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Application to the federal capital issues committee will be made immediately by the state highway commission for authority to sell the balance of the \$6,000,000 road bonds authorized for 1918, amounting to \$1,500,000, for building sections of the Pacific and Columbia river highways originally included in this year's road construction programme.

Senator Chamberlain is advised by Acting District Forester Potter that a series of grazing meetings will be held in the vicinity of the Malheur forest to afford stockmen an opportunity to be heard on the question of the date of the opening of the Malheur national forest ranges for stock. A number of complaints of the action of officers in establishing the date have been received.

Secretary Lane has signed an order opening 300,000 acres of the Oregon & California grant lands to settlement under the Chamberlain-Ferris act. Filings will be received at the Roseburg land office April 29 to May 25, inclusive, with the final drawing May 28. The land opened is nearly all in Jackson and Josephine counties with a narrow strip in the southern part of Douglas county.

Hundreds of acres of Oregon land, idle because of the lack of labor to cultivate it, will be set to producing by students in the Oregon Agricultural college's farm tractor classes. The department of farm mechanics reports a general desire on the part of the farm-owners to be secured. Many who already have tractors cannot use them for want of tractors this year if they want of help.

Morrow county farmers are not pleased with the prospects of 25-cent wheat sacks for the coming crop, and a large percentage of the new crop will be handled in bulk. Organization of two new grain elevator companies has just been perfected by a number of leading farmers in the lone section and contracts were closed for the erection of plants at Ione and at Jordan Siding. Each plant will have a capacity of 100,000 bushels.

Pendleton bids fair to become the Tur market of the northwest if the experimental sale of furs to be held there March 30 by the U. S. biological survey meets with the success expected. Heretofore, all northwest furs have been sent to St. Louis for sale, but the last sale was so unsatisfactory that it has been decided to hold a sale in Pendleton.

County Commissioners Roscoe Gard and P. Chitwood, of Jefferson county, elected in 1916, may not have been legally elected at that time, according to an opinion handed down by Attorney-General Brown for District Attorney Boylan because no designation was made on the ballot as to who should run for a four-year term and who for a two-year term.

Send for Swift & Company's 1918 Year Book

It shows that Swift & Company sells the meat from a steer for less money than the live steer cost!

Proceeds from the sale of the hide, fat, and other by-products covered all expense of dressing, refrigeration, freight, selling expense and the profit of \$1.29 per steer as shown by Swift & Company's 1917 figures as follows:

Average price paid for live cattle per steer	\$84.45
Average price received for meat	68.97
Average price received for by-products	24.09
Total received	93.06
This leaves for expenses and profit	8.61
Of which the profit per steer was	1.29

There are many other interesting and instructive facts and figures in the Year Book.

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BE NO SLACKER; BE A BACKER

In the Twilight Zone of War Financing.

FOR THE NEED FOR PROTECTION IS GREATEST WHEN EVENING APPROACHES AND THE WORKER TENDS TO REST.

(By John W. Kelly)

Upon a time there was a farmer whose sheep were threatened by coyotes, so he decided to protect them at night with a high, tight fence. All day he labored and when evening approached it was almost, but not quite, completed.

The farmer was fagged, twilight was approaching and instead of mending up the remaining boards he drove in the sheep and decided to take a chance. In the morning he discovered the ravages caused in the flock by the enemy marauders; the fence he had built for protection was no protection, because when twilight came he failed to finish it.

Don't permit your patriotism to succumb to the twilight zone!

In the twilight there is a slackening of industry, a tendency to take things indifferently to loaf.

Having performed a good day's work, twilight finds a man tired of the heat and the burdens, ready to rest and congratulate himself on his accomplishments.

The Third Liberty Loan is in the twilight zone of war financing.

Twice have the people of Oregon labored indefatigably and accomplished a great work in over-subscribing the state's allotment.

Now comes the real test—now is to disclose whether they still have the vigor and patriotic strength heretofore displayed.

It remains to be seen whether they will consider their duty performed and are content to slacken, to take things indifferently, to loaf on the job of patriotism.

After a day in the fields it requires spunk and pluck to tackle additional work in the twilight. The man who determines to press the labor a little further—to make a real finish to the day's stunt, is doing something for himself. And so is it with those who have helped in the previous bond flotations. There is a bit more to do before turning in; a little more exertion and patience and drain on the resources.

But if patriotism is not lulled into indifference of the twilight, the fence of protection will be completed.

