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RABBI KORNFELD



Rabbi Joseph Saul Kornfeld of Columbus, O., who has been appointed American minister to Persia.

ACREAGE OF WINTER WHEAT FIELDS LESS

Washington.—Winter wheat was sown this fall on a smaller area by half a million acres than a year ago, a reduction of 1.3 per cent, the department of agriculture's report showed.

The area sown to rye is one-fifth larger this year than a year ago, and the condition of the crop better than on December 1 last year, and also better than the ten-year average.

Kansas, largest grower of winter wheat, with one-fourth the country's total area, has 100,000 acres less than a year ago, while the condition of the crop in that state is only 90 per cent of normal, compared with a condition of 88 per cent a year ago.

The winter wheat area and condition on December 1, by important producing states, follow:

- Pennsylvania, 1,406,000 acres; condition 95. Ohio, 2,327,000 and 93. Indiana, 2,053,000 and 92. Illinois, 2,775,000 and 93. Michigan, 923,000 and 92. Missouri, 3,058,000 and 87. Nebraska, 3,954,000 and 80. Kansas, 11,569,000 and 60. Oklahoma, 3,550,000 and 64. Washington, 1,282,000 and 79. Oregon, 894,000 and 92.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Moslems of India propose a republic of India and plan guerilla warfare to carry out revolt from present British rule.

The Oregon American Legion executive committee is preparing to initiate a stringent law against alien land ownership.

Baron Rosen, former Russian ambassador to the United States, who was recently knocked down by a taxicab in New York, is dead.

Ex-President Wilson was deluged with telegrams from all over the world on the celebration of his 55th birthday at his home in Washington.

The annual report of the municipal courts of Chicago, submitted by the clerk of the court, showed drunkenness had increased during the last year.

Business prospects for 1922 are, in general, hopeful, according to statements by prominent bankers, made public by the American Bankers association.

The first steamer to carry grain for famine relief in Russia purchased from the congressional appropriation of \$30,000,000, sailed Sunday with 240,000 bushels.

The official result of the general census of 1921 gives the population of France, including Alsace-Lorraine, as 39,402,729, of which 1,550,449 are foreigners. The population in 1911 was 39,604,992, including 1,133,696 foreigners.

Non-Stop Flight Record Broken.

Mineola.—Flying without a stop for 26 hours 19 minutes 25 seconds, part of the time in a snow storm, the remainder through gales so cold that the oil pump on their Lanes monoplane quit working and finally forced them to descend, Edward Stinson of San Antonio, Tex., and Lloyd Bestard of San Francisco, set a new world's record for continuous flight in a heavier-than-air machine. The previous record of 24 hours 19 minutes 7 seconds was made by two Frenchmen at Stamps.

PRESIDENT ASKS FARM CONFERENCE

Means For Relieving Depression Is Expressed Purpose of Gathering.

Washington, D. C.—President Harding, in a letter to Secretary Wallace of the department of agriculture, asked that the latter call a national conference at Washington to "suggest practical ways of improvement" for "the severe agricultural depression which exists throughout the land."

Prompt action was taken at the department of agriculture in response to the request, telegraphic invitations being dispatched immediately to a number of organizations and individuals whose attendance is desired at the gathering.

The conference, it was indicated, probably would meet here about January 15.

Farmers and representatives of lines interested in farmers' products will make up the personnel of the conference, which, it was said, would number between 100 and 150. Farmers' organizations, manufacturers of farmers' products, transportation interests, marketing agencies, shipping interests, fertilizer makers, farm implement manufacturers, packers, state, agricultural college representatives, cotton, grain, livestock, fruit commission men, experts on rural social problems and bankers are expected to attend.

"No one will pretend that present conditions could have been avoided," President Harding said in his letter to the secretary, "but none of us will deny that some corrective constructive steps should be taken to remedy the severe hardships under which so important a portion of our productive citizenship is struggling. I am convinced that a conference may be made a very helpful agency in suggesting practical ways of improvement, particularly if brought into coordination with the helpful investigation which has been begun by a congressional commission committed to a related work."

VALUE OF CROPS OF U. S. IS LESS

Washington D. C.—Important farm crops of the United States this year were valued at \$5,675,877,000 by the department of agriculture in its final estimates for 1921. That was almost \$3,400,000,000 less than last year's crops, were worth \$9,075,877,000 when high prices prevailed for farm products. The values were based on prices paid to farmers December 1, and the crops comprised about 99 per cent of the value of all farm crops.

There were only two billion-dollar crops this year—corn and hay—while last year four crops were valued at \$1,000,000,000 or more. Production was below last year for almost every crop, although the acreage of the important crops was slightly larger except cotton.

