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FARM LABOR IS AMPLE IF RIGHTLY UTILIZED

Farm Labor Agent Says Co- operation and Sacrifice Will Insure Neces- sary Help.

Corvallis, Or., Jan. 22—By utilizing every bit of the available farm labor supply in Oregon it will be enough to plant, care for and harvest the big war crops called for by the Government, says J. W. Brewer, farm labor agent for Oregon.

Cooperation and sacrifice by farmers, laborers and business men are necessary. To the usual labor forces must be added retired farmers, capable farm women, high school boys, clerks and office assistants temporarily relieved by substitution of women and older men, and men about town. Exchange of help in local communities and shifting of reserve forces to points of emergency will also be necessary. It is also expected that business men will stand ready to throw off their coats and help the farmer out in the pinch.

Mr. Brewer represents the U. S. Office of Markets, but will correlate his work with that of the State Council of Defense, the State Labor Commissioner, the Agricultural College Service, the Portland Free-Employment Bureau, and the local county agricultural councils or other local bodies. Only by the closest unity of all these forces will the plans succeed. This is assured, Mr. Brewer thinks, and farmers are encouraged to go ahead with their plans for maximum crops.

Request for Seed Denied.

Washington, Jan. 22—The Secretary of Agriculture has advised Representative Hawley that no seed can be sent to Cottage Grove, Or., for the purpose of reseeding to suitable grass a large area of land west of that city and east of the Siuslaw Valley, which was burned over by forest fires last fall. Residents of Cottage Grove had agreed to sow the seed if the Government would furnish it.

Secretary Houston advises that no fund is available to buy the seed and also that the Forest Service experts are of the opinion after conducting more than 600 experiments that the cost of reseeding is out of proportion to the results secured.

STRIKE TO ENFORCE PEACE SPREADING

Austrians Demand Imme- diate End To War; Food Situation Is Serious.

London, Jan. 21—The strike movement is spreading throughout Austria-Hungary and it is associated with a demand for immediate peace, according to dispatches received in London from Swiss and Dutch sources. A general strike was declared at Budapest on Friday when the entire transport system came to a standstill, while from all parts of the dual empire strikes and demonstrations are reported.

The food situation and the question of peace were the sole subjects of discussion at the sitting of the budget committee of the Austrian chamber of deputies on Friday.

Count Von Tzozgenburg, the minister of the interior, told the deputies that Count Czernin, the Austrian foreign minister, and Leon Trozky, the Russian foreign minister, exhibited many similarities, which fact, he added, offered a guarantee that the negotiations at Brest-Litovsk would go well.

The Socialist party of Austria has published a declaration stating that the workmen will only calm down when the government can undertake that it will not allow the negotiations at Brest-Litovsk to break down on the territorial question and that the system of food distribution will be reorganized.

The Hoarded Dollar

Frank A. Vanderlip hit the nail on the head in a speech at Cincinnati, when he said that "a hoarded dollar is a slacker. Work for the war is necessary, and of primary importance, but industry and business cannot be overlooked without fatal results. The campaign against the enemy must be backed by industry and business going on to a great degree as usual, else the wherewithal to finance the war will be cut off. To stop manufacturing, trade and transportation, to hoard is killing the goose. Money must be kept in circulation, and let it be kept at home so that it will come back in the natural cycle of business dealings. Trade with intelligent discrimination, that's always wise, but do not hoard."—Denver Telegraph.

NEW ICE CAVES FOUND IN LAVA BEDS

Writings Of Prehistoric Race, Are Also Dis- covered.

Klamath Falls, Or., Jan. 23—Several new caves have been discovered in the lava beds recently by John D. Howard, George Howell and John Cox. These caves are all of ice, and the discoverers are of the opinion that there are many more not yet located. Many natural briere formations have been discovered which are capable of sustaining a tremendous weight.

Writings by a prehistoric race have also been found by these men. The characters are believed to be Oriental, and are not understood by any of the Indians around here. Some of the pictures show ships with sails and oars. Mr. Howard has spent much time examining various cave sections of the United States and declares those of the lava beds to be of more than usual interest.

Grant County Hunters In Gone Warden's Net.

Canyon City, Or., Jan. 21—District Game Warden I. B. Hazelline has just returned from the Murderer's creek section, 50 miles southwest of this city and reports the arrest of four men for unlawfully having deer in their possession. He visited three camps and found venison in two of them. Those under arrest are Jim Amis, Carson Folose, James Hamer and Lafe Shelby, all from the Dayville section. Their trials are set for this week. This section of the county is one of the important winter ranges for deer in Oregon, as the deep snow drives them into the breaks of Murderer's creek, and it is said that more than 1500 deer were feeding in that locality last year.

Sawmill And Timber Workers Join Legion.

