WALTER M. PIERCE SUGGESTS LAND BE GIVEN TO SOLDIERS

Tenth Annual Commonwealth Conference Opens Two Day Session at Imperial Hotel.

BENTON MACKAYE SPEAKER

Representative of Department of Labor Discusses Phases of Land Problems in the World.

Oregon's tenth annual commonwealth conference opened this morning for a two day session at the Imperial hotel. It is held under the auspices of the University of Oregon. Walter M. Pierce, democratic candidate for governor of the state, presided, taking the place of Governor Withycombe, who was originally announced as the presiding officer.

The chief addresses this morning were delivered by Benton Mackaye, of the United States department of labor, Thornton T. Munger of the United States forest service; Professor B. P. Kirkland of the University of Washington; Professor O. F. Stafford of the University of Oregon, and State Engineer John H. Lewis. All these addresses dwelt upon reconstruction problems and use of idle land after the war.

Future Problems Big Ones

"While we are all in this war work to our very limit, we should right now commence preparation for the solving of a still greater problem—reconstruction," said Mr. Pierce, who pointed out that many of the returning soldiers will find their old positions filled with someone else and that the question of an overcrowded labor market will be a serious problem.

"Following the great Civil war, the 5,000,000 men engaged in that struggle, directly or indirectly, found the free public lands of the West the answer to their demands for a place in the world. This was the shock-absorber and gave us the prosperous patriotic settlements west of the Missouri river," continued the speaker.

"We have but few acres of public lands of value now. Of the 200,000,000 acres still in the public domain, not one acre in 100 can ever be cultivated. There are thousands of acres, however, that can be irrigated. The government should push to immediate conclusion every feasible irrigation project in the West. Money invested in ditches and reservoirs is not wasted. It is an investment for our future national security.

"Yesterday I passed through a tract of land along the Columbia river that government engineers state will provide 10,000 40-acre irrigated farms. If it is impossible at this time to appropriate the $11,000,000 necessary to complete the John Day irrigation project on account of war necessities, then surveys should at least be made and plans completed, so that at the close of the war this project and all others like it should at once be completed and our returning heroes should be given a homestead free, of 40 acres, on this or any other irrigated project, water free as well as the land.

Credit Must Be Provided

"The titles should not be transferred at once to the soldier or sailor, but after a term of years and real settlement on his part and an attempt to make a home, then it should be given to him as a gift, the same as the Civil war veteran was given his home in the western part of the United States.

"But this does not solve the whole problem. The young man will be helpless on this land without means to build buildings and buy stock and equipment. If the government of the United States does not act promptly, then the credit of this state should be used through proper rural credit banks and associations, to give to the deserving heroes this necessary credit.

"There are thousands of acres of logged-off lands in Oregon that must be examined, classified and purchased by the state at a reasonable figure and sold to our returning heroes, or those of them who wish to engage in agricultural pursuits. There can be nothing more discouraging to one of these boys who has sacrificed so much and lived for months in the trenches of Picardy, amidst the bursting shrapnel, than to take him to 80 acres of stump land and say, 'Here dig out your future.' He must be provided with means to build buildings, clear the land, provide stock, and the credit of the state which he so bravely upheld must be used whenever necessary in his behalf. But this state credit which belongs to all the people must be so safeguarded that there can be no possibility of financial loss to the state.

Suggests Taking Private Holdings

"Senate and house bill No. 1, in the next meeting of the Oregon legislature in January, must provide that a constitutional amendment should be submitted to the people giving authority to the state to take from private individuals, at reasonable price, tracts of the best agricultural lands in this state for the purpose of colonization."

"One hundred million acres, roughly speaking," declared Banker Mackaye, "lie idle in the United States for lack of reclamation. These embrace arid, swamp and cut-over lands. These need respectively to be irrigated, drained and cleared. Probably one-third of the area just mentioned consists of arid lands in the southwestern corner of the country, which are still included in the public domain. Practically all of the remainder is in private hands. The swamp lands lie chiefly in Louisiana, Florida, along the Gulf and Atlantic Coasts, in Northern Minnesota and in parts of the Pacific Coast. The cut-over or logged-off lands occur in the wide valleys of the forested sections of the Northwest and the Inland Empire, in the northern lake states (Minnesota, Wisconsin and Upper Michigan) and along the southern coastal plain from Texas to Virginia. In addition to the areas above referred to, there is a large abandoned farm area in the Eastern states and elsewhere.

