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UNIVERSAL FOOD IN TROPICS

Many Varieties of the Bread Fruit Tree Are Scattered Throughout Southern Lands.

It is of interest to note the flour and macout of the tropics. There are a dozen different bread fruit trees scattered throughout tropical regions. One of the flours, made from the bread fruit tree of tropical America known as the yuca, is a regular article of commerce in the New York market. It is only sold in cartons at elite groceries, is quite a pure article, of a dingy, grayish-white color, and a slightly alkaline and hardly agreeable taste. In cooking that alkalinity and acidity are mostly driven out. In its fresh form it is in shape elongated like a giant plantain, and for drying and conversion into flour is cut down before ripening so that it has like a green banana, not a semblance of sweetness. But the same fruit, allowed to ripen fully, then sun dried, becomes almost as sweet as a Smyrna fig. This tree-grown cake bread is eaten dried thus, and along with the tree-growing flour forms the chief food for millions in the tropics.—New York Herald.

Heard in New England. Many primitive New England sayings are restricted wholly to the agricultural population, and among these are utterances whose provincialism is not apparent to the speaker whose ear has become familiar to them. "Get out" is commonly used to express incredulity and in remote districts "tu tell" is still good form in the best circles.

EVERYBODY IS \$3 POORER

Per Capita Circulation of Money Declines During Month.

Washington, D. C.—Every person in the country was \$3 poorer at the end of January than at the beginning of the month, according to a circulation statement issued by the treasury.

On January 1 the per capita circulation of money in the country was \$53.03, based on a total circulation of \$5,775,400,315, and an estimated population of 109,917,000, as compared with a per capita circulation February 1 of \$49.96, based on a total circulation of \$5,447,953,533 and an estimated population of 109,955,000.

Beautiful Birds. There are about fifty different kinds of birds of paradise, which are among the most beautiful of the world's feathered creatures, and their home is in the South seas, on the continent of Australia and islands and countries nearby. These birds live in forest treetops and are very lively and active, jumping about and hanging from the limbs of the trees.

Minnesota Cow Tops World Record. Shakopee, Minn.—A world's record for milk and butterfat was broken by Princess Aggie Polkadot de Kil, a Holstein cow, owned by Dr. M. P. Fischer of Shakopee. It was announced officially. The cow finished a yearly test January 15 as a senior 4-year-old, with 31,600 pounds of milk and 1052.5 pounds of butterfat, equivalent to 1315 pounds of butter.

Pope Crowned Amid Great Pomp. Rome.—Plus XI was crowned pope in the basilica of St. Peter's Sunday amid scenes of pomp and enthusiasm and in the presence of princes and dignitaries of the church, the diplomatic representatives of foreign countries, members of the Roman aristocracy and a vast assemblage filling the great structure to the very doors.

James Slagle, Wife-Slayer, Convicted. Chehalis, Wash.—James Slagle was found guilty of murdering his wife by the verdict of the jury which has heard evidence in the case for the past week. The jury found him guilty of first-degree murder and recommended life imprisonment.

Will Erect K. P. Home in Vancouver. Portland, Or.—A home for the aged and children will be erected in Vancouver, Wash., by the Knights of Pythias grand lodge of Oregon and Washington, according to announcement of officials of the two grand lodges here, following a gathering at Vancouver as a result of which a site of 12½ acres on Main street in the Washington city was purchased.

THE MARKETS

Portland
Wheat—Hard white, soft white and white club, \$1.18; hard winter, \$1.17; northern spring, \$1.14; red Walla Walla, \$1.11.

Oats—No. 2 white feed, \$29.50. Corn—Whole, \$32; cracked, \$35. Hay—Alfalfa, \$14 per ton; valley timothy, \$15; eastern Oregon timothy, \$13@19.

Butter Fat—35¢@41¢. Eggs—Ranch, 24¢@25¢. Cattle—Choice steers, \$6.75@7.50; medium to good, \$6@7.

Sheep—East of mountain lambs, \$6.75@10.50; best valley lambs, \$8.25@9.25.

Hogs—Prime light, \$10.50@10.75; smooth heavy, \$9.25@10.25.

Seattle
Wheat—Hard white, soft red winter and northern spring, \$1.18; soft white and white club, \$1.17; hard red winter, \$1.19; eastern red Walla, \$1.18; Big Bend bluestem, \$1.25.

