

7000 SIGNERS TO FARMER PETITION



Minnesota farmers believe in fighting hard for the things they want. They now want the federal legislation before Congress passed, for the immediate financial relief of agriculture caused by the sharp price declines. So this is the way they impressed Congress—by sending a petition signed by 7000 Minnesota farmers to their congressman, Sydney Anderson. Congressman Anderson is shown holding the petition.

QUACKLESS DUCK NO SWIMMER EITHER



The "quackless" and "water less" duck has arrived. It is of the Muscovy type and is being shown at the poultry shows in California by Mrs. Anne E. Frary of San Francisco. It is said the "quackless" duck is a better egg producer than other breeds, laying almost continuously. It requires little water—being content to drink like a chicken and waddle on a runway.

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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

There were 319 births and 257 deaths in Eugene and Lane county during 1920.

The statistical report shows that the city of Portland now has 1948 employees on its payroll.

The Crook County bank of Prineville, recently closed will be opened within the next thirty days. From 155 9-year-old Grimes Golden apple trees Dugald Campbell of Eugene netted \$1920 this season.

The state highway commission, at a meeting in Portland February 1, will open bids on \$1,000,000 of state highway bonds.

Approximately 1250 students of the elementary schools and 350 students of the high schools will graduate in Portland January 28.

Fire of unknown origin destroyed the Oregon Trunk railroad pumping station at Metolius, causing a loss of approximately \$12,000.

Heavy snows are driving deer from the mountains to the desert altitude in eastern Oregon, and as a result illegal killing has begun.

The annual report of the Lane County Farm Loan association for 1920 shows that the organization has made loans totaling \$601,200.

Work of completion of a new hotel at Union is going along nicely and will be finished in about three months. Its cost will be nearly \$50,000.

Total cost of building construction in Klamath Falls last year amounted to \$756,150, of which \$168,900 was spent on 127 new dwellings.

The real property of John T. Albert, Salem banker, who died recently, was valued at \$92,660, and the personal property at \$85,000, a total of \$177,660.

Because of depleted reserve, the First State & Savings Bank of Klamath Falls was closed by Frank C. Bramwell, state superintendent of banks.

A perfect mastodon tooth, together with the end of a mastodon rib, was found by E. A. Read of The Dalles as he was wandering down a gully on his ranch.

District attorneys of Oregon in convention in Portland voted to adopt a uniform policy which will mean the suppression of punch-board operation in the state.

The pear industry ranks third in fruits in Oregon, with apples first and prunes second. The apple acreage is about 50,000, that of prunes 40,000 and pears 13,500.

The Standard Oil company paid to the state a total of \$21,743.95 as tax on its sales of gasoline and distillate in Oregon during the year ended December 31, 1920.

The Lane County Sportsmen's association is arranging a big trap shoot for Lincoln's birthday, February 12, to take place on the new state game farm near Eugene.

Senator McNary appeared recently before the senate finance committee and offered argument in favor of a tariff of 5 cents a pound on cherries in brine, filberts and walnuts.

C. C. Fulton, attorney for the port of Astoria, has stated that he will file a petition with the interstate commerce commission for a rehearing of the Portland-Astoria rate case.

Many new buildings at Astoria are being held up on account of the high costs, and an effort is being made to enforce a gradual reduction in the wages of carpenters and painters.

Zero weather has forced the union high school at Malin to move its class rooms from the city hall to a recently completed building, designed to be used as a barber shop but not yet opened.

The Indian school at Salem, which is educating 600 Indian pupils, some of whom were brought from Alaska, will receive \$147,000 according to the Indian appropriation bill reported to congress.

Senator Chamberlain appears to be feeling more comfortable and hopeful after several setbacks. At the best, it is said, he cannot hope to leave the hospital in Washington, D. C., for many weeks.

The Harney Valley Improvement company of Portland has filed with the state engineer application to appropriate water from Rock creek for the irrigation of 315 acres of land in Harney county.

