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A. F. of L. National Convention Endorses U. S. Military Camps

A resolution passed by the national convention of the American Federation of Labor at El Paso, Texas, endorses the citizens' military training camp project of the national government. Through its action the federation becomes a recruiting arm of the government in promoting these camps only as long as they are not conducted so as to "inculcate the spirit of militarism or tend toward glorification of war," officials stated.

The executive council was empowered to appoint three civilian aides to the secretary of war, and one civilian aide in each of the 48 states to cooperate with the government in recruiting candidates from the ranks of labor.

"Pacifism in any form is obnoxious," said the measure adopted by the convention. "We are in accord with the purpose of amply safeguarding our nation and its people and democratic institutions against any and all invasion."

The action of the federation was noteworthy in that the American and Mexican labor bodies are the only large labor organizations in the world that have declared for preparedness. All European nations, including the international trade unions, with which they have affiliated, have adopted pacifist attitudes, announcing their intention to call a general strike in event of a new world war.

The convention earlier in the day voted to re-indorse its non-partisan policy. The republican landslide in the recent election is proof that the country is not ready for a third party say labor leaders.

Voices of the Exchange

Nick Deckley of Dogden, N. D., is in a Eugene Hospital suffering from a broken collar bone, broken ribs and severe gasches about the body, the result of an automobile smashup six miles north of Junction City.

A number of officials and employees of the Oregon state highway department left Salem by automobile last week for San Francisco to attend the annual convention of the American Association of Highway Engineers.

What is believed to have been the smallest real estate transaction of record in Wasco county was consummated when Sheriff Chrisman sold at public auction a lot at Shanko to John McHargue for 75 cents, cash.

The Pendleton round-up in 1925 will be conducted for four days instead of three days as formerly, according to action taken by the stockholders in annual meeting. The dates of the show will be September 16, 17, 18 and 19.

Salem, on the percentage basis, ranks first of the cities on the Pacific coast in building construction increase for the month of October. This is shown in the national monthly building survey of S. W. Strauss & Co.

The sheep market in central Oregon has strengthened materially with ewes selling from \$12 to \$14 a head, stockmen of the Deschutes country report. It is predicted by central Oregon sheepmen that wool will sell at 60c a pound in the spring.

Arthur A. Page, 37, of San Francisco, was killed instantly when the auto in which he was riding, driven by J. F. Leer, also of San Francisco, went off the grade about half a mile north of Siskiyou mountain summit and crashed on the rocks beneath.

Representatives of power companies in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Utah and Montana, constituting the executive committee of the Northwest Electric Light and Power association, met in Albany and discussed technical problems. They were guests of the Mountain States Power company.

The Oregon apple crop has been moving out well, particularly from the Hood River district, though shipments have slowed down somewhat in the past few days. Total shipments from the state up to the first of this month were 2869 cars, or only 177 cars less than in the same period last year.

Complete unofficial returns from every precinct in every county in the state disclose that the only neck-and-neck race among the major candidates in Oregon during the recent election has ended with Senator La Follette 848 votes in the lead over J. W. Davis for second choice for the presidency.

There was one fatality due to industrial accidents in Oregon during the week ending November 13, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victim was Matt McKie, assistant powder man, of St. Helens. A total of 523 accidents was reported during the week.

Addition of six cement ponds at the hatchery of the state fish commission at Bonneville will bring the capacity up to 10,500,000 fish, and make it one of the two largest hatcheries in the world, according to Hugh C. Mitchell, state superintendent of hatcheries. Work on the new ponds has been started.

Observance of Thanksgiving Day Means More Than Jolly Feasting

Another Thanksgiving day has passed. The usual perfunctory proclamations were issued by public officials and read by the people. Thanksgiving should not be limited to one day in this land of opportunity and progress.

Are we as proud of Our Country and as grateful for the advantages it gives us as we should be? It is often stated that Californians are greater boosters for their state and its resources than are citizens of any other state in this Union.

Why localize our enthusiasm for Our Country? No state could exist without our United States. Why should not every citizen of this country be an active booster for a nation which has gone farther than any other in the world in giving liberty, property rights, business opportunities, home conveniences, educational advantages and amusements of its people? Why should not our schools and colleges emphasize to a greater extent the advantages of a citizen of this nation under our constitutional form of government?