Take no chances. Every bond is a board in the fence to keep out the Hun coyotes.

Report, but don't repeat. Help in Germany's defeat.

Four percent road bonds to the amount of half a million dollars were sold last week by the state highway commission for \$455,850, a discount of nearly nine per cent.

Portland's efforts to overthrow the recent 6-cent streetcar fare ruling of the state public service commission received a setback when six circuit judges of Multnomah county after hearing the city's appeal decided that the ruling of the public service commission was legal.

Two fatalities out of a total of 497 accidents were reported to the state industrial accident commission for the week ending March 14. The men who lost their lives were George Merchant, a sawmill worker of Sheridan, and J. Burstadt, an employee in a shipbuilding yard at Portland.

Farmers of Oregon are urged to market any stocks of wheat they hold in excess of seeding requirements. The appeal of Herbert Hoover, national food administrator, asking this, was issued to Oregon wheat growers through state food administration headquarters Saturday.

Governor Withycombe has requested State Parole Officer Joseph Kellar to keep within the state all men on parole from the state penitentiary, for the reason that they may be needed to help out in the labor shortage at the coming harvest season.

The yearly report of General Manager Stone of the Hood River Apple Growers' association shows that despite unfavorable conditions growing out of the war, shortage of cars and loss of an export market, prices received for apples this year by the association have reached the highest mark since 1911.

That Colonel U. G. McAlexander for several years military instructor at Oregon Agricultural college, was in command of the first regiment of American troops to "go over the top" in France, and that he carried the first American flag into action, alongside the French tricolor, was information received by Dr. Harry F. McKay, of Portland.

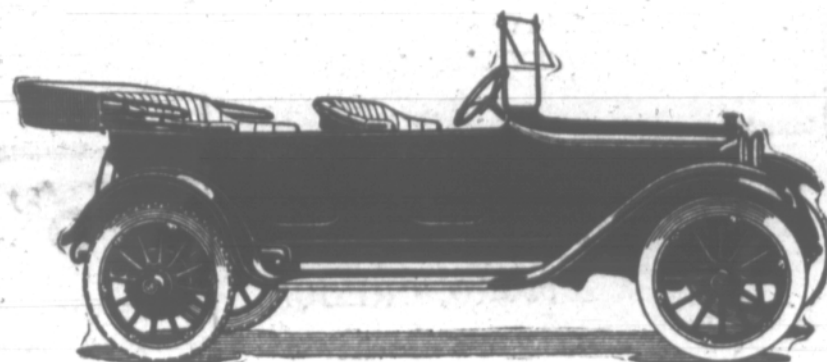
John J. Whitney, well-known Albany lawyer, ex-county judge of Linn county, several times state legislator and prominent for half a century in public affairs in the Willamette valley, dropped dead at his home in Albany at the age of 78 years.

Without waiting for the state highway commission to sell its bonds and determine other matters necessary before state aid can be granted, the Umatilla county court will undertake the grading of portions of the Columbia river highway between Pendleton and Echo.

Labor Commissioner Hoff was notified by Miss Grace Abbott, director of the child labor division of the department of labor, that Oregon has again been designated by that department as a state from which certificates relative to child labor will be accepted by the federal board.