The Shell Oil company of California has remitted to the secretary of state a check in the sum of \$1,522.51, covering the tax on sales of gasoline and distillate in Oregon for the month ended December 31, 1920.

Not less than 1500 veterans of the world war, at an open session in the Portland armory last week, called by Portland post of the American Legion, roared affirmation to a resolution calling upon the Oregon legislature to allow ex-service men the option of \$25 for each month of service or a \$3000 farm or home loan.

SENATE COMMITTEE ADOPTS TARIFF BILL

Practically All Farm Products Included In Emergency Measure.

Washington.—The Fordney emergency tariff bill, broadened to include practically all farm products instead of the limited number as the measure passed the house, was approved by the senate finance committee, which voted to report it out.

Seven amendments were added, making ten in all. No provisions of the original bill, however, were removed and rates on the major products were left intact. Opponents of the bill joined with the authors of amendments and forced the acceptance of most of them despite opposition from the bill's defenders.

The amendments made a part of the measure by committee action include: Sugar, \$2.13 the hundred pounds until the retail price reaches 10 cents a pound.

Frozen meats of all kinds, 2 cents a pound; all other meats 25 per cent ad valorem.

Apples, 20 cents a box; cherries 4 cents a pound.

Tobacco, Sumatra wrappers and fillers, \$2.85 a pound; stemmed Sumatra, \$3.50 a pound.

Butter and cheese and their substitutes, 8 cents a pound instead of 6 cents, provided in amendment which had been accepted.

Cattle and sheep to be used for breeding purposes were exempted from the duty on imported animals.

GEDDES GOES HOME FOR CONSULTATION

Washington.—Recalled to London for the announced purpose of consulting with Premier Lloyd George and Earl Curzon, secretary of state for foreign affairs, Sir Auckland Geddes, British ambassador, quietly slipped away and sailed from New York for England.

It is understood there are several subjects to receive earnest discussion in London and it is said to be regarded as essential that Sir Auckland have the benefit of the fullest disclosure of the views of home officials before he undertakes to establish formal communications with the incoming administration here.

Among the subjects thought likely to be discussed is the project to free American ships in the Panama canal from tolls.

The emergency tariff bill, especially in its probable effect on Canada, it is understood, also will be among subjects taken up.

Another subject for conversation is the refunding or conversion of the British war debt to America.

Finally, it is believed to be probable that the British premier wishes to acquaint himself with the exact state of public opinion in America regarding the naval program and the Irish question.

MONEY SITUATION EASIER

Government Certificates Over-Subscribed 100 Per Cent.

Washington.—Subscriptions aggregating more than \$500,000,000 were received by the treasury, Secretary Houston announced for the combined issue of certificates of indebtedness for \$250,000,000 offered for maturity on April 15 and October 15.

Oversubscription by 100 per cent of these issues, which call for a lower rate of interest than has been asked by the government for six months, was regarded by treasury officials as indicating some easing in the money situation.

Harding Plans Extra Session.

Washington.—President-elect Harding practically has decided to call a special session of the new congress on April 4, members of the house ways and means committee were informed by Chairman Fordney, who has just returned from a conference with Mr. Harding at Marion. Mr. Fordney discussed with the president-elect general taxation and tariff questions, which will be among the more important subjects to come before the special session.

Needy Head Washington Bonus List.

Olympia, Wash.—In order that ex-service men entitled to compensation under the bonus act, who are in immediate need of funds, may get preference in payments, an appeal was issued by C. W. Clausen, state auditor, urging those not in absolute need of the money at this time to defer sending in applications for a few months.

2500 In Bonus Parade.

Portland, Or.—Twenty-five hundred ex-service men marched Saturday night through the downtown streets in a stirring but orderly parade in agitation for a state bonus.

CITY POPULATION INCREASES FASTEST

People Residing In Towns In U. S. Comprise 51.4 Per Cent of Total.

