

EX-SERVICE MEN ARE SAID TO FACE DISAPPOINTMENT

Former Soldiers and Sailors Already Here From Distant Points to Take Up Land in Grant.

Disappointment awaits hundreds of ex-service men who hope to secure homesteads on good agricultural lands in the O. & C. grant, according to Captain James O. Conville, chairman of the state employment committee of the American Legion. Because of announcements in Eastern papers that 350,000 acres of rich lands in Oregon would be thrown open to entry by returned soldiers and sailors, the vanguard is already beginning to arrive, Conville declared today.

QUESTIONS SENT OUT

Conville did not have the names of any of these men, however. For the benefit of prospective settlers, Conville recently sent out a questionnaire to American Legion officials in the territory covered by the O. & C. lands. Returns received from points in Lane, Linn, Marion, Lincoln, Douglas, Coos and Jackson counties indicate that the best land in the O. & C. lands is already in the hands of settlers who held a prior right. Conville said that it would be impossible, according to the returns, for settlers to make a living at once from such lands as are available. In no instance would it be advisable for the settler to take up a claim with less than \$250 capital, he declared.

MUCH LAND TAKEN

Returns from Conville's questionnaires show that approximately 20 per cent of the land fit for agriculture in the O. & C. grant has already been taken up. Of the balance only about 10 per cent is shown to be accessible to roads or desirable otherwise for immediate homesteads.

The majority of Conville's correspondents express the opinion that the opening of the lands to settlement is not adequate compensation for the service rendered by soldiers and sailors. Conville has been chosen by the state executive board of the Legion to represent the organization at a conference at Washington March 22 to outline proposed legislation for the benefit of ex-service men. He will leave for the East tonight.

SURVEY IS TAKEN

Regardless of Conville's summary of the land situation, government surveys have shown much land to be subject to development into farms. The same sturdy endeavor that has "made" the Willamette valley is needed, however, and land office authorities concede Conville is right if he means that soldiers are seeking lands already improved.

Marriage Licenses

Vancouver, Wash., March 15.—Marriage licenses have been issued to the following couples: Bural Van Hatt, 21, and Eva M. Burden, 17, Portland; Edward Lyons, 27, and Effie Mendenhall, 24, Portland; Rollin J. Blitty, 31, and Kerone F. Kelso, 18, Portland; Eno Pulkkinen, 30, Astoria, Or., and Olga L. Jurmo, 24, Mount Solo, Wash.; Guy A. Hays, 37, and Ruth A. Yeast, 33, Portland; Charles E. Huebner, 31, Portland, and Vivian R. Lewis, legal, New York city.

K. of P. Castle at Union. Union, March 15.—The Knight of Pythias of Union have completed arrangements for the building of a new castle. The building will be a two story affair, with store rooms below and lodge and club rooms above. A location has already been decided upon and work will begin in the near future.

PAST 90 BUT YET YOUNG



Nelson Newman, who claims right to another quarter century of usefulness.

Nelson Newman was a personal friend of Abraham Lincoln. Ulysses Grant, Senator E. B. Washburn, Stephen A. Douglas and Secretary Stanton, now past 90, resting with his daughter, Mrs. J. R. Dell, at 581 South avenue, he delights to recount the many personal recollections of these great men of history.

Born March 5, 1820, near Edwardsville, Ill., Newman removed with his father to Grant county, Wisconsin, at the age of 8 years. For 56 years he resided there, engaging in the milling business. He founded and laid out the town of Arthur. He became acquainted with General Grant while the latter was working as a clerk in a store at Galena, Ill., for \$40 a month.

In the Plattville witness, to which Newman has subscribed for 80 years, in the issue of March 3, is an account of the restoration of the territorial capital of Wisconsin to its original site at

a museum for the exhibit of pioneer relics of territorial days. Newman assisted his father and brother in removing the capital, which was sold to a farmer by the state, to his farm, to be used as a barn. It was transferred from Belmont, Wis., by eight yoked oxen. The building has recently been purchased by the state and moved back again.

Newman has lived in Portland for the last 12 years. He has several sons in the East. In 1918 he returned to his old home for a visit, but found only two friends of his early days still living.

