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OREGON WEATHER

Fair tonight and Saturday;
winds mostly northerly.

SETTLING O. & C. LANDS.

The opening of the O. & C. lands forfeited to the government will have a wonderful bearing upon the immediate future of Josephine county in common with other of the counties affected. Taking this county as an example, its 189,000 acres of grant lands will make homes for not less than 1,000 new families, basing the estimate upon the liberal classification which is being made and the placing of a large percentage of the land in the agricultural class. There are many isolated tracts of from 40 to 160 acres, especially near the cities and towns, so that the homesteads will not average the maximum acreage by any means.

When notice is given that these lands are to be opened upon a given date, many thousands of would-be settlers will come into the district to examine the tracts and to select one that meets their idea of a suitable homestead. Naturally, the best tracts will have many applicants, and in the drawing of lots there will be more of the unsuccessful than of the successful applicants. But under the probable plan of opening as outlined by Mr. Sharp, the applicant can continue till he gets a farm. By opening the lands by units of one or two counties, preferably one, the land seeker can follow the openings, and can continue to make applications till finally he comes under the wire a winner.

There will no doubt be something of a rush to southern Oregon when announcement is made that the opening is near at hand. There must be organization to properly care for these visitors, though through the plan there need be no such jam of people as has occurred at openings in the past. The land seekers can be more deliberate in their quest, and there will be no advantage in being first to file upon a given tract.

These newcomers should not believe, however, that because the lands they seek have been classified as agricultural that they can go upon them with plow and harrow and grow wealthy at once through cultivation of the soil. Most of the lands need clearing. Some will have fairly heavy growths of timber. It will be a case of pioneering to build homes upon them, but pioneering in the midst of civilization. The county is checkerboarded with the lands. Just over the fence from a developed farm may be a tract of the grant land. Much of the land lies in the hills, and careful investigation should be made before making application for homestead filing. Some of the lands are extremely valuable; others are not worth the price of a three-year residence.

WOMEN AND THE BALLOT.

Women who want the ballot are out after Mr. Wilson with a club. They have no confidence in recent attempts by which he has tried to place himself right, for at heart Wilson is known to be opposed to the principle of national suffrage. Miss Margaret Fay Whittemore, of Detroit, Michigan, Oregon organizer for the National Woman's party, leaves no doubt about how her organization looks upon the protestations recently made by the president. "Wilson is on record in sixteen different ways as op-

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posed to national suffrage," is the way Miss Whittemore expressed it to the Courier. "Our party is political, but so far as it affects most political questions, it is non-partisan," said the lady. The party has one plank, and read it any way you will the plank always means "votes for women." Wilson, being opposed to votes for women, and Hughes, being friendly to the issue, the National Woman's party is out to defeat Wilson and to elect Hughes. The women of Oregon are being urged to vote in the interests of the women of the nation. Our women, enfranchised by their men, can now aid in giving the ballot to their sex in all the states by registering disapproval of Wilson and approval of Hughes. If the ballot is good for the women of Oregon, it is good for the women of the nation. The way for suffrage states to vote would seem clear.

ELECTION FRAUDS
ARE INVESTIGATED

Washington, Oct. 13.—Charges of widespread election fraud conspiracies in Cincinnati, Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio, Detroit and other Michigan cities, Indiana cities, including Indianapolis and Terre Haute, and in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Colorado, are under investigation today by the department of justice. The department hopes to dispose of the cases before the coming election.

Bribery, illegal registration, colonization and proposed illegal voting at the November election are included in the charges. The department has been informed it is planned to take voters from one state to another to use them in elections.

Charges made to the department, it was admitted, have been on excellent authority. In many cases they were made by voters' leagues and citizens' associations. In some instances, it is understood, direct charges were made that certain political organizations have planned frauds; in other cases that frauds of past years were to be repeated.

Election fraud cases in Denver, Colo., Pennsylvania and West Virginia concern past phases. The Denver investigation has to do with Colorado Fuel & Iron company investigation of several months ago. The West Virginia investigation is a continuation of the probe into West Virginia politics, which already has figured in the state courts. The Pennsylvania investigation involves alleged campaign contributions by liquor interests which attracted widespread attention some months ago. These last cases are about ready for trial.

Department of justice attorneys said today they would make every effort to prevent the frauds which, it is alleged, are to be attempted in the November election. In all cases where charges have been made department agents are trying to "clean up" the cases before, instead of after the elections.

Playing the Rests.

It is not every young student of music who is careful about playing the rests well. Indeed, a great many players seem to forget that the rests are just as much of the piece as is the punctuation in a sentence. Nowadays people do not put in so much punctuation as they used to do, but the pauses in the voice are those just the same and are readily understood by good readers and always understood. The rests in music are like the pauses in reading that are needed to give expression to the sentences. If the player slights the rests or extends them too long the value of the music is spoiled.

SUBMARINE WAR
FAVORED BY MANY

Dusseldorf, Germany, Oct. 13.—Nearly every big industrial leader in the Rhine valley industrial center, which is Germany's Pittsburgh, favors ruthless submarine warfare, regardless of the interests of the United States.

Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg faces the opposition of the industrial interests of both the Rhine and Westphalian provinces, hotbeds of von Tirpitzism. These interests believe that though they may not convince the government now they will win later. They are now centering their hopes of winning Field Marshal von Hindenburg to their side.

"The war must be fought to a finish," said the Westfaelische Zeitung, which fairly represents the sentiment of the district in this respect. "Either Germany or England must win, and the interests here on the Rhine are ready to fight until Germany wins."

