

### CATTLE AND SHEEP STILL FEED ON RANGE IN EASTERN OREGON

Editor Currey of Vale Enterprise Declares Prospects Are Very Bright.

With an extremely mild winter, oil operations and the Warm Springs irrigation project, the farmers of Malheur county are having plenty to draw their interest, according to George Huntington Currey, secretary of the Vale Chamber of Commerce and editor and owner of the Malheur Enterprise. Mr. Currey is a Portland visitor.

"We have had a very mild winter and the range is in the best condition it ever has been in," he said. "Next summer promises to be a very favorable one for dry land farming and the grain crop generally. The lack of snow in the mountains makes the alfalfa men along the Malheur river rather worried in regard to their water supply next year. They have no storage facilities. The key to the future of the country depends upon irrigation in the Malheur valley. The Warm Springs project should be constructed by next year. This project covers 22,000 acres surrounding Vale, of which 20,000 acres are now uncultivated. It is a \$750,000 project.

**Stock Still on Range**

"We hope to attract Oregon money for the construction of this project, providing the government does not make an appropriation.

"Due to the mild winter, hay is on the decline. I don't know the present market quotations. Thousands of sheep and cattle are still on the ranges, which is unusual for this time of year.

The farmers, under the Warm Springs district, pledged themselves to put in 10,000 acres of new land in wheat this spring if the government would appropriate \$400,000 for the dam. Senators Chamberlain and McNary, Judge Will R. King and Representative Sinnott have been working faithfully to secure this appropriation, but so far nothing definite has developed.

Irrigation men in Eastern Oregon consider this the key project upon which the fate of other systems, covering several hundred thousand acres, depends.

"If this proposition goes through, in time, the farmers of Malheur county would contribute thousands of bushels of wheat to the country to add to the war demand.

**Oil Well Down 1000 Feet**

"Interest is increasing in the Vale oil fields as the Western Pacific company, with general offices at Boise, is constantly increasing the depth of its well, which is located 12 miles south of Vale. They are now down to the thousand foot level.

"It is my firm belief that oil will eventually be found in this field. So far they have found promising indications and samples have tested to the highest grade of paraffine base oil.

"The field has been prospected for the last 10 years and several wells have produced large volumes of natural gas. The best geologists in the world have pronounced the indications as unsurpassed in any other field."

### Women Pose as Wives of Soldiers; Get Pay

San Francisco, Jan. 24.—(I. N. S.)—Women posing as the wives of absent soldiers have obtained many pay checks from the government. It was revealed here Wednesday afternoon by Major L. Schmidt, assistant adjutant. One woman, more daring than the rest, has called for and received the monthly allotments from four different soldiers, representing herself to be the wife of each one in turn. The government allows the wife of each private \$16, in addition to which another \$1 from the soldier's pay is kept for her.

**Stephens Will Be Candidate**

Sacramento, Jan. 24.—Governor Stephens is expected to announce his candidacy soon for a new term. It will not be re-election for Stephens, as he was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Governor Johnson when the latter became United States senator.

Five dollars are slacker dollars. Invest in War Savings Stamps. They pay interest.

### Church-Labor Union Vital, States Deems

San Francisco, Jan. 24.—The church must join hands with the labor movement or fall in its mission, Rev. C. H. Deems, chaplain of the Seamen's institute mission, told the convention of the House of Churchwomen here Wednesday. Rev. Deems declared that our national expression, "makes the world safe for democracy," really means to make the world safe for the people of which working people are in the majority.

"This world will be colored after the war, by ideals which the laboring masses have toiled for," Rev. Deems said, "and the church is doomed to failure unless it finds a place with them."

### SAVING OF WOOD IS URGED WHEN LAND IS CLEARED FOR CITIES

Realty Dealers Advised to See That All Timber Is Salvaged for Fuel.