Newman possesses a good memory for dates of pre-war incidents and events, and always enjoys relating stories of early days. Upon his nineteenth anniversary last week he received many letters and postals from relatives and friends in Illinois and Wisconsin.

PROPOSED REPEAL OF ANTI-HANGING LAW IS OPPOSED AT MEETING

The fallacy expressed in the official argument for the proposed repeal of the anti-capital punishment law in stating that possibility of miscarriage of justice by the jury can be reduced to virtually nothing was emphasized in Mrs. Emma Winfree's talk at the mass meeting in Central library Sunday.

Mrs. Trumbull showed how insecure this protection has been given the accused in times past, citing the case of the four gunmen who were executed in New York for the murder of Rosethal, two of whom were declared by Thomas Mott Osborne, warden of Sing Sing, to be innocent, and closer home, the cases of William Booth, William Branson and Arthur Pender, who are all in prison upon circumstantial evidence alone.

The Rev. Frederick T. Howard, chaplain of Good Samaritan hospital, denied the application of Biblical quotations used in official arguments of the official capital punishment pamphlet, covering the phrase that when a man takes life by man shall his life be taken, with several other quotations from Christ.

Weekly meetings will be held at the

library by the anti-capital punishment workers to combat the referendum measure coming up at the next election for the restoration of capital punishment.

Mrs. Winfree, Freed, Is Still at Sheriff's Home Recovering

Oregon City, March 15.—Although given her liberty several days ago, following the refusal of the Marion county officials to prosecute her for the robbery of the Aurora State bank of \$5000, Mrs. Emma Winfree is still at the home of Sheriff and Mrs. W. J. Wilson in this city, where she is recovering from the shock of the affair. Her divorced husband, who was taken into custody a few hours after Mrs. Winfree's arrest, and upon whose person was found \$3000 of the money, and who assisted the officers in recovering \$1500 which he had hidden in the ground near his home, and another \$1500 which he had paid on a farm, upon being given his liberty Saturday morning returned to his home at Bull Run station, where the couple's two little daughters, 9 and 12 years of age, were left in charge of neighbors. While Winfree expressed her willingness to forgive his wife and take her back for the sake of her children, if she would promise to correct her ways and forsake her old companions, who, he asserted, were of a questionable character, it is not likely that she will accept the proffer.

SILVERWARE TAKEN WHILE PASTOR IS HAVING VACATION

While Dr. Joshua Stansfield, pastor of the First Methodist church, was on his vacation in Arizona, thieves entered his home at 1185 Fairmont boulevard and made away with considerable of the family silverware.

The garage of R. J. Kirkwood, 532 East Thirty-sixth street, was entered during the night. The tools were taken from a toolbox and the light globes from their sockets.

When L. L. Menth woke up this morning in room 17 Lincoln hotel he found his suit, watch, overcoat and camera gone. A thief had been working while he was asleep.

WOMAN'S PURSE STOLEN. Miss Ellen E. Conley and J. H. Johnson, rooming at 511 First street, were also the victims of robbers. Miss Conley lost her purse and some small change and Johnson lost a suit of clothes.

J. A. Dundon, chief special agent of the S. P. & S. railroad, asked the police to assist him in arresting the thieves who broke into a boxcar and stole 11 complete blue serge suits, three coats, four vests and five pairs of trousers, consigned to the Lipman & Wolfe store.

P. J. Holohan of 78 East Thirty-ninth street north left his auto parked in the business district Saturday night. When he returned his suitcase, filled with clothing, had been stolen from the machine.

A watch was stolen from A. W. Leslie, 140 East Forty-fifth street, and a suit of clothes from the room of Anton Fesko, Repose hotel.

THIEVES GET BICYCLES. Bert Harris, 656 Lovejoy street, and R. L. May, 229 Porter, reported the theft of their bicycles.

Small boys are believed to have broken into the store at 1255 Hawthorne avenue. Cigars, cigarettes and \$2 were stolen.

One hundred baby chicks were stolen from Anna Wernert, 5225 Forty-fifth street southeast, Saturday night. The thief unlocked the chicken house.

