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Charles R. Crane, who was named minister to China by President Wilson.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week
Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

Plans are under way for a reorganized merchants' association at Hood River.

Pendleton will hold its third annual automobile show on March 11, 12 and 13.

The Dallas city physician reports that smallpox is showing a tendency to increase.

The 1919 tax roll for Clatsop county totals \$1,618,782.66, the largest in the history of the county.

Within 90 days a company will begin drilling for oil in Clatsop county, according to F. H. Kiff, an oil expert of Oklahoma.

Douglas county holds the record so far for the number of dogs licensed by the county, 1100 dogs bearing the county license tags.

A new wage scale advancing the minimum of \$4.80 hitherto paid to \$5 a day, was announced by the saw mill owners of Bend.

George A. Briscoe, who has been superintendent of the Ashland schools for nine years, has been reelected for a two-year term.

Roseburg will be a stopping place for aircraft which it is alleged will soon be plying between San Francisco, Portland and Seattle.

The Ashland Canning company closed a most successful season with a total pack exceeding that of any previous year and valued at \$38,500.

County Agent Scott of Clackamas county announces that the last carload of eggs shipped to the New York market netted the producers 55 cents.

All high schools in Southern Oregon, except Eugene and Roseburg, have withdrawn from the Oregon State Debating league because of the prevalence of influenza.

Burglars entered the hardware store of Wardle & Campbell at Carlton and secured about \$145 worth of pocket knives and razors. Eight dollars was taken from the till.

A contract has been signed at Salem whereby Henry L. Bents of Aurora will sell his entire crop of hops for the year 1920 to an English firm at a stipulated price of 37 cents a pound.

In the biggest day's catch of the past year, 104 offending motorists were arrested by Portland police one day last week on various charges of violating the traffic laws.

The Baldwin & Swope Construction company, recently organized at Hood River, has been awarded the contract for building a new schoolhouse at Mosier to be 19 by 70 feet.

Mrs. Earl Stitt, who was burned while starting a fire in the kitchen range with oil waste, died at Lebanon. She was the English war bride of Earl Stitt, a young overseas service man.

The 1919 census of the Umatilla project, just published by the reclamation office, shows that the total value of the crops grown during the year is over \$600,000, averaging almost \$75 per acre.

One hundred China pheasants from the Simpson pheasant farm at Springfield were released on the 1000-acre Cartwright ranch adjoining Harrisburg, which has been made a state

INVESTIGATION DEMANDED CITIZENS SHOW CONFIDENCE

County Judge, E. H. Test has demanded an investigation of the charges made by the Malheur Enterprise in a recent issue of its publication. Mr. Test wanted to resign his office and the good people of Ontario would not hear to his resignation. As he had been known in that town for a number of years to be honest, also capable of filling the position he now holds and we have no doubt but he will do everything that is right and just in compliance with his oath of office towards the citizens of Malheur County.

CITY FATHERS MEET IN REGULAR SESSION

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the council room on Monday evening, March 1st. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, and the following bills were presented and allowed: Recorder, \$25.00; Salt Lake Stamp company, \$5.64; Idaho Power company \$76.68; William Miller, \$57.75; W. L. Wilson, \$18.00; Bank of Nyssa, \$15; Ray Chipman \$90.00.

An application of Mrs. Grace Hand for building permit on the east side of the O. S. L. rail road right of way on the corner of Main and front street, a building to be used as a shop or warehouse, was granted.

A building permit, applied for by J. B. Hatfield, to erect a warehouse comprising a grist mill and storage, size 30 by 60 with concrete base-

ment was tabled for further investigation.

The petition of the Trustees of the Presbyterian church, for water connection from Main on third street was granted.

The report of the State Fire Marshal was read and considered, and on motion it was voted that the Recorder notify all those mentioned in the reports, to comply with the requirements.

The Recorder instructed to notify the Boise Payette Lumber company to remove its steps which project onto the sidewalk, within reasonable time.

Messrs Goshert and Foster were appointed by the Mayor to obtain prices from the contractor of the John Day highway, on gravel secured for use on the streets of Nyssa.

BAINBRIDGE COLBY



Bainbridge Colby, who was appointed secretary of state in President Wilson's cabinet.

LANE MAKES FINAL REPORT TO WILSON

Retiring Secretary Says Organization of Official Washington Is Poor.

Washington.—Official Washington "a combination of political caucuses, drawingroom and civil service bureaus" containing "statesmen who are politicians and politicians who are not statesmen" is poorly organized for its task which "fewer men of larger capacity would do better."

Such is an epitome of the views of Franklin K. Lane, retiring secretary of the interior, expressed in a characteristic parting report to the president on the occasion of leaving public life Monday after more than 20 years' service—the last seven in the cabinet.

"Washington," says the retiring secretary, "is rich in brains and character. It is honest beyond any commercial standard. It wishes to do everything that will promote the public good. But it is poorly organized for the task that belongs to it. Fewer men of larger capacity would do the task better. Ability is not lacking, but it is pressed to the point of paralysis because of an infinitude of details and unwillingness on the part of the great body of the public servants to take responsibility."

"We could save money for the government if we had more discretion as to how we should use that given us. For the benefit of the civil servants there should be quicker promotion or discharge and a sure insurance when disability comes. For the higher administrative offices there should be salaries twice as high as these now given and they should be made to feel that they are the ones responsible for the work of the department."

TWO PARLIAMENTS PROVIDED FOR IRISH

London.—By the provisions of the new Irish home rule bill, two parliaments will be set up—one for the north and the other for the south of Ireland; the northern to consist of 52 members and the southern of 126 members. The representation in the imperial parliament would be 12 for north Ireland and 30 for south Ireland, necessitating the reorganization of Ireland, which is provided for in the bill.

