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OREGON WEATHER: Tonight and Thursday rain; southerly winds.

LAND PRICES AND BOOMS.

With the erection of a sugar factory involving the expenditure in building and in beet culture of considerably more than a million dollars in the next few months; the continuing of railroad operations upon a most extensive scale; the development of tributary mining districts, and various other industrial activities assured or anticipated, there will naturally be a focusing of public attention upon Grants Pass this spring. This will bring many people to the district to investigate and to invest. The knowledge of the natural advantages of the valley, its scenery, its climate, and its manifold attractions, added to the industrial awakening, will make people want to live here. And they should be aided in realizing their ambition. Real estate prices will undoubtedly advance, but they must not advance beyond reason. The community should protect itself from anything on the order of a boom. There is real substance behind this new activity, but lands must be sold upon the basis of producing value, and the purchaser must be able to buy at a figure where he can make good upon his investment. One of the things that has been the matter with the west during the past five years of depression has been the fact that the land boom was years in advance of real development, and many investors were unable to weather the depression and await the time when industry could catch up in the race.

JACKSON COUNTY REPUBLICANS BUSY.

The republicans of Jackson county are early in the game and will entertain at the annual Lincoln Day banquet Saturday evening. Among the distinguished guests will be Governor Withycombe and other of the state officials, and it is expected that the affair will set a new record in republican get-together meetings in the state. The year 1916 will be a republican year. Republicanism and prosperity go hand in hand, and if Oregon wants to get in on the prosperity game she will do her full share when it comes to voting. The brethren of Jackson county are to be congratulated upon having seen the advisability of being prompt, for a glance at the returns from the last general election shows that our neighbors present an excellent field for missionary work. The republican candidate for governor ran some thousands of votes behind his ticket, while the candidate of the party for congressman would have stayed at home if Jackson county had been left to determine the result. With the activity that is now being manifested, however, there is no danger that the dose will be repeated.

GRANTS PASS CONGRATULATED. (Telegram.)

That the Oregon-Utah sugar beet company has let the contract for a \$600,000 sugar refinery to handle the beets that are to be hereafter grown in the Rogue River valley of southern Oregon is good news not only to this section but to the entire state. Grants Pass is to be congratulated

upon securing the factory location. That was made possible by the prompt action of the enterprising farmers of that vicinity in signing agreements to plant enough acres in beets next year so that the factory would be assured of profitable business.

It has been clearly shown by soil analysis that southern Oregon, especially the Rogue River valley, is well adapted to growth of sugar beets, and the factory at Grants Pass may be one of several in that section, provided the farmers will plant the beets. Nothing less than 5,000 acres will warrant the establishment of a factory, but the success of the first one will provoke a rivalry among the farmers of the various sections.

NOTHING TO FEAR SAYS CONSUL BOPP

San Francisco, Feb. 9.—German Consul Bopp and German Vice-Consul von Schack, indicted in a wholesale "clean-up" of bomb plotters and neutrality violators, declared today they have nothing to fear from the government action. Both indicated that their hands are clean; but government officials intimated in return that the case against these men and the many others indicted is "air-tight."

Business circles were stirred at the extent of the indictments. Many of the most prominent men in shipping and other lines here are named as neutrality violators in connection with the expeditions of the steamers Sacramento, Olson and Mahony. Retriever and Mazatlan, as alleged supply ships for German war vessels. Named in indictments charging conspiracy to violate the Sherman anti-trust law by attempting to dynamite munitions plants and thus thwart trade, and likewise charged with setting on foot a "military expedition" into Canada to blast railway tunnels were the following: German Consul Bopp; Vice-Consul von Schack; Attache von Brincken of the local consulate; Johannes H. Van Koolbergen, alleged German spy, said to have been engaged to blast the tunnels, but now held by Canadian authorities as an alleged forger; C. C. Crowley, consulate detective, and his secretary, Mrs. Margaret Cornell (both of whom are under previous bomb plot indictment).

