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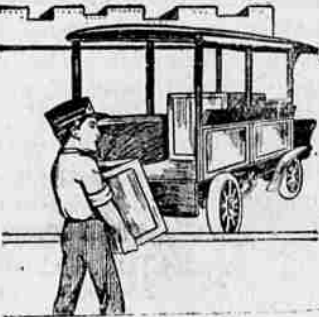
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POLES DESERT GERMANS FIGHT AGAINST KAISER

London, June 4.—(United Press)—A Canadian soldier, well-known in many sections of the United States, today told of the eagerness of Poles to desert the Germans and fight against the Kaiser.

"I was out in a sap one night when three Poles stumbled into the trench, threw up their hands and whispered 'kammerade.' They belonged to the 34th Polish Regiment, removed from the eastern front because they dogged it against the Russians. They were placed in the Bavarian army corps and frightfully abused. In bitter cold weather their clothing was thin and their shoes leaky. Word was sent back to their comrades, that the British would not shoot deserters com-

ing in over a certain frontage. Next night a dozen Poles climbed over and surrendered, on one company front alone. Thereafter the same Canadian company received 12 more, and on the rest of the battalion line the number was proportionate.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING.

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of School District No. 1 of Union County, Oregon, that the Annual School Meeting of said District will be held at old High School building; to begin at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. on the third Monday of June, being the 18th day of June, A. D., 1917.

This meeting is called for the purpose of electing two directors and the transaction of business usual at such meeting.

Dated this 1st day of June, 1917.

ATTEST:
CHAS. H. REYNOLDS,
District Clerk.
J. E. REYNOLDS,
Chairman Board of Directors.
—June 4-8-12-16.

American Foreign Trade in April.

Washington, D. C., June 4.—(Special)—Exports from the United States, for the first time in the history of the country, exceeded 6 billion dollars in the 12 months ending with April, 1917, against less than 4 billion dollars in the same period of 1916 and 2 1-2 billions or less in previous years.

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FARMERS WARNED OF GERMAN ERROR

Young Meat Animals Should Be Fully Developed.

KILL TOO MANY YOUNG ONES

This Will Result in Scarcity That Will Require Several Years to Overcome, According to Reports From Chicago Stockyards—In a Month or Two They Would Be More Valuable.

Farmers of the United States, of their own volition, are making the same mistake that agriculturists of Germany did under government compulsion, at the outbreak of the war, and the United States as a result will suffer from lack of meats later on, just as Germany is suffering now, according to reports from the Chicago stockyards.

The mistake is the slaughter of young beef animals and improperly fattened or "unfinished" hogs, which are being rushed to the market in great numbers, partly to take advantage of the present high prices, which the average farmer thinks are too good to last, and partly because of a rumor which has spread throughout the country that the government is contemplating in the near future fixing maximum prices for food products.

Every day thousands of hogs weighing from 175 to 200 pounds are pouring into the yards to be slaughtered. By feeding them a month or two more they might be made to weigh from 250 to 300 pounds. The loss of meat by this kind of marketing is enormous.

When the war started the German government, realizing that the country was to be blockaded by the British navy, but thinking the war would not be a long one, ordered the immediate slaughter of a great proportion of its food animals. The result was a temporary plenty, but breeding stock was encroached upon, and as a result as the weary years went by there was an ever increasing scarcity of meat.

A crop of wheat or corn can be raised in one season, but breeding stock on the farms cannot be replenished so rapidly, so that if the indiscriminate slaughter of immature stock does not cease packers fear that present prices will in another year be considered extremely low.

To Open Food Bureau.

A food production bureau to act as a clearing house in the employment of men and women and boys and girls on the farms of Cook county will be opened in Chicago by the Cook County Truck Gardeners and Farmers' association in the plan to increase the acreage of farm crops this summer along the lines suggested by the federal government.

"The farmers of Cook county have been dependent to a certain extent upon labor agencies to get farm help," said Mr. Geweke, "but the class of help obtained from this source, of course, has been the expert help. What we will need now, if our crops are to be increased, are people to carry the crops through the weeding and harvesting season."

