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1918 was a great year, perhaps the most important one since the birth of Christ. In it was completed the colossal struggle of the ages, in it more people were freed from the tyrant's yoke than in any other ten years of the world's existence, in it was planted the seed of democracy which is going to grow, a blessing to all humanity until time shall be no more. We pass on into 1919 with a great amount of optimism.

There's a Salesman from Virginia



who was chewing and swapping yarns with the men on the Post Office corner. "Have a chew," says he to Jake. Jake doesn't think he's chewing unless his cheek bulges out like he had the mumps. "Call that a chew?" he snorts. "Sure!" says the

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## MEAT INCREASE AT TIME NEEDED

Producers Responded Nobly When Demand Was Shown to Them.

### CATTLE AND HOG FIGURES.

Government Justified in Pork Policy Which Now Provides Chief Supply to Meet Three Billion Pound Fat Shortage.

In line with the general plan of conservation formulated by the U. S. Food Administration immediately following the entrance of the United States into the war the contribution made by the meat producers of this country to the war program is of particular significance, as it demonstrates the hearty co-operation accorded the Food Administration by the meat producers of the country.

According to reports of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, there was an increase in cattle of 10,238,000 head and 12,441,000 hogs, these figures compiled to January 1 last. In the same period there was a decrease of 819,000 head of sheep, but indications are this decrease will show an increase following the latest reports.

Since January 1 unofficial information indicates an increase in hogs of not less than eight per cent, and not more than fifteen per cent, compared with one year ago, with an increase in average weight.

Following the request of the Food Administration for increase in hog production for the fall of 1918 and the spring of 1919 the increase may yield not less than 1,900,000,000 pounds more of pork products than were available last year. Without this increase the shipping program arranged by Mr. Hoover regarding animal food products would have been impossible.

The dressed hog products during the three months ending September 30, 1917, amounted to 908,172,000 pounds, while for the same months of 1918 the production was 1,277,589,000 pounds, an increase of over 374,000,000 pounds for the quarter.

During the same period in 1917 inspected slaughter records of dressed beef showed 1,263,000,000 pounds as against 1,454,000,000 pounds for the three month period ending September 1, this year.

We must increase our meat shipments, especially our pork products, to meet the added demands of the millions liberated from German oppression. And at the same time we must look forward to the rehabilitation of the European meat herds. The policy which guided our meat program in the past year has been fully justified, for only the heavy pork production which it has brought about will enable us even partly to satisfy the increased demands on us for the coming year. There will be a world shortage in fats, and it is to the United States that Europe must look to supply its deficiency. At the same time there will continue to be heavy demands for beef. Owing to the limited refrigerator shipping capacity European imports of beef for some time will be limited. The United States, Australia and Argentina will be able to maintain a supply that will keep all available freezer vessels operating at capacity.

### America's Pledge to the Allies When Their Lines Were Breaking

America will send the food, whatever needs for victory. They believed, they stood fast and with our men they carried on—to victory.

#### THE TEST NOW FULFILLED.

This government is nothing more than the expression of the people, and if we are to win the war it will be only because every man, woman and child charges himself daily and hourly with the test. Does this or that contribute to win the war?—Herbert Hoover, April 18, 1918.

With the solemn obligation of providing that "margin" of food that would safeguard against starvation our friends in Europe the housewife and the consumer have learned hitherto to ignore and unsuspected things about food, have absorbed a whole "college education" in food values, food handling, buying and substituting that they will not want to forget.

Our voluntary food-saving not only saved the Allies and made vital contribution to the winning of the war, but saved to ourselves in administration expenses the outlay out of our own pockets that any effective system of rationing would have extracted. It would have cost us about \$45,000,000 to have policed ourselves as against the 2 cents per capita for co-operating.

By saving and sharing America kept the world together during the war crisis. By saving and sharing America will help to bring the healing of nations.

America's food Saving saves starving people

## OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

Benjamin Brannan, a pioneer race horse owner of Eugene, died at his home there at the age of 85.

For the first time in history, Christmas turkeys sold in the wholesale market in Roseburg for 41 cents a pound.

All members of the S. A. T. C. of the Oregon Agricultural college, with the exception of a few students on the sick list, have been discharged.

Edwin B. Hatch, of Portland, was named a member of the state board of pharmacy to succeed Frank S. Ward, of Salem, secretary of the board.

Ira Langley, a well-known cattleman of Dixie creek, near Rye valley, was shot and killed by an unidentified person who was hidden in the brush near the road.

The top notch price for cattle in Lake county was reached when W. D. Robinett, of Summer lake, sold 33 head of beef stock to W. G. Moss, of Lakeview, at 10 cents a pound.

