

OREGON NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Development Is Near.

Newport—S. G. Irwin, of Newport, has just been informed by the United States Engineering department that an appropriation of \$3000 has been made for the survey of the Yaquina Bay bar, with an object of obtaining a 25-foot channel, and Wisconsin capitalists are ready to develop vast timber holdings as soon as large carriers can enter the bay.

J. S. Polhemus, assistant United States engineer, who had charge of the Yaquina Bay jetty construction, will again be in charge of the government work.

J. C. Maupin, of the United States Geodetic Engineers, made a survey of the bar and channel in 1913, but an Engineers' department survey is necessary before an appropriation could be made for improvements, it is said.

Wisconsin capitalists, backed by Senator Stephenson and others, who bought the Smith interests around Coos Bay, have money ready to invest.

A party headed by George A. Stephenson, manager of the North Bend Lumber company, and Edward A. Young, nephews of Senator Stephenson, and Carl Burnham, all of Madison, Wis., John Belknap and Steve McAllister, of Vancouver, B. C., timber exporters, and N. C. Ingram and Charles Corgan, of Coos Bay, timber cruisers, have been making various trips of investigation.

Mr. Stephenson has obtained soundings of the Yaquina Bay bar and surveys of roads in view of a logging railroad to extend from Yaquina Bay to Yachats.

It is said to be the aim of the Wisconsin lumbermen to commence work without delay.

Oregon Crop Report.

July 1 crop estimates by the United States department of Agriculture are as follows:

Winter wheat—Forecast, 16,000,000 bushels; final 1914, 13,684,000.

Spring wheat—Forecast, 3,730,000 bushels; final 1914, 2,920,000.

Oats—Forecast, 13,900,000; final 1914, 12,740,000.

Barley—Forecast, 4,320,000 bushels; final 1914, 3,660,000.

Potatoes—Forecast, 6,800,000 bushels; final 1914, 4,753,000.

Apples—Forecast, 3,320,000 bushels; final 1914, 3,600,000.

Hay—Condition, 92; 7-year average, 91.

Clover—Condition, 92; 10-year average, 94.

Alfalfa—Condition, 92; 9-year average, 92.

Pasture—Condition, 97; 10-year average, 96.

Hops—Condition, 92; 9-year average, 89.

School Talks Are Heard.

Salem—"Standardization of the Rural School," was discussed at a meeting of the county superintendents who are here grading the examination papers of applicants for state certificates to teach. Fred Peterson, Klamath county; E. J. Moore, Lane county; Roy Cannon, Benton county, and W. W. Austin, Grant county, led the discussion.

"Club Work" will be discussed also. Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill announced that those who will participate are: F. L. Griffin, field agent of Oregon Agricultural College; N. C. Maris, field worker of the State Board of Education; L. P. Harrington, field worker, State Board of Education; H. C. Seymour, superintendent of Polk county, and Miss Fay Clark, superintendent of Malheur county.

Roseburg Railroad Sure.

Roseburg—A conference which both parties admitted had its connection with the railroad which Kendall Bros. propose to construct here during the present summer was held here Saturday.

F. L. Burkhalter, superintendent of the Portland division of the Southern Pacific railroad, and H. A. Hinshaw, general freight agent, were closeted with S. A. Kendall and his associates for more than an hour.

Mr. Kendall and the Southern Pacific officials spent an hour at Winchester, where they inspected Kendall Bros.' holdings in that vicinity. At the conclusion of the conference it was given out that a complete understanding had been reached between the parties concerned.

Flax Crop Outlook Good.

Salem—That the outlook for the success of the state's venture with flax growing is most promising is the opinion of Governor Withycombe, who has just looked over the flax fields in this vicinity. "There is every assurance of a good crop," said the governor. "Also, the quality of the flax appears excellent. I believe it will run from one and a half to three tons to the acre." J. C. Cady, the flax man employed by the Board of Control, has just returned from the East, where he purchased retting machinery.

Stings of Bees Kill Cow.

Monmouth—Stung by thousands of Italian bees, a valuable Jersey cow, owned by O. A. Wolverton, ex-postmaster of Monmouth, died Tuesday. The animal had been turned into the grass on the Normal campus. On a small lot adjoining the campus were 85 hives. When Bossie began to fight several of the Italians, hundreds, then thousands, "mobilized," and aid for the distressed cow was impossible.

Mining Activity Gains.

Cottage Grove—Reports of renewed activity in the Bohemia district include a rumor that the large Champion property will again become active. This closed down last season after a short, but successful run, because of some difficulty over the ownership. It is expected that as soon as Manager Hard returns from his extended Eastern trip he will announce an active season at his properties. More small properties are active than there have been for a number of seasons. Several tons of supplies are being hauled into the Long placer claim.