"We will be able to get enough expert farm help to plant the crops, as one man can plant as much as twenty men can harvest. But we must have some assurance that we will have labor to care for the crops after they have been planted."

Prefer Experienced Workers.

Mr. Geweke said that the Cook county farmers would ask the Chicago board of education to help them obtain boys and girls from the schools, who will be provided with permits. A particular appeal will be made to the Polish and Bohemian sections of the city for help. The wages for unskilled farm labor, he said, would be from \$1 to \$2 a day during the weeding season and probably as high as \$3 a day during the harvest season.

Those who have had some farm experience will be given preference in employment.

James A. Patten has volunteered to help buy two carloads of seed potatoes provided others will join with him in the project.

The city authorities have under consideration a plan to place the vagrants of the city and the inmates of the Bridewell and other penal institutions not otherwise employed on a tract of land of more than 1,000 acres in extent near the Bridewell and raise there vegetables and other farm products. The plan has the sanction of the circuit judges and others interested. These "gardeners" would be under direct supervision of guards and compelled to work.

ASKS CHILDREN'S AID.

Bureau of Education Urges Them to Take Up Gardening.

The United States bureau of education has sent to all school boards of the nation an appeal for juvenile cooperation in increasing food production during the war.

Local authorities were urged to appoint a "garden teacher" for each 100 children between nine and fifteen years old who are willing to spend two or three hours a day in gardening.

Produce worth \$3,000,000 or \$4,000,000 can be raised by school children in this way during the coming year, the bureau believes.

North Powder News

Many Go to the Stampede at Haines—Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baird Arrive—Mrs. James Wickes Reported Better—New Autos and Farm Machinery Arrive.

North Powder, Ore., June 1.—(Special Correspondence)—A large number of the North Powder people went to Haines today to attend the "Stampede" and boost for the North Powder Chautauqua. North Powder has always helped her sister towns in their different enterprises and would like to have them help her in her first venture in the Chautauqua. This is the first Chautauqua to be held in this vicinity and the good people of this town are anxious for it to be a success and if hard work and boosting on their part can make it so it will be a fine success.

It is reported that young Oscar Jacobson tried to climb a telephone pole with his "Speedster" the other day but failed as he splintered the pole. He was coming out of Union and on attempting to take a turn at good speed hit the pole and succeeded in splintering the pole without much damage to the machine and none to the occupants.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baird are in this neighborhood visiting. Mr. Baird has taken up a homestead and he and his wife will move thereon at once. He will put in a crop of potatoes and fence his place at once. The young people are pleased with their location and are planning to make their home on the homestead at once.

Mrs. James Wickes, who has been quite sick, is reported to be much better and able to be out again. Her friends hope with the coming of summer that she may fully recover.

Chas. Law received a plowing attachment for his auto and is very much pleased with it. He has tried it out in the wool grass and it pulls a fourteen inch breaker right along where three big horses could not pull a plow. He is turning sod right along with it when the sod is so dry that it is too dry to use horses in breaking. He has tried it out on the roads and it goes as fast as horses will trot and with a big load. It will prove a boon to the small farmer who does not want to keep a lot of expensive horses.

John T. Shaw has bought an engine. He will now go to farming on a larger scale and use the engine for plowing instead of horse power. John Shaw it is also reported has bought one and will use it for farming on his large farm on Clover creek.

