

DAUGHTER OF ARCHDUKE A RED CROSS WORKER.



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Isabella, daughter of Archduke Frederick, commander in chief of the Austrian army, is a tireless worker for wounded countrymen. Father and daughter are standing in the doorway of the army headquarters in Galicia.

OS MAKES SUGGESTION

ADDRESSES GOVERNOR REGARDING GRANT LANDS.

Ex-Chief Executive Would Have Special Session of Legislature, But Dr. James Says Nay, Nay.

Inasmuch as the recent decision of the supreme court of the United States, in the matter of the O. & C. R. R. land grant, makes it necessary for congress to take early action in reference to its disposal, Ex-governor West has submitted the following suggestions to Governor Withycombe for his consideration. If the lands should be taken over by the federal government, its adopted policy would undoubtedly be along the following lines: "Reserve all timbered lands, and the non-timbered lands not suitable for agricultural purposes, by making them a part of our federal forest system, and open to entry to actual settlers such non-timbered lands as may be adapted to settlement; or reserve only such timbered and non-timbered lands as are unfit for agricultural purposes, and open the balance to entry, the non-timbered tracts at once and the timbered tracts as soon as the timber could be disposed of and removed.

"While either policy would result in the settlement and development of a large area of idle non-productive land, it would also result on the other hand in the removal of a still greater area from our tax rolls. Unless the state is prepared to offer some other definite plan we may expect the adoption of governmental policies along the above lines, and in view of this I respectfully submit for your consideration the advisability of acquiring and disposing of the lands through the medium of the state.

"The grant in question covers about 2,300,000 acres and carries about seventy billion feet of timber, which is worth at least 50 cents per thousand feet. This would give the timber alone a value of over \$35,000,000 and as the amount to be paid the railroad company could in no event exceed \$5,750,000 it would mean a huge profit for the state school fund. The company has already disposed of near \$5,000,000 worth of lands from the grant which after making due allowance for taxes and administration expenses paid would greatly reduce the amount to be paid the company account the lands now held.

"While it is idle to ask the federal government to both reimburse the railroad company and grant the lands to the state without cost, it would not be unreasonable to ask that the grant, or such part of it as might be desired, be turned over to the state on condition that it provide the funds necessary to reimburse the railroad company for lands taken over. If such a plan should be followed the non-timbered agricultural lands should be thrown open to entry at once to bona fide settlers and at little or no cost. The non-timbered tracts unfit for settlement should be held with a view of reforestation.

"The timber on the timbered lands should be appraised, and in due time, sold to the highest bidder on condition that it be removed within a certain period. As fast as the timber on a tract was sold the land, if suitable for agricultural purposes, should be thrown open to settlement. Lands from which the timber has been removed, found unfit for settlement, should be held for the purpose of reforestation.

"The decision of the court makes it necessary for congress to take some action towards the disposal of the grant at its coming session and it becomes necessary, therefore, for the citizens of this state to formulate and present to congress, through their delegation, some definite plan for the taking over the grant which will be in the public interest."

If the above suggested plan should be favored it would present a problem of financing which our legislature would have to meet, and Mr. West believes its importance would fully justify the calling of a special session for that purpose, but the governor has announced that no special session will be called.

Italians and Road Work.

Complaint comes from Tillamook county that Italians are employed in road construction work while many native residents are idle and sorely in need of employment. One rancher living near Hebo says men in that section would be glad to get work, but that the contractors will not give them preference over the dagoes, whom they pay less than American help can be had for.

Band Concert Pleases.

The second band concert of the season was held on the court house

SILO SPELLS PROSPERITY

DAIRYING MADE PROFITABLE BY USING THIS EQUIPMENT.

Polk County Farmers Fast Realizing Its Value, and Number of Silos Is Increasing Here.

GUARDSMEN WILL HOLD MEET.

Third Regiment Athletes to Compete at Gearhart July 10.

The Third Regiment of Infantry, Oregon National Guard, enlistment in which is held of the Dallas company, will hold the seventh annual field and track meet at Gearhart on Saturday afternoon, July 10. The regiment goes in camp at Gearhart July 5 for ten days. There has been a notable increase of interest manifested within the regiment in athletics since the organization of the Armory Amateur Athletic association, under whose auspices these annual meets are being held. Last year's meet was won by Company A of McMinnville, and they have a strong team lined up again this year. Competition is expected to be much keener this year, owing to the attractive trophies offered.

The wall-scaling contest, peculiar to military organizations, consists of teams with eight men each. They must scale a ten-foot wall with all equipment on and the team making the fastest time wins. Following is a list of events in which the twelve companies will participate: 100 and 220 dash, 440, 880 and mile run; running high and broad jump and the shotput. Added features will be the wheelbarrow, three-legged, leap frog and sack races and the wall-scaling event.

FAIL TO COMPLY WITH LAW.

Second School Election Must Be Held in Monmouth District.

