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It is a time-robbing event, the transporting of a pouch of mail across the ocean that in the beginning required thirty dangerous days in sailing vessels in sixteen hours.

The development of aerial navigation has progressed so rapidly in the past four years that another four may see regular mail and fast passenger service established across the oceans within the light of a single day, and it may be possible that man in less than a week, may fly around the earth. Truly the earth is a small sphere, and this is a fast age.

WATER'S MAGIC

There is no denying or sidestepping the fact that crops throughout the interior of the state were damaged by the recent freeze.

The development since the heavy drop in temperature, however, shows that on land that was well watered the crops suffered the least, and where water has been supplied to crops since that time, wonderful growth has resulted.

Where little or no crops were raised in former years, a considerable tonnage of hay and some grain will be harvested this year, even with the very small supply of water.

With an abundance for irrigation next year and the years to come, the result will be much more marked of course, and it may well be said that the land is worthless or next to worthless without water, while with it the actual value is difficult to estimate, but will be very high.

IRRIGATION DEVELOPMENT AND NEEDS IN STATE

The edition of the Portland Telegram of June 11 was one of the most noteworthy efforts ever produced in the west by a newspaper. All phases of development of the state were amply treated, many illustrations and articles by able people, authorities on the subjects treated were featured.

The unselfish, broad way in which different sections of the state, especially Portland's competing city for Columbia shipping, Astoria, were treated, shows the broad able scope of the Telegram mind, an attitude that will make that the leading publication of the Pacific Slope in the years to come.

An article, accompanied by illustrations, on the irrigation needs and development of the state, written by Jay H. Upton, of this city, is well worth our reproduction. It follows:

There are about 800,000 acres of land more or less in Oregon irrigated at the present time. There are 4,500,000 acres of land which it is possible to irrigate, and there are 2,500,000 acres of land, mostly in the Willamette valley, which requires drainage because it is either sour or overflowed at certain seasons of the year. These lands which are adjacent to the creek beds and which can be irrigated by running a small ditch immediately to them, are all under irrigation, and the simple methods of the farmers when the plow and furrow were enough to bring the water from the creek to his land no longer provide the means of transporting water, but it is necessary to build canals of large size, sometimes carrying water for miles and building reservoirs in streams to conserve the winter flow for summer use.

To do this it is necessary for the farmers jointly to build the projects and the law has provided for the creation of a farmers' municipality under the name of an irrigation district or drainage district with power to vote bonds under state approval, with the further power to levy taxes to pay the interest and principal of these bonds. Four million dollars of irrigation bonds have been sold in Oregon during the past two years and this money is now being expended in building irrigation systems to reclaim 100,000 acres of land in this development is going on in the Ochoco project, in Crook county, the Warm Springs project in Malheur county, the Grants

Pass and Talent projects in Josephine county, and the Teal project in Umatilla county, which is about ready to begin construction.

The only obstacle to the immediate development of this mighty area of 7,000,000 acres is the lack of a market for the bonds issued by these farmers, but such a market is rapidly being secured. A large part of these 7,000,000 acres is privately owned, but improved by irrigation or drainage, intensive farming would result and the large unproductive areas of pasture or dry farm land would be converted into veritable garden spots.

Less than one third of the people of Oregon live on farms; each farm in Oregon maintains three persons in the city of Portland, and before Portland can hope to become a greater metropolis it will be necessary to build up the farming communities tributary to Portland.

For half a century Oregon has exerted herself to secure federal appropriations to build jetties for her harbor and locks for her rivers and dredges for the sand bars, but she has failed to secure federal assistance to improve her farms. On the other hand, Washington, her neighbor, has allowed Oregon to worry about her ports, while she and Idaho and California have secured millions and millions of dollars to build irrigation systems.