"In the settlement of these lands there are two points that seem to deserve special emphasis. One is the very great advantage, as proven by the experience in Australia, of developing agriculture by community units as against individual farm units. This is in line with the world-wide movement toward agricultural cooperation. A beginning in this efficient mode of settlement has already been made in our own country. This is the colony now being organized under the able leadership of Dr. Elwood Mead in your neighboring state, California. The other point to be kept in mind is the prevention of speculation in the land to be used, and in the values created by state enterprise. Experience both in Australia and in the older European countries has shown that this is a matter of basing land tenure upon continued occupancy and use."

Two Autos Struck By Streetcars

U. S. Mail Car Overturned on Washington Street and Aged Couple Sent Crashing Into Apartment House.

About 1:30 o'clock this morning a Sixteenth street car struck a United States mail truck at Sixth and Washington streets and turned the automobile over on its side. H. L. De Bold was driving the truck and A. G. Moore, a postal clerk, was riding with De Bold. Neither was injured. The truck was damaged slightly. The car was in charge of Motorman W. G. King and Conductor S. A. Simpson.

An Irvington street car struck the automobile of Mrs. D. W. Jarvis of 453 Hall street at Sixth and Jefferson streets Thursday afternoon and threw the machine across the street into the Angelus apartments. The machine struck a bay window in the apartment and damaged it, and also broke a hole in the cement wall. The front end of the automobile was wrecked. Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis, both aged persons, were riding in the automobile, but escaped injury.

PORTLAND LADS HELD IN SOUTH ON CHARGE OF THEFT; ONE SHOT

Police Believe They Have Young Men Who Stole Car Belonging to W. A. Long.

San Francisco, July 12.—(U. P.)—Two youths who said they came here from Portland two weeks ago were charged with an automobile theft today, and their companion, Thomas Moore, 19, is in a critical condition from a bullet wound.

Curtis Tucker and George Meister, with Moore, were driving an automobile near Daly City when they were stopped by a constable. Moore tried to escape by jumping from the automobile and the officer shot him in the stomach.

Police Inspectors LaSalle and Moloney have been working for weeks on the automobile thefts that resulted today in the arrest of three Portland boys at Daly City, Cal. A warrant for the arrest of Thomas Moore has been out since June 25, when a car belonging to W. A. Long was taken and driven to Ashland, where it was abandoned after being damaged. Slated for arrest in the same connection are Joe Mayer, supposed to be George Meister, and Merle Hare.

Detectives suspect the same lads with having taken the car of James Clarkson from the Arlington club the night of June 22, later abandoning it on Portland Heights. A car belonging to Dr. J. J. Panton was taken about the same time and abandoned.

When the boys started from Portland for the south, it is alleged that they robbed a store at Fifty-seventh and Sandy. On the basis of this robbery, several lads were arrested and one, Cliff Emerson, is now in the county jail, while another was paroled to enter military service. These lads implicated Moore and the others.

Police inspectors have a list of several other automobile thefts which they suspect the same boys had part in.

Call for Loggers For Spruce Division

Qualified Registrants in Class One Should Volunteer Before July 23, When Induction Will Fill Ranks.

A limited or special service call for 70 choker men, 50 head buckers, 24 doggers, six general saw mill foremen, and 25 plane turner men for service in the spruce division at Vancouver, Wash., to entrain July 29, has been received by Captain J. E. Cullison of the selective service.

Qualified registrants should present themselves to their local boards for voluntary induction before July 23. Registrants in Class 1, limited or special service, and in classes 2, 3 and 4, general service, may volunteer for this call. All voluntary enlistments will close July 23, at which time if not enough men have volunteered to fill the call, the local boards will induct men from Class 1, limited or special service, enough to fill the quota. Only white men will be accepted.

