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SAVE A DOLLAR

3 Pounds Ground Chocolate.....	70c
1 Pound Royal Baking Powder.....	40c
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The Past Week in Oregon

Portland—The demand for experienced workers in the sawmills, logging camps and shipyards is still strong, homes and accommodations are available to house the families of new employees.

Roseburg—Cold storage plant purchased by California capital to be enlarged.

North Bend—New machine shop and foundry building, near Farmer's wharf, nearing completion.

Helix man sells one hog for \$70.

Gold Hill—\$700,000 cement plant here begins operations. Employs 35 men.

First cargo of fresh cod fish from Japan reached this coast in past week.

Portland—Despite announcement that the government would allow no more ships to be built for foreign owners, sanction has been given by the United States emergency fleet corporation for the construction by the Kiernan and Kern Shipbuilding company of six wooden steamships for Japanese interests and for the building of six wood steamships for French interests by the Willamette Shipbuilding company.

Vale—Good oil signs with strong paraffine base in well here at depth of 708 feet.

Palm olive oil factory at Portland to be enlarged.

North Bend—The Buehner Lumber company planning large planing mill and finishing plant.

Albina Engine and Machine Works launched the steamship Margit November 3. But for the ship-

yard strikes Portland would have launched two ships a week for the last ten weeks.

Klamath Falls—Six miles of the new road around the rim of Crater Lake graded this year.

Milton—Valley Fruit company warehouse here will be completed November 1.

Grants Pass—Sugar factory is now in operation here. Two hundred employes on the night and day shifts.

Beaverton—Potato starch factory here now assured.

Port Orford—New warehouse being erected here.

North Bend—Work on large finishing plant of North Bend Mill & Lumber company progressing.

Detroit—Three Southern Pacific engineers have been making surveys of an extension of the C. & E. railroad into the big timber.

Gardiner—Sawmill of from 60,000 to 70,000 feet daily capacity will be constructed—will be completed early next year.

Pine Valley cemetery constructing irrigation plant.

Mill City—Sawmills here cutting aeroplane materials and sawing ship timbers. There are 600 men on payroll.

Salem—195 miles state highway under construction.

Cutting spruce logs and sawing same for airship material for government contracts has so far been blocked by strikers and government may take over the spruce timber industry.



 OREGON WEATHER

Weather tomorrow—Rain,
 cooler tonight.

RAILROADS

"War is a great civilizer." The old saying was true of no conflict more than the great world-engulfing cataclysm now pending.

It should surprise no one if out of the necessities of this government in bringing up its share of effective support behind the holy cause of the allies, the railroads of the country should pass under federal control, or indeed possibly federal ownership.

The committee on national preparedness recently issued a statement in which the expression, "government ownership of American railroads is likely to come in the surprisingly near future." The committee's statement does not come from a dissatisfaction with the attitude of the present railroad management, nor does it reflect in any way a lack of willingness on that management to do everything in its power to serve the people and government loyally and to the best advantage circumstances will permit. But it has proven a fact that private ownership does not give that high degree of efficiency which war conditions demand.

The committee gives the railroad management a clean bill of health. It states that they are, without exception striving to overcome the handicap of the accumulated mistakes of the past which have made for inefficiency. The first thing done was to effect what amounts to almost a consolidation of all the railroads of the country into one national system. This step accomplished much. It was the greatest step ahead; and it points out the officialdom, the way-in-which even greater progress may be made, that of actually putting these lines under a single ownership.

The committee points out that there is a great deal of unnecessary passenger train, parlor and dining car service which may profitably be eliminated. Freight car supplies, coal supplies can be pooled under a single ownership where now there is a rivalry both in purchasing and distributing the same.

But the main point of the argument, as advanced, is that the railroads are greatly in need of added equipment, for which funds are not available because private capital is afraid of railroad securities. With federal ownership, practically unlimited capital will be available, railroad securities will be attractive because of the government's guarantee of a fair rate of return; companies now struggling will be put on a sound basis, and surety and definiteness will succeed uncertainty and doubt.

It will be an immense undertak-

ing.—one of which many people will doubt the wisdom, but the stress of war demands may bring it about.

What They Meant.

