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LUMBER ORDERS ENCOURAGE

Oregon lumber makers have in the past few days received a few good-sized orders which will have a tendency to lift the gloom that has been hovering over coast saw mills. These orders are in the main of considerable size and will cause a few mills to show activity for a time at least.

The east is benefitting extensively through the manufacture of arms and munitions of war, automobiles and aeroplanes for the European countries and the war trade has assisted materially in reviving business. While it is not a pleasant thing to contemplate a profit from a war, the west is reaping some of the profit in wheat and horses, and if the use of lumber is increased we will see decided change in conditions, for it is the lumber mill that spreads money rapidly. Its product is made by labor and labor must be paid and paid well in the west.

Those lumber orders are encouraging at the present time.

EMBARGO ON WHEAT.

The President and the congress have been talking about placing an embargo on wheat thus preventing it being shipped from this country. The intent, of course, would be to hold the grain to feed our own people.

It is hardly likely that such a thing will happen, but should it happen the price of grain would suffer a terrific drop and there could be no preventing it. In fact, that would be what the congress would anticipate and expect by the enactment of an embargo act.

The conditions surrounding establishment of an embargo necessarily should be such that foodstuff in America was almost inobtainable, and while things are close at the present time and there are many idle people needing help, we do not believe the embargo days have yet arrived.

The present plan of placing the money raised from the sportsmen through sale of licenses in the general fund of the state is not going to set very well with the sportsmen of Eastern Oregon. They view the fund raised by themselves in another light. If it is to go into the general fund they will argue that the interest in keeping up the fish and game will naturally fall to the regular state officers and then the work will be neglected. The large sale of licenses, it is also argued, will dwindle down and many will hunt and fish without the annual license.

Frank Davey, representative from Harney county, would have each state department pay for its own printing.

This strikes us as a good plan, for each department head is responsible for the expense of his department and a lot of these worthless pamphlets, which are now printed, would cease to be. The way to cut down the printing bill in the state is to have less printing done.

SPRING JURY LIST DRAWN

FARMERS, PRINCIPALLY, GET PLACES ON IT.

Nine Cases Already in Jail for Conting Circuit Court Term.

The 31 Union county taxpayers who have been selected from the original list of 200 to serve on the grand and trial juries at the February term of court, have now been served by the proper papers summoning them to appear for duty the first Monday in February at which date the regular February term will start to grind.

There are now nine inmates in the county jail awaiting the action of the grand jury, practically all of these having been bound over since the last special of the grand jury a few weeks ago. The jury panel for which the seven jurors and the trial jurors will be chosen, is as follows: Four merchants, one clerk, one laborer and 25 farmers. The panel is as follows:

- T. H. Watson, Union, farmer.
- C. B. Hartley, Elgin, farmer.
- Jay Van Buren, La Grande, merchant.
- Ralph Sullivan, Hilgard, farmer.
- W. E. Brownell, Elgin, retired.
- George L. Gassett, Elgin, farmer.
- Carl Gassett, Cove, merchant.
- Ed. Meyersick, Island, farmer.
- Arthur D. Crossland, Union, farmer.
- B. E. Slack, Summerville, farmer.
- W. F. Webb, Alicel, farmer.
- G. M. Gray, Alicel, farmer.
- G. M. Carnes, North Powder, farmer.
- F. D. Haisten, La Grande, merchant.
- A. Behrens, Summerville, farmer.
- J. H. Rollins, Union, farmer.
- Clint Van Fleet, La Grande, clerk.
- Wm. Kirk, Union, farmer.
- A. Wealthy, Elgin, farmer.
- Ed. Boswell, Cove, farmer.
- George E. Wells, Island, farmer.
- Frank Harris, La Grande, merchant.
- James Paddock, Union, farmer.
- Arie Rydam, Elgin, farmer.
- John Stroeber, La Grande, farmer.
- G. J. Hoke, Medical Springs, farmer.
- Jos. C. Pixton, Cove, farmer.
- M. S. Turnbull, Union, farmer.
- M. L. Carter, Island, farmer.
- E. Z. Carbine, La Grande, farmer.
- Ira Harrison, North Powder, laborer.

Stolen Auto Burns

Pendleton, Jan. 21.—Boldly breaking into the garage of Jack Childreth on East Alta street early Tuesday evening, some persons of unknown identity but presumably joyriders, stole his automobile and drove it out of the city. Before they had gone much over a mile, however, the car took fire and was left by them to burn by the roadside.

Mr. Childreth, who runs a blacksmith shop on Alta street just across from the Alta House and whose garage is just next door, discovered the loss of his auto this morning. The lock had been broken from the garage door. A report to the officers resulted in an investigation and sometime later the wrecked machine was found by the roadside on the Wild Horse road just beyond the first turn after the big cut is passed.

Will Penland and Will Isaacs, returning from Athena in the Penland Bros. auto truck, came upon the

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turning car at 7 o'clock. There was not a person near it when they drew alongside. The car was then a mass of flames and they could do nothing to put them out. While they were watching it another car drove up and its occupant, too, watched the fire. Persons sitting in the lobby of the Alta House last evening noticed two men enter the Childreth garage and take the car, but it was done so openly and boldly that the witnesses

never thought but that one of them was the owner of the car. The auto, a Reo five-passenger, was a water-cooled car and the radiator was empty at the time. The thieves, evidently in haste or ignorant of how to handle a car, had driven it without examining it and, consequently, it had become hot and taken fire before they had driven it far. Mr. Childreth carried insurance on the machine. The officers are today making a

further investigation in the hopes of getting some clew to the thieves.
AT SHERRY'S
The Hippodrome spectacle "America" in motion picture form, which is a special release of the World Film Corporation, was chosen as an opening feature by Melvin G. Weinstein, the general manager of the national

Amusement Company, that opens the new National theatre in Portland, Oregon.
FOR RENT—Five room modern house, good location. Ask Geo. W. Perry. Perry, Oregon. 1 21 tf
The war-ships with the most awe-inspiring names seem to be the easiest victims.—Columbia State.