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THREE MONSTER RUSSIAN ARMIES MARCHING ON KONINGSBERG

LUMBERMAKERS PROMOTE SILOS IN THIS VALLEY

REMARKABLE SESSION OF EASTERN OREGON LUMBERMEN

DAIRY INTERESTS CARRY FUTURE FOR LUMBERING

Construction Campaign Commenced Last Evening—Irrigation Under a State Policy Favored—Timbermen Want Protection and Oppose Tinkering With the Law Now Existing.

Forgetting, momentarily, the pressing problems of their own business, and looking into the future by laying constructive plans that will, if carried to successful fruition, bring good to all and harm to none, members of the Eastern Oregon Lumber Producers in the annual meeting held here yesterday talked silos and dairying. The relation of dairying to the lumber industry may to some seem remote of existence if at all, but those who heard an hour's discussion on the subject yesterday by the lumbermen, quickly learned otherwise.

While individuals of the lumbering interests have long dreamed of constructive campaigns for the future of the lumber business, this is the first time in Eastern Oregon that tangible effort to build for the future has been taken. Mr. Skeel, of the O. W. traffic department, was present and with the lumbermen agreed into the future, seeing there mutual benefits. The Panama canal has curtailed through-freight business—a notorious fact—and railroads of the west must turn to short-haul business. The keynote of the discussion is that the Grande Ronde valley and other valleys of Eastern Oregon where the lumbermen in attendance have their mills, are remarkably suited to dairying, yet there is scarcely a silo in that vast region, although some 25 or 30 are to be built the coming summer here—all based upon the true hypothesis that dairying is the savior of Western farming. The arguments brought into prominence the fact that when dairying is at its best, the farmers draw monthly pay checks, and having money, can build better barns, better houses, more silos—all increasing the consumption of lumber.

From any viewpoint the meeting was by far the most important yet held in Eastern Oregon of any lumbermen's association.

Another constructive resolution was one measure favoring a state policy of irrigation under certain conditions, the chief of which was that where the cost of redemption is out of proportion to the value of the land, that irrigation is not feasible. The resolution says:

"Whereas, the state of Oregon has demonstrated in the Tumalo reclamation project, its ability under proper regulation to successfully carry forward to completion a feasible project at a cost for reclamation less than the original estimate, therefore

"Be it resolved, that the Eastern Oregon Lumber Producers' association go on record as heartily favoring well-considered state policy in regard to irrigation believing is the function of government to assist in the development of land susceptible to cultivation consistent with proper regard to the value of the land and cost of redemption."

In addition to building for the future upon the assumption that dairying and general intensified farming aids everyone and harms none, the lumbermen turned their attention again to matters with which they are directly concerned.

Extensive discussion was given over the merits and demerits of the present compensation act. While no vote was expressed, although argued at length the consensus of opinion seemed to be that the present law with slight amendments should be given a fair trial, as, on the whole it is suitable to employer and employee.

The association sent sharp disapproval to Salem against any tinkering with the present forest protection laws. Because 64 percent of the employed men of the state work in sawmills, the lumbermen think it is absolute folly to remove laws that protect the timber of the state. Wholesale destruction of the state's forests by fire would be a calamity, it is agreed. However, the association asked that the administration be scrutinized and that the greatest efficiency at the least expense possible, be a fact.

North Yakima Receiver Here.

Alfred C. Steinman, Receiver of the U. S. land office at North Yakima, is in the city today to attend the funeral

WILDCATS KILLED IN IMBLER FIELD

SLAUGHTER OF COYOTES GOES ON WITH SUCCESS.

Twenty-four Pound Cat Among Beasts Slain in the Vicinity of Imbler. By Huntmen Lately.

Several dozen coyotes and several wildcats have been slain recently in the vicinity of Imbler. A few days ago Vern Berry killed 15 coyotes in one day and another hunter, Mr. Cleaver, without any effort more coyotes. For the most part the wildcats were killed in isolated places, but an exception to the rule is shown by Chas. Cleaver who killed a cat out in the open not far from Imbler. Mr. Cleaver also slew a 24-pound wildcat several days ago. The one he got in the open weighed 14 pounds.

LAWYERS CONDEMN BILL.

Measure Abolishing County Judgeship Meets With Disfavor.

Baker, Jan. 30.—At a meeting of the Baker Bar Association yesterday morning a resolution was adopted condemning a bill before the legislature providing for the abolishment of the county court, turning all the probate, juvenile and other court work over to the circuit judges and establishing two appeal courts districts, one for Eastern Oregon and one for Western Oregon, to sit at Pendleton and Portland respectively.

William Smith, S. O. Correll, John L. Rand, O. B. Mount, C. A. Moore and Charles Hyde all spoke against the measure.

