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## OREGON BREVITIES

**EUGENE, Jan. 8.**—Every business block in Eugene is occupied and there is a keen demand for further building in the down-town district. There have been no vacant residences in the city for more than six months, and many families intending to locate here have been obliged to go elsewhere because of the shortage of housing facilities.

**BEND, Jan. 8.**—Plans have been prepared by local architects for the erection of a two story brick office and store building at the northwest corner of Bond and Oregon streets, and work will begin early in the spring. H. H. DeArmond and N. H. Gilbert are owners of the property and propose to invest \$36,000 in the new structure.

**HOOD RIVER, Jan. 8.**—That practical orchardists are willing to pay in excess of \$1000 per acre for bearing apple orchards is evidenced by a sale just consummated here. Al Graff, admitted to be one of the most experienced orchardists in this section and a shrewd buyer of land, has acquired 15 acres of bearing orchard from F. P. Friday for \$16,000.

**SALEM, Jan. 8.**—More than 300 Marion county residents went to Abiqua basin, at the terminus of the Silver Falls Timber company's railroad, where they witnessed the liberation of 17 head of elk under the direction of W. A. Taylor, one of Oregon's best-known sportsmen and representative of the state game and fish commission.

**SALEM, Jan. 8.**—The 32,000 service medals recently ordered by the state medal commission under authority granted by the last legislature were received here by Governor Olcott and immediately turned over to Adjutant General Staffin for distribution, which will be accomplished through the American Legion posts throughout the state.

**PORTLAND, Jan. 8.**—In naming the members of the executive committee of the Oregon Sportsmen's league, A. K. Downs, president of that body, has made it a point to represent every portion of the state as near as possible. He has named Marshall N. Dana, Portland; Harry Winkley, Corvallis; Millard Hardesty, Seaside; Willford Allen, Grants Pass; "Nig" Pringle, Bend; W. R. McMullen, Enterprise, and W. J. Frederissy, Hood River, for the committee.

**PRINEVILLE, Jan. 8.**—Central Oregon will supply seed potatoes for California growers, according to plans being worked out by the incorporators of the Deschutes Valley Seed company. Promoters of the new enterprise are George L. Buritt of San Francisco, Guy E. Dobson of Redmond and George L. Reid. Capital stock is \$50,000.

**SALEM, Jan. 8.**—The repeal of the present state law making the killing of elk in Oregon punishable by a fine and the substitution of a penitentiary sentence as the penalty will be sought at the special session of the state legislature, according to W. A. Taylor, prominent Marion county rancher.

**PORTLAND, Jan. 8.**—Portland is

to have a new institution for the care of its orphan children, to be known as the Jewish Shelter Home. While the new home is essentially for the care and training of Jewish children, it will be non-sectarian, in that a child of any religious faith will be admitted.

**ROSEBURG, Jan. 8.**—Four lads, runaways from the Frazier home in Portland, were picked up by the police as they crawled off the "blind." They gave their names as Donald Cass, Danielson, Earl Young and Austin Henderson. They are four of a party of 14 that tried to make their escape from the home. The lads walked to Oregon City and beat their way here.

**ROSEBURG, Jan. 8.**—Charles Siegel Camas valley rancher, was accidentally shot thru the lungs by his son today while hunting. His condition is critical. He is brother of Harry Siegel, Southern Pacific conductor.

**SALEM, Jan. 8.**—An increase in the salary of the state superintendent of public instruction "to such a sum as will be commensurate with the dignity and duties of his office" is urged upon the state legislature in resolutions adopted by the Association of county school superintendents, in session here.

**MEDFORD, Jan. 8.**—Under the promotion of Mrs. Anderson, wife of the former chairman of the Jackson county Republican organization, and Mrs. John Carlin, wife of the secretary and attorney of the Jackson County Business Men's association and former member of the legislature, a Leonard Wood Women's Republican club will be organized.

**OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Jan. 8.**—The 57 varieties of a famous pickle manufacturer's products total just two less than the number of commercial varieties of wheat grown in Oregon. This statement was made by Professor G. R. Hyslop, of the college farm crops department, in a meeting of farmers' week wheat growers recently. There are 59 varieties grown in Oregon on a commercial basis.