The northern area would be composed of the counties of Antrim, Armagh, Down, Fermanagh, Londonderry and Tyrone and the boroughs of Belfast and Londonderry.

A "council for Ireland," composed of 40 members, half of whom would be selected by each of the parliaments, is also provided for in the bill. The legislative powers of the new council would be only those granted it by the two legislatures, but the framers of the bill hope it will form a nucleus around which would be built one parliament for the whole of Ireland.

Forbid Liquor Search Without Warrant
Chicago.—Major A. V. Dairymple, commander of the expedition against the "Michigan rum rebellion," returned to Chicago with his crusaders to be faced with positive federal orders forbidding liquor searches or arrests without proper warrants.

GAS LAMP EXPLOSION BURNS TO DEATH WIFE OF DEWEY B. HOXIE

Husband Receives Bad Burns While Extinguishing Flames Burial in Nyssa Today

The entire community was shocked by the sad news of the death of Mrs. Dewey B. Hoxie, on Wednesday morning about 2:00 o'clock, from serious burns she received about 7:00 o'clock the evening before.

Mrs. Hoxie was filling a gasoline lamp by the light of another lamp in her home at Crane Oregon, and in some way an explosion of the gas occurred setting fire to her clothing and everything inflammable in reach of it. Mr. Hoxie extinguished the flames by the use of heavy quilts, but before he could put the fire out it had burned her severely, externally and no doubt internally.

A doctor was summoned who arrived in about ten minutes and her wounds were dressed and at first it was thought not dangerous, though seriously burnt; such was the word received in Nyssa on Tuesday night.

In the effort to save his wife's life Mr. Hoxie had both of his hands severely burnt which are in a bad condition.

Mrs. Hoxie was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Pounds formerly of Nyssa; she was a graduate of the Nyssa schools and highly esteemed by those who knew her. She was the winner of the County Declamatory contest retaining for Nyssa school the cup two years in succession.

Mrs. Hoxie was 27 years of age and only a bride since last September. She leaves besides her husband to mourn her loss, a father and mother and three brothers and four sisters, and a host of friends who have known her from childhood in Nyssa.

The body was brought to Nyssa for burial. Funeral services will be held from the Presbyterian church this afternoon and interment in the Nyssa cemetery.

MEETING OF LIBRARY ASSOCIATION MAR. 9

A meeting of the Nyssa Library Association is called by its president, E. M. Deen to be held on Tuesday evening, March 9th. at 7:30 o'clock. The purpose of this meeting is to elect officers for the coming year.

It does not matter whether you are a member of the association or not, if you are a citizen of this community, you are urged to show your good citizenship by attending this meeting, for the public is invited as well as the members.

Nyssa's library is one that we need not be ashamed of, but we can help to make it much better if more interest is taken by each and every individual. Let's all be there and help to elect officers who will keep the good work going on as our officers in the past have done.

WAR RECORDS OF ALL SERVICE MEN WANTED

Efforts are being made to secure war records of all service men who went from Malheur county. Following is a letter in part from County Superintendent Fay Clarke Hurley, to The Journal, which is in itself explanatory:

"Will you help us in this last effort to get the war records of all of the service men who went from Malheur county? Just put a little notice in your paper, asking that the men who have not sent their war records to Mrs. T. M. Lowe or to me request the proper blanks and make their reports at once. We have tried for so long to get a complete record of our men and haven't succeeded in getting returns from anything like all of them.

"It doesn't look well for Malheur County to make an incomplete report and yet that will have to be done if the men or their families do not respond. The record can be made out by anyone who knows the facts connected with the soldier's war record. In fact most of them have been made out by the mothers and wives of the men."

ROADS GIVEN BACK TO OWNERS

Operation of Roads
Be Largely Under
New Conditions.

Utah.—America's rail transportation systems, operated as one utility since December 23, are divided among their 230 corporate owners when the antitrust control at mid-March 1.

Mr. General Hines, as the agent president, handed over the roads and equipment, valued at \$20,000,000,000, to their owners, free except for the fees retained by the government for the railroad reorganization.

The roads go back to private control largely new conditions. The bill, signed by the president, gives the system certain new powers, but as an offset, it enlarges the Interstate Commerce Commission's power and personnel. The roads are no longer as masters of their own destinies, nor are they bound to stand solidly against labor's demands, if not met.

The parties concerned, go to a court provided in the bill and on all, in addition to labor and representatives, public representatives will.

Mr. Hines has as his task that the corporations would have difficulty obtaining the credit had the government ended its care to them during the war. This difficulty has been away to some extent, for the roads obtain loans from the government in these days of strained credit.

The Interstate Commerce Commission is bound by law to consider the roads in ratemaking so that they may always stand on a level with the public.

ASKED IN DIPLOMATIC QUESTION

The invitation of the French premier to President Wilson to join them in a formal dinner to the Italian and Jugo-Slav representatives to negotiate a new Adriatic agreement on the basis of the terms of all previous agreements is a surprise in official Washington.

While pointed out, however, that following the agreement of the president in his last visit to the premier had said that he would, of course, make no objection to a settlement mutually agreed to by Italy and Jugo-Slavia, provided an agreement is not made to the expense of the nationals of a third country.

Wilson has made it clear that he cannot accept the treaty of Versailles as a basis for a settlement.

The premier's proposal, however, would be made to the terms of this treaty.

An attempt had been made to bring the United States, Great Britain and Jugo-Slavia come to a settlement.

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