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FARMERS TO CO-OPERATE IN SELLING

MUCH ENTHUSIASM SHOWN AT MEETING HERE LAST SATURDAY.

ORDERLY MARKETING OF WHEAT PLANNED

President of Oregon Grain Growers' Association Points Out Urgent Need of Co-operative Marketing of Products—Organization Aims to Eliminate Pit-Falls of Old Methods.

An enthusiastic meeting of farmers was held in the city hall Saturday afternoon, at which the purpose and manner of organization of the Oregon Grain Growers' Association was explained by officials of that association. The meeting was well attended and the enthusiasm was so intense that several times farmers in the audience spontaneously took the floor and scored the lack of co-operation in the past, which has done much towards demoralizing the agricultural industry.

C. E. Payne, of Morrow county, told of the wonderful progress that had already been made by the association. In his home county he said 80 percent of the crop had been signed up for the coming year. In Whitman county, the largest wheat producing county in the world, 62 per cent is signed up; in the section adjacent to Baker City, 90 per cent; in the North Powder section, over 95 per cent.

Results, Mr. Payne stated, depend on the bushelage signed up by the association and the ultimate success or failure of the association depends absolutely on the men who are at the head of the association. He declared, "they represent the best brains and manhood of the northwest."

R. E. Shumway, president of the association, made the leading address of the day and explained in detail the co-operative movement he is fostering. He briefly outlined the history of co-operative organizations stating that they are old in Europe, were brought over to California from there, a large part of California's products now being marketed by co-operative associations, and that the map of California has been changed from failure to success.

Favors Compulsory Plan.
He said he has always been in favor of "compulsory co-operation," meaning by that term, co-operation based on a contract penalizing the farmer who did not live up to his contract. Because of the history of co-operative enterprises showing that contracts for short periods and without provisions for enforcing the contract are bound to fail, the Oregon Wheat Growers' Association, as well as the associations in Washington, Montana and Idaho, have drawn a contract running for five years and imposing a penalty of 25 cents a bushel for failing to deliver the wheat to the association, and selling it elsewhere.

The association's work has been such a success that 2,750,000 bushels of wheat had already been signed in this state and over 21,000,000 bushels in Washington, Idaho and Montana. "In the past, 70 per cent of the wheat raised has left the hands of the farmers three or four months after it was harvested," Mr. Shumway declared. "Our idea is to take our wheat and market one-twelfth each month. At the end of 12 months we will have an average price and you get that average price for your wheat. This orderly marketing of your grain will bring you a better price than you are receiving now. We are building up a large marketing organization which will be able to show us just what time of the month to sell, through statistical information being gathered in all parts of the world. By this means we will be able to sell when the market is near the top and return you 10, 15 or 20 cents more than you would otherwise receive."

Oregon Is Separate.
In explaining this part of the association's work he called attention to the fact that the Oregon association is separate from the similar associations in other states with the exception of the marketing end with a general manager, who sells the wheat of the four states, thus saving duplication of sales. A general sales agent is being formed in charge of the Tri-state Terminal Company has been secured.

The farmer is to be considered a partner in the association, who is to be paid a share of the profit. Although no definite amount is fixed, if the farmer does not sell his wheat he can have the money back in the association at 8 per cent interest.

An important feature explained by

CONTEMPLATES NO STEP UNTIL PEACE IS MADE

MEMBERS OF WOMEN'S COMMITTEE CALL ON HARDING

Representatives of Many Organizations Present Please for Reduction of Armament.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—The president contemplates no step toward an international disarmament agreement, until a technical state of peace has been established, according to members of the women's committee for world disarmament, who discussed the subject with President Harding today. Representatives of many of the women's organizations presented plans to the president that the United States use its influence for the reduction of armaments.

REALTY MEN MEET IN MAY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IS TO MAKE BIG PLANS.

Interstate Association Meeting in August Will Be Large Affair, According to Plans.

According to information received by Sherwood Williams, secretary of the local realty board, from Fred Brockman, secretary of the interstate realty association, plans are now being made for sending record delegations from all sections of the Pacific northwest to the fifth annual convention of the interstate realty association to be held at Tacoma, August 23, 24 and 25. The executive committee will meet in Walla Walla May 12, 13 and 14 to make these plans.