The area devoted to the important crops this year was 348,336,000 acres compared with 349,067,000 acres last year. Final estimates of production and value announced were: Corn—Production 3,981,251,000 bushels; value, \$1,305,624,000. Winter wheat, 587,932,000 and valued at \$658,728,000. Spring wheat production, 207,861,000 and value \$178,343,000. All wheat production, 794,893,000; value \$737,068,000.

Higher salaries paid for school teachers in Lane county are attracting more men to that profession than for some time past, according to E. J. Moore, county school superintendent.

Two exhibits of White Spring wheat, exhibited at the Northwest Hay and Grain show in Pendleton in September, won first and second prizes at the International Hay and Grain show held recently in Chicago.

After a gun fight with bootleggers at Kerry, in which 17 shots were fired, Deputy Sheriff Hesson of Columbia county and Ernest Anderson succeeded in arresting Arthur Warranka, alleged to be one of the gang, and lodged him in jail.

CROOKED NOSE HIS UNDOING

Convict Could Get Away From Sing Sing, but Had to Take His Face With Him.

Brewster, N. Y.—John Miller's nose rambles south by southeast by southwest. It is the crookedest nose in Sing Sing.

So when Miller took French leave from the Sing Sing "country club," as the prison farm is known, the prison officials sent out a facsimile telephone call to police headquarters in surrounding towns.

"Arrest a crooked-nosed man traveling fast and alone," Detective O'Connor of Brewster met up between Brewster and Klatonah with an impatient chip whose nose rambled south by southwest. O'Connor took the hiker in tow.

Woman's Long Hair

Norborne, Mo.—Mrs. Edna Dean Blackford, who lives in South Missouri, was in town the other day to have her hair photographed. It is 82 inches long from the crown of her head to the end of her braid. Until recently it grew at the rate of five inches a month.

CARLO SCHANZER



Carlo Schanzer, head of the Italian delegation to the Washington armament conference.

RAILROAD MILEAGE IN U. S. SHRINKS

Chicago.—Railway mileage in the United States declined 1200 miles during the year 1921 and a new low record in improvements made and new equipment ordered and acquired, according to figures compiled by the Railway Age.

Locomotive and freight-car records show the smallest number ordered and the smallest number built and delivered since a record of equipment statistics has been kept. Only in the number of passenger cars ordered and built have there been lower years, in both instances during the world war.

Abandoned mileage during the year totaled 1678 miles but this was slightly offset by new mileage of 475 miles, the smallest ever known except in 1920, when it was 314 miles. The abandoned mileage is the largest ever known, giving a new net record of 1200 miles decrease in railway trackage for the year.

DEBS STILL UNFORGIVEN

Liberation Declared Society Act of Grace By Attorney-General.

Washington, D. C.—Freedom was granted Eugene V. Debs, the socialist leader, from Atlanta federal penitentiary on Christmas by President Harding solely as "an act of grace," and Debs' violation of the war laws remain unforgiven by the government. This was disclosed by Attorney-General Daugherty, who made public the text of his recommendations to the president in the Debs case.

"It will be observed," Mr. Daugherty said, "that a pardon was not granted Debs, but that his sentence was commuted. The action of the president in nowise condones the offense and the relief was solely an act of grace. The gratitude of Debs will be measured by his conduct in the future."

Mrs. McCormick Gives Up Dower.

Chicago.—Mrs. Edith Rockefeller McCormick, who obtained a divorce from Harold F. McCormick, president of the International Harvester company last week, has, together with Mr. McCormick, released all dower rights in individual property to each other.

THE MARKETS

Portland Wheat—Hard white, \$1.07; soft white, white club and northern spring, \$1.06; hard winter, \$1.07; red Walls, \$1.02. Oats—No. 2 white feed, \$27. Corn—Whole, \$33; cracked, \$35. Hay—Alfalfa, \$14.50 per ton; valley timothy, \$14@15; eastern Oregon timothy, \$16@17. Butter Fat—36@38c. Eggs—Ranch, 33@44c. Cattle—Choice steers, \$7@7.75; medium to good, \$6.50@7. Sheep—East of mountain lambs, \$8.50@9; best valley lambs, \$9@8.50. Hogs—Prime light, \$9@9.25; smooth heavy, \$7.50@8.50.

Seattle

Wheat—Hard white, soft white, white club, hard red winter, soft red winter and northern spring, \$1.09; eastern red Walls, \$1.06; Big Bend bluestem, \$1.10. Hay—Alfalfa, No. 1, \$18; timothy, No. 1, \$24; straw, \$15. Butter Fat—44@46c. Eggs—Ranch, 45c. Cattle—Prime steers, \$6.75@7.25; medium to choice, \$6.25@6.75. Hogs—Prime light, \$7.50@8; smooth heavy, \$7@7.25.

