

PROJECTS OF LAND FOR SOLDIERS HIT

All but 2 Washington Settlement Proposals Barred.

OPINION IS HANDED DOWN

Attorney-General Holds That Statute Provides That Only Undeveloped Land Can Be Used.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Nov. 9.—All soldier land settlement projects submitted to the state for consideration except two, were barred today from selection by an opinion of Attorney-General Thompson. The two projects that can be considered yet in their present status are the White Bluffs-Hanford offer in Benton county and the Sequim project in Clallam county. The opinion rules out dry farming land now under cultivation.

The statute provides that undeveloped land must be selected. Director Scott of the department of conservation and development said today that the project which had gained the most serious consideration was the Liberty valley project, 17 miles east of Spokane, but the opinion made its selection impossible.

Opinion Is Cited.
That privately owned lands, now being cultivated under dry farming methods, and used in raising farm crops, cannot legally be selected by your department for land settlement purposes under the provisions of the act.

The opinion is a direct answer to the letter of Director Scott as to the validity of the Liberty valley project. Director Scott indicated that no final selection could be made now for a few days as a result of the opinion. There were 20 projects submitted to the department and these have been under investigation for several months.

Liberty Project Most Feasible.
"I believe the Liberty valley project would have been the most feasible," declared Director Scott. "It is an excellent location and is close to a market. It is on a paved road and communication is quick. The condition of the soil is favorable and a gravity water supply would have many possible early returns from the land."

Director Scott also said that the Liberty valley project warranted consideration because of the additional land offered by the sponsors under the colonization provision in the act.

VETERANS HOLD REUNION

Judge Castner and Civil War Comrades of Michigan Company Meet.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Nov. 9.—(Special.)—Judge George E. Castner, former commander of Canby post, Grand Army of the Republic, who has just returned from points in Michigan, where he visited relatives and friends, following the annual grand encampment of the Grand Army at Indianapolis, says that a unique feature of the Indianapolis gathering was the reunion participated in by himself and six comrades, former members of the same company in a Michigan regiment. Judge Castner nominated John G. Chandler of Portland, defeated candidate for grand commander.

Judge Castner visited old friends in Jackson, Mich., and he called at the homes of a sister and two brothers at Lawton.

Judge Castner, while at his old Michigan home, harvested some chestnuts, grown on a huge tree in the garden. He has presented samples of the nuts to friends.

ASSAILANT BOUND OVER

Man Who Attacked Apple Growers' Manager to Face Grand Jury.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Nov. 9.—(Special.)—Al W. Bishop was bound over to the grand jury yesterday by Justice of the Peace Onthank on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon on A. W. Stone, general manager of the Apple Growers' association. The arraignment resulted from an episode of the afternoon before, when Mr. Bishop visited Stone's office and sought to obtain an immediate adjustment of a claim which he said he had against an indemnity insurance company for a personal injury sustained while in the employ of the association. Mr. Stone told the justice court he informed Mr. Bishop that the matter was one for adjustment between the company and an attorney Bishop had employed.

As Bishop made a stroke with his knife Mr. Stone grasped his arm, seized him by the throat and forced him into a corner. Bishop was released on \$500 bail.

MONEY TO STAY AT HOME

Astoria's Postal Savings Not to Be Transferred Elsewhere.

ASTORIA, Or., Nov. 9.—(Special.)—In the future all the money deposited in the Astoria postal savings department will be kept in local banks, available for use in local trade. Such is the announcement made by Malcolm Ketchin, director of the United States postal savings system.

A few weeks ago announcement was made that while approximately \$250,000 was on deposit with the Astoria postal savings system, less than \$100,000 remained in Astoria banks, the balance having been transferred elsewhere. In explaining what had been done, Mr. Ketchin said:

"It is true that the old board of directors did last year withdraw a certain percentage of the postal savings funds for investment in 5 per cent securities. The present board, however, is unqualifiedly and unambiguously in favor of keeping all funds in local communities and does not intend to transfer the money to other offices."

LUMBER FUTURE BRIGHT

Orders Offered Cottage Grove Mill at Profitable Prices.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Nov. 9.—(Special.)—That the lumber situation is better than it has been at any time since the war was indicated in the testimony of E. E. Schmidt, a witness before the public service commission in the hearing on rates for the Cottage Grove Electric company held here Monday.

