

The Oregon Statesman

SEVENTY-FIFTH YEAR

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PRICE FIVE CENTS

OREGON HOP CROP NEARLY HARVESTED

Yield This Year Will Run Around 80,000 Bales of Quality Product

PRICES ARE ALSO GOOD

Sales Reported at 26 Cents a Pound, With 27 Cents Rumored; Many Reasons for Demand

The Oregon hop crop is nearly all harvested, and there will be 80,000 bales. This is at least 10,000 bales more than was predicted up to a few weeks ago. It is 5,000 bales more than was predicted up to a week or two ago. And it is the best hop crop in quality that has been produced here for many years.

Most readers know that the Oregon hop crop is nearly all produced in the Salem district; in the territory of which Salem is the marketing center.

There is a demand for all of our hops, and at good prices; at around 25 cents a pound. Some sales have been made at 26 cents, and there are rumors of 27-cent sales. One of the best posted men in the industry here said last evening that the market was quiet yesterday; but he made no predictions as to what it may be tomorrow; and he had no advice to growers to either sell or hold.

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GOVERNOR REPLIES TO ELWOOD MEAD INQUIRIES

Reconstruction of Entire Irrigation Plan Will be Sought of Legislature

Federal aid in the Vale irrigation project is much desired in Oregon and by the time the government is in a position to complete the necessary construction, which is estimated to consume three years, the state will be in a position to meet the requirements of the government. Governor Pierce yesterday wrote Elwood Mead, of the reclamation service, who advised him that an appropriation by congress is available only after the state has executed a contract obligating itself to assume the responsibility of securing and financing settlers.

"It will require three years or more for the government to finish the necessary construction of ditches for water from the Warm Springs reservoir and during this period the legislature will meet twice in regular session, ample time for the enactment of such legislation as may be necessary to meet the requirements of your department," the governor writes. "I shall recommend to the next legislature the passage of a bill for the reconstruction of the entire irrigation plan in Oregon. At some stages of land development the settlers must have a certain amount of credit but an overabundance of credit is often a serious detriment to success for a business man or farmer."

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CHINESE CIVIL WAR IS AGAIN IMMINENT

Serious Outbreak by Rival Military Leaders is Expected by Legate

SOVIET SENDS MUNITIONS

Motor Trucks Laden With Ammunition and Guns Smuggled Across Chinese Border From Russia

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—(By Associated Press.)—Reports reaching Washington as to warlike preparations of the rival military leaders in China tend to confirm the view expressed Wednesday in Moscow by M. Karakhan, soviet ambassador to Peking, that a new outbreak of civil war was to be expected. They also reflect the new angle to the Chinese military political situation pointed out by Karakhan in his assertion that Wu Peifu, once overthrown and presumably eliminated from the struggle for supremacy, would re-enter the Chinese picture as a vital factor.

General Wu is known to have gathered considerable strength about him in recent months in the Yantse provinces to which he retired after the Peking coup expected by the Christian general, Feng Yu-Hsiang, who deserted Wu and joined forces with Chang Tao-Lin, the Manchurian warlord who set up the present provisional regime in Peking.

One point on which information in Washington appears to be somewhat clearer than any knowledge Karakhan admitted in the Moscow interview, is the source of the military supplies reaching General Feng at Kalgan, his present headquarters. Within recent weeks, motor trucks laden with ammunition cases have been seen by American observers on entering Calgan from Mongolia. The lettering on these cases was Russian, as indicating that they came from soviet sources by way of Mongolia, which is largely under soviet control.

Feng is generally credited with having from 300 to 500 machines, most of them of American make, engaged in this traffic which presumably is in preparation for the struggle Karakhan held to be inevitable between Feng and Chang, with General Wu as a third factor, whose course may not yet be definitely forecast.

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THREE VICTIMS OF RAIL MERGER GRAFT TESTIFY

WITNESSES SAY BRIBERY OF OFFICIALS INTENDED

Conditional Receipts Declared Issued in Exchange for Large Sums

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 17.—(By Associated Press.)—Three Los Angeles men testified today at the superior court trial of Henry Hibbs and Thomas Hennessy, who are charged with perpetrating a gigantic rail merger swindle, that they put a total of several thousands of dollars into the venture with the expectation of receiving profits at the rate of 10 to 1 or 15 to 1 but that so far all they had received for their money were "Dickey Birds."

"Dickey Birds," it developed from the testimony, were typewritten documents given by Hibbs and Hennessy in acknowledgement of the receipt of money from investors. These provided that investors should be remunerated at the rate of \$10 for every dollar, but the proviso was added that in case the proposed merger of one-third of the railway mileage of the United States was not consummated the member of the firm whose name was attached to the "Dickey Bird" should be free of all financial responsibility to the investor.

The witnesses said they were told the merger plan had the approval of the interstate commerce commission, that the government was so eager to have the plan go through that the treasury was acting as a kind of trustee for funds and that in the event of its success Hennessy and Hibbs were to receive their commission from the United States treasury department.

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MEDIUM FAILS TO GIVE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

TEST CONDUCTED BY HOUDINI SAID UNSUCCESSFUL

Over \$30,000 Offered for Convincing Proof of "Honest Mediumship"

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 17.—(By Associated Press.)—The Rev. Dr. Alice S. Dooley, pastor of the Pittsburgh Church of Divine Healing, failed tonight on the stage of a theater here to answer three questions placed before her in sealed envelopes by Harry Houdini, magician. The test was made after Mrs. Dooley had accepted Houdini's challenge to prove herself a medium.

Admitting her failure to answer the questions, she asked for a private test and Houdini suggested that he submit her name to the Scientific American offering to defray the expenses of herself and husband for a week in New York for that purpose. She accepted the offer. No date was set for the proposed test.

Mrs. Dooley attempted to answer two of the questions but did not touch upon the contents of the remaining envelope, declaring the demonstration was "very unsatisfactory to me."

"I failed," she said, "but I'm going to try again."

The questions and answers were:

"What was the name of the first chief of police from Pittsburgh whom I met in Europe?" Answer: "Not quite clear but possibly March 30, 1864."

"Who taught me the East Indian trick?" Answer: "Is it possible?"

Houdini announced that Mrs. Dooley was not seeking a prize and the woman herself said her appearance on