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NATIONAL FOREST WEEK STARTS NEXT MONDAY

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE, ON PROCLAMATION, URGES PEOPLE TO PROTECT AND CARE FOR OUR TIMBER

President Coolidge has set National Forest Week for the week of April 27 to May 3. In his proclamation he points out the waste which has attained the pioneer stage of this great resource. He wants this nation to think of the forests as something which must be protected and cared for.

The proclamation follows: "In proclaiming American Forest Week, I desire to bring to the attention of all our people the danger that comes from the neglect of our forests. For several years the nation has observed Forest Protection Week. It is fitting that this observance be enlarged. We have too freely spent the rich and magnificent gift that nature bestowed on us. In our eagerness to use that gift we have stripped our forests; we have permitted fires to lay waste and devour them; we have all too often destroyed the young growth and the seed from which new forests might spring. And though we already feel the first grip of timber shortage, we have barely begun to save and restore.

"We have passed the pioneer stage and are no longer excusable for continuing this unwise dissipation of a great resource. To the nation it means the lack of an elemental necessity and the waste of keeping idle or only partly productive nearly one-fourth of our soil. To our forest-using industries it means unstable investments, the depletion of forest capital, the disbanding of established enterprises, and the decline of one of our most important industrial groups. "Our forests ought to be put to work and kept at work. I do not minimize the obstacles that have to be met, nor the difficulty of changing old ideas and practices. We must all put our hands to this common task. It is not enough that the federal, state and local governments take the lead. There must be a change in our national attitude. Our industries, our landowners, our farmers, all our citizens must learn to treat our forests as crops, to be used but also to be renewed. We must learn to tend our woodlands as carefully as we tend our farms.

"Let us apply to this creative task the boundless energy and skill we have so long spent in harvesting the free gifts of nature. The forests of the future must be started today. Our children are dependent on our course. We are bound by a solemn obligation from which no evasion and no subterfuge will relieve us. Unless we fulfill our sacred responsibility to unborn generations, unless we use with gratitude and with restraint the generous and kindly gifts of Divine Providence, we shall prove ourselves unworthy guardians of a heritage we hold in trust.

"NOW, THEREFORE, I CALVIN COOLIDGE, President of the United States, do recommend to the governors of the various states to designate and set apart the week of April 27-May 3, inclusive, 1925, as American Forest Week, and, wherever practicable and not in conflict with state law or accented customs, to celebrate Arbor Day within that week. And I urge public officials, public and business associations, industrial leaders, forest owners, editors, educators and all patriotic citizens to unite in the common task of forest conservation and renewal."

NATION'S POPULATION NOW NUMBERS NEARLY 113,500,000

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 14.—Unofficial figures completed here by arithmetical calculation indicate that the population of the United States will be 113,500,000 by July. This represents an 8,300,000 increase since the 1920 census, when 105,710,620 persons were living in this country. Of this growth in population, nearly 2,000,000 are credited as immigrants, the remaining 6,000,000 being native born.

The natural increase of births over deaths shows an apparent decline in the unofficial figures and the excess of immigrants over emigrants also has a tendency downward.

The census bureau expects the new immigration restrictions to be a material factor in the country's population in 1930.

DEPOSITORS PLAN FOR REORGANIZATION

UNANIMOUSLY FAVOR WAVING 20 PER CENT OF CLAIMS—MANY WILL TAKE STOCK IN NEW BANK

According to word reaching the Tribune from Bandon, the stockholders of the First National bank of that city, which closed its doors a few weeks ago, were unable, at their meeting last week, to come to any satisfactory conclusion regarding a settlement of matters which might tend to a reopening of the institution. However, the depositors, at their meeting Monday night of this week, attended by a number from Port Orford, Langlois and northern Curry, as well as Bandon and surrounding country, were able to agree upon one point at least—that they were willing to go the limit to aid in reorganization and reopening of the bank.

Almost unanimously they expressed themselves as willing to waive 20 per cent of their claim in deposits, and many signified their intention of taking stock in the reorganization, which would eliminate all the present officers and directors.

The depositors appointed the following committee, which was asked to submit a plan for reorganization and report next Monday night to another meeting of the depositors in Bandon. John F. Gillings, Port Orford; H. H. Hanson, Langlois; L. D. Felsheim, J. E. Walstrom, D. R. Norton, W. H. Pierce and M. Breuer, all of Bandon. Federal Bank Examiner Otto, who came here upon notice from the directors that they had closed the bank's doors, and has been in charge, has left, leaving in charge Dr. C. T. Smith of Salem, who has been appointed receiver, and will continue to look after affairs pending a reorganization, or otherwise.

MUST PAY ASSESSMENTS EVEN AFTER DISAPPEARING INSURED BELIEVED DEAD

A decision of interest to every policy holder in a fraternal or other organization conducting insurance departments has just been handed down by the U. S. Supreme court. In a case from Nebraska of the Modern Woodmen of America against Jennie Vida Mixer, the court held that the insurance companies can require assessments to be paid under a policy after the insured under the laws of the state in which he lived was considered dead.