State teachers' examinations in Wallowa, Grant, Harney, Jefferson, Jackson, Coos, Douglas, Yamhill and Polk counties were cancelled because of prevalence of Spanish influenza.

Five very large telephone poles and many large trees, some of which were more than two feet in diameter, were torn up in the vicinity of Eugene when a small cyclone visited the section.

Gold Hill recently renewed the ban on influenza by quarantining all cases, closing all public meeting places, pool-rooms, and prohibiting the assembling of more than five persons in public places.

A tax levy yielding \$550,782 will be required to maintain the public schools of Multnomah county during the coming year. The school census shows 62,025 children of school age in the county.

All logging camps in Coos county, numbering about 20, closed Saturday night and will not resume until after New Year's, save the six at Powers, which shut down the 24th and reopened on the 26th.

While it is said no case of influenza at the state hospital for the insane threatens to terminate fatally, Dr. Steiner, superintendent of the institution, is contemplating closing the hospital to visitors.

The total assessed valuation of the state is \$987,533,896.97, an increase of \$58,928,326.41 over last year, when the assessed valuation was \$928,605,570.36, according to figures given out by State Tax Commissioner Galloway.

All restrictions on the serving of food by hotels, restaurants and other public eating places were discarded Monday, in conformity with instructions received from Washington by the Oregon food administration.

Labor and industrial problems in Oregon during the reconstruction period will be the special subject of investigation and consideration of a convention of the state's leading interests called for January 9-10-11, at Portland.

It is reported from the lower Umpqua river that the Hubbard sawmill, being rushed to completion for opening about January 1, is to be abandoned and no further work will be done upon it until the lumber situation develops.

The food administration has announced the cancellation of flour milling regulations. This will throw the market wide open to millers and dealers to make such prices as they see fit on flour and mill feed, subject only to the laws that pertain to profiteering.

The new lease of the Pacific Chemical company on Summer lake was approved by the state land board and Jason Moore has forfeited the \$10,000 which he had deposited to cover the former lease. Under the new lease the first payment of royalty money is due January 15, 1920.

Mining for gold and platinum will be undertaken at Whisky Run, a locality a few miles above Bandon, on the ocean beach, where H. M. Axtell is assembling machinery and apparatus for the work. Whisky Run is one of the places that were famous for gold production in early days.

In instructions sent out to all district sealers of weights and measures Deputy State Sealer Spence Wortman countermanded his order of September 27, when the district sealers were told to waive the enforcement of the gasoline law as far as the gravity of the gasoline is concerned.

All bonds of state officials should be written yearly; they should be required to have the written approval of the attorney-general, and with the exception of the bonds of the treasurer and secretary of state should all be kept on file in the office of the secretary of state. These are recommendations which will be included as a part of the forthcoming biennial report of Secretary of State Olcott, which is now in the course of preparation.

State Treasurer Kay, in his biennial report to the legislature, expresses the belief that added duties should be given to the sealer of weights and measures, or the sealer and his work should be transferred to the jurisdiction of the public service commission.

Complaint is being made regarding the present train service between Albany and Lebanon and petitions are being circulated in Lebanon asking for a rearrangement of the schedule. People of Lebanon assert that that city has not had such an unsatisfactory train schedule for 25 years.

La Grande again has gone into rigorous quarantine as a result of spreading of the influenza. At no time has the situation been as bad as now. Many deaths have occurred and new cases are developing rapidly. Theaters, dances, churches, lodges and all public gatherings are affected by the closing order.

One of the problems with which the next state legislature will be confronted will be a deficiency of \$430,168, representing the difference in the amount that can be levied by the state tax commission under the 6 per cent limitation amendment, and the requirements of the state institutions and departments.

Thirty-four delegates from 17 farming communities of Deschutes county met at Redmond with the county agent and state leader of county agents and organized the Deschutes County Farm Bureau. The meeting was an enthusiastic one, and the organization will take an active part in the development of central Oregon.

While the bill closing the Willamette river to commercial fishing south of Oswego is now in effect, it does not repeal a law of the 1917 legislature, which allows abutting property owners along the stream to take salmon for themselves and families, Attorney-General Brown has advised the state fish and game commission.

The expenditure of state road funds during the last biennium amounted to \$2,288,257.68, and 50 miles of hard surface, 111.8 miles of broken stone or gravel, 134.5 miles of graded roads and 40 bridges were constructed, according to figures contained in the advance sheets of the biennial report of the state highway commission.

Fourth class postmasters have been appointed in Oregon recently, as follows: Alfalfa, Deschutes county, Lucy M. Smock; Big Eddy, Wasco county, Harriette B. Ward; Huber, Washington county, Elizabeth H. Thompson; Maplewood, Multnomah county, Ida E. Crawford; Mohawk, Lane county, Vance H. Seavey; Willows, Gilliam county, Augusta O. Parker.