A committee consisting of William Smith, O. H. McCulloch and M. D. Clifford was appointed to digest the bill and formulate objections to send to Senator Strayer and Representative Cartmill and to submit these also to the Commercial club and the Baker County Taxpayers League for action by those bodies. Woodson L. Patterson, secretary of the association, was instructed to telegraph the objections of the bar association to the Baker county delegation at Salem.

of his brother-in-law, W. H. Stansfield, whose death occurred Thursday.

PREMIUM LIST IS LARGE ONE

IMBLER PEOPLE OFFER GOOD PRIZES FOR COLT MEN.

Cups and Other Rewards Hung up for Best Colts Exhibited.

A partial premium list has been prepared for the Imbler colt show to be held Saturday February 13, with the people of Imbler co-operating with the Oregon Agricultural college. Here are some of the prizes already offered:

Percherons.		
Three yrs. old or over.	\$2.00	1.00
Two yrs. old.	2.00	1.00
One yr. old.	2.00	1.00
Best colt under one yr.	2.00	1.00
Clydes.		
Same as above.		
Shires.		
The same.		
Grades.		
The same.		
Specials.		
Best pure bred colt under one year any breed. Silver cup, donated by La Grande Observer.		
Best grade colt under one year. Silver cup, donated by Thomas Witly, Imbler.		
Best pure bred mare any breed. Silver cup, Claude C. Cate, county agriculturist.		
Best team, draft mares. Silver cup, La Grande Commercial Club.		

This list is not yet complete as there will be more entries and probably more prizes offered.

PORTLAND HAS BANNER MONTH OF EXISTENCE

OVER TWO AND A HALF MILLION DOLLARS BROUGHT IN DURING ONE MONTH.

WHEAT AND CORN SET NEW HIGH PRICE MARK

Shipments Abroad in Export Way During January Were the Biggest in the History of Portland—Cash Returns Spent in the Northwest—Corn at 82 Cents and Wheat \$1.52.

Portland, Jan. 30.—January was the best export month in Portland's history. During the month 1,978,000 bushels of wheat were shipped abroad, mostly to European points. The value of this shipment is over \$2,500,000 which percolates to cities and farms in the Pacific Northwest solely.

WHEAT STILL UP.

New High Record Set by Wheat Reaching \$1.52, Chicago.

Chicago, Jan. 30.—A new high record for wheat was established today when May wheat closed at \$1.52, July closed \$1.34 7-8ths. May corn advanced to 82 cents also a new high record.

WINTERING AT HOT LAKE.

Eastern Oregon Resort is Popular Refuge From Wintry Blasts.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hammond and Mrs. E. H. Ayon, who are among the many visitors at Hot Lake this winter were in the city this morning on a combined pleasure and shopping expedition.

Mr. and Mrs. Hammond, whose home is in Amulet, Sask., Canada, are spending three weeks at the Lake in order to escape the rigors of a Canadian winter. Mrs. Ayon is from Vancouver, Washington. The visitors were profuse in their expressions of admiration for La Grande and the Grande Ronde valley as well as for Eastern Oregon's popular resort.

ATTENDING SHORT COURSE.

County Agriculturist On Program at O. A. C. Farmer's Week.

County Agriculturist C. C. Cate left last night for Corvallis where he will attend the farmers' short course at the Oregon Agricultural college. Mr. Cate has a place on the program in the instruction work. Mrs. Cate accompanied him.

Several farmers from over the county will take advantage of this week of instruction which opens Monday morning.

Paul Pleads Not Guilty.

Logan Paul has entered a plea of not guilty to a charge of being drunk and upon the streets after hours. The trial has been set for 5 o'clock February 1st. The police docket this morning included four vagrants, one being Glen Watson and the others, strangers. They were given varying days upon which to work for the city for their board.

SENATE KILLS WOMAN JUROR BILL

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SECRETARY M'ADOO'S DAUGHTER GOING TO WAR.



Miss Nona McAdoo, daughter of the secretary of the treasury, is going to the great war. Under the instruction of a competent nurse she can undertake work in a field hospital. She has arranged no definite plans yet, but she intends within a few

Two-Dollar Wheat Smiles Fill Y. M. C. A. When Farmers Bring in Their Families to Spend the Day

Scores of farmers wearing the broad smile of prosperity that certain signs of \$2.00 wheat can create, took undisputed possession of La Grande's new Y. M. C. A. today. They came this morning with their baskets, and they sat themselves down, at noon time, to a delicious repast in the dining room of the building. From then on until program time the women and children lounged in the corridors, free from the farmers' housewife cares, while the children made copious use of the halls and basements. The men operated the shuffle board and checker tables; all through the building happiness was the pass word. It was indeed a pleasant afternoon. But it was not all rest and visiting for the farmers and their wives and their children; there was something instructive and entertaining in the program, too. There had been a pleasant program prepared, as follows:

Instrumental—Miss Elva Gaskell.
What the Association intends to do—John H. Rudd.
Reading—Mary Carter.
Short talk, The preeminent purpose of Y. M. C. A.—Thomas Walsinger.
Song—Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Robertson and Mrs. W. Greenwood.
What the mother expects from the Y. M. C. A.—Mrs. H. H. Cleaver.
The Crucible—Edward Jasper.
Solo—Mrs. W. Greenwood.
Address—The Boy on the Farm and Y. M. C. A.—Hon. W. M. Pierce.
Short talk—W. L. Carter.
Solo—Mr. S. A. Robertson.
Many businessmen stole away from the Saturday afternoon rush of business to meet the farmers and listen to the program.

