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THE FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT OFFICE CLOSES FOR LACK OF FUNDS

N. Berkeley Announces Discontinuation of Office in City.

CONGRESS HAS NOT MADE APPROPRIATION

Owing to the failure of congress to make provisions for the federal employment service and the exhaustion of local funds raised to keep the service going temporarily, N. Berkeley announces that the federal employment office here is no longer to be maintained. Mr. Berkeley says he will give as much time as he can personally to the subject but as no funds are available he will be unable to devote the time he has formerly given.

During the war the federal employment service was of great benefit to all concerned and strong requests have been made that the service be continued. The appropriation for the service was included in a bill that was killed by the Republican filibuster at the close of the last session. It was presumed the new congress would provide money for the service but it has not done so.

Major L. W. Humphreys Decorated by Belgians With Croix de Guerre



PORTLAND, Ore., June 21.—Major Lester W. Humphreys of the Wild West division has arrived in New York and will reach Portland July 4. The information came in a wire to a Portland friend this morning. Major Humphreys came overseas on the liner Agamemnon, and after debarkation at New York leaves for Camp Dix for discharge.

Promotion for distinguished service in Belgium and awarded the Croix de Guerre by the Belgian government. Major Humphreys had further honors thrust upon him by being selected among a very few for attendance at the leading law school of Paris. He has finished his studies there and is coming home to resume his law practice in the firm of Chamberlain, Thomas, Kraemer & Humphreys, of which he has long been a member.

Major Humphreys, then a captain, spoke in Pendleton with President Kerr of O. A. C. during the war. He was formerly an O. A. C. student.

Webb, who swam from Dover to Catalina in 1875, and Thomas William Burgess, who accomplished the same feat 1911.

Washington Labor Condemns Stand of Eastern Convention

BELLINGHAM, June 21.—The state federation of labor voted to send a telegram to the American federation of labor convention condemning its action against prohibition and the "boose special train" to Washington.

17 FOXES AT M'NAB FOX FARM LEAD LIVES OF LUXURY; EACH HAS INDIVIDUAL BATH

Pendleton shares with Pine City the distinction of having the only silver fox farm in Oregon. It is owned by Dr. D. C. McNabb, and is located at 2214 East Court street. At present the number of animals on the farm total 17, seven being from Canada with which Mr. McNabb stocked the farm when he began the business here a year ago last November, and 10 baby foxes, aged two months.

"Bessie," valued by Dr. McNabb at \$10,000, is the mother of five of the babies; "Tom," who in spite of her masculine title is a female fox, is the mother of three, and "Little Sister," the third mother, is the proud parent of two.

Although the seven older foxes make it a rule never to flirt with strangers, they are on good terms with Dr. McNabb. The young animals, however, are wilder, and in the opinion of their owner it will be some time before they show him the friendliness evidenced in their elders. All show the slowness which is characteristic of their kind, and one fox escaped some time ago, leaving the original stock of eight reduced to the present seven. Another trick of a female fox was to gnaw in two a rope which pulled a cover which hid a hole she had dug in the ground.

A life of luxury and ease is led by the fox-bearers. The diet of the baby foxes consists mostly of sweetened milk, but the grown-ups after a breakfast of cooked oatmeal and milk and a dog biscuit now and then, feast upon such delicacies as chicken and rabbit with green grass, as the salad course. Food is served about 12 o'clock for each fox. The rabbits and chickens, by the way, are raised by Dr. McNabb on the farm. As for their other modes of living, each fox bathes daily in individual bathtubs which are one of the features of the 16 pens.

The pens are inclosed with wire netting and contain wooden houses which are lined with fur and provided with tunnels. In each pen is a mulberry bush and an elderberry tree for berries tickle the palate of Mr. Fox. Eight cherry trees have been planted so that cherries fall from one tree into two pens. Grape vines which will turn the farm into an arbor in a few years are now well started, so that the animals will be provided with the fruit.

The animals are responding to the care given them by Dr. McNabb, as a comparison of weights will show. The average weight of a fox is from 6 to 9 pounds, but those which from 12 to 14. Good feeding also brings glossy fur. The fur is at its best in December or January, according to the owner and it is at this time that Dr. McNabb will reap a harvest from the baby foxes who will have reached full size by that time.

Although Dr. McNabb started the farm in recent years, it is the product of 10 years of planning and study. He chose to raise the silver fox because of dye's art can reproduce the black and silver stripes of the animal, and they are therefore more valuable than red fox, which can not be dyed black in such a way as not to be detected. Silver fox skins sell for as high as \$1100.

Experiments show that the fur from foxes raised on farms is even more valuable than that of the wild fox, for according to actual cases, the animals have proven themselves to be perfectly furred. They do not injure their fur by catching it in bushes as do the wild species, which added advantage is that they can be caught at the time when the fur is at its best.

Dr. McNabb says that according to maps sent out by the department of agriculture Pendleton is in the zone where fox growing is very feasible.

