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FARM COIN, CROPS AND FIGHTING SONS AND WINNING WAR

Shiploads of Bacon a Mere Item in Procession of Food to Soldiers, Civilians

Nowhere has appeared a more succinct reminder of the enormous resources of the American farm and the farmers' instant readiness to meet any war demands than a brief dispatch from London recently announcing the suspension of the ration limit on bacon.

Owing to the accumulation of stocks of \$7,000,000 pounds of bacon from America, the dispatch said, the rationing of bacon would be abandoned for the time.

Since this enormous stock was for civilian requirements and probably a much greater quantity had been safely landed for allied army needs it does not require extreme imagination to visualize the long procession of cargo ships which has steamed across with this one item of the food supply.

All the cargo space of from eight to twelve freighters of average size would be required to transport 97,000,000 pounds.

WHEAT GROWN DESPITE SABOTAGE

Despite the burning of grain elevators and the torpedoing of wheat ships, the country, the American farmer has gloriously played his war part by producing sufficiently big crops to feed the allied world, as his sons have brought fear to the hearts of the enemy at Cantigny and Chateau Thierry and in the Rheims-Soissons battle.

Now we read that others besides von Kuehlmann believe that Germany cannot win by force of arms, as those Germans not dupes of the propaganda-fueled German press already knew that England could not be starved by von Tirpitz' ruthless submarines.

But far from being satisfied with this major part in winning the war, the farmer has played a liberal part in financing the struggle. Last spring, with seed and implements to buy, and all the pre-harvest expense of wages and maintenance, not an agricultural district in the west failed to meet or over-subscribe its quota of the Third Liberty Loan.

FARMERS FIRST IN LIBERTY LOAN

Oregon, almost purely an agricultural and stock-raising state, was the first in the district to announce its quota exceeded.

The farming districts were uniformly more prompt in meeting their assigned obligation than were the metropolitan districts where banks and factories were concerned.

With the coming of the Fourth Liberty Loan, which will overshadow any previous financial triumph of the United States by two to one, the farmers' part should be relatively easier since he now has turned his matured crops into cash.

The Fourth Liberty Loan, calling for twice as much as any of the previous war funds, all of which were epochs in the country's history, will show the United States really buckling down to business.

4TH LOAN CALLS FOR FULL EFFORT

Despite our present training in thinking in nothing less than six figures, the Fourth Liberty Loan is a huge sum and will require a long, strong pull from every citizen if it is to be accomplished in three weeks, from September 28 to October 19, allotted.

There is no more doubt of the fulfillment of the loan on schedule time than there is that the American army will throw von Hindenburg and Ludendorff back across the Rhine.

And as surely as tens of thousands of the bravest of American youth will lose their lives in the fierce combats in which the Hun will be forced backward out of France, just so surely will the raising of the great Liberty Loans not be accomplished without every American marshalling the last dollar of his resources, and abating every unnecessary expenditure.

"Six months of war among the great powers will bankrupt the world," said economists before August, 1914.

Now, with the Allied Powers preparing to end the war in its sixth year, the least of their worries is finance.

Make your Fourth Liberty Loan subscription a heavy one—over-subscriptions will make the American army that much stronger in morale.

Can you imagine the feeling of the boys at the front if the Fourth Liberty Loan is under-subscribed?

And their corresponding elation at a smashing over-subscription?

By the way, can't you stretch that Fourth Liberty Loan subscription to a little larger size.

Every dollar makes them hotter—

Buy Liberty Bonds.

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A little for bonds or all for the Kaiser.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

In the state bar examinations that were held at Salem under the direction of the supreme court only 11 applicants for certificates made their appearance.

Two draft calls for 436 class 1 men to be sent to Fort Stevens, Or., and Fort McArthur, Cal., have been issued. Entrainments under both calls are to be effected in the five-day period starting October 21.

Apples have begun to roll from Hood River to eastern points in large quantities. Average shipments now are 14 cars per day. The total crop will approach 1300 carloads. To date 160 cars have been sent out.

