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ECHO BEGINS FIRST ALFALFA HARVEST

YIELD THIS YEAR IS UNUSUALLY HEAVY ONE

Will Be Three Or Four Crops In Irrigated Districts—Yields Amount to From Five to Nine Tons Per Acre at Each Cutting.

(Special Correspondence.) Echo, Ore., May 25.—The Echo neighborhood is in the midst of the first alfalfa hay harvest of this year and the crop is unusually heavy. There will be three and in some cases four crops cut this year. The yield of alfalfa on the irrigated lands varies, but always amounts to from five to nine tons per acre each year at the three cuttings.

Miss Blanch Crayne hurriedly left here yesterday for Cascade Locks in response to a telegram saying that her sister, Mrs. Murrel Cates had met with an accident in which she was badly bruised and her collar bone broken. No particulars were given concerning the accident.

Mrs. J. T. McNuslen of Umatilla, visited here yesterday with friends, returning home in the evening on the motor.

Mrs. H. T. Irwin of Hermiston, is visiting here with Mrs. Jos. Cunha. A. A. Finley, a resident of Stanfield, was here on business yesterday.

Grandma Holmes left for Portland on the early morning train, accompanied by her son, Jas. T. Holmes of La Grande, and her granddaughter, Miss Francis Fenton. Mrs. Holmes will make her home with her daughter, Mrs. Herb Thompson of Portland. J. D. Watson's wife and children arrived here yesterday from Walla Walla, where they have been temporarily staying since their arrival from the east six weeks ago, awaiting their furniture and household goods. They will occupy the Smith residence on the west side of the river.

F. M. Conner, formerly of the Hoskins & Conner firm of this place, arrived here this morning from White Bird, Idaho, on a short visit with friends. Mr. Conner has been at White Bird the past several months working with a surveyor's crew for the Pittsburg & Gillmore railway.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bartholomew, Mrs. O. F. Thomson and daughter, Miss Rilla Thomson, went to Pendleton this morning to attend the funeral of Mrs. Ralph Howland.

Miss Ruth Goffrey and Master Norman, spent today visiting in Pendleton.

Wm. Hoskins attended the graduating exercises at Hermiston Monday evening.

MAKING OREGON INVITING.

Hill Senter's Encouragement and Judge Webster Urges Bond Issue for Good Roads.

Portland, Ore.—Never did Oregon look so clean, spick and span as at the present time. Eastern and central Oregon have had rains at just exactly the right time. Western and southern Oregon are intensely prosperous, and the carpenter, cabinet maker, painter, designer, landscape artist and busy housewife have had more than they could do in every section, for the disposition to clean up and paint up and put the best foot foremost was never more contagious than at the present time.

The good roads campaign now being conducted by Judge Lionel R. Webster throughout Oregon, is not only attracting an unusual amount of newspaper comment, but the judge is convincing his large audiences that, only in Multnomah county can direct taxation be depended upon for good roads through Portland's heavy tax contribution, and that long time bond issues are about the only way to get good roads during the life time of the present generation throughout the state at large. A constitutional amendment will be required to bring this about.

The trip through Oregon of President Louis W. Hill of the Great Northern railway has probably occasioned a greater amount of newspaper comment in the papers of the state than has been accorded the visit of any other man during the last ten years. Mr. Hill's entrance into southern Oregon from Shaniko was somewhat arduous, as he started immediately after the hardest rain for twelve months which had resulted in making some of the roads almost impassable, but he was determined to see all there was to see, and his personal discomfort was never mentioned. In every place he had something definite and decisive to say. His visit has served as a tremendous encouragement to those interested in the development of Oregon.

The Dalles as a pattern-setter for good fellowship, sent over one hundred of its leading citizens, accompanied by a brass band, to a meeting at Mosier.

Prairie City, which will be the new terminus of the Sumpter Valley railroad within a few weeks, has inaugurated a publicity movement, and at a rousing meeting every man present joined the Commercial club.

"Sunset Magazine" for June devoted its first cover page and many inside pages to the vast development that is going on in Oregon. "Telling Oregon Truths," by A. C. Jackson, was especially complimentary to the work of the Oregon Development league.

The Marshfield chamber of commerce is making extraordinary preparations for a great business men's banquet at the Hotel Chandler on May 27.