Train Demolished Home Being Moved to New Site

William R. Smith, Jr., of Cornish, Utah, is without a home as a result of an Oregon Short Line train demolishing it. Smith was moving his three-room frame home across the railroad tracks to a new location when the train came around a curve and crashed to the structure.

NAVAL LIMITATIONS TASK NEARS FINISH

Tonnage of Airplane Carriers Fixed and Declaration on Divers Expected.

Washington, D. C.—The arms conference has virtually reached the end of its efforts to put a curb on naval armaments.

To the capital ship settlement was added an agreement for limitation of future tonnage in airplane carriers.

Some sort of declaration with regard to the use of submarines and an agreement not to construct any auxiliary vessels hereafter with a tonnage of more than 10,000 are expected also to be added to the accomplishments of the conference before the final curtain is rung down. A five-power treaty embodying all the points on which there is agreement now is in process of drafting.

There are growing indications that the four-power treaty to preserve peace in the Pacific, which already has been signed, will be in some way further clarified before the conference quits. The American delegation is understood to have withdrawn any objection to the Japanese proposal that the treaty's scope be defined as not including the major Japanese islands, and the plan for an exchange of clarifying notes or for amendment of the treaty text is expected to take definite form within a few days.

The Japanese request for a clarification of the treaty's terms is said to have been based largely on the development of a difference in view on the subject between President Harding and the American delegation. This development has been a topic of such widespread speculation in conference circles that the president took occasion to characterize as "silly" published reports that Secretary Hughes was considering resigning from the cabinet as a result of differences arising between him and the White House during the arms negotiations.

CABLE RIGHTS ON YAP ALLOCATED

Washington, D. C.—The scope of the Washington negotiations over the seaman cable properties in the Pacific, centering in the island of Yap, has been broadened into a proposed stipow treaty definitely allocating German holdings between the United States, Japan and the Netherlands.

A tentative draft of the treaty was considered at a meeting of the heads of the American, Japanese, Netherlands, British, French and Italian delegations, and although final approval awaited further word from foreign capitals, the proposal found general acceptance.

Under the allocation, which goes much further than the separate Yap treaty negotiated between the United States and Japan, the American government is to have full control of the cable between Yap and the American island of Guam.

Japan is to obtain the line known as the Yap-Shanghai cable, now diverted to connect Yap with the Japanese Loochoo islands, and The Netherlands is to have the line from Yap to Manado, a city on the Dutch island of Celebes.

FRENCH-JAP PACT CHARGED

Both Accused Nations' Officials That Communications Were Forfeited.

Washington, D. C.—Copies of what were declared to be communications between the Japanese and French governments covering the proposal that the two governments act in concert at the Washington conference as to the establishment of a Japanese protectorate over Siberia, were given out by the special delegation of the far eastern republic, which has asked for a hearing when the conference takes up the Siberian question.

The communications were characterized by a member of the French delegation as "forgery, stupidly contrived," and by a spokesman of the Japanese delegation as "malicious fabrications."

Masons of World Unite.

Geneva.—An international Masonic association has been formed as a result of the recent international Masonic conference here. It is composed of the grand lodges of New York, Alps (Switzerland), France, Luxembourg, Vienna and Bulgaria, and the grand orients of France, Netherlands, Belgium, Italy, Lusitania (Portugal) and Turkey.

Report Hughes Will Rejoin Scouts.

Washington, D. C.—President Harding characterized as "silly" reports that relations between him and Secretary Hughes had been greatly strained by developments during the arms negotiations.

Send commercial and directors went on record as strongly opposing the King bill, introduced in the United States senate, with the object of changing the national forest service from the department of agriculture to the interior department.

Sales of gasoline in Oregon during the month of November, 1921, exceeded those of the same month a year ago by 70,416 gallons, according to a statement compiled by Sam A. Koser, secretary of state. Distillate sales showed an increase of 70,700 gallons.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Industries on Coos Bay reopened after a suspension of but two days for the Christmas festivities.

The Dalley Clay Products company's plant at Warrenton has begun operations on a commercial basis.

Five house bills and two senate bills passed at the recent special session of the legislature were vetoed by Governor Olcott.

The Southern Pacific company will expend \$47,000 or more in betterment of its tracks within the city limits of Marshfield.

Plans for erection of a community hall are being developed in the vicinity of Oakville, about ten miles southwest of Albany.

Approximately one out of every four marriages in Deschutes county is an unsuccessful one, according to official county records.

Reports at Washington, D. C., are that Jonathan Bourne, Jr., former senator from Oregon, is in a serious physical condition.

Salem will witness a building program involving the expenditure of more than \$1,000,000 in the year 1922, according to C. F. Bishop.

Oscar Hoffman, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hoffman, of Needy, in Clackamas county, accidentally killed himself while out hunting.

The Christmas business of the Medford postoffice was greater by 20 per cent this Christmas than the Christmas business of any year in its history.