The Western Lumber & Export company, of which Mr. Schmidt is as-



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Assistant secretary, furnishes the refuse with which the power company heats its boilers. It was important to know for what definite time the power company would be able to get this cheap fuel. Mr. Schmidt testified that market conditions were better than they were immediately preceding the war, that orders were being offered at profitable prices and that all indications were that operating at a profit could be looked forward to for an indefinite period, certainly for several years.

STATE EXPENSES HIGHER

WASHINGTON ADMINISTRATIVE CODE BUREAU AFFECTED.

Taxation and Examination Work Sends Expenses Up in This Created Department.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Nov. 9.—(Special.)—Marked increase in cost of operation is shown in the state administrative code department of taxation and examination by L. D. McArdie, director of efficiency, in a report covering the first six months of 1919, 1920 and 1921. This is the first department to show such an increase.

Since April 1, 1921, the date of the creation of this department, the duties formerly performed by the state tax commissioner, the state bank commissioner, building and loan inspector, bureau of inspection and supervision of public offices, with the exception of the state examinations, have been performed under the code by this department. Each of these duties and the work pertaining thereto have been performed by a deputy attorney-general in conjunction with the tax division of this office. By agreement with the state auditor, the duties relating to the building and loan association and municipal corporations have been continued under his personal inspection.

For the first six months of each biennium of the years 1919, 1920 and 1921 the costs of operation have been as follows:

Year	Salaries	Operation	Total
1919	\$2,700.00	\$1,300.00	\$4,000.00
1920	10,950.00	4,900.00	15,850.00
1921	19,150.00	4,750.00	23,900.00

Of the above cost \$1278 was for printing the banking code, which is the first code of this character since 1917, says the report.

"The average number of employees in the department for the same period has been 1919, 12; 1920, 14; 1921, 18, while the number of bank examiners has doubled in 1921 over 1919 and nearly doubled over 1920," the report states.

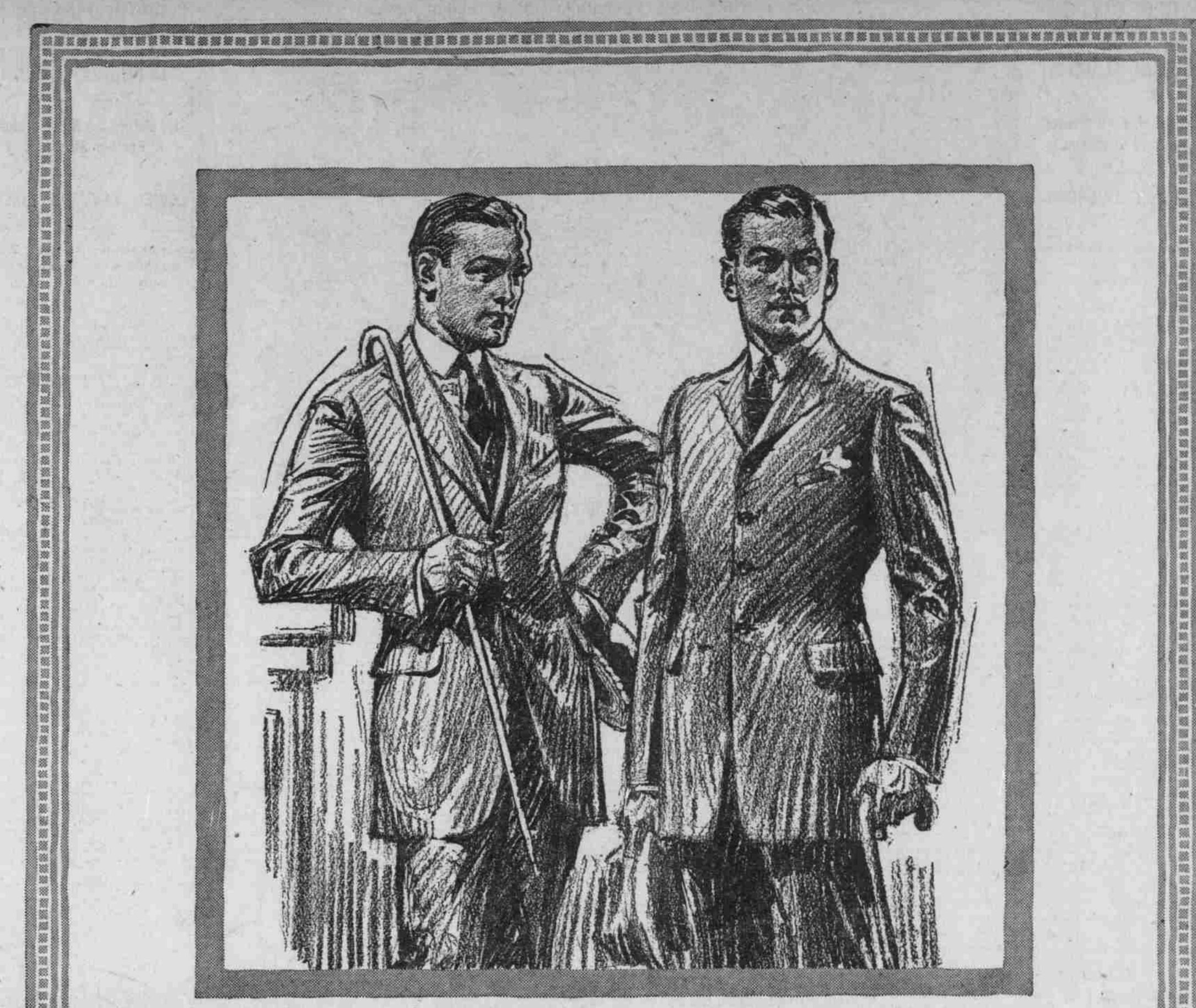
"It will be noted that the total cost of operation for 1921 over 1920 have increased \$10,287.23, while for 1921 over 1919 the increase has been \$11,970.20. On the face of it this is a remarkable increase, but as a matter of fact this expense, while an administrative charge, is in reality required and paid for by the state banks and is also a result of abnormal conditions."

