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## FARMERS OF STATE TO MEET

APPOINTED DELEGATES WILL MEET IN THE DALLES ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.

## STOCK WILL NOT BE SOLD IN ORGANIZATION

Cooperative Marketing Will Eliminate Middlemen and Grain Dealers—Movement was Started at Meeting Held in Portland—Frank McKennon Will be in Attendance.

THE DALLES, Jan. 21.—The biggest attempt at cooperative marketing yet tried in Oregon will emerge from the formative stages Friday and Saturday, when representatives from all parts of the state will meet in the Dalles and organize under the name of the Oregon Grain Growers' association.

The plan had its inception at a meeting of representatives of various state farm organizations held January 11 and 12 in Portland. At this meeting, it was decided to work out the organization details at a big meeting, to be held in the Dalles on January 21 and 22.

The following representatives were chosen at the Portland meeting to meet at the Dalles: Farm bureau representatives: V. Smith and J. Holden, Sherman county; S. Cully, Umatilla county; F. McKennon, Union county; George Mansfield, Jackson county. Farmers' Union representatives: W. W. Harrah and A. R. Shumway, Umatilla county; F. B. Ingels, Wasco county. Grange representatives from all parts of the state are also expected to be in attendance at the meetings.

The purpose of the organization, when completed, will be the marketing of wheat grown in Oregon, on a non-profit basis. It was brought out at the Portland meeting. No stock will be sold in the association, the farmers merely signing contracts to market their wheat through it.

Similar organizations are already in operation in Washington, Idaho and Montana, with over 12,000,000 bushels of wheat signed up for the present year.

Such an organization in Oregon, would cooperate with the similar organizations in other states, and also national cooperative marketing organizations. The goal is eventually to have all wheat grown in the nation marketed by one big organization made up of the various state organizations.

Under the tentative plan to be followed in Oregon, the association will attempt to do away with all gambling in wheat. Many of the farmers active in the organization state that the new association will be strong enough to market the entire 1921 wheat crop in Oregon, even handling the export demand, to the complete elimination of middlemen, grain dealers and speculators.

With actual organization details worked out Friday, a big open meeting will be held Saturday in the circuit court room of the local court house, to which all wheat farmers in the state are invited. Big farmer delegations are expected from Umatilla, Sherman, Morrow and Union counties, as well as representatives from several of the wheat districts in the Willamette valley. At this meeting committees will be elected, empowered to go ahead and sign up wheat for marketing by the new organization.

## CARE AT RAILROAD CROSSING IS URGED BY COUNTRY CLUB

Because there is a train due to cross the grade station as one nears the Country Club, it is just about the time cars will be going to the opening party tonight. The officers of the club have issued a warning to all of those who are driving to the party that they should be careful when crossing the grade. Cars exercised when making the crossing should be the means of eliminating any serious accident, which would be a great calamity. The officers of the club are expected to be in attendance at the party.

## MOST OF THE STOLEN MONEY DISCOVERED

REGISTERED MAIL THEFT OCCURRED LAST FRIDAY.

Postal Inspectors Make Raids and Arrest Minister on Charge of Complicity.

MOUNT VERNON, Ill., Jan. 21.—Virtually all of the \$185,000 stolen in the theft of thirty-one packages of registered mail here last Friday, was recovered by the postal inspectors today in several raids. One of the four arrested on suspicion of complicity in the robbery is Reverend Guy Kyle, former rector of the free Methodist Church here.

## MANY WATER PERMITS ISSUED

UNION COUNTY MEN AMONG APPLICANTS

A. Van Bloklund Would Take Water From Grande Ronde for Irrigation of 120 Acres.

During the months of October, November and December, 98 permits were issued by the State Engineer, Percy A. Cupper, covering the appropriation of water from various streams and other sources for the irrigation of 28,398 acres of land, the development of 180 horsepower, domestic, mining, fluming, lumber and various other purposes, at an estimated cost of approximately \$100,000. Seven reservoir permits were granted, covering the storage of 3,714 acre feet of water.