Hay—Alfalfa, \$18; timothy, \$24; straw, \$15.

Butter Fat—40¢@43¢. Eggs—Ranch, 23¢@25¢.

Cattle—Prime steers, \$7.25@7.75; medium to choice, \$6.50@7.

Hogs—Prime light, \$10@10.50; smooth heavy, \$9@10.

THOS. A. EDISON



Thomas A. Edison, shown here at his desk, who celebrated his 75th birthday Saturday.

KENTUCKY IN ROW ABOUT DARWINISM

Lexington, Ky.—The bitterest fight waged in Kentucky in a generation has come to a temporary close after a committee in the state senate called a hearing on a bill designed to prevent the teaching of Darwin's theory of the evolution of man in any educational institution which is supported by state funds. This includes the University of Kentucky.

The entire state has been aroused by allegations made on both sides, the fight coming to white heat when William Jennings Bryan was brought to various leading cities to speak against evolution. Ministers have spoken from their pulpits for and against the theory and the newspapers have published columns of news and editorial comment.

Frank L. McVey, president of the University of Kentucky, which is situated in this city, made public telegrams from many of America's leading educators, who without exception hold that the theory of evolution should be taught.

It is understood that people who live in the rural districts provide the backbone of the opposition to the teaching of evolution, holding it to be contrary to the Bible "as it is written."

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Numerous California communities are reporting outbreaks of influenza in a mild form.

The former transport Northern Pacific was burned at sea off Cape May, New Jersey. The crew were rescued. The Irish situation took a startling turn with news of wholesale and organized kidnapping raids against prominent Ulster unionists.

William Busch has been nominated by the president as postmaster at Raymond, Wash., and Michael J. Murphy at Oakville, Wash.

All of the senators from Oregon, Washington and Idaho will support the naval treaty and all but Senator Borah of Idaho will vote down the line for the rest of the treaties, according to interviews given out in Washington, D. C. Senator Borah appeared to be undecided about whether he would back any of the treaties other than the naval pact.

Railroad and Mine Unionists to Meet. Philadelphia.—Acceptance by the railroad union chiefs of an invitation for a meeting with officers of the United Mine Workers of America to discuss a proposed alliance of 2,000,000 to fight against any wage reductions was announced by John L. Lewis, president of the miners' union, who set the meeting for February 21 at Chicago.

MARKET MEASURE PASSED

Bill Long Before Congress Sent to the President.

Washington, D. C.—By a vote of 276 to 8, the house accepted senate amendments to the farmers' co-operative marketing bill, and sent it to the president for his approval.

The measure, long before congress in one form or another, would permit organization of marketing associations among farmers for co-operative dealing.

Only one vote, that of Senator Gerry, democrat, Rhode Island, was cast against the measure in the senate.

As passed by the senate, the bill retains the provisions which relieve the co-operative associations from the application of the law prohibiting trusts or unfair business practices.

Ex-Sen. Turner No Longer Democrat. Spokane, Wash.—"I am not a democrat," Judge George Turner, ex-United States senator, and for a quarter of a century a democratic leader in Washington, so announced here.

The statement came in answer to the action of George Christensen, democratic state chairman, listing Judge Turner as a democratic candidate for the state legislature.

"Uncle Joe" Cannon to Retire. Washington, D. C.—Representative Joseph G. Cannon of the 18th Illinois district, having served longer than any other man ever elected to the American congress, announced that he would not be a candidate to succeed himself next fall.

HARDING ASKS SENATE TO APPROVE TREATIES

Democratic and Republican Leaders Predict Early Ratification of Pact.

Washington, D. C.—President Harding asked the senate to approve the arms conference treaties so that America's professed desire to rid the world of war may not become "a hollow mockery."

"If we cannot join in making effective these covenants for peace," he said, "and stamp this conference with America's approval, we shall discredit the influence of the republic, render future efforts futile and unlikely and write discouragement where today the world is ready to acclaim new hope."

Delivering his message in person, in a voice and manner that betokened deep emotion, the president was answered repeatedly by applause from floor and gallery. He asked that ratification be given without delay and before he left the capitol senate machinery was set in motion to hasten a vote.

Five principal treaties and two supplemental agreements, the fruition of the 12 weeks of negotiation just concluded here, were in the bundle of international covenants taken to the senate chamber by Mr. Harding. They propose, in short, a limitation on naval armament, a new bill of rights for China and a four-power concord to preserve peace in the Pacific.

