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HOP INDUSTRY BRINGS LARGE SUM TO VALLEY

LAST OF 1922 CROP GOES OUT, BOUND FOR PORTS IN EUROPE

VALUE OF CROP OVER \$100,000

Third of a Million Pounds of Product Shipped—Four Yards Send Out 15 Cars for Year

The hop industry of the valley surrounding Grants Pass brought the hop growers in the neighborhood of \$100,000 this past year, although this is gross and not net returns. A large amount of expense was necessary in the picking and handling, approximately \$15,000 having been paid out for pickers. A total of 15 cars were shipped out, these being destined for Antwerp, Belgium and London, England, where they will be used by the large breweries.

The Cecil Weston yard shipped out four cars, Bert Clute one car, River Banks a car and a half, and the Christy yard about eight and a half cars. The hops from these yards were contracted early at 25 cents a pound, making the rather light yield of the past season profitable to the growers. With the price down to about eight cents at the present time, many of the hops are being torn out in Sacramento yards as well as some of the Oregon points.

The hop growing industry brings in a large amount of money each year to this part of the state. It is estimated that in the 15 cars which were sent out, there were 300,000 pounds, or 100 bales of 200 pounds each to the car. The cars were all loaded here, the price being 1.0. b. Grants Pass. Due to the low price at the present time, eight cents being under the cost of production, no new plantings are being made.

Legal yards were troubled to some extent by the red spider pest but it was not serious enough to cause any widespread damage. It appeared in one or two of the yards but has not gained a great foothold. County Agent Howell is working with the growers in an effort to eradicate the pest and it is now believed that the spider can be controlled by prompt spraying.

SENATE TALKS ON FUNDING

Bill Brought Up Today After Subsidy Sidetracked

Washington, Feb. 13.—(A. P.)—The British debt funding bill was taken up in the senate today under an agreement reached after a conference between the president and republican leaders for laying aside the administration shipping bill temporarily but without displacing it from privilege.

PLANT PESTS BROUGHT FROM OTHER NATIONS COST COUNTRY BILLIONS OF DOLLARS LOSS

Washington, Feb. 13.—(A. P.)—Dope peddlers, bootleggers and diamond smugglers have odd schemes to fool Uncle Sam's sharp eyed men. But their evil ways do not cost the taxpayer nearly so much as the plant pests that slip into the country. The figures show that the tax payer is paying tribute to plant pests at the rate of about two billion dollars a year, the American Nature Association says, therefore it will be seen just how important the plant policeman's job is.

Just as the metropolitan police departments tabulate all the "dope" on a law breaker, there is a "rogue's gallery" of the plant world. The Atlantic states know what the chestnut blight and the white pine blister rust have done. The country knows the south's experience with the boll weevil. One of the original enemies to be brought to this land from Europe was the Hessian fly which came in straw the soldiers used to bed their horses. That fly still costs the country the price of the

LARGE COAL DEPOSITS SEEN IN POLAR REGION

Moscow, Feb. 13.—(I. N. S.)—A huge coal find in Polar regions is reported by a Russian mining survey expedition, just returned after a long absence. The expedition also discovered a new island about 130 miles from the mouth of the Yenisei river, and found a coal bog belonging to the explorer Amundsen, which had been missing since 1918.

Local People Have Bad Auto Accident

A serious accident which could easily have ended fatally occurred yesterday on the Pacific highway. A. L. Edgerton, driving a Dodge car and accompanied by C. A. Thomas, was on his way to Medford, and at a spot beyond Rogue River where the highway borders the river bank the car skidded, started down the bank toward the water, and lodged against a tree. The lives of both men would probably have been lost had the tree been in any other spot. The car had a wheel taken off, and a fender badly damaged.

FIRE DESTROYS A PART OF ASHLAND SANITARIUM

Ashland, Feb. 13.—(A. P.)—Fire starting from the furnace in the Jarvis sanitarium, corner of Margandine and Second streets, shortly after 9 o'clock Sunday night, resulted in the demolition of the upper portion of the structure and of partially gutting the interior. Damages to the extent of nearly \$7500 are placed upon the conflagration. Interior furnishings were valued at about \$3000 and though damaged by water, are not heavily contributory to the loss. The building was partially covered by insurance, but not sufficiently to repair the damage.

The fire was spectacular, as it occurred in the midst of a hard snowstorm, the light from the blaze illuminating the falling flakes. A large crowd was attracted to the vicinity by the light.

STORE BEING REMODELED

Interior of Golden Rule Now Being Worked Over and Painted

Remodeling of the interior of the Golden Rule store, now in progress, will make the store one of the most attractive department stores in Southern Oregon, according to the plans laid out. These call for the installation of steel ceilings both upstairs and down and for the remodeling of the ladies' clothing department on the second floor. The work is now well under way and it is expected that it will be done in a month.