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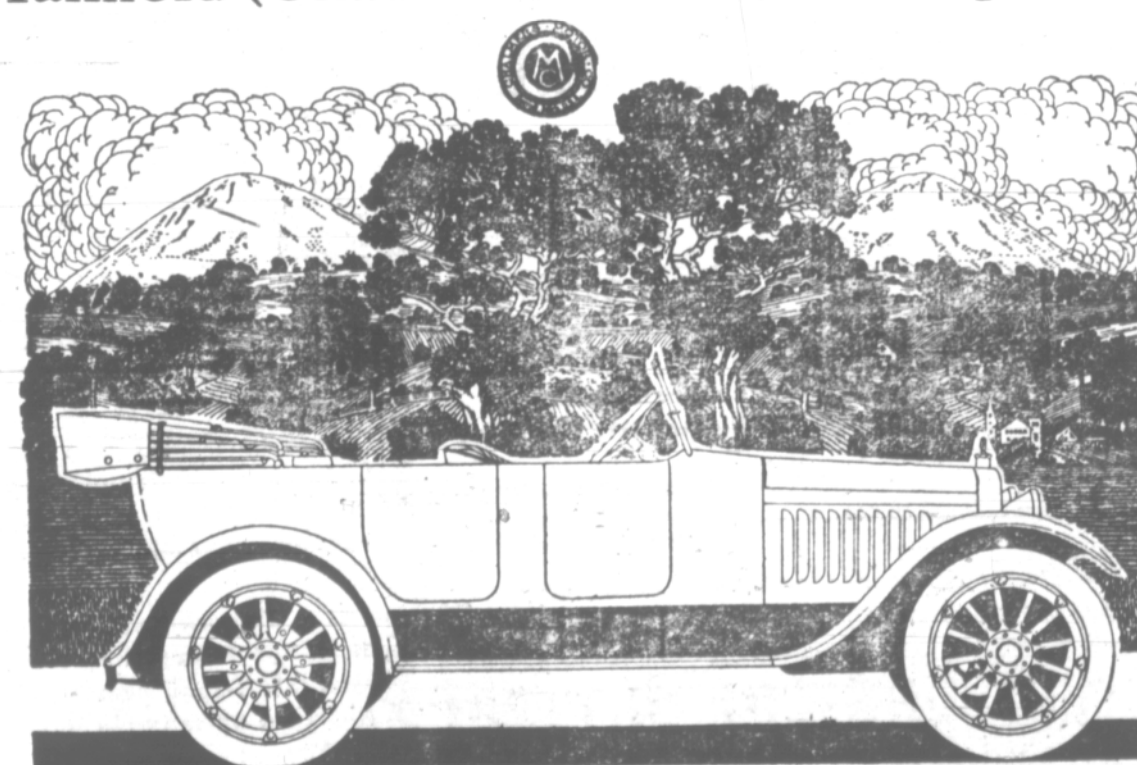
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Recent buyers in Sherman county are

Arthur Smith & Co., Rutledge,
Two Jacks and Four Jennets.
A. E. Eslinger, Grass Valley,
One Jack and Two Jennets.
J. T. Ashby, Grass Valley,
One Jack and One Jennet.

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But the kind of power is a new power—a gentle, soft power like the "iron hand in the velvet glove" that entices you beyond words once you experience the thrill.

TOURING SEDAN \$1950 TOWN CAR LANDAULET \$2975
TOURING CAR, 5-PASSENGER \$1485 CABRIOLET, 3-PASSENGER \$1775 LIMOUSINE, 7-PASSENGER \$2725
STANDARD ROADSTER \$1185 TOWN CAR, 2-PASSENGER \$2725 LIMOUSINE LANDAULET \$3425

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Report of the Annual Statement of the GERMANIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY of New York, in the State of New York, on the 31st day of December, 1917, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

CAPITAL	\$1,000,000.00
Amount of capital paid up	\$1,000,000.00
Net premium received during the year 1917	\$4,000,000.00
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year 1917	\$60,000.00
Income from other sources received during the year 1917	\$21.25
Total income	\$4,060,021.25
Net losses paid during the year 1917	\$2,170,385.00
Dividends paid on capital and surplus during the year 1917	\$200,000.00
Commission and salaries paid during the year 1917	\$270,000.00
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year 1917	\$25,000.00
Amount of all other expenditures	\$1,151,136.00
Total expenditures	\$3,816,521.00
Balance forward	\$2,243,500.25
Value of real estate owned (market value)	\$800,000.00
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value)	\$1,250,000.00
Loans on mortgages and other securities	\$750,000.00
Due from reinsurers and other companies	\$75,000.00
Prepayments in course of collection	\$90,000.00
Interest and rents due and accrued	\$7,500.00
Total assets	\$5,486,500.25
Total liabilities	\$5,486,500.25
Gross claims for losses paid during the year 1917	\$627,136.70
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks	\$4,000,000.00
Due for contracts and brokerage	\$5,000.00
All other liabilities	\$5,000.00
Total liabilities, exclusive of capital	\$5,238,000.70
Total assets in force Dec. 31, 1917	\$5,238,000.70
Amount of surplus in Oregon for the year 1917	\$2,010,423.00
Prepayments returned during the year 1917	\$7,500.00
Losses paid during the year 1917	\$2,000.00
Losses incurred during the year 1917	\$2,000.00
Total amount of losses paid and incurred during the year 1917	\$4,000.00
GERMANIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY	
Statutory resident general agent and attorney for service	H. H. BUEHLER
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