The home of Charles Boyce, 405 East Thirtieth street north, was also entered Saturday night while Mrs. Boyce was at home, but the prowlers were frightened away before they had a chance to steal anything.

Auto in Gym Trick, But Driver Escapes Virtually Uninjured

Rolling completely over five times as it plunged down a 200 foot embankment near Hugo, Or., a heavy motor car came to a stop Sunday night only when it hit a tree, according to H. Kovell, Francisco, driver. He stayed with the car during its drop and was practically unharmed.

Kovell, talking machine manufacturer, was driving from Oakland, Cal., to the Pacific Northwest when the accident happened. He is investigating phonograph markets in Portland, Seattle, Tacoma and Spokane with a view to introducing his machines here.

E. A. Jewell, a passenger at the time of the accident, jumped clear of the car when it began to roll. He was unhurt.

Health Bureau Gets "Breathing Spell"

"This is the first breathing space the health bureau has had in two years," said Dr. George Parrish this morning, noting the lack of the usual hurry and activity that characterizes his office. But one or two cases of influenza have been reported daily to the health bureau during the last week. Few cases of smallpox are being reported, according to Dr. John Able, assistant health officer. He believes that within a few weeks the city will be practically cleared of the contagion.

Storm at Medford Halts Christening Of First Oil Well

Medford, March 15.—Driving snow and rain Sunday afternoon not only kept a crowd from witnessing drilling of the first well of the Trigon Oil & Gas company near Phoenix, but prevented christening of the well, the taking of moving pictures and other ceremonies. A small crowd braved the weather. Drilling was begun. Christening was postponed to Monday afternoon. The well was down 15 feet by night.

Debate Title Won By Pendleton High

Pendleton, March 15.—Pendleton high school won the debate championship of (Umatilla) county Saturday night by defeating both Echo and Milton in a triangular meet. Pendleton's affirmative won unanimously from Echo here and the negative by two to one over Milton at Milton. Echo's affirmative won unanimously over Milton at Echo. Pendleton will meet Morrow county's champions next.

Vote Announced in Schleswig Division

Copenhagen, March 15.—(U. P.)—The result of the plebiscite in the second division of Schleswig has been announced unofficially as follows, a dispatch here today said: Germany, 48,148; Denmark, 13,025.

New Date for Hearing

Salem, March 15.—Arguments in the case of George L. Greenfield vs. the Portland Central Labor Council and G. Heitkemper against the Portland Central Labor council have been advanced for hearing on the supreme court calendar to March 25. Both cases involve the right of labor unions to maintain pickets before establishments whose employees have gone out on strike. The cases are before the supreme court on appeal of the plaintiffs, Greenfield and Heitkemper, the Labor Council winning in the lower court.

Second Hand Men Accused of Taking "Stolen Property"

Complaints charging four secondhand merchants with buying, receiving and concealing stolen property from thieves known to be of criminal character were filed in the municipal court Saturday by Inspector H. B. La Salle. The defendants are William Jacobson, Nathan Karl, Alex Goldstein and Harry Goldstein. Jacobson is charged with concealing about \$125 worth of property belonging to P. E. Aranson of 475 Vancouver avenue; Karl with concealing about \$800 worth of jewelry stolen from the store of Harley Morton, Grand avenue and East Morrison street; Alex Goldstein with concealing about 20 pairs of shoes belonging to John Garrett of Hillsboro, and Harry Goldstein with concealing a large amount of household goods and clothing, said to have been stolen in this county.

The four men were arrested previously by the police and secured their release on \$1000 bail each.

POLITICAL FLAG OF "REDS" IS TARGET

"Choose your flag. Raise it high and keep it flying."

Karl W. Oster, joint defendant with Claude Hurst and Fred Frye on trial for criminal syndicalism, admitted under cross-examination this morning that the above selection appeared in a mimeographed circular which he helped compose and circulate.

Asked as to what flag he meant, he became much confused and stuttered something about the American flag.

"Outside of the American flag I suppose they meant—well, spitting out the words of the Communist Labor party at the time he joined the organizations, were statements made by Oster upon direct examination by W. S. U'Ren, defense attorney.