STATE LAW BRINGS PECULIAR SITUATION

Children With Father are Classed as Being Orphans.

SALEM, Ore., June 21.—In the eyes of the law W. W. Hudson of Eugene is not the father of his own children, a daughter aged 11, and a son aged 13. For the state industrial accident commission, following a ruling by Assistant Attorney General Alexander, has held that the two children are orphans, fatherless and motherless, despite the fact that the two children are now living with their father.

This unusual case was brought to light today when the industrial accident commission awarded the two children \$12 a month compensation as a result of the death of their step-father in Portland two years ago.

A history of the case shows that Mrs. M. Aretta J. Hudson was divorced from W. W. Hudson several years ago at Eugene. She procured custody of the two children and some time later married Charles Buck, who was employed by the Portland Bridge & Building Company at Portland. The two children then took the name of their stepfather.

Buck was killed during the course of his employment in September, 1917, and the commission then awarded \$30 monthly to the widow and \$6 monthly to the two step-children, making \$42 monthly in all.

Before the case was finally settled, however, the mother of the two children died. Their own father then went to Portland where he obtained appointment as their guardian through County Judge Taxwell. He then took his children back to Eugene to live.

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Condón and Lewiston Get Good Showers

Good soaking rains have fallen in parts of the wheat country east of the Cascades and showers in some sections, but elsewhere the soil is steadily in need of moisture. A good hard rain was reported at Marysville, south of Condón, and there was also a heavy downpour in the Lewiston section. Sprinkles occurred around Ione, Heppner and Dufur and there were local showers in central Oregon along the Deschutes river.

The weather has been favorable for harvesting the grain crop which is now in full swing in California and Arizona. Wheat and barley are filling in California, where the only damage reported was the shattering of somewhat by north winds, and in a few localities the grasshoppers are causing more than the usual amount of injury. Some corn was damaged by frost in Nevada and it made slow growth elsewhere on the coast.

Wolfe Will Try Swim Across English Channel

(By United Press.)
LONDON, June 21.—Jabez Wolfe is preparing to make his twenty-first attempt to swim the Channel, and hopes to make a start early in July. "I am going to take a new course," declared Wolfe, "starting from Bangor and making for the south side of Cape Grisnez. During June my training program will be: Swim five miles, walk five miles, bicycle five miles and row the same distance."

So far the only successful Channel swimmers have been Captain Matthew

ALASKA HOPEFUL SAYS VISITOR FROM NORTH

Alaska is looking for a new and bigger era of development by the United States government now that the war has allowed this country to again direct its attention to the north, on Katchemak bay, with relatives.

Courts of Pendleton, said today when interviewed by an East Oregonian representative. Courts spent the past winter at Seldovia and nearby. "Herring fisheries on Katchemak bay, and is here on a two days' visit on route to his home at Delta, Colorado.

Congress failed to appropriate sufficient money for the Alaskan railroad to satisfy the northerners, Mr. Courts said, but they are hoping for a bigger appropriation this session which will connect Fairbanks and the Chitool coal fields with the sea coast.

"At present the fishing industry is using great strides," said Mr. Courts, "and that of the other varieties, an industry in infancy, did wonderfully well last fall and winter and the industry has a bright future."

Near Seldovia, which is an early Russian settlement at the east side of the mouth to Cook's Inlet, are six large fox farms which Mr. Courts visited during the winter. Here are bred the famous silver foxes, the blue and the black foxes for their pelts. The silver fox pelts sell from \$700 to \$1200 each, with blue and black fox prices not far behind. The blue fox is most profitable in the long run, Mr. Courts believes, for they can be turned loose on an island and their reproduction is more rapid and certain than with the other varieties.

Sparks from a passing train ignited Pendleton, having come in from Seattle last evening. He will leave for his home tomorrow evening. He is a building contractor at Delta.

E. P. Dodd Leaves Sunday To Get McKay Reservoir

(East Oregonian Special.)
HERMISTON, June 21.—Representative E. P. Dodd of Hermiston, starts on his trip to Washington, D. C., Sunday morning. His object is to look into work for and secure the McKay creek reservoir project for this part of the county. He will take considerable data which he has available to aid in presenting the needs of the project to the general committee.

Hermiston cherries have been quite in evidence in Pendleton the past week. Thomas Campbell has been shipping to Gray Bros., Alexanders and Peoples Warehouse. This section is competing with the Freewater-Milton section for the honors of first place in that variety of fruit.

While A. L. Luce visited his neighbor, John McElroy, to make complaints about the latter's boy stealing his cherries, McElroy immediately became angry and gave him a severe beating for his friendly call. The fight last evening, where Luce's injuries were quite severe, two ribs broken and badly mangled up all around with some danger of its being fatal.

A stranger to Hermiston came in Friday from the reservoir showing some catch of fish. He had 15 bluefish, Daily Varden trout and silver sides, etc. He gave his name as A. Larsen of Pendleton. One Daily

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