When the ceilings have been put in, the whole interior will be painted white. New electrical fixtures are to be installed, in harmony with the rest of the interior. Harper & Son have been given the contract for the work.

PORTLAND HAS TASTE OF REAL WINTER TODAY

WHOLE NORTHWEST IN GRIP OF BLEZZARDS AND WINDS

PUGET SOUND HAS COLD NIGHT

Seventeen Degrees Lowest Reached Since 1899—Spokane Country Has Spell of Severe Cold

Portland, Ore., Feb. 13.—(A. P.)—A fine, dry snow falling here accompanied by a brisk wind, gave Portland a blizzard today. Traffic is moving, but with some delay. The Puget Sound country is experiencing the coldest February weather since 1899. The minimum in Seattle this morning was 17 degrees above zero. Spokane and eastern Washington are in the grip of severe cold. Snow fell in Eastern Oregon but the weather bureau reported little wind. Willamette valley temperatures are reported to be moderate.

NORRIS AMENDMENT FAVORED

Would Inaugurate President in January Instead of March

Washington, Feb. 13.—(A. P.)—The Norris amendment to the federal constitution eliminating the present session of an old congress after the election of the new congress, and changing the inauguration date from March 4th to the third Monday in January, was approved today by the senate. It now goes to the house. The approval there before adjournment of congress is regarded as problematical.

OIL ACTIVITY IS REPORTED

Seven Companies Will Drill Near Roseburg—Much Land Leased

Roseburg, Feb. 13.—(A. P.)—With approximately 33,000 acres under lease, and seven distinct oil companies formed or in process of formation, Umpqua Valley is rapidly developing into one of the big prospective oil fields of the coast. Seven drills will be in operation by the end of 90 days it is expected and it will require only a few months to determine the future of Douglas county for oil production.

Syndicated papers are being procured for the Northwestern Drilling and Leasing Syndicate, which is to have a capital stock of \$500,000 and which becomes the parent body for the other companies being formed. A. J. Davidson who is backing the oil prospecting in the county, is the trustee of the Northwestern Syndicate.

became a destructive pest in Massachusetts and now extends its depredations over more than 20,000 square miles of American area. The American Nature Association says this pest accomplishes almost as much economic damage as the annual fires which constitute one of the most serious menaces with which we have to contend.

The dope peddler does nothing more clever as the browntail moth which came from Holland or France in shipments of roses. The Japanese beetle came to our shores on imported Japanese Iris plants. The San Jose scale has rendered fruit production prohibitive in some parts of the United States and costs more than \$10,000,000 a year.

All fruit, seed or plant products that are found to be diseased are either destroyed or else rendered practically sterile by thorough fumigation. Along the Mexican border Uncle Sam maintains great fumigators large enough for several freight cars to run inside at a time. In this way all the cotton and cotton seed that comes in from Mexico is rendered harmless so far as the distribution of objectionable cotton diseases is concerned.

ROSENBLUTH WILL NOT BE REMOVED TO TACOMA

New York, Feb. 13.—(A. P.)—Proceedings for the removal of Rosenbluth to Tacoma, Wash., of Captain Robert Rosenbluth for trial on a federal indictment, charging him with the murder of Major Cronkhite at Camp Lewis, in 1918, were dismissed today by United States Commissioner Hitchcock. Rosenbluth's \$40,000 bail was discharged. Hitchcock upheld the contention of Rosenbluth's counsel that Camp Lewis was not government property at the time of the alleged murder and that the federal courts are without jurisdiction.

Autoists Pay Fines Into City Treasury

Business at the city hall has been very good for the past few days. The till at the police judge's office is jingling frequently, donations coming from those who are not particular about how they turn around on Sixth street. Mr. Schwartzmiller and H. H. Davis, traveling men from Portland, each paid \$5 for turning their cars in the middle of the block. L. G. Rogers and W. K. McChrerry, also out of town men, were fined \$5 on the same charge. H. P. Johnson was picked up Sunday, and Monday reported at the police court on a charge of cutting corners. He also paid \$5 to a hard hearted judge.

ASHLAND SCHOOL GIRLS TO WEAR BUT ONE RING

Ashland, Ore., Feb. 13.—(A. P.)—Two rings for one belle proved too much for the feminine contingent of Ashland high school and a wall of protest has been sent up as a result of an edict by G. A. Briscoe, superintendent, demanding that hereafter the girls in high school must not wear earrings, limit rings on their fingers to one and that noses must not be dusted too often with powder. The order also suggested that a few more inches added to the length of the skirts might be advisable.