Under the by-laws of the Modern Woodmen of America its policies do not become payable upon the presumed death of members based on their disappearance. The policies must be kept alive by the payment of assessments during the period the insured was expected to live according to the mortality table of the organization.

HALL AGAIN NAMED HEAD OF COOS AND CURRY TELEPHONE COMPANY

The board of directors of the Coos and Curry Telephone company, at its meeting in Marshfield, recognized merit and results when it re-elected Charles Hall president and general manager. Mr. Hall is state senator from Coos and Curry counties.

E. C. Smith of Hood River and C. E. Hickman of Portland were re-elected vice president and secretary, respectively. These two with Hall form the board of directors. Visiting directors were greatly pleased with progress made by the company during the past year. Two small lines, Sixes-Elk and Bear creek, were added to the system and more than 1000 new subscribers placed on the books.

Approximately \$175,000 was spent during 1925 and about \$100,000 will be expended this year. The new plant in the Hall building will give excellent service for many years to come but an additional section will probably be added in one year. The new system started with 1900 lines which cares for more than 2,000 subscribers.

FARM LOANS SUCCESS.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—Mortgage foreclosures by the federal farm loan system have amounted to only three-tenths of 1 per cent of the loans made in the eight years of existence of the federal land banks and the joint stock land banks, it was disclosed today in an analysis by Commissioner R. A. Cooper.

Port Orford Not to Take Part in Annual Track Meet Which Will Go to Brookings

Flu and LaGrippe Attacks School Children—Brookings Prepared to Give Royal Reception to Visitors—Rivalry to Be Keen in All Events.

(From Curry County Reporter.) The annual track meet and declamatory contest of the schools of Curry county, which has been so successfully conducted during the past two or three years, will, under present calculations, take place this year, although it is very evident that there will be but two big schools contending, Gold Beach and Brookings, since Port Orford, the winner for two straight years, announces that it will not be in the running this year because of so much sickness among its pupils.

Of course, perchance the flu and lagrippe should hit either Brookings or Gold Beach in a similar manner, it would be necessary to either postpone or cancel entirely the meet, but this is hardly thought possible. Last year Brookings did not take part because it was laboring under an epidemic of the measles. Several of the smaller schools will take part, of course.

Then it is also quite likely that the meeting will take place in Brookings, whose teachers, supplemented by the school board, have extended a most urgent invitation to come there, and the present vote shows that a majority of the executive committee favors accepting the same. Brookings has a large community, thus being in better position to ably entertain a large crowd; it has a splendid theater building in which to hold the declamatory contest, and thirdly, and probably most important, has an excellent field for the track meet events. And after all, it wouldn't be a bad idea to visit Brookings, say those actively managing the annual event, because it creates a better spirit and

INTERESTING TALK BY MR. KINCAID

Sunday evening, April 19th, the Christian Endeavor Society met at the church, Jessie Ponting being leader. Mr. Kincaid gave a very interesting talk which was appreciated by all. He has also promised his help toward making the Endeavor a success.

Oregon Coast Country Leads In Wonderful Side-Trip Drives

There are many beautiful and wonderful side-trip drives all over the state of Oregon, but when it comes to a diversity of wonders the tourists themselves give us the word that the western Oregon coast country leads all other localities.

This Paradise Wonderland of Oregon is a very small part of this great realm of Uncle Sam, and yet there are millions of Americans who have never seen the place, and to set their eyes upon it they would go into raptures over this God's own country supreme, still primitive, undeveloped, untrammelled, untrod.

When our highways are in such state that motoring will be a pleasure, then people by the thousands and tens

TO PROCLAIM GENERAL CLEANUP DAY SOON

Mrs. O. Post and Mrs. C. C. Wright entertained the members of the Civic Improvement Club last Thursday afternoon. The members are very happy that the epidemic is leaving town. Our meetings will be regular again and a general cleanup of epidemic and other useless debris about town was discussed. A committee was appointed to discuss this matter with the Chamber of Commerce. It is hoped that the folks in and about town will enter this cleanup project in the proper spirit as the beautifying of our city, its tidyness and general appearance must be finished that we may attract the tourists of the coming season. The club also appeals to the town people to preserve the beautiful rhododendron and azalea shrubs about the commons. A date for general cleanup will soon be proclaimed.

DIPHTHERIA CAUSES DEATH ON ELK RIVER

Dr. Gale was called twice Monday to see Drusilla and Dolly Myrtle, called Billie, both ill with diphtheria. They are children of Wm. Hurst, Jr., on Elk River.

Billie died Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The family is quarantined. As a result of the presence of the disease the Port Orford schools were dismissed Monday for the remainder of the week, and the rooms have been thoroughly disinfected.

BEACH COMBING PROVES SUCCESSFUL

Beach combing has been profitable the past week in the vicinity of Port Orford. Not less than fifteen thousand feet of surfaced lumber from the Daisy Putnam's cargo has been picked up from Brush creek to Cape Blanco, fruits of the recent southwest wind.