Intensity of the work of the wood cutting campaign has elicited the attention of the United States fuel administration. Administrator Fred J. Holmes of Portland is in receipt of the following suggestions:

"Is any wood being wasted in the larger cities or towns of your state where real estate operators are putting new subdivisions on the market? Frequently these areas are heavily timbered and this timber is absolutely wasted when grading is done and streets opened. Occasionally, large tracts on the outskirts of the city are held either individually or by corporations for subdivisions later on. These tracts contain much fallen timber that should be saved, and the owners in many cases would be willing to have judicious cutting done under proper direction.

"See that all slab wood slabs and other refuse from the sawmills situated near your towns and villages are made use of and not wastefully burned, as is so frequently done.

"Call attention of the street and parks department of all cities to the need of saving wood. Get them to practice forestry intensively; remove and cut up all old trees, and in cases of damage to trees by storms, urge them to salvage everything possible."

The administration is in receipt of a letter from the federal farm loan commissioner, authorizing the use of the federal loan banks and the farm loan association in the prosecution of this wood cutting campaign.

Refuse from the mills in Portland is being disposed of so far as possible and there is an abundance of wood of this kind, it is said.

### Catering Slackers Will Be Advertised

San Francisco, Jan. 24.—(I. N. S.)—Restaurants, cafes and other public dining places will either observe "porkless" Tuesdays and Saturdays and "wheatless" Wednesdays, or the names of their owners will be published broadcast, according to Food Administrator Merritt Wednesday, following a conference with the advisory committee on food control regulations. Reports have been received from various cities, he said, indicating that the porkless program was being violated by certain establishments.

### 'Uncle Joe' Cannon Returns to His Job

Washington, Jan. 24.—(I. N. S.)—With disabled knee and fractured arm, "Uncle Joe" Cannon, 82-year-old veteran from Illinois, is back on the job in the house. He looks forward to the day when he can kick the spokes out of the rolling chair they have him in. "Uncle Joe" fell last week in the corridor of the apartment house where he lives.

### VALUE OF RESPONSE OF U. S. TO PLEAS OF BELGIUM IS TOLD

Former Minister Brand Whitlock to Relate "The Truth About Belgium in Sunday Journal."

Among the earliest calls for relief that reached the ears of generous America came from stricken Belgium, where a civilian population was in dire straits. So rapidly was little Belgium overwhelmed and so swift was retribution exacted by a merciless invader that millions of men, women and children were left destitute. Their homes destroyed, their means of livelihood gone, the helpless plight of these offenseless folk made a universal appeal to the generosity of mankind.

Money and materials for their relief came from the far corners of the earth, but it fell to the lot of the Americans to rally their characteristic ability for organization to directly administer to the Belgians' needs.

Then, too, at that time the United States occupied the position of a neutral and was in a position to render a service not allowed by the invader to any of its enemies in arms.

Accordingly, the work of the American Commission for Belgian Relief, as directed by Herbert Hoover, now federal food administrator, is one of the finest examples of organized humanitarianism in history.

Hoover's workers had none too easy a time in Belgium, for, although their presence was allowed by the Germans, they were so hedged about by irksome restrictions that the greatest tact and patience were required that the end might be accomplished.

As United States minister to Belgium, Brand Whitlock had much to do with this relief work and in his story, "The Truth About Belgium," to be published serially in the Sunday Journal, beginning Sunday, February 17, he will relate the value of America's liberal response to destitute Belgium's plea.

**Tin Mills Resume Work**

Gary, Ind., Jan. 24.—(I. N. S.)—Eight of the 12 tin mills, American Sheet & Tinplate company, idle since January 7, today resumed operation.

### Yeomanettes Must Meet Physical Points

San Francisco, Jan. 24.—None of the rigors of the navy physical examination has been dispensed with to please the pretty girls answering the navy's call for yeomanettes. At the navy recruiting office Wednesday this was made entirely clear to all applicants. The army surgeons require the yeomanettes to pass the same sort of examination as do the men. They must weigh at least 128 pounds, and a chest expansion of 2 1/2 inches is necessary. Records of nature and location of all vaccination scars and other marks are also taken.

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