power to deal with such cases, officials said, but it is undertaking to have all "bootleggers" prosecuted vigorously whether they sell whisky that is pure or that has been poisoned by wood alcohol.

The bureau also has undertaken a campaign of publicity to educate the public to the danger of buying contraband liquor.

## FIRST STATE PRISONER MADE TWO ESCAPES.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 29.—When the first prisoner in Oregon was established, in 1854, Indian Charley was the first prisoner, according to the records of the institution. He was a prisoner in Portland before the institution, was moved here, and made his escape. Again he was incarcerated and imprisoned in 1859, but he escaped three years later. Prison records do not show that he ever was recaptured, and so far as known, is still sought. He was arrested for grand larceny.

## BELGIAN SHIP LOST

HALIFAX, Dec. 29.—The Belgian steamer, Anton Vandriel, has been wrecked west of Cape Race and all her crew perished, according to wireless dispatches received here today.

## WEATHER REPORT

OREGON: Tonight and Tuesday, rain in west, rain or snow in east; warmer tonight with strong southerly winds.