Not since the Umatilla project was established ten years ago has the interest in alfalfa lands been so great as at the present time. During the last 30 days cash sales have been numerous and prices have been good.

To place plainly before the housewives of Oregon once more the what and why of present food conservation regulations, the state food administration is preparing to conduct a big pledge drive October 28 to November 2.

Clay Ulam, owner of a 40-acre prune orchard near Canyonville, has harvested the record crop of fruit from his place this year. He secured 85 tons of dried prunes and sold the output at 9 cents a pound, securing \$17,100 for his crop.

Oregon's banks deserve the credit for putting the state first in the purchase of treasury certificates. Every bank in the state took some of the certificates of the issue of October 1, and this record was not duplicated in any other commonwealth.

A total of 599 industrial accidents, of which three were fatal, were reported to the state industrial accident commission during the past week. The fatal accidents were: Walter Harvey and L. Waters, Portland, shipbuilding; John Confer, St. Helens, lumbering.

In response to an inquiry from Klamath Falls as to whether persons signing petitions for independent nominations must be electors who are registered without party affiliation, Assistant Attorney-General Van Winkle has advised that this is not required by law.

The salmon fishing season on the Siuslaw and Umpqua rivers and on Coos bay is now at its height and many carloads of the fish are shipped from these sections over the Coos bay branch of the Southern Pacific to outside points, most of them being billed to New York.

Carl Cronland, representing the department of commerce, is in Salem to gather state financial statistics which are to be sent to Washington for compilation. Mr. Cronland expects to be there about two weeks, working most of the time in the office of Secretary of State Olcott.

Thomas C. Taylor, a past grand commander of the Knights Templar, dropped dead in the Masonic temple at Bend just prior to the opening of a session of the grand commandery of the state. Mr. Taylor was one of eastern Oregon's best-known men, having lived at Pendleton a number of years.

Twenty-four hundred common laborers are needed immediately by shipyards in and about Portland if mechanics are to be allowed to go ahead and the production of ships in this district is not to be seriously crippled, according to an announcement made by the United States employment bureau.

As a forerunner of extensive developments on the Klamath Indian reservation, the United States government Indian irrigation service has applied to State Engineer Lewis for a permit to appropriate sufficient water from Williamson river and its tributaries to irrigate 73,636 acres on the Klamath swamp.

Notwithstanding the embargo on the movement of grain to congested terminals in the northwest market centers, there is a considerable total of demurrage paid to the railroads daily for cars held beyond the allotted time for unloading. At Astoria there are about 200 cars on track waiting to be unloaded.

Public Service Commissioner H. H. Corey has returned from eastern Oregon where he effected an agreement between the East Oregon Logging company and farmers of Walla Walla county by which the ranchers will be allowed to transport their wheat to market over the logging road of the former.

The cost will be about 9 cents a hundred pounds. Heretofore, it has been necessary for the farmers to haul their grain by team for distances of from 20 to 40 miles, the cost in many cases amounting to more than 30 cents a hundred. The road extends from Enterprise to Flora. There is in the neighborhood of 150,000 bushels of wheat to be taken to market.

Prune growers of the Forest Grove locality have practically finished picking the crop. The season has been unusually favorable for work and the crop exceeds former records.

The cruising and appraising of privately-owned land in the Bull Run watershed district by the government foresters is under way. It is expected that the owners will exchange their rights in this district for timber not in a government reserve section. The Bull Run watershed is the source of Portland's water supply.

At a meeting of the Portland boiler-makers' union it was voted that the 44-hour working week shall be put in effect by members working in shipyards by the taking of Saturday half-holidays. The union voted two weeks ago to work 48 hours weekly, after having taken Saturday half-holidays for two successive weeks.

An educational campaign is being launched by the Tillamook Creamery association to make their products better known. The output of Tillamook cheese this year will, it is expected, exceed \$1,500,000. In 1917 the 24 factories handled 44,901,303 pounds of milk, and from it manufactured 4,974,338 pounds of Tillamook cheese, valued at \$1,188,845.

