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CONSERVATION POLICY

Locks Up Natural Resources, Government Cannot Get Them When Needed.

Conservation in the United States is a complete success. The coal of Alaska is so carefully conserved that the Pacific Coast ports, where it is needed cannot get it. Pacific Coast people might use water power in place of the coal which they can not get, but that, too, is admirably conserved, says the Portland Oregonian. Or they might use much more oil as fuel than is now used, and might get it cheaper, but all the oil on Government land is also conserved. The Government itself needs that oil for use on its warships and on the freight ships which it is building or in the shape of gasoline on the auto trucks, motorboats and aircraft which are to fight in the war zones, but it can not get its own oil. The Nation needs to increase food production, phosphate would help amazingly and the Government owns great beds of phosphates, but they too are conserved.

The Government is in the ludicrous position of a man who has locked a large fortune in a fireproof burglar-proof safe and then lost the combination. He is absolutely secure from fire and robbery, but he cannot get any benefit from his own wealth. It is equally safe from his own spendthrift proclivities. The only satisfaction he derives from his ownership is the knowledge that it is in that safe, and that, though he cannot get at it, no other person can.

Car Crashes 275 Feet

Grants Pass, Or., Aug. 11.—(Special) While turning out to allow another car to pass a southbound, a car slid from the roadway and down an embankment abutting the Pacific Highway, about a mile south of Canyonville, landing a wreck, in a creek bed 275 feet below. The car was driven by a woman accompanied by her husband. Both are badly cut about the face and severely bruised about the body. The woman has a sprained ankle. The parties refuse to give their names or other information about themselves, save that they came from Portland. The car license number is 17486, which is registered under the name of the Warrern Shupe Furniture Company of Corvallis.

GERARD'S STORY DENIED BY NEWSPAPER

Asserts Alleged Telegram To Wilson From Kaiser Does Not Exist.

Berlin, Aug. 13, via Amsterdam.—The semi-final Nord Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung denies the existence of the telegram alleged by James W. Gerard, the former American ambassador at Berlin, to have been sent by Emperor William to President Wilson in August, 1914, when the German emperor is quoted as having asserted that Belgium's neutrality "had to be violated by Germany on strategical grounds."

The alleged telegram, which has reached Berlin by the way of Switzerland, has the emperor saying that King George sent him word through the emperor's brother, Prince Henry, that Great Britain would remain neutral if war broke out on the continent involving Germany and France and Austria and Russia.

22 PER CENT OF MEN ARE TAKEN

Revised Figures on Work of New York Exemption Boards Announced.

New York, Aug. 13.—The revised figures of the work of the 189 exemption boards as far as the various districts had reported up today show 60,152 men had been examined, of who 40,867 qualified. Of this number 13,478, or about 22 per cent, had been accepted.

The district draft board, of which Charles E. Hughes is chairman, today began hearing exemption claims appealed from local boards. This board will have about 25,000 cases to decide. Mr. Hughes will personally hear the first few cases.

Portland Deer Hunters go South

Canyonville, Or., Aug. 13.—Portland hunters are heading for the south Umpqua hunting grounds in readiness for the deer season. Two autos from Portland carrying hunting parties passed here today.

DRAFT LAW TEST SET

Validity To be Decided By Supreme Court.

Washington, Aug. 11 A test of the constitutionality of the conscription law will come before the United States Supreme Court on or before August 24 with the docketing of a case which will probably be called for trial during the court's Fall term.

The case will come up on a writ of error from the district court of Northern Ohio, where Charles E. Ruthenberg, recently Socialist candidate for Mayor of Cleveland; Alfred Wagenknecht, Ohio state secretary of the Socialist party, and Charles Baker, Ohio state organizer of that party, were convicted of having conspired to induce persons subject to the conscript act to evade that law. They were sentenced to one year in the Canton, O., workhouse.

Efforts have been made in several sections of the country by persons not in sympathy with the conscription law to raise funds with which to test the law.

Woman Seriously Injured.

Mrs. Richard Gussith, of Hoff, Or., was seriously injured when the automobile in which she was riding with her husband collided with an Oregon City train of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Co. at Courtney station at 10:30 o'clock this morning. Besides being badly bruised, Mrs. Gussith suffered severe burns from boiling water from the radiator of the automobile, under which she was thrown when the crash came. She was taken to Oregon City. Mr. Gussith was thrown through the wind shield of his car but escaped with severe bruises. Motorman G. W. Rusner says that he stopped his train within 20 feet after it struck the automobile. He says that Mr. Gussith, on seeing the approaching train, apparently attempted to turn his machine, but it skidded on the track and crashed and crashed into a telephone pole.