GRANGES PLAN EXHIBIT

Klickitat Units to Show at Convention in Portland.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., Nov. 9.—(Special.)—Klickitat county granges will have an exhibit of Klickitat products on display in the basement of the Portland auditorium during the national grange convention this month. The exhibit is being collected under the auspices of the Pomona grange of this city and will be made up of all agricultural products grown in the Klickitat county, including fruit, grapes, grains and vegetables.

The main part of the exhibit will be products that were shown in the district display at the Klickitat county fair. The committee in charge of arranging the exhibit is: J. J. Brown, Goldendale; Mrs. S. I. Stratton, Lyle; John G. Weyer, Ringen.



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ALLIED PLANS ARE LAID

VETERANS OF FOREIGN FORCES TO REPORT FOR PARADE.

Composite Battalion Will Make Big Showing Armistice Day in Military Event.

All residents of Portland who served with the allied forces during the world war, under foreign flags, are asked to report in uniform tomorrow to Captain William Jeffreys, who will have charge of the composite foreign battalion in the Armistice day parade, at 1 P. M., at the corner of Fourteenth and Taylor streets, south side, Belgian, French and Italian standard bearers and their contingents and guards will report there for assignment to their section in the battalion. The Port-

land pipe band will lead the battalion and Pipe Major MacDonald is to have his uniformed Scotchmen on hand.

The British contingent, comprising all who served in the English, Canadian, Australian, South African, New Zealand or naval battalions or ships, are asked to report without further orders at the above mentioned time and place for assignment to proper place in ranks. The massed standards of the principal allied nations will be carried by uniformed men.

In this work the French, Belgian and Italian consuls and societies of this city are co-operating with the Canadian Veterans' association, as the largest organization of its character for men who served with other than the American forces, taking general charge of the composite battalion as well as the turnout of British troops.

Hunter's Death Probable.
METALINE FALLS, Wash., Nov. 9.—Everett Harland, who was shot and killed while hunting near here last

week, came to his death "from a gunshot wound at the hands of parties unknown," according to the verdict returned by a coroner's jury today.

Hood Teachers' Institute Dated.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Nov. 9.—(Special.)—The annual Hood River county teachers' institute has been called by County School Superintendent Gibson for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, November 21, 22 and 23. During the week of the institute the children of the county schools will be given a full week of holidays. Out-of-town speakers here for the event will be State Superintendent of Education Churchill and Dr. W. B. DeBusk of the University of Oregon.

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