UNMASKED MEN HOLD UP ASHLAND BUSINESS MAN

Ashland, Feb. 13.—(A. P.)—Two unmasked men entered the grocery establishment of Loomis & Nelson on Fourth street about 8 o'clock Saturday night, and at the point of a gun demanded the contents of the cash register of Mr. Loomis, who reports a loss of about \$32. Money in a safe was overlooked. The bandit pair held guns close to their sides so as to prevent anyone outside the store detecting that all was not as it should have been. They wore caps pulled well down over their eyes and had their coat collars up to their chins.

Lincoln's Birthday Observed

Lincoln's birthday was observed by the schools of the city with programs appropriate for the occasion. Bishop Walter T. Sumner gave an especially pleasing talk to the high school students in the afternoon. Rev. F. Gordon Hart spoke to the students at Lincoln school, while programs were given in the other schools.

WILLIAM F. OSWALD



William F. Oswald of New York, holder of world's typewriting accuracy championship—128 words a minute for one hour continually with only one error—and former international speed champion.

MESSANGER IS KILLED BY TWO AUTO BANDITS

SAMUEL McGEE SHOT AND SATCHEL WITH MONEY IS TAKEN

AMOUNT TAKEN IS NOT KNOWN

Check Not Yet Made—Had Been to Postoffice to Get Registered Packages of Currency

Los Angeles, Feb. 13.—(A. P.)—Samuel McGee, messenger of the First National Bank, of this city, was shot and killed today in a daylight robbery by two automobile bandits in the center of the jobbing district. The bandits escaped with a bag containing registered packages of currency which McGee had obtained at the postoffice station. McGee, with two guards, was driving a small automobile when the bandits in their automobile left their car and running to the bank car fired at McGee, killing him. They forced the guards to hold up their hands, seized the bag, ran back to their machine and escaped. It will be unknown how much money was in the bag until a check can be made.

BANKERS ATTEND MEETING

Southern Oregon Association Formed in Medford Monday

The bankers of Southern Oregon Monday organized at Medford and now have a working organization for the furthering of the different phases of the banking business and Southern Oregon industry in general. Mr. Harter, of Medford, was elected president; Sam H. Baker, of this city, vice president; Mr. Hart, of Medford, secretary-treasurer. The organization will meet on the fourth Tuesday evening of each month.

Sam H. Baker was appointed chairman of Josephine county of the educational committee and Vernon Vawter, of Medford, was named for Jackson county. Mr. Isaacson, of Central Point, was made chairman of the agricultural committee. The different phases of the work of the organization were outlined by Andrew Miller, field secretary for the Oregon Bankers Association. These were educational and agricultural, special attention being given under the agricultural to cooperative marketing. In the afternoon problems confronted by the bankers were discussed.

Those attending the meeting from here were: H. D. Norton, Roy K. Hackett, K. Hammerbacher and E. J. Schumacher, of the First National Bank; Sam H. Baker, George P. Jester, A. K. Cass and J. L. Calvert, of the Grants Pass and Josephine. Representatives of every bank in Jackson and Josephine county were in attendance.

HONOLULU ASKS FAMOUS SWIMMER TO ENTER MEET

Honolulu, Feb. 13.—(I. N. S.)—An invitation to Duke Kahanamoku, Hawaii's greatest aquatic star, to come to the islands from Los Angeles, where he has been residing for the last nine months, in order to participate in an army-civilian swimming meet in Honolulu harbor next month, has just been forwarded by George ("Dad") Center, president of the local A. A. U. Kahanamoku is asked to take part in the sprint events.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Choice steers	\$7.25 @ \$8.00
East Mt. Lambs	\$13.50 @ \$14.00
Hogs, prime light	\$9.50 @ \$9.75
Eggs, buying price	26c @ 29c
Eggs, selling price	26c @ 32c
Butter, extra cubes	42c
Butter, prints	48c
Wheat	\$1.23 @ \$1.32

Hard wheat not quoted.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 13.—(A. P.)—Cattle slow after 25c decline late Monday; hogs and sheep, steady; eggs, 3c higher; butter, steady.

BLIND AGGIE STUDENT HAS EXCELLENT RECORD

Corvallis, Ore., Feb. 13.—(I. N. S.)—Although blind, Emory B. Lamont, of Forest Grove, Ore., is attaining an unusual scholastic average in his class at Oregon Agricultural College. Here, he averages 95 in his courses in poultry, husbandry and special work in typewriting. He was 21 months in France with the 18th Engineers, illness overseas caused the loss of his eyesight.

Many Republicans at Medford Banquet

The Medford hotel was filled with republicans of Southern Oregon last night who attended the annual Lincoln Day banquet, states Mrs. V. A. C. Ahlf, who was called upon to make one of the talks during the evening. Mrs. Ahlf gave a short sketch of the history of the republican party and the effect on governmental affairs. Rev. William Gilbert, former department commander of the American Legion, gave the address of the evening, his talk being on Lincoln. He is said to have given an excellent talk. About 300 people were present, 50 being from Ashland. Mrs. Ahlf was the only person from Grants Pass present at the meeting.