**ALBANY, Jan. 8.**—A chicken hawk which measured three feet ten inches from tip to tip of its wings was captured bare handed by Mrs. Gerda Lundstrom, residing near Albany, this week.

**SALEM, Jan. 8.**—The special session of the legislature, called to consider and act upon Governor Olcott's "five points," now has some 19 legislative bills bristling before it, with new and additional ones becoming visible to the naked eye as the days pass on.

Many of them are tipped with political poison which, injected into the legislative circulation, will cause that body to run a temperature the register of which no one now may guess with any chance of certainty. And these, matters of general legislation and statewide in their scope and effect, do not include the unknown number of local problems which the various members undoubtedly will bring to Salem with them in the hope of being able to slip them into the hopper and grind them through in one way or another.

## HOUSE FROCK FOR HOME HOLIDAY WEAR



A house frock of soft distinct character which is ideal for holiday wear of the quiet home functions. The draped skirt carries two cleverly concealed pockets at the sides, suspended from straps at waist line.

**SALEM, Jan. 8.**—Miss Ella Snidow, of Willamette, suffered a fractured left arm and severe body bruises, and Walter Larson, of Willamette, received a scalp wound when the automobile in which they were en route from Willamette to Monmouth was struck by Southern Pacific passenger train No. 48, southbound, at the fair grounds crossing here Sunday afternoon.

**PORTLAND, Jan. 8.**—Announcement was made from San Francisco today of the appointment of Theodore Hardee as director of War Savings activities for the seven Pacific Coast states, succeeding Robert E. Smith, of Portland.

**SALEM, Jan. 8.**—Sam Leneve, committed from Coos county, and Clay P. Constance, committed from Multnomah county, made their escape from the state hospital here Sunday morning. Both men were employed in the laundry.

**PORTLAND, Jan. 8.**—Food Administrator W. K. Newell issued a warning to the public, and to retail dealers in sugar that no advances in sugar prices should be made before the new crop of cane sugar arrives, about the middle of January.

**PORTLAND, Jan. 8.**—Organization and membership campaigns and the assessment of the new national dues of \$1 a year were subjects of discussion at a meeting of the state executive committee of the American Legion, department of Oregon, held in Portland Saturday night.

**WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.**—A \$4,000,000,000 balance of trade in favor of the United States was the estimate for the year 1919 announced by Secretary of Commerce Alexander.

**YAKIMA, Wash., Jan. 8.**—Frank Putcamp was arrested here in connection with the murder of William Crawford at Mabton, November 23. Crawford, a lad of 17, was shot down by a man who held him up and robbed him.

**SALEM, Jan. 8.**—Although the special session of the legislature will not open here until Monday, January 12, practically all arrangements have been made to receive the legislators. Men have been at work for several days renovating committee rooms, cleaning the senate and house chambers and providing the necessary supplies.

**ALBANY, Jan. 8.**—The unusual situation of a woman presiding over a grange will prevail in Linn county this year. Miss Bertha J. Beck has been elected master of Callamette grange, which meets in the Riverside school house southwest of this city.

**BANDON, Jan. 8.**—The headless body of a man believed to be the victim of the wreck of the steamer J. A. Chanslor was washed ashore near Black Rock Point, one mile north of the scene of the wreck.

## DAY OF FORTY-EIGHT HOURS

Fact About Measurement of Time With Which Some May Not Be Thoroughly Familiar.

Dr. Willis E. Johnson, in his work on "Mathematical Geography," shows that "portions of three days may exist at the same time between 11:30 o'clock a. m. and 12:30 o'clock p. m. London time. When it is Monday noon at London Tuesday has begun at Cape Deshnef, but Monday morning has not yet dawned at Attu Island. Nearly half an hour of Sunday still remains there." What is known as the "International Date Line" divides the days from one another—this being situated on the one hundred and eightieth meridian. This runs due north and south, but there are two slight changes which have been made in it for the sake of convenience.

