## DRIVE TO START ON **BIG FARM PROBLEMS**

Help Specialists Will Meet Today in Annual Session at Portland Hotel.

LABOR, WAGES, ARE TOPICS

Officials From Washington and Delegates From All States of West Will Be in Attendance at Conference.

ago and has made a tour including California, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming and Idaho.

Crop Conditions Average High. He reports that general crop condi-tions seem to strike a pretty high aver-age. Crop prospects on dry land in Colorado and New Mexico are very poor. There is also some shortage of water for irrigation in those states, due to light snow in the mountain districts. Utah, south of Salt Lake, is pretty dry, but the northern part of the state shows up well. Dry land conditions in Wyoming and Montana are better than for the last two years.

There is practically no surplus of labor anywhere, Mr. Evans says. By organization to the highest possible degree, and by the community co-operation possible in many localities, the harvest can be taken care of pretty well, it is believed. G. F. Thomety, farm help specialist for

G. F. Thometz, farm help specialist for Idaho, arrived from Boise yesterday. "Idaho will have a larger general crop production than last year by 25 per cent," said Mr. Thometz.

Yield to Be Best in Years. "The American Falls district with 200,000 acres in crop will harvest the best yield for years. The northwestern part of the state has not such good prospects on dry land areas. It is estipart of the state has not such good prospects on dry land areas. It is estimated the fruit crop will not exceed 10 per cent of a normal yield. The Bolse valley will have the best fruit crop of any part of the state."

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Plans for the session have been per-

GRADUATING EXERCISES.

George Fortmiller Recrives Medals.

Many of Class Enter Service

and eight of them have been delivered. The Columbia River Shipbuilding Corporation has launched six of its 32 contracts and all have been delivered. The Albina Engine & Machine Works has launched six of its 15 vessels and delivered two of them.

The Northwest Steel Company and Northwest Steel Company and Northwest Steel Company.

of Their Country.

stallation and finishing work of the former's hulls, will deliver the steamers Western Chief and Western Ocean this Twenty-one candidates received the degree of Doctor of Medicine at the graduating exercises of the University of Oregon Medical School held last night at Central Library Hall. Frederick V. Holman made the ad-dress of the evening on "The Relation of a Physician to the Feople" in which he said that no profession stands higher Comparing the existing shippard sit-uation with that of December, 1916, the Chamber of Commerce yesterday issued the following statistics:

Revised Railroad Rates for Soldiers Presage General Rise.

Evidently presaging general passenger rate increases to be put into effect by Director-General McAdoo, of the railroads, came a message yesterday from Washington to the Adjutant-Genby Director-General McAdoo, of the railroads, came a message yesterday from Washington to the Adjutant-General's office, naming the new rates to be effective next Monday in the movement of newly inducted soldiers.

The message informs draft officials that the rate to be charged for transporting soldiers in regulation coaches will be 3 cents a mile. The soldier rate in tourist cars is to be 3% cents and that in standard Pullmans is announced at 3 1-3 cents per mile. The tourist cars or Pullmans are always specified for the soldier boys traveling longer distances, when available.

When Frank Jones, fireman on the steamer Paloma, turned on too much oil to start the fire in the oil-burning engine at 5:15 o'clock yesterday morning the blaze got beyond his control and in a few minutes the front part of the vessel was enveloped in flames.

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## AMY LEAH DENNIS IS STRONG FOR YANKEE FIGHTING MEN

Although Not Physically Qualified for Actual Warfare, Actress Says Women of America Have Serious Duty to Perform at Home.

voiced through several pages considerable exultation over the fact that another girl whom we both knew has enlisted as a soldier in the Army."

Amy Leah Dennis tinkled the ice in her tea and frowned. At least, she would have tinkled the ice if it hadn't been such a huge piece of ice and so little tea. I guess they're Hooverizing on tea, too, and heaven only knows what us girls will do then.

"The brightest and most filluminating chapter in the history of womanhood is being written right now."