Among the more important contemplated projects for irrigation development are that of W. E. Martin, of Newbridge, Oregon, for the irrigation of 4,062 acres of land with the waters of Snake River; F. C. Deating and others, of Hereford, Oregon, for the irrigation of 963 acres of land with the waters of North Fork of Burnt River; F. A. Phillips and A. N. Ingle, of Baker, Oregon, for supplemental supply for irrigation of 1500 acres of land, with the waters of main Eagle Creek; J. B. Wilson, J. W. Wilson and J. A. Wilson, of North Powder, Oregon, covering the irrigation of 1,175 acres of land with the waters of Anthony Creek, Anthony Gorge Reservoir and Mud Lake Reservoir; the Fort Klamath Meadows Company, of Fort Klamath, Oregon, for the irrigation of 8,318 acres of land in Klamath county with the waters of Four Mile Creek, Seven Mile Creek and Anna Slough; A. M. Geary, of Portland, for irrigation of 7100 acres of land in Klamath county, with the waters of Upper Klamath Lake; the Mt. Reuben Mining Co., of Grant Pass, Oregon, for the appropriation of water from Reuben Creek for development of 87 horsepower at an estimated cost of \$10,000.00; W. H. Sales, of Mohler, Oregon, for the appropriation of water from Foley creek for the development of 87 horsepower in Tillamook county.

In Union county, the following permits have been issued: To A. Van Bloklund, of La Grande, covering the appropriation of water from the Grande Ronde River for irrigation of 120 acres of land, at an estimated cost of construction amounting to \$500.00. To J. W. Wilson, J. A. Wilson and J. B. Wilson, of North Powder, covering the construction of the Mud Lake and Anthony Gorge Reservoirs for the storage of 1,456 acre feet of the waters of Anthony Creek for irrigation of 1,175 acres of land. To G. E. Young, of North Powder, Oregon, covering the appropriation of water from Powder River, for irrigation of 45 acres of land.

## FOOD TICKETS ARE GIVEN OUT

TOLEDO, Jan. 21.—Over 1200 who have been served free meals, were employed today by the social service federation. Tickets were also issued for 1000 pounds of fish and 500 bushels of potatoes.

## PORTLAND MARKET

PORTLAND, Jan. 21.—The price of wheat was steady today on the local market. Flour was weak, and the buying price was 47 and 48 cents, selling at 47 and 48 cents. Butter was 47 and 48 cents. Cattle was 47 and 48 cents. Hogs were 47 and 48 cents. Corn was 47 and 48 cents. Potatoes were 47 and 48 cents.

## NATIONS FAVOR AN AGREEMENT

HENRY WHITE DECLARES ALL NATIONS ARE TIRIED OF TAXATION FOR ARMAMENT.

## DOES NOT WANT TO SEE U. S. ONLY ONE DISARMED

Former Ambassador to France Declares Before the House Naval Committee Which is Holding Hearings on the Subject, That World is Crying for Disarmament.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Staggering burdens of taxation resulting from the world war have caused all of the nations to favor a world agreement of disarmament, Henry White, former ambassador to France and a member of the American peace commission in Paris, declared before the house naval committee which is holding hearings on the subject. "I think the world is crying for some agreement, but I do not favor the United States being the only nation to disarm."

## SESSIONS ARE ADJOURNED

SALEM, Jan. 21.—Both houses of the legislature adjourned this noon until Monday morning. A bill embodying recommendations of the committee of fifteen making many changes in the industrial accident law, was introduced into the house. Senator Bell introduced a bill providing counting boards in all election precincts of over twenty registered voters, to begin counting as soon as twenty votes have been cast. The bill provided for safeguards against the leaking out of information.

## Original Contract of the Carpenter-Dempsey Fight Valid

LONDON, Jan. 21.—The original contract for the Carpenter-Dempsey bout is considered valid, Charles B. Cochran, one of the promoters, announced.

## FOREIGN TRADE HAS INCREASE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—America's foreign trade in 1920 was the largest in the history of the country, totaling \$18,507,000,000 as compared with \$9,295,000,000 in 1919. The increase was mostly in imports.

## STEAMER PULITZER DISCOVERED SAFE

Rudder of the Boat Became Lost And Steamer Drifts 300 Miles West of Kodiak.

SEWARD, Alaska, Jan. 21.—The mail steamer Pulitzer, formerly the Columbia River pilot boat, which has been missing since December 15, is safe at Chignik, 300 miles west of Kodiak. The boat had lost its rudder.

## COUNTERFEIT NOTE FOUND

LOCAL BANKS GIVE WARNING AGAINST COUNTERFEITERS. Had \$10 Federal Reserve Note May Deceive Those Not Accustomed to Examining Their Money.

Both of the local banks have received notice of a new counterfeit \$10 Federal Reserve Note, described by the treasury department as follows: On the Federal Reserve Bank of New York; check letter "B" face plate No. 497; D. P. Houston, Secretary of the Treasury, John Burke, Treasurer of the United States; portrait of Jackson.

This counterfeit is made with photographic face, and etched back, on fair quality paper, without silk threads or imitation of them. The ink work is poor, most of it appearing as solid color instead of the fine lines of the genuine. The number of the notes so far seen is B-78248424-A, and underneath the number in the lower left hand end of the note is an irregular blue line.