Muncaster Mountain Named for Soldier

Muncaster mountain in the Olympic National forest has just been named in honor of Roy Muncaster, former district ranger in the Olympic forest, who met his death on the Tuscania.

The mountain was so named at the suggestion of members of the district forest service, who wanted to commemorate the ranger who died in the service. The name has received the sanction of the national geographic board. The mountain is located between the Quinnault and Rustler rivers.

Suit to Condemn Filed

Suit was filed Thursday afternoon in the circuit court to condemn a strip of land on the East Side, the property of the Moy Back Hin company. The city has tried to buy the land for a proposed extension of East Burnside street, but has been unable to come to terms with the owners.

Yard Reception Postponed

On account of the visit here Saturday of Charles M. Schwab and party of the Emergency Fleet corporation, the reception at the Grant Smith-Porter shipyard celebrating the opening of the new club house, has been postponed for one week.

PRISONERS IN COUNTY JAIL MAY BE GIVEN CHANCE TO HARVEST

Suggestion of Incarcerated Men to Help Solve Farm Labor Problem Supported.

Plans for placing county jail prisoners on Oregon farms as one means of helping solve the problem of farm labor shortage were rapidly materializing this morning when Sheriff Hurlburt announced himself as being fully in sympathy with the petition now being signed by prisoners at the jail.

Leaders of the movement among the prisoners said this morning that at least 50 names would be signed to the petition by nightfall. They are all anxious to made "honor men," that they may work on farms during the next few weeks of harvesting. They pledge themselves to return to jail and complete their terms when they have completed their work.

Sheriff Would Trust Men

"It is a splendid movement the prisoners have inaugurated, and one which should be carried out if it is legally possible to do so," said Sheriff Hurlburt this morning. "It will be necessary to get authorization from the federal government for federal prisoners to be placed on this work. There are about 15 county prisoners, who, I believe, can be trusted to go onto the farms and give faithful and conscientious service."

"We do not ask this as a favor to ourselves," say the prisoners in the petition to the sheriff. "We simply want to utilize the man-power which is now lying idle here in the corridors of the county jail. Our plea is here made in all honesty and sincerity.

Motives Are Patriotic

"We believe there are about 50 of our number who are capable of taking their places on the farms; 50 men who will guard jealously any trust which might be placed in them; 50 men who crave the right and privilege of giving this service. We ask that you take such steps as you may deem advisable at your earliest convenience.

"We realize that we are confined in the county jail paying a debt which law and society have exacted; we realize, too, that society might place a wrong interpretation upon our request. But despite the various forces of circumstances which place us here the fires of patriotism burn just as brightly within us as within others. We are just as anxious to serve Old Glory as best we can as is any man in Oregon."

FORTUNE GOES TO GERMANY

Mrs. Fletcher Wills $120,000 to Two Daughters in Berlin.

Two daughters living in Berlin, Germany, are legatees to the extent of approximately $120,000 in the will of Mrs. Clara A. Fletcher, who died in this city July 4. The will was filed for probate in the county court Wednesday afternoon. The estate was stated to be worth $175,000 and was left share and share alike to her son, William B. Fletcher of Portland, and the two daughters in Berlin, Mrs. Elizabeth Hammer and Mrs. Alice M. Herz. The son and Joseph N. Teal were named as executors. The will provides that they hold the estate in trust for five years, at the end of which time it is to be distributed among the three children.

Mrs. Fletcher and her son recently received authority from the county court to change their names from that of Fechheimer, which they objected to on account of its German origin.

In a codicil Mrs. Fletcher left $4250 as a trust fund for the Fechheimer loan fund at Reed college, carrying out the wishes of her deceased husband.

Whether or not the interests of the daughters can be taken over by the federal custodian of enemy property is problematical. The will was executed by Mrs. Fletcher in 1907, long before war between this country and Germany was thought of.

INDEMNITY COMPANY WINS SUIT

Judge Gantenbein Rules Against Peninsula Lumber Co.

Circuit Judge Gantenbein handed down a decision this morning in favor of the defendant in the case of the Peninsula Lumber company against the Royal Indemnity company.