While a day at any particular place is 24 hours long, each day lasts on earth at least 48 hours. Any given day, say Christmas, is first counted, as that day just west of the date line. The people just west of the date line, who first hailed Christmas have enjoyed 12 hours of it when it reaches England; 18 hours of it when it reaches central United States, and 24 hours of it, or a whole day, when it begins in western Alaska, just east of the date line. Christmas, then, has existed 24 hours on the globe, but having just begun in western Alaska, it will tarry 24 hours longer among mankind. Owing, however, to the irregularity of the date line, days last more than 49 hours; in fact, 49 hours, 12 minutes.

## TO AROUSE HEAVY SLEEPER

Writer Recommends That It Be Done With an Odor, Preferably Not Too Powerful.

"What is the best method of waking a soundly sleeping person?" is a question quite a few millions of persons would like to have answered, there being few who have not or do not continue to exhaust every scheme and method known to them to rouse some heavy-headed members of their families in time to eat breakfast and get to the office or school on time.

"With an odor, undoubtedly," a well-known physician replied to the question. "The sense of smell is the most easily aroused of any of the five. We have trained ourselves to disregard noises—or else we would get no sleep at all in a city. In the country the same sounds, which we utterly disregard in town would awaken us instantly," says the Kansas City Star. "To shake a person is more or less successful, as a rule, but often it serves to only half rouse the sleeper, and he turns over and goes to sleep again, or if he does wake, he is apt to be in a bad humor. Any really unusual noise is effective, but one can't think of a new noise-making method every morning.

"When an odor is used, however, the sleeper wakes at once—his wide awake. Almost any odor will answer, if not too faint. Perfume of any kind is especially good. Ammonia, camphor—in fact anything with a decided odor, will do, but it should not be too powerful, or the awakening will be violent."

## Sense of Taste.

The sensation of taste, while of common and constant experience, is highly complicated in its nature. What is commonly called taste is not a simple sensation at all, but rather a complex. In addition to the actual functioning of the apparatus properly pertaining to the sense of taste, the tongue receives impressions of various other sorts, all of which go to make up this complex. As finally recorded in the consciousness, the taste of any substance has to do with its heat or coolness, perhaps with a mild amount of pain, certainly with astringency or acidity—which are in themselves further complexes of thermic and tactile sensations—and above all with smell. The reader will probably agree that ice cream and coffee are entirely different from their true selves when served at inopportune temperatures; and it is a matter of record that a person of the keenest taste may make the most ludicrous errors if asked, blindfolded and with his nose stopped, to identify substances placed in his mouth.

## Where the Steak Went.

One rainy day I walked into a cafeteria, selected my dinner, and just as I stood at the checker's desk the party in front of me took a step back, knocking the tray from my hands and spilling the entire contents on the floor. I thought as I looked at the unfortunate mess that I failed to see the steak which had been on the tray, but supposed that it had fallen under a chair out of sight. A waitress stepped up to me and told me to select my dinner over again, which I did, with every one in the place watching me. I bolted the food as quickly as I could and went out into the rain once more, when upon opening my umbrella the piece of steak which I had failed to see in the restaurant fell from it.—Chicago Tribune.

A favorite dish with the Eskimos is ice cream made of seal oil, into which snow is stirred until the desired consistency has been obtained; then frozen berries of different kinds are added.

# STAR THEATRE

Friday and Saturday, January 9-10

## Charles Ray in "The Busher"

A rattling baseball story of the earthy diamond where men glory in fame one moment and are engulfed by the bitter condemnation of friends, even sweethearts, the next.

## ANIMALS POINT OUT RICHES

Innumerable Instances Where Prospectors Have Been Aided in Search for Earth's Treasures.

A very large gold nugget is said to have been found the other day in a wild bee's nest in Australia. The story seems likely enough, for Australia has yielded all the really monster nuggets to date—the "Welcome" weighed 2,195 troy ounces and was valued at \$43,500—and one of the biggest was discovered by a prospector who stubbed his toe against a projecting angle of it.

On the Wind river Indian reservation, in Wyoming prospectors look for grains of gold brought to the surface of the ground by ants. And in Arizona anthills are a common source of excellent nuggets which are fetched to the surface by the industrious insects.

During the war we had grievous need of antimony to harden shrapnel bullets. The latter are of lead, but require the addition of 15 per cent of antimony to enable them to hold their shape when the containing shell explodes. Accordingly, the government sent out experts to look for deposits of the metal, and the most productive antimony mine that we now have in this country was located by the help of a badger, earth thrown out of the creature's burrow showing a glint of the precious stuff.

