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TUESDAY, JULY 29, 1919.

OREGON WEATHER
Probable showers west portion tonight; fair and cooler east portion. Wednesday fair west; fair and cooler east; gentle westerly winds.

PORTLAND HOUSE BOAT DWELLERS ENJOY HOMES

Portland, Ore., July 28.—Hundreds of white-painted bungalows, built on floating logs or pontoons and moored to piling driven in the bed of the Willamette river some distance from the shore, furnish all-the-year-round homes for perhaps 500 Portlanders and make an attractive sight along the Willamette, within three or four miles from the center of Portland.

Telephone and electric lighting wires, gas pipes and city water mains extend along the float and are connected with each houseboat, giving these river dwellers "all the comforts of home," including running water from mountain streams so that river water need not be used for drinking and cooking.

Gay blossoms in window boxes and hanging baskets adorn the broad front porches or decks of these dwellings, which have their fronts toward the middle of the river and their back doors toward the nearest shore.

In some cases one half of the floating home is fashioned into a boat-house in which the owner parks his motorboat. There are one or two two-story houseboats, in which the motorboat occupies the lower "floor."

A constant downstream current of two miles per hour in summer and four or five in winter, carries off garbage and impurities. Waste matter is thrown overboard from the rear of the house and is not carried to midstream but sinks or is carried away toward the bank.

SEVEN POWERS TO CONSIDER

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quibbles of a neutral neighbor, the position of Antwerp is rendered indefensible for any length of time. The peril is made all the more acute by the fact that Antwerp is the only seaport available in Belgium for big ships such as arm and ammunition transports.

"From the economical point of view it is an absolute necessity that Belgium obtain the right to manage without hindrance, as a sovereign and independent power, the whole

water system not only of the Scheldt river from Antwerp to the sea, but also of the law-lying lands of Northern Flanders and of the ship canal from Ghent to the Scheldt river at Terneuzen.

"The keys of Antwerp are at present in foreign hands. Belgium claims them back on the strength of principles of international law, today universally proclaimed."

He asserts that endless trouble arises from the manner in which Dutch government officials carry out the agreement over the use of the small harbor of Terneuzen, an outlet of the ship canal from Ghent to the sea through Dutch territory.

Expounding Belgium's claims to the southern part of Dutch Limburg, Dr. Hebbelynck asserts that Holland's possession of this territory "lays the northeastern frontier of Belgium open to all attacks because the Dutch government recognizes the impossibility to defend Limburg against an invader coming from the east."

This fact, he adds, compelled Holland to let a whole German-army escape through Limburg into Germany with its plunder carried from Belgium in November, 1918. The rector of Louvain also points out that Belgium needs a ship canal across Dutch Limburg in order to tap the enormous coal fields of Westphalia.

"Belgium," he concludes, "does not want to grab territory from Holland. It only craves a reconsideration of the iniquitous arrangements of 1648 and 1839 in the light of modern principles."

He points out that Holland should be compensated by obtaining from Germany the provinces of Ostfriesland and Cleef which, he says, are largely inhabited by Dutch-speaking people.

NEW TODAY

FOR SALE—Four days old Jersey heifer calf. L. M. Mitchell, Murphy. 31

PIANO TUNING—Geo. W. Cross, of Medford, will be in Grants Pass until Friday. Those wishing pianos tuned kindly leave orders at Rowell's music store, phone 126-J. 31

FOR SALE—One Remington No. 10 typewriter, two years old, excellent condition. Price \$35. Phone 200 ask for Mr. Zerener. 30

COMING EVENTS

July 30, Wednesday—The ladies of the Newman M. E. church will give an ice cream social on the Bartlett lawn, 648 North Fourth street.

Aug. 11-29—Josephine county teachers' training school.

Aug. 23, Saturday—Civil service examination for postoffice clerk-carrier postponed from July 12.

CONDEMNING RIGHT OF WAY IN CANYON

(Roseburg News)

County Commissioner Ed Weaver who is in Roseburg attending to matters connected with his office, says that nearly every right of way through land in the Cow Creek canyon for the new Pacific highway has been secured with the exception of one place belonging to Gilbert Waterworth. Every effort was made to persuade him to sign up but he demands what is deemed by the commissioner as excessive price for his property holdings.

