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OREGON WEATHER

Tonight and Tuesday fair; cooler tonight with light frost; westerly winds.

THE O. & C. LAND DECISION

The importance of the decision of the United States supreme court in the Oregon & California land grant case scarcely can be realized insofar as it concerns the future development and settlement of the state of Oregon.

The grant lands consist of approximately 2,300,000 acres reaching from the California to the Washington boundaries and of that total probably 800,000 acres are capable of immediate agricultural development.

It is estimated that more than one million acres of the grant will be classed as agricultural land and thousands of acres of the agricultural land are as fertile as any to be found in the state.

The Chamberlain-Ferris bill, which has been sustained by the supreme court, provides that this vast tract of land shall be immediately classified and opened to entry, settlement and sale under the general terms of the original granting act.

This means that the agricultural land will be subject to entry, under the general provisions of the homestead act, by actual settlers. The settlers will be required to pay the government \$2.50 an acre for the land, 50 cents at the time of filing, and \$2.00 when final proof is made.

Final proof will depend upon settlement and cultivation to all practical purposes, the same as under the homestead act.

The Chamberlain-Ferris act also provides that the land classed as timber land—that bearing not less than 300,000 board feet of timber to the forty-acre tract—shall be sold to the highest bidder, under competitive bid as rapidly as a normal market may be found.

What the decision means to Oregon development can be visualized by the fact that it throws at least 800,000 acres of agricultural land open to settlers in tracts of 160 acres at a price of \$2.50 an acre.

UNITED STATES HEAR THAT TURKS BREAK RELATIONS

Washington, April 23.—Turkey has broken relations with the United States, the state department was officially advised today by Minister Stovall at Berne.

18 YOU WILL LIKE 18 NUMBER EIGHTEEN COFFEE SPECIAL ROAST

SUPER-DREADNAUGHT NEW MEXICO IN WATER

New York, April 23.—With a grim lack of ceremony suggestive of war times, the super-dreadnaught New Mexico, the world's first electric driven battleship, was launched at the Brooklyn navy yard today.

A small crowd, composed mostly of yard employes, cheered as the giant ship took the water. Whistles shrieked, but the life and color of peace time launchings were lacking.

Miss Margaret C. de Baca, daughter of the late governor of New Mexico, who died shortly after his inauguration, shattered the bottle on the warship's bow as it slid down the ways.

Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt officiated.

BRITISH RESUME WESTERN OFFENSIVE

London, April 23.—Over a wide front on both sides of the river Scarpe, General Haig early today resumed the British offensive with a tremendously forceful attack.

"We attacked at dawn this morning on both banks of the Scarpe and made satisfactory progress," he reported. "South of Bapaume-Cambrai road we captured the remainder of the village of Tressault and at night gained the greater part of the Davrincourt wood."

London hailed Haig's report as indicative of resumption of the general British offensive. While there has been no abatement in pressure around Lens and on the Cambrai-St. Quentin line during the past week, nevertheless it was felt here that the Franco-British strategical plans contemplated alternative smashes in force between the Haig and Nivelle armies.

While the French army was making its terrific assault upon the Soissons-Auberive front, the British seized the time to consolidate the positions they won in the first smashing drive and during the week have more or less confined their offensive to smashing drives suddenly executed at scattered points.

Now, however, according to military experts' belief, the British army has started its all-along-the-line offensive, forcing Hindenburg to concentrate his reserves in opposition and permitting the French, in turn, to consolidate their positions, bringing up more guns and get a breathing spell.

The thrust along the Scarpe was regarded as a new development in the allied offensive. Haig is now reaching out with powerful force toward Douai. Today's statement did not definitely locate exactly where Haig's blow on both banks of the Scarpe was delivered, but it was probably near Fampoux.

A drive in this direction is not only a menace at Douai, but it is part of the general envelopment around Lens. Sunday's official statement indicated a tightening of the noose around this coal city by attacks delivered by the British near Loos—to the north of Lens.