Irrigation is not new—it is the oldest science known to man. It was practiced by all the ancients; Biblical lore, Grecian myth, ancient and modern history is full of accurate account and description of the methods and benefits of irrigation, and in every country and place in the world, whether among the Chinese, Indians, Europeans or aboriginal Americans, farming by the scientific application of water to land in the proper seasons and in the proper quantities has been practiced except in Oregon.

Seven million acres of land, all over the state of Oregon, worthless because they produce no wealth and useless because they do not bear the burden of taxation, by drainage or by irrigation can be made wealth producing so that there will be more wealth from which to derive taxes and more products raised. Oregon will never become a great state in wealth, population or business until the unused back country is made productive. The country will build the cities and until the men in the cities begin to develop the back country there can be no great development of the cities.

PRESENT-DAY PROBLEMS DISCUSSED

Joel Eastman Lectures on "Victory Day."

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builder of new enterprises, he will impress you as having a large vision of life and a powerful grasp of his subject. He understands "folks" and gets close to them. Nature has endowed him with some of those qualities which she put into the pioneer builders of our nation and at the same time put a twinkle in his eye. You will like him and enjoy every minute with him.

Wheat Yield More Than Billion.
Washington.—A wheat production of 1,236,000,000 bushels this year combining the winter wheat and spring wheat crop was forecast by the department of agriculture from the condition of the crop June 1.

Germans in Battle With Baltic Armies.
Stockholm.—Estonian forces have clashed with German landwehr troops in the region east of Riga, where Lettish detachments have also been in serious fighting with the Germans, according to an official statement.

As reported out of the house military committee, the 1920 army bill carries only \$810,000,000, a decrease of \$400,000,000 from the estimates of the war department.

Creation of a permanent United States employment service as part of the department of labor is provided for in a bill introduced in the senate by Senator Kenyon, Iowa.

Director General Hines estimates that the railroad administration incurred a deficit of \$58,000,000 in April, making a total deficit of \$250,000,000 for the first four months of the year. Major-General Mencher, director of the air service, announced that requests from over the country for aeronautical exhibits on July 4 had so taxed the air service that it would be impossible to give consideration to new applications.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

Newport postoffice will be second class after July 1.

Mayor Albin of Salem has announced his intention of resigning to take up farming.

Sheridan was represented at the Portland Victory Rose Festival by a girls' band of 24 pieces.

A chapter of the American Legion has been formed by the returned soldiers of Klamath county.

The school board asks the people of Portland to vote next Saturday on a bond issue of \$2,500,000.

R. F. Jones, state representative from Lincoln and Polk counties, has resigned as mayor of Newport.

The mill of the Hardwood Lumber company at Albany was destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of \$10,000.

The 47th annual reunion of the Oregon Pioneer association was opened in the Portland auditorium Thursday, June 19.

Ralph Tudor of Sutchern, Or., was appointed to West Point military academy by Senator Chamberlain and will enter immediately.

A new deposit of gold has been discovered on the beach at Newport near the old life saving station and is causing much excitement.

Influenza is reaching worrying proportions at Hood River. Scores of residents of the county have fallen victims to the epidemic.

Corvallis carpenters have recently formed a union and henceforth will ask for \$6 per day of eight hours. The wage was formerly \$5.

Fifty business men and dairymen met at Yamhill and took preliminary steps toward organizing a cooperative creamery and cheese factory.

Two fatalities are included in the list of 460 accidents reported to the state industrial accident commission for the week ending June 12.

The store of the Hill Hardware company at Harrisburg was broken into and goods to the value of \$200 and \$100 in cash were taken by the robber.

Two thousand out-of-town Victory Rose Festival guests were accommodated in Portland private homes, according to statistics compiled at the housing bureau.

The Roach Timber company, holder of 55,000 acres of timber in Douglas county, will soon begin the construction of 20 miles of railroad and two large sawmills in Sutherlin valley.

The Dailies entertained delegates to the G. A. R. convention which met there Tuesday. The soldiers of the civil war were welcomed warmly by the residents and an enjoyable program arranged.

