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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1917.



OREGON WEATHER
Tonight, rain or snow; fair Friday, northwesterly winds.

RAILROAD CONTROL
There is much discussion over the country regarding a federal control of all railways at least during the war.

The extremists want a government ownership straight; others admit merely government control on a basis that will unify the various systems into a perfect working whole, and furnish the money sorely needed for additional equipment and repairs.

Canada has adopted the plan. A law has passed parliament providing for government control without government ownership. Under the Canadian plan, the government has bought up a large share of the stock but under the plan most generally advocated on this side of the line, the government would simply guarantee a certain fair rate of interest on the stock now held by a million or more individual investors throughout the country, and use any additional money it devoted to the purpose in increasing the steam power, rolling stock, terminal facilities and general betterment of the systems.

A comprehensive plan has been proposed by a prominent New York attorney, W. W. Cook, which suggests: The organization by congress of five federal railway companies, each to cover a definite section of the country, much on the order of the 12 federal reserve banks. The companies to have the right of purchase in the open market or by condemnation if necessary, of the stocks of existing railways. They shall issue guaranteed stock for such amounts as may be necessary to put the systems on a working basis of the highest efficiency. The rate of interest would be low because of the federal guarantee.

The whole point of the plan is embraced in the ability to secure all the needed money to make these public functions functionate to the best public good; and to stop the constant warfare between investors, operators and shippers. With an impartial board, representing primarily the people, these matters could be adjusted fairly and with a permanence that is impossible now. The plan is being given a great deal of attention. The recent recommendation of the Interstate commerce commission that a federal control during the war might be advisable, has called it to the fore again.

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there is no chance for overproduction in any agricultural lines for a good many years to come.
Hoover says, "Tell the people of Oregon for me, and I can not emphasize too strongly, that the great need in the next year or two will be meat food products. Tell the stock growers of Oregon that under no circumstances should they reduce their herds, but that they should increase them."
C. D. THOMPSON,
County Agricultural Agent.

COUNTY AGENT'S NOTES
The American Wheat Situation
1917 we raised 1,000,000,000 bushels more of grain and foodstuffs than we raised last year.
Last year we had nearly 1,400,000,000 bushels less grain than we had the year before.
This year's wheat yield is 150,000,000 less than the average for the past five years.
It is 88,000,000 bushels short of the yield of 1901, or 16 years ago, when we had 25,000,000 or 30,000,000 less people than we have today.
We have 15,000,000 fewer sheep than we had 14 years ago. We have 5,500,000 fewer head of beef cattle less than we had in 1900.
Department of agriculture reports a few weeks ago stated that there was a decline in the last 12 months of 5,400,000 in the number of hogs.
Aggregate production of wheat and corn for 1916 and 1917, 490,000,000 bushels short of the aggregate production of the two preceding years.
This state of affairs as regards the grain and live stock situation coupled with the fact that the allied countries will for several years to come produce less grain and raise less live stock should by all means convince the most skeptical that

AN HOUR FOR COUNTRY EACH DAY: SUGGESTED

Liverpool, Dec. 6.—Lord Leverhulme recently suggested that two hours of each day every person between 14 and 30 years of age should be conscripted for the benefit of the whole nation. Those between 14 and 18 should receive an education of a high school character with physical training; those between 18 and 24 education of a university character, also with physical training; and those between 24 and 30 a training in national service and defense, the duties of citizenship and a general study of how to govern themselves.

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PAINTINGS SHOWN FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The exhibition of the paintings of Rev. Melville T. Wire to be held under the auspices of the Arts and Crafts society will open in one of the west rooms on the second floor of the court house, Friday afternoon, December 7. It will be held from 3 to 5 and from 7:30 to 9:30 o'clock. At 8:30 Mr. Wire will give an informal lecture on landscape painting, including suggestions on the framing, hanging and care of oil paintings.

The public is invited to the exhibition and lecture, admission free.

Twenty-two pictures will be shown: most of them of small or medium size. In his paintings from nature Mr. Wire expresses with the brush in his own personal way, the phases of the landscape which appeal to him.