According to present plans automobile caravans of realty men will be run from all sections of the northwest to the Tacoma gathering. Complete details of the convention will be taken up at the Executive Committee meeting and every member of the committee is expected to go home and make arrangements for a substantial delegation to represent his section at the gathering.

Some of the sessions of the Tacoma Convention will be held in Paradise Valley, Ranier National Park, a mile above sea level. This will make the gathering unique in the annals of realty conventions. Below and above the convention hall and adjoining the hotel are living glaciers and not far away the ice-capped dome of Mt. Rainier. There will be trips of interest in the vicinity.

Reports of various committees will also be heard at the meeting of the Executive Committee including those on taxation, reclamation and logging off lands.

MOONSHINERS ARE FINED

THREE MEN CONVICTED OF HAVING POSSESSION.

Daylight Raid Friday Produced Evidence Convicting Three of Violating Liquor Laws.

Because they were not able to pay their fines, three men convicted by Justice of Peace Arthur Williams on charges of having liquor in their possession, are in jail today awaiting the time when their friends pay their fines. The men are Joe Smith, who pleaded guilty and was fined \$350 and costs, and Tony Terlich and Joe Bird who also pleaded guilty and were fined \$200 each and costs.

The men were taken by the city police in a raid Friday afternoon at a house they had rented on Y avenue. In their possession was found ten gallons of "newly-made moonshine whiskey," a 25-gallon copper still, a barrel of mash and various other supplies and materials used in making whiskey. Although no evidence of sale was found, the manner in which the moonshine was made was so business-like that it appeared probable that sales were contemplated. This was the third raid within ten days, the largest still having been confiscated on this last one.

FORMER LA GRANDE EJECTED
P. Landrum, formerly employed by the local post office, but more recently employed by the Eugene post office, was this week-end elected president of the Lane County Christian Endeavor, which held a three-day convention in Eugene, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Landrum has done much work of this kind, having also taken an active interest in the local Christian Endeavor where he was a resident here.

ELBERT GARY FAVORS NEW LABOR PLANS

TELLS STOCKHOLDERS U. S. STEEL CORPORATION HE IS FOR REGULATION.

SAYS LAWS MUST BE CLEAR FOR BOTH SIDES

Declares that Labor Unionism Has Produced "Inefficiency and High Costs." Also Forecasts the Shortening of Working Hours for the Steel Employees.

NEW YORK, Apr. 18.—Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the U. S. Steel Corporation, told the stockholders at the annual meeting today that he favored "publicity, regulation and a reasonable control" of business throughout the movement agencies as a "possible antidote to the labor and union problem." He suggested that decisions be made by the government commission subject to a review by the

SENIORS WIN TRACK MEET

The high school seniors won the inter-class track meet Saturday afternoon at the fair grounds with 54 1/2 points, the Specials being second with 31 points. The other teams scored as follows: Freshmen, 21 points; Sophomores, 20 points; Juniors, 19 points.

The relay race was won by the seniors. The highest number of points made by any contestant was made by Earl Shannon, a special, who made 21 points. Tige Larson, a sophomore, was second with 14 points. No exceptional records were made at the meet, but Earl Reynolds expects that the Union team, which comes here for a dual meet to open the season next Saturday, will meet some stiff competition as the local boys are rounding into good shape.

Macadam Streets Being Renovated This Week

The county road scarifier has been loaned to the city for a period of three days and City Manager George Garrett has put it to work on the macadamized part of Adams avenue and will try to scarify as much of Second street north of the viaduct as possible in the limited time he can use the machine. He has requested all motorists to detour around the streets while torn up. On Adams avenue the south side of the street from the city limits to Balm avenue will be put into shape immediately for traffic and from that point motorists are asked to detour to Washington as far as Hemlock and in going out of the city

POPPY WILL BE MEMORIAL DAY FLOWER

AMERICAN LEGION WILL DISTRIBUTE LITTLE FLOWERS.

Poppies, Exact Replicas of Those on Flanders Field, Were Made By War Orphans.

NEW YORK, Apr. 18.—The American Legion has adopted the poppy as its Memorial Day flower. On May 30 thousands of tiny red silk flowers will be distributed throughout America by the Legion and other patriotic organizations. The poppies—exact replicas of those which "bloom on Flanders fields"—were made by war orphans of the American and French Children's League. They were brought to America by Mme. Anna E. Guerin, who founded the league for the purpose of perpetuating the friendship between the nations which had its inception on the battlefield. The poppy is the league's national emblem and the children are the self-constituted guardians of graves of the American soldier dead in France.