The lumber company was suing for $8000 on a policy issued by the defendant company which purported to insure the plaintiff against accidents to its employes and damage suits resulting from them.

Paul Nagel, an employe of the lumber company, obtained a judgment for $8000 by reason of an accident, and it was indemnity from this suit that the lumber company sought. The indemnity company claimed that its policy was issued on insufficient information furnished by the plaintiff and that it contained a restricting clause that rendered the policy inoperative. The lumber company denied the validity of the clause claiming that it was inserted without its knowledge.

Judge Gantenbein sustained the contention of the indemnity company, holding that the policy should stand as it read.

COURT TO CLEAR DOCKET

Circuit Judges to Clear Desks Next Week for Summer.

That a strong effort to clear up the circuit court docket of Multnomah county for the summer would be made was the declared intention of the circuit court judges at a meeting held in Presiding Judge Tucker's chambers Thursday afternoon. Every jury case, civil and criminal, will be ended this week, if possible, Judge Tucker said. At any rate, he said, they will all be done by Tuesday.

Judge Tucker himself will remain in the city during the summer to transact any court business that may come up for attention and one or two of the other judges will be on hand to assist him.

The jail will be cleaned up and every prisoner entitled to a trial will get one before the present jury is discharged.

$20,000 DAMAGES ALLEGED

C. E. Adams Sues Portland Railway, Light & Power Co.

C. E. Adams filed suit this morning in the circuit court against the Portland Railway, Light & Power company for $20,000 damages for personal injuries, alleged to have been received April 15 last in an automobile accident.

Adams alleges that he was driving an automobile across the intersection of Williams avenue and Shaver street when it was struck by a trolley car, knocked and dragged 110 feet along Williams avenue, and finally hurled with the plaintiff and other occupants into a yard along the street.

His left ear was torn, his hearing was impaired and he received other painful injuries, he alleges.

ATTEMPT TO CHOKE CHARGED

William Gilbreath Makes Accusations in Suit for Divorce.

William Gilbreath, in his divorce complaint filed this morning, charges that Eva A. Gilbreath, whom he married in August, 1914, made attempts to choke him and threatened to ruin his business.

Florence Snyder is seeking a divorce from Henry C. Snyder, alleging that she was obliged to work as a cook to support herself and husband, and that he falsely accused her of improper relations with other men. She asks for the custody of a minor daughter and $35 per month alimony. They were married at Winlock, Wash., March 2, 1909.

Cruelty is charged by Roas Silehorst against Christ Silehorst. They were married February 20, 1917.

Three Ask Divorce

Alleging that his wife deserted him after three years of married life, A. L. Lewis began suit for divorce in the circuit court Thursday afternoon against Frances L. Lewis, whom he married at Vancouver in 1913.

Both cruelty and desertion are charged by Eva Palmer, who seeks a divorce from Wade Palmer, to whom she was married in Salem in 1915. Jean Schafer demands $5000 in permanent alimony from John Schafer, and also seeks $50 a month for the support of their child. She charges extreme cruelty. They were married at Prince Rupert, B. C., in 1913.

Nine Divorces Granted

Presiding Judge Tucker awarded nine decrees of divorce Thursday afternoon in the following cases, giving the decree to the plaintiff in each case:

Elinor Lance vs. Dennis Lance, cruelty; C. J. Kemmerer vs. Grace Kemmerer, desertion; Elgin E. Newton vs. Flora Newton, cruelty; Leonard Verhagen vs. Martha Verhagen, cruelty; Grace La Miller vs. Ernest La Miller, cruelty; Maebelle Clark from William G. Clark, cruelty; Mabel Holland vs. Harry Holland, cruelty; May Harris from John T. Harris, cruelty; Ida M. Berwick from Robert H. Berwick, cruelty.

Ted Hoke Sentenced

Ted Hoke, a youth of 18, pleaded guilty to a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor before Presiding Judge Tucker this morning, and was sentenced to six months in the county jail and paroled. The parole was granted on recommendation of Deputy District Attorney John Collier and W. G. McLaren of the Prisoner's Aid society, the latter of whom made a personal investigation of the charge and found that the young man was only incidentally to blame.

