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## REGULAR PORTLAND LETTER

### It is Declared That Oregon Should Raise More Flax

#### HOULTON WILL HAVE A CANNING PLANT

#### J. B. Eaton of Texas, is Shipping Cattle From Willamette Valley to That State

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 10.—One of the industries in Oregon which has an opportunity to make a special growth at this time, owing to war conditions in Europe, is the flax industry. Dr. E. A. Pierce, chairman of the Oregon flax committee, has recently written to the promotion department of the Portland commercial club inviting its participation in this movement. He calls attention to the fact that the known flax producing area of the world is comparatively small; that under present conditions it is unlikely that any considerable amount of flax will be raised in Belgium, Ireland or Russia and that it will devolve upon the United States to furnish the greater part of the fiber needed within the next few years. It is well known that the Willamette valley and other parts of Oregon can produce flax fiber equal to the very best European product and he believes that this is Oregon's opportunity to attract the attention of the world by her flax production. In the vicinity of Salem it has been demonstrated that one acre of flax will produce from 500 to 600 pounds of clean fiber which at present prices should make this crop as profitable as anything the farmers can raise.

Within the last few days steps have been taken to build an electric line between Astoria and Seaside. It is believed that the necessary right of way can be secured practically without cost and that work on the line will be commenced within a short time.

Work has been commenced on a canning plant at Houlton. The last few years has seen such a remarkable increase in the output of fruits and vegetables in that territory that some means of taking care of the surplus has become imperative.

The First National Bank of Canby opened its doors for the first time last week. The bank is financed by officials of the Canby State Bank and other residents of Clackamas county.

Eugene is going to build a new armory and bonds for that purpose to the amount of \$25,000, running ten years, were sold last week at par with accrued interest.

J. B. Eaton, a cattle buyer from Texas, has been visiting various portions of the Willamette valley recently, buying cattle for shipment to Texas. Shipments of butter to Chicago and cattle to Texas would indicate that Oregon's position as a dairy country is becoming well established.

The milk condensery at Newberg has resumed operations after having been temporarily closed on account of fire. It is

taking all the milk from about 1,000 cows, sending its wagons into the country for a distance of ten miles. It disburses an average of \$5,000 per month to the farmers and dairymen.

## OBITUARY

Hattie E., daughter of Wm. H. and Margaret McFadden, was born in Linn county, about eight miles southeast of Albany, January 30, 1854. She lost her eyesight when only 4 years of age. When twelve she united with the Christian church. She received her education at the school for the blind at Salem. In 1879 she was married to Wm. Whitney. Of this union two children were born, both dying in early childhood. In 1888 Mr. Whitney died, and Aunt Hattie moved to Monmouth, where she has spent the last 26 years of her life. She leaves two sisters, Mrs. M. J. Stout, of Monmouth, and Mrs. Flora Wright of Seattle, and two brothers, Wm. H. and Samuel S. McFadden. Her life was sweetened and enlightened by the influence of christianity and her example will bear fruit in the lives of all who knew her.

## WAR IS ON IN MEXICO AGAIN

### Peace Delegates Appoint Villa Commander in Chief and Fighting Begins at Once

El Paso, Texas, Nov. 11.—The Aguas Calientes peace convention, after an all night session, unanimously rejected today Provisional President Carranza's conditional offer to resign, according to advices received here at noon. The decision means that the convention will take immediate steps to oust Carranza unless he recedes from his stand.

After the convention had reached its decision, General Villa immediately transferred his command of the division of the north to General Jose Ysobel Robles, recently named secretary of war by the peace convention. Robles, in turn, appointed Villa commander-in-chief of all the forces controlled by the convention and ordered military operations against Carranza to proceed.

General Martiniano Servin, at the head of 10,000 Villistas, was preparing this afternoon to invest San Luis Potosi, and another Villista division was reported near Leon. The first battle between the two factions was expected to take place at Queretaro, where General Pablo Gonzales is reported to have 40,000 Carranza troops under his command.

During the debate over Carranza's resignation, General Julio Madero supported Carranza, and General Raoul Madero supported Villa. Both are brothers of the late President Francisco Madero.

### Will Get Out of Old Mexico

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11.—American troops probably will be ordered out of Vera Cruz soon, leaving the Mexican factions to settle their own differences, as a result of the recent developments which have brought the guarantees the American government demanded,

## LATE WAR NEWS OF EUROPE

### Australian Cruiser Destroys German Ship Emden

#### LOSSES ARE REPORTED VERY HEAVY

#### Fighting Continued Between Nieuport and River Lys; Allies Take Lombaertzyde

LONDON, Nov. 10, 12:50 p. m.—It was officially announced in London today that the German cruiser Emden has been driven ashore by the Australian cruiser Sydney and burned. She was beached on an island of the Cocos, or Keeling group southwest of Java, in the Indian Ocean.

The losses among the officers and crew of the Emden are reported to have been very heavy.

The Sydney sighted the Emden yesterday morning. With superior speed, she at once closed in and gave battle. The German boat could not escape. There was a running fight, at the end of which the Emden, burning from the shells of the Australian boat, was beached.

The casualties on the Sydney are said to have been slight.

The British Admiralty also announces that the German cruiser Koenigsberg has been "bottled up" on the East Coast of Africa.

PARIS, November 11.—Between Nieuport and the river Lys fighting continued today with unabated violence, announced the communication received here this afternoon by the Bordeaux war office.

