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## SEARCH FOR NITRATES

### Cave Deposits In the South Not Rich Enough.

In connection with the search for potash and nitrates in the United States the Government receives many reports of supposedly valuable discoveries. A letter recently received by the United States Geological Survey of the Interior Department describes a cave in one of the Southern States which was worked by the Confederacy during the Civil War for potassium nitrate. This cave is said to contain at least 1,000,000 tons of nitrous earth, which, however, contains only 1 to 2 percent of nitrate. The Survey now states that it seems very doubtful whether such material can profitably be used as a source of nitrate salts. The minimum grade of caliche now worked in the Chilean fields contains 12 percent of sodium nitrate and though there has been much criticism of the crudeness of the methods employed there, the work is done by very cheap Indian labor, and it is doubtful whether leaner material could be worked to advantage here, where the price of labor is so much higher. Several hundred thousand dollars has recently been expended in one of the Western States in testing the proposition to utilize low-grade nitrate. The results have been negative.

The nitrate caves in the South were worked during the Civil War by very crude methods. Generally the cave earth was shoveled into iron pots, where it was treated with water and heated over wood fires to leach out its soluble parts. The liquor was drawn from one pot into another and used for treating fresh material until it became a highly concentrated solution of nitrate salts. It was then drawn off and allowed to cool, whereupon the nitrate crystallized. The remaining liquor was then employed to leach fresh material and the crystals were separated and sacked for use.

### Accident At Alderdale.

Bickleton, Wash., Aug. 19.—J. M. Hendrick, of Alderdale, while making a sharp and narrow turn in driving his automobile on the road north of Alderdale, ran over the bank and the car turned turtle, with Mr. Hendricks and his wife under the car. The driver of a big freight truck passing at the time, gave aid. The two were badly bruised. This is Mr. Hendrick's second accident at the same place.

## DRAFT BOARD IN JAIL

### Two Accepted \$3000 In Bribe Money From Registrants; Will Serve Two Years.

New York, Aug. 20.—Dr. S. J. Bernfield and Louis I. Cherey, indicted members of the exemption board No. 99, today entered pleas of guilty to a charge of conspiracy to obstruct the draft law as they were about to be placed on trial. They were sentenced to two years each in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta.

The specific count to which Bernfield and Cherey pleaded guilty charged them with accepting a bribe of \$3000 to exempt a registrant. It was disclosed that the defendants had accepted \$3000 in bribe money. The court was told they had paid back a portion of the money and had promised to make good the balance.

Kalman Gruber not a member of the board but indicted on the same charge, elected to stand trial.

### Woman Drowns In Mill Race At Engine

Eugene, Aug. 20.—Mrs. Grace Granger, 30 years of age, employed in the administration department of the University of Oregon, while canoeing in the mill race here with her husband and two girl friends, was drowned when the canoe upset when it hit a bridge. Granger and two men nearby were unable to rescue Mrs. Granger. Both Mr. and Mrs. Granger were formerly of Ashland, Neb.

### Flour Ship Is Missing.

Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 18.—The British steamer Erlesburg which sailed from this port June 30 with a cargo of flour for Havre, France, is believed by local shipping men to have been lost. No report of the vessel passing through the Panama canal has ever been received. In this connection it is recalled by waterfront men that one of the sailors signed on the Erlesburgh was reported, after the vessel left, to have been a German from one of the interned ships in South American waters and an attempt was made to wireless a warning to the Erlesburgh. British Vice Consul Agassiz admitted yesterday having been notified of the presence of a German on the Erlesburg and he had wired his information to the embassy at Washington.

## WARDEN MURPHY DENIES PRISON TROUBLE

### 20 Men Who Complained at Quality Of Food Were Sent To Cells

Salem, Or., Aug. 21.—In a statement issued last night, Warden Murphy denied a published report to the effect that there was dissatisfaction at the prison among prisoners to the extent that a general outbreak was threatened.

"Approximately 20 of the prisoners complained as to the quality of their breakfast, and refused to eat it," he said. "They were immediately sent to their cells with instructions to remain there until they were more tractable, and they were back at work the next day. If there is trouble brewing at the prison, I know nothing about it."

## SPOILED MEAT

### Farmers Should Observe Following Rules

Dr. E. E. Chase, Chief Meat inspector of the City Health Department of Portland, informs me that during the past 16 months there has been condemned 18,425 lbs. of meat that was killed and dressed by farmers, and this condemnation has not been on account of a diseased condition of the meat but simply on account of what is called "Spoiled Meat." We feel that if farmers and butchers will observe the following requirements, much of this loss can be eliminated:

- 1st.—The carcasses of veal and hogs must be entirely free from all animal hair before being offered to the transportation company for shipment.
- 2nd.—The carcasses of veal should have two sticks, one in the thoracic cavity, the other in the abdominal cavity, so as to spread the carcasses and hold it apart. In hogs weighing over 200 pounds it would be well to have them split through the hips and shoulders, as hogs sour very quickly during hot weather. Thoroughly wash the inside of the veal with hot water and wipe with a clean cloth until all slime and dampness is thoroughly removed; the sprinkling of cayenne pepper on the inside of the carcass tends to prevent the work of flies.
- 3rd.—All carcasses, except veal, must be wrapped in a clean cloth before being offered for shipment.—J. D. Mickle, Dairy and Food Commissioner.

## INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

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

Silverton—Clackamas Southern to be built in here, surveyors start work.

Albany sawmill closed until after harvest because of labor shortage.

Sheridan—18,000 acres above the Grand Ronde reservation sold. To colonize 1000 Belgians. Stores, schools and churches will be built on land. Will involve over \$2,000,000.

Hermiston—Outlook bright for laundry here. Concrete sidewalks soon to be built. Honey bee industry flourishing in this valley.

Sheridan—Paving between here and Bellevue widened to 16 ft.

Bandon—Sunset Woolen mills have commenced operation.

Los Angeles and Portland are the two latest cities where on a popular vote the people ditched the jitney as mere municipal parasites.

Freewater—30 to 50 ton fruit drier to be erected here.

Legislation encouraging to American Merchant Marines is necessary to prosperity of Oregon shipyards after the war.

Springfield—Mohawk Lumber Co. has resumed operations.

Klamath Falls—Construction of new Strahorn R. R. System has brought a wave of building prosperity here hitherto unequalled.

North Bend—Link of highway leading from Eugene to Florence and Coos Bay to be built at once. Catcher Inlet ranchers at work building Sumner-Coos Bay City road.

Allegany—Electric power plant may be established at the Golden Falls.

Fort Stevens to have \$3000 Y. M. C. A.

Pendleton—Many fine new homes will soon be erected here. Local wheat sold at \$2.25 bushel.

Athena to have fine natatorium.

Myrtle Point—Constructing modern shingle mill on Catching creek.

Newberg Contract for paving the road between here and Portland let.

A delegation of shipbuilders are in Washington to ask the board to fix a scale of wages at shipyards. If a scale of increased wages is fixed by the board, they will ask that contractors be granted an allowance by the Government ample to meet increased cost of labor. Oregon yards must also have additional laborers.

Coos Bay—Gov't. to expend \$55,000 for improvement of roads in Curry County. Shortage of material threatens to delay Coos Bay Shipbuilding plant.

Grants Pass—New court house almost ready for occupancy.

Eugene—Flume for city water plant at Waterville to be completed in spring. Excelsior factory to install new water wheel.

Grants Pass—\$400,000 to be spent on road construction in Douglas Co.

Lebanon—State Highway Commission awarded contracts for road and bridge construction for \$471,300.

Ontario—Ontario-Nyssa Irrigation Co. installs pump and motor at cost of \$10,000. Idaho Power Co. is completing new warehouse here. Van Patten Lumber Co. building new office building and warehouses. First National Bank spending \$20,000 for improvements.

Bandon—Prosper Shingle mill being operated.

Marshfield—The Homestead Iron Dyke Copper Mining Co. building a club house at Halfway.

Vale—Crane State bank has moved into new building.

### Silver Selling For 87 Cents

Washington, Aug. 21.—To increase capacity of mints for coining subsidiary silver, now at the limit, a meeting of the heads of the various mints and superintendents of the government's refineries at Denver, New York and San Francisco has been called by Director Baker at San Francisco, September 12.

The highest price ever paid by the government for silver was recorded today in the purchase of a large quantity at 87 cents an ounce for coinage. This is an increase of more than 50 per cent since the war started.

## GOVERNMENT ASKS CONCEALMENT.

### Newspapers Requested To Observe Secrecy Regarding Movements of Troops, Ships, Etc.

The committee on Public Information has mailed a circular to newspapers containing 21 specific requests of the Secretaries of War and the Navy, as to suppression of all news covering movements of troops, warships and war munitions. The following are some of the things in which secrecy is desired:

Information in regard to the train or boat movement of troops. Such information is at all times and under all circumstances dangerous and should be scrupulously avoided.

Information tending directly or indirectly to disclose the number or identity of troops in the expeditionary forces abroad.

Information of the movement of military forces toward seaports or the assembling of military forces at seaports from which inference might be drawn of any intention to embark them for service abroad; and information of the assembling of transports or convoys; and information of the embarkation itself.

Information of the time of departure of merchant ships from American or European ports, or information of the ports from which they sailed.

Information of the locality, number, or identity of warships belonging to our own Navy or to the navies of any country at war with Germany.

Information of the identities of American merchant ships defending themselves against submarines, and the identities of their captains, their gun crews, and crews.

Information of the coast defenses of the United States. Any information of their very existence, as well as the number, nature, or position of their guns, is dangerous.