Colonel John L. Leader, military commandant and instructor at the University of Oregon, has tendered his resignation to President Campbell and will leave at the end of the term for British Columbia.

The oil possibilities of Coos county are to be investigated thoroughly. Senator McNary has sent word to the North Bend chamber of commerce that he has arranged for a government man to come to this locality for the purpose.

Marion McClain of Eugene has been selected as successor to Dean H. Walker as graduate manager of student activities at the University of Oregon. Mr. McClain is a graduate with the class of 1906 and has been in business in Eugene since.

The need for \$125,000 worth of repairs, reconstruction and improvements on the Central Oregon irrigation project is given as the chief reason for an advance from 80 cents to \$2 per acre in maintenance fees charged settlers.

The famous old battleship Oregon has been taken out of commission at the Puget Sound navy yard and will remain there pending decision by Oregon as to whether that state desires to take over the vessel for the Oregon naval militia.

Four more alien slackers were forever barred from becoming American citizens by an order of Circuit Judge Eakin at Astoria. Approximately 20 foreign born residents of this section have been denied citizenship because they evaded the military draft.

Shortage of creosote oil and other essential material has caused the West Coast Lumbermen's association to abandon its project for underwriting a portion of the cost of putting down five miles of wood block paving on the Pacific highway in Oregon.

Within 30 days, drilling for oil will be under way in Yamhill county. In the hope of developing a great supply of oil and natural gas, which would be of incalculable value to the state and to Portland, a number of Portland men of means have united in undertaking the preliminary work which will determine whether or not oil deposits underly large areas in the Willamette valley.

Foreign-language papers printed in the United States may be barred from the public libraries of Portland, if the book committee of the library association reports favorably on a suggestion which W. F. Woodward made at the monthly meeting of the directors.

After the most vigorous fight ever known in the history of the Mystic Shrine of North America, the imperial council in session at Indianapolis, by a vote of 359 to 142, decided on holding the 46th imperial council session in Portland, Or., June 8 to 11, 1920.

The Portland extension division of the University of Oregon will open its summer school June 23 and continue until August 1. Courses will be given in ethics, drawing, music, biology, physics, public speaking, education, literature, French, Spanish and psychology.

President Kerr of Oregon agricultural college was the orator at the flag day exercises at the McMinnville auditorium under the auspices of McMinnville lodge of Elks, following a parade, in which the Elks, Oddfellows and other organizations participated.

The application of the public service commission for a reduced rate on the transportation of the Oregon fish car, has been declined by the federal railroad administration on the ground that such preference is not justified and could not be acceptably explained under centralized control.

Miss Fern Hobbs, formerly secretary to Governor Oswald West, has been appointed chief of the home communication section of the American Red Cross in France, according to the Red Cross bulletin of Paris under date of May 17. Miss Hobbs entered the Red Cross service last summer.

William Rumley, colored, 89 years old, who is the oldest settler in Curry county, has proved up on a homestead far up the Rogue river. Rumley was born in slavery and came west with his eleventh master in the gold rush of '49 in California. He later came to Oregon and settled in Curry county in 1887.

Further difficulties encountered by the Phez company in procuring loganberries enough for its various fruit juice products are disclosed in a new suit filed at Salem against the Salem Fruit union, in which the plaintiff company seeks to restrain the fruit union from disposing of its loganberry pool to any others than the plaintiff.

Marshfield, North Bend, East Side, Coquille and Myrtle Point face a condition which may result in suspension of electric power and light, if the intention of the receivers of the C. A. Smith property to withdraw permission to the Oregon Power company to operate the electric plant at the main Marshfield mill is allowed to be carried out.

Courses of study for public schools and high schools of Oregon will not be ready for distribution until late in August, according to announcement by J. A. Churchill, superintendent of public instruction. The change in textbooks for the coming six years necessitates a delay by the educational department in mapping out the courses of study for the fall term.

