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Farmers who have been forced to pay exorbitant prices for fertilizer face relief. The Department of Agriculture has found a new method of removing phosphoric acid from phosphate rock, which is thought will revolutionize the world's fertilizer industry. The new process is shown in the picture—dumping the phosphate rock in at the top—it is heated with coke and sand in the fuel-fed furnace—the acid coming out at the bottom front pipes, held by the man at the side. There is no loss of rock by this process, whereas the old

COMMITTEE FINISHES EMERGENCY TARIFF

Measure Designed to Protect Farmer From Decline in Prices.

Washington.—Framing an emergency tariff designed to protect 20 farm products was completed by the house ways and means committee.

The bill was designated as the Fordney emergency tariff. As drawn it would be effective for one year.

The committee broadened the original project of senate and house leaders. The bill was said to have been planned as a comprehensive measure to shield agriculturists from further price decline.

Products to which tariff protection would apply and the rates agreed on under the committee bill were as follows: Wheat, 30 cents a bushel; wool in the grease, 15 cents a pound, skirted 20 cents a pound; mutton and lamb, 21-2 cents a pound; cattle, 30 per cent ad valorem; wheat flour, 20 per cent ad valorem; corn, 15 cents a bushel; sheep, \$1 a head if under one year old and \$2 a head if over one year old; onions, 40 cents a bushel; peanuts, 2 cents a pound; rice, 2 cents if cleaned and 1-1/4 cents if uncleaned; potatoes, 25 cents a bushel; long staple cotton, 7 cents a pound; and cottonseed, coconut, peanut and soy bean oils, 20 cents a gallon.

The committee asked the treasury department to compile a schedule of rates on wool products which would be equal to the rates applied to wool, for inclusion in the bill.

Proposals to include sugar, hogs, frozen beef, vegetable seeds, barley, flax, butter and potato flour and potato starch in the list were voted down.

MARINES EXONERATED OF HAITIEN KILLINGS

Washington.—The naval court of inquiry which investigated the conduct of the marines in Haiti, reported to Secretary Daniels that there "had been no proper grounds" for the statement by Brigadier-General George Barnett, formerly commandant of the marine corps, that the force had been guilty of "practically indiscriminate killing" of Haitians.

After a careful survey, the court, presided over by Rear-Admiral Henry T. Mayo, found General Barnett's charges were "ill-considered, regrettable and thoroughly unwarranted reflections" on the work of the marine corps in Haiti, adding that the corps had performed difficult, dangerous and delicate duty worthy of the highest commendation.

The marines virtually were given a clean bill by the court.

HARDING CONSULTS TAFT

President-Elect to Discuss League Plan With Former President.

Marion, O.—President-elect Harding began the second week of his consultations with an air of growing confidence that he will realize his hope of an acceptable and practicable solution of the peace league tangle.

Although not revealing what details his conferences have cleared up in his mind, he indicated that the plan for an international association gradually is assuming definite outline. A world court to decide disputes under international law is understood to be prominent in his consideration for a foundation of the new structure.

Although several notable men are expected here during Christmas week, the only engagement announced is that for former President Taft.

Refuses Jurisdiction of Electric Lines.

Chicago, Ill.—The United States Railroad Labor board handed down a decision interpreting the Esch-Cummings transportation act to mean that the board does not have jurisdiction over any interurban or electric lines. Appeals from employees on various electric lines, asking the board to hear their grievances, were denied.

Dr. E. A. Rumely Is Found Guilty.

New York.—Dr. Edward A. Rumely, charged with concealing German ownership in the New York Evening Mail, was found guilty on two counts in the indictment. Rumely was charged with violating the trading with the enemy act.

Bank Deposits Tax Urged.

Washington.—A tax of one-fourth of 1 per cent on all bank deposits is proposed in a bill introduced by Representative Treadway, Massachusetts, Republican, of the ways and means committee.

Food Prices Decrease.

Washington.—A further decrease of 2 1/2 per cent in retail food prices in November, as compared with October, was reported by the department of labor's bureau of statistics.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

Salem's tax levy for 1921 will aggregate 49 mills.

There are more than 30 candidates for the master's degree at the University of Oregon.

Company C Oregon National Guard, of Eugene, now has a strength of 70 men and officers.

Eighty-four high schools of the state have enrolled in the Oregon High School Debate league.