A Scotch clergyman named Fraser claimed the title and estates of Lord Lovat. He tried on the trial of the case to establish his pedigree by producing an ancestral watch on which were engraved the letters S. F. The claimant alleged that these letters were the initials of his ancestor, the notorious Simon Fraser, Lord Lovat, beheaded in 1747 for supporting the young pretender. The letters, engraved under the regulator, were shown to stand for "Slow, Fast," and the case was laughed out of court.

Calling cards at the Courier.

Just Tired.

"What's the matter with my fountain pen?" asked one user of another. "It won't write. There's ink in it; it has been cleaned. Maybe it needs a new point."

"Ever try putting it aside and giving it a rest?"

"No."

"Then try it."

The complaining man did. Now he thinks he has solved the mystery of the crankiness of fountain pens. He has learned that resting takes out one of the kinks.—New York Sun.

The Follow Up.

Henderson—What makes you so bime?
 Sanderson—My wife's bread's a failure.
 Henderson—Is that all? Sanderson—All? No; something worse is coming.
 Henderson—What? Sanderson—A week's order of bread puffing.—Puck.

NOTICE

Having been called from the city on business for three weeks, all persons wishing information or service on

Regal, Dodge or Oldsmobile

are requested to see C. L. Hobart at the Ford Garage.

J. H. Denison

Nearly All Items in Drugs and Stationery Have Advanced in Price

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MASONIC TEMPLE, GRANTS PASS

STATE FIRE MARSHAL REPORTS CONDITIONS IN GRANTS PASS

(Continued From Yesterday)

Fire Department
 The fire department consists of chief, assistant chief and one sub, full paid, with 12 volunteers who are paid when services is rendered.

Equipment
 The equipment of which the department is provided, consists of one American LaFrance combination chemical and hose motor truck with one 40-gallon chemical tank and 200 feet of chemical hose, besides one 22-foot ground extension ladder, scaling ladder, pike pole, four 1/2-inch straight fire nozzles, one siamese, two axes, two helmets, two hose jackets, one door opener, two No. 2 Babcock extinguishers and 1,750 feet of 2 1/2-inch hose, all of which are attached to auto truck. Three hose reels, only one of which is equipped with hose to the extent of 400 feet.

The following is the amount of serviceable hose:
 1,750 feet 2 1/2-inch hose, carried on auto truck.
 400 feet 2 1/2-inch hose carried on hose reel.
 150 feet of 2 1/2-inch hose in reserve.
 Making a total of 2,300 feet, most of which is gum treated.

The above equipment is housed in fire station at City Hall and situated on northwest corner of H and Fourth streets.

The fire alarm system is by telephone supplemented by fire bell in tower of engine house, which is unsatisfactory for the volunteers, especially at night fires.

We find that the men on duty in the fire house are required to ring this bell before going to a fire and we trust that some arrangement can be made where either the telephone company or the nearest resident would ring this bell, so as to warn the volunteers and save the time that the regular men lose in ringing the bell.

Fire Record
 The fire record during the past five years has been good, and we hereby wish to commend the citizens of Grants Pass upon their efficient fire chief, but at the same time the most efficient fire chief in this country could not stop a conflagration in a city unless he has the proper equipment and the necessary men for which to combat fire. In our opinion it is important that the most rigid inspection of such town be made continually, thereby relieving the city of the causes from which fire originated.

Summary of Inspections
 188 places were inspected, including one opera house, two picture shows, four schools and churches. Of the above places, we found—
 46 places with defective wiring.
 39 places where floors and walls were unprotected from stoves.
 26 buildings with exposed and unprotected opening.
 32 places with accumulation of rubbish.
 15 places where gasoline was improperly kept.
 14 places order metal cans for oily waste.
 8 places with defective stoves, pipes or flues.
 7 places with ashes in wooden boxes and barrels.
 5 places where steam pipes were in contact with wooden floors or partitions.
 4 places ordered drip pans for waste oil.

Electrical Hazard
 We found during our inspection that the buildings, as a whole, are not wired in accordance with the National Electrical Code which their ordinance provides. In most places where we had access to the open work, we found unsoldered joints and exposed wiring, especially in this true in repair work.

Old and Dilapidated Buildings
 The fire hazard of Grants Pass would be greatly reduced by the removal of the following buildings—
 frame buildings located from 317 to 323 G street and situated on the southwest corner of Fourth and G streets. The block on the east side of Sixth street, south between J and K street; fram barn located at northwest corner Pine and H streets.