Directors of Germany's steel trust and other millionaires in this industrial country declare unreservedly that Germany will not make peace until England asks terms. The Rhine-land press is still discussing War Secretary Lloyd-George's statement to the United Press that the allies must carry the war to a "knockout," and they hold that this statement justifies their contention that Germany must use every possible weapon against England.

The activities of the U-53 have greatly increased their faith in the possibilities of unlimited submarining.

August Thyssen, Germany's Carnegie, declared in an interview at Homborn-on-Rhine that since England is still the great sea power, it was necessary for Germany to operate submarines along the Canadian and American coasts to overcome this advantage.

"It can be imagined that this is uncomfortable for America, but it must be remembered we are at war with Canada and this is one means of ending the war," said Thyssen. "We can not always make war as America wants."

"Never" was the emphatic response. "First, because we have enemies enough and, second, because in peace times our relations with America are always most friendly, and we want them to continue so after the war. We are always sympathetic toward America. The world interests of both countries will develop through peace."

Thyssen does not believe an economic war will follow the present war.

"We want peace because we desire to develop our industries in peace, not war," he said. "A few, who because they manufacture ammunition, want a long war, do not speak for Germany, because we do not intend to live after the war by manufacturing ammunition."

Thyssen is an intimate friend of the kaiser. Before the war he often met Judge Gary, of the U. S. Steel corporation, and his son, Fritz, studied the Pittsburgh steel and coke industries. He is one of the few industrial leaders who oppose Admiral von Tirpitz.

SECRET NAVAL
BASE IS HUNTED

Washington, Oct. 13.—Suspicion that a belligerent government might be maintaining a naval base on the Atlantic coast of this country caused the sudden dash to sea of destroyers from Newport yesterday, Secretary Daniels said today.

Admiral Mayo, commanding the Atlantic fleet, ordered the ships out yesterday. They will scour the coast

as far north as Eastport, Maine, near the Canadian border, searching for possible secret submarine bases or wireless stations.

"We have no reason to believe any belligerent is maintaining a base on this shore," Daniels said. "During the last year, however, whenever there has been a possibility that a belligerent was maintaining a submarine base on this side, we have sent destroyers out to search for it."

Since the arrival of the U-53, Daniels said, there have been many reports that some belligerent was maintaining a naval base here. Daniels has received letters, it was admitted, suggesting such a possibility. The order for the sudden trip to sea, though, was made by Admiral Mayo on his own initiative.

While the department has no information on this point, the suddenness of the departure of the destroyers gave rise to reports that the Newport naval men had been "tipped" to the location of a naval base.

Authorities do not believe that the U-53 carried sufficient supplies to last her for three months, as her captain claimed.

While officials would not say positively that the process of supplying submarines from ships along the coast is now proceeding, one authority gave unmistakable evidence that he thinks such reports come from what the navy regards as reliable sources, and that they are worthy of the strictest investigation.

BRITISH MAKE GAINS

ON SOMME FRONT

London, Oct. 13.—British troops advanced on the front extending from Guedecourt to LesBouefs (about one and one-half miles) in severe fighting north of the Somme last night, General Haig reported this afternoon. Gains were also made northwest of Guedecourt and 150 prisoners were taken.

AMBASSADOR SATO MAKES

FIRST CALL ON LANING

Washington, Oct. 13.—The new Japanese ambassador, Sato, made his first call upon Secretary of State Lansing today. As he must present his credentials personally to President Wilson, he will remain "ambassador designate" until Wilson returns to Washington.

MAUSER WORKS BOMBED

BY FRENCH AIR FLEET

Paris, Oct. 13.—Anglo-French air squadrons last night bombarded the Mauser works at Obendorf, dropping nearly five tons of projectiles. It was officially announced today.

On both sides of the Somme artillery fighting was rather violent last night, especially in the sectors of Morval, Bouchavesnes, Ablaincourt and Chaumes.

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TEUTONIC FORCES REPULSED
IN UPPER VZUL VALLEY

Bucharest, Oct. 13.—Teutonic forces have been repulsed in the upper Vzui valley, west of the Transylvanian frontier, and also in the Buzchui valley. It was officially announced today. Near Predeal the enemy was defeated and retreated toward Timos.

An Ingenious Scarecrow.

A writer in the Farm and Fireside tells of one of the most effective plans for keeping birds from cherries and other tree and garden fruits. "Take two or three two-pound Manila paper bags, dip them in linseed oil to make them waterproof, place half a dozen peas in each, blow them up full of air and tie up the open end. Fasten these bags in the trees, two or three to each tree, or to stakes in berry fields with bits of stout twine about six inches long. The wind blowing the bags about, will rattle the peas inside them, and the unaccustomed objects and the rattling noise will keep the birds out of every tree or bed so decorated and do it effectively."

Job printing of every description at the Courier office.

ENGINEER KILLED WHEN
ENGINE LEAVES TRACKS

Minneapolis, Oct. 13.—John Shepherd, engineer of the C. M. & St. P., was instantly killed and three persons were injured today when the St. Paul line passenger train No. 6 left its tracks within the city limits of Minneapolis today.

ITALIANS GAIN GROUND
BUT LOSE PRISONERS

Vienna, Oct. 13.—Italian troops have gained some ground six and one-half miles south of Goritz in their violent offensive on the Carso. It was officially announced today, but have left 2,700 prisoners in Austrian hands.

LINER KANSAN LEAVES
BOSTON FOR FRANCE

Boston, Oct. 13.—The American-Hawaiian liner Kansan, which was intercepted last Sunday by a German submarine off Nantucket light, left today for Genoa and St. Nazaire, carrying a cargo of war munitions and horses for the allies.

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