No material change in the cost of living is to be found in a comparison of the figures submitted on provisions for the state institutions in bids opened by the state board of control, as compared with the figures of six months ago. While some items show material reductions in price in the six months period, other items offset this gain by just as material increases.

Gene Simpson, who has been raising pheasants for years and whose pheasant farm recently was acquired by the state, has been placed in charge of pheasant production by the state game and fish commission. The commission decided to close the pheasant season on October 13 this year as a means of protecting the birds and to purchase as many pheasants as possible, releasing them after the season closes. The commission's farm at Corvallis will have 3300 birds this year.

At the close of the fourteenth business session in Portland, C. S. Hudson, president of the First National bank of Bend, was elected president of the Oregon State Bankers' association for the ensuing year. The association voted approval of a proposition under which the banks are to assess themselves one-twenty-fifth of 1 per cent of capital and surplus to create a fund for organized effort directed by the association toward encouragement of the breeding of high-grade stock and increased output of crops.

Of the 4534 automobiles registered with the secretary of state's office during May, 3317 were new cars, according to a report just compiled. With a total of 69,693 cars registered up to June 1 it is expected that the total registrations for 1919 will reach and even exceed the estimate of 80,000 which has formed the basis for figures in connection with anticipated revenues from this source for use in improving and maintaining state highways in Oregon. Revenues from license fees—motor vehicle, motorcycle, dealer and chauffeur—received during May totaled \$37,290, bringing the total for this year thus far to \$516,235.50, an increase of more than 25 per cent over the showing of \$408,677.50 for the same period a year ago.

REWARD

We note that Road Supervisors and property owners make a practice of burning weeds, that accumulate along the fences adjacent to our power lines. This practice is dangerous, as it damages the power lines and places the life of persons who may come in contact with a down wire in danger of instant death.

We are compelled to offer a reward to stop this dangerous practice. We will pay \$25 to any one giving us information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person who in any way may cause our lines or any of our property to be damaged.

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TWO MEET DEATH IN PLANE

Valla Walla Ranchman and Army Mechanician Victims.

Portland, Ore.—W. B. Hutchinson, wealthy rancher of Dayton, Wash., and former officer in the American flying service, and Sergeant John Milkowski, mechanic in the United States aviation service, were instantly killed when an airplane in which they were making a flight over the city crashed nose first to the ground in Eastmoreland from a height of little more than 200 feet.

The plane, which was a Curtiss type training machine, was owned by Hutchinson. He was here on his way to his home in Washington, where he owns two large ranches, it being his intention to use the plane as a means of communication between them.

U. S. Airmen Outfight Germans.

Washington.—American fliers inflicted upon the Germans double the loss they suffered in airplanes and balloons. An official report announced that 755 German planes and 71 balloons had been destroyed, while the American losses were 357 planes and 43 balloons, only victories which have been absolutely confirmed being credited to American fliers.

Auto Owners Attention!

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LATE GOVERNOR LISTER

Ernest Lister, governor of Washington, who died Saturday in a Seattle hospital after a long illness.

THE MARKETS

Portland

Oats—No. 2 white feed, \$52 per ton.

Barley—Standard feed, \$52.50 a ton.

Corn—Whole, \$75; cracked, \$77.

Hay—Timothy, \$36@37 per ton; alfalfa, \$28.

Butter—Creamery, 52c per pound.

Eggs—Ranch, 43c per dozen.

Poultry—Hens, 25c; broilers, 25@30c.

Seattle

Hay—Eastern Washington timothy, \$38 per ton; alfalfa, \$32 per ton.

Butter—Creamery, 55c per pound.

Eggs—Ranch, 46c per dozen.

Potatoes—Yakima, \$40@45 per ton; local, \$30@35.

Poultry—Hens, heavy dressed, 40@42c; light, 36@40c; live, 36@39c; broilers, dressed, 40c; roosters, dressed, 27c; ducks, live, 38c; dressed, 41@42c; geese, live, 33@34c, dressed 38c; turkeys, dressed, 45@48c; live, 34c.