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Dry weather has hit Montana so hard that in some districts hay is selling for \$80 a ton and the ranchmen are shipping out their sheep as fast as possible.

That Coos county has more varied resources and can show more commercial products than any other county in Oregon was demonstrated at Salem last week.

Hon. Frank E. Tichenor, of Port Orford, has been appointed deputy U. S. Marshal for Oregon by Marshal Alexander, who won first prize in the contest for that position.

The second Liberty Loan drive began last Monday, and we hope a good many people who couldn't see their way clear to purchase bonds in May will be better fixed or more clear as to their duty in October.

The Sentinel has no more respect for an American who declares against the present war to free the world from the menace of German domination than it would have for a man who would turn and run when he saw a wild beast attacking his wife and babies. This war is first and foremost a matter of self preservation. We shall cease to be free and become just such bond servants as the Hebrews were in Egypt if Germany wins.

It seems to us that we are asked to form altogether too many organizations in connection with war work. One good organization among our men and one among our women if interest and enthusiasm are kept up will accomplish vastly more than if attention is diverted in a dozen directions by as many different societies. And with two such organizations as suggested wide awake committees could be named to take charge of any special line of work as it comes up.

Fogs are in such great demand in certain industries that they must be made to order at great expense. Cotton, wool, silk and cordage mills, warehouses, paper mills, leather and felt factories, printing plants, and scores of other industrial works require a uniformly humid atmosphere which is not naturally obtainable. One of the most common means of attaining this end is by producing fog at numerous points throughout a plant and mixing it with the surrounding air. Popular Mechanics Magazine for October contains an interesting account, well illustrated, of how this is done.

It strikes us that some day industries that require fog in their operation will seek the Oregon coast where Nature attends to this matter and charges nothing for the service.

A family of five, including two adults and three children under 12 years of age, under ordinary living conditions, should have stored for each month of the winter season the following food supplies: 1 bushel of Irish potatoes; 12 bushels of other root vegetables such as carrots, turnips and parsnips; 25 quart cans of other vegetables; and 30 quarts of canned fruit and preserves. These figures are based on estimates by the United States Department of Agriculture, which adds that most of this should come from the perishable products of the many home gardens of this year.

To this the Sentinel would add, speaking from several years experience in Coos county, that so far as vegetables like carrots, cabbage, broccoli and beets are concerned, that it is much better to have them growing in the ground in the kitchen garden, than either canned or dried. And we also would like to repeat that you will find all

such vegetables not only much cheaper but vastly better if grown at home than when shipped in from California gardens.

### FRENCH MEN NEXT YEAR

Colonel Henry W. Stephens, the veteran Kentucky editor, makes the following qualified prediction as to the end of the war:

"If Wilson has the gifts of faith and the wisdom which inspired Washington and Lincoln in the darkest hours of the revolution and the war between the sections, he will win. If he has them not, we shall be lost. I believe that he has them and that he will win. God did not raise Washington to achieve the Union and Lincoln to save it on any haphazard plan. Nor did he raise an obscure schoolmaster within less than a decade to the greatest place on earth for nothing. Before midautumn of next year I confidently count on our being in Berlin and Vienna, dictating generous terms of peace to the German people, the Hohennollerns and the Hapsburgs gone to where they belong in that very hot place with the very short name."

### DOUBLE CROSSING THEMSELVES

We must build ships as fast as possible to make the war as short as possible. Everybody understands that. It is plain, too, that the striking ship carpenters and iron workers on this coast are doing all they possibly can to help Germany—not intentionally, of course, but no less effectively. And that is not all. Owing to these labor troubles the government is going to make no more contracts for building ships at Pacific shipyards. So at the same time they are helping Germany these misguided men are killing the goose that lays the golden egg for themselves. Such selfishness as this is an index of stupidity. Indeed, unreasonable selfishness which forgets the rights and interests of others is always stupid. The government has bogged the speculators in foodstuffs and it looks as if it were going to make the striking ship workers awfully sick of their contract to tie up the shipyards.

