

# The Springfield News

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### WHERE WE STAND

There are some people in this town and vicinity who feel that the life and death of this nation depends on the outcome of the election in November. The election is important to the welfare of the nation, but the wheels will turn even if the socialist candidate is elected, and we would still maintain that the United States is the best place on the old globe. This newspaper is not a political sheet and does not intend to be drawn into political controversy by any one.

It is the defined business of this publication to print such things that have a real news value and have the news written in a news form. We reserve the right to determine what sort of news our readers want and to print in the way we believe they want it. If any one has an ax to grind that is reasonable, our columns are open to them if the ax grinder wants to send in a signed communication. We have advertising space for sale which can be bought if someone wants paid publicity.

Now as far as politics is concerned this publication is willing to give all political doings in this vicinity publicity according to its news value, but we do not propose to hobnob to the ideas of any political party, or to any representative of a party. The policy of the newspaper is not the private opinion of the editor. The editor reserves the right to think and act as he sees fit personally, but he tries not to take politics so seriously that his public judgment will become sadly warped.

### MY HOME TOWN

Did you ever go away from home and have someone ask you where you were from, and you said you were from—Eugene, instead of saying Springfield? Or were you embarrassed when they asked you what kind of a town it was you hailed from? And then when you got your second wind did you tell them the straight facts about your town?

Why should you be ashamed of your home town just because it is a little smaller than some other places? Farms have raised presidents, poets and great business men. It is no disgrace just to live in a small town. Couldn't you tell the stranger what kind of a town you lived in? Doesn't your home town have anything to be proud of? If it does have anything that might make it better known do you know all of the facts of the case so you can talk intelligently with the other fellow and tell him what you have at home?

It must be some town if you have lived in it and then it was nothing to brag about. What have you been doing to make it the best place on earth for you and your friends? Have you helped to boost the town and given new enterprises your time and efforts? If you have not, no wonder you are ashamed of your home town.

### INDUSTRY AND MANNERS

There are always places in every town where one can find a certain class of fellows who never have anything to do but loaf. They spend their time doing nothing so far as honest toil is concerned. They have plenty of time "to set and tell stories and smoke cigarettes." As to