PORT ORFORD'S NEW THEATRE TO OPEN EARLY IN MAY

It is expected that the new theatre at Port Orford will be nearly enough completed to start "visions on the silver screen" in May. H. M. Axtell has been in Myrtle Point the past few days dismantling opera chairs and projection equipment from the Unique Theatre, recently replaced by the big \$40,000 cement Hyland.

AID IS ENTERTAINED

The Ladies Aid met at the home of Mrs. E. F. Wann last Wednesday, with fourteen members and three visitors present. The work for Mrs. Sweet, which the Aid is doing, is almost completed. Mrs. Sweet sang several beautiful songs, which were greatly enjoyed by all present. The refreshments consisted of sandwiches, waffles, cake and coffee. The next meeting will be with Mrs. N. H. Larson.

ERRATIC MUSINGS.

By M. T. W.
We called again at the old homestead
The land of our childhood dreams,
We wandered through its winding lanes
We sat beside its streams.
But the place is not the same to us
It's changed in every way.
Where once our mother's flowers bloomed
There are only weeds today.
The building, too, neglected stands,
All broken past repair,
The shutters all blown down and gone
And there's cobwebs on the stair.
The bench beneath the Sycamore,
Where once we loved to rest,
Is overgrown with cockleburrs
There wood rats build their nest.
The old rail fence along the creek
Has fallen in decay.
The little bridge that spanned the stream
Has long since washed away.
Where once the place with laughter rang
And all was joy and love,
No sound to break the stillness now
Save the passing crows above.
The blue grass on the lawn is dead
The roses have ceased to bloom,
Where once we heard the tinkling bells
Is now but quiet gloom.
We turn away to hide our grief
And dry our weeping eyes,
As we think how sad that the hand of fate
Must break these family ties.

NO REGULAR GRAND JURY CALLED FOR SPRING COURT

ONLY LIQUOR CASE IS THACKER'S APPEAL—FIVE DIVORCE SUITS—MAY DECIDE COUNTY'S FINANCIAL STANDING

Circuit court for Curry county is to convene at Gold Beach next Monday, but cases so far filed, with two or three exceptions, hold nothing out or ordinary interest. Judge Kendall will reach Gold Beach Thursday night from Coos county, and on Friday and Saturday will hear motions, arguments on demurrers, etc., and on Monday will call the jury. Because of the lack of criminal cases, no special grand jury will be called, thus saving the county quite a little sum. There will be a grand jury, however, chosen from the petit jury.

The only liquor case so far noted is that of the appeal of Frank Thacker from the justice court of M. T. Wright of Port Orford, who imposed a fine of \$500 for infraction of the prohibition law.

Cases of importance to be heard have largely to do with Curry county's financial standing, being the condemnation suit against C. T. Walker for right-of-way for the Bagnell Ferry-Agness forest road; case of J. R. Browning vs. Curry county court and county officers, questioning the legality of the warrants that were to have been paid from the proceeds of the \$95,000 issue of bonds voted by the people last November, and the mandamus case of Geo. D. Wood vs. H. Backensto, as county treasurer, to stop the payment of all current warrants until such time as past due warrants have been paid.

A total of five divorce suits, the greatest number ever on file at any one term of court, will be up for hearing. Almost one-half of the cases docketed come from the northern part of Curry county.

PIONEER, ALMOST 100 YEARS OLD, PASSES AWAY

Word was received Saturday of the death of A. Sorenson of Wilcox, Wash., grandfather of Mrs. E. A. Lindberg, Mrs. R. G. McKenzie, Karine and Benn Sorenson of Port Orford, and Dennis and Sam Sorenson of Marshfield.

Mr. Sorenson was born in Sundford, Bergen county, Norway, May 17, 1830, and died April 18, 1925, at the age of 94 years and 11 months. He was widely traveled, having owned and operated three sailing vessels before coming to America to live. He was a western pioneer, moving from Fargo, N. D., to Oregon with his family in the early seventies, thence to Winlock, where he has since resided. At the time of his death he was the oldest living resident of that city.

CAPE BLANCO LOSES RIGHT TO CLAIM BEING MOST WESTERLY POINT

According to the following from the Oregonian Cape Blanco lacks just .07 degree longitude of being the most westerly point in the United States:

TWO PACIFIC CAPES.

PORT ORFORD, Ore., April 13.—(To the Editor)—Please give me the degrees of longitude and latitude of Cape Blanco and Cape Flattery. Which is the most westerly?

TO BUILD CONCRETE BLOCK HOUSES

Roy Ostrander has bought a cement block machine to Port Orford and will install it on his block near the fill on the highway in the north end of town, where he plans to erect two cement block bungalows. The sand here has proven especially adaptable to all kinds of concrete work, and it is thought that this is a step in the right direction for better building construction.

FIRST STRAWBERRIES OF SEASON ARE HERE

Mrs. W. E. Robinson brought four boxes of home grown strawberries to town Tuesday.