Schools and Public Buildings
 The schools of Grants Pass are of brick construction, but are totally lacking in proper outside exits, which we consider very important in case of fire. When one considers that many school houses are destroyed by fire every year, we feel the safety of the school children



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should be guarded by every possible means known, and we trust that the school board will give our recommendations serious consideration. A separate report showing the conditions of each school inspected has been forwarded to the school board.

The public buildings of Grants Pass consisting of city hall and county court house are a credit to its citizens.

(To Be Continued)

PREPARATION MADE AUTO REGISTRATION

Salem, Nov. 5.—Preparatory to the registration of motor vehicles for the year 1918, blank applications are now being forwarded by the automobile department of the secretary of state's office to all registered owners of motor vehicles and chauffeurs throughout the state. The preparation and addressing of these has been in progress for some time. It is estimated there has been placed in the mail approximately 43,000 motor vehicle blanks, 3,500 motorcycle blanks, 3,000 chauffeur blanks and 400 applications for registration as dealers in motor vehicles.

Registration will open November 15. Numbers will be assigned in the same manner as for the year 1917. All applications that are in the office on November 15th will be deposited in some receptacle and drawn out by some disinterested party. Numbers will be assigned in the order in which the applications are drawn. Applications received after November 15th will be numbered in the order in which they are received. For the reason that so many request are made for special numbers, it has been found necessary that the foregoing drawing method be followed.

In anticipation of the same proportionate increase in registration as in former years, an order has been placed for 55,000 motor vehicle license plates, 3,750 motorcycle plates, 300 sets of dealer plates and 4,000 chauffeur badges.

The law requires change of color of plates yearly. The 1918 plates are light blue with black letters and figures.

BREED MORE HOGS URGED ON FARMERS

Washington, Nov. 5.—To win the war we need more meat. To get an increased meat supply quickly hog breeding must be increased materially throughout the country, and in certain states an increase of from 25 to 50 per cent in the number of hogs is recommended by the United States department of agriculture.

The situation is of greatest importance. We must have plenty of meat for our armies and the armies of the allies in the field, and sufficient meat for our civilian population and the civilian population of the allies at home.

Hogs can be increased quicker

than any other kind of live stock. Therefore a larger number of sows must be bred now, than in recent years.

Pork can be transported more readily and economically to troops in the field than can any other meat. Great supplies of bacon must go to the boys in khaki at the front. Unless now a larger number of sows are bred, the amount of meat we will require next year will not be available.

The estimated number of hogs is 4,900,000 less than it was a year ago in this country; and in the face of this we need more hogs than ever before. How can we get them? By breeding sows at once.

During the last three months the price of hogs in the United States has been, on an average, more than twice as much as the average price for the five years from 1911 to 1915. In view of the large crop of feed-stuffs in sight, however, it is believed that farmers will see the wisdom of taking every reasonable step to increase the supply of hogs and hog products.

NEW YORK LAWYER IN RED CROSS POSITION

Washington, Nov. 5.—The Red Cross war council announces the appointment of Franklin W. M. Cutcheon, a member of the law firm of Byrne, Cutcheon and Taylor, of New York City, as secretary-general of the Red Cross. He will act as director of records and international interests, and will serve without pay.

Mr. Cutcheon will advise the Red Cross on questions which involve international relationships. His department will have charge of matters pertaining to the relief of American and allied prisoners of war in the hands of the central powers. It will also have custody of the corporate records of the American Red Cross, will be responsible for the protection of the Red Cross emblem from advertising or other unwarranted uses, and will have supervision of the bureau of communication, divisions of personnel, cables, buildings, etc.

Mr. Cutcheon has been in active service in the American Red Cross for some time. Since joining the Red Cross staff he has assisted in the work of organizing the bureau of information of casualties, and has served as acting director general of military relief and as counselor to the war council.

The Pluggin.

A word of praise is here addressed to him of whom one seldom hears—the lad who always does his best and doesn't look for cheers. While others stand around and sport and tell him how forevermore he's busy getting orders out, he's hustling at his chore. The world will never want for those who like to get and tell us how. It never has, and goodness knows, there's plenty of them now. In every land, on every pike, from Alabama to Peru, the world is filled with those who like to tell us what to do. We praise the one who plucks away, unheeding those who fill the woods, and while the others beat and bang he's turning out the goods.—Syracuse Journal.