VOICE IS HEARD 5622 MILES

Radio Phone Carries Sound From San Francisco to Apla

San Francisco, Feb. 13.—(I. N. S.)—Radio history was made with the operating here recently of the new KPO broadcasting station. The human voice and musical tones were transmitted from San Francisco to Apla, a British town in the Samoan Islands, an airline distance of 5,622 miles.

This is believed to have established a new distance record. What is said to be the previous record for radiophone broadcasting was accomplished in 1915, when special tests were made by the Western Electric Company between Washington, D. C., and Honolulu, an airline distance of 4,800 miles.

The little town of Apla, thousands of miles from any cosmopolitan city where recreation and entertainment are abundant, must have been thrilled to the marrow when it learned that the voices of San Franciscans had been clearly and distinctly heard at its radio station. And little did the city officials or artists who took part in the program realize that they would be heard practically across the Pacific Ocean.

FIRST SKYSCRAPER IS COMPLETED IN BERLIN

Berlin, Feb. 13.—(I. N. S.)—The first "skyscraper" in Berlin—an eight story structure—has just been completed. The new building, which is called "a gigantic structure" by the newspapers, is now pointed out as a "new architectural type."

Most Berlin buildings are not more than five stories high.

INDUSTRIAL SYSTEM IN CHINA IS CAUSING UNREST AMONG LABORERS; STRIKES COMMON

Chicago, Feb. 13.—(A. P.)—The industrial system in China today is the worst in world history and is causing unrest and the organization of labor unions, according to Rev. Sherwood Eddy, who just completed a survey of industrial conditions there and reported to the committee on conservation and advance of the Methodist Episcopal church, here.

According to the report, Chinese adult male laborers receive from five cents to 80c per day and Chinese miners, who receive only five cents per day, have organized labor unions in some places, to better their conditions, which, they assert, are such that they cannot buy both rice and clothing with that meagre pay. The miners work ten hours a day underground and work seven days a week as is the custom in Chinese factories, the report says.

According to the survey, boys of nine years of age are employed by thousands in various factories and in forty pougee silk factories in Che-

SENATORS AND PIERCE REACH AN AGREEMENT

CONSOLIDATION MEASURE MEETS APPROVAL AT CONFERENCE AT NOON

BILL IS GAINING SUPPORT

Three More Add Names to Those Who Will Give Administration Bill Their Votes

Salem, Ore., Feb. 13.—(A. P.)—An agreement was reached at the conference at noon today between the Governor and the 17 Senators who introduced the compromise consolidation bill. The Senators accepted the amendments proposed by the Governor. Three Senators are reported as added to the group, Strayer, Johnson and Kinney, making 20 supporting the bill. The House today voted down Representative Woodward's motion to reconsider the bill which passed last night creating a state finance commission of five members to regulate the issuance of bonds by municipal and quasi-municipal corporations in the state. Woodward contended the bill gives the commission sweeping power to override the wishes of the people of municipalities, school districts, drainage districts and such.

RUHR SITUATION STRESSED

King George Gives Address at Opening of Second Parliament Session

London, Feb. 13.—(A. P.)—The Ruhr question was stressed by King George today in an address from the throne, opening the second session of the fourth parliament of his reign. He declared that although the British government was unable to concur or participate in the Ruhr operations, it was acting in such a way as not to add to the difficulties of Great Britain's allies.

52,616,704 BU. OF GRAIN AT LAKE ERIE PORTS

Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 13.—(A. P.)—Two hundred and one storage vessels were holding 52,616,704 bushels of grain at Port Huron, Goderich, Detroit, Georgian Bay and Lake Erie ports at the close of lake navigation. More than half of this grain was afloat at Buffalo, 96 vessels holding 28,833,200 bushels at that port. Erie, Pa., had the next largest fleet, 31 boats holding 9,915,391 bushels of wheat. Toledo had 13 storage cargoes and Port Huron 11. Midland had the biggest storage fleet at Canadian Ports, 19 vessels holding 1,807,317 bushels.

foo, 25,000 boys and young men work 13 hours a day for wages averaging six cents each. Boys are working in such factories because their parents cannot afford the necessary three cents per day to feed them, the report continues. They receive only their food and clothing.

Small girls are likewise employed in the factories in countless numbers, many of them working among machines unprovided with most elementary safety devices, and frightful accidents are by no means rare, Dr. Eddy reports.

The report states that factory managers openly boast that there are in China "no vexatious factory laws" providing for safety devices, and the principles of workmen's compensation is unheard of.

"In certain sections there are signs of unrest and disorder," says Dr. Eddy's manuscript. "Scarcely a day passes without report of a strike in some department. The universal demand is for shorter hours, increased wages and the right to organize."