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GOVERNMENT TO TAKE HAND IN THE WESTERN SITUATION

Even Logged-off Lands Are Included in the Program for Aid.

Reclamation and settlement of irri-gable, logged-off and other vacant lands in Oregon, Washington and adjacent states will be aided by the United States railroad administration. Oregon is right now receiving the attention of Douglas White, supervisor of agriculture of the Salt Lake & Los Angeles railroad, who is in charge of the Pacific district of the railroad administration's plans.

Districts Are Created.
"The two districts in which the Pacific northwest is specially interested are the Northwestern district, which includes North Dakota, Montana and Washington, and the Pacific district, made up of Oregon, California, Utah, Nevada and Idaho. The Northwestern district is under the direction of J. L. Bricker of the Northern Pacific railroad and the Pacific district is under my charge.

The Pacific district will be operated by three committees, each acting independently in its own territory. These will be the California committee, covering that state; the Oregon committee, directing operations in Oregon, and an Intermountain committee, which will look out for the interests of Utah, Nevada and Idaho.

"In each committee jurisdiction an advisory committee, consisting of representatives of the extension departments of the several agricultural, educational institutions, commercial bodies, financial organizations, marketing associations and the various government departments, will be appointed to co-operate and advise with the active railroad committee. By this means the effective co-operation of every organization or individual interested in the development of the several jurisdictions will be obtained, and its efficiency rendered practical.

"It is the intention of the railroad administration to create a nationwide organization, which will be most effective in the assembling and distribution of information for the benefit of not only the already busy producer of foodstuffs, but also for the man who desires to embark in the business of cultivating the soil. With modern methods of education and up-to-date implements for planting, harvesting and preserving for market, the billion of acres now lying waste in the West will be brought into production.

Aid to Settlers Planned.
"The improvement of conditions for the new settler is another point upon which the agricultural section will exert its efforts. The new railroad

organization contemplates the furnishing of the most complete advice as to climatic and soil conditions, marketing and financial possibilities, and all other questions that may have a bearing upon the success of the man who is making his start in the country.

"A special feature of our work will be our assistance in the carrying out of such plans as the government may develop for the benefit of the returning soldier. These plans will undoubtedly include the reclamation of lands in different states and will cover every phase of reclamation from the placing of water upon arid lands to the draining of water-logged areas. The out-over lands, rich in possibilities, will be included within the scope of the proposed activities. Members of our organization have already been called upon to file reports upon millions of acres scattered throughout the various districts.

Oregon Committee to Be Efficient.
"Marketing conditions, proper packing for shipment, conservation of the loading space and maintenance of quality will be subject for our investigation and advice.

"An immediate point to which our committee's attention will be devoted will be the maintenance of the war garden idea—to be known in the future as the victory garden.

"We shall organize for Oregon a committee of railroad men who know the needs of their state and who will realize the possibility of effective co-operation. To Oregon, as well as to the other committee jurisdictions, it means the application of the 'one for all and all for one' idea that has never yet failed when applied with energy and determination. When the United States railroad administration was formed its first demand was for co-operation. The development of its agricultural section will be an exemplification of the possibilities to be developed under that principle."

ALICE IS THE FIRST ONE OVER

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memberships which went so far. It is reiterated that those who subscribed to the War Chest can get their Red Cross membership for the heads and members of the family without further payment of money. All who have not subscribed to the Red Cross War Chest can obtain membership at the price of \$1.00.

Keeping the Roll Call Rolling.
Mrs. Grover Gilmurt is campaign manager in the Mt. Glenn district and reports the work well under way.

County Campaign Manager Kiddle is in close touch with all parts of the county and is convinced that the work of obtaining a list of all those entitled to the membership will be concluded on time but there is much work to be done in the way of detail work.

SHERRY'S

HARD WORK KEY TO HER SUCCESS

Alles Joyce, one of photoplay's most beautiful and talented stars, rose to her present eminence by hard work. She came to New York from Kansas City with a limited experience in amateur theatrics but with a determination to make good. She eagerly accepted such work as telephone operator and artist's model before getting her chance before the camera in the Kalem studios. She made good in minor roles and then came to Vitagraph, where she has since remained.

Possessed of rare beauty and personal charm and with marked emotional talent, Albert E. Smith, president of Vitagraph, selected her to play the part of Mary Turner, the most wonderful shop girl in the world, in "Within the Law," and her characterization was declared by critics to be an even more finished piece of emotional acting than that of her predecessors on the speaking stage, including such famous stars as Jane Cowl, Emily Stevens and Margaret Livingston.

Miss Joyce has a role of special strength and appeal in "To the Highest Bidder," the Vitagraph Blue Ribbon Feature which will be seen in the Sherry theatre, last time today. She is Barbara Preston, the Florence Morse Kingsley's charming story, the girl who sells herself at auction to the highest bidder in her native village to save her farm for her younger brother. Walter McGrath plays opposite Miss Joyce, and others in the cast are Percy Standish, Edna Murphy, Julia Cowles, Mary Carr, and Stephen Carr.

Chapter No. 8 of the Great Western story "A Fight for Millions" also shown.

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JOHN MURCHISON DEAD

John Alexander Murchison, 77, died at the family home near Cove today, from pneumonia following influenza. The deceased was a member of a well known pioneer family of this valley and so many years was a resident of Summerville. His father was the late Murdo Murchison, one of the earliest residents of Grande Ronde. He leaves a wife and family of children.

the home tomorrow (Thursday) morning at 10 o'clock and the interment will be in the Summerville cemetery. The arrangements are in charge of W. H. Bohnenkamp company.

HUNGARIAN OFFICER INTERNED

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—(United Press)—Field Marshal von Mackensen has been interned by the Hungarians. He is confined with his entire staff in a castle, according to a Budapest dispatch.



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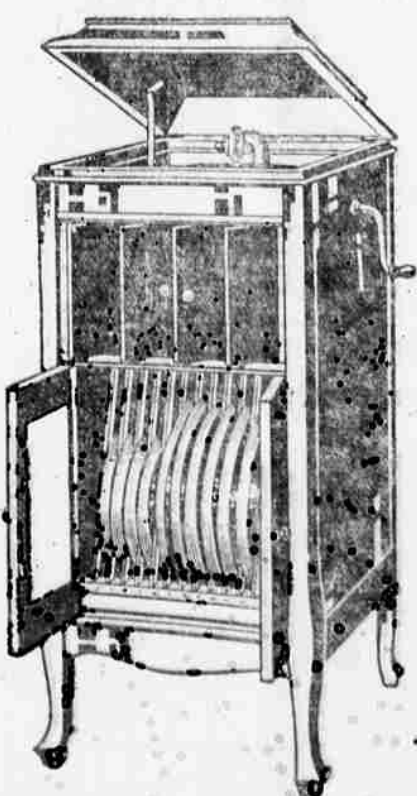
1. TAYLOR TROUT—A little bit of everything. Comedy talking, ragtime juggling and hoop rolling.
 2. MARCELLE & MARIETTE—Classy musical offering.
 3. SIX BITS WARREN & GO.—In "The New Taxi Driver."
 4. ROBINS FAMILY—Some kid act, entitled "Watch the Children."
- War Weekly and Travelogue Thursday.
JOHN BARRYMORE in "THE MAN FROM MEICO."

ATTENTION, AUTO DRIVERS
Patients in the Grande Ronde hospital are disturbed at all hours, day and night, by the constant use of the west end of Adams avenue by joy riders. In order to protect similar insti-

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