

PORTLAND BANKS TO... \$1,000,000... Subscriptions to Treasury Certificates Already Aggregated \$700,000.

RATE OF INTEREST RAISED... Issue of Temporary Securities Can Be Redeemed July 1 or Converted Into War-Lion Bonds at Purchaser's Option.

Portland banks are ready to subscribe at least \$1,000,000 to the recently authorized issue of \$200,000,000 in Treasury certificates.

The Treasury Department yesterday raised the rate on these securities from 2 1/2 per cent to 3 per cent and this is expected to stimulate buying substantially.

The biggest individual purchaser in Portland is the First National Bank, which bought \$500,000 worth of United States National bonds \$100,000 and the Northwestern National \$100,000.

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While none of the state banks in Portland is a member of the Federal reserve system, it is understood that some of them contemplate purchases of the new bonds, paying 3 1/2 per cent, at any time prior to that date that the war bonds are available.

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month. It states we can be of service in civilian capacities, but all enterprises to define such capacities and accord us an opportunity to be of service are carefully stepped.

As a last resort we herewith appeal to the best friend of the deaf who ever graced the executive mansion. You are about to organize a division, please dispatches report. Please, Colonel, we ask, help, grave, solicit, entreat, beseech, implore and supplicate you to give us some of the chance to make good!

Give us deaf a chance with your division. If not in the fighting line, at least fighting deaf men should be unexcelled, inasmuch as the whistle of shot, bursting of shells and shrieks of the wounded, even tried veterans—if not in the fighting line, at least in the ambulance and ambulance drivers, or anything—anything, as long as we get a chance to serve our country and of necessary die for their country.

Colonel, one month after receiving your orders we guarantee to have ready at your disposal fully thousands of deaf men, physically perfect, save for the sense of hearing.

Give us a chance. Just one chance! Yours for the deaf—and America. MEAGHER.

'SILENT FIGHTERS' NUMBERED Teacher in Oregon Deaf School Lists Possible Volunteers.

SALEM, Or., April 20.—(Special.)—Thurs. A. Lindstrom, teacher at the Oregon school for the deaf, is engaged in securing a list of possible volunteers in the vicinity to ascertain who among them will help to make up a regiment of deaf men to offer their services to Colonel Roosevelt.

Mr. Lindstrom states that statistics of the present war show the deaf rank high among the fighting men of Europe.

They heard today that Sherwood's name had been withdrawn, and this was responsible for the prompt action.

FINED FOR EXCESSIVE SPEED IS TO MEET TODAY Plans to Use Every Available Lot and Tract to Increase Yield Will Be Laid.

PEAS ARE BEING GROWN Traffic Manager Reports 50,000 Acres in Eastern Oregon Are Being Planted—Children May Harvest Berry Crop.

How to make Oregon's agricultural areas yield the maximum in food production is the question that will be presented at a mass meeting of delegates representing all the agricultural, commercial and economic interests of the state at the Chamber of Commerce today.

The meeting was held by W. J. Kerr, president of the Oregon Agricultural College, and is expected to do something more than adopt a resolution and disband.

Dr. Kerr realizes the importance of assembling the resources of the state in the task of increasing the food supply, not only of this country but of the European nations.

It is apparent that the people of the Northwest are prepared and willing to do their share toward increasing the food supply of the Nation.

Mayor Ralph Buys Towboat. SAN FRANCISCO, April 20.—With the coming of the Humboldt mills to furnish lumber for his recently acquired shipyard at Eureka, Mayor James Rolph, of San Francisco, today announced that he had purchased a tug to transport lumber barges from Puget Sound to Eureka.

ASTORIA, Or., April 20.—(Special.)—A mass meeting of fully 400 fishermen met at the Columbia River today to protest against the law enacted at the recent session of the Legislature forbidding the sale in Oregon of salmon during the Columbia River closed seasons.

ASTORIA, Or., April 20.—(Special.)—Three thousand pounds of halibut were brought in by a schooner arriving today from the fishing banks off the Columbia River.