Until something is proposed which would in a small measure give us protection and advantages equal to those which we now receive, we should express greater thanks for what we have and be less ready to listen to the thoughtless agitator or professional politician who, failing to appreciate the advantages which surround him, seeks to foist impractical theories or visionary experiments upon a people already blessed with a government better than any other so far devised?

When you feel like kicking, look around you. Practically every American citizen can own his own home if he so desires. He can travel to his work either in an electric car or over a system of highways such as the Romans never dreamed of.

In his home, gas and electricity do work equal to that done by a score of servants to former kings and queens. The American telephone system furnishes a communication service in the humblest home beyond the wildest dreams of world famous rulers of the past.

Our property is safeguarded, our workmen are cared for and our lives are protected by an insurance system unheard of a hundred years ago and which is rapidly eliminating the pauper and the poor house.

Aladdin and his lamp have been made a reality by the radio which, in conjunction with wire communication, has annihilated distance and, as the people of the world become better acquainted through our modern methods of communication, will eliminate war. The homesteader in the mountains can tune in his radio set and listen to the music, lectures and amusement programs of the world.

Our farmers are learning the advantages of applying business methods to agricultural pursuits. Our industries are profiting by making their employees and customers stockholders in their properties. Gasoline has made individual transportation possible so that vast sections of the country heretofore impossible of settlement on account of distance, have been opened up and are today pouring their produce and business in over improved highways to the greatest railroad transportation system in the world.

What a picture to paint! Forests, mines, transportation, oil, electricity, telephone, gas, radio, modern farm machinery, factory buildings finer than the castles of history, roads and road building methods such as the world has never before seen, and an educational system which offers the poor man's son advantages which the nobility did not have a few generations ago!

Think of those things when you hear the croakers and the knockers. Don't be thankful just for Thanksgiving day. Learn a lesson from California, where the children are taught that the sun is brighter, the sky is bluer and the advantages are greater than any where else in the world. Let us build up pride in Our

ALONG LIFE'S TRAIL

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THE SNAP

"I'M LOOKING for a three-hour course to fill up my program for next semester," Gregg said to me yesterday. "Do you know any snap course?"

Before I answered him my mind went back to commencement time. We were sitting on the porch talking it over, Frank and I after the fellows had left. We had been celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of our graduation from college, and we had had three happy days together with the fellows, some of whom we had not seen since the day we parted after our commencement exercises. We had all been struck by the changes which had come to each of us, and naturally each one had swelled with satisfaction whenever some one intimated that he had changed little.

Mac had been in Arizona most of the time, working cruelly hard in the mines; he was bald and seamed and crippled with rheumatism. Pete's hair, which had been a riotous bunch of black curls, was entirely white. Fred, who had been slender and smooth-cheeked, showed a face that was the result of hard struggle and a physique that pulled the scales at twice the amount he could manage when he was a freshman. Ed seemed most like himself; brown-haired, smooth-faced, slender as a boy, he had changed the least of all.

After they were all gone, some way we decided that Fred had gripped us most of all. He had been a wild, untrained, harem-scarem fellow, who cared little for God or for his instructors. He had brought himself to the front; he was the head of a big engineering plant; he had great ambitions for the future, and he was managing his men and his boys in a masterly way; best of all, he had conquered himself, and all the wild passions that seemed to rage through him were under his control. His face showed character and conquest and self-control. You could tell by looking at him that he was strong and dependable. He had tried the hard thing and he had made good at it, while Ed was just as he used to be. He had got nowhere; he had no ambition to get anywhere. He had not sacrificed; he had not suffered, and for him there had been no development. And so, as we thought it all over, we decided that the man who had changed the most had done best.

The man who is looking for the snap, for the soft job, is not likely to get anywhere; a passive, unaggressive existence means weakness and stagnation.

"No," I said to Gregg. "I can't think of any snap courses."

Country, not in a boastful or arrogant manner, but with a sense of appreciation and thanksgiving that we are so fortunate as to live in a land where opportunities and advantages for the poor and the lowly are greater than the luxuries offered favored and wealthy persons a short century ago.

British Columbia, one of the few places in Canada where horse racing is allowed, has been spending so much on race track bets that the provincial government has introduced in the legislature a law to cut the racing law in half. Instead of the 70-day season allowed this year there will be but 30 days of racing next year under the new legislation. This will be bad news for thousands of Americans as well as Canadians, for the attendance at the races always includes a big proportion of American visitors.