Information of the laying of mines or mine fields or of any harbor defenses.

Information of the aircraft and apparatuses used at Government aviation schools for experimental tests under military authority.

Information of all Government experiments in war material.

Information relating to dry docks and to all classes of work, repairs alterations or construction performed in connection therewith.

Information of the train or boat schedules of traveling official missions in transit through the United States.

Information of the transportation of munitions, or war material.

Photographs conveying the information specified above should not be published.

### American Apricots In Egypt.

Selected California fruit will grace the mess tables of British army officers in far away Egypt. The British Government has placed an order for fifty thousand dollars worth of canned apricots, the fruit to be delivered from canneries at Pomona, Hemet and Kingsburg.

The Southern Pacific Company announced today that it was starting the first car over its lines to Ogden. The car contains 90,000 pounds of fruit in 1500 cases. The balance of the shipment, say Southern Pacific officials, will be hurried across continent and across ocean as fast as possible.

### Farmer's Barn Burns.

Bickleton, Wash., Aug. 19.—A large barn belonging to R. D. White, between Roosevelt and Dot, near here, was burned to the ground a few days ago, with 800 tons of hay, a quantity of harness and machinery and two horses. Mr. White had \$1400 insurance.

### Edison Visits Wilson And Navy Secretary

Washington, Aug. 20.—Thomas A. Edison conferred with Secretary Daniels today and later went to the White House. It was his first visit to the president since the declaration of war. It is well known that the great inventor has been giving much attention to anti-submarine devices, but Secretary Daniels said that was a subject he could not discuss.

## OUR OWN STATE

### Some Recent Happenings In Various Parts of Oregon

**Deputy County Clerk Enlists.**  
Oregon City, Aug. 19.—David Carl Moore, of Gladstone, a deputy clerk under County Clerk Harrington, enlisted in company A, Oregon engineers Thursday, which is expected to be at Clackamas soon, and from there will go to Palo Alto. Mr. Moore has been deputy clerk since June 1 this year.

### Burglar Steals Gold.

Salem, Or., Aug. 20.—The police officers of the city are still searching for a burglar who entered the dental parlors of Darby & Burton, Epley & Olinger, and Pound & Beecher, a few nights ago and stole plate gold valued at \$175.

### One Delivery A Day Is Considered In Salem.

Salem, Or., Aug. 20.—Announcement has been made that the committee appointed to consider the proposed "one delivery a day" system will report its recommendations to the Business Men's league tomorrow. The committee consists of Theodore Roth, William McGilchrist, and F. W. Steustoff.

### 1500 Tons of Hay Bought.

Prineville, Or., Aug. 20.—More than 1500 tons of alfalfa hay has been purchased by the Fairview stock farm for use in feeding this winter. This, added to the large crop being harvested on the farm will make one of the largest single pools of hay in this part of the state. The price paid for the hay was \$15 a ton. The hay crops purchased are those on the ranches of Josiah Williams, F. S. Towner, Lloyd Powell, John M. Elliott and W. B. Morse.

### Klamath Bootlegger Fined.

Klamath Falls, Or., Aug. 21.—E. A. Quaff, a bootlegger, was fined \$400 and sentenced to 30 days' imprisonment. In a raid on the Hot Springs rooming house here owned by Quaff, a number of bottles of whiskey were found concealed in the walls and some in a false bottom of the wood box.

Jess Fisher, charged with stealing a heifer from Mrs. Annie Leuz, of Klamath reservation, and branding it with his own brand has been bound over to the grand jury and placed under \$1500 bonds.

### Boys Escape from Reform School

Salem, Or., Aug. 21.—Oscar Miller, of McMinnville; Lester Hooper, of Portland, and George Bevel of Lakeview, who escaped from the reform school yesterday, are still at large today.

### Mrs. H. L. Ogden Is Dead.

The Dalles, Or., Aug. 21.—Word has reached here of the death of Mrs. H. L. Ogden, formerly of The Dalles, at McCreehy, Wash. Mrs. Ogden died suddenly yesterday and funeral services will be held at McCreehy. She was well known in this city.

### Columbia County Has Filled Quota For War.

St. Helens, Or., Aug. 21.—The local exemption board has finished the examination of the 49 men appearing on the second call. Thirty-two names will be reported to the Portland board and, if the latter grants no exemption on these, Columbia county's quota will be filled. Very few claimed exemption after the last call.

### Airplane Plane Propeller Kills Tacoma Youth.

Dayton, O., Aug. 20.—The first death at the Wilbur Wright aviation school is that of a student aviator, Eugene W. Hayes, of Tacoma, Wash., who lost his balance while watching a rapidly revolving propeller of an airplane and toppled over on the propeller. He died instantly.

You can't blame the dentist if he inquires whether it is the draft or the tooth that gives you pain, particularly if you are of conscription age.

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