Gov. Refuses To Stop Hunting

Salem, Aug. 13.—Governor Withycombe today refused the request of State Forester A. F. Elliot to postpone opening of the Oregon deer season until rain lessens the forest fire danger that Mr. Elliott declared will exist when hunters take the field. The governor said such action would come too late, because many hunters already are in the woods waiting for the season to open August 15.

OUR OWN STATE

Some Recent Happenings In Various Parts of Oregon

Bootleggers Given Ninety Days.

Dallas, Or., Aug. 13.—Henry Conner and H. C. Shockley, the two men captured by Sheriff Orr and Deputy Hooker in a raid at Black Rock, Tuesday night, were taken to Independence this afternoon and tried before Justice of the Peace R. W. Baker, who sentenced them to serve 90 days in the Polk county jail. The liquor taken in the raid has been analyzed and was found to contain drugs dangerous to be taken into the stomach. It will be destroyed by the county officers.

Greasy Pipes Cause Fire.

Portland, Or., Aug. 13.—A small fire occurred in the smoke ventilation pipes of Leighton's Dairy Lunch, 322 Washington street, this morning. The grease which had been accumulating in the pipes caught fire and caused the diners to flee. The fire department was called, and after it left the first time, was called again, as the fire had spread up the pipes. No damage was done.

Patient Returned; Another Gone

Salem, Or., Aug. 13.—August Gillas, of Portland, an inmate of the State Hospital for the Insane, who ran away from the institution Friday, was returned today. Gus Nelitz, committed from Multnomah County, April 16, escaped from a field in which he was working today and has not been returned.

Harvest Home in Lieu of Fair.

Grants Pass, Or., Aug. 13.—In lieu of the county fair, which has been deferred on account of war times, the merchants of this city plan a three-day harvest home festival to be held during the week of September 24. Exhibits of orchard, field and garden stuff will be made and prizes awarded for the best. The evenings will be given over to entertainments and general community merrymaking.

George W. Richard Dead.

Albany, Or., Aug. 13.—George W. Richards, for the past 23 years a resident of Linn County, died in Albany today at the age of 69 years. He owned and conducted a farm four miles east of this city. He was a member of the Christian Church and the Grange.

He is survived by his widow and six children: William H. and George A. Richard, of Loma, Mont., and Walter Richard, Mrs. George Parsons, Mrs. Wayne Long and Mrs. Verl Miller, all living near Albany.

Bears Kill Many Sheep.

Baker, Or., Aug. 13.—Bears are inflicting heavy losses on the sheep herds in the Eagle Mountains, according to Senator and Mrs. W. H. Strayer, who returned with their family today from a camping trip on East Eagle Creek. George Jones, of Richland, is said to have lost 23 head from his herd and others have suffered severe damage.

An effort is being made by the sheep men to secure the services of a Government hunter.

One hunter is reported to have refused to follow a bear and her cubs because he said the tracks indicated that the animals are silver tipped grizzlies and he did not care to meet them.

Junk Dealer Arrested.

Klamath Falls, Or., Aug. 13.—Fred Plum, a junk dealer, has been bound over to the grand jury, charged with receiving stolen property. Plum recently sold his business but it was claimed that young boys were still selling goods to him, and the possession of a number of brass faucets from the old brewery led to his arrest.

Portable Sawmill Will be Operated At Roseburg.

Roseburg, Or., Aug. 13.—El Mitchell of Tarent, Or., has contracted to run a portable sawmill on the Krohn place near Cleveland, west of Roseburg. This is the second small mill to be built near here this summer. The local demand for lumber is being filled more and more by small mills.

WANTS POSTERITY TO PAY WAR BILL

Senator Would Sell Bonds to Meet Cost of Nation's Military Operations

Washington, Aug. 13.—Speaking in the senate today on the war tax bill Senator McCumber declared that the whole tax scheme contemplated a period that will cover four years and the war should end suddenly the United States would have to expend \$40,000,000,000 in that time. He said that America might have to put 5,000,000 men in the field and he believed their support and sacrifice should be enough for this generation, adding that "the war debt should be borne by our emancipated children."

Asserting that \$1,000,000,000 would have been enough to raise by taxation at this time, the senator said the balance should be paid out of the sale of bonds.

Senator McCumber declared that business must not be unduly hampered or crippled, pointing out that business profits must not only furnish all taxes, but the money to absorb the bonds.

AUTO GOES OVER BANK

Four Men In Car Which Turns Over Twice.

Medford, August 13.—Four men, all of whom are said to be from Medford, had a narrow escape from death early Sunday evening while returning from a ride to Hornbrook, when their Maxwell auto went over the grade near Hitt and turned over twice, pinning them beneath it.

Walter Mattenburg of Medford, the worst injured of the four, was brought to the Sacred Heart hospital in this city. His condition today was reported as not serious.