### HOW WAR AFFECTS SWEDEN.

The following from an associated press correspondent at Stockholm shows what far-reaching changes have come as the results of the world war, in a neutral country like Sweden:

Owing to the expected scarcity of food during autumn, the stock of live cattle in Sweden will be reduced approximately fifteen per cent, and steps are now being taken to arrange culling and pulling the enormous quantity of meat which will result from the slaughter of cattle. The government also announces that licenses have been granted for the export of 5,000 head of cattle to Norway or Finland but nothing to Germany as heretofore.

The government has taken energetic steps to organize wood cutting and the transportation of the enormous quantity of fuel which will be wanted in the winter. Germany has sent about one-fifth of Sweden's ordinary consumption of coal, 5,500,000 tons, and England practically nothing.

On Stockholm's boulevards, half the ground space is covered house-high with piles of firewood while every open place presents the same picture. Numerous steamers are bringing props every week to port before the water freezes in October or November. Sweden in this way is to a certain extent making herself independent of English and German coal for the time being.

Lighting is another capital problem in Sweden. Petroleum has increased in value to over \$3.00 a gallon and cannot really be counted on as a factor. Swedish manufacturers of calcium carbide have increased their output and the dark season will be met by a sufficient quantity of carbide. Simultaneously, factories have taken up the manufacture of lamps.

Sweden has also hurried the electrifying of its waterfalls to provide light.

### WEDDING 24 YEARS AGO.

Here's a 28 years' old editorial acknowledgment of favors extended clipped from the Coquille Herald of July 30, 1889:

Completely overwhelmed and done for; that's how we stand affected. Mr. N. E. Barklow and bride whose marriage was announced in last week's paper have our thanks for two boot boxes full of the finest wedding cake that it has been our good fortune to sample. These are among the best young people in the county, and evidently believe in fattening the editor. We again extend the congratulations of the whole county.

How fashions change. The writer can remember well when the editor was usually the recipient of such samples, though not always in such generous measure as Mr. Dean here noted.

Call on us for Stationery.

### Southern Oregon Case Not Tried

L. A. Lillqvist, who has charge of the delinquent tax cases for Coos county, returned Saturday night from Salem where he went to aid in presenting the case to collect the back taxes on the Coos Bay Wagon Road Land Grant, says the Coos Bay Times.

After a conference with District Attorney George Mowser, of Douglas county, who appealed the case to the supreme court, Attorney General Geo. Brown and U. S. Attorney S. W. Williams, who made a special trip from Washington, the postponement was agreed to.

Mr. Williams said that he feared if the Coos Bay Wagon Road case was presented, it might interfere with the adjustment of the O. & C. land grant tax case which is now nearing settlement. As Coos county will receive \$161,000 of back taxes and Douglas a similar amount, Attorney General Brown and Messrs. Lillqvist and Mowser decided that it would be best to delay the argument of the action in the supreme court. No definite length of time of postponement was fixed. The O. & C. taxes will be paid within a month.

Mr. Williams estimated that there was a possibility of the government and Southern Oregon Co. adjusting the Coos Bay Wagon Road land grant controversy. If they do not, the government may take action similar to that in the O. & C. case by which the government is now paying the delinquent taxes to the counties in which the O. & C. lands are located.

As the O. & C. tax payment will be a strong argument in behalf of the counties in the Coos Bay Wagon Road Land Grant case, the attorneys figured that it would be just as well to wait a month or so.

### Would Save City Much Interest.

Since his appointment as city treasurer, O. C. Sanford has been endeavoring to devise a plan to stop unnecessary interest in improvement bonds. For instance, if a \$100 bond is payable Oct. 1 and there is only \$90 in the treasury in that particular bond series to pay on the bond, payment has to be deferred for a whole year with its consequent 90 of interest which has to be paid out of the general fund, as the property owners cannot be charged with interest after the money is in the treasury. If by the middle of October the \$10 balance should be paid in, the \$100 would still draw interest at the rate of 6 per cent for eleven and one-half months more than it ought to. The city is out now a good many hundred dollars on just such excessive interest charges for which no one is to blame.

