

ARE FARMERS FAIRLY FINANCED?—No. 21

The first cablegram from its newly established London office was received at the Portland office of the Northwest Cooperative Grain Growers' association Wednesday afternoon.

The London office was opened a few days ago. It means that members of the Northwest association are in direct communication with the market where the world's price of wheat is made.

At the same time the association, for its member farmers, sells direct to Northwest mills or to others who want wheat.

The opening of a sales office in London is a movement of very great possibilities. It may be the beginning of a new epoch in the marketing of wheat.

The Journal is in position to state that overtures have been made on Puget Sound for financing the Northwest Grain Growers' association in the hope of diverting its grain movement from Portland.

The association, as a result of the credit secured from the War Finance corporation, and a credit of \$500,000 from an Eastern bank, is assured of the major credit required for its operations this year.

The question is, What part will Portland take in this matter of financing? The requirements of the association are for such credit as may be needed in assembling cargo shipments.

It will be sound policy for Portland to be alert in financing these wheat operations to the limit. Grain terminals and deep channels to the sea cost a lot of money.

Through lack of financing, the wheat movement should be diverted from Portland, one of the great fruits of the Columbia rate case would be lost.

of rumors that he is perverting the department of justice and thereby emboldening the forces of radicalism.

In a speech Wednesday, Attorney General Daugherty declared his extreme disapproval of "disloyal conduct or for hindering the government in prosecuting the war with Germany."

SETTLING HIS OWN AFFAIR

A "BATTERED" ex-convict was brought to the police emergency hospital in Portland a few nights ago. His head was bruised and cut.

He was questioned as to who was his assailant. His only answer was that it was his affair; that he would "later settle the argument himself."

The former convict has his own code of ethics. Police and law have no place in his life. He makes no pretense at settling his differences in a legal way.

A "shell-shock" school has been unearthed in Berlin. It trains make-believes to appear as if they had been gassed.

ORDERS have issued from the United States attorney general at Washington, D. C., to defer indefinitely the civil action brought to secure the annulment of the citizenship of Joseph Woerndle.

By singular coincidence, William Bryon, an old and trusted service agent of the government who gathered the evidence against Woerndle, has received from the department of justice at Washington, D. C., a telegram dismissing him from service.

The evidence against Woerndle consists in part of sworn statements and of undeposited photographic copies of pages from the defendant's diary, in which the transaction with Boehm is set forth in detail.

WHAT'S YOUR ANSWER? The meekthief who robbed the state employment institution for the loaded truck and trailer on the recently paved Newberg highway were ugly and deep is the statement of a Portlander who watched the outfit go by.

SOME of the big trucks operating on Portland streets distinctly jar houses half a block to a block away. When you feel the vibrations within a house so shaken you know intuitively what is going on in the foundations of the pavement over which the ponderous truck is passing.

THIS thing must be known to all: That invention has developed a powerful motor vehicle capable of carrying loads not dreamed of when streets were paved and paving of roads was begun.

Along with that realization there must come this query: Since these ponderous loads came into action

DISARMING MR. LODGE

Thus, Fociously, Do Certain Editors Characterize the Effect of His Appointment as Delegate to the Disarmament Conference—Others, Again, Forecast an Exercise of the Senator's Well Known Power and Disposition for Prodigal.

Virtual unanimity reigns in the press on the appointment of Senator Lodge as delegate to the disarmament conference as being the natural and the expected thing in the circumstances.

"Perhaps Mr. Harding was compelled by force of circumstances to make the selection," says the Lynchburg News (Dem.), "but the fact remains that the appointment will be widely regarded as a landmark in the history of the Democratic press being more vocal than the Republican."

"The Boston Herald (Ind. Rep.) thinks the president 'has acted wisely in making the titular head of the senate a member of the American delegation to the Roanoke Times (Dem.) declares that 'the appointment of Senator Lodge, while it will not provoke any enthusiasm whatever, will be accepted without protest.'"

As to the constitutional disqualification of a senator accepting any post created during his term of office, the Springfield Republican (Ind.) thinks "the whole subject is a matter of dollars and cents, and the senator who is elected while acting as a representative of the people has implications which actually tend to degrade the senate from its constitutional position."

The New York Herald (Ind.) "deplores a growing tendency in some quarters to regard the senate as a mere political machine, and to regard its members as mere politicians."

Replies to Criticism of It Presented by Lebanon, Aug. 25.—To the Editor of the Journal—I have read in your columns several letters denouncing the 4-L system.

The Indianapolis News (Ind.), referring to the senator's announced unchangeableness of views, thinks "the promise to sign the 4-L bill is a rash one."