The list of alleged neutrality violators, as announced by United States District Attorney Preston, were: Vice-Consul von Schack; Chancellor Henry W. E. Kaufman, of the German consulate; Turkish Consul Hall; Local Manager Robert Capelle of the North German-Lloyd Steamship company; John and Julius Rothschild, prominent local grocers; George and James Flood, well known shipping men; Attorney J. E. Bien; Dr. Simon Reimer; C. D. Bunker & Co., customs brokers; Northern & Southern Steamship company; Swayne & Hoyt, shippers and customs brokers, and individually R. H. Swayne and John G. Hoya of the company; President Thayer of the Northern & Southern Steamship company; C. D. Bunker and Jos. L. Bly, of C. D. Bunker & company; Captain Anderson of the Sacramento; Benno Klocke, Adolph Wimmel, Gustave Traube and T. R. Johansen, of the Sacramento crew.

Coffee

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and Fred Williams and George Phillips.

As in the recent Hamburg-American neutrality violation cases at New York, the defendants here are said to be charged with use of false clearance papers in their alleged outfitting of a German squadron by sending out supply ships from the Pacific coast. Hints that Bopp would be indicted had been current for some time. Washington dispatches recently indicated, however, that the federal government was withholding action until such time as the Lusitania case was settled. Announcement of the indictment against him followed directly upon word of a satisfactory ending to the Lusitania negotiations.

This is the first indictment of a high foreign official since the government started probing alleged nationwide bomb plots. In most of the cases the federal officials will merely serve notice of the indictments as soon as they are publicly recorded and rely upon the prominence of the defendants to insure their remaining in the city for hearing later.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The state department must know more details about the cases in which German Consul Bopp of San Francisco, Vice-Consul von Schack, Chancellor Kaufman and Turkish Consul Hall have been indicted before any decision will be made about cancelling their exequaturs. It was stated today. Copies of the indictments have been turned over to Secretary Lansing. It is assumed he approved of the justice department's course in bringing them at San Francisco, as it had been understood previously that the state and justice departments were co-operating with each other in bomb and neutrality investigations.

Justice department officials regard the San Francisco cases as baring two of the boldest neutrality violation matters since their investigation started.

Confessions of "Count" Van Koolbergen, now held as an alleged forger in Canada, were the basis for the indictments. Koolbergen, it was alleged, contracted to blow up Canadian tunnels for the German consulate at San Francisco. He gave information, too, about the "Sacramento expedition," it was said.

Homemade Gas. Spanish peasants living in the cork oak region use homemade gas obtained from cork refuse. As described by one authority, the process consists in filling several large teakettles with the waste bark and placing each in turn over the fire during the evening, burning the volatile gas as it escapes from the spouts. The carbonized residue forms the fine black-brown pigment known to commerce as "Spanish brown."

His Golf Prize. When the Duke of York was living in Edinburgh in 1681 he was told that a certain shoemaker named Paterson was the best golfer player in Scotland and him, the duke, later James II, chose as partner in a foursome, winning a huge stake. He promptly turned over the money to Paterson, who forthwith built a house in which the duke placed a stone with a Paterson crest bearing the motto, "Far and Sure."

Always Wins. Manager—I'm disgusted with the chances that new man makes; He gets everything balled up. Assistant Manager—Oh, well, some of the best ones are that way at the beginning. He may bring home the bacon yet. Manager—He won't unless we send him for him.—Judge.

His Motive. Judge—Why did you commit a crime and then after you had just been acquitted of the first one? Prisoner—I had to pay my lawyer, your honor.—Boston Transcript.

Their Work. "What a noisy clatter children do keep up at the table!" "They certainly do put the din in dinner."—Baltimore American.

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WOMAN'S LIFE THE STAKE IN STEAMER'S RACE

San Francisco, Feb. 9.—The liner Great Northern today won a race with death across the Pacific for the orinet. The life of Mrs. C. E. Van Nest, wife of a Minneapolis millionaire, was the stake for which the ship and the grim reaper played.

Stricken in mid-ocean with appendicitis, the ship's doctor, Robert J. McAdory, could not perform an operation because the heavy seas disturbed his hand.

The Great Northern's engines were loosed and she was driven across the ocean at top speed. On the ship's arrival in port an ambulance, summoned by wireless, met the boat and rushed Mrs. Van Nest to the operating table of a local hospital.