ASTORIA, Or., April 20.—(Special.)—The new auxiliary schooner Marguerite was shifted this afternoon from the yard of the McEachern shipyard, where her engines, which are now on board, will be installed and the finishing touches be put on the vessel.

BIG FOLK GRADUATE Simmer of "Melting Pot" Is Seen at Ladd School. NIGHT CLASS ALL ALIENS Patriotism and Love for Adopted Country Shown—Grown-Ups Do Stunts Displaying Accomplishments to Friends.

European war trophies are being gathered on the waterfront in the way of prizes for the Ladd school.

One could see the "melting pot" simmer at the Ladd school when the graduation exercises for the night school were held, and a class of 14 out of a student body representing 34 different nationalities received certificates.

Truly, it was a sight to kindle enthusiasm and patriotism. These graduates from the eighth grade were not children such as ordinarily seen closing the grammar school with their graduation exercises.

There were tenor singers with voices of golden Italy, and there were singers from the Orient, singing the world's Oriental melodies that defy accidental notation; accordion solos, guitar solos, halting speeches of the night school—each one acquired so laboriously in the night school— and accompanied by good-natured laughter from the audience.

Belva Tobin, a bit of a fairy, danced like a sunbeam, while her father and mother, and her aunt and cousin, approval in their soft, dark Mediterranean eyes.

Domino Bombardier and Nick Darden and Jerry Schiller and a trio consisting of Filippo Ruffio, Giovanni Icassio and M. Amato gave songs and instrumental selections, and the performances were well interspersed by solos by some of the members of the faculty.

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AMUSEMENTS. BAKER Broadway & Morrison "Always a Show of Quality." THE ALCAZAR PLAYERS In the Season's Dramatic Triumph THE HOUSE OF GLASS

ORPHEUM AT HELIG THEATER EVERY SUN., MON., TUES., WED. Next Week—Hermine Stone & Co. present "Mary Ann" Ashley & Allman; Ethel MacDonnell; Olivett; Macfarlane & Wright & Dietrich; Billy Kincaid; Travel Working; Mat. Daily, 10c to 50c; Nights 10c to 75c.

FANTAGES MATINEE DAILY 2:30 "THE SMART SHOP" With Pretty Girls and Sparkling Music. DOLLY CASTLE'S MILITARY ELEPHANTS

BENEFIT Oregon Soldiers' Hospital Fund Heilig Theater Saturday, April 21, 1917 FREDERICK WARDE IN "KING LEAR" AUSPICES Portland Shakespearean Study Club. ALSO COMEDY "Katzenjammer Kids"

CLASSIFIED AD. RATES Daily and Sunday, Per Line. One time... Same and over three consecutive times... Same and over seven consecutive times...

MEETING NOTICES. MATHA W. A. S. H. I. G. T. O. N. CHAPEL, 1000 E. 1st St. Dancing and card party, Saturday evening, April 21, 8 o'clock.

SMELT RUNING IN SANDY Great Schools Invade River for First Time in Years. Great schools of silvery smelt started running at top speed last night in the upper reaches of Troutdale.

FRIARS' CLUB NUISANCE ACTION TAKEN IN COURT AGAINST NOTORIOUS MILWAUKEE RESORT. ANSWERS ARE HELD AT THIS OFFICE FOR THE FOLLOWING ANSWER CHECKS...

OREGON HUMANE SOCIETY Office, Room 123 Courthouse, 5th St. Phone 8 to 5 Main 715, Home phone 4222. Night call after office hours, Main 5109.

FUNERAL NOTICES. BAIRD—At the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Spindler, 900 East 28th Street, April 20, Mrs. Clara L. Baird, aged 70 years, 1700 1/2 St. B. B. Baird, mother of Mrs. Arthur Spindler, of Portland; Mrs. Orbach; Mrs. E. L. Lyon; Mrs. J. W. Vogl; of Marjorie, Or.; Mrs. E. N. Davis; of Mrs. J. W. Spindler; Mrs. R. D. Decker; and Mrs. E. S. Kyles, of Metager, Or. Friends invited to attend funeral services, which will be held at Holman's funeral parlors, 414 East Alder street, at 2 P. M. today (Saturday), April 21, Internment, Riverside Cemetery.

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