Oster asserted that he was 26 years old and that he had lived in Finland, Montana, Massachusetts and Oregon. He was a machinist by trade and belonged to a trade union at the time of his arrest, he stated.

200 ARE MEMBERS. "How many members are there of the Communist Labor party in Oregon?" he was asked.

"Not more than 200 at the time of the raid, I am not sure there were that number."

"How many Socialists were there at the time of the formation of the party?" "About 1500, I think."

Oster did not attempt to account for the death of the Socialist party. He described the state Socialist convention, held on September 27, when the delegates voted to dissolve membership in that body and later affiliated with the Communist Labor party.

LITERATURE IS ADMITTED. Much of the literature previously barred from presentation was admitted into the evidence this morning by Judge Morrow. Among the pamphlets admitted are "Soviet Russia," "William C. Bullitt Mission to Russia," "Class Struggle," and some others along the same line.

"The New Freedom," by President Wilson, which U'Ren attempted to enter into the records by Oster read excerpts from it, was barred by the court on the grounds that it consisted simply of the opinions of one individual.

For his definition of a radical Oster gave the following:

"A person who advocates what Webster terms radical reforms and ideas which differed from those in general use."

ATTEMPT IS FAILURE. U'Ren's attempt to have Oster enlighten the jury with his own definition of "revolutionary industrial proletarian" ended in failure at the objection of Deputy District Attorney Earl Bernard.

The defense received a shock when it submitted a small book, "Political Parties in Russia," by Lenin. Evans glanced over the book and stated that it was objectionable if certain portions notations were removed. U'Ren took a hurried look at the book and hastily stated that he desired to withdraw it from the evidence.

"We would like to have that preserved," stated Evans. "The state will offer it in evidence in rebuttal."

HELD TO GRAND JURY ON CHARGE OF WHITE SLAVERY

When his wife declared she was going to get a divorce, E. H. Maple fell in love with Mrs. Nellie Little, pretty little laundry worker. He testified today before United States Commissioner Drake. After two hours of testimony, Maple was bound over to the federal grand jury under \$500 bond on charges of white slavery.

"He had a wonderful little wife and ought to be killed for leaving her," Maple's attorney told the court that he did not violate the white slave act by furnishing transportation from Portland to Seattle and return for Mrs. Little.

"Dear daddy," the girl wrote Maple from Seattle, where he sent her to avoid dragging her into his wife's divorce suit in Portland, "I wish you were here right this minute holding me in your arms."

"The trouble between my wife and me arose over her refusal to quit work and settle down in a home," said Maple. "For five years we were very happy, but I got tired of living in two rooms, coming home at night to find the dishes unwashed and the bed unmade. So I told my wife to quit work. But she wouldn't. That started our trouble. She wanted to get a divorce, threatened even to have me arrested. When the suit was about to start I became acquainted with Mrs. Little."

Subsequently, Maple said, his wife

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dropped divorce proceedings. He loves her intensely, he said, and hopes to re-establish a home with her.

SAYS WIFE CALLED HIM VILE NAMES; SEEKS DIVORCE

Oscar J. Olhus, who a short time ago received a jail sentence from Judge Gatens for violating a traffic ordinance, is complainant in a divorce action filed in the circuit court Saturday against Leta Olhus. Olhus accuses his wife of way engineering, who returned Saturday after a tour over that section of the state an unknown correspondent in the case.

Paul Mitchell charges Bertha A. Mitchell, to whom he was married in 1903, with desertion, in a divorce suit filed Saturday.

Highway Condition Good

Salem, March 15.—With the exception of five miles of heavy mud the Pacific highway from Salem to Medford is in splendid condition for travel at this time, according to Herbert Nunn, state highway engineer, who returned Saturday after a tour over that section of the state.

Weyerhaeusers Put Price of Lath Down

Spokane, Wash., March 15.—Following closely the announced reduction in lumber prices, the Weyerhaeuser Sales company announced a reduction in the price of lath. Based on the production of the Weyerhaeuser group of mills this means a reduction of about \$500,000 on the annual output of lath from these mills.

The Aristocracy of Clothes

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