

TRADE GROWING

Dun Reports Crop Outlook Better. Wool Market Continues Slow

Dun's Review, business authority, makes the following statement for Oregon on September 1:

Jobbing trade with the interior is growing in volume and retail business, as usual, light at this time of year, gives indication of a material betterment in the early fall months.

Reports of crop prospects, particularly for the cereals, have improved. The decrease in wheat, as compared with last year, may not be over 20 per cent, though earlier in the season a half crop was expected. Tidewater mills are preparing for a record output, as it is expected the export wheat surplus will be shipped from the coast in the form of flour. An increase of at least 40 per cent in the fall-sown wheat acreage is indicated by reports from the Oregon grain districts.

The shipbuilding industry is operating full time, with no labor troubles anticipated, and on all new work the yards will be given up to government contracts. The lumber market is strong, with prospects of a steady improvement in the demand. The first orders for airplane spruce, aggregating 1,000,000 feet a month, have been placed here by federal agents, who are also representing the allied governments. The price has been fixed tentatively at \$105 a thousand. A better eastern inquiry is developing for fruits, especially apples. Trading in new crop dried prunes is limited, as packers and growers are apart in their ideas as to prices. The hop market has turned very strong since it became assured the brewing industry would not be interfered with this year. New crop contracts are in demand at 35c., with few sellers. Reduced acreage and an

unusually dry season, have brought the Oregon hop crop down to less than half of normal. All live stock prices are advancing and hogs are at record mark, the demand being far in excess of the supply. There is now a heavy run of Chinook salmon in the Columbia river, and canners are regaining much of the loss on the early pack caused by the spring freshet. The wool market continues inactive, with the holders of the large stocks stored here asking prices above what buyers will consider.

CITY WELCOMES TROOPS

Enterprising Chamber of Commerce Sends Letter Telling Plans

Charlotte, N. C., Sept. 1, 1917. To the People of Oregon: The United States government has selected Charlotte, North Carolina, as the site of one of the mobilization camps and the war department has decreed that the troops from your state will be stationed here.

The Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, the Charlotte Ministerial association, and the Young Men's Christian association take occasion, therefore, to express their pleasure at this decision and to assure the troops and all those whose interest in them is closest and affectionate, of the welcome which awaits them.

We wish the troops who come to us to use the offices and facilities of our organizations freely in whatever way may be of advantage to them. We extend the same invitation to those who visit the soldiers in this camp and we pledge the hospitality and hearty welcome of our entire citizenship both to the troops and to their friends.

Very sincerely,
CHARLOTTE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

OREGON CITY EDITORS TO TALK AT NEWPORT

With a splendid program outlined for their convention, the newspaper editors of the Willamette valley are to gather at Newport next week-end. There will be clam bake, a barbecue, trips on the bay and to scenic points around Newport. A large crowd is assured by Secretary Elbert Bede. Both E. E. Brodie, editor of the Enterprise, and C. W. Robey, editor of the Courier, will attend the convention and will be on the program. Mr. Robey will talk on "Estimating Job Printing," and Mr. Brodie's subject is "Legal Rates."

The program is as follows: "My Experience in Raising Advertising Rates"—Frank Jenkins, Register, Eugene; "Are Patents and Plates Really Readable and Worth What They Cost"—C. J. McIntosh, Press Bulletin, Oregon Agricultural college; "Country Newspaper Competition, and What is the Proper Balance of Pay and Other Matter in the Country Newspaper?"—A. K. Micky, Valley Progress, Junction City; "Why We Don't Run a Job Shop in Connection with Paper"—W. H. Hornbrook, Democrat, Albany; "Value of the County Unit in Organization"—F. S. Minshall, Review, Philomath; "Does It Pay to Give Premiums?"—J. P. Hurley, News-Times, Forest Grove; "Guaranteed Circulation"—J. E. Shelton, Guard, Eugene; "Shall We Take Out-of-Town Advertising?"—J. C. Dimm, News, Springfield; "Estimating on Job Work"—C. W. Robey, Courier, Oregon City; "Getting and Charging for Foreign Advertising"—Bert R. Greer, Tidings, Astoria; "Legal Rates"—E. E. Brodie, Enterprise, Oregon City; "Should the Government Pay for Liberty Loan Advertising?"—G. J. Taylor, Pioneer, Molalla; "Space Wasters"—H. V. Meade,

Walnut Book, Orenco; "Woman's Place in the Country Newspaper Field"—Edythe Tozier Weathered, of Oregon; "Boosting Oregon—My Department and the Newspapers"—Orlo D. Center, Director Extension department, O. A. C.; "The Newspapers and Our Public Institutions"—W. C. DePew, Criterion, Lebanon; "Vocal Music"—N. R. Moore, of Corvallis.

A Valuable Health Hint

If the bowels are not working regularly, undigested food in the stomach may set up a condition of auto-intoxication and pollute the whole system with poisons in the blood stream. Foley Cathartic Tablets keep the bowels open and regular, the liver active and the stomach sweet. They cause no pain, nausea nor griping. They relieve indigestion, sick headache, biliousness, sour stomach, bad breath or other conditions caused by clogged bowels.—Jones Drug Co.

