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OREGON WEATHER

Fair and warmer. Moderate to northwesterly winds.

RAILROADS ON WAR BASIS

There is no longer any question as to who's running the railroads. Whatever doubt may have existed on that score has been dispelled by Director McAdoo's blanket dismissal of all the president-managers.

Apparently there will still be railroad presidents; but their functions will be restricted. The president, responsible to his directors and stockholders, will not direct the physical operation of his railroad. That important duty will be attended to by some practical railroad man appointed expressly by the federal director, and responsible solely to the government he represents.

The thing aimed at is, of course, greater centralization and efficiency. Most of the president-managers, no doubt, have cooperated loyally with the government. But some of them have failed to do so, and the easiest way out of the difficulty seemed to be a general clearance and reconstruction. The presidents with exceptional managerial ability will be appointed to run their lines, if they will give up their other duties. Otherwise other men, the best obtainable, taken from their own organizations if possible, will replace them.

The general result seems certain to be good. The railroads have been unified, are rapidly being systematized, and are going to be run with an iron hand for the national benefit, though without injustice to their owners. They will soon be on a war basis.

THE FOOD-PRICE SAVING

Most of us, by this time, feel in a general way that food control by the federal government has saved us money, but we're rather hazy about particulars. A diagram prepared by a statistician of the food administration makes the whole matter plain and simple.

There's a "consumer's price index" curve which has been going down pretty steadily ever since congress passed the food control law last August. There's a "producer's price index" curve which has been going up pretty steadily during the same period.

In March, when the last complete checking up was done, it was found that the whole range of food products in this country, in price paid by the consumer, had dropped on an average of 14 per cent; and the

WAR WINNERS

Wheatless Cookies 100 per cent substitute
Wheat Saver Crackers 48 per cent substitute
War Bread 40 per cent substitute

THEY DO NOT LOOK AS NICE AS THE OLD TIME PRODUCTS BUT WE MUST ALL USE THEM

REMEMBER THAT ROMAN MEAL IS 72% SUBSTITUTE

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QUALITY FIRST

price paid to the producer for the same products had risen on an average of 25 per cent.

Thus the producer and consumer, between them, were 39 per cent better off. That 39 per cent saving was effected for the most part by eliminating middlemen's profits and shortening the route from producer to consumer.

Incidentally the producers have been disabused of the idea that food control was aimed against them. It has benefitted them more than anybody else, as the figures plainly show.

"Gradually our language is simplified," writes Col. Watterson of the Louisville Courier-Journal. "The chauffeur becomes a driver, the aviator becomes an airman, the hydro-aeroplane becomes a seaplane, and nobody's ashamed to use English in ordering a small cup of coffee." And some day we'll even discover that there's an English word for camouflage.

CARING FOR CHINESE

It is reported that fully 200,000 Chinese laborers are in France, building railroads and working behind the lines. The Y. M. C. A. has established huts for them.

JOSEPHINE'S GIFT TO STARVING ARMENIANS

The following statement will show what was raised for the Armenian fund by Josephine county and Grants Pass. In most instances the report shows but one name, while the solicitors went by twos.

- Grants Pass Mrs. W. M. Trimble, \$4.50; Mrs. A. B. Orme, \$2; Geo. Riddle, \$40; Rev. M. T. Wire, \$8; Mrs. Vic Smith, \$9.50; Mrs. C. V. Ernst, \$8.95; Mrs. N. E. Townsend, \$8.50; Mrs. W. T. Miller, \$19.15; W. T. Miller and Paul Kirker, \$82; Dr. M. R. Britten, \$42.50; H. A. Dillingham and Isaac Best, \$50.50; Mrs. Stovall, \$21.25; Mrs. E. E. Blanchard, \$12.05; Mrs. J. R. Bailey, \$7.25; Mrs. Harry Condit, \$12.45; Mrs. H. A. Coughle, \$18.45; Mrs. D. B. Reynolds, \$32.75; Mrs. J. L. Christlieb, \$36.85; Mrs. J. R. Gunning, \$5.65; Mrs. D. J. Manuel, \$10.35; Mrs. A. V. Ray, \$18.85; Mrs. F. F. Childers, \$30.50; Mrs. M. C. VanLaven, \$27.02; Mrs. H. H. Allyn, \$8.55; Mrs. L. A. Heath, \$7.25; N. E. Townsend, \$101.10; W. C. Long, \$14.80. Total, \$670.72.

County Districts E. A. Humpton, \$2.20; Edna Good, \$5; Dora Gebbers, \$3.50; Francis Musick, \$3.70; Mae A. Wheaton, \$4.05; Mattie Lichtenberger, \$4; Anna Hanson, \$11; Stella M. Paddock, \$5.60; Mrs. C. W. Courtney, \$1.75; Ree Morrison, \$5.75; Daisy Cole, \$26.08; Helen Knips, \$5; Anna Potts, \$2.30; Eleanor Maul, \$2.85; Mrs. Hays, \$9.65; Elizabeth E. Miller, \$5.60; Inez Reeves, \$4.50; Bertha M. McCallister, \$4; Nora Anderson, \$3.75; Mrs. J. A. Dixon, \$15; miscellaneous donations received by N. E. Townsend, \$52.52, making a total of \$848.52.

The above is the amount received except some small amounts which were sent in later and is included in the miscellaneous item.