READER WILL COME.

"Huckleberry Finn" to be Recited Here by Prof. Reddie.

Prof. A. F. Reddie, who a few months ago gave the long remembered reading of Mark Twain's "Blue Bird," to a La Grande audience, is coming to La Grande February 3rd. The Parent-Teachers' association of the

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Central school is looking after the details of the meeting, which will be held in the high school auditorium, but above all else, wish to impress upon the people of La Grande that the entertainment is free, and first class. Mr. Reddie has a wide reputation. He has been prevailed upon to give "Huckleberry Finn" in this city and in this masterpiece he is at his best.

All the readings given in Eastern Oregon towns by Prof. Archibald F. Reddie, professor of public speaking at the University of Oregon, will be free to the public. This will be Professor Reddie's second eastern Oregon trip; last year he appeared in several towns under the auspices of the University extension division and was splendidly received.

The cities and dates will be: Baker, February 1, "King John," at the library under the auspices of the Woman's club.

Union, February 2, selected readings from a number of plays or classics, in the high school auditorium, at 7:30 p. m.

La Grande, February 3, "Huckleberry Finn," under the auspices of the schools, before the evening meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association.

Pendleton, February 4, in the afternoon under the auspices of the Thursday Afternoon Club, the Civic Club, and the Current Literature Club.

The Dalles, February 5, if date is arranged.
Cascade Locks, February 6, "Huckleberry Finn," in the school house at 8 p. m.

Killed 750 Rabbits.

North Powder, Jan. 30.—The Rod & Gun club held a rabbit drive yesterday on the dry ranches in the hills southeast of this place. There were

GERMANY FEELS DEEP CONCERN AT NEW TACTICS

SPLENDID TOWN ON THE BALTIc BUT FIFTY MILES FROM THE SLAV HORDES.

MASTER STROKE EXECUTED BY THE CZAR'S FORCES

English See Splendid Move in Northward Swing of the Invading Armies—Reinforcements Being Rushed From Flanders to Help Hindenburg Repulse the Invaders From the East.

Petrograd, Jan. 30.—Three great Russian armies are now marching against Konigsberg, the capital of Eastern Prussia. The advance of the third army is indicated in today's dispatches. It is striking at the German lines south of the railroad running from Insterburg to Konigsberg.

London, Jan. 30.—The sweep of the Russian armies across East Prussia towards Konigsberg has alarmed Germany. The Kaiser is rushing reinforcements to the defense of the city, according to Amsterdam and Copenhagen dispatches.

Unconfirmed rumors from Amsterdam indicate that the Germans are drawing heavily from the armies in Flanders to reinforce Von Hindenburg who has been holding back the Russians.

Master Stroke is Seen. Military men in England regard the Russian advance as a master stroke for her forces are now only 60 miles from Konigsberg and Petrograd dispatches declare they are making rapid headway.

Konigsberg is the largest city in East Prussia and is located on the Gulf of Danzig near the Baltic.

JUDGE EAKIN ILL.

Jurist is Stricken With Nervous Breakdown, Suddenly.

Supreme Judge Eakin, laboring under the heavy strain occasioned by the congested docket that faces the Supreme Court at this time and which condition has existed for some time past, left last night for California suffering from a nervous breakdown and it is feared that his condition is serious. Such is the word brought this morning by Attorney J. D. Slater and Attorney T. H. Crawford of the law firm of Crawford & Eakin, who have been in the capital presenting argument in the contested district attorneyship in this county.

Judge Eakin is said to have been ill for several months but because of the heavy docket refused to give up the work and take the rest that was needed until a complete break down has forced him to seek relief.

The illness of Judge Eakin at this time leaves the Supreme bench of the state short handed with an overwhelming volume of work ahead so that the decisions of both the county judgeship and the district attorneyship will probably be delayed even longer now than would have been the case with the Court working full handed.

56 men and they killed 750 rabbits. Arthur Moore took the honors, killing 42. A bountiful dinner was served by the ranchers at the home of Will Pearson.

CHOICE HORSES LEAVE COUNTY

MORE THAN A HUNDRED SENT OUT TODAY.

Shipments Going to Eastern Colorado—Include Gaskill Bunch.

Over 100 head of Union county's choicest horses were loaded out here today bound for Sterling, Colorado, where they will be used on some of the big ranches in that state. These animals were purchased by Libbey & Day of Sterling. Mr. Libbey himself personally representing the purchasers here.

This bunch of horses includes the heavy draft stock formerly owned by Fred Gaskill, who will accompany the shipment East.