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A special session of the state legislature may be called by Governor West for December first unless, as he says, he "changes his mind." If called, this will be a month before the regular legal session.

Eleven shoe factories operated by the International Shoe Company in different cities of the United States have been closed by reason of curtailment of business caused by the seven nations war in Europe.

Americans in France are recruiting a corp of rough riders for service in the war. The corps will include former cowboys and cavalymen of the United States and will be equipped by wealthy Americans living in that country.

Farming is attracting the attention of men as it never has in all ages of the past. Because of its bigness, its possibilities, its need, men are taking up the scientific study of farming in our agricultural colleges with more earnestness than they do law, medicine or engineering.

The government bureau of engraving and printing, where are printed the currency, stamps and bonds, is the busiest manufacturing plant in the United States. It is running twenty-four hours a day and Sundays, and is turning out \$12,000,000 in currency each twenty-four-hour day.

Rotation of crops should be practiced, whenever possible, to increase the humus and nitrogen in the soils. If a large part of the produce raised to be fed to live stock and the manure carefully returned to the fields, there are few sections of our whole country that will yield better profits for farmers than in Sherman county.

## A Noted Agriculturist.

Mark A. Carlton, who is in charge of all the experimental work with grains for the United States department of agriculture, was a visitor this week at the Experimental Station at Moro. Mr. Carlton is recognized as the best authority on grains in the United States. He has made several tours of foreign countries for the department of agriculture in the interest of grain production. The Kharkov variety of wheat was introduced into the United States by Mr. Carlton in 1900, after his return from Russia and Siberia on an agricultural expedition for the purpose of discovering what grain crops of those countries were best adapted for growth in the United States. He learned the language and lived like a native on the Russia farms, that he might study the crops more closely. He foresaw that wheat which would withstand the cold climate of the Czar's dominions would be ideally suited to the winter wheat states of the United States. One-half of the winter wheat crop is now grown from the Kharkov variety.

Mr. Carlton also introduced from Eastern Russia a variety of spring wheat, called the durum, which is best suited to our dry regions. Our durum wheat industry which has already resulted from this implantation is now valued at \$40,000,000 annually.

German cruisers hunting English ships off the Oregon and California coasts can have but a brief career in this part of the world unless they replenish their coal supply from captured vessels. They have no home ports on this side of the Pacific; the cruisers are small, and in a chase after a prize would soon exhaust their coal supply. There seems every likelihood that the two German cruisers will soon be driven into a neutral port and interned until after the war. Of course they can take coal in a neutral port to get home on, but this can only be done once in three months, and not then unless they have been home since being supplied. Receiving a supply from South American countries might temporarily prolong their usefulness to their country, but not for long.

Moro has been too generous to her farmer friends this harvest season and now, for lack of water surplus supplied harvest outfits, has been forced to discontinue street sprinkling and curtail the irrigation of lawns. The regrading of the streets last spring left our main streets easily cut by traffic when not kept in condition by sprinkling. This, in turn, allows dust to move in disagreeable quantities, but as we of the town must put up with this to a larger extent than our business patrons, it is no more than right that all should bear with the conditions with as little grumbling as possible until nature comes to our relief.

Few people work any harder than the average farm wife. There is no good reason why she should not have a vacation and many good reasons why she should. After harvest persuade her to go away to some place where she will have a change, if it is to be for only a few days.

## Auto Party Home Again.

H. U. Martin and family returned from a two weeks' trip Monday afternoon to as far as Dixie, Washington, where they visited with W. J. Martin and family, a brother of H. U. Martin. They report but two minor troubles on their trip, one a blow-out as they were nearing Morgan, in Morrow county, on the out trip, and the other a flat tire, caused by a nail, on their return at Echo.

The report of the accident at Walla Walla on the 9th was of another party of similar name, but no relation and with the same initials as W. J., and with another one in the party answering to the initial of H. The people who had the accident also had children with them of similar names to those in the party from Moro, which was a peculiar coincidence. Mr. Martin said that he had known of the family that had the accident, but had never met them, his brother and they, having frequently had mail confused by the similarity in the names.

Harvey reports that the drive from Milton, Oregon, to Walla Walla was as if they were driving through a large orchard all the way, the roads being macadamized and in good condition. He also said that the roads passed over on the trip were in very good condition considering the time of year. The worst roads were in Gilliam county at the top of the new grade leading from the new bridge, where the roads had been changed to conform to section lines and were all cut up from travel over the former wheat fields.

The party came back by way of the McDonald ferry and report that Mr. McDonald has that grade in excellent condition, it being a wide, broad track on which it is easy to pass another machine at any point.

On the return the party were at Morgan, in Morrow county, the morning after a fire had destroyed a wheat warehouse with 3000 sacks of wheat, a store and contents, and residence with the contents, and three young people sleeping in the house. The mother escaped by jumping through a window, with burns and bruises that are thought to be fatal, while the father escaped by sleeping in the barn. The young folks had had a party that night, and the fire was supposed to have started before their going to bed.

The seven nations' war in Europe has temporarily cut off the market that usually is used to absorb the surplus wheat of Oregon and the Pacific northwest coast. There would seem to be every reason why prices to the consumer should hold steady or even recede. Although the war is only a fortnight old, the screws are put to the consuming classes, and prices already high begin to be lifted higher. Wholesalers claim the reason is that Europe wants to buy of the United States, and as yet, even if they do, there is no commerce moving, and until it does, prices should not be arbitrarily lifted in all localities of this country alike. The situation demands and justifies examination by all governmental authorities wherever a rise in price occurs, if for no other reason than to force discrimination between desire and ability to command a higher price, and a justifiable commercial need by reason of trade conditions.