### Germans Take Dixmude

"Alternate gains and losses," were reported. The allies, it was stated, had reoccupied Lombaertzyde, but the Germans held Dixmude.

Reinforced at Ypres, the Germans redoubled today the ferocity of their attempted drive to the French coast.

On the small towns and villages in Ypres' vicinity a series of desperate bayonet assaults was being made upon the kaiser's forces. The artillery fire, supporting the infantry, was growing steadily fiercer.

It was believed that the soldiers who have been steadily in the trenches since the present battle began, had been relieved by troops of the second line. These were advancing resolutely. All along the battle front the fighting was terrific. Losses were said to be appalling.

## MONMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

The Senior class is considering the purchase of class rings or pins. A salesman from Bastian Bros. exhibited some very fine samples at the High school last Thursday.

The school Board decided to install a water system in the gymnasium. Actual work has not yet begun.

In order to develop the sense of touch in typewriting, Mr. Keezel has erected a blind in such a way that only the upper half of the machine is visible to the operator.

German has been added to the

High school course, with Miss Rees as instructor. There are several students taking this course. The work, especially the German songs, is enjoyed by all.

The Polk County Principals' club met, for the first time this year, at the Gail hotel in Dallas, last Saturday evening. Mr. Ackerman and Asst. State Supt. of Schools, Mr. Carleton, of Salem, were the guests of the evening. The members discussed High school athletics and appointed a committee to form plans for the Tri-County Field Meet, to be held at McMinnville next spring. Yamhill, Washington and Polk counties will compete in the meet. Mr. Keezel was appointed on a committee to make up a basketball schedule for Polk county schools. Mr. Seymour will give a cup to the winning team in the county league.

The students of the High school have begun the organization of two literary societies, one for the boys and one for the girls. On Tuesday afternoon there were two meetings held and temporary officers elected. Committees were appointed for the purpose of drawing up constitutions. A great deal of enthusiasm is shown by the students.

### Council Deliberates

The city council met last Tuesday evening, all members of the board being present.

The taxing committee recommended that the city levy be placed at 10 mills on the dollar for city purposes and that the road district tax be placed at 5 mills which was approved by the council.

Other matters were discussed, among which was a change in the minimum meter rate for water, the suggestion being a minimum rate of \$1 with an allowance of 2,000 gallons and 50 cents for the third thousand gallons, with the rest of the schedule remaining unchanged.

There was no action. The next meeting November 23, at 8 o'clock p. m.

### Rebekah's Entertained

On Thursday evening of last week, after the regular session, the Rebekah Lodge entertained in honor of two of its members, Mrs. Mary Stine, who left the following day to spend the winter in California, and Mrs. G. D. Quisenberry, who leaves tomorrow to make her home in Eugene. A program was prepared which consisted of several well rendered selections by a part of the training school orchestra, besides two or three other musical numbers, and several recitations, each number being very much enjoyed by all. After this, conversation and a social time ensued until supper, which was served in the banquet hall, was announced. Toasts were given by the guests of honor and responded to by Mayor Johnson. A very pleasant evening is reported.

### Government Makes Report on Oregon Crops

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 9.—The Crop Reporting Board of the

## STATE NORMAL SCHOOL NOTES

### Faculty Members Attending Institutes Over State

#### GRESHAM CITIZEN VISITED THE NORMAL

#### Col. E. Hofer Gave Second Lecture on English Literature Friday Evening

Various members of the faculty have been attending institutes in several counties of the State. This is in addition to the regular institute work of Mr. Pittman. President Ackerman attended at Astoria for two days, and also spent one day at McMinneille institute, along with Mr. Gentle who delivered some lectures there. All report unusual interest and a degree of zeal among these taking the work that warrants the belief that the indefatigable efforts of the school superintendents in raising the standard of the work under the efficient leadership of Superintendent Churchill is bearing fruit.

The students have been availing themselves of the past few days of excellent weather by some lively and interesting games of tennis on the courts, as well as some outdoor work in their gymnasium classes.

Hon. V. C. Altman, a prominent citizen of Gresham and a breeder of thoroughbred stock visited at the Normal on Wednesday. Mr. Altman, since his graduation, taught for awhile, and then turned his attention to agriculture and stock raising. He was honored this year by the citizens of his county with a seat in the Oregon Legislature. Mr. Altman was much pleased to see the splendid improvement which has been made about the building, and for the excellent standards of the school.

On Friday evening, November 6, Colonel E. Hofer gave the second of the lectures on the subject of English Literature. This lecture, which dealt with the Elizabethan Period was attended by a large number of students who had enrolled for the course. Colonel Hofer is an enthusiast in his subject and finds much pleasure outlining this work for the students.

Thursday evening Miss Butler, Miss Hoham and Miss Taylor were hostesses at a birthday party given in honor of Miss Dunsmore and her brother, Mr. Faye Dunsmore of Independence. A very delightful evening was spent by the guests who numbered among them some faculty members and Independence friends.

United States Department of Agriculture has just completed its estimate of the acre yield of the principal farm crops of Oregon for this year. The estimates are based on crop conditions during the early part of October. The final figures will be given out within a short time, but it is reported that they will not differ to any great extent with the preliminary estimates. According to the figures the yield per acre of the principal crops of this state in 1914 will be as follows: Corn, 32 bushels; Irish potatoes, 150 bushels.