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MONUMENTAL FOLLIES OF THE WISE.

Economic laws differ from statutory enactments in several important particulars. They are natural while legislative acts are man-made. The statutes of state and nation can only be partially enforced through the agency of police and courts and the infliction of punishments at the hands of the state. Economic laws enforce themselves without the aid of police and courts because attempts at evasion or wilful violation bring about natural effects which punish the violator.

The council of the allied powers which aims at restriction of trade with their enemies during and following the war is comparable to the decision of the merchants of any city of mixed population not to do any business with citizens of certain nationalities. Business is not governed by motives of a sentimental nature. It depends upon conditions of mutual benefit between the buyer and seller. The source of money of common acceptance does not affect its value. A dollar that has been gained illegally or by oppression is not banned in the market.

The entente allies in conference seem to have ignored certain facts of human experience. A little study of the United States history during the period of our sentimental embargoes and non-intercourse acts should have convinced them of the folly of cutting off the nose of a nation to spite its face or to disgust its unfriendly neighbors.

When the Napoleonic wars of 100 years ago oppressed us and both parties to the conflict flouted us and jostled us in hateful fashion, we let our spite run away with our good sense and tried to punish them by refusing to play in their back yard any more. We stopped trading. Our embargoes did them no appreciable harm but recoiled upon ourselves so violently that New England was commercially ruined and seriously considered withdrawal from the union as the only means of escaping absolute impoverishment. They left our ships tied up and rotting at the wharves, our products without a market and

spoiling on our hands. Thus we learned wisdom from costly experience.

The attempt to reach a mutual agreement for stopping trade with the German states is quite as foolish in its violation of economic law as is the spite of the German powers toward us because we sell munitions to whoever may come and buy and take them away.

STATE NEWS.

Many Seek Aged Man.

A reward of \$106, raised by the business men of Hoquiam, has been posted for the finding of R. W. Smith an aged pioneer who has been missing since last Wednesday. Mr. Smith, who is 79 years old went out to pick wild blackberries and last seen about three miles north of the city. The district has been searched many times without finding any trace of him.

Flax Plant Head Is Dismissed.

Services of J. C. Cady as superintendent of the Oregon Penitentiary Flax plant were terminated Tuesday by the State Board of Control over the protest of Governor Withycombe. R. Crawford of Portland has been named to take charge of the harvesting of the flax crop.

Flooded River Recedes.

Lake River at Ridgefield is almost back in its bank after being flooded for nearly two months. Farmers are rejoicing that the water has left their land and some will replant.

Willamina Business Good.

With the Pacific Face Brick company's plant running and all of the sawmills operating around there Willamina is enjoying a very good business this summer. The coast travel, which is usually very heavy, has been light this year on account of the weather.

Lone Spark Destroys New Car.

The big seven-passenger car owned by H. R. Burchfield of Roseburg, caught fire from a disconnected wire and in spite of the energies of several men, both machine and garage were reduced to ashes. The car had been used less than a year.

Shark Startles Newport.

Beach bathers at Newport were startled yesterday at the report of the capture of a shark at the Devil's Punchbowl. Their fears were dispelled later however when it was learned that it was a sand shark and not one of the man-eating species. The shark is now on display at Newport.

"Happy Canyon" Survives.

"Happy Canyon" will not be abandoned at the Round-Up as was at first feared. It is probable that a corporation will be formed to assume the management.

Trees Uprooted.

Every twig of the trees of the Minnie Miller place, in the Hood River valley, have been absolutely destroyed. Last year county authorities sprayed the orchard but consid-

ered it past spraying this year. It is the first large tract to be condemned.

New Hatchery Proposed

A third state fish hatchery is planned for Grays Harbor county, Washington, although the details have not been learned as yet. The new hatchery is proposed for a branch of North River, in the southern part of the county.

Dry Law Infraction Alleged.

James Ambrose, Jr., of Yoncolla, was fined \$10 in Roseburg because he received more than two quarts of whiskey in 28 days.

Cherry Crop Good.

Never has the quality of the cherries been equalled on the ranch of Noah W. Bone in the Hood River district. Mr. Bone harvested 1600 pounds from eight trees.

Pioneer Is Dead

Charles Johnson, pioneer Umatilla county farmer, aged 71, passed away at his home, six miles west of Adams, Saturday night. The deceased had an attack of la grippe last fall and had never completely recovered. The immediate cause of his death was the setting in of gangrene on an infected leg.

Rev. Hodshire Leaves Pendleton

Rev. C. A. Hodshire of the Methodist church preached his farewell sermon yesterday morning to his congregation. Mr. Hodshire and family will leave on Wednesday for a short vacation after which he will attend the Methodist conference where assignments for the new year will be made. As yet, Mr. Hodshire does not know to what church he will be sent.