Washington.—The urban population of the United States, or people living in places of 2500 or more, is 54,318,032 or 51.4 per cent of the country's total population, and the number of people living in rural territory is 51,390,739, the census bureau announced. In 1920 urban population represented 45.8 per cent.

Oregon's urban population is 391,019 and rural 392,370; Washington's 748,735 and 607,886; Idaho's 119,037 and 312,829.

In total urban population, New York leads the country, while Pennsylvania stands second and Illinois third. Rhode Island has the highest percentage of urban population compared with its total population, with 97.5 per cent. California was fifth with 68 per cent. In total rural population, Texas leads, while Pennsylvania is second, Georgia third, Ohio fourth and Illinois fifth, each having more than two million people living outside cities and towns. Mississippi has the highest percentage of rural population as compared with its total population, it being 86.6 per cent.

U. S. WILL HOLD JAPAN TO ACCOUNT

Washington.—Despite Japanese assurances of regret and precautions to prevent a recurrence, a thorough investigation will be made by the United States government of the killing of Lieutenant W. H. Langdon, American naval officer at Vladivostok by a Japanese sentry.

Admiral Gleaves, commander-in-chief of the Asiatic fleet, reported to the navy department from Manila that he had appointed a court of inquiry to "investigate the circumstances surrounding the death of Lieutenant Langdon." He added that he, with members of the court, would go to Vladivostok.

Officials here in the meantime will await the findings of the naval court and an answer to the note dispatched by the state department to the Japanese government. The note requested an official explanation of the affair, and suggested that the Japanese government make adequate reparation for the killing of Lieutenant Langdon.

Renewed assurances of regret over the affair came from the Japanese government in a note transmitted to the state department through Baron Shidehara, Japanese ambassador.

LEGION HOTEL FOR IDLE

Seattle Post Opens Hostelry for Jobless Men.

Seattle, Wash.—American Legion men of Seattle began what is believed to be the first enterprise of its kind in the country when the relief committee of Seattle post No. 18 took over the First Avenue hotel, 1003 First avenue South, to operate it solely for unemployed ex-service men. The committee, sanctioned by the post, renamed the hotel "The Veterans' hotel," and opened doors under the management of George Dupas, member of the post.

The Veterans' hotel is a three-story frame building of 70 rooms and capable of accommodating 250 men. Nearly \$1000 has been raised by the relief committee for the post through voluntary public subscription for maintenance of the hotel.

Cork Mayor's Parole Reversed.

Washington.—The parole of Lord Mayor O'Callaghan of Cork was canceled by Secretary of Labor Wilson, who announced that he now had permission to land for the purpose of re-shipping on board any vessel bound for a foreign port, unless the secretary of state direct that he be kept on the vessel on which he came to the United States.

Auditor Must Turn in Wedding Fees.

Vancouver, Wash.—Fees collected by J. L. Garrett, county auditor, for performing marriage ceremonies will be turned into the county fund. This order was issued when the county commissioners adopted a resolution to that effect.

Idaho Labor Wants Direct Primary.

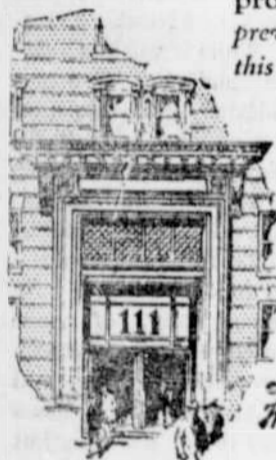
Boise, Idaho.—Organized labor in the state of Idaho as represented by the Idaho state federation of labor favors the return of the direct primary law and so declared at the closing meeting of the federation here.

12 Navy Seaplanes Fly to Panama.

Panama.—Naval officers are enthusiastic over the successful completion of the flight from San Diego, Cal., to the canal zone by 12 of the navy F-5-L seaplanes.

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