H. C. Irwin Pleads Guilty

H. C. Irwin, a real estate dealer indicted in connection with a real estate transaction in which he was said to have swindled P. H. Harth, an aged man, out of $900, pleaded guilty to a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses before Circuit Judge Bagley this morning, and was sentenced to an indeterminate sentence of two and one-half to five years in the penitentiary and paroled under the condition that he repay Harth $600 in monthly installments of $30 each. Irwin had previously returned Harth $300 of the amount.

Star Sand Company Sued

The Star Sand company is defendant in a suit filed this morning in the circuit court by Harriet W. Veach, who demands $2500 damages for personal injuries alleged to have been received as the result of running her automobile into an excavation made by the defendant company at Salmon and Chapman streets, which she alleges was left unguarded.

Old Kellogg Docks Tumble Into River

The old Kellogg docks at the foot of Salmon street caved in, dropping into the Willamette river shortly before 9:30 o'clock Thursday night and causing a great crash and splash as the heavy timbers hit the water. Both docks north of Kellogg's boathouse collapsed, carrying down a large quantity of junk stored by a Front street junk dealer. No one was near when the structure fell, although about two dozen men and women were usually working there during the day.

It was said the piling and timbers had rotted through.

Fighting Mechanics Drill for Guests

Uncle Sam's "fighting mechanics," more than 300 strong, Thursday drilled and paraded at the Benson polytechnic school in honor of S. Benson, founder of the school, who reviewed the program. Mrs. Alice Benson Beach and Major Frank H. Shepard, district officer, also reviewed the boys. Following the drill dinner was given in honor of the following guests: D. A. Grout, acting superintendent of schools and wife; Dr. and Mrs. J. Francis Drake, L. R. Alderman, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Thomas, Principal C. E. Cleveland, Ben Selling, N. F. Johnson, William Ladd and Colonel John Hibbard. Captain Robert A. Ross had charge of the day's activities. The program ended with a dance which was managed by Lieutenant K. C. Kaufman.

Higher Boat Fares Asked

Washington, July 12.—(I. N. S.)—The Pacific Steamship company today made application to the interstate commerce commission for increase in basing and joint selling fares between Seattle, Wash., and San Francisco, Los Angeles and Southern California points. In making the application the company states that it will observe the differential under all rail rates of $10.80 between Seattle and San Francisco and $12.50 between Seattle and Los Angeles. Corresponding differentials between other points also will be observed.

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—Children's Bathing Caps—**25c**
—Water Wings—**35c**
—Bathing Suit Bags—**35c**
—House-Hold Peroxide, 4 oz.—**10c**
—Adhesive Plaster—1 in. wide—yard **15c**
—Bandages—1 in. wide—10 yds. **10c**
—Rubber Sponges—**10c**
—Ebony Finish Hand Mirrors—**25c**
—Metal Frame Stand Mirrors—**35c**
—Whisk Brooms—**50c**
—Nickel Soap Boxes—**25c**
—Tooth Brushes—**25c**
—Toilet Soaps—Special **10c**
—Thespian Cold Cream—large jar **45c**
—Main Floor, Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

SPECIAL OFFERING OF

BATHING SUITS $5

—An exceptional offering of women's bathing suits at this low price! All worsted weaves in black, navy, blue, purple, Kelly green and royal, with trimming of contrasting bands and stripes. All one-piece styles with shield or swimmer's sleeves.

Other Suits $5.50, $6.45 and $7.50
Bathing Caps and Hats 25c to $1.50
Shoes and Sandals 35c to $2
—Fourth Floor, Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

SATURDAY—IN THE

GIRLS' Own Store

Little Girls' Smocks $1.98 to $5

—Mothers will love to dress their little daughters in such dainty and attractive garments! Batiste, crepe, middy cloth, etc., in white, rose, blue and green. Prettily smocked, banded or stitched.

Bigger Girls' Smocks $1.98 to $4.95

—Charming soft shades in the newest materials and colors, smocked and embroidered. Many different delightful styles. Sizes for grown-ups, too.

