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OREGON WEATHER

Tonight and Tuesday fair, except probably showers north-west portion; cooler tonight, except near the coast; variable winds.

A VALUABLE FORAGE PLANT.

The farmer of the Rogue valley is most interested these days in the seeking after new crops that can be produced here with profit. Interest is especially keen concerning the production of forage, as with the increase of activity in lumbering, in mining and in industrial pursuits of various kinds there is demand for more hay than the valley has been producing. As a consequence the price of hay always touches a high point, from \$18 to \$20 per ton being common quotations. Sudan grass is a recent importation of which there are great expectations in this district. The director of the southern Oregon experiment station has made exhaustive tests of this new forage plant, which he says ranks with timothy in feeding value. The results of his tests are incorporated in the following report which he supplies the Courier:

"During the past summer the southern Oregon experiment station conducted extensive experiments with Sudan grass, both at the station farm and in co-operation with a number of farmers throughout the valley. The results were extremely satisfactory. Two cuttings were obtained from seed sown on May 5. The first cutting on the unirrigated plot averaged from five to six feet high and yielded at the rate of 4,772 pounds per acre; while the irrigated plot averaged from seven to eight feet high, and produced at the rate of 7,705 pounds per acre. Many of the plants on the irrigated plot were over nine feet high. The second cutting, just before frost, averaged three feet high, and produced approximately one and one-half ton per acre. This hay was relished by horses and cows.

"Another planting was made on July 19, on land from which a crop of wheat hay had just been removed. This was grown on especially good soil, the seed was planted in rows, and the land was thoroughly irrigated. The crop was cut October 2, when it was six and one-half feet high, and yielded approximately three and one-half tons per acre.

"The seed should not be sown until the ground is warm and danger from heavy frosts is past. The latter part of April or the first of May is sufficiently early for the first planting. Where irrigation is not practiced early planting will give the best results. Where irrigation is available the seed can be planted anytime between the first of May and the latter part of July. The late planting of course will give only one cutting.

"Sudan grass can be grown in rows three feet apart, which will require from four to five pounds of seed per acre, or it may be sown broadcast or drilled in with a regular grain drill, which would require 15 to 25 pounds per acre. Since each plant stools enormously only a small quantity of seed is required to sow an acre. Two years ago the seed sold for \$1 per pound. It can now be had for about 15 cents per pound. This plant is a good seed producer in this valley, and one man produced a large quantity of seed near Brownsboro last year.

"Sudan grass is of great value in this valley because of its great drought resisting qualities. It can be grown on many soils which are too dry during the summer months

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for the production of other forage plants. It will be of special value on shallow soils which are inclined to be droughty. On dry soils and where irrigation is not practiced the seed can be sown about the first of May. Where irrigation is practiced a crop of grain and vetch hay may be grown during the fall, winter and spring months, and a crop of Sudan grass during the summer months. While Sudan grass is one of the greatest drought resisters known, our results show that it will yield considerably more with irrigation than without.

"In conclusion I should like to advise every farmer in this valley to plant at least a small quantity of Sudan grass this year. It will prove a revelation to most farmers. The seed can be purchased from local seed dealers.

"It is well known that alfalfa is king of all forage plants on deep, fertile, well drained, moist soils. On soils which will produce abundant crops of alfalfa this crop is preferred to Sudan grass. Where conditions are not favorable for abundant crops of alfalfa Sudan grass will prove the most satisfactory forage crop to be grown during the summer months."

ARMY NOT READY TO LEAVE MEXICO

Washington, April 24.—The question of withdrawing American forces from Mexico is far from settled today. The announcement that the Americans will be re-distributed "for the purpose of recuperation, pending an opportunity for further cooperation" with de facto government troops, means that the expedition will remain south of the border longer than army men believed.

Withdrawal questions apparently rest upon the negotiations between Secretary Lansing and Ambassador Arredondo, which are likely to begin soon. The administration is not

disposed to order a retirement solely on Carranza's suggestion.

The re-distribution of American forces is interpreted to mean that while the administration wishes to avoid another Parral incident, it likewise desires to be ready to meet any active opposition.

LITTLE CHANGE ON THE VERDUN FRONT

Paris, April 24.—French troops made slight progress around Verdun by hurling hand grenades during the night, it was officially announced today. Thirty Germans were captured northwest of Caurette woods. A violent bombardment occurred in the region of Dead Man's hill, but there was no important infantry fighting near Verdun.

Berlin, April 24.—A French attack east of Dead Man's hill was repulsed during the night, official announcement said today.