## TNT Wins Contest With Dynamite.

A contest was recently staged between 90 per cent dynamite and trinitrotoluene, and the latter won, says the Scientific American. Two concrete piers had to be blasted out and this gave an opportunity for a comparative test of the two explosives, with the result that 14.9 cubic feet of concrete were removed per pound of TNT, and only 14.1 per pound of dynamite.

"TNT is no doubt destined to be used extensively in engineering work, as it is less sensitive than dynamite, but greater precautions must be taken to ventilate after a shot, owing to the large amount of carbon monoxide which is one of the principal products of combustion.

## More Than Master of Languages.

Wilfred Stevens, one of the chief translators of the state department at Washington, speaks 33 languages, although he has never been outside of the United States and has never been to college. One of the languages is an invention of his own, which he says is an improvement over Esperanto. Among his list of languages are Chinese, Japanese, Persian, Turkish, Armenian, Arabian, Bulgarian, Croatian, Russian, German, Portuguese, French, Spanish, Italian, Yiddish, Swedish, Norwegian, Dutch, Hungarian, Finnish, Ancient Greek, Latin, Hebrew, Polish and Roumanian. He has also mastered three so-called universal languages—Esperanto, Ido and Ufano, the latter his own idea.—Detroit News.

## For Repairing Punctured Tires.

The cement for repairing apertures in submerged ships of a Cardiff patent consists of five parts by weight of crude rubber dissolved in naphtha, three of rosin, two of white lead, nine of coal pitch, and one-fourth part of shellac. The heated mixture is used for cementing metal surfaces and may be applied to cloth to form an adhesive patch. The material may be thinned with naphtha, when it is suitable for paint.

## Placing Blame Where It Belongs.

"H'm, h'm!" grumbled Farmer Hornbeak, gazing down the rows. "So that's the way you planted the corn, eh? Looks like you were staggering full of hard cider when you done it!" "Aw, them rows was straight when I planted 'em," doggedly replied the hired man. "The hot sun 'as warped 'em; that's all."—Kansas City Star.

A Serbian boy, seventeen years old, recently walked 1,000 miles, from Petrograd to Belgrade, to see his mother.

## LONE FARMER AT NEW ROUND TABLE



H. J. WATERS.

H. J. Waters, of Kansas City, one of the greatest authorities of the mid-west on agriculture, is the only representative of the farmer at the new industrial round table, which President Wilson called when the first group failed to reach constructive agreements of any kind. Waters was former head of the Kansas State Agricultural College at Manhattan, Kansas.

## TODAY'S EVENTS.

Centenary of the birth of Daniel W. Gooch, a prominent Massachusetts congressman of the civil war period.

Louisiana keeps a holiday today in celebration of the one hundred and fifth anniversary of the battle of New Orleans.

The activity of organized labor and the participation of women will add interest to the civic elections to be held in Vancouver today.

The tenth annual convention of the International Association of Clothing Designers will meet in New York city today for a three-day session.

Elaborate preparations have been made in Omaha for the reception and entertainment of Gen. Pershing, who is to be a guest of that city today.

The main body of the Atlantic Fleet, including eight dreadnoughts, 56 destroyers and a number of other craft, will leave Eastern ports today for the winter maneuvers in Cuban waters.

Pursuant to the call of Chairman Homer S. Cummings the National Democratic Committee will meet in Washington D. C. today to select the time and place for holding the national nominating convention.

Scores of Democratic leaders of national prominence, including all of those who are considered potential candidates for the presidential nomination, have been invited to attend the Jackson Day banquet to be held in Washington tonight.

## LOOM INVENTOR SEEKS CASH HERE

MANCHESTER, Eng. Dec. 22.—(By Mail)—After a futile effort to introduce his invention in English mills, C. Whalley, who contrived a circular loom, which, it is claimed, will benefit the weaving industry, has gone to the United States where he hopes to obtain financial assistance in giving his machines a thorough test. An official of the textile department of the Blackburn Technical School declared the new loom would reduce the cost of operating personnel by three-fourths.

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