ORCHARD IS TO BE BIGGEST

VISALIA, Calif., Apr. 18.—Planting of what is claimed will be the world's largest peach orchard will soon start on the great 6000-acre Tague ranch between Visalia and Tulare, H. C. Merritt, owner of the land, announced recently. Ground-breaking of the first 500 acres to be planted was held recently with ceremonies.

NOTHING NEW IN COAL STRIKE

LONDON, Apr. 18.—There is little probability of new moves in the coal strike, until Friday, when the leaders of the miners are to meet.

ORDER CALLS TROOPS TO THE COLORS

MILITARY CLASSES OF 1918 AND 1919 TO ASSEMBLE AT CORDING TO REPORTS

MINISTER OF WAR DENIES STATEMENT

British officials characterize reports of the drastic action to be taken against Germany on May 1, as highly speculative and hypothetical.

PARIS, April 18.—Orders calling to the colors the military classes of 1918 and 1919 were received in Lille, says a report from there. This was forecast last week asthepteto be taken in case Germany refused to pay the reparations payments.

The minister of war declared that the Lille reports were baseless and that no call for the mobilization of troops for any reason, had been issued.

Reports Speculative.

LONDON, Apr. 18.—Reports of the drastic action contemplated against Germany to be taken on May 1, were characterized by the British officials as highly speculative and hypothetical. These reports are based on the assumption that Germany neither intends to pay adequate reparations or to offer a new solution of the reparations problem. However, if Germany does not offer a solution before May 1, the British will act wholeheartedly with France.

HORSE BREAKS MAN'S LEG

LOCAL BUTCHER KICKED AND INJURED.

Tractor Seizes Animal Which Kicks Driver Off Wagon, Breaking Leg Above Knee.

Robert Ludwig, proprietor of the People's Market, was seriously injured about 1:30 this afternoon when a horse kicked him and broke his left leg above the knee. Mr. Ludwig was driving into the country with his team to get some meat when the horse shied at a tractor in front of 2005 Adams avenue.

He was on the seat of the wagon at the time and the animal kicked him twice, the second kick breaking his leg and knocking him off his seat. Ludwig was taken to the Grande Ronde hospital in the Bohnenkamp ambulance where he is being treated. So far as is known he suffered no further injuries.

JAPAN ANSWERS AMERICAN NOTE ON YAP ISLAND

AMERICA WILL HAVE TO PROVE MORE THAN FACT

U. S. Must Show That the Supreme Council Decided in Favor of "These Views," Says Note.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—To maintain its position regarding the Island of Yap, the American government would have "to prove not merely the fact" that President Wilson made reservations concerning it, but also that the Supreme Council "decided in favor of these views," says the Japanese government in a note dated on February 26 and made public today by the state department with other Republics regarding Yap.

Japan, in a note in November, 1919, declared that Japan understood the Supreme Council had awarded Japan the mandate of all the German Islands north of the equator, without a reservation regarding the island of Yap, and could not consent to surrender Yap.

ORCHESTRA OF NOTE COMING

PREPARATIONS MADE FOR NEW YORK MUSICAL AGGREGATION One of the Best Philharmonic Orchestras in the World to Appear Here on April 30.

Ernest Briggs, New York, representing in persons the New York Philharmonic orchestra, spent a part of yesterday in La Grande in conference with A. W. Nelson, chairman of the Ad Club entertainment committee, which is handling the Harmonic orchestra's appearance in La Grande April 30th. Mr. Briggs was hurried away by urgent business in Salt Lake but was here long enough to decide definitely on several important features.

The choir left in the L. D. S. Tabernacle, the rostrum and a slight addition for the leaders' stand, were found ample to handle the 71 pieces in the orchestra.

Hotel accommodations for the musicians and the out-of-town visitors is being looked after. Appearances indicate that there will be over 100 from Baker and the Enterprise delegation will be considerable. Local people who have friends from out of town coming for the concert are urged to extend invitation to such friends to accept the hospitality of homes, as there no doubt will be a paucity of hotel accommodations.