The safe in the Woolworth store at Eugene was broken open and robbed of \$365 in cash and checks.

After being closed down for several months, the Booth-Kelly sawmill at Wendling has resumed operations.

Enos Fisher, well known Oregon pioneer and one of the first settlers of the Grand Ronde valley, is dead at Summerville, aged 81.

The Medford Chamber of Commerce has adopted a resolution endorsing the proposed Atlantic-Pacific Highway exposition at Portland in 1925.

As a result of Major Moashberger's efforts during the last few weeks, 50 young men are interested in organizing a militia company at Woodburn.

A summary of the assessment rolls of Lake county for 1920 shows a property valuation of \$12,080,463, a decrease of nearly \$100,000 for 1919.

Gertrude Wheeler of Mapleton has obtained the usual bounty at the office of the county clerk on a wildcat which she killed near her home not long ago.

Oregon's national congressmen are urged by the Oregon Wool Growers' association to support all bills providing for an embargo on wool and wool products.

The Beger Veneer company has purchased about 20,000,000 feet of yellow fir timber seven miles southwest of Rainier and will commence taking it out at once.

Polk county livestock men, at a farm bureau meeting held at Monmouth, adopted a constructive program for livestock improvement work within the county.

A two-day racing meet on the Linn county fair grounds on or about the Fourth of July next, has been determined upon by the Albany Racing association.

Everett May, a graduate of Oregon Agricultural college and well known in athletic circles, has been given a commission as captain in the United States army.

Rates for service on the lines of the Sheridan and Willamina Telephone company have been increased as the result of an order issued by the public service commission.

Jerry Hurley, a well known rancher of Malheur county, has been missing for over a month, and friends fear foul play. He had \$1000 in currency on his person when last seen.

Several modern bungalows and cottages are being built along the beach at Garibaldi in anticipation of the lumbering activity attending the opening of the mills next summer.

The big sawmill at Ritzner, near Independence, started last September by the Foster interests of Lincoln, Neb., has shut down for the winter. The mill and camps employed 400 men.

On the Pendleton ranch in Jackson county a field of corn yielded 83 bushels to the acre, while potatoes made 250 bushels and three acres of corn filled a 30-ton silo to the top.

In the cross-cut tunnel connecting the Union and Last Chance mines in the Cornucopia district a ledge of high grade ore was struck, one streak carrying values of \$500 or more to the ton.

Success of the night schools which the Astoria district has maintained for the benefit of aliens who desire to become citizens has been demonstrated by the fact that 234 students have enrolled.

Frank Wagner, alias Dutch Frank, the safe robber who escaped from the penitentiary at Salem about three months ago, was killed instantly in a duel with officers at Columbia Beach near Astoria.

The C. K. Spaulding Logging company, which operates extensively in the Willamette valley, has closed the Salem plant of the corporation. Approximately 400 men were thrown out of employment.

Governor Olcott, who has been at Harrisburg, Pa., attending the governors' conference, will return to Salem Thursday. Enroute home Governor Olcott spent a few days in Florida, where he has relatives.

A total of 2057 miles of highways in Oregon, involving estimated financial obligations aggregating \$28,479,930.94 and actual expenditures totaling \$21,548,552.28 have been authorized under the direction of the state highway commission during the years 1920 and 1921, according to a report prepared by Roy Klein, secretary of the commission.

TOTAL POPULATION OF U. S. 117,857,509

Census Figures For Outlying Possessions Show Total of 12,148,738.

Washington.—The population of the United States with outlying possessions is 117,857,509, the outlying possessions totaling 12,148,738. These possessions are: Alaska, 54,899; American Samoa, 8056; Guam, 13,275; Hawaii, 235,912; Panama Canal zone, 22,858; Porto Rico, 1,299,869; military and naval service abroad, 117,238; Philippine islands, 10,350,640; Virgin islands of the United States, 26,081.

The population of 195,708,771 for the continental United States shows a gain of 25,663 over the preliminary figures announced October 7.