Amy Leah paused a moment and considered. She is very, very serious and very, very young. She plays Mary and has the ankle in "Marry's Ankle" at the Heilig. The play is a comedy and Amy Leah is its brightest luminary in a saucy school girl role. Off stage she runs true to form as comedy players what us girls will do then.

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Anyway, Amy Leah Dennis thumped the chunk of ice in her slim glass and frowned. The frown had naught to do with the tea. It was brought to her pretty face because she didn't exult with her letter writing friend over a girl being a soldier.

"It isn't the business of women to do actual fighting," said Amy Leah.

Portland Steel Yards' June

Record Will Soar.

PREVIOUS RECORD DOUBLED

Shippards of Oregon District Now

Distribute \$3,493,800 Among

32,350 Employes-Tonnage in

Water Is Nearly 500,000.

Portland builders of steel vessels will

the Willamette Iron & Steel Company the latter doing all the machinery in-

month and the Albina Engine & Ma

Early Morning Blaze Causes Loss of

\$20,000 on Vessel Owned by Co-

lumbia Digger Company.

Problems of farm labor, which are closely altied with feeding the Army and the allies and with winning the war, will be discussed today in Portland, when the Western division of the Department of Agriculture, will assemble at its annual conference. The seemble at its annual conference. The seemble at its annual conference. The seemble at its annual conference, and E. V. Wilcox, agriculture, are in the clify to meet with the conference, and E. V. Wilcox, agriculture, are in the conference, and E. V. Wilcox, agriculture of the conference of the conference, and E. V. Wilcox, agriculture of the conference, and E. V. Wilcox, agriculture of the conference of th

Ninth Vessel Will Be Launched at Foundation Plant Next Week.

Plans for the official trial trip of the French steam auxiliary schooner Com-mandant Roisin, built by the Founda-tion Company for the French govern-ment and launched March 29, provide for her leaving Portland Monday, Once who is delivered there will be others to

for her leaving Portland Monday. Once she is delivered there will be others to follow her in regular order, there being eight hulls afloat and another will go overboard Tuesday—the Adjutant Dorme. The Commandant de Rose will be next to leave the ways.

Names of 10 following vessels, the company having contracts for 20 in all, irclude the Aviateur de Terlines, General Baratler, General Maunoury, General Serret, General Gailleni, Colonel Driant, Lunerville, Nancy and Belfort. The arrival of machinery for the new vessels is reported to be satisfactory and the company has a large number of men in the fitting-out department. PORTLAND GETS MORE SHIPS

From Trip Through East.

Alfred Smith, president of the Columbia River Shipbuilding Corporation, with Mrs. Smith, formerly Miss Frances Fuller, returned last night from a tour of several weeks in the East, a trip that was a honeymoon, yet resulted in the corporation being given contracts for 14 more steel steamers, each of 8860 tons, making 32 the plant has finished and holds under contract. As six have been delivered, 25 remain to be built.

tons. The Northwest Steel Company has launched 12 of the 32 ships ordered and eight of them have been delivered.

Marine Notes From checking sallors on incoming ships, R. P. Bonham, United States Immigration Inspector, yesterday transferred his attention to Alaska patients at the Morningside Sanitarium and found several for deportation. A check made recently of 61 women confined at Kelly Butte showed few allens smoor, them.

chine Works will deliver the Point Bonita and Point Lobos. On finishing a part cargo of lumber today at the mill of the Peninsula Lumber Company the steamer Daisy Freeman proceeds to Grays Harbor to take on the last of her was to the control of the control of

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Leonard Strong, Dennis & Swart, Douglas Herbert F. Warner, Estella F. Warner, Randall F. White, Ralph G. Young.

NEW TARIFFS ANNOUNCED PALOMA BADLY DAMAGED BY FIRE STARTING IN ENGINE-ROOM.

Revised Railroad Rates for Soldiers

to have been a Norwegian bark.

Bringing 250 travelers and 2300 tons of freight, the San Francisco & Portland Steamship Company's liner Beaver reappeared from California ports at Ainsworth dock at 10 o'clock last night. She is to sall on the return tomorrow. The Beaver has the distinction of being a vessel desired by the Navy and actually commandeered, only to be returned to her route as more valuable for shipping interests in view of the rallroad demands than she would be in the war.