Centralia, Wash., Jan. 21—Lieutenant W. S. Johnson, a signal corps officer from Vancouver, who is organizing the Loyal Legion among the mill and logging camp employees of Southwest Washington, has enrolled in the legion every man in the Eastern Railway & Lumber company's mill in this city. Every man in the Eastern camp, with the exception of a few Austrians, also signed up.

OUR OWN STATE

Some Recent Happenings In Various Parts of Oregon

Astoria Guard Increased.

Astoria, Or., Jan. 21—The authorities here have doubled the military guards about the mills, wharves and warehouses in this city. It is thought this action was taken with a view of preventing any disloyal act by German sympathizers or agents.

Albany Resident Dies.

Albany, Or., 21—James Ellison, resident of Albany for the past 40 years and prominent here in early days, died in St. Mary's Hospital late Friday night, aged 80 years. A native of England, he came to America when 15 years old and for several years was a steamboat pilot on the Sacramento river. He leaves one son, Walter Ellison of Portland.

Moonshine Outfit Found.

Bend, Or., Jan. 21—Police men raiding a shanty occupied by Joe Kaalestori, in Terminal Addition, last night uncovered a complete still used in the manufacture of liquor. A patent iron press and five gallons of wine and an additional quantity in process of fermentation were also found.

Kaalestori, when taken before Justice Eastes this morning, pleaded not guilty and was held in \$100 bonds to appear for hearing.

New Mills to be Built.

Marshfield, Or., Jan. 21—The Umpqua River is expected to become one of the industrial centers of the state and the first of three new sawmills now under construction will be ready for operation in two weeks, probably, and in three certainly.

A second mill at Reedsport will be finished within a month and the third, at Reedsport, within 65 to 75 days. Two of the mills are being equipped with machinery and room for sawing ship timbers and the third will run largely on spruce, of which there is a fine area near Reedsport.

Late reports from that vicinity indicate a shipbuilding company is seeking contracts and expects to construct a yard early this year.

Scotchman Buys Stamps.

Hood River, Or., Jan. 22—Thomas McPherson, an aged Scotchman, for the past several years caretaker for local lawn, is the largest individual purchaser of war savings stamps in Hood River, having bought \$400 worth of the securities.

Postmaster Reavis reports his total sales have exceeded \$1500. "We have had several calls," says Mr. Reavis, "for large blocks of the stamps and have lost several sales because prospective buyer were unable to purchase more than \$100 at any one time."

Grants Pass Men Knit.

Grants Pass, Or., Jan. 22—Grants Pass men are not allowing the women to do all the Red Cross knitting, several men already having turned in very creditable work.

Alan Wise, a farmer, has completed two sweaters, the last one being started and finished entirely without help; Philip Helmer, merchant, has turned in one sweater; T. M. Renshaw has completed two pairs of socks; H. C. Lawton, rural mail carrier, is now working on socks.

Cannery In Operation.

Clatskanie, Or., Jan. 21—The local sauerkraut cannery has been running on full time all of this month and is putting out a large quantity. The factory employs about 30 workers and is a branch of the Armour's corporation.

Pastor Is in Hospital And His Wife Fills The Pulpit.

Yoncalla, Or., Jan. 21—Mrs. A. A. Brittain, wife of the pastor of the local M. E. church, filled the pulpit yesterday morning, taking her husband's place. Rev. Mr. Brittain has been ill since Christmas and is now in Mercy hospital, at Roseburg.

BUSINESS ADVICE IN WAR FAVORED.

Governor Edge, Of New Jersey, Urges Co-op- eration.

New York, Jan. 21—Co-ordination between the Government and business is essential if the maximum war activities of the Nation are to be achieved. Governor Edge, of New Jersey, declared in a speech before the Republican Club of this city today.

"Official Washington," he said, "should have the benefit of advice and experience of trained American business men."

"I will not criticize for the sake of criticizing," he said. "Washington has achieved wonders and has also blundered in war preparations. But I cannot help thinking that most of the few mistakes could have been avoided had official Washington been given the benefit of advice and experience of trained American business men."

"The public was not taken into the confidence of the Government with respect to necessity for the fuel order. We will win the war only through co-operation. It is a mutual proposition calling for freest discussions and puncturing of prudish, old-fashioned ideas of censorship."

Highway Will Be Built Along Siuslaw River.

Eugene, Or., Jan. 21—The county court of Lane on Saturday opened bids for the construction of 2½ miles of road on the north fork of the Siuslaw river, and the construction of a bridge across that stream at Portage, to complete the last stretch of road connecting Eugene with Florence, at the mouth of the Siuslaw river. This will be a part of the Central Oregon highway to be built jointly by the county, the state highway department and the forest service.

President Wants Power to Fix The Food Prices.