Mr. Sanford's plan is to use such moneys as may be in the various improvement funds to pay off any bond when it comes due without regard to the amount on hand for that particular series of bonds and thus have to the city's general fund a fraction of a year's interest on many of them.

Monday evening City Attorney Stanley informed Mr. Sanford and the council that under a recent decision of the Supreme court he thought such a procedure would be legal and if after further examination he finds that it can be done, Mr. Sanford was authorized by the council to take action outlined above to protect the city treasury in the future.

### The Way It Looks Outside.

Some of the Coos county papers are roasting the sheriff because he employed some "stool pigeons" recently to catch bootleggers. It is generally considered that the most successful method of catching the booze peddlers is by employing stool pigeons and the officials are justified in taking this course to bring the law violators to the punishment which they deserve. While we have not a good opinion of a stool pigeon, yet the bootlegger is not at all scrupulous about the means he uses to conceal his acts and he has no right to complain if he is lured in jail by slick methods. It often happens that those who complain because an officer does his duty in enforcing the law would be the first ones to kick him if he proved sleek and neglectful and permitted criminals to escape punishment.—The Flagpole West.

### Many Chinese Phenants.

Reports from various fields in Douglas indicate that there are many Chinese phenants. At times they behave like chickens, it is claimed, so tame and gentle have they become. The grouse seem to have become almost extinct, as a game bird, a few lurking around mountain fastnesses. Wood phenants are also becoming fewer, while quail are apparently not decreasing.

A very large proportion of unit men were found by Dr. Tyler, the examining surgeon, among the last contingent called out for the first draft in Curry county. Some had glass eyes, one or two wooden legs and others were tubercular according to reports received.

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### Hottest Ever This Week.

The past three days have seemed the warmest and driest we have ever known in Coos county. In the afternoons when usually we get a cool breeze in promise of comfort it has been so still and hot that for the first time in Coquille we have looked out for the shady side of the street. Indoors where the sunlight was excluded it has been entirely comfortable, otherwise we should surmise that some sultry Kansas days had gone astray and fetched up in Oregon. At the same time the ranchmen who have brush or slashings to burn have so industriously availed themselves of these favorable days towards the close of the dry season to clear up their ground that the curtains of smoke has been steadily thickening the while it seemed to add to the heat. Altogether we have found this unusually hot day decidedly uncomfortable, although in the shade the thermometer has gone little if any above 80 degrees. A shower would be most welcome.

### Made Over By the War.

"Like thousands of other places, Newport has been made over by the war. The very streets look different; the spirit of its people has undergone a sweeping transformation. Although this is true of every other city, yet I think it is most evident in Newport—for in the past the spirit of Newport has been social, its activities have been the activities of society, and in many ways it has been a social model for the rest of America."

Mrs. French Vanderbilt is the authority for this statement. She has written for the October issue of Harper's Bazar an article on the Red Cross and other war relief work in Newport.

Naturally, with such serious work on all sides, the character of Newport has changed completely. And the cause for this change was the visit of the "U-53." The people of Newport had to house and care for the victims of this merciless raider of the sea. They were, however, not prepared for this sort of thing, and on realizing it they built up, without any loss of time, a very efficient Red Cross organization, and now everyone is engaged in some kind of war relief work.

### Who Are the Vandals?

L. P. Branstetter is offering a reward for the arrest and conviction of parties tearing down his No Trespass signs. He left in the Sentinel office mute testimony of the depredations of malicious hunters in the shape of the copper float which automatically shuts off the flow of water when his stock tanks become full. This float had been shot through time and again and was riddled until it resembled a sieve, thus allowing the water to waste. A local high school boy took a shot at a steer last year just "to see him jump" and Mr. Branstetter says all trespassers are to be vigorously prosecuted from now on.

### Harder After Automobile and Repair Work Must Be Settled for Before It Leaves the Garage.

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