OUTLAW REYES IS AGAIN ACTIVE

El Paso, April 24.—While the careers of Pablo Lopez and Manuel Baca, Villista leaders, were reported ended today, renewed activity by Canuto Reyes, outlaw general, was seen in an attack on a Mexico Central train and the reported killing of 24 passengers. The bandits' shots were said to have slain four and the final wrecking of the train killed 20 more, according to advices received here. This was declared to have happened between Torreón and Jimenez.

Constitutionalists at Chihuahua City today gave Lopez "the third degree" to make him tell Villa's whereabouts, according to Consul Garcia. Citizens or American troops, according to differing reports, repulsed an attack on Santa Tomas, killing Baca. Both Lopez and Baca have been repeatedly rumored slain and Americans are awaiting confirmation of

this latest story. Garcia has asked that Baca be sent to Juarez.

General Pershing is aware of Francisco Villa's approximate location, according to Columbus advices. But he will not resume the pursuit until his lines of communication have been reinforced. Pershing is also watching the Carranzista concentration at Chihuahua, in view of the request for the withdrawal of United States forces and the hostile feeling of the Mexican population.

SLAVS IN FRANCE FOR MORAL EFFECT

New York, April 24.—The landing of Russian troops in France to participate in the fighting along the western front is probably an effort to support the out-and-out conscriptionists in England.

Russia can not spare a sufficient force from her own battle fronts to cause any material change in the military situation in France. But even a small body of Slavs contributed to France must exert a powerful moral influence in England at a time when the British ministry is threatening to break up over the question of impressing more men for the French front.

Since the beginning of the Verdun offensive the British have assisted the French by taking over the western front from Arras to the Somme. This has released probably 100,000 French troops for operations at Verdun. But there has been no active aid extended to the hard-pressed French by the English, so far as known. The reason for this probably is that the present number of trained British soldiers under arms does not permit an extension of the British front beyond its present length. To contribute still further to the allies' military strength in the western area England must have more men. The appearance of the Russians in France emphasizes the difficulties the British government is experiencing in keeping up its reserves.

FAILURE TO DELIVER WIRE EXPENSIVE

San Francisco, April 24.—An undelivered telegram cost the Western Union Telegraph company \$18,000 in Judge Van Fleet's court today.

William Lang, Jr., and J. W. Hastings, plaintiffs in the suit, alleged that they sent a telegram to a bank in Yarrington, Nev., asking that payment be stopped on a check for \$11,500, made out to a mining company. It was testified that the telegram was not delivered until the next day, in consequence of which the money was paid. Judge Van Fleet ordered the \$11,500 paid to the plaintiffs, with interest for nine years.

CUMMINS STILL LEADS IN NEBRASKA PRIMARY

Omaha, Neb., April 24.—With three-fourths of the state presidential preferential primary vote counted today, Senator Cummins was still ahead of Henry Ford in the republican division, having 23,423 votes to Ford's 22,538. The result will not be known until the official count is tabulated.

AVIATORS LOSE AIRSHIP IN MEXICO

Washington, April 24.—Army aviators Dargue and Willis were forced to suddenly descend near Chihuahua City last Wednesday on account of engine trouble, the war department's advices said today. Willis' left ankle was bruised. They burned the remains of their machine and walked to San Antonio, Mexico.

THREE KILLED IN GASOLINE EXPLOSION

Los Angeles, April 24.—Three are dead today as a result of a gasoline explosion which wrecked the Pacific reduction plant here shortly after midnight.

E. G. Crandall, 40 years old, an operative, and Gus Rehbein, 44, a laborer, died at the receiving hospital here. Millard Carney, 22, died at 2 a. m. today. Five others, burned or injured, will recover.

The Real Thing. "Your letters seem fervent enough, but can I trust their apparent fervor?" "You can. They have been tested in court. I got 'em out of a breach of promise suit, and the plaintiff got damages too."—Louisville Courier-Journal

A PESSIMIST is a fellow that looks down at the ashes in his pipe, instead of up at the smoke.



THERE is a whole lot of cool, smooth smoke and mighty little ash in a pipeful of perfect burning VEL-VET Tobacco.

DOVER THREATENED BY GERMAN AEROPLANE

London, April 24.—A German aeroplane flew over Dover at 11:45 a. m. today, it was officially announced. Land batteries, said the statement, drove away the flyer before he could drop bombs.

INDICT PORTLAND MAN WHO RAN DOWN WOMAN

Portland, April 24.—C. A. Warner was indicted today for assault

with a dangerous weapon because he drove the automobile which on April 9 ran down and permanently disabled Mrs. Henry Beckman. This is said to be the first indictment of the kind ever returned on the Pacific coast. The grand jury's stand was based largely on a decision of the supreme court of New Jersey, which held in a similar case that the auto driver was criminally responsible for careless driving.

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