The advance in the price of copper and lead gives encouragement to the development of copper and lead properties. The Bohemia district is the only one in the state having shown lead in paying quantities and one of two camps in the state having a copper production last year.

With quicksilver steadily advancing in price there is a hope that the big quicksilver mine at Black Butte, which has been active for several years, will resume. Quicksilver has more than doubled in price since the mine closed.

Land Board Must Decide.

Salem—The Desert Land Board at its next meeting will be called upon to take definite action on the excess acreage on the Central Oregon Irrigation company's project. John Thyen, of Bend, having applied for a deed to lands involving that question. Mr. Thyen has a contract for 80 acres, for seven of which the company refused to deliver water.

The Federal government recently warned the state against issuing deeds under the Carey land act until there was a water right and a sufficient water supply for every irrigable acre in the tract. It was indicated that if these conditions were not complied with the title to the land would be defeasible and it might be necessary to revoke the state's patents. The board must now either pass defeasible title to the settlers on the project or else adjust the excess acreage question before issuing deeds to these lands.

\$10,000,000 Bonds for Roads Urged

Roseburg—Escorted along the Pacific Highway by county judges and commissioners of the counties through which they passed, S. Benson, J. H. Albert and Leslie Butler, members of the advisory board of the State Highway commission, accompanied by E. I. Cantine, assistant state highway engineer, are meeting with a demand for state aid for roads through Western Oregon.

Mr. Benson at a meeting of Roseburg business men struck the keynote to the situation by voicing the need for a state bond issue of \$10,000,000 to build main trunk lines through Oregon, the interest and principal of the bonds to be paid from the current tax revenues of the state.

It is considered impossible, in view of the low tax levy for road purposes, to meet the demands of the various sections of the state, and the only way is predicted in the bond issue.

Warrants Good for Taxes.

Salem—The Supreme court, in an opinion by Justice Harris, held that Klamath county must accept county warrants totaling \$10,400 as part of the Southern Pacific company's taxes for 1914. The warrants were issued in 1912 by the county because, in error, the assessor had collected several thousand dollars too much in taxes on personality.

According to the complaint the company owed \$179.95 taxes on personal property in 1912, but through error \$17,454.99 was collected. When the mistake was discovered, Klamath county had expended the money, and the authorities directed the issuance of warrants for all over \$179.95. When the warrants were tendered as part payment for taxes for 1914 the county treasurer would not accept them.

Mr. Olcott Explains Duty.

Salem—Having received numerous letters from all parts of the state regarding alleged violations of the motor vehicle law, Secretary of State Olcott has had postcards printed announcing that his office has nothing to do with enforcing the law. Its duties consist in registering motor vehicles and chauffeurs as applications are filed. The post says: "Under this law it is made the specific duty of all police officers, sheriffs and constables, within the limits of their respective jurisdictions, to enforce its provisions."

Road Survey Begun at Umatilla.

Pendleton—County Surveyor Willard Bradley has begun at Umatilla to make a survey for one of five proposed new county roads. Some work on the survey for the Pendleton-Umatilla road was done at this end last week, but operations have been shifted to complete the work between Umatilla and Echo sooner. The surveys were authorized by the County Court recently on petition of the Umatilla County Good Roads association.

Burned Cannery to Be Replaced.