Umatilla Bridges Are Repaired

The bridges over the county which were damaged by the floods and waterspouts this spring are receiving the attention of the county court at present. The bridge at Nolin has been repaired and is now in shape for traffic. The county's road force is now busy on the Yoakum bridge which will be strengthened and repaired. Binding timbers will be put in so that the weaving motion will be done away with.

Will Marry in Portland

Bert Allen McDonald, well known young Pendleton violin instructor, went to Portland yesterday where he will be married to Miss Nellie Dee Whiting, August 9. Miss Whiting is a popular young lady who taught piano in Pendleton last winter. The couple will be at home in Pendleton about August 25 and expect to open a studio in the fall.

Bend Votes on Bonds.

An election for the purpose of authorizing a bond issue of \$25,000 to be used in constructing the first unit of the new high school building at Bend, will be called by the directors of the School District No. 12, which includes the city of Bend, as soon as the details can be attended to.

WOMAN SAVES FAST TRAIN.

Flags Officials' Special and Prevents Wreck by Landslide.

Port Jervis, N. Y., Aug. 3.—Mrs. Alfred Maillett, wife of an Erie section foreman at Shohola, P., saved Frederick D. Underwood, President of the road; President A. L. Mohler of the Union Pacific, and other persons on a special train en route to New York from Chicago Wednesday night when a landslide blocked the tracks near Mrs. Maillett's home.

She seized a red flag and ran as fast as she could through a terrific thunderstorm for more than a mile to head off the special. The train was going 50 miles an hour when the engineer saw her and applied the brakes. The train stopped within a few yards of the obstruction.

President Underwood sent Mrs. Maillett a telegram today expressing appreciation of "service well rendered."

Forest Notes.

The first act of congress relating to forestry was an appropriation of \$200,000, passed in 1799, for the purpose of acquiring timber for naval construction. Under this appropriation the government established reserves containing live oak as the best timber for shipbuilding.

The turpentine industry of southern France is a man-made industry. Out of shifting, barren sand dunes and a malaria, poverty-stricken region, the French government, through reclamation and planting of maritime pine, has made one of the most prosperous and salubrious sections of France. A century ago the barren sand dunes of southern France could

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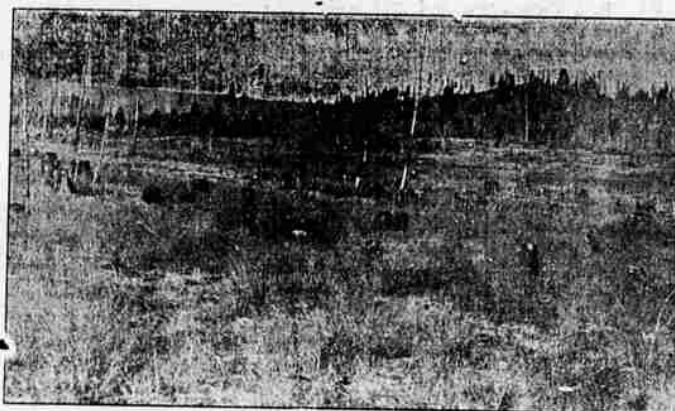
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4000 acres have been sold; but this is less than 25 per cent of the entire tract and not over 40 per cent of the good farming land. Fall and Spring wheat, oats, barley and other grains, alfalfa, clover, timothy, Sudan grass, millet and other hays and grasses, corn, potatoes, peas, beans, squash, cabbage, berries, turnips, beats, and many other vegetables for feed and table purposes have been grown with excellent success. Dairying, stock, hog and poultry raising are now the back bone of this community and are rapidly developing. All this in the third agricultural year of Palmer Lands.

A FEW FACTS

Palmer Lands won third prize at last year's fair. About 25 families are now living on their places. Nearly 1000 acres of new land is now in crops. A dozen new homes have been built this year. The roads are in good condition. The grass is still green and pasture excellent. Both public and Sunday schools are established. More land is being cleared and fences built. Every forty corner is located and staked. There is plenty of timber for wood, fencing, etc. The soil runs deep, even and is subirrigated. The altitude is 2600 feet, rainfall 30 inches. A new county bridge connects Palmer Junction with Cricket Flat, 60 more farmers will ship there.

Many new families will settle here by next year. Rural mail route, telephone line and other such advantages are now being talked and planned.

Investigate at Once

Write for our new illustrated folder, or call and let us show you maps and photographs and samples of grains and grasses grown on Palmer Lands. George Huntington Currey will be pleased to go with you or meet you at Palmer Junction at any time.

Palmer Lands are the best new land offer in the west today. They are a real opportunity for a man with small resources and an ideal investment for a man with means.

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