Disastrous fires occurring just at the close of the 1918 season made the forest loss in Oregon the greatest in its history, according to the report of State Forester Elliott, now in course of preparation. The loss is estimated at 1,107,743,000 feet damaged or destroyed, representing a monetary loss of \$734,692.25. Of this amount he estimates that 544,583,000 feet may be salvaged.

Between 2,500,000 and 3,000,000 pounds of fruit a month, or about 10 carloads a week, in an evaporated condition, are moving out of the Salem Fruit Union, which expects to get its immense orders cleaned up by February 1 at the latest, according to an announcement made by Manager Robert Paulus of the union. Growers will receive as high as \$160 per ton for their prunes this year.

Oregon will be entitled to receive \$357,587 from the federal government each year for educational purposes under the provisions of a national educational bill introduced in congress by Senator Hoke Smith, of Georgia, according to figures which have been submitted to School Superintendent Churchill of this state, by the National Education association. The measure, in a general way, has for its purpose the elimination of illiteracy, and the general development of the physical, mental and moral wellbeing of young citizens.

The rivers and harbors bill will include Oregon projects that call for more than \$1,250,000. Immediate appropriations call for \$951,000, and \$318,000 will follow later for the Yaquina river project. New projects, with the amounts appropriated, are as follows: Cobs bay inner harbor for 22 feet, \$130,000; Yaquina river, \$100,000; Coquille river bar and entrance, \$64,000; maintenance of present projects at the Columbia river entrance, \$190,000; lower Columbia and Willamette, \$424,000; Coos bay, \$74,000; upper Willamette, \$27,000; Clatskanie river, \$2000.

State Historian Coraella Marvin has well under way the gigantic task of compiling the names of all Oregon men who entered the country's service during the great war. County historians have been appointed in each county by the state council of defense, to co-operate with Miss Marvin and facilitate the work. Bulk records available so far show that 5000 men of the O. N. G. entered the regular army as a unit; 7500 volunteered from July, 1917, to March, 1918; 15,000 men were drafted; 2400 enlisted in the navy; 2000 enlisted in the United States marine corps; 4000 enlisted in the S. A. T. C. and officers' training schools.

## SOUTH POLK COUNTY ROLL OF HONOR

Killed  
JOE CLARK  
ROY JOHNSON  
JASON A. ARRELL  
Died in the Service  
JOHN O. NASH  
Missing in Action  
LEE C. JORDAN  
Severely Wounded  
HARRY H. STALNAKER  
ARMIN D. YOUNG  
CYRIL R. RICHARDSON  
Prisoner of War  
LIEUT. RALF A. FLOYD

## BUENA VISTA

The high school had a very pleasant party Friday night.

Joe Decker of McMinnville is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Lichty.

We wish The Polk County Post a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Chown of Wierich were Sunday visitors at the Ed Lichty home.

R. Peterson, Mr. Moe and daughters, Thelma and Alice, were Albany callers Saturday.

Addie Gobat of Albany was an over night visitor Friday with her cousin, Ruth Prather.

Elmer Emmons went to Albany one day last week to see his son, Robert, who has the measles.

Dr. Butler was called to see J. K. Neal, who is quite ill. Mr. Neal's many friends hope for his speedy recovery.

Ed Prather and son, Gale, N. C. Anderson and Teddie Steele were business callers at Independence Saturday.

H. T. Hill and wife of Monmouth and J. M. Prather were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Prather.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Murphey left Sunday for a week's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wilson, at Astoria.

The Christmas exercises that were to be given by the M. E. Sunday school were dispensed with on account of sickness.

Mrs. M. N. Prather and Addie Harman were out on the Red Cross drive last week and say all were willing to give to this worthy cause.

Alfred and Gilbert Loy and Gladys Reynolds, who are attending O. A. C. came home Friday for the holiday vacation with their parents.

Those who were shopping in Albany were Ed Harmon and wife, N. C. Anderson and wife, Mrs. E. J. Anderson, Mrs. Ed Prather and Merlin Prather.

The intermediate room of our school gave a very interesting Christmas program Friday afternoon with a small Christmas tree which was enjoyed by all.

A very pleasant party was given Saturday night at the home of Arthur Hale and bride. The evening was spent in games, light refreshments were served and all departed for their homes wishing the young couple a long and prosperous life.

## Max Goldman

### Deals in

HIDES  
FELTS  
WOOL  
FURS  
MOHAIR  
CASGARA BARK  
VEAL  
PORK  
BEEF  
POULTRY  
BUTTER  
EGGS  
FARM PRODUCE  
WOOD  
WOOD  
GROCERIES  
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