Last Trip West.
Mr. Briggs brought the definite word yesterday that this is the last western trip of any leading orchestra for a decade probably. The expenses of traveling are so great, it is found, that managers of leading symphonies have reached an agreement not to undertake further tours until there is a radical re-adjustment of traveling expense. It is anticipated that 10 years will elapse before another opportunity of this kind will hit the west.

"We do not claim any superior orchestra in America and hesitatingly give way to anything in the world," said Mr. Briggs. "The Boston Symphony, because of its disintegration during the war, is now ninth or seventh in the list. The Philadelphia, Danabrosch, and the Chicago are considered superior to the Boston, and I think it is generally agreed that our continuous organization of 79 years has made up the superior in every respect."

SALEM CARPENTERS LOWER WAGE SCALE

SALEM, Apr. 18.—Salem residents who are contemplating building homes or other structures here this spring will welcome the announcement, made here, that Salem carpenters have voluntarily reduced their wage scale.

Beginning May 1, members of Salem carpenters' union, No. 1065 will charge \$7.20 for an eight hour day, instead of \$7.50 which is the present scale.

The new scale conforms with that set recently by the Portland board of arbitration.

ONE HUNDRED FARMERS JOIN ASSOCIATION

THE DALLIES, Apr. 18.—A two-week campaign of education and solicitation put on by representatives of the Oregon Grain Growers' co-operative association in Dufur and Boy districts, has resulted in the signing of contracts by more than 100 farmers, representing approximately 300,000 bushels of wheat, it was announced today.

CAR TURNS OVER, ONE NEAR DEATH

R. L. LOWE SERIOUSLY HURT ON HIGHWAY SUNDAY AFTERNOON

NOVICE AT WHEEL IS VICTIM OF ACCIDENT

Car Belonged to Friend Who Was Teaching Injured Man to Drive—Wife of Dying Man Slightly Injured While Two Other Occupants Escaped Unhurt.

Robert L. Lowe is near death as the result of injuries received yesterday afternoon when a car he was driving overturned about three-quarters of a mile east of La Grande on the highway. He is suffering from a very serious fracture of the skull and the crisis will be reached within two or three days, according to Dr. R. P. Landis who was called to attend him when he was brought to the hospital by Clyde Bunting shortly after the accident.

At the time of the accident the machine was going at a fair rate of speed and the tracks along the road would indicate that it had gone off the highway and in trying to get back on the road the driver, who was just learning to handle the machine, lost control and it turned over.

The machine was owned by William Pidecock who was teaching Mr. Lowe to drive the car as the latter had been given the use of the machine for a time while the owner intended being away from home. Pidecock was beside Lowe in the front seat and in the rear seat Mrs. Lowe and her young son were riding. The boy was uninjured while Mrs. Lowe received a slight fracture of the wrist.

The accident happened about 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

NEW GENERAL DELIVERY RULE

RESIDENTS TO BE DENIED MAIL PRIVILEGES.

Postoffice Department Seeks to Lessen Work of Clerks, Making House Delivery Necessary.

Because of the added burden in handling mail through the general delivery window the post office department at Washington, D. C., several days ago issued orders to the local postoffice, as well as offices in other parts of the country, to deny general delivery privileges to those persons within the free delivery limits who are not able to give valid reasons for not having their mail delivered at their homes or at a postoffice box. Blanks have been received, which all patrons who wish their mail delivered at the general delivery window must fill out.

The privilege of receiving mail at the general delivery window will be granted transients as in the past, however. Persons intending to remain 30 days or more are asked to file their names and street addresses at the post office so that their mail can be delivered at the street address, or if boxes are available they will have the privilege of renting one and having it delivered to it.

The postoffice also reserves the right to demand identification at the general delivery window of persons not known to the postal employees.

NEW DIRECTORY WILL LIST ALL UNIVERSITY GRADS

EUGENE, Apr. 18.—Every graduate and former student of the University of Oregon since 1876 will be listed in an alumni directory to be distributed early next fall, according to Mrs. Charlie Fenton, secretary of the alumni association. The total of the forty-three graduating classes together with former students who did not graduate, will bring the list up to several thousand. A short account of what each individual has done since leaving the University, and is now doing, will be included. This will be the first alumni directory to be issued since 1914.

WEATHER FORECAST.
Tonight and Tuesday, fair, heavy frost in the morning in the eastern portion of the state.

The End of a Perfect Day