TREATY OVER YAP SIGNED WITH JAPAN

Washington, D. C.—The treaty between the United States and Japan, finally bringing to an end the Yap controversy, was signed in the office of Secretary Hughes in the state department by Secretary Hughes and Ambassador Shidehara.

Briefly the treaty provides the United States shall have free access to Yap or entire equality with Japan or any other nation in everything regarding the landing or operation of the existing Yap-Guam cable or any cable hereafter laid by the United States or a national; and the United States and nationals will be accorded the same rights and privileges in radio telegraphic services as in cables, except that so long as Japan maintains a satisfactory radio telegraph station on the island of Yap the United States and its nationals will not establish such stations on the island; with other detailed provisions to safeguard American rights at Yap in electrical communications.

HONOR LINCOLN'S MEMORY

Wreath Laid on Grave in Cemetery Near Springfield, Illinois.

Springfield, Ill.—Vice-President Coolidge and General J. J. Pershing, in behalf of the American nation, honored the memory of Abraham Lincoln here.

Through crowds which lined the streets where Lincoln often walked, the two distinguished Americans passed to visit the old homestead where Lincoln lived and worked before he went to Washington to lead the nation through the trying days of civil war.

With solemn dignity they placed a simple wreath upon the tomb where the body of the martyred president lies in Oak Ridge cemetery.

Raid in Ireland Halted Evacuation. London.—The Irish situation, since the raid over the Ulster border, has steadily become worse and no secret is made of the grave alarm with which it is viewed in official circles in London.

In the light of the developments of the last few days much significance is attached to the suspension of the evacuation of British troops from southern Irish ports. The Irish office explains that the suspension was ordered pending a decision regarding the extent of the reinforcements to be sent to Ulster.

19,085 Oregon Veterans Ask Bonus. Salem, Ore.—A total of 19,085 applications for cash bonuses and loans have been received at the offices of the world war veterans' state aid commission. Of the total applications, 10,356 have expressed a preference for cash, while 8124 seek loans.

Fail Denies He Will Resign. Washington, D. C.—Secretary of the Interior Fall took notice of widespread rumors that he was planning to resign from the cabinet and denied any intention to leave the cabinet.

Allen Law May Be Extended. Washington, D. C.—A bill extending the life of the 1 per cent restrictive immigration law until June 30, 1923, was ordered reported by the house immigration committee.

Five American Envoys Confirmed. Washington, D. C.—The nominations of Alanson B. Houghton to be ambassador to Germany, Theodore Brentano to be minister to Hungary and Albert E. Washburn to be minister to Austria were confirmed by the senate. The senate also confirmed the nomination of Fred Morris Dearing of Missouri to be minister to Portugal and that of Roy T. Davis of Missouri to be minister to Costa Rica.

MAHATMA GANDHI



Mahatma Gandhi, leader of the "non-co-operative" revolt against British rule in India.

SUPPOSED EPSOM SALTS KILLS FIVE

Chehalis, Wash.—The lives of five children of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rhodes of Klaber, in southwestern Lewis county, were snuffed out within an hour after they had each taken what was supposed to have been a dose of Epsom salts, administered by their mother.

Mrs. Rhodes had planned also to take a dose of the medicine, but deferred doing so. Later the children began to grow deathly ill and go into convulsions, all of them dying in agony.

The children had colds and Mrs. Rhodes said she sent to the general store of C. J. Carlson at Curtis and bought a package of Epsom salts for 16 cents.

Carlson declares the salts were in an unbroken package put out by a Tacoma wholesale house.

MAY ISSUE BONDS FOR SOLDIER BONUS

Special Taxes Fail to Gain Approval of National Leaders.

Washington, D. C.—The question of how the soldiers' bonus should be financed was referred to President Harding by House and Senate committees, owing to differences of opinion over methods.

At the capitol it appeared that sentiment was steadily growing in favor of an issue of short-time treasury notes of about \$800,000,000 over the thirty months' period beginning January 1, 1923.

President Harding is unalterably opposed to the enactment of the special taxes suggested to finance the soldier bonus or to return the taxes which have been repealed. It was stated officially at the White House.

It was also indicated that the executive was very much in doubt if it would be possible to raise the required sum to finance the cash feature of the bonus under an issue of bonds without appreciably advancing interest rates and destroying the financial tranquility which is sought.