A shipment of 40 gallons of brandy and 65 gallons of whiskey that was masquerading as "cylinder oil, medium," and arrived on the steamer Rosa City from San Francisco, was seized at Astoria by the police and federal authorities. The liquor was in kegs packed in boxes and was consigned to the "Wendling Vaughn Logging company, Grays River, Wash."

Frantic telegrams have been received by Senator Chamberlain from representatives of prune growers in the vicinity of Salem saying that notwithstanding the announcements that the food administration has given orders for the purchase of 38,000,000 pounds of Oregon prunes, the orders have not been received by Oregon packers and the packing-houses are still idle.

The new circular road around the rim of Crater Lake has been completed. The road later probably will be hard-surfaced, but the dirt grade circling the lake at an average height of about 7000 feet is entirely finished. It is 35 miles long and completes 75 miles of road work now in Crater Lake national park. The road around the rim has been under construction for three years.

Oregon draftees are being rejected at army camps and cantonments in excess of the national average, reports just given out from Washington indicate. In recent months, under new standards, the average percentage of rejections of inducted men has jumped from 4.83 per cent to 7.6 per cent, for the nation at large. Oregon's percentage of unfit is 8 as against Washington state's record of 5 per cent.

Oregon lumber manufacturers have been asked by the navy to furnish 600,000 feet of decking to be used aboard mine sweepers under construction on the Atlantic coast. This is the second order for decking of the new size, 4 1/2 by 4 1/2 inches, to be placed with the Fir Production board, the first having been for 500,000 feet for steel freighters under way at the plant of the Newport News Shipbuilding company.

Creation of deficiencies, most of them at the state institutions, were authorized by the state emergency board to provide a total of \$164,450 needed to replenish funds for the remaining three months of the present biennium. Other emergency board meetings held heretofore have authorized deficiencies aggregating \$347,500, so the present grand total in emergency provision of funds during the biennium is \$511,950.

The longest fire fighting period ever encountered since the Santiam national forest was established ended with the recent heavy rains. C. C. Hall, supervisor of the forest, says that the dry weather began on June 7, and the forests were in danger until October 3. No official estimate has been made yet of the amount of damage caused by the fires. Most of the fires were in old burns and were not destructive. The recent big fire along the railroad and North Santiam river, between Gates and Detroit, killed millions of feet of green timber.

Governor Withycombe telegraphed to Federal Food Administrator Hoover urging the necessity of government purchase of Oregon flour as a means of relieving the dairy situation in Oregon. He urged purchases by the government such as to permit the mills to run to capacity, as "the dairy herds are suffering and rapidly diminishing on account of the shortage of mill feed." Mr. Hoover wired Governor Withycombe that the cows of the northwest must eat barley as a solution to the millfeed problem. Mr. Hoover claimed that twice as much wheat has been milled in the northwest as last year and that more than 50 per cent of the flour exports are from the northwest, which has created general dissatisfaction in other sections; that while barley feeds are 30 per cent less in price this year than last, they are not being bought in the northwest because of the compulsory lower millfeed price. The low level of prices has caused their much enlarged use by the farmers at the expense of the dairymen.

The state highway commission has agreed with County Judge Anderson, of Clackamas county, to draw the plans and do the preliminary engineering for a new bridge across the Willamette river connecting Oregon City and West Linn.

Details in preparation for the survey of labor and material resources of Oregon, to be made at direction of the council of national defense, are nearing completion. Questionnaires on which the desired data will be recorded are being forwarded from Washington.

Professor H. D. Scudder will go to Washington early in November to represent the Oregon Land Settlement commission and confer with the secretary of agriculture and the secretary of the interior regarding the part this state may take in caring for returning soldiers.

Exclusive of permanent improvements at the eastern Oregon state hospital, and the estimate of the biennial expenses for the state training school for boys, state institution heads have prepared budgets showing that they estimate their expenses for 1919-20 at \$2,529,122.30.

Seven fatal accidents, besides 553 non-fatal accidents, were reported to the state industrial accident commission during the past week. The fatal accidents were as follows: Richard Minkema, Homestead, miner; Klamath Billy, Siloia, lumbering; Thomas Enright, North Portland, flour mill; John Gefferson, Cornucopia, miner; Charles Batson, Oregon City, paper mills; Hjalmar Swanson, Seaside, lumbering; W. W. Fletcher, Neverall, logging.