Sleeveless Jackets $3.50 to $4.95

—The very newest! Made of wash materials such as Japanese crepe in plain colors and fancy figured patterns. Sizes 16 years to 42 inch bust measure.

White Tub Skirts $2.49 to $5.95

—Pique and gabardine skirts in full gored styles—some full shirred—mostly all with the new pockets and many trimmed with pearl buttons.

Girls' Middy Skirts $2.19

—Full pleated skirts of white jean made on muslin waists.

Jack Tar Middies $1.25 to $3.50

—All white jean—or white trimmed with navy blue. Long or short sleeves. Some with navy flannel collars. Sizes from 6 years to 44 inch bust measure.

Dresses for Juniors $4.50 to $13.50

—A special new lot of dresses for intermediate and junior girls has just arrived by express. And they're just the very dresses you've been wanting for these summer days! Checked ginghams, chambrays, as well as the finer and daintier organdies and voiles. All the newest styles—***$4.50, $7.50*** to ***$13.50***
—Fourth Floor, Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

CLEARANCE OF CLEVER TRIMMED

Hats $5

—A host of charming models in our Millinery Salon are being included in this offering of smart trimmed hats at $5. They're the last word in millinery modes, too. If you are going away for a vacation, or staying at home, you will enjoy having one of these delightfully becoming hats to wear. Such a variety of shapes and styles, too. You can't fail to find YOUR hat in the collection.
—Third Floor, Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

Indian Blankets and Robes

—A complete stock of them in the best colorings. Most useful for auto robes, as well as for camping and outings. Priced at ***$6, $7.95, $8.95*** to ***$12.50***

"Motor Weave"

AUTO ROBES $7.95

—A new shipment of handsome auto robes so attractively priced that no motorist will be without one! Such colors as dark blue, brown, green and grey. Size 60x80 inches.
—Fifth Floor, Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

SPECIAL TOMORROW

OVAL FRAMES 68c

—Antique gold oval picture frames in all sizes from cabinet to 11x14 inches. Complete with glass and back. Very special at 68c.
—Bring in your pictures, and we will fit them to these frames free of charge.—Picture Galleries.
—Sixth Floor, Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

HEY, FELLOWS! Let's Read About This Sale of

BOYS' SUITS $5.95 and $6.50

Many With 2 Pairs of Pants

—They're of splendid quality wool mixed materials in good medium weight. You'll do well to purchase the boys' fall suit now, for prices are going higher! All newest models in such mixtures as grey, brown and tan. Checks and plaids, too. Sizes 6 to 18. Very special at **$5.95** and **$6.50.**

Boys' Sammy Suits $4.65

—Just like the regulation U. S. uniform. Made of good quality khaki. Sizes 4 to 14. Very special at $4.65.

Khaki Blouses and Shirts $1.25
Khaki Long Pants $1.75 and $2
Corduroy Knickers $1.75 and $2.25
Boys' Junior Officer Caps $1.25 and $1.75
Canvas Leggings $1.35 and $1.40

Langham High Suits $18 to $27.50
—Langham Highs are built for "younger young men"—and they're so famous for snap and style that many an older fellow wants to wear them.
—Fourth Floor, Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

A MOST COMPLETE ASSORTMENT OF

WOMEN'S SILK STOCKINGS—$1.75

—Pure thread silk stockings with lisle tops and soles. Every color in the rainbow.

Luxite Silk Stockings $1.15

—Splendid wearing seamless hose—well reinforced. Such shades as African, Cordovan, silver, tobacco, black, sand, champagne, maple and many others.

Silk Fiber Stockings 75c

—"Perfects" in silk fiber. Black, white, brown, champagne, dark grey and emerald green. Well reinforced.

Silk Lisle Stockings 35c

—"Wearwell" stockings in black and white. Double garter tops, heels and toes. Sizes 8 to 10½.

Kiddies' Sox 35c

—A large assortment of plain and fancy rolled top socks in many pretty patterns. A full line of sizes. 3 pairs for ***$1.00***
Infants' Stockings—4½ to 6½—30c
—Main Floor, Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

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