The catalogue of pictures is as follows:

1. Sage Brush Butte at Sunrise.
2. Field of Poppies.
3. June Afternoon, Grants Pass.
4. Dark Day Near Newberg.
5. Sunrise in the Mountains.
6. Sunset in the Mountains.
7. Lupin in Bloom Near Harkness Rifle, No. 1.
8. Lupin in Bloom Near Harkness Rifle, No. 2.
9. Autumn Scene, Leaning Tree Rifle.
10. Autumn Afternoon, East D Street.
11. Steven's Ranch From Cave Camp.
12. Sunrise Near Crystal Springs.
13. Wood Interior, Cave Trail.
14. Springtime Sketch.
15. Winter Willows, Chewan-can River, Lake County.
16. Laurel Trees.
17. A Bit of Columbia Slough Near Portland.
18. Autumn Oak Near Lawndridge Ave.
19. Sunrise, Cave Camp.
20. View near Dimick Place. (loaned.)
21. Autumn Silver Poplar, South Grants Pass.
22. Rogue River Near Mule Creek Station.

The pictures will be numbered only. It is suggested to those attending that they cut out this list and bring it with them to the exhibit.

MRS. ROWELL HEADS EASTERN STAR ORDER

At the regular meeting of the Order of Eastern Star on Wednesday night, officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:
W. M.—Mrs. Stanton Rowell.
W. P.—Sam Baker.
Asso. M.—Mrs. H. L. Stonaker.
Cond.—Mrs. L. O. Clements.
Asso. Cond. Mrs. C. A. Sidler.
Secy.—Mrs. Mary Browne.
Treas.—Mrs. J. D. Stinebaugh.
The chapter presented to Dr. Bywater, who will leave the city soon, a handsome silver pencil, with which, Sam Baker, in his presentation speech said, "the doctor could make his mark in the world." Mrs. Bywater was presented with a handsome bouquet.

BRITISH HARVESTS SHOW GOOD GAINS

London, Dec. 6.—The first board of agriculture estimate of the harvest in England and Wales is: Wheat, quarters, (of 8.25 bushels) 7,164,649, increase, 330,000; barley, 5,539,514, increase, 360,000; oats, 10,866,765, increase, 450,000; hay, tons, 7,550,000, decrease 1,200,000. The estimated yield per acre, of wheat is 29.88 bushels, 1 1/4 more than in 1916, barley 1/2 bushel lower, oats 1 1/2 bushels lower, beans a smaller crop than last year, peas slightly larger.

Production of Leghorns.
The average production of eggs by hens of all kinds and ages in the United States is 85. Unselected White Leghorns, however, produce an average of 130 eggs for the first year, 120 for the second, 110 for the third, 85 for the fourth and fall about 10 a year up to the eighth. These figures are from a bulletin of the Utah experiment station. If the first year production be low, the second will be high, and vice versa, the total production for three years being about the same.

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WITNESSES ADMIT FALSE TESTIMONY

San Francisco, Dec. 6.—Mrs. Alice Kidwell, a witness before the grand jury which indicted Thomas J. Mooney and four others for the Preparedness day-bomb murders, admits in an affidavit made public today that her testimony was incorrect. She charges that the testimony of her daughter, Mrs. Estelle Smith, and that of another witness was entirely false.

HUGO

The Red Cross will hold a bazaar, food sale and lunch, Saturday, December 8th, at the church. There will also be an interesting exhibit of the knitting and sewing done by the members for the soldiers. Eleven dollars more of the drive money has been received. The "Busy Bees" little girls met November 24th at the church and

cut several pounds of rag clippings to help the Red Cross.
Miss Anne McCormick, district home demonstration agent, was here Wednesday, December 5th, and demonstrated table service, and discussed "What Home Economics Mean."

The word "massage" is derived from a Greek word meaning to knead. The practice dates back to the earliest medical history.

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SKILLED MEN WANTED!
Immediate Active Service
The War Department is recruiting a battalion of the Twentieth Engineers for forestry work in France.
Robert A. Johnson, of Klamath Falls, has been appointed Major of this battalion.
They want all kinds of sawmill men and all kinds of loggers, broadaxe men, good teamsters, stationary engineers, firemen, blacksmiths, harness makers, in fact, every kind of skilled men who would be handy around a sawmill or logging operation.
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