The president, it was said, was disposed to be favorable to the bonus, but his attitude was said to be that of finding safe and safe conditions for the fulfillment of promises made on one hand without disturbing the desired return to financial stability.

Yielding to the flood of protests against proposed taxation to finance a soldiers' bonus, republican leaders in congress have brought consideration of the measure to a temporary standstill pending approval by President Harding of a plan to issue bonds as a substitute for special taxes.

Not in many years have members of congress been so perplexed over a legislative problem and the conflicting opinions it has aroused throughout the country.

TAX PROGRAM FOR BONUS IS OUTLINED

Washington, D. C.—The program of soldiers' bonus taxes has been agreed upon by a house ways and means subcommittee.

Two and one-half per cent on the undivided profits of corporations, estimated to yield \$22,000,000.

On parcel post packages on which the postage amounts to 25 cents or more, a tax of 1 cent for each 25 cents or fraction thereof, \$20,000,000.

One cent a gallon on gasoline, \$70,000,000.

Twenty-five cents per horsepower on automobiles, \$50,000,000.

Double the present 10 per cent tax on admissions where the charge exceeds 25 cents, \$60,000,000.

Double existing documentary stamp taxes, except in the case of sales or transfers of capital stock on which the rate would be increased from 1-40 of 1 per cent to 1-10 of 1 per cent, \$64,000,000.

An increase of 50 cents per 1000 in the tax on cigarettes, \$25,000,000.

An increase of 2 cents a pound on smoking and chewing tobacco, \$5,000,000.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Twenty-two cases of influenza have been reported at Tillamook in Douglas county.

A night school has been organized at Halfway for persons over high-school age.

Dairy demonstrations will be held in Lane county this week under the direction of the county farm bureau.

Caroline Testout rose slips from the state capitol grounds at Salem will be set out in many rural school lots in Lane county.

The port of Port Orford has contracted for a 50-by-160-foot extension to the shipping dock at that city and work will be started at once.

More than 700 acres of flax land in Marion county has been signed up by the Willamette Valley Flax and Hemp Growers' association. It is announced.

A light form of influenza which has resulted in closing of the schools and placing of a ban on public meetings in that town.

Stage service between Grants Pass and Crescent City is hampered by deep snow in the vicinity of Monumental, the highest point between these two cities.

Assets of the state industrial accident commission at the close of business January 31 aggregated \$4,765,730.55, according to a report prepared by the department.

The state board of control opened bids for the installation of a ventilating system in the capitol building at Salem. Six bids were received, ranging from \$14,492 to \$16,514.

A return of the municipal railroad has been tendered Grants Pass by the California & Oregon Coast railroad, purchased under contract from the city by Twoby Brothers.

Wildcats are unusually plentiful in some parts of Tillamook county this year, and the trappers are having good luck. Albert Auerbauer of Hebo trapped 23 wildcats this year.

Four persons were killed in traffic accidents in Portland during January. There were 856 automobile accidents in the month, in which, besides those killed, there were 106 injured.

Judge Stephen A. Lowell, well known throughout the state and for many years a resident and practicing attorney of Pendleton, has announced his probable candidacy for governor.

Salem's new stage terminal, which was completed recently at a cost of approximately \$30,000 was opened Saturday. The ceremonies were featured by a dance and other entertainment.

There were 50 per cent more births and less deaths in Medford last year than during any year in the city's history since official records were kept, according to City Health Officer Pickel.

An agreement is being circulated among the merchants of Eugene and signed by all members of the Lane county credit association, binding themselves to abolish all forms of misleading or false advertising.

The Penn state college debate team will appear at O. A. C. Friday. John Gray of Santa Rosa, Cal., Paul Knoll of Corvallis, and Ernest Abbott of Ashland will represent the Oregon Agricultural college in this contest.

Nine prisoners in the Eugene jail made a dash to freedom Friday night after opening seven corridor doors and two outside doors with passkeys that the prisoners evidently had fashioned from materials they had obtained in jail.

F. M. French, W. A. Eastburn and C. H. Stewart have been appointed by the Albany chamber of commerce as a committee to arrange plans for the home-coming next summer of ex-residents of that city who now live in Portland.

Marshfield was chosen as the meeting place for the 1922 convention of the Oregon State Fire Chiefs' association, at a meeting held by representatives of that body in Portland. June 29, 30 and July 1 are the dates set for the session.