Washington, Jan. 21—Draft of a bill giving the president broad powers to fix prices of food and other products essential to the conduct of the war, or for domestic consumption was laid before members of the house agriculture committee today by President Wilson, with the request that it be pressed for passage. Representative Lever chairman of the committee, and four fellow members, were called to the white house and told by the president that he believed the situation necessitated immediate legislation to provide these powers.

Members of the committee declined to disclose details of the bill. Chairman Lever left the white house with the president's copy to study over its provisions tonight, and if satisfied with it, introduce it tomorrow.

It is understood the measure would give the president thru any agency that he may designate blanket authority to fix prices, without specifying the products.

Child Finds Mother Dead.

Oregon City, Jan. 21—When a five-year-old child wandered on Saturday evening what was detaining its mother Mrs. Sophia Scheef, of Stone, the wee toddler ascended the stairs and found the mother dead of heart disease. The child thought the parent was asleep and, when she failed to awaken at the childish efforts, the babe called a brother. Dr. Hugh Mount was called but failed to revive the woman or restore a spark of life. The husband, David Scheef, was in Portland on business. Mrs. Scheef was 42 years old and the mother of five children. Funeral services will be conducted tomorrow at Logan.

City Not Responsible.

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 22—The Biblical admonition, "Keep your lamps trimmed and burning," does not apply to the city of Des Moines. District Judge Gathrie so held in directing a verdict for the city in a \$5000 damage suit brought against the city by Mrs. W. S. Pontius, who sprained her ankle because a street light was not burning on January 21, 1917. The court held that the city was not bound to keep lights burning or to furnish any lights at all, and, therefore, was not guilty of negligence.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Manufactures, Enterprises and Improvements, Providing Payrolls and Promot- ing Development of Oregon.

Klamath Falls looks forward to unusually prosperous year in 1918.

Marshfield—If specifications for white cedar airplane lumber were at hand, Coos County could furnish a great impetus to war program by furnishing Port Orford cedar.

Silver Lake—20 miles of Strahorn railway completed.

Roseburg—New concrete building for garage soon to be built here.

Sec. Doolson of the Portland Chamber of Commerce has been doing invaluable work for the state in connection with increasing shipbuilding lumber and airplane material industry here. Every encouragement should be given these industries.

Divide—Pilot Lumber Co. is repairing the old O. L. T. mill; begin operations soon.

St. Helens—Citizens, city, and county raise fund of \$9000 to build road from here to Columbia City shipyards where 500 men are employed a majority of whom live at St. Helens.

The Dalles—Ranch on Fifteen Mile creek sold for \$38 640.

Roseburg—Contract let for Pacific Highway bridge across Umpqua.

Union county has \$50,000 Post road money to spend in county.

Enterprise—Telephone Co. installing new equipment which will give modern service when completed.

Brownsville—Cannery ships 13 carloads canned goods in 1917, cars ranging from 60,000 to 90,000 pounds.

Milton—Box factory here nearing completion.

Marshfield—Sunrise Condensery to build addition and increase output 75 per cent.

Takilma—Machinery for Golconda chrome property ordered and operations to begin immediately. Ore under contract to Atlantic Ore & Alloy Co. for the United States government.

Bandon—City to do street work immediately.

Heppner—Many new improvements here in 1917.

Eugene—U. of O. base hospital unit taken over into army of U. S. \$60,000 equipment assembled.

North Bend may buy an electric pump.

Wedding—150 men employed in rebuilding Booth-Kelly planing mill here which was destroyed by fire several months ago.

Portland—Between 16 000 and 17,000 men are employed in shipyards of Oregon at the present time.

Reedsport—800,000 pounds of fresh salmon and 7300 cases canned, shipped from here by one company past season. Three companies operating.

Most every town along the coast in Wash. and Ore. wants gov't to build a branch railroad "to haul spruce from each individual section."

Columbia City—Contracts for 8 ships for government let to local shipyards. Columbia City—New logging camp to open several miles west of here. Will have payroll of \$2,500 per month.

St. Helens—9 houses, costing from \$1200 to \$1500 each, will be built here in spring.

It is now announced that to conserve coal, universal electrification of Great Britain is proposed for railroads, factories and domestic purposes.

St. Helens Shipbuilding Co. plans to erect hotel on Sauvies Island, adjoining plant.

St. Helens—\$4000 contract let for new theatre building.

Oregon City—Construction of new 2-story brick structure started here.

"Reduction of taxation" should be demand in every branch of city, county and state government.

Gold Dredge Completes Part Of Work In Grant County.

Canyon City, Or., Jan. 21—The dredge of the Empire Gold Dredging & Mining company, which began operation in July on the west side of Canyon creek at the city limits of John Day, finished working that ground last week at the edge of this city and has started back to John Day on the east side of the creek. Electric power from Prairie City is used for operating the dredge which runs night and day.

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