POLITICIAN URGES POETRY.

Henniker Heaton Suggests It as Link Between England and Colonies. London.—Public men as a rule are slow to recognize the value of sentiment. The poet is still a negligible

quantity compared with the maker of laws. But Henniker Heaton, M. P., has an eye for values not usually possessed by a politician. He has suggested that another link between England and her colonies might be forged by cultivating acquaintance with their poetry.

With that end in view, he has arranged a recital of imperial verse for some time in June. Selections from Australian poetry will be made by Henniker Heaton; Mrs. George Crean will do the same for Canada, while the Anglo-Indian pieces will be selected by Lady Strachey. Professor Bradley of Oxford is to deliver an appropriate address, and Rudyard Kipling is amongst the distinguished men who are expected to be present.

COUNTESS ASPIRES TO BE REAL AVIATOR

London.—Aeroplane sheds are making their appearance on the grounds of many of the largest estates in England, and a number of noted men—and women too—are experimenting with both British and continental machines.

Among the latest enthusiasts are the Earl and Countess Fitzwilliam, who have installed a Bleriot monoplane on their beautiful estate, Wentworth-Woodhouse, in Yorkshire. The Countess is numbered among those who aspire to become practical pilots of the air, and not only has been a close student at all the demonstrations of the aeroplane, but has essayed short flights herself.

Both the Earl and the Countess are adventurous spirits and nothing can daunt them when a new experience is promised. The Earl, although still under forty, is a sportsman, traveler, mining engineer, big game hunter, cyclist, polo player, soldier and politician. His most famous exploit was the fitting up of the expedition five or six years ago to find the Cocos island treasure. His expedition got into a battle with another band of treasure hunters, and the Earl's party was beaten off, the Earl and two of his men being injured.

The Earl is very wealthy, his fortune being ample to allow him to indulge in any fad he may fancy. His Yorkshire home is one of the show places of the country and is filled with magnificent works of art.

The Countess, who was a daughter of the Marquis of Zetland, is petite and pretty. She always has been fond of hunting, riding and cycling, and several years ago she created quite a furor in society by her skirt dancing. At one house party she danced a "pas seul" dressed in emerald green chiffon and gold shoes, and blazing with diamonds.

BERLIN NOW CLAIMS GEORGE V AS A GERMAN

Berlin—"King George of England is German through and through. He is no more an Englishman than any German citizen of purely Teutonic descent."

This is the keynote of numerous articles in the German newspapers in which King George is requested to maintain good relations with Germany and show himself more friendly to Germany than Edward.

"If George is our enemy he will be a traitor to his own blood."

This is the argument repeated on all sides by the German press and is driven home with a demonstration of how purely German George is. His pedigree consists of 128 ancestors. Of these 118 are Germans, mostly of minor German princes and grand dukes. Even his mother, who was a Danish princess, is descended from German families, for the whole Danish dynasty is of purely German origin.

For the last seven generations King George's ancestors, parental and maternal, are purely German. It is necessary to go back to the grandmother of George I, Elizabeth Stuart, to find the first one who was not English blood in George's veins and Elizabeth was really Scottish and not English at all.

A German writer, P. Belgard, is to be indicted on a charge of lese majeste for belittling the imperial family in publishing a story holding up to ridicule one of the Kaiser's remote ancestors, Joachim, the first elector of Brandenburg, who reigned in Berlin from 1499 to 1535.

The story published by Belgard is a propos of the comet and says that Joachim was victimized into believing the earth was doomed to destruction in 1535 and that on July 15th of that year Joachim, in a panic, fled to the mountains to escape the inundation which he feared. Not a drop of rain fell and when he returned to the palace the citizens of Berlin greeted him with jeers and gloomy visages.

NORWAY BROADENS GRANT OF SUFFRAGE

Christiania, Norway.—By a great majority the Odelsting has voted to grant universal municipal suffrage to women over twenty-five years of age. The new legislation will become effective at the next elections and will increase the present women electors from 127,000 to half a million.