Government Wants Help

The U. S. Civil Service commission announces that an examination for stenographer and typewriter for men and women and for typewriter only, for men and women, will be held in 45 different cities in the northwest on September 15, 1917. The usual entrance salaries are from \$900 to \$1200 per annum. All qualified stenographers and typewriters are urged to apply for and take the coming examination.

Butson Will Probated

The will of John E. Butson of Willsonville has been filed for probate in the county court. The will covers an estate valued at \$3,999, comprising real estate, implements and stock.

Courier and Daily Journal—\$4.75.

A STRANGE PEOPLE

Red Heads of Asiatic Turkey Last of the Baal Worshipers.

HAVE SOME QUEER CUSTOMS.

All Males Wear Red Caps and Around Their Throats Red Knotted Cords and Allow Their Wives to Beat Them—All Babies Are Salted When Born.

Strange people are the Red Heads of Asiatic Turkey. They are the last of the Baal worshippers. The men wear red caps; hence their name Red Heads. They also wear red knotted cords around their necks. The cord is put on during babyhood and is never removed. It is interred with the body after death. They share their heads and except for a patch on the top, and here they allow the hair to grow long and plait it into pigtails, which bang about their ears. They are tall, wiry fellows, with enormous appetites for both food and drink.

The women, who do not veil themselves and who dress simply in loose fitting garments, are thin and spare, but wonderfully strong. In their homes they wear breeches as well as skirts. There is no wife beating among the Red Heads, but plenty of husband beating. The husbands take their frequent chastisements meekly and patiently. They employ themselves, both the women and the men, in agriculture and theft. They produce a couple of crops, tobacco and durra. The rest of their time is given up to looting the Turks' crops and cattle.

In the center of every village there is a small circle railed off, and in this space there is planted the special religious emblem, an evergreen oak. No one except the father priest of the village enters the enclosed ground, which is decorated with small flags, strings of coins and bright colored beads. Around and about the circle the Red Heads celebrate the only religious festival known to them, "the gathering of the new moon," which takes place every month. Directly a new moon makes its appearance the people are called together by a lay priest beating a barrel shaped drum stuck end up on the ground.

Fires are lit, the cooking utensils placed thereon and the sheep killed by the priest, who sprinkles a little of the animals' blood on the oak, and the carcasses flayed and cut up into joints and the latter cooked over the fires, before which millet and wheat cakes are by this time baking on huge flags. In the meantime tables on trestles are set up and laid with wooden plates, horn spoons and steel knives and forks, and soon the feasting begins. The women wait on the men, who gorge steadily for about an hour and then, while their wives and daughters are clearing up the little they have left, indulge in dancing, drinking and general merriment.

No religious formality marks the feast, no blessing or benediction or grace. Indeed, not at birth or burial or marriage do these survivors of the ancient Baal worshippers employ any formula or observe anything in the nature of a religious ceremony. They have no Bible, no prayer book, no liturgy, no place of worship. Their one and only sanctuary is the sacred tree inclosure, their only religious symbol the evergreen oak.

When a baby is born it is warmly clothed, placed on a large wooden platter and taken to the priest, who, in front of the sacred tree, strips it and salts it. Probably this accounts for the few Red Heads that now survive, it being said that their numbers have dwindled to a mere seven or eight thousand. For the service the priest is always given a shoulder from the sheep which it is usual to kill on such occasions and which forms the principal item in the birth feast. Other duties that the priest has to carry out are the cutting of three horizontal cuts with a dagger just above the level of the eyebrows on the forehead of the dead and the settling of all disputes.

When a couple becomes engaged the woman spends most of her time cooking dainty and tasty dishes and trotting round with them to her lover's home, followed by her father with wine and spirits. Break of promise is almost unknown, for the youth who jilts has his throat cut. An erring husband is hanged on some remote tree by the red cord he wears round his neck, and the body is left as a warning to others. An erring wife mysteriously disappears, and no questions are asked. A man who deserts his wife also is hanged, while the woman who deserts her husband is compelled to return to him.

There is a secret ceremony of initiation which every Red Head is compelled to undergo on attaining his seventeenth birthday. It involves seclusion for seven days and going without food and drink for three days. At the termination of this preliminary test the youth is taught certain passwords and grips by which he may recognize his brethren and a red circle is tattooed on his breast. The strange people live on terms of friendship with the whole of their neighbors, with the exception of the Turks, whom they hate and treat accordingly.—J. C. Bristow-Noble in London Globe.

Gave Him Pause.

"Will you marry me?"
"If mother says so, all right."
"Hum! Is mother going to decide all our questions for us in case this marriage takes place?"—Kansas City Journal.

Nothing is politically right which is morally wrong.—O'Connell.

Safe Remedy for Children

Every parent is, or should be, careful in giving medicine to children. Chas. Baker, Brownsville, Tex., writes: "For some years past I have used Foley's Honey and Tar and have found it especially efficient for bad coughs of my children. I always recommend it to my friends as a safe remedy for children, as it contains no opiates. My wife would not think of using any other kind of cough medicine as it is certain to bring quick and lasting relief." It checks croup.—Jones Drug Co.

\$50 Reward
Lost—near Willott Springs, Sunday, August 19th, Ladies' Opal ring containing 22 small diamonds, also Ladies' Lavalliere on gold chain with three pendant diamonds. A reward of \$50 will be paid for their return or information leading to their recovery. Address office Peoples Theatre, Portland, Oregon.
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