WILLARD-MORAN FIGHT ARTICLES ARE SIGNED

New York, Feb. 9.—Articles for the richest ten-round fight in the history of the prize ring were signed here this afternoon when Frank Moran and Jess Willard closed their negotiations. They will meet here March 8.

Willard is guaranteed \$40,000, besides a bonus of \$5,000 and \$2,500 expense money, while Moran receives \$22,500. Present at the closing of the negotiations were Tex Rickard, Tom Jones, Jack Curley, Promoter McCracken, Ike Dorgan, Bob Vernon, Frank Moran, Willie Lewis, movie men and reporters.

Pointers

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Except for the larger nurseries, you would today not have many of the best varieties. Take, for instance, the Lambert cherry, the Ideal Apple and the Vrooman Franquette Walnut, all recognized as the best of their kinds, were first introduced and distributed by our company.

Therefore, remember when next buying trees, that for QUALITY, SERVICE and SATISFACTION THE BEST PLACE is the Oregon Nursery Company, Orenco, Oregon.

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LUSITANIA. (Continued from page 1.) dent and basis for international law to govern submarine warfare. The immediate cause of this satisfactory termination of a dangerous controversy is known to have been the report Colonel House forwarded as President Wilson's personal envoy. While the contents of this report may never be made public, it is understood that House emphasized conditions he found in Germany to have been: A spirit that Germany had made her final concessions. A growing demand for resumption of unrestrained submarine warfare as a result of the feeling against America. A feeling that severance of diplomatic relations would inevitably result in war. Ambassador Gerard also forwarded pessimistic reports of what would happen if the president did not accept Germany's "last word."

The two sets of reports, therefore, convinced the administration that Germany would not offer any further concessions in an effort to settle the case. While the German proposals are acceptable in spirit to President Wilson, their wording is not exactly as he desires.

The forthcoming reply from Germany, it is understood, will not contain the word disavowal, though the administration all along demanded that there must be a disavowal. Instead, it will set forth in effect that belligerents can not legally order any act, even a reprisal, that endangers neutral lives.

It does not specifically admit that the Lusitania incident was illegal. In the matter of reprisals, America held they may be justifiable sometimes, but never legal. In this connection, however, Germany has

agreed to admit that reprisals are unjustifiable when involving neutrals; and this means, therefore, that the Lusitania sinking was illegal. America pointed out that illegal acts include unjustified acts, and, therefore, the administration accepted Germany's admission that the Lusitania case was unjustifiable as equivalent to an admission that the case was illegal.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Portland, Feb. 9.—Market quotations today were: Wheat—Club, 93@98; bluestem, 1.05@1.09. Oats—No. 1 white feed, 26.50@27.50. Hogs—Best live, 8.00. Prime steers, 7.50@7.75; fancy cows, 6.50@6.75; best calves, 7@8. Spring lambs, 8.75. Butter—City creamery, 34; country, 25@29. Eggs—Selected local extras, 33. Hens, 15@16; broilers, 15@16; geese, 10@11.

EXPECT ITALY SOON TO WAR ON GERMANY

London, Feb. 9.—Italy is expected to declare war on Germany and announce her participation in the Balkan campaign as a result of Premier Briand's trip to Rome, Paris reports said today. Briand is leaving Paris for the Italian capital today.

TEIPER PLEADS NOT GUILTY TO MURDER

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 9.—John Teiper, indicted for the alleged murder of his mother, pleaded not guilty today. His mother and brother were killed recently, and Teiper claimed a negro had attacked them while they were repairing their automobile on a road near here.

"Good News for Lovers of Mystery" Says Dependable Coupe Maid! VALUABLE REWARDS for those who find "Feature D" in Dependable Coffee, tea, extracts, spices or Baking Powder. "There are four important features—A, B, C and D—in Dependable products, and especially Dependable Coffee, 40c lb. The first three are well known to all lovers of "the cup that cheers." Here they are: "Feature A"—Freshly Roasted "Feature B"—Invincible Strength "Feature C"—Delicate Flavor "Feature D"—? "Nobody but the Dependable people themselves know positively about Feature D." WATCH THIS PAPER FOR DETAILS

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