The Scarpe offensive is to the south nine miles from the city. Further indication that Haig's forces on all the British front are

CAVE-IN AT NOTED ALASKA GOLD MINES

Juneau, Alaska, April 23.—Three mines of the famous Treadwell group, the Alaska Treadwell, the Alaska United and the Alaska Mexican, stand practically unworkable today and the officials express the belief that the situation is hopeless as a result of a cave-in in a worked-out stope, admitting an inrush of waters from the Gastineau channel.

The lower workings were flooded and the workmen narrowly escaped. Numbers of horses and mules were drowned. The cave-in occurred at midnight Saturday.

Scores are engaged in removing the effects of the miners from the vicinity of the mines and from the bunkhouses, some of which were located below ground.

The Treadwell mines, situated on the northwest side of Douglas island, have produced more than \$60,000,000 in gold. The machinery and equipment cost \$10,000,000. The Alaska Treadwell, alone, which has produced \$40,000,000 worth of gold since 1882, of which \$16,000,000 was paid to stockholders, was the richest mine in Alaska.

WEEK OF DISASTER FOR KAISER

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First General Nivelle definitely wrested from German Field Marshal von Hindenburg the initiative of the war operations. Nivelle forced Hindenburg to fight from trenches which the French commander had himself previously selected.

Second, Nivelle has forced Hindenburg to throw into the Aisne battle his much-vaunted strategical reserve army. He cannot now employ this force in strategical positions on the western front.

Since last Monday Hindenburg has been forced to throw twenty of these divisions into the Aisne-Champagne battle line.

Seven have already been wiped out. Coupled with the losses which the British offensive has inflicted, Hindenburg is now facing complete exhaustion of reserves. He cannot fill up his army and strengthen decimated divisions. The week of the French offensive ends with General Nivelle everywhere in the ascendancy, with Hindenburg's boasted strategical plans awry.

Social

Farewell for Harold McGee Harold McGee, who left yesterday for southern Washington, was given a farewell surprise on Friday evening at the home of Miss Emma Houck. Misses Helen Ellis, Clara Trefren, Edna Houck, and Messrs. Harold McGee, Harold Shook and Carl Houck were present to enjoy the evening of music and games. Refreshments of fruit salad, wafers, coffee, jello and cake were served.

Birthday Party at Woods Miss Elizabeth Wood celebrated her 10th birthday Tuesday afternoon at her home on B street. The afternoon was spent with outdoor and indoor games, and ice cream and cake served by Mrs. Wood. Those of the merry party were: Vera Johnson, Louise Ireland, Carol Ireland, Edna

Hatman, Alta and Neomah Cutler, Arda Isham, Bernice Coon, Wilma Margau, Gene Livingston, Archie Wood, Phyllis Wood, Mrs. O'Neill, Mrs. Stresburg, Mrs. Wood and Miss Cordelia Weichlin and Mrs. Weichlin of Roseburg.

Senior Banquet

The class of '17 of the Grants Pass high gave a banquet in the social rooms of the First Baptist church, Wednesday evening at 6:30 o'clock. The long banquet table was laden with palate tempters and decorations of lamb tongues and fern, flags and pennants with a centerpiece of a miniature battleship on the Pacific. At the head of the table was a vacant chair draped with flags and on the table were the place cards of the boys of the class who had gone in answer to the call of their country.

The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Wardrip, Mr. and Mrs. Gunnell, Mr. and Mrs. Hull, Miss Penn, Miss White and Eugene Halliday. Four Juniors dressed in white served the dinner. They were: Esther Gilkey, Ruth Gleaser, Maurice Wilkins and J. Frank Turpin.

Needlework Department Entertained

Mrs. C. C. Presley on Monday afternoon entertained the needlework department of the Society of Arts and Crafts, who are, Miss Lulu Benedict, Mrs. Ivan Livingston, Miss Prudence Pardee, Mrs. Harry K. Clark, Mrs. Fred Smith, Mrs. E. C. Macy, and the hostess, Mrs. C. C. Presley. The ladies spent the time in preparation for the convention to be held here during May.