This counterfeit will deceive those not accustomed to examine their money, and the warning is issued by the banks in hopes that no one will be caught.

## DOWN AT SALEM

BY BRUCE DENNIS

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Ore., Jan. 19.—(Special Correspondence.)—Like all new machinery, the different gears which mesh together need a few days to wear themselves into harmonious action so that the movement of the ship of state may be even and well-balanced. That time has now elapsed and the different committees of both the House and the Senate hold regular meetings to consider the many measures brought before them.

The committee on Roads and Highways is composed of nine men from the Senate and nine men from the House, making a very large committee. Every member of this joint committee sees a big sign board at the end of the lane labeled "no more funds." We do not mean by this that the money for highway construction has been entirely spent, for the people by their vote empowered another issue of ten million dollars in bonds for highway construction. It does not take any particularly fine eyesight, however, when one considers the many propositions up before the Highway Commission to see the great aggregate derived from the different bond issues, including the next ten million dollars easily finds its different channels in work already contemplated with a vast sum still needed.

It is not our intention to paint a gloomy picture of the highway situation for we believe that the work is progressing remarkably well, the fact remains, however, that Oregon has tremendous mileage of roads and several million dollars, although a very large sum, does not begin to build all of the roads that are needed. The road question today is twofold, one is how can more revenue be raised for highways and another is do the people want to go deeper in the face of present business conditions.

One of the most interesting characters to be seen about the capitol is Col. W. G. D. Mercer, of Eugene. He was a Colonel in the Civil War and is an ordained minister and one of those grand old men who are fast leaving the stage of action. He very ably presides as a Sergeant-at-Army in the Senate and also acts as the Senate's Chaplain, delivering fervent, sincere and devout prayer. The members of the Legislature frequently become cross at each other and think hard things about their neighbors but they are united in one thought of admiration for Colonel Mercer.

## C. M. SCHWAB DENIES THE ACCUSATION

GIVES HIS TESTIMONY BEFORE THE WALSH INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE TODAY.

## SAYS STATEMENTS ARE FALSE AND MALICIOUS

Declares He Paid All Of His Own Expenses While He Was Director of the Emergency Fleet Corporation—Says Vouchers Were For Other Things.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—Charles M. Schwab denied the Walsh committee the testimony of Colonel Abadie to the effect that Schwab's personal expenses for October, 1918, amounting to \$260,000, were charged to the shipping board. He declared that the statements were "false and malicious," and that he, personally, paid all of his own expenses while a director general of the emergency fleet corporation. He said he did not even collect a dollar a year salary from the government. He admitted that such vouchers as were charged by Abadie were paid him, but he declared it was not for the purpose claimed by Abadie.

## WEATHER FORECAST

Tonight and Saturday, fair, except probably rain in the northwest portion of the state.

## METAL TRADE'S COUNCIL WILL ACCEPT CUTS

EMPLOYEES OF THE STANDIFER SHIPYARDS ACCEPT CUT.

Would Rather Accept Reducing Than Have Their Working Force Reduced.

VANCOUVER, Wn., Jan. 21.—The metal trades' council representing 125,000 employed in the Standifer Shipyards, have voted to accept a reduction in pay of from six to eight cents an hour, rather than that the company should reduce the number of employees.

Will Insist on Continuation. CHICAGO, Jan. 21.—The Building Trades' Council have voted to insist on the continuation of the present scale of \$1.25 an hour for the next three years.

## ORCHESTRA IS PLEASING

YOUNG LADIES ARE WELL LIKED BY LARGE AUDIENCE.

L. S. Tabernacle is Crowded For Delightful Concert Last Evening.

The members of the Ladies' Columbia Symphony Orchestra last evening pleased a large audience gathered to hear their concert given in the L. S. Tabernacle. The L. S. S. Choir undertook the responsibility of bringing this organization to the city, and are to be complimented on their selection for syncope was right to the background last evening, and splendid harmony pervaded the many delightful numbers rendered by the orchestra under the direction of Mrs. Frances Knight, and also in the several solo numbers.

Every number was well received by the large audience, and Mrs. Knight maintained her reputation as a conductor of the first magnitude by her first night's performance. Having under her direction, some twenty talented musicians, she ever kept before the audience the finished work of a well-drilled orchestra.

From the first solo number, on the trombone, every special number was well received and appreciated. Miss Dorothy Volney, gifted to dance and received vigorous applause for an encore, which she most graciously rendered. The beauty and grace of her dances has seldom been seen on a local stage, and the wide range of her interpretation is seen in the two dances which she gave last evening, the first, "The Passing of the Swan," and the second, a Russian ballet.