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WASHINGTON, June 7.—A bill by Senator Myers, of Montana, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to make allotments of mineral land in the Blackfoot Indian Reservation in Montana, repealing laws prohibiting disposal of the land was passed today by the Senate and sent to the House.

Incompany and has been used possal of the land was passed today by the Senate and sent to the House.

MOSIER, June 7.—(Special.)—Two more Mosier boys have responded to the call of Uncle Sam, Carroll Cole, eld-to the call of Uncle Sam, Carroll Cole, eld-to the call of Uncle Sam, Carroll Cole, eld-to the steamer was swept, but the firemen soon got the fire under control. The engine and machinery were badly damaged, while the hull is considered almost a total loss.

The boat is owned by the Columbia Digger Company and has been used for everal years in towing sand and possal of the land was passed today by the Senate and sent to the House.

# ABANDON HOLIDAY

BY LEONE CASS BAER.

and as essential to the physical enforcement of this great spiritual idea as are the biggest, most valorous deeds of the warriors on the field of battle.

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Grant Smith-Porter Ship Company Employes to Ask Permission to Work Half Holiday Beginning June 22.

The several thousand employes at the wooden yards of the G. M. Standifer Construction Corporation, at Vancouver, Thursday met voluntarily and offered to give up the Saturday half holiday, granted by the Emergency Fleet Corporation for June, July and Mangant, and to work through the Summer on those days at straight time, thus turning out one more ship.

Standifer Men Unanimous.

After the meeting, which indersed the proposal practically unanimously, the news was transmitted to officers of the company.

The employes will now draw up a petition asking permission of the Emergency Fleet Corporation to work at straight time Saturday afternoons.

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day in the yards, except comparatively few men who will be engaged in work that must be rushed. Labor organizations whose members

are engaged in war industries are not unanimously in favor of giving up the Saturday half-holiday during the Summer months. This was brought out at the meeting Thursday night of the Central Labor Council, when three large unions reported that they have

more ado, because they feel that \$2,-350 men building ships in Oregon can 350 men building ships in Oregon can bring about a decided impetus in the speeding up programme with half a day's extra labor. They also say it is better for the Oregon forces to initiate the movement, as they have, and to carry it out as well, rather than have the executives of the Shipping Board request it, which they regard as probable soon. probable soon

At daybreak this morning the tank steamer Argyll is to leave from the dock of the Portland Gas Company at Linnton for sea.

Her inward cargo discharged, the McCornick steamer Klamath leaves early this norning for Westport and after working umber one day there will proceed to St. Belens to finish.

On finishing a part cargo of lumbar of the day men and the halfper cent over the day men and the half-holiday does not apply.

same type in the water. The inspec-tion of the Kasota, the third vessel floated, will be started today.

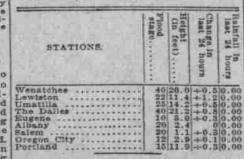
RIVERS ARE RISING ABOVE

Though Depth Will Increase.

Points on the Columbia and Snake rivers reported increases in the stage Reports from the East of the sinking of the steamer Eldsvold by a German submarine caused some to recollect that a vessel of the same name was here a few years ago, but Marchants' Exchange records show her to have been a Norwegian bark.

Bringing 200 travelers and 2500 tons of freight, the San Francisco & Portland Steamship Company's liner Beaver reappeared from California ports at Ainsworth dock at 10 o'clock inst night. She is to sail Bureau is that it will be 13.3 feet here on the return tomorrow. The Beaver has Monday.

Yesterday's readings were:



Movements of Vessels. PORTLAND, June 7.—Arrived—Steamers Riamath and Argyll, from San Francisco; Beaver, from San Francisco and San Pedro;

ABERDEEN, Wash., June 7.—(Special.)—
The steamer Raymond arrived at 10 A. M. and is loading at the Hulbert mill.

The steamer Cheballs arrived at 11 A. M., and after discharging a cargo of general merchandles at the Foster dock in Hoquiam and the Commercial dock hers, will load a cargo of lumber at the Hoquiam Lumber & Shingle Mill.