The population of the states is as follows: Alabama, 2,349,174; Arizona, 333,903; Arkansas, 1,752,304; California, 3,426,861; Colorado, 929,629; Connecticut, 1,280,631; Delaware, 223,093; District of Columbia, 437,571; Florida, 968,470; Georgia, 2,895,832; Idaho, 431,866; Illinois, 6,485,280; Indiana, 2,930,390; Iowa, 2,404,021; Kansas, 1,769,257; Kentucky, 2,416,630; Louisiana, 7,198,059; Maine, 768,014; Maryland, 1,449,661; Massachusetts, 3,852,356; Michigan, 3,668,412; Minnesota, 2,387,125; Mississippi, 1,790,618; Missouri, 3,404,055; Montana, 548,389; Nebraska, 1,296,372; Nevada, 77,407; New Hampshire, 443,082; New Jersey, 3,155,900; New Mexico, 360,350; New York, 10,384,829; North Carolina, 2,559,123; North Dakota, 645,680; Ohio, 5,759,394; Oklahoma, 2,028,283; Oregon, 783,389; Pennsylvania, 8,726,017; Rhode Island, 604,397; South Carolina, 1,636,724; South Dakota, 636,547; Tennessee, 2,337,885; Texas, 4,863,228; Utah, 449,396; Vermont, 352,423; Virginia, 2,309,187; Washington, 1,356,621; West Virginia, 1,463,701; Wisconsin, 2,682,067; Wyoming, 194,402.

SMALLER ACREAGE IN WHEAT REPORTED

Washington.—Smaller acreages were planted to winter wheat and rye last fall as compared with a year ago, the department of agriculture reported. The condition December 1 was better than on that date a year ago, but was not as good as the 10-year average condition on that date.

The department did not forecast production. This year's crop of winter wheat amounted to 580,513,000 bushels and the fall acreage reduction would amount to almost 18,500,000 bushels in production based on the 10-year average yield.

Kansas, the leading producer of winter wheat, planted 2 per cent less area than last year, Ohio 9 per cent, Indiana 10 per cent, Illinois 5 per cent and Nebraska 2 per cent.

Texas increased its acreage 40 per cent and Washington 7 per cent.

The area sown to winter wheat last fall is 40,605,000 acres, which is 2.8 per cent less than the revised area sown the preceding fall. The condition of the crop on December 1 was 87.9 per cent of normal, compared with 85.2 a year ago, 98.5 on December 1, 1918, and 88.4 the 10-year average on that date.

FARMERS CONSIDER BANKS

Establishment Declared Needed to Assure Agricultural Credits.

St. Louis.—Establishment of co-operative farmers banks to assure credit to agriculturists, was considered at the final session of the nationwide agricultural conference here.

A resolution adopted asserted such banks were necessary at present because of the lack of credit to farmers and rural banks.

The conferees discussed the feasibility of building large elevators in the nine principal terminal cities and smaller elevators in various sections of the country.

Increase in House Membership Likely.

Washington.—Republican members of the house at a caucus decided to put through at this session of congress a bill reappportioning the membership of the house. The plan is to make the membership correspond with increases in population as reported in the 1920 census.

Maternity Education Bill Passes.

Washington.—The senate passed the Sheppard-Towner bill providing an appropriation of \$1,480,000 for education concerning maternity, the money to be distributed among the states and the provisions for education to be under the direction of the children's bureau of the department of labor.

Manila Constables Are Jailed.

Manila.—Charges of murder were filed in court against 77 constabulary soldiers as a result of rioting last week in which four Americans and seven Filipinos were killed.

HEY, KIDDIES! PONIES IN SILVER LININGS



There was "a Shetland pony" in everything in the silver lining to the dark cloud which hung over this little boy and girl for years. The world called their daddy a bandit and he was away from home, leading his followers in battle most of the time. They are Panchito and Luisito Villa, son and daughter of the former Mexican bandit, who now leads the life of a ranchman on the broad acres given to him by the government, one of the terms to his surrender.

HE'S MIGHTY PROUD OF BROTHER WARREN



When President-elect Harding reached Washington for his last appearance in the Senate, one of the first to greet him was his sister, Carolyn. She is Mrs. Votaw, head of the Social Service Department in the U. S. Health Department. This picture was taken when she called at the McLean residence, where the Hardings stayed during the three days spent there.

HIS ARMLESS MOTHER TAKES CARE OF BABE



Mrs. J. C. Teagarden, wife of a street car motorman in Denver, has proved again that motherhood knows no handicap. Although armless, she makes all the clothes and cares for her baby, Delphia May, besides keeping house, cooking, making beds and combing her own hair. She was born armless—and until kept at home with her baby, was with a circus. The baby is normal in every way.