Genevieve Gilbert was another accomplished soloist, delighting her audience with a number of songs, in which Miss Gilbert had complete technical mastery of her voice.

Another pleasing soloist was Jane Little, harpist. Seldom is it given the local people to hear a harpist of so much merit, and there were those in the audience who would have liked to hear Miss Little in solo numbers the second time, had the program permitted.

But it would have been difficult to pick one particular number from last night's concert, as the favored one, for each and every solo number, as well as the numbers by the combined orchestra was indeed a pleasure.

The charming personnel of the orchestra, with their gracious conductor, Mrs. Knight, will long leave a pleasing impression on the minds of the La Grande people who heard and saw them in their concert last evening.

## PETITION IS DENIED

PORTLAND, Jan. 21.—In the case of Sam Harris, merchant, formerly operating at La Grande, Walla Walla and Yakima, Federal Judge Robert S. Bean this week denied the petition of the receiver that Harris be paid over \$7000 worth of Liberty bonds, and \$2000 in cash believed to have been held out of the assets, and that the receiver be allowed to sell the property of the bankrupt. Judge Bean declared that sufficient evidence had not been produced to show that Harris had these securities in his possession at the time the bankruptcy proceedings were filed, and the judge decreed that the property be not sold until final adjudication of claims has been reached.

## ORIENTAL EGGS ARE GIVEN JOLT

HOUSE AND SENATE PASS RESOLUTION ASKING CONGRESS FOR TARIFF ON EGGS.

## MEMORIAL IS DIRECTED PARTICULARLY AT EGGS

Senate Adopts Hall's Concurrent Resolution For Committees Of the Legislatures Of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, To Meet To Form Uniform Auto Laws.

SALEM, Jan. 21.—The House and Senate today passed a joint memorial calling on Congress to provide a protective tariff on poultry products. The memorial was directed particularly at the importation of Oriental eggs.

The Senate adopted Hall's concurrent resolution for the committees of the legislatures of Oregon, Idaho and Washington to confer relative to uniform automobile laws.

The senate passed the following bills: Regulating the sale of food-stuffs for livestock; extending the term of office of the county recorder from two to four years; providing buildings constructed by banks need not be confined to the expenditure of not over 50 per cent of the bank's capitalization.

## BALTIMORE LEADS CITIES

EASTERN CITY PAYS AVERAGE TEACHER BEST SALARY.

Survey Shows That, Although Increase has been made, Teachers Are Inadequately Paid.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 21.—With an increase of \$600 per year to the average teacher, Baltimore is shown to lead the list of American cities in amount of salary advances to be granted to public school workers during the past year, according to a survey of the national educational situation just completed by the Better Schools Service, a bureau of the American Federation of Teachers.

This bureau has been compiling statistics and reports there since the teacher shortage became acute. Philadelphia is shown to bring up the rear of all cities, its increase being only from \$50 up to \$120 a year.

The average increase for cities of more than 100,000 population is listed at \$365 per year, for cities between 50,000 and 100,000 three hundred and thirty-two dollars and cities of 25,000 to 50,000, three hundred and seventy-one dollars.

Reports from all over the country show that the general advance in salaries still leaves teachers more inadequately paid than previous to 1914, said William T. McCoy, director of the survey in making the first findings public.

"Teachers are still at the bottom of the wage scale," he noted. "The measures of relief have been palliative only. They may have checked momentarily the deterioration in the public school system of this country but they have not arrested it. All reports show that there must be fundamental changes in the policy of financing education before the schools are safe from current deterioration. Normal school enrollment over the nation is the barometer of the educational system. This barometer is now very low. Even the Baltimore increase is reported by Maryland educators to be inadequate.

Among the larger American cities Louisville and Paterson, N. J., rank next to Baltimore, with \$300 each as the average annual increase. Chicago, Toledo, San Francisco and Kansas City take next place with \$245 each. St. Louis, Oakland, Tacoma gave \$220 apiece with \$200 one close behind with \$100. Boston, Los Angeles and Houston awarded a raise of \$150, with Atlanta and Minneapolis \$100 each. Indianapolis, Cleveland and Des Moines gave \$200. Of cities between 50,000 and 100,000 Terre Haute Ind., leads with an average teacher advance of \$450. Portland, Me., gave \$400 and Gary, Ind., \$360. In the third group, cities between 25,000 and 50,000, Montclair, N. J., tops the list with \$370. Newton, Mass., being next with \$350.