The Odelsting is the controlling legislative body of Norway. The general assembly, the Storting, is elected by popular vote and, upon convening annually, divides itself into houses—the Lagting and the Odelsting. The former is composed one-fourth of the total members of the Storting, and the other of the remaining three-fourths. The revision of the government belongs exclusively to the Odelsting, in which house all new legislation must be first considered. Exclusive authority in which it was adopted by the Odelsting pass to the Lagting to be accepted or rejected.

If the two houses do not agree they hold a common sitting and the final decision is given by a majority of two-thirds of the joint body. The royal veto may be exercised twice, but if the same bill passes three Storthings formed by separate elections it becomes a law.

Since 1907 women have been allowed to vote under the same conditions as men only when they or their husbands, when the couples have property in common, have paid an income tax of 400 kroner in the towns

and 300 kroner in the country districts.

WAR OFFICE STOPS THE "ODE TO PEACE"

London.—The British war office has made itself unpopular by interfering with the management of the Royal Navy and Military tournament. This popular annual event had been arranged to include as its special feature a military display entitled "The Millennium" in which 400 "Tommy Atkinses" dressed as soldiers of all nations were to appear, perform evolutions and finally sing an "Ode to Peace," accompanied by a guard's band.

This display had been extensively advertised for weeks and the arrangements were practically complete when the war office came down and forbade the singing of the "Ode to Peace." This action immediately following the publication of a letter criticizing the proposed performance as incongruous and absurd. Still the tournament management were put to considerable inconvenience, and the organizing secretary, Colonel Ricardo, immediately resigned, after working hard in connection with the tournament for many years.

In his statement, Colonel Ricardo points out that the war office has never done anything for the tournament, which is held for the benefit of various service charities beyond giving its sanction to the appearance of troops.

Three years ago the department interfered to stop the performance of an Indian mutiny sham battle because of the critical state of native unrest in India at the time.

FASTS FOR 42-DAY PERIOD.

English Artist Has Drastic Cure for Hearty Appetite.

London.—The recent fasting experiment of Mr. Upton Sinclair, which created widespread interest, has been eclipsed in value and in length of time by Mr. Charles Spencer, an artist of Kent.

Mr. Spencer suffered from an abnormal appetite; no meal seemed to satisfy him. At length he began a diligent study of the theory of fasting as a cure; then he practiced it for forty-two days.

In speaking of his experience Mr. Spencer said: "On the first day the pangs of hunger were keen enough; so were they on the second day. On the third day there seemed little relief, and from that day onward I experienced no hunger whatever."

"I continued my work as an artist, doing some light gardening and walking as exercises. At the end of the forty-second day hunger began to reassert itself. That is the stage where many 'fasters' make a mistake. They determine to fast for a certain number of days, and even if the craving for food returns after a certain period they continue to fast."

"When I felt the hunger returning I immediately drank some fruit juice, and continued to live on this for two days. On Thursday night I had my first square meal. It is a grave error for anyone to fast who has not a thorough scientific knowledge of the subject."

"This experience of mine," he concluded, "is only the beginning of more on a wider scale, and my wife is to join me as well."

SAXONY RICH IN RADIUM.

Government to Monopolize All Mines Having Pitchblende.

Berlin.—Saxony is wonderfully rich in radium according to an official report issued by the government, after a comprehensive search throughout the kingdom.

Specimens of water for testing were taken from 484 different sources, including mines, springs, brooks and ponds, and eighty-four of these showed radio-activity. Twelve were classified as strongly radio-active, some being much stronger than the well-known Brakenack spring at Gastein and the Buettsquelle in Baden. The government proposes to create a state monopoly of all pitchblende (in which pure radium is found) discovered in privately-owned mines.

London.—A striking illustration of how imprisonment for a first offense will wreck the life of an individual was shown at the London Sessions recently when a descript old woman by the name of Annie Connor was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment for shoplifting. The poor woman committed her first offense in 1851 and was given a sentence of four months. No sooner had she come out of prison than she adopted crime as a profession. Since then she has served sentences totaling forty years seven months and fourteen days.

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Prayer for Aviators. London.—The Rev. Prebendary Bolton, vicar of St. Mary's Lichfield, has aroused some comment by his interpolation of the words "and in the air" in the prayer in the Litany "for those traveling by land or by water." The interpolation was made first at the time of the Paulhan-Grahame-White air race, prayers for the latter being requested by his mother.

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