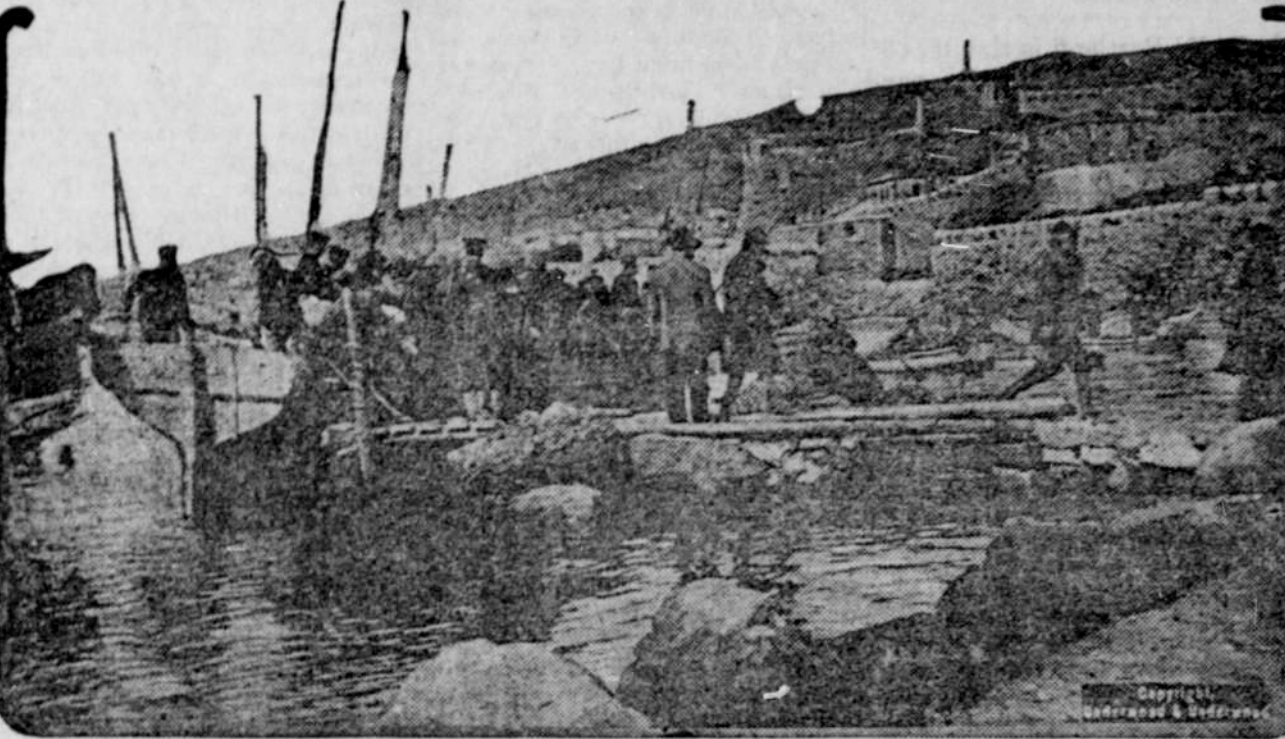
Astoria—While in this city recently, P. M. Larson, superintendent for Libby, McNeil & Libby, of Chicago, stated that his company will erect a new cannery at Kogging, Alaska, to replace the one recently destroyed by fire. The new plant will be double the capacity of the old one.

GERMAN DRAGOONS PHOTOGRAPHED BY BELGIAN SPY



This photograph, which was made inside the German lines by a daring Belgian officer armed with a camera, shows a detachment of German dragoons en route to replace some of the worn-out men in one of the trenches in the immediate vicinity. Their mounts have been left behind them.

ALLIES LANDING TURKISH PRISONERS



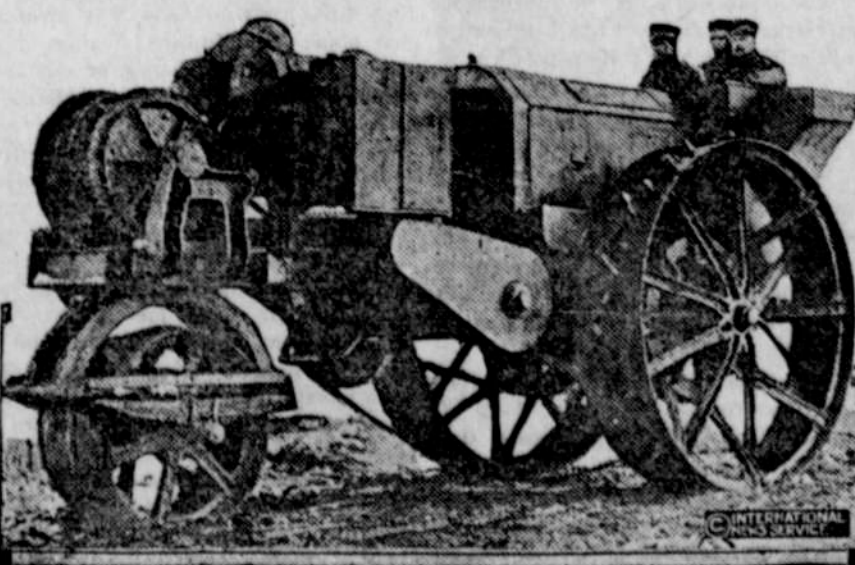
Turkish soldiers taken prisoner by the allies on Gallipoli peninsula being landed near one of the camps for captives.

HOPES TO GAIN ANCIENT KINGDOM



Abdurrazak, the subject of this photograph, is a descendant of an ancient king of Dotan in Kurdistan, who in 1263 was defeated and captured by the Turks. He has been secretary of the Turkish embassy at Petrograd and master of ceremonies at Constantinople and is now in the military service of the czar, hoping to regain the kingdom of Dotan.

BIG GERMAN MILITARY TRACTOR



Most of the roads in Russia being very bad, the Germans have built these giant tractors to haul their guns and ammunition and supply wagons.

MAN TO BE PITIED

Born Dissenter Finds Himself With Few Friends.

The World Hesitates to Believe in the Honesty of Such an Individual, Though He May Consider Himself Independent.