B. J. Hammond, who resides at the corner of South Newtown and Fourteenth streets, nearly bled to death before a physician from Hitt reached him and administered first aid. A piece of the glass windshield, two inches long, was driven into his neck. Later Dr. E. H. Porter of this city reached the scene of the accident and took charge of Hammond, who was brought home. His condition is not serious.

The other two men, whose names could not be learned today; suffered minor injuries.

Halsey Boy Loses Eye In Hunting Accident.

Halsey, Or., Aug. 14.—The 10 year-old son of R. W. Orr, a farmer living three miles west of Halsey, was seriously injured on Sunday in a hunting accident when he and his father were out shooting. The boy was 30 or 40 yards away from his father at the time and was not seen by the father when the latter fired. The boy was in range with the object shot at and shot penetrated one eyeball. Dr. Garsjost, of Halsey was called and the lad was removed to the Harrisburg hospital where an operation was performed and the eye removed.

German Plane Flies Over American Camp.

American Training Camp in France, Aug. 14.—A lone German airplane flying so high as to be barely discernible in the cloud flecked sky and evidently engaged in long distance reconnaissance work, passed over part of the American training area late Sunday afternoon. The enemy aircraft alarm was sounded and all movements of troops were halted until the hostile plane was out of sight.

Hood Homesteader Dead

Hood River, Or., Aug. 11.—(Special)—H. C. Crause, an upper valley homesteader, died suddenly this morning at the Eggermoot orchards, where he was assisting in the orchard work. Mr. Crause had eaten a hearty breakfast and gone to the field, when he was taken suddenly ill. He was assisted to the house and companions left the room to secure remedies. When they returned he was dead.

Mr. Crause was a member of the Masonic Lodge and a member of the finance committee of the Oregon State Grange.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Manufactures, Enterprises and Improvements, Providing Payrolls and Promoting Development of Oregon.

Portland wants 10,000 men to build wood and steel ships.

Portland—All employees of O. W. R. & N. Co. whose wages are less than \$200 a month will receive an increase effective August 1, of from 8 to 10 per cent, except those whose wages are fixed by contract or who received special increases recently.

Rainier—Hall of steamer Lurline fitted as modern cannery for packing salmon on Columbia.

Roseburg—\$12,000 to be spent in Douglas county on permanent road work this year.

Coos county logging, mill and shipyard operators are now short 850 men. Stanfield Creamery Co. to install ice plant.

With a labor problem, the country at war, conservation of energies and resources a necessity and nitrates essential for crops, we should demand fair legislation from congress encouraging development of waterpower, thus conserving labor and fuel and furnishing fertilizer so necessary for the soil.

Mill City—\$10,000 suspension bridge over North Santiam being built here.

Portland—Five contracts, aggregating \$271,123.15 for grading 17.6 miles of upper and lower Columbia river highway, to make ready for paving next year, were awarded by state highway commission.

Albany—Watson Brothers Iron Works here sold and machinery will be moved to Portland.

Independence is working hard on its campaign to establish sugar beet growing and secure factory next year.

Heix—Much building in progress here.

Harrisburg—Standard Oil Co. will build 3 tank gas and oil station here.

Lane county buys enterpillar engine and grader for road work.

Salem—Marion county signs contract for \$237,901 bridge over river here.

Eugene—Cannery working on beets and beans.

Toledo—Local creamery did big business past month.

Cushman—H. P. Larsen will establish pure-bred stock farm near here, cattle, horses, mules, sheep and goats.

Pendleton—First 10 miles stretch of new state road being built from here to Eastland.

Hubbard—Much street improvement work being done here.

Oregon City—Rivers and harbors bill passed by congress carries \$80,000 for locks here.

Gresham has two good banks and is growing fast.

Pendleton—\$50,000 being expended on Roundup, Sept. 21-23.

North Bend—County will expend \$12,000 on macadam for South Inlet road.

Fleetwood—High school voted in Fort Rock valley.

Coquille—Cheese factory here flourishing.

North Plains—Logging on California Barrel company's tract in Clatskanie river district commences.

Myrtle Point—Work started on Coquille river bridge.

Coquille—New shingle mill in operation on Catching creek on Bartlett ranch.

Roseburg—Many silos being erected in western Oregon.

Prices increase on California canned fruit from 2¢ to 5¢ per can which is sure some increase over 1916. Its a good thing for the packers they don't have to submit price to a railroad commission such as the railroads do when they want an increase.

Liquor Raid Discloses Stock of Bottled Goods

Klamath Falls, Or., Aug. 13.—E. A. Quail, proprietor of the Hot Springs rooming house, was arrested late Friday night and his place searched for liquor. Thirty-two empty liquor bottles and seven full bottles were gleaned by the officers. The man has been under suspicion for some time and the authorities say that one very large leak into Klamath Falls has been stopped in the arrest of Quail. Quail was released on \$500 bonds.

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