The steamers Daisy Matthews, Helene and Tamalpals all cleared today. The Matthews cleared for Honolulu from the National mill in Hoquiam and the Helene from the Aberdeen Lumber & Shingle mill, and the Tamalpals from the E. K. Weed mill, both for California ports.

ASTORIA, June 7.—Arrived at 5:30 and left up at 7 A. M., steamer Washtenaw, from Port San Luis. Arrived at 9:15 A. M. and left up at 4:20 P. M., steamer Beaver, from San Francisco and San Pedro. Left up at 12:30 A. M., steamer Argyll, from San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, June T.—Arrived— Auxiliary schooner Ethel, from Portland, for Salvador.

POINT REYES, June 7.—Passed at 10 A. Steamer Halco, from Tacoma for San SAN FRANCISCO, June 8.—Arrived at 5 P. M., Steamer Rose City, from San Pedro for Portland.

have been decreased it is suggested that the rates of seamen's insurance should be cut in proportion.

The reports of the various riveting contests held at shippards through the country are so ambiguous that but little information is conveyed to those having a knowledge of work in the shippards, it is announced by a local official of the Government, whose duty is connected with the shipbuilding industry here. This official maintains that the report for each so-called record performance should shumerate all the details. The report should state the kind of rivet used, countersunk or snap, the diameter of the rivet, the kind of machine or gun employed, hand or the heavy, suspended type, and everything else which will illustrate how the riveter managed to perform the Fenergency Fleet Corporation have made an investigation and will, it is expected, suggest that all riveting records be made under uniform conditions.

U. S. Naval Radio Reports.

RAINIER, San Francisco for Vancouver, 90 miles north of San Francisco.

Columbia River Bar Report.

NORTH HEAD, June 7.—Condition of the bar at 5 P. M.: Sea, smooth; wind, south, light. DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

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PORTLAND, June 7.—Maximum temperature, 53 degrees: minimum, 57 degrees.
River reading, 8 A. M., 11.9 feet; change in last 24 hours, 0.3 foot rise. Total rainfail (5 P. M. to 5 P. M.) none. Total rainfail, since September 1, 1917, 37.88 inches: normal, 42.58 inches; deficiency, 4.69 inches.
Sunrise. 5.21 A. M., sunset, 8.59 P. M.
Total sunshine, 11 hours 46 minutes; possible, 12 hours 30 minutes. Moonrise, 4.17 A. M., moonset, 8.04 P. M. Barometer (reduced to sea level) 5 P. M., 20.98 inches. Relative humidity at noon, 35 per cent. THE WEATHER.

Velocity.....

Precipitation past
24 hours.......

Maximum temperatu STATIONS. Minneapolis
New Orleans
New York
North Head
North Yakima tA. M. today; \*P. M. report preceding day.

FORECASTS.

Portland and vicinity—Fair and cooler, moderate westerly winds.

Oregon—Fair and cooler; moderate westerly winds.

Washington—Showers; west portlon fair, cooler east portlon; moderate southwesterly winds.

Idaho—Fair; cooler north and southeast portlons.

EDWARD L. WELLS. Meteorologist. We manufacture for Shipbuilders

**BOAT SPIKES BOLTS** SHIP RIVETS

NORTHWEST STEEL CO. Portland, Oregon.

Shipyard Workers' Performance Pleases Britons.

VISITORS ARE CONFIDENT

Addresses Delivered at St. Johns Plants Elicit Enthusiastic Responses From Men; Workers Urged to Build Ships.

Men of the G. M. Standifer Construcion Corporation's wooden yard and those on the payroll of the Grant Smith-Porter Ship Company, at St. Johns, proved to Crawford Vaughan, former Prime Minister of South Australia, and Sergeant-Major C. H. Smith, a veteran of the Marne and other early engagements with the Huns, that the Americans are husky in voice as well as otherwise yesterday, when they cheered the speakers, the Army and the country in a way that would have drowned a boilershop din.