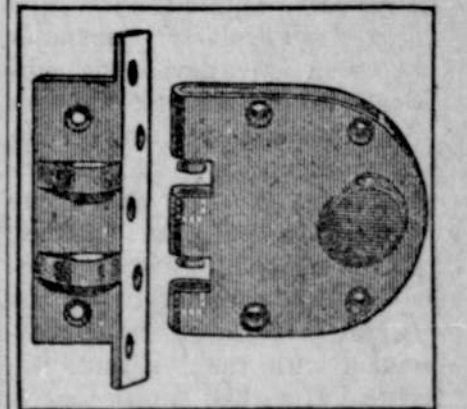
The born dissenter generally merits a share of the world's frowns which he somehow manages to evade. Perhaps it is because the world pities him, and what it pities it hesitates to frown upon. But a lively soul abhors pity as much as it does condemnation. Not the born dissenter, however. If he abhors anything it is the thought that some day he will miss an opportunity to exhibit his talent for dissenting in a situation where his example would influence others to see his conception of right. He denies himself tobacco not because he does not like it, but because he likes to have his friends believe that he thinks it injurious, and has the strength to do without it. In the midst of a social gathering he pleads a business engagement as an excuse for leaving. He has no business engagement, but it pleases him to think that he has impressed a certain group of persons with his attention to business, even in the face of a pleasant alternative. In matters of politics and religion and other things that do not immediately touch his pocketbook, his opinion is generally contrary to that of the majority, not because that is the way he thinks, but because to be with the majority is to be merely one of the mob, and to admit the possession of intellectual attributes hardly above the ordinary. He calls this independence, and as often as not he is admired for it. He is also commended for his virtues. They are stern virtues, and he clings to them successfully. As a matter of fact, they are negative virtues, and all of them involve his penchant for dissension. He is good because, to his way of thinking, the vast majority of persons are not good. He is, therefore, different and better, and this is distinction enough for him. The only trouble with him is that he has frozen the soul out of himself. His kindness consists in avoiding opportunities to be unkind, and since kindness is the greatest of human virtues he is forced to live a frigid existence in the alleyways of life, and men pity him.—Exchange.

DOOR CANNOT BE FORCED

Inventor Claims He Has Produced Lock That Can Defy Most Modern Burglars.

A lock that cannot be jimmed has long been the goal toward which locksmiths have been striving. Many have been invented, but all have proved failures, because any bolt that shoots horizontally from door to jamb can be forced by a skillful burglar. A patent has recently been issued, however, for a lock in which the bolts drop perpendicularly into sockets and thus fasten the door just as it is hung upon its hinges.

No burglar can jimmy a hinge. In the first place, the hinge is so situated that it is out of sight and reach; in the second place, prying with a jimmy makes the hinge hold tighter. This is precisely what is claimed for this new lock. The illustration shows it open. When it is closed by turning the key the bolts go right through the



sockets and penetrate nearly a quarter of an inch into sockets on the body of the lock, as shown by the dotted lines.

Outside the room nothing shows but a metal circle, and this is concave and countersunk, so that no jimmy can get purchase. It is claimed that the more a burglar tries to pry at this lock the more firmly does it close the door.

Millions in Pigs.

The total value of the pig industry in Ireland increased from £6,887,000 in 1905 to £8,146,000 in 1914. Bacon-curing is carried on by about fifty firms, employing approximately 3,000 hands, and Ireland exports about one-fifth of the total import of bacon to the United Kingdom. The Irish laborer and his family grow more and more dependent, a departmental committee states, to feed and look after pigs, the increased value of the returns from poultry and eggs inclining them rather to that source of income. Small holders do the pig-raising.

His Guess.

"There's only one seat left for to-night, and that's behind a post," said the man in the theater ticket office. "How much is it?" "Why, two dollars." "What's the matter? Isn't the show worth seeing?"

"LADY BIRD" GUARDED PARIS



Miss Helene Dutrieu, twenty-five, pretty and petite, world's champion airwoman who helped guard Paris from air raids in the early part of the war, has come to the United States to lecture on the use of the aeroplane in war. She was decorated by the French government with the ribbon of the Legion of Honor.

Patriotism Makes Her Wealthy.

The other day an old woman came into a bank in Prague and handed to the clerk an antique savings book, which showed a credit of \$48. She asked whether this would serve for the war loan, since she had no other money. She explained that this book was left by will to her mother, who, dying, gave it to her.

"Anyhow," she added timidly, "I would like so much to help a little bit."

The clerk took the book and disappeared. After a while he came back and with him his superiors, including even the president of the bank. And then they broke it gently to her that the book dated since 1836 and that therefore the \$48 amounted now, with compound interest, to about \$3,300.

Without her patriotism she would never have known how rich she was.