CAMPERS ARRESTED FOR LEAVING FIRE BURNING

William Bunch, Roy Dysert, Joe Dysert, all of Kerby, failed to completely extinguish their camp fire at Dear Horse Camp at the head of Sucker creek, Thursday, July 24, and as a result, were arrested, tried and fined \$5 and costs, July 28, at Justice Holman's court. These men had been camped at Dear Horse Camp ground and on Thursday, about 7 o'clock, broke camp and moved to another camp a mile or two away. Before leaving they, as they thought, extinguished their camp fire. However, a passerby about 9 o'clock, discovered the fire still burning, and reported it to Herman Luethy, lookout man on Bolan Mountain, at 9:30. Mr. Luethy, under instructions of District Ranger M. M. Lewis, went to the fire, put it out, and overtook the campers, who admitted having camped there. On Monday, July 28, they were brought before Justice of the Peace Holman at Grants Pass, on charge of violating Section 9 of the Oregon state fire law. They plead guilty, and were fined \$5 and costs, the minimum fine being imposed by Justice Holman because they had made considerable effort to extinguish their fire with water, and had presumed that it was out.

The district forester has issued positive instructions that every offender against either the state or federal fire laws must be prosecuted, no matter how extenuating the circumstances of the offense may have been. Carelessness with fire in the woods is responsible for a vast amount of damage to the principle resource of Oregon—standing timber—and carelessness with fire in the woods is now more excusable than carelessness with fire in one's own home.

THERMOID TIRES MAKE STONE BRUISES NIL

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RECRUITING JAPANESE BOYS FOR "MADAM BUTTERFLY"

Honolulu, T. H. July 28.—At the request of a New York theatrical manager the Hawaii tourist bureau is recruiting a chorus of 24 Japanese boys and girls for a production of "Madam Butterfly." The Japanese consul and Japanese commercial organizations here are assisting in obtaining the desired number of singers.

CROP CONDITIONS IN JOSEPHINE COUNTY

Taking into consideration the very dry season, crops in Josephine county are very promising. The rather heavy late spring rains produced sufficient moisture to mature a pretty good crop of fall sown grain; in fact, the best for many years past. The first cutting of alfalfa was about normal, while the second cutting is above the average, both in yield per acre and quantity. The exceedingly warm weather has been conducive to rapid growth where moisture has been provided.

There will be a considerable tonnage to ship out this year against about equal production and consumption last year.

Corn, which grows rather slowly during the earlier part of the season, is coming on very rapidly at present, and we have the promise of some of the best corn crops of several years past.

On account of the low price of beans last year the acreage planted this year was very much reduced, but the crop is coming good.

The fruit outlook is excellent. It is sizing up in fine shape. Bartlett pears will be ready to pick before long. The quality of all fruit is excellent. Most growers have been persistent in spraying and up to this time the fruit is almost entirely free from worms, and there is but little fungus on it.

C. D. THOMPSON, County Agent.

"GREATEST THING IN LIFE" GRIFFITH'S MASTERPIECE

Critics say the greatest thing in life is D. W. Griffith's "The Greatest Thing in Life."

If the great majority of the newspaper critics agree that a motion picture contains unusual entertainment value, the public is safe in assuming that it is worth seeing. But when every critic, whether in New York, Los Angeles, Keokuk, Iowa or Gallup, New Mexico, stands right up and shouts from the columns of his newspaper that he has found the most extraordinary motion picture that he has seen in many a day—then every one in town should see it. "The Greatest Thing in Life," the D. W. Griffith picture which will be shown at the Joy theatre Wednesday and Thursday has had genuine praise from every critic in the country. The following are a few of the hundreds of enthusiastic criticisms:

The New York American says: "Mr. Griffith, head and shoulders above any other creator of films, can make pictures that satisfy Americans. His 'The Greatest Thing in Life' is Artercraft's very finest picture of recent issue. It gives forth such a vital stirring picture as only this master producer has been able to present. The drama ends with the boy saying: 'I love you.' The girl answers: 'Yes, I know you do.' And because she loves him you see, that's the greatest thing in life."

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