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OREGON WEATHER

Weather tomorrow: Fair.

FOOD CONTROL

In a section of the country like Oregon, the people are apt to lose sight of the fact that those districts which do not raise much of their necessary food supply are vitally concerned with the problem of food control embodied in the administration bill now before the senate.

The abuses to which middle-men's operations are carried are driving authorities to a socialistic paternalism in handling some of the necessities of life as a simple measure of safety for the great mass of our people. These abuses are more glaring in the non-food producing sections, but are not limited to them by any means.

In a good sized town onions had been selling at 15 to 20 cents a pound for several months. One day a huckster dropped in and began to sell all the perfectly good onions that anybody wanted for 7 cents a pound. So, the next day, did the grocers. They fought his state license and his local permit, and, when beaten, continued to sell onions at 7 cents—a profit.

An Indiana woman writes that she found a note in a bushel of potatoes, for which she paid \$4, stating that the farmer who produced them received 69 cents. She is moved to inquire whether \$3.31 (480 per cent) is a fair price to pay for transporting and distributing 60 pounds of vegetables grown in her own state.

A field agent of the national emergency food garden commission reports as follows: "A large local concern in a country town 'had no beans' for sale to farmers who needed seed for planting. They actually had 400 bushels in stock which they were holding for a higher price. A local committee imported a large supply and sold at a greatly reduced price. Within a day's ride in a farming state, 35,000 barrels of flour are being held for a high price. One store in a small city has 10,000 barrels, and is selling just as little as possible to customers in small packages."

It ought not to be necessary to eliminate the middlemen. They serve a proper and useful purpose in the general scheme of distribution of commodities. But speculation in foodstuffs in such parous time as the present, should be prevented. It is a fact that a 35 ounce bread loaf retails in France at 8 cents, while a 14 ounce retails in the United States, where the wheat is raised, at 10 cents. Something wrong.

The answer is—food control. It is going to come and the sooner the better. It is not, in the long run, so much a matter of a food short-

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age (although that is an important factor) as it is an efficient distribution and use of the available supplies, that will solve the feeding problems of a world at war. Eliminate the extraordinary percentage of waste and profit between producer and consumer, and the food problem will be more than half solved.

TODAY'S THRIFT THOUGHT

+ Cold ham, chicken or other meat left over in quantities too small for use alone, may be used advantageously by mixture with other foods.
+ Meat and Pastry Rolls
+ Chop the meat fine and season it well. Mix in enough butter or other fat to make it "snape" well. Form into rolls about the size of a finger and wrap around each a thin piece of short dough made from a pint of flour, 2 tablespoonsful of baking powder, salt and milk enough to mix.
+ Bake the rolls in a hot oven until they are a delicate brown. Serve hot.

SAVE STOCKING TOPS

+ Washington, July 19.—The old stocking may finally have some better use than to hold hoarded gold and to cure the children's colds. The women's committee of the Council of National Defense today discovered \$1,000,000 worth of old stocking tops are wasted every year by American women and recommended that some method of eliminating this waste be found. They say this waste should not apply to silk stockings, as silk hose should not be worn at this time when thrift and economy are needed.

BOOSTERS BOOSTING EVERGREEN HIGHWAY

Portland, July 19.—The plans of the Evergreen Highway association were laid before the Portland Chamber of Commerce here today. A. J. Elrod, of Pasco, Wash., is a leading spirit in the organization of the association.

Backers of the Evergreen Highway association propose to open up a



paved highway along the Washington side of the Columbia river to Pasco, thence along the Snake river to Lewiston, south across Idaho to Boise, then to Salt Lake City and on through Utah and Nevada to southern California.

Representatives of the association will leave Portland for a trip south through towns on the route of the proposed highway.

A pass has been found of comparatively easy grades over the mountains between Boise and Lewiston, which can be traveled the year around, said members of the highway organization here today. The Columbia river highway will be a link in the proposed circuit, providing for crossing the river at Maryhill to the Washington side.

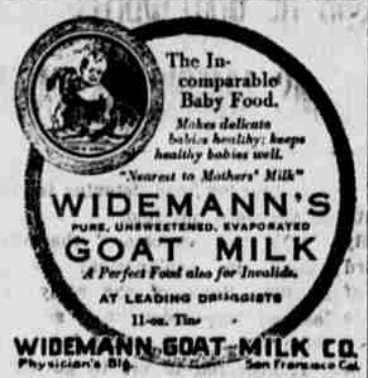
EVEN FAR-OFF SAMOA SUFFERS FROM WAR

Victoria, B. C., July 19.—Even the far-off Samoan islands, isolated from the rest of the world by great stretches of water, suffer from the war.

This was the word brought here today by Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Nelson, merchants on Samoan island. The war and lack of ships have completely disarranged the ordinary trade channels. Products of the islands, chiefly copra and coconut, formerly were sent to Sydney, New South Wales, but lately much of the product has been coming to the United States.

Nelson will endeavor to develop the American trade and will visit San Francisco to take up the matter with exporters and importers.

Job work at the Courier.



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NORTHWEST FORESTS ARE IN GREAT PERIL

Portland, July 19.—I. W. W. vandalism and weather conditions are menacing the great forests of the Pacific northwest as never before, say prominent timbermen here today.

Patrol associations and state and federal authorities in Washington, Idaho and Oregon are taking extra precautions against fire. A large number of blazes already have been reported in various parts of the three Pacific coast northwest states.

Weather bureau officials say this is the driest July in years and the woods are like tinder. A match applied in the face of a fair wind would start a fire which would be practically impossible to control.

The number of patrolmen has been increased in a number of places and everywhere a close watch for I. W. W. is being kept.

YAKIMA BOASTING LARGEST SOLDIER

American Lake, Wash., July 19.—The tallest man in the United States army is Lawrence B. Rushing, of the Yakima valley, say his friends.

At least, his comrades maintain. If Rushing does not tower over every other soldier, none are higher. Rushing stands 6 feet and 7 inches, and Uncle Sam will not accept any man taller than that.

Rushing's arrival here caused considerable worry to the quartermaster's office. A cot had to be rebuilt so that Rushing's feet could be cared for. An ordinary army blanket was too small to envelop Rushing's giant frame, and a blanket and a half, sewed together, was issued to him. A pair of shoes, No. 15-B, were ordered from the east.

But today Rushing is comfortably cared for, and he is rapidly learning the duties of a soldier. "The boys have to look up to me," he said today, and judging from Rushing's willingness and purpose this remark may be more than a jest.

FEDERAL SECRET AGENTS WORKING ON POISON PLOT

Kansas City, Jul 19.—The entire machinery of the federal government in Kansas was working tonight toward a solution of what was described as a plot to spread disease throughout the state by inoculation through courtplaster.

Skilled chemists and bacteriologists were said to have compounded the plasters, as detection was said by the government chemists to be difficult.

STRIKE STILL ON MILLS STILL RUN

Hoquiam, Wash., July 19.—Continued picketing was the chief feature today of the Industrial Workers of the World weavers and mill workers' strike in the mills of Hoquiam and the Gray's Harbor district. The forces of pickets, however, were reduced at all points, until this evening, when large numbers were out. Though only four

mills are operating their full plants in Hoquiam and Aberdeen, all are running planing mills and loading crews. All report more men showing up for work today.

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