Gaston has started work on a drainage system along Front street and is making the work through and giving employment to a large number of men.

There were 223 industrial accidents in Oregon during the week ending December 29, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission.

Robert J. Burkhardt, Albany dairyman and dairy breeder, was elected president of the Oregon Dairymen's association at its 29th annual session at Corvallis.

A conference of representatives of various western Oregon cities will be held at Roseburg, February 21, to consider the regulation of free automobile camp grounds.

beavers that have been destroying fruit trees on several farms in the river bottom north of Eugene will be trapped, according to Ed S. Hawker, district deputy game warden.

In spite of the low price of quicksilver and the total suspension of the industry in the United States, there is considerable activity in the quicksilver mines in the Gold Hill district.

No further steps have been taken with reference to the second murder indictment pending against Carson D. Beebe, acquitted at Albany on the ground of insanity, of the murder of John Painter.

The Oregon auto-law, passed by the session of the legislature last winter and under which this year's licenses were issued on the weight of cars, will be tested in the courts in an endeavor to have it declared unconstitutional by Attorney Linda of Medford, who will bring the test case shortly.

Three bridges in Marion county, which were washed out as a result of the heavy rains a few weeks ago are to be replaced. One of these bridges will be built on the Abiqua river, ten miles southeast of Silverton, another on the North Santiam river near Stayton, and the third near Marion.

A force of 200 men is being recruited to combat the pine-destroying beetle in the yellow pine forests south of Klamath Lake, beginning March 15, it was announced by T. D. Woodbury, assistant United States forester. An appropriation of \$150,000 for the work will be available in two months.

Because of Governor Olcott's veto of the bill passed at the recent session of the state legislature, amending the charter of the Eugene lodge of Masons, the plans of the organization to erect a \$150,000 temple may have to be postponed for a year, according to members of the lodge interested in the project.

At the annual venison feed at La Grande of the Wing, Fin and Fleet-foot club, the fish and game club of Union county, more than 150 sportsmen helped dispose of several deer that had been illegally shot, the club having purchased the carcasses from the fish and game commission following their seizure and use as evidence.

The University of Oregon grade bulletin indicates that the women led the men by a narrow margin in scholarship in the university for the fall term. With a total of approximately 1060 men and 940 women registered for the term, a total of 33 women and 31 men received no grade lower than B, next to the highest possible mark. "Get rid of the water bore 1922" was the new slogan adopted by the

Oregon State Wealthe Association, when 100 of the members met at the seventh annual session held during Farmers' week at the Oregon Agricultural college. More than 750,000 acres of wet land in the Willamette valley will demand community effort if it was reported. It took only two hours and 30 minutes to raise Toledo's quota of \$15,000 in the proposed Toledo investment and improvement corporation which organization has been planned to finance the construction of houses to be sold and rented to employees of the Pacific Spruce corporation mill, which will begin operations after the first of the year.

William A. Douglas of Gold Hill, who acquired the Bina Danielson gold quartz mine, three miles southwest of Gold Hill two years ago, has completed a 125-foot drift into the main ledge of the mine, uncovering a large body of ore. The new works are under the old works, where many thousands of dollars of rich ore was recovered some 20 years ago.

Unless the proponents of the proposed 1925 exposition are able to determine by Thursday whether the fair legislation considered at the recent special session of the legislature was legally approved, it is probable that Governor Olcott will veto the bill passed during the closing hours of the assembly authorizing a special election to be held May 19 in conjunction with the regular primary contests.

The county court has called for bids for the final cruise of the Douglas county timber lands. For the past three years Douglas county has been having cruises made of its standing timber for the purpose of obtaining definite information and data upon which to base a cash assessment. Next year will mark the completion of the task and the 1922 assessment rolls are expected to carry the timber lands on a basis of their cash value.

Sam A. Koser, secretary of state, acting upon the advice of the attorney-general, refused to accept for filing in his office house joint resolution No. 5, providing for submission to the voters of the state at a special election May 19 the question of amending the constitution so as to authorize the financing of the proposed 1925 exposition through a gasoline tax. The secretary of state, in explaining his action in refusing to accept the resolution by filing from F. W. Drager, chief clerk of the senate, said it had not been signed either by Roy Ritter, president of the senate, or L. B. Dean, member of the house of representatives. Because of the omission of these signatures the secretary of state held that the resolution was not constitutionally valid.

Moro Theater Tuesday Jan 17th Will be presented the 7-reel Nationally Advertised colored film picture story "Behold The Man" Depicting The Life of Our Savior Illustrated by Rev. Henry G. Hanson of Moro This film picture of the Life of Our Savior is sanctioned by all of the leading churches of America and is worthy of your patronage PRESENTED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF AMERICAN LEGION POST 710 Matinee 4 o'clock Evening 8 o'clock Admission 25c and 50c