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HOMES FOR SOLDIERS PLANS WAIT TOO LONG

Bills for Irrigation, Reclamation and Clearing of Lands Get no Further Than Introduction. Clamor for Labor Throughout Country is Now Heard. Work Enough For All

The sudden and unexpected close of the war has probably put an end to movements for providing farm homes for soldiers. The soldiers will be home and in private occupation before any progress could be made. Secretary Lane estimated it would require a million or two men to make the preliminary study necessary to work out a plan and determine location of suitable lands. He had in mind irrigation of arid lands, drainage of swamp lands and clearing of cut-over lands. Any project would require a year in preparation and at least another year before the land would be ready for cultivation. Before this could be accomplished the men will practically all be discharged from the Army.

Both Oregon Senators introduced bills designed to start work along this line, but neither bill was acted on. The Chamberlain bill provided for construction by the United States of irrigation and drainage projects through contracts with districts, organized under state laws. The bill assumed that the land would be in private ownership and that owners would vote bonds, which, deposited with the Secretary of the Interior, would be the Government's security against loss in the construction of the reclamation system.

It was the plan of the Chamberlain bill to provide employment for returned soldiers on the reclamation projects and to acquire homes within the projects on which they worked.

The McNary bill had a similar purpose but provided that the reclamation work be under control of the Secretary of War—the main purpose being to provide homes for returned soldiers. The reclamation work was to be treated largely as a sort of substitute for a pension system. A bonding provision is part of the McNary plan, with repayments to cover a period of about 50 years, with a low rate of interest.

Since cessation of hostilities and the certainty that soldiers will soon be returning there has been less evidence of concern as to employment. Almost every kind of industry is clamoring for help. Farmers are told they must raise greater crops next year than ever and they want to know where they are going to get the labor. Shipyards are still calling for labor and recruits. For the merchant marine are needed. Deferred construction work of all kinds is planned, particularly building in cities, road improvements, street improvement, etc. Almost every kind of monumental work, from painting house to building a skyscraper, has been deferred because of the high cost of labor and materials.

With labor and materials plentiful this deferred work will be taken up. It is doubtful, therefore, whether there will be any abnormal amount of idleness after the soldiers return home, unless foreign manufacturers succeed in selling their products in our markets, thus limiting American production.—Oregonian.

ONSERVATION WEEK FOR WAR RELIEF

For the purpose of bringing before the people in a forcible manner the need for saving food and sharing it with the Allies and the liberated nations, the United States Food Administration named December 1st as a nation-wide "Conservation Week for World Relief" and a stirring program of education and enthusiasm will be carried out simultaneously throughout the country.

On Sunday, December 1st, a personal message from Herbert Hoover will be read from all pulpits in churches of all denominations. Wed-

nnesday, December 4th, will be "Women's Organization Day" and a special Hoover message will be the central feature of a patriotic program in all the women's clubs of the country, the meetings being open to all women whether club members or not. On Friday, December 6th, special patriotic exercises will be held in all the public schools of the United States, and a special message from Mr. Hoover to the boys and girls of America will be the central feature of the program. Throughout the entire week meetings and parades will be held, and efforts of war workers will be centered upon the task of waking the public to an alert realization of the after-war need for greater conservation than ever.

Preliminary to the inauguration of "Conservation Week", meetings of all county feed administrators, together with a leading club woman from each county, will be held in each state, and this gathering will be addressed by a member who will bring a personal message direct from Mr. Hoover. Instructions for the campaign and material for the work will be given out at these gatherings. The meeting of Oregon's county food administrators and representative club-women has been called by State Food Administrator W. B. Ayer for Tuesday, November 26th.

The original pledge made by the Food Administration on behalf of the people of the United States was 17½ million tons of food to be shipped overseas by July 1, 1919, an amount greater by 50 per cent than last year. Now that France and Belgium are liberated and millions of people in South Central Europe clamoring for food, the United States is undertaking to increase its exports from 17½ million tons to 20 million tons.

NEWS PAPER A DIRECTORY

No business man in any town should allow a newspaper published in his town to go without his name and business being mentioned somewhere in its columns, says an exchange. This applies to all kinds of business—general stores, drygoods, groceries, furniture dealers, manufacturing establishments, automobile dealers, mechanics, professional men and in fact all classes of business men. This does not mean that you should have a whole or a half or even a quarter page add in every issue of the paper, but your name and business should be mentioned if you do not use more than a two line space. A stranger picking up a newspaper should be able to tell just what business is represented in a town by looking at the business mentioned in the paper. This is the best possible town advertiser. The man who does not advertise his business does an injustice to himself and his city. He is the man who expects the newspaper to do the most free advertising for his town. The man who insists on sharing the business that comes to town but refuses to advertise his business is not a valuable addition to any town. The life of any town depends upon the live, wide-awake and liberal advertising business men.

The voices of Germany and Austria crying "Bread, Bread" must be heeded and answered. Would it not be a good plan, however, to answer them with war bread? We can spare it.

Of course when the armistice was signed President Wilson could not join the wild crowds in the street. But if on receiving the news he had relaxed his dignity by a little private song and dance of his own, who could blame him?

INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC STILL GETTING READY FOR DEVELOPMENT.

Although the latter part of last week it appeared that Burns was almost free from influenza, several new cases developed during the week and two deaths have resulted here. James Kribs died Tuesday night at his home in this city, and Clifford Dickenson, son of B. A. Dickenson, died late this afternoon at the emergency hospital, both of these victims having developed pneumonia. In all there were nine cases at the hospital this week.

Two additional nurses were brought in from the Egli section the first of this week to assist, Mrs. Donovan and Mrs. Thos Hutton. The latter is reported to have contracted the disease and is under the care of the attending physician.

Crane has 30 cases according to information from there and one man, H. L. Bunnell, died there from the effects of it yesterday afternoon.

Information was telegraphed from Red Cross headquarters at Seattle yesterday that a Red Cross nurse who had been sent out from there was reported sick at Denio. The local Chapter authorities were asked to see what could be done for her. An Executive Committee meeting was held that evening and an attempt made to get in touch with Denio by wire but up to the time of going to press there had been no response from that source. However, it was learned from parties coming up from that territory that there are about 40 cases of influenza between Andrews and Denio and that the nurse was really ill, possibly from overwork. Harney County Chapter is bending every effort to secure volunteers to go down into that territory and aid the trained nurse. Every available person in this vicinity is active in the work and since it is impossible to get trained nurses any one who has had any experience is urged to help.

Present indications are that Burns will have no schools until after the holidays at least. Other places that have raised the restrictions and permitted gatherings have experienced a recurrence of the epidemic.

BOY SERIOUSLY HURT BY HORSE FALLING.

Telephone word was received this evening that the six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Culp had been dangerously hurt at the family home below Lawen by his horse falling with him. Dr. Smith made a hurried trip down and found the little fellow suffering from concussion of the brain and unconscious. It is a serious case.

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