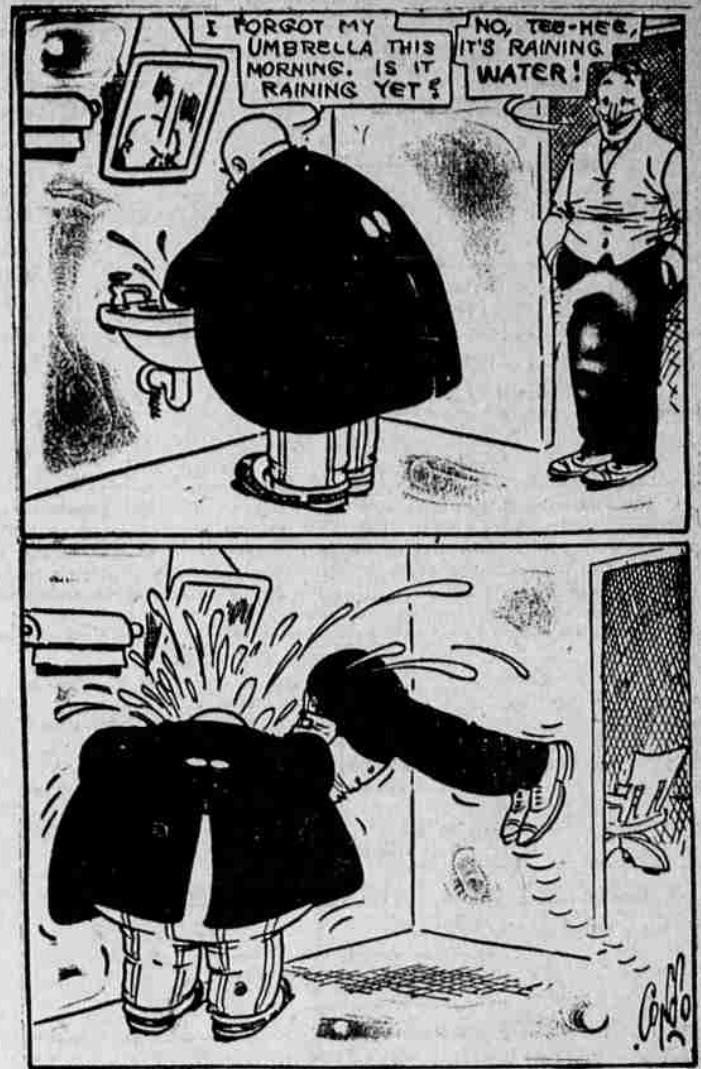
Reed Mooney came very near being seriously injured by an auto when he stumbled in front of a car that was being driven by Floyd Walk. The auto was slowly moving or the young man would have been badly hurt. He escaped with a few bruises and scratches and considers himself lucky in so doing.

Mrs. C. J. Forstrom and daughter Miss Eva spent the week end at the home of Dr. Law, returning home on Sunday evening.

John McPhee, Jr., has bought a new car. It is a beauty.

Chris Peterson took his car to Baker to have it fixed up. Mr. Peterson bought a car this spring and now uses it for his work.

THE OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE.



Subscribers to Bonds.

Portland, June 4.—(Special)—The response that is being made by the people to Liberty Loan is both inspiring and encouraging. Individuals and corporations alike are subscribing generously, among the first of the latter being the National Biscuit Company which took a half-million dollars of the bonds.

Though this subscription to the Liberty Loan was made by the company in New York each branch has none the less contributed its share to the total.

Portland Stock Market

Portland, June 4.—(Special)—The livestock market:

Cattle—Liberal receipts of cattle during the week is having their continued effect on the market. Receipts for the week were around 2500 head, the bulk of which came from California. All killers seem to be well supplied and a very drab market has resulted. Price losses for last week were around 50 cents making the total loss since the high time range from \$1.00 to \$2.50. There has been a good trade in stockers and feeders during the last few weeks

with liberal receipts. Country demand continues fair. During the last month 2150 head were shipped to Oregon points while Montana took about 400. Saturday's quotations were:

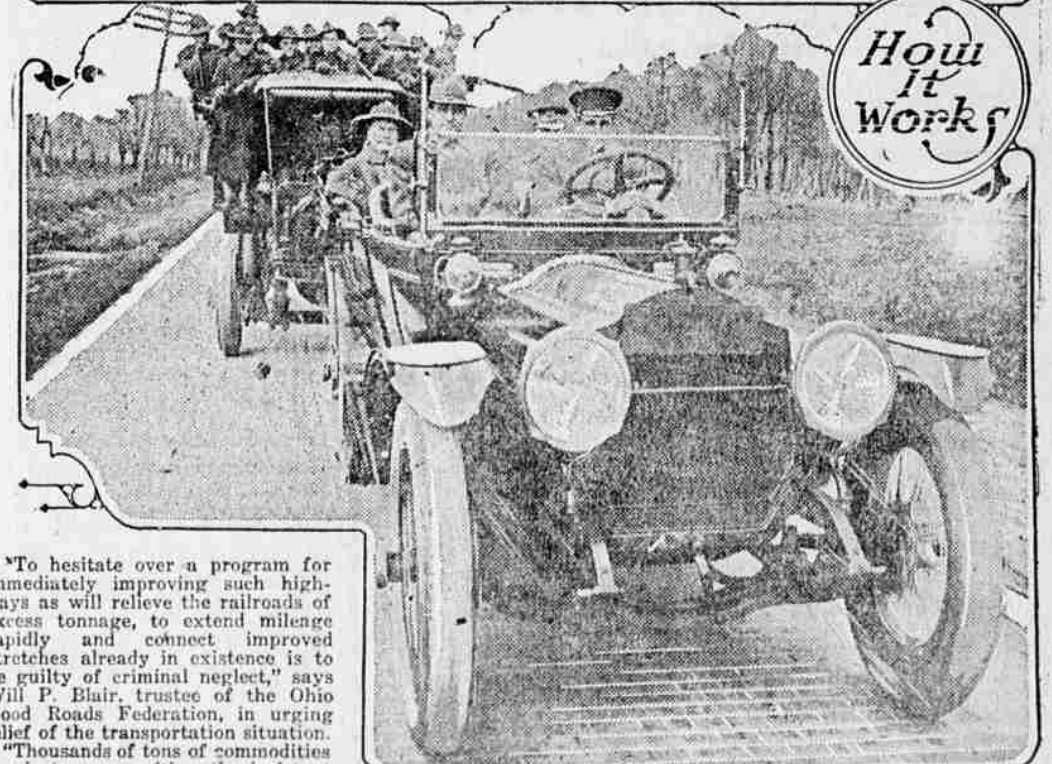
Best beef steers 9.25@9.50
Good beef steers 8.75@9.25
Best beef cows 7.50@8.25
Ordinary to good 7.00@7.50
Best heifers 8.00@8.50
Bulls 5.00@7.50
Calves 7.00@8.00
Stockers and feeders 6.00@8.50

Hogs—Hog prices have received a considerable setback during the week, dropping fully fifty cents. Best light hogs are getting from \$15.25 to \$15.50 while good heavy hogs sold at \$15.50 to \$16.00. Demand has been light all week and packers have been bearish. Quotations are:

Prime light hogs \$15.25@15.50
Prime heavy hogs 15.40@15.60
Pigs 12.50@13.50

Sheep—Sheep receipts for the week have been the largest for some time with an excellent demand. Prices for the week advanced about 25 cents. Valley spring lambs sold mostly at \$13.50 with short yearlings at \$11.00; good heavyweight ewes brought \$9.50 with heavy ones at \$8.00 to \$8.50. Quotations are:
Valley spring lambs 13.00@13.50
Shorn yearlings 10.50@11.00
Shorn ewes 9.00@9.50

WOULD SPEED TRUNK HIGHWAYS FOR WAR TRANSPORTATION



"To hesitate over a program for immediately improving such highways as will relieve the railroads of excess tonnage, to extend mileage rapidly and connect improved stretches already in existence is to be guilty of criminal neglect," says Will P. Blair, trustee of the Ohio Good Roads Federation, in urging relief of the transportation situation.

"Thousands of tons of commodities are just now awaiting the insistent demand for cars in which to load, a condition which has been of growing seriousness in the past three years."

"As the necessities for war materials become expanded, the general industries of the country will be further disturbed by the increased use of present transportation facilities. This situation will shortly become intensified by the great increase of crops so wisely urged upon the country."

"It is quite apparent that transportation is no longer a problem of mere convenience, nor is it one of commercial advantage. It is a question of bread and meat and the guarantee of the ultimate endurance of the country. Our main travelled roads or trunk highways should bear the same reliability for the truck, or for the horse or gas propelled vehicle that the railway track bears to train service."

"Evidence is abundant as to the needed types of road to serve motor truck transportation in order to take full advantage of this most important transportation relief. Transportation must meet the utmost needs of the country if we are to develop with the greatest freedom our tremendous agricultural and industrial war resources."