WAR FOREVER? "IT IS perfectly futile to believe that there never will be armed conflicts," said President Harding, in an address Wednesday.

is then the dream of permanent peace hopeless? Are we fatalists who accept it as final that wars will always be, that interest will always have to be paid on war bills through collection of war taxes and that mothers must always raise boys to be shot on the battlefields?

Mr. Lodge's talents, as the country is aware, are superlatively preventive. He is an obstructionist without a peer.

CAREFUL CAMPERS High Praise for the System of the Mountaineers and the Mazamas. Chelan, Wash., Aug. 31.—The Mountaineers' Club of Toconoco and Seattle passed through Chelan returning after a three weeks' outing in the Wenatchee and Chelan forests of Washington.

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE Something seems odd about commemorating Labor day in absolute rest.

SIDELIGHTS There are said to be 8000 different ways of making a living.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE Communications sent to the Journal for publication should not exceed 300 words in length.

CONCERNING WAGE CUTS A Protest Against the Practice of Cutting Wages First.

MORE OR LESS PERSONAL Random Observations About Town

Among the guests at the Multnomah is A. N. H. Vaughn, a retired foundryman of North Portland.

W. Harvey Cyrus of Prineville is spending a few days in Portland. He is accompanied by Mrs. Cyrus.

LeRoy Ledgerwood and Ralph Ledgerwood of Stayton are taking in the sights of the metropolis.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Woodard and Mrs. S. P. Ireland of Silverton are stopping at the Portland.

W. Boltons of La Grande is stopping at the Oregon.

Laurence Woodfin of Ketchikan, Alaska, is registered at the Portland.

R. C. J. Astbury of Medford is in town.

OBSERVATIONS AND IMPRESSIONS OF THE JOURNAL MAN

Reminiscences of pioneer life at and near Vancouver when it was chiefly a mere military post on the farthest frontier are related by Harry E. Biles in the second installment of a story which Mr. Lockley has recorded for the Journal.

For three score years and nine, Mrs. Mary E. Biles, whose maiden name was Mary Elizabeth Kelly, has been a resident of the Oregon country.

While my father was at Fort Klamath, he made a trip to Crater lake. It was his description of this wonderful lake that was read by W. G. Steel when the builder of some of the finest hotels in the country came to Oregon to see this lake of silence and mystery.

Shortly after the close of the Civil war my father was ordered from Fort Klamath to Camp Harney to join Lieutenant Colonel George Crook of the Twenty-third infantry.

My father died December 28, 1871, at Denver, while on his way home from New Mexico, where he had been engaged in fighting the Indians.

After a year or two on the farm, father finally gave it up. He was appointed postmaster at Vancouver, the postoffice was near the Catholic church and had a big stockade around it.

The Oregon Country

Northwest Happenings in Brief From the Daily Journal

OREGON A levy of \$18,800 for school expenses this year has been approved by the Pendleton school board.

A rich gold strike has been reported on the Lewis and Clark gulch on the headwaters of Canyon creek, 15 miles west of Kirby.

Actual construction work has started on the new \$25,000 depot which the Spokane, Portland & Seattle rail is erecting at St. Helens.

Building activity is at high tide in Soapstone. Seven residences are under construction and many farmers are building new houses.

The prune crop in the Multnomah-Freewater district is the largest in the history of the valley.

Residents of Cascade Locks report that a crew of engineers is engaged on the proposed Columbia River bridge.

Miss Marie Fletcher, aged 16, is in a Pendleton hospital suffering from a crushed vertebrae.

Ralph Moore, aged 23, was killed near Dayton when a car in which he was riding struck a truck.

Spokane valley fruit pickers in the Spokane valley have been reduced from 40 and 50 cents an hour last year to 30 cents this year.

Judge Smith of Seattle has signed an order temporarily restraining the United Mine Workers from picketing or otherwise interfering with property of the Pacific Coast Coal company at Newcastle.

Miss Mabel Nagel, 25 years old, was found dead a few days ago in the dental office of Dr. E. K. Markham in Tacoma.

The first body of Thomas Graham Jackson, the first man to respond to the selective draft law, was returned from Utah state penitentiary, escaped from Sheriff Kinney. William Carter, also an ex-convict, was drowned.

What I Like Best in the Journal P. O. POWELL, secretary Oregon Farm bureau—I have been especially interested in your editorials on the financing of the farmer, and also in the Bryant articles on Russia.

MRS. FRANCIS E. MORSE, Carlisle, Wash.—I like the Journal because it is "fair, square and liberal."

J. D. HOPKINS, 106 East Seventy-eighth street—I like the Journal editorial page best, for its fairness.

PHILIP G. NISSIORIS, 285 Grand avenue—Because it is the voice of the people—morally, politically and intellectually.

MRS. VERNON W. DAY, 2064 East Burnside street—The marine news.

If the correspondent who speaks of having voted as a Republican for 30 years will supply his name and address The Journal will be glad to print his comment.