Clarence Morehead committed suicide by shooting himself with a shotgun near Carlton.

The fifth annual Marion county corn show will be held in Salem the second week in December.

The plant of the Cottage Grove Ice company at Cottage Grove was completely destroyed by fire.

The forest service has closed a contract for construction of the Canyonville-Galesville link completing the Pacific highway.

County judges and commissioners of Oregon counties will meet in convention at the Multnomah county courthouse October 30.

Thirty-six militia companies, including national guard and Oregon guard, have been mustered into state service, aggregated in four regiments.

Lieutenant Leslie Orland Toose, one of the Toose twins, known throughout the state, was killed by a German sniper in France on September 28.

The fall season for fishing at Astoria this year has been poor. Fairly good catches of silverides are made off the mouth of the river, but little is doing on the inside.

Kerby Miller, of Medford, has received appointment from Representative Hawley for admission as a cadet to the United States military academy at West Point.

Because of the danger from Spanish influenza, the hog and dairy show which was to have been held at Hermiston last week was postponed. The show may be held later.

The public service commission has granted a franchise under the boom act to the Graham Lumber company, allowing it to operate on Drift creek, Alsea river and Alsea bay in Lincoln county.

Hood River will have to go major-league, according to present indications. H. L. Dumble, who has been mayor, declares that he will not run for re-election, and there are no prospective candidates in sight.

A. J. Hollingsworth, of Portland, is making an examination of records for the Oregon Forest Fire association to clear the records of the state forestry department from errors relative to the ownership of timber lands.

There are 99,768 registered voters in Multnomah county qualified to exercise their franchise at the general election next month. The total registration of men is 57,526, while the registration of women totals 42,242.

A survey of Umatilla county is being made by Theodore Shafer, director of rodent work for the United States biological survey, with a view to extermination of jackrabbits, squirrels and gophers, which are doing much damage.

For the first time in the history of Coos bay there was a double launching Saturday. The Burnside and the Fort Leavenworth, Ferris type 3500-ton Emergency Fleet corporation vessels, went into the water at Marshfield and North Bend.

Owing to the death of Malcolm Dunaway, Senator Chamberlain will be called on to nominate a candidate for appointment as midshipman to Annapolis. Applications may be sent to Senator Chamberlain by boys from 16 to 18 years of age.

J. A. Churchhill, superintendent of public instruction, has sent to all county school superintendents in the state a copy of the attorney general's opinion, wherein he points out that the law requires school districts to publish a budget and have it voted on at the annual meeting.

New postmasters have been appointed in Oregon as follows: Fox, Grant county, Augustus Behme; Kohler, Douglas county, George A. Humphreys; Ten Mile, Douglas county, Beattie L. Newland; Barlow, Clackamas county, Mary E. Tull; Cherry Grove, Washington county, August Grid.

Approval has been given by State Engineer John H. Lewis to an application of James H. Sturgis for the appropriation of 50 second-feet of water from the Umatilla river to develop 284 horsepower for commercial purposes. The proposed project is near Barnhart and the approximate cost is \$20,000.

At a conference with the war industries board Senator McNary was informed that the board would endeavor to encourage the production of chrome in Oregon and to that end would seek to discourage importations and to fix a price for the domestic product that will yield the producer a profit.

Questionnaires for men of the 37-to-46 and 18-year age classes under the draft were ordered released by Provost Marshal-General Crowder in all local board districts where the classification of other groups has been completed. Local boards sending out questionnaires must release 10 per cent a day.

"Other things being equal, the department of agriculture, in granting privileges on the national forests, will give preference to persons who have subscribed for liberty bonds to an amount considered reasonable," says a message from Washington received by W. W. Cryder, supervisor of the Umatilla national forest.

