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OREGON WEATHER

+ ***** +
+ Tonight and Sunday fair. +
+ Warmer tonight with moderate +
+ easterly winds. +
+ ***** +

FISH AND GAME LEGISLATION

Southern Oregon is keenly interested in the matter of fish and game legislation. As the district is realizing more the value of the out-of-doors, of the scenery and the wild life, in the bringing of people here to invest or to ferry and spend their dollars, the necessity of adequate protection of the fish and game becomes apparent. There has not been adequate protection in late years, and destruction rather than propagation has been the order. The state has become thoroughly aroused, however, and it is quite evident that a new order of things will come out of the agitation that has filled the public press for the past two weeks. Already meetings have been held in many localities by those who are interested in this phase of development, whether they be the kind of a sportsman who is fond of the rod or the gun, or a sportsman who loves the out-of-doors and has not the instinct to kill. The question is one bigger than just the having of more game to kill or more fish to catch, and some kind of a solution for the problem will no doubt be found at the meeting of the legislature this month.

Those in this locality who are interested in the subject will meet in this city next Monday evening. Opinions should be expressed there for it is by the expression of opinion that sentiment is made, and our legislators will want to know the trend of local sentiment. The Rogue river will again be an issue at the special session, and there is a demand from many sources for the introduction again of the bill that was passed last session but vetoed by the governor. It would no doubt be impossible to pass the measure over the veto, which would require a vote of two-thirds of the body, but a like bill could probably be passed where only a majority vote would be needed. By passing this measure with the emergency clause attached, the seine, which is the destroying factor in the Rogue, could not be operated again.

ENCOURAGING HOME INDUSTRY

Before another season is far advanced the people of Josephine county can eat bread made from home grown wheat ground into flour at the local mill, for it is announced that the mill which has been in the building for several months past will be ready to grind early in the summer. Most of the local grain that was offered for sale in the markets has been purchased by this establishment, and its completion should be an incentive for the growing of more grain in this locality. Not many new enterprises were established and carried through during the war period, with labor and materials high priced and hard to get at any price. There is much satisfaction therefore in the fact that in the face of all of the difficulties Grants Pass has seen this new industry brought into life.

We believe thoroughly in both the theory and the practice of the patronage of home industry, and it

Rest Tomorrow

Monday come in and ask
about Our Special.

Tuesday will be too late.

KINNEY & TRUAX GROCERY

Quality and Service

would be a great encouragement to the people who invest here, and who pay their taxes toward the upkeep of our institutions, if every dollar possible should be spent with our own people. Bread would taste better if made from home grown wheat that had been ground into flour at a local institution. When a dollar once gets out of the country it may be a long time getting back again. But a dollar kept here can do duty many times a day. So keep the dollars rolling—just so they don't roll too far.

ADVERTISING FOR THE FARMER

The state agricultural college is behind a campaign that would prove the value of advertising for the farmer. Particular attention is pointed toward the little want ad that costs but a few cents in the daily or the weekly paper, but which will often bring buyer and seller together to their mutual profit.

Advertising farm produce in city papers has been tried out successfully in a number of localities. The farm advertisement is a new step in the elimination of waste of time, energy and produce in the process of getting farm products to city consumers.

Farmers in many parts of the country have developed the custom of putting signs along the roadside advertising fruit or vegetables which they have on sale. Sometimes they set out baskets of produce. People passing in automobiles stop to purchase as they happen to see something they want.

The farm ad is a better method. It enables the prospective purchaser to plan definitely on purchases direct from the farmer. He learns through the advertisement just what the farmers near his community have to offer and just how they may be reached.

There is most always a purchaser for what you have to sell. The best way to find him is to try the little ad.

SENDING THE RADICALS HOME

There has been a wonderful clearing of the atmosphere since the authorities, federal, state and local, have gone after the radical in a way that showed business was meant. The sailing of the "soviet ark" was the first real evidence of sanity in dealing with this element, for they are a danger as long as they are permitted to remain in the country. The United States is founded upon certain well established principles, and every foreigner who comes to this land should subscribe to those principles before he is allowed to land. Or, if already here, he should support the government or go back to the land that gave him birth. There has been too much toleration of the class that comes only to breed discontent and to spread the gospel that leads to national disruption or to revolution. It has been too easy to get into America, no matter what kind of weapons of destruction the immigrant carried in the back part of his head.