It pleased the visitors, even to Frank

L. Cann, who is traveling with the apeakers as manager of their tour in the interest of the National Service Section of the Emergency Fleet Corporation. Mr. Cann believes in brevity

and force.

"Ships, Ships, Away," is the way they cheer on the Atlantic Coast these days, as well as the old "Hip, Hip, Hurrah!" he told the men at the St.

boys say, will never be pulled down for the white flag of surrender. The bald-headed eagle of the Rocky Mountains will yet fly over the double-dyed Ger-man vulture." General Birdwood "Ducked,

Mr. Vaughan told a story of General Birdwood, of the Australian forces, who was discovered at a dangerous point in the trenches by an enlisted man who yelled at him as a shell was heard screaming: "Birdle, duck yer bloomin" 'ead." When asked afterward if he punished such a display of familiarity and lack of discipline, General Bird-YOSEMITE, San Francisco for Seattle, 115 wood said: "No. I simply ducked my bloomin' 'ead."

National Council of Defense, the Labor Commission and the Federal Employment Association will be represented. The proposal process of the Columbia Service of the Columbia Service of the Columbia Highway, taking advantage of their visit to view the eclipse.

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men at Vancouver, telling of his per-sonal experiences at the front and displaying souvenirs he brought from the battle fields. At the Grant Smith-Por-ter yard the party was entertained at

Two materials are used to make up most of the dresses, jersey and cloth, taffetas and Irish lace as a walstcoat, taffeta and jersey, linen and cloth, crepe de chine and crepe georgette.

AMUSEMENTS.



man will be in the Oaks Park tomorrow afternoon taking pictures? Yes, he is going to photograph everyone visiting the park in the afternoon-real moving pictures that will be shown in the Oaks Auditorium the following Wednesday. It surely will be a novelty for some of us to see ourselves on the screen -and you can imagine the comedy that will be worked in when unsuspecting couples are caught unawares. Be out here Sunday afternoon-come out in the morning, bring a picnic lunch and spend the day. Cioffi's Celebrated Band will give a splendid concert both in the afternoon and evening. Beth Groves Young will sing and there will be a rousing Western movie with Big Bill Hart featured. This programme is entirely free to Park guests.

For picnic parties there are the most inviting little Summer houses here with tables and seats for lunch time. Hot coffee, too, may be prepared in the free kitchenette. You may leave your lunch baskets in perfect safety in the free checking room.

Plan to spend your Sunday at the Oaks-there is something lively happening there every minute of the day-thrilling rides may be had on the scenic railway, Ferris wheel, chutes-and for the little tots the smallest engine and train in captivity. Then there are places just built for laughter and funyou will feel better for having spent a day in this pleasure park. Cars leave First and Alder every few minutes—transfer from any part of the city—6-cent fare. Launches leave foot of Morrison.

JOHN F. CORDRAY Moving Pictures Taken at the Oaks Sunday.

AMUSEMENTS. ATTEND HEILIG

MAT. TODAY, 2:15 Performance Stopped ECLIPSE

TAST TONIGHT, 8:15 Brilliant Farce-Comedy 'Mary's Ankle'

IF YOU DO NOT "GET" 400 LAUGHS YOU ARE NOT WELL. TODAY \$1. 75e. 50e TONIGHT \$1.50, \$1, 75c, 50e

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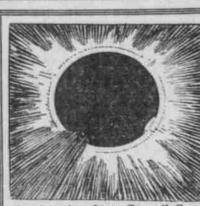
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TOMORROW The first of a series of Sun-day afternoon concerts by Nelsen's Peerless Orchestra. Monte Austin sings.

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AUDITORIUM TONIGHT, 8:15 **Music Festival** MABEL RIEGELMANSoprano

FRANCES INGRAM, Contralto

MORGAN KINGSTON, Tener HIRAM TUTTLE, Baritone Chorus 250 Voices. Portland Symphony Orchestra. Prices, \$1.50, \$1, 75c, 50c, 25c, Sale until 6 P. M. at Sherman, Clay & Co.'s. After 7 P. M. at Auditorium.

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