At last there are signs that Oregon prunes commended for use of the United States and allied armies are to move. Messages received by F. W. Ariss, of Portland, assistant commissioner of the bureau of co-ordination of purchases, and food administration officials, brought promise of early relief for grovers and packers.

That the government has not abandoned Camp Mills, L. I., where Third Oregon boys have their lives endangered in slush, mud and storms last winter, is indicated through the receipt of orders for 9,000,000 feet of lumber to be moved there. The order is now being allocated by the fire protection board to the mills of Oregon and Washington.

Plans to erect a monument in Albany in "dishonor" of the liberty bond slakers of the community have been launched by officers of the liberty loan committee. The plan is to erect a concrete monument and place thereon the names of well-to-do citizens who have refused to buy bonds. The space on the monument not occupied by names will be painted yellow.

Miss Cornelia Marvin, state librarian, has been appointed by the state council of defense to serve as state historian for the purpose of compiling a permanent official record of Oregon's participation in the war, including the military and naval career of all Oregonians. To facilitate the work Miss Marvin will appoint a county historian for each county in the state.

The state board of control is confronted with the peculiar fact that it costs more to accept fuel for nothing than to buy it. An offer has been made of some slabwood near Albany, which the board may have gratis providing the hauling is done by the state. It was determined that it might cost more to deliver it to the institutions than if it were purchased at a point nearer.

Resuming a custom followed in years past for the development of newly reclaimed lands along the gradually receding Tule Lake shore in southern Klamath county, the department of the interior will lease to settlers approximately 7000 acres of land early in November. Bids for these parcels of land, ranging in size from 40 to 100 acres, will be received at the United States reclamation office in Klamath Falls until November 6.

When voters write on the ballot at the general election next month the name of their choice for justice of the supreme court to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Justice Moore they should also make a cross in the little square at the left of the name. This will insure the validity of the vote cast, although the law does not require the making of the cross. Attorney General Brown has passed on this point in an opinion to Gilbert Bridges, district attorney at Oregon City.

That Sergeant C. C. Triplett and Policeman Charles Smithers, of the state police, who have been in southern Oregon the past two months rounding up bootleggers, have themselves been frequent violators of the bone dry law, was a sensational development in the hearing of Policeman Smithers, arrested in a Medford apartment house charged with maintaining a public nuisance. Smithers pleaded guilty to the charge and is said to have made a complete confession implicating himself, Triplett and several others.

Although it was urged in an address by President Wilson delivered in the Senate as a necessary war time measure, the equal suffrage amendment was defeated by a Democratic Congress. With this exception, President Wilson has been able to accomplish the enactment of every measure he has deemed expedient in connection with the war. Failure of the Democrats to approve the Susan B. Anthony amendment only strengthens the suspicion that the administration is opposed to extending the right of suffrage to women.

Senator McNary voted with the Republican majority in supporting the amendment when it came before the Senate.

Submission of the woman suffrage amendment was defeated in the United States Senate by the votes of Democratic Senators. More Republicans than Democrats voted for the measure while 31 of the 31 votes against the measure were cast by Democrats. True to his promise at the time of his appointment, Senator McNary voted with the Republican Senators to give women the right of suffrage.

GENERAL PERSHING MODEST MAN

"All that General Pershing wants now is the success of the American boys in France, and to avoid, so far as possible, any glory for himself," declared James F. Pershing, brother of America's leader in the field, in an address delivered in Portland recently in behalf of the United War Work drive, which opens November 11. The speaker paid a tribute to the men in the ranks, and gave his audience an idea of the high esteem in which the boys are held by their commander. He showed the importance of war work in this country as an imperative necessity to the victory of the Allies in the battles for Democracy, and urged that no diminution in speed be allowed to result through recent peace proposals. Unqualified endorsement of the United War Work drive was voiced by Mr. Pershing who is one of the leading authorities on conditions now existing along the battlefield, and he was especially desirous that there be no relaxation of efforts in behalf of the several war work funds.

Best Big Sisters

The Y. W. C. A. is known as "The Best Big Sister in the World." Of the \$170,500,000 to be raised in the United War Work Campaign \$15,000,000 will go to the work of this organization.

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