Wilda Huggert's Birthday

Misses Lulu Garrett, Helen Lister, Ardath Sweetland, Melba Macy, Bertha Calhoun, Josephine S. Smith, Josephine Isham, Florence Morse, Pauline Braeger, Corlyss Courtney and Josephine A. Smith were entertained Saturday afternoon by Miss Wilda Huggert in honor of her 12th birthday. Games pleasantly passed the afternoon hours, following which cake and chocolate were served.

Surprise at Hallidays

Mrs. C. B. Halliday, assisted by Miss Irene Mercier and Miss Evelyn Bradford, most charmingly entertained at the Halliday home on D street, Thursday evening, for her son Eugene. The affair was a surprise planned for the young man. The evening was spent with games, dancing and music until a late hour. Brick ice cream, cake and confections refreshed the guests. Those present

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were Misses Ragna Anenson, Mildred Hamilton, Veona Williams, Carmelita Pool, Agnes Letcher, Gladys Hood, LaVere Brown, Irene Mercier and Evelyn Bradford and Messrs Don Lucas, Marion Halliday, Percy Scoville, George Riddle, Stanley Summers, Phil Tobin, Paul Wilkins, Leonard Kendall, Robert Brockley and Eugene Halliday, guest of honor.

Miss Summers Entertains

Little Miss Elizabeth Summers invited several of her friends home from school with her on Wednesday afternoon in honor of her 9th birthday. The Summers home on Orchard avenue was the scene of much merriment with a dainty lunch served by Mrs. Summers. Those present were Misses Vera Johnson, Arda Isham, Nellie Holloway, Irene Braeger, Corlyss Courtney, Margaret Bartlett, Louise Holman, Twinkle Starr and Elizabeth Summers.

Luncheon Guests at High School

Tuesday noon Mrs. A. B. Pratt, Mrs. Geo. Riddle and Mrs. S. A. Douglas were luncheon guests at the high school, Misses Florence Riddle, Ruth Pratt and Pauline Swacker acting as hostesses. The color scheme of gold and white was carried out in decorations and the food, daffodils and buttercups forming a dainty centerpiece.

Banquet to Victors

At the close of a recent contest in the Epworth League at the Newman M. E. church the "Red" side with Loren Basler as captain proved victors over the "White" with Wallace Niles acting as leader. Saturday

evening the church parlors were gay with festivities of a banquet due the winners and covers were laid for 75. White candles with red sashes lighted the rooms and bowls of flowers brightened the tables. As a great many new members had been received into the league during the contest Hubert Wilkins, president acting also as toast master, welcomed the new members. A response was given by Miss Marian Sabin, followed with toasts on "Measles Members" by Ulda Basler, responded to by Harold McGee, "Why I Liked the Measles," "The Spirit of Losing" by Wallace Niles, "The Spirit of Winning" by Dora Herman concluding with Olive Courtney on "Patriotism" and "The Star Spangled Banner" sung by all.

Mr. Dawkins Honored Guest

The Bible class of the Christian church entertained at the J. S. Windell home on Sixth street Monday evening in honor of their teacher A. Dawkins who left Friday evening to report for duty at the Bremerton navy yard. The party was given as an appreciation as a class of his faithful and excellent work for them. Those present were Messrs. and Mesdames Wiley, Darnielle, Harmon, Windell, H. Cogle, Blevins, A. Dawkins and Mesdames Geo. Lewis, Huntley, Richardson, Counts, Rowley, Murphy, Custer, Huggert, Allen, A. Pruitt, and Misses Florence and Mildred Dawkins, Philip Simmons, Ralph and Eleanor Cogle. The evening was pleasantly spent with games, music and song. Light refreshments were served.

A number of neighbors and friends gathered at the J. H. Hathaway home on B street, Friday to spend the afternoon with Mrs. Hathaway in honor of her birthday.

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