A conference of all attorneys and appraisers in Oregon appointed under the provisions of the so-called soldiers' bonus act will be held in Portland February 17. The conference will discuss bonus problems and policies relating to appraisals.

Wool growers of this state met in their twenty-fifth annual convention Friday at Pendleton and undertook the consideration of the problems facing their industry in Oregon. More than 100 of the biggest producers in the state attended the session.

Persons operating motor vehicles who cannot show that they have made application for 1922 licenses now are subject to arrest and prosecution under the state traffic laws, according to a letter issued by Secretary of State Koser and mailed to all peace officers in Oregon.

Floods in Umatilla county washed out the railroad tracks between Pendleton and Walla Walla and between Pendleton and Pasco. Wild Horse creek, near Pendleton, completely washed out its bed, flooding the entire valley and submerging crops.

Joseph W. Gay, 88 years old, veteran of the Oregon and Washington Indian wars of 1854 and last surviving member of the Steptoe Butte company near The Dalles, which suffered heavy casualties, died at Bilet February 7.

He was born near Wheatland, in Yamhill county, December 22, 1833.

School districts that employ automobiles or trucks to transport their pupils, on making a proper showing to the Oregon public service commission, will not be compelled to take out indemnity or liability insurance under the transportation act passed at the last session of the legislature.

Fire losses in Oregon, exclusive of Portland, for the month of January, aggregated \$152,120, according to a report of the state fire marshal. A total of 42 fires were reported, the most disastrous of which occurred at Walla. This fire destroyed the high school building with a loss of \$60,000.

An offer of \$2500 each for three of the shipping board wooden hulls which have been idle in North Portland harbor since they were built was telegraphed to Washington by the Port of Portland. It is the intention of the port commission to use these hulls as barges to move coal by water to Portland.

Franklin F. Korell of Portland, member of the house of representatives during the last session of the legislature, has filed with the secretary of state his certificate of candidacy for the republican nomination for representative in congress from the third congressional district. This district comprises Multnomah county.

The work of building the new road between Crater and Diamond lakes, according to announcement by Hugh B. Rankin, supervisor of Crater national forest, will begin about the middle of next May, and by the time for the opening of the Crater lake season, July 1, will have been completed and ready for use. The road is to be 16 feet wide.

Governor Olcott has decided to call a conference of western governors to consider the narcotic drug problem even if only two executives are able to participate. Of the five executives invited to attend only two, Governor Hart of Washington and Governor Davis of Idaho, have accepted. It is likely that the conference will be held in Portland.

That the proposed conference of the Columbia river packers and the directors of the Columbia River Fishermen's league at Astoria on February 25, to discuss the prices of raw fish to prevail during the coming season, will be held is now assured. Nine of the principal packers have accepted the invitation to attend the meeting and it is expected that practically all the others will be present.

Sam A. Koser, secretary of state, has been enjoined temporarily from attempting to enforce on the Camas Stage company, a Washington corporation, operating commercial passenger cars between Camas and Portland, that part of the motor vehicle legislation enacted at the last session of the lawmakers relating to certificate of registration, procuring of license plates and payment of the annual fees or tax.

Preliminary surveys to indicate the most feasible way of developing the Snow creek irrigation project will be started within the next month by John Dubuis, consulting engineer for the North Canal company, financed by Sam Hill and J. O. Potter. Should reclamation be thought advisable, the company will be ready to take the district's bonds in payment. The district includes approximately 3000 acres, of which 700 are now under the ditch.

Nearly twice as much wheat was shipped by water from the Columbia river to all destinations during the seven-month period from July 1 last year to January 31 of this year as in the corresponding period of the previous crop year, according to the monthly tabulation of the Portland Merchants' Exchange. This statement shows that 26,089,525 bushels of wheat were shipped from the Columbia river during the first seven months of this year, as against 13,106,872 bushels for the first seven months of the 1920-21 cereal year.

Four years ago several millions of Puget sound sockeye salmon fry were released in the waters of the Columbia river and its tributaries. Owing to the falling off of the run of chinooks as one of the results of purse seining, all connected with the fishing industry have been hoping that many of these sockeyes would return during the coming season and thus provide an early run of high-grade fish. The indications are now that those hopes will be realized in part at least, as a few of the sockeyes already are entering the river. The first of the winter chinooks also are entering the Columbia now and are about three weeks late, when compared with their advent in former years