It is reported that some school districts in Polk county increased their tax levy this year without complying with the new law, the fault lying in the fact that the Bingham measure had not been given proper publicity. This law changes the manner of procedure in this respect, and those districts failing to follow its provisions must, according to the attorney general, hold another meeting. Monmouth is one of the districts that went astray, and a second meeting has been called for the purpose of legalizing its action. The procedure is given in the following:

"Notice shall be given for at least thirty days in advance of such election by publishing in one or more newspapers of general circulation in such district, but if no paper exists in the district notice shall be posted in at least three conspicuous places in the district. If a majority of the voters of the district are in favor of an increase of levy the officers of the district may make such increased levy."

Another revision of the new tax law is that no district shall levy a tax, the revenue from which will be six per cent greater than the highest revenue of the two previous years, unless the voters of the district so instruct.

Choppers Attach Cord Wood.

Sheriff Orr went to Eola on Tuesday, and there attached some cord wood for the benefit of the choppers, who claim to have about \$275 due them from a Salem man for cutting. The officer went to the Patterson place, left his automobile and took to the brush in search of the property to be attached, and after a lengthy ramble which occupied more than two hours he succeeded in locating it.

Oregon System Attracts.

So many letters have been received from county superintendents and other educators the country over regarding the Oregon system of education that the state department of education is publishing a pamphlet on standard rural schools and boys' and girls' industrial work. The numerous letters are largely a result of visits of educators to the educational exhibit at San Francisco.

Sheridan Dogs Muzzled.

All dogs in Sheridan and at Williams, five miles west of there, have been ordered muzzled by the sheriff. This order is due to a supposed mad dog running at large in the hills about there. The dog was first seen Tuesday night traveling west, snapping at things that came in its way. Two dogs were bitten in Williams.

CLOSING NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that our tailoring establishments will be closed from July 11 to July 18, the purpose being to get a week's vacation. Upon reopening we hope to receive a call from old customers, as well as new ones. OTHO WILLIAMS PHIL REGIN

A drive over the surrounding country convinces one that the statement recently made by one of Polk's foremost dairymen to the effect that silos are rapidly increasing in number in this section is true. Where ten years ago the silo was practically unknown, at the present time it has invaded every community. There is no question regarding its advantages and value. It spells prosperity to the dairyman and rancher. A cow tends to give more milk in the summer than in winter because she has green and succulent feed, and naturally when the green feed dries up she gives less milk. In the summer the prices of milk and its products are less than in winter and the cows need more attention. For this reason far too many dairymen have their cows come fresh in the spring and so dry in the winter.

The silo enables the farmer to have summer conditions in the winter, and at the same time to have his forage in a compact and well preserved form. In the winter, when cows are protected by ample barns and fed sufficient silage, with their more concentrated feeds, they will produce a far greater profit than when cared for in the old way. Since they are not annoyed by insects, such as flies and mosquitoes, if given summer feeds and shelter, they will produce more milk, which will sell for more money, and the cost of production will be less than in summer.

Silos are more or less expensive, the expense depending on whether the silo is home-made or bought ready made. Canned fruit and vegetables are very valuable and inexpensive foods when grown and canned on the farm at a total cost of from four to five cents a quart. But when they are imported and a price of from twenty to twenty-five cents a quart is paid for them they are very expensive and only people of means can afford them. The same case applies to the silo. It will more than pay for itself the first year, the average cost of one with a capacity of 60 tons being about \$125, which includes labor as well as material used. The larger the silo the cheaper will be the initial cost per ton of the silage.

There are many makes and types of silos, the most universal and popular being the stave silo. Another very efficient and economical type is the "common sense silo," made by placing two-by-four one on the other. The six and eight-sided silos made of sheeting and flooring are simply made and are very popular. The life of a wooden silo is from five to 20 years. The care it receives determines its longevity and usefulness. The concrete silo, while more expensive at the beginning, is the most desirable and economical in the long run, if the proper care and skill is given at building time; but a poorly constructed concrete silo, or one of poor materials, will prove an expensive menace.

The first forage used as silage was corn, and for a long time many people thought that corn alone could be used as such; later in more arid countries the use of the various sorghums came into popularity. At the present time almost every known forage crop can be successfully made into silage. Among the most popular crops used are corn, alfalfa, sweet clover, peas, vetches, rye, oats, wheat and barley. The crop which produces the most forage per acre should be selected as the silage crop. It has been found that wheat silage is as good as that of corn, and where corn produces seven tons per acre, wheat produces from twelve to fourteen tons.

In building a silo care should be taken in selecting the dimensions, says an expert. Two inches of silage should be used each day in order to be fed in the best condition. The average dairy cow will consume about thirty-five pounds a day. A cubic foot of silage, when well packed, weighs about thirty pounds. The tighter the silage is packed the better it will keep, and the greater will be the capacity of the silo.

A simple table for computing the capacity of a silo is: Take one-half of the diameter and multiply it by itself. Multiply this product by 2.1416. This will give the area of the base, which multiplied by the height of the silo gives the number of cubic feet it contains. Divide this number by 40 and the result will be approximately the number of tons of silage.

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