Now that it is becoming unpopular to talk radicalism, little of it is heard openly. A few more ship loads of the leaders sent home will cure America of a disease that threatened to undermine our government.

Carriers Wanted—

Carriers wanted for the Daily Courier—boys or girls with wheels

OIL WILDCATting
AS A FINE ARTHow the Swindler Plays the
Game in Texas.

LAW CANNOT REACH THEM

"Blue Sky" Legislation Fails to Provide Way of Bringing Offenders to Justice—With an Initial Capital of 25,000 Many Easily Make Profit of \$100,000 to \$200,000 Within a Few Months.

Notwithstanding the accumulating evidence that systematic oil well swindles are being perpetrated on an extensive scale in Texas, no way has as yet been discovered for bringing offenders within the reaches of the law. It has been found that the so-called "blue-sky" law of Texas is practically worthless, so far as preventing the organization of irresponsible oil companies and the sale of stock which has no value.

It is in the wildest well-drilling game that the biggest swindles are pulled off. It has been proved time after time that it is possible for a man or set of men with an initial capital of \$25,000 to easily make a profit of \$100,000 to \$200,000 within a period of a few months at the game of drilling wells in wildcat territory. The money in most instances comes from the people of the community in which the fake well is drilled. There is hardly a county in Texas that has not been the scene of one or more well-drilling operations of this kind. Of course, there are a great many legitimate companies that are drilling or have drilled wildcat wells, and in many instances these holes have had to be abandoned, for one reason or another, before they were completed. It is the professional swindler of whom the land owners and people generally are beginning to complain loudly. Enormous blocks of stocks of these swindling companies have been sold to people outside of Texas.

How It Is Worked.

J. C. Burkett of Taylor county describes how the wildcat oil well men operate:

"All at once there will appear upon the streets of the town two or three strangers, and in a few days they will let it out in some way that they are making investigations to know if there

are men in the section who will lease their land for oil purposes. They walk about among the farmers and ranchmen and soon secure 15,000 or 20,000 acres for a dollar an acre or less.

"Then they send for an 'expert' geologist to go over the land and locate a place to put in a well. He makes an examination and gives a favorable report. In a short time a man is employed to put down a well, and in a few weeks the derrick is put up, and the owners of the leases begin to make arrangements to sell leases at high prices. After the well is down 300 or 400 feet, the owners of the leases make it known that the 'log' of the well is first class—just like the wells at Ranger, Caddo, or some other oil field. This creates a little more excitement, and some of the leases that cost 50 cents or a dollar now sell for \$5 or \$10 per acre. But the greatest excitement has not come yet. Wait until they get down about 1,500 feet and then see what will take place.

"All at once the report goes out like wildfire over the town and the country where the well is located that they have struck a 'showing of gas,' and the excitement runs a little higher and leases go up again.

"If you are not careful a bit will get hung about this time, but it may be a little later on.

Then Comes the Cleanup.

"When they get down about 100 feet farther, then the thing comes off just right; they strike a showing of oil. By this time the oil dealers are wild with excitement and the leases go up again.

"Now they get ready and put a guard about the well and allow no one except some oil 'expert' to go about it. Soon afterward a bit gets hung or a casing is pulled apart, and there is a six-weeks' delay, and during this delay the owners get busy and sell at several thousand dollars per acre near the well.

"Just as soon as the excitement begins to die down they send out a report that the bit is hung and it is impossible to pull it, and they take down the derrick and leave the country with a fine bag of money and the community in wonder as to why they did not get more than a 'showing' of oil."

The fakers got just what they went after—the people's money, and when they got that they pulled up and left. Once in a hundred times it may be that such men really find oil and the neighbors make money, but in most cases the well is a fake and poor men and women are stripped of their money.

The Flying Era.

Mail-carrying airplanes are already in old story, writes A. Russell Bond, in "Inventions of the Great War." In Europe the big bombing machines are being used for passenger service between cities. There is an air line between Paris and London. The airplanes carry from a dozen to as many as 50 passengers on a single trip. In some cities here, as well as abroad, the police are being trained to fly, so that they can police the heavens when the public takes to wings. Evidently, the flying era is here.

Thing of the Past.

"An old gentleman from the country visited Washington the other day and set the capital in an uproar. In fact, he was hailed as one of the nation's leading humorists."

"What did he do or say to make such an impression?"
"He said he'd come to Washington, by heck, to see a specimen of that there senatorial dignity."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Printing that please—We do it! Courier Job Department.

We Wish You
All

The Season's Greetings

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