In announcing the government's determination to curtail racing, A. M. Mason, attorney-general of the province declared that nearly \$7,000,000, or \$14 for every man, woman and child in the population of the province, was spent on race track bets this year, he stated, and business men have complained to the government that business was suffering as a result of this drain on the spending power of the public.

Reading of advertising is worth while

The World Wheat Shortage Now Becoming Very Serious Problem

The world shortage of wheat this year, which has been apparent for several months and which is directly responsible for the high price ruling the world's wheat markets, is now estimated by T. K. Doherty, commissioner of the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome, at 401,000,000 bushels. Mr. Doherty also figures that the supply of rye is 173,000,000 bushels less than needed, a total shortage of 574,000,000 bushels of bread grains. These figures are based on official crop returns from all important countries except Russia. Mr. Doherty says:

An analysis of the supply situation takes account of carry-over from the old crop and provides for the same on August 1 next, allowing in all cases a minimum for home consumption, in which is included wheat of feeding quality.

"It is conceivable that India, Argentina and Australia will by August be able to ship all of their surplus from new crops. If additional bushels is to be made available, 15,000,000 may come from the United States and 5,000,000 each from Canada, India and the Argentine.

"This season with Australia already sold out, Argentine, with an unexported balance of from 10,000,000 to 12,000,000, and Russia and the Balkans out of the market, the large shipment now being made by the United States and Canada are alone to provide what should normally be the peak load, to which Russia and the Balkans last year made a considerable contribution.

"Exports of rye to Europe last year were 72,000,000 bushels. Broomhall estimates that 65,000,000 bushels will be exported this season out of a total available surplus of 68,000,000. This shortage of supply will add to the urgency of the European demand for wheat."

Oregon News in Brief

North Bend is to have city delivery service beginning December 1, Senator Stanfield has been advised.

Precipitation at Marshfield since September 1 has reached 33.24 inches, more than half the average annual rainfall.

Twelve communities and more than 30 individual industries had exhibits at the annual Marion-Polk industrial show at Salem.

Pine beetle infestation in timber of the Deschutes national forest has been found to be most serious, reports A. J. Janicko, government entomologist.

A lone robber looted the Citizens' National bank of Metolius of about \$2000 in currency at 1:20 o'clock in the afternoon and fled in an automobile.

After hearing homestead disputes in the vicinity of Wapinitia, Federal Land Inspector Walter has gone to Prineville to make investigations for the government.

Warrant indebtedness of Washington county is \$145,385.34, with cash on hand amounting to \$419,154.11, according to a recent report of the county treasurer.

The Columbia County Fair association has purchased 170 acres of land on the highway near Deer Island and will spend \$40,000 on new buildings and improvements.

Government hunters who are in Josephine county in an effort to exterminate coyotes, which are becoming a menace to farmers in the outlying districts, are having excellent success.

Charges against the office of J. A. Linville, federal prohibition director for Oregon, are under investigation by Internal Revenue Commissioner Blair, it was admitted at Washington, D. C.

County division is agitating Tillamook county. Projectors of the movement would organize a new county north of the base line, including a few odd sections in Clatsop and Columbia counties.

The Business and Professional Women's club of Eugene has announced a student loan fund for women students who are preparing themselves to enter business upon completion of their school work.

Various state departments occupying space in the capitol building at Salem needed for legislative purposes have received notice from the secretary of state to vacate those quarters early in December.

The board of directors of the campaign to raise funds for the erection of a modern Young Men's Christian association building in Salem have announced that the full \$300,000 has been subscribed.

Walter W. Thackrah, 73, who has served in the land office at Roseburg for more than 32 years, has been retired on a pension. Edward R. Peckensner of Lewiston, Idaho, has been appointed in his place.

E. M. Chandler of Olympia, president of the Oregon-Washington Bridge company, which is completing the Hood River-White Salmon interstate span across the Columbia, has announced that the bridge will be officially opened to traffic December 6. A celebration, with mid-Columbia folk participating, will be held.

The committee appointed by the last legislature to investigate and report on the status of irrigation in this state has completed its duties and a statement is now being drafted for the consideration of the lawmakers when they convene in Salem next January. The report covers 43 active irrigation districts in the state.



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