Every farmer and fruit grower, including any one with a breed of pure cattle, poultry or horses on the farm, should arrange to have an exhibit, however small, at the Sherman County Fair on October 7-8-9 and 10. Several have been planning exhibits, but these are in too small a minority. There is no doubt of the benefits accruing from our county fair, not in premiums to individuals, but in the interest aroused for better things, and to make the fair the success it should be, every one should do a part, however small.

Farm laborers of Oregon work on an average of 9 hours and 44 minutes per day, according to a report which has just been issued by the United States department of agriculture. More than 27,000 laborers are employed, and the average monthly compensation is \$31 with board.

The Condon Globe says that vacations prove that naturalists have no conception of the dimensions fish may attain or of the number that may inhabit a given body of water. Vacations also prove that men would rather sleep among snakes than bedbugs, and that while they abhor a fly in their home, they are willing to put themselves up as a meat course at a mosquito reunion.

Congressional leaders have planned quick action to increase the internal revenues by \$100,000,000 to offset curtailment of customs revenue expected during the war. It has been decided to confine the additional tax at this time to liquors, tobacco, proprietary medicines, and the levying of a stamp tax on checks, etc., similar to the tax exacted during the Spanish war.

The weather bureau office at Portland reports the present dry spell as the longest known in twenty-nine years, and it seems probable that this year a new record for dryness in Oregon will be created. Possibly as a first impression of what may be expected throughout the state if prohibition carries at the election next November.

Diseases caused the swine breeders of Oregon to lose 6000 hogs, valued at \$60,000, last year, according to a report which has just been issued by the department of agriculture. This is an average death rate of 20 per 1000 head. During the year 1912 the ratio was 30 per 1000 head and a total of 8000 head were lost.

The Japanese cruiser Idzuma, stripped for fighting, is reported to be following the German cruiser Leipzig off the coasts of Oregon and California, they in turn followed by the American torpedo boat Hull for the purpose of seeing that neutrality laws are followed. Japan gave Germany until the night of August 23d to get out of China or fight.

A plant for distilling oil of peppermint is being constructed at Springfield, in Lane county. Forty acres have been planted to peppermint, and if the yield of oil meets expectations, the forty acres should give gross returns of about \$6000. The industry is likely to become an important one for Oregon.

The instinct to blame the other fellow when one is at fault is a rooted instinct in human nature, not better illustrated than in an endeavor to locate the cause of the seven nations' war in Europe from the speeches of those in authority in the national life of the interested countries.

Those who estimate the value of their crops and livestock and ignore the value of the barnyard manure, are apt to find the profits of the farm unsatisfactory. The best profits should come from the manure when judiciously used.

The one thing that has served to bring home to Americans the reality of the European war has been the danger and inconvenience confronting the thousands of American tourists in various parts of Europe.

The first shipment of barley from the Pacific coast since the outbreak of the European war left San Francisco August 13th on the Norwegian steamer Guernsey for England, by way of Calao, Peru.

No farmer is successful who thinks more of his barn than he does of his home, and the development of the farmer himself must precede the full development of the ground he tills.

Owing to the continued dry spell and liability of additional forest fires from careless hunters, Governor West has issued a proclamation closing the deer hunting season.

Officers of the state militia dismissed from the service last fall have been reinstated and placed upon the retired list. This leaves them eligible for active service in case of war.

A total of 241 national and international congresses and conventions have decided to hold their meetings next year at the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco.

A flour mill, wheat warehouse and elevator, together with 3000 barrels of flour and 35,000 sacks of wheat, burned Saturday night at Imbler, in Union county.

## HOPES OF THE POWERS AS RESULT OF THE WAR.

Austria—Annexation of Serbia and union of all southern Slavs under the Hapsburg crown; extension of dual monarchy to Aegean sea.

Germany—Postponement of the "Slav peril" for a generation; in case of a general war extension of German commercial interests, with only Great Britain as a formidable rival.

Russia—Extension of empire to the Carpathians on the south-west; possibly the seizure of Posen and East and West Prussia, occupation of Constantinople; establishment of Russia as undisputed dominant power in eastern Europe.

France—Removal of German menace; lessening of the terrible expense of unequal military competition with her neighbor; opportunity to develop her north African empire; recovery of lost provinces of Alsace and Lorraine.

Great Britain—Maintenance of balance of power in Europe; maintenance of British commercial and naval supremacy; preservation of her colonial possessions; winning of Germany's.

## "A Sound Box."

Take an ordinary rubber band and stretch it between the thumb and forefinger of your left hand. If you pick it with the fingers of the right hand and let go suddenly it will make a sound which you can hear distinctly enough yourself, but which will not be audible to any one a few feet away. But if you were to fasten the elastic, with a pin at each end, to an empty wooden box, only not so as to touch the wood, and then twang it the sound would be much louder than before. That box is the sound box, or sound board, and all stringed instruments have one in some shape or other.—St. Nicholas.

## Golden Horseshoes.

Roman writers inform us that Commodus caused the hoofs of his horse to be gilded. Nero when he undertook short journeys was always drawn by mules that had silver shoes, and those of his wife, Poppaea, had shoes of gold. From a passage in "Dio Cassius" there is reason to think that the upper part only was formed of those noble metals or that they were perhaps plated out of thin slips. When Boniface, marquis of Tuscany, one of the richest princes of his time, went to Beatrix, about the year 1038, his whole train was so magnificently decorated that his horses were shod with silver. The nails were even of the same metal.

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