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Observe Western Consumers' Week

The eighth annual observance of "Western Consumers' Week" by eleven states will be observed this year from April 11 to 18. The motto for the event is "Loyalty to our town, our state, our West, makes loyal Americans of us all."

Throughout the week, merchants are to be asked to display local raw and manufactured products, and consumers are to be urged to buy, as far as possible, those products, giving preference in the following order:

1. The products of the home town.
2. The products of Oregon.
3. The products of the West.

General Wood on Way to Study Philippines

San Francisco--Major-General Wood is going to the far east "not particularly to study the question of independence for the Philippines, but to survey conditions generally in their relation to the United States," he upon his arrival here.

"We are trying to get every ex-service man to join the American Legion. The Legion is a great force in the maintenance of a patriotic and loyal condition."

TO REALIZE THE MOST MONEY

We buy everything you want to sell and sell everything you want to buy. Cash or trade.

Bring in everything you want to sell and I will sell it for you on a commission.

MAX GOLDMAN

School Irreducible Fund Is \$7,037,200

Salem--Oregon's irreducible school fund, as computed from records bearing date of March 1, aggregated \$7,037,200.62 according to a report completed by George G. Brown, clerk of the state land board.

This fund, the interest from which is apportioned annually to the various common schools of the state on a per capita basis, included outstanding notes aggregating \$6,525,816.83; school district bonds, \$164,500; Pacific Livestock company settlement, \$50,000; due on certificates of sale given for lands sold, \$222,625, and cash in the hands of the state treasurer, \$74,258.79. With the exception of the school district bonds which demand 5 per cent interest, the funds in the other segregations draw 6 per cent.

The principal of this fund remains intact from year to year, and the 1921 total will exceed that of previous years by several thousands of dollars. Common school notes due affect every county in the state. Polk's is \$118,485.61.

O. A. C. BOY SEES GRIM TRAGEDY

Starving Chinese Clamor For Garbage Thrown From Diner.

Conditions too appalling for description and misery too awful to look upon were witnessed only six weeks ago in the famine districts of North China by W. A. Sellwood, Y. M. C. A. secretary and graduate of O. A. C., who has just returned from 18 months' service in Russia and China, and who travelled 10 days, covering 800 miles, through the famine-stricken section from Peking near the northern boundary, to Nanking, near the Chinese coast.

"That ten-day journey was one long horror," said Sellwood. "I am haunted yet by the memory of the drawn, despairing faces and the pitiable cries for food of the starving, half-naked men, women and children who crowded under the train windows, lifting up their arms in desperate supplication to us, every time the train slowed up or stopped. There are 45,000,000 Chinese confronted with starvation in the famine district, and the daily death rate is 15,000 a day. Typhus and pestilence are adding their toll to that of wholesale starvation, and conditions are simply beyond any adequate description.

"In Russia I have seen corpses stacked up like cordwood, and many other things very shocking to people who live comfortable, well-ordered lives here in the United States, but these were nothing to the tragic things that were visible on every hand all along the 800-mile journey through the famine districts of north China. The corpses were not stacked up in orderly fashion as in Russia. The survivors are too weak and wasted to undertake any such task, and those who perish are left to lie where they fall, or are rolled into streams nearby. Almost at any time we could look out and see bodies floating in the streams or lying about on the ground. It is a common thing for famine victims to succumb while digging for roots to eat, and the mute evidence of this last futile effort to secure some morsel that will sustain life a little longer, is visible on every hand; the dead bodies of men, women and children may be seen lying beside the hole in the ground that has been dug with sticks, or with the wasted claw-like hands of the starving. Long ago all dogs, cats and even rats have disappeared in this land of horrors, except for a few wild, half-crazed dogs that are dreaded by the emaciated human creatures because they fight so tenaciously for food and sometimes attack the children in their desperate hunger. Everything eatable has been eaten except leaves, roots and grass, and these are rapidly being exhausted. Where there are trees the bark from these is also used, and most of the trees are dying as a result. This vegetation is ground up into a sort of meal, and made into a kind of cake by mixing with water. It is baked when fuel can be obtained. Millions of Chinese are living on this diet alone.

"One of the most pitiable incidents of the journey was the wild clamor all along the railroad at points where the garbage from the dining car was dumped daily. Knowing approximately where to expect this garbage to be dumped, thousands of faint, starving creatures gather for hours in advance and await the passing of the train. The railroad company, to prevent the frantic people from throwing themselves under the wheels in the struggle for this garbage, have built fences two or three feet from the train, and the rails are emptied outside this fence. Policemen stand guard along the fence to hold back the older and the better-nourished people while the children and the weaker adults are let through to get the first pickings."

Sellwood also tells of a desperate Chinese mother who tried to sell him

her little three-year-old daughter for 50 cents. Recognizing the face of an American at the window of the train, this woman crowded to the front, holding up the child in her arms, and imploring him to buy it. It was explained to Sellwood that all Chinese mothers in the famine section are eager to sell their children, particularly to Americans, as this means that the child will be fed and have a chance to live, also that the returns from the sale will also mean a little food for the children that are left and for themselves.

Tired. No matter how "hard up" you may feel, you are rich in comparison with the starving peoples of China and Armenia. You know that you can easily help fill a few plates on the big relief table. Fifteen thousand people are dying in the Chinese famine district. But for the accident that you were born on this side of the globe, one of them might have been you--Weston Leader.

Well said. But for the fortune of birth in a favored zone, one of them might have been you, or yours. The American public is tired of drives--so it is often said--but it will be yet more tired before famine gives way to plenty, death to life, or a chance for life, and chaos to order, in less fortunate parts of the world.

Tired? Of course everybody is tired. But others are even more tired of hunger, destitution, disease, and all the horrors that go with famine and destruction. Being tired is no excuse for closing either ears or pockets to the cries and needs of helpless people. --Morning Oregonian.

WHIPPED BOY WASTES AWAY

Following Beating by Stepfather He Falls Off in Weight to 24 Pounds.

Grand Rapids, Mich.--Seven-year-old Merl Rader is dead as the result of beatings inflicted by his stepfather, Jacob Nemire.

From a robust boy, Merl had wasted until he weighed 24 pounds. In jail, after pleading guilty to a charge of assault and battery on the boy, Nemire wrote to the judge of the Probate court, saying that he had beaten the boy, and asking that he be likewise beaten and released that he might take care of the child.

"SPEX"

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SALEM, OREGON

Breaks Wooden Arm as He Punches Man's Nose

Martinsburg, W. Va.--W. B. Welty, an alleged doorkeeper of a suspected gambling joint, broke his wooden arm over the head of Philip Hack, a Tarentum (Pa.) business man, who is reported to have tried to enter by force the room which Welty guards. The blow seriously damaged Hack's nose. Mayor Selbert fined Welty \$12.00 on a charge of assault and battery.

Asks World to Honor St. Francis.

London.--Pope Benedict has made public an encyclical letter inviting the Christian world to solemnize in 1922 the seventh centenary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi, founder of the order of Franciscans, says a Central News dispatch from Rome.

SWOPE & SWOPE LAWYERS

Office over Craven & Walker's Store Independence, Oregon

Two Eclipses Due

An annular eclipse of the sun April 8 and a total eclipse of the moon April 22 are the leading events on the astronomical calendar this month. The solar eclipse will not be visible in the United States. The lunar eclipse will take place in the early morning from 4:03 a. m. until 7:26 a. m.

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Train departs Independence 1:00 P. M.
Daily except Sunday.
L. E. WATSON, Supt.

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