I was somewhat disappointed in the amount raised in Josephine county. The solicitors found those in very moderate circumstances more ready to give as a rule than those who were blessed with an abundance. But the need is just as great and urgent now as ever, and those whose hearts have not been touched by the awful suffering of those Armenians, and have given but a pittance, still have an opportunity to give. Send your donations to F. H. Christie, treasurer, and it will be used immediately to save lives.

I want to thank the solicitors, teachers and all others who helped to raise this Armenian fund. Many of them gave money and valuable time and they gave both so willingly. N. E. Townsend, Manager. F. H. CHRISTIE, Treasurer.

SUGAR BEET SYRUP IS EASY TO MAKE

Oregonians will revel next winter in buckwheat cakes and home-made syrup, rivaling the celebrated "sugar bush" maple of the eastern states, and yet be good, loyal conservationists.

In other words, experiments conducted at the Oregon Agricultural College have disclosed that an excellent substitute for maple syrup can be produced from sugar beets

grown in your own back yard, and with but little trouble at that. The Corvallis college refers those interested to Farmers' Bulletin No. 823 on sugar beet syrup, which can be obtained free upon writing to the United States department of agriculture at Washington, D. C.

It is not difficult to make the syrup. The beets should be sliced thin and kept in simmering water, just as hot as it can be without bubbling to boil, for an hour, then this water is simply boiled down, similar to "sugaring off."

KERBY

School closed last week with the graduating exercises of the eighth grade at the church on Friday evening. The class was composed of seven members from the Kerby school and two from the Althouse district. From Kerby were Irene Anderson, Carl Conner, Jack Gordon, Eldon McCallister, Georgia Shattuck, Fleeta Turner and Will Young. From Althouse Mary Reed and Florence Matheson.

The address to the class was given by Assistant State Superintendent E. F. Carlton, who held the attention for about three-quarters of an hour and closed only when the audience hoped he would continue. Mr. Carlton's address was well liked, instructive and interesting. Mrs. Bacon, county superintendent, presented the diplomas in a short but impressive speech which was well received.

On Saturday the local institute was held at the school house. Through some misunderstanding, the attendance during the forenoon was small, but for the afternoon session there was a good attendance. Mr. Carleton and Rev. L. Myron Booser gave very interesting talks, and imported their enthusiasm to their audience which was in full sympathy with the patriotism of the speakers.

The school being closed the teachers have gone to their respective homes. Miss Willits to Perast, and Miss Robinson to Coquille.

Will Young and Leland Willits left on Monday for ranch work in Klamath county during the summer.

Lloyd and Bill Stevenson are in the sawmills at Dorris, Cal., and Tom Young is at the U. S. forest nursery near Takilma. Mr. and Mrs. Finley, of Bly,

Advertisement for 'The UNIVERSAL' Coffee Percolator, featuring an illustration of the device and text describing its benefits and availability at Rogue River Hdw.

Klamath county are visiting with the Willit family, having arrived at Kerby on Tuesday. They have been touring northern California for the last three weeks.

Mrs. Vaughn, mother of Mrs. J. O. Turner is visiting Kerby for a few weeks.

Dr. Van Fossen entertained the people of Kerby on Monday night with a reading; selection being made from James Whitcomb Riley and Will Carleton. All enjoyed the reading and the entertainment was followed by refreshments of ice cream and cake, the proceeds to be for the benefit of the minister, Rev. C. G. Morris.

A new flag has been purchased under the supervision of the Red Cross society and was unfurled to the breeze early Thursday morning, Decoration day.

Mrs. Trimble, of the Pioneer hotel, was called to Coquille on Saturday of last week to the bedside of a sick sister.

OBITUARY

Louisa Stanley Trefren

Louisa Stanley was born in the state of Maine, September 15, 1828, and when a child of only a few months her father was drowned at sea and she and an only sister, were left orphans about seven years later. When about 14 years of age she went to work in a blanchery, in West Somerville, Mass., where she continued to work until she was married to Jonas M. Trefren on February 2, 1846. In 1856 they, with their four children, moved to West-on, Ohio, where they lived until 10 years later when they again moved and settled in Newton, Ia., but becoming discontented there they made another change and moved to Valley county, Neb., in the spring of 1880 making the trip by wagon. In 1891 they continued their journey across the continent and settled in Grants Pass, Ore., which was the home of the deceased until about three years ago, when she, with her daughter, Mrs. W. G. Thrasher, moved to Klamath Falls, where her last days were spent.

In the winter of 1869 in Newton, Ia., she was converted in a Methodist revival meeting and has continued a conscientious Christian up to the time of her death, which occurred on Thursday, May 30, 1918.

Mrs. Trefren was the mother of nine children, three of whom, W. A. Trefren and Mrs. A. D. Houck, of this city, and Mrs. Geo. M. Thrasher, of Klamath Falls, survive her. She also leaves 23 grand children and 27 great grand children and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 from the residence of W. A. Trefren on the Meritt road by Rev. Melville T. Wire. Interment in Granite Hill cemetery.

Official Count of Josephine County Vote Cast in Primary Election, May 17, 1918

Large table with columns for 'OFFICE AND CANDIDATE' and various county districts (Grants Pass No. 1-8, Dundee, Ferry, Pringle, Granite Hill, Selma, Kirby, Waldo, Althouse, Merlin, Galice, Lackey Green, Leland, Wolf Creek, Placer, Williams, Murphy, Total, Priority). Rows list candidates for various offices like Member National Committee, U.S. Senator, Governor, etc.

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