

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT
No. 6544

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Clackamas, Probate Department.
In the matter of the Estate of Hugh Fitzgerald, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, as Executor of the estate of Hugh Fitzgerald, deceased, has filed his final account in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Clackamas County, and that Monday the 4th day of August, 1941, at the hour of 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of said day and the court room of said court has been appointed by said court as the time and place for the hearing of objections thereto and the settlement thereof.
Dated and first published June 27th, 1941.
Date of last publication July 25, 1941.

FRANK CHRISTENSEN, SR.
Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Hugh Fitzgerald, deceased.
J. S. Middleton, Attorney.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT
No. 4140

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Clackamas, Probate Department.
In the matter of the estate of Sarah E. Bates, deceased.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, administrator of the above entitled estate, has filed his Final Account with the Clerk of the above entitled Court, and that Monday, the 7th day of July, 1941 at the hour of 9 o'clock A. M. at the Circuit Court room of the County Court house in Oregon City, Oregon, has been fixed by said Court as the time and place for the hearing of objections, if any, to said Final Account and the settlement thereof.
Dated and first published June 6th, 1941.
Date of last publication July 4th, 1941.

FRED W. BATES, Administrator, Estacada, Oregon.
Frank Shelton, Attorney for administrator, Estacada, Oregon.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT
No. 6512

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Clackamas.
In the Matter of the Estate of Martha Ann Tucker, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, executor of the last will and testament of Martha Ann Tucker, deceased, has filed his final account in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Clackamas County, and that Monday, July 7, 1941, at the hour of 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of said date at the Circuit Court room of said Court has been appointed by said Court as the time and place for hearing objections thereto and the settlement thereof.
O. D. EBY, Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Martha Ann Tucker, Deceased.
O. D. Eby, Attorney for Executor.
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Farm Prices up as Good Harvest Prospects Loom

The old rule of big crops and low prices is apparently not holding good this year. Although crop prospects in the country as a whole are as favorable as during the last three years which were good seasons further gains have been made in the general farm price level according to a report on the agricultural situation just issued by the agricultural extension service at OSC. Gains in industrial workers incomes have strengthened domestic demand while a moderate increase has occurred in exports over fruits or cotton is expected.

The gain in foreign demand for farm products is only moderate and mostly for hog products, some dairy and poultry products and some specialty crops. The general export outlook remains poor as no marked increase in exports of wheat, fresh fruits or cotton is expected.

The income of industrial workers is already about 20 percent higher than the 1940 average the report says and the Oregon farm price index shows a similar percentage gain in the general farm price level. The greatest gains have been in prices for meats and wool, truck crops and poultry and dairy products which respond promptly in price to changes in consumer purchasing power.

Farm costs have increased only moderately during the past year compared with prices for farm products in general. As a result the purchasing power of farm products is higher than a year ago. The exchange value of some items is above or near parity particularly the "domestic type" products. The exchange value of most of the "export type" farm products is still below parity owing to surpluses in relation to market demand and relatively high prices for some items of farm expense.

On the whole the exchange value of farm products is now around 90 percent of the 1910-1914 parity. Relatively low prices for grain, fruit, cotton and some other farm products account for some of the disparity which remains. The remaining disparity is also accounted for partly by relatively high price indexes for farm machinery and building materials with higher taxes and farm wage rates also affecting farm costs.

Changes Proposed for AAA Program for Next Year

Elimination of the total soil-depleting acreage allotment for farms under the AAA program is in prospect for 1942 reports N. C. Donaldson state executive officer of the AAA and W. L. Teutsch assistant director who were members of the Oregon delegation attending the conference in Washington, D. C., on the 1942 program.

The proposed change which was recommended by the conference and is expected to be proclaimed soon, would permit greater flexibility, found needed during the defense period when increases are essential in certain types of crops from time to time. The elimination of the total soil depleting allotment would make unnecessary changing the designation of such crops.

To compensate for this change it was further proposed that greater emphasis be placed on the growing of soil conserving crops and that the benefits on these be increased somewhat. Allotments for the main surplus crops such as wheat, will remain of course under the new plan. Numerous other recommendations were made by the conference mostly pertaining to special conditions under the defense program.

ECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS

As one news commentator put it, Stalin is the last and most impressive example of the utter folly of trying to appease the one-time Viennese house painter who has become master of a continent. The Russians, obviously afraid did everything in their power to mollify the Nazis. They signed a non-aggression and collaboration pact. They agreed to deliver to Germany considerable quantities of raw materials. According to reliable writers they permitted German technicians to come into Russian industry in an attempt to speed up production and transport. They did nothing to prevent any of Hitler's territorial acquisitions. But all this was not enough. And the oft-given warnings of Winston Churchill at last came true when Hitler was ready he struck at Russia, despite the pact, despite all pledges of friendship.

Hitler's spoken reasons for war against the Soviet are his usual ones, he claimed that Russia had not lived up to her agreements, that Russian agents were seeking the downfall of the Reich, and that he was simply acting to save Europe from the blight of Communism. No one believes that these reasons amount to more than an easy alibi for the wanton breakage of another treaty. Russia has in abundance what Hitler most sorely lacks, grain to feed the German people, oil to propel the German war machines. And on top of that if Russia could be destroyed as a military power Hitler would no longer have to fear an attack from the East. He could then concentrate all of his weapons for the final assault on the British Isles.

It is clear to anyone that Hitler has taken a gigantic gamble. Russia, as Napoleon found out has been the graveyard of empire before. It is a vast land and much of it is geographically unfriendly. In the Little Corporal's phrase "Empires die of indigestion." And Russia is the biggest bite that any conqueror could attempt. Hitler certainly must have felt there was no other solution of his problem before deciding to give the marching order to his legions along the 1,500 mile front that extends from Narvik to the Carpathians.

From the military point of view you can find about any opinion on the quality of the Russian army you want. Russia gives out few figures concerning the Red army. However it is generally believed that at least 12,000,000 men have been given military training and that fully mobilized her, regular army, plus reserves, would total 5,000,000 or more. Estimates place her air force at 9,000 planes though there is doubt as to their quality. It is known that she has gigantic quantities of tanks, motorized artillery and other mechanical arms, but again many think them of poor quality by comparison with the Nazi's tools of destruction. Of all the nations Russia and this country are the nearest to being self-sustaining so far as resources are concerned. However, Russian industry has been notoriously inefficient and so she cannot make the most of what she possesses.

Even so she is a tremendous antagonist for any power. And it is known that during the last year Stalin has been working feverishly to overhaul his forces. The morale-destroying political commissars who were stationed with army units and who had the power to overrule commanding officers have been largely abolished. In truth the Russian army has been reorganized much on the lines of capitalist armies.

The poor Soviet transportation system may delay full mobilization for a month or more. But as time wears on and if Hitler is not able to defeat Russia in a hurry the Germans should find this campaign the most difficult they have attempted.

If Hitler subdues Russia he will have all he needs, the blockade will no longer be important and he will have taken a long step toward mastery of Asia as well as Europe. If Hitler loses in Russia he will be finished.

The fate of much of the world may be decided in the wheat fields of the Ukraine and the oil lands of the Carpathians.

New Poison Plant Said to Menace Humans

A relatively new poison plant has invaded many parts of Oregon recently and constitutes a distinct menace to those who may not recognize it says Dr. Helen Gilkey curator of the herbarium at Oregon state college.

This plant is known by various names such as poison hemlock, wild parsley or even wild parsnip though it is not the familiar large-leaved wild parsnip. The scientific name is Conium maculatum. First specimens of this plant were reported in Oregon as recently as 1933 when it was found recently as 1933 when it was found. It has since been reported from almost all sections of western Oregon and may be present in parts of eastern Oregon as well.

The plant is just as dangerous as the water hemlock and constitutes even more of a menace because its hollow stems might be used by children for making whistles says Dr. Gilkey. It makes a showy growth and when growing in its favorite peat or swamp soil will attain heights of five or six feet or even more. It is found on drier ground but does not grow so large.

Two ways of identifying this plant are from characteristic purple mottlings on the stem and by the fact that when parts of the plant are taken indoors they give off a distinctive mouse-like odor. Because of its rather attractive appearance with fine cut leaves, white flower heads

and seed pods that resemble dill seed this plant has even been found growing in private gardens.

Dr. Gilkey reports that the plant

is poisonous to stock as well as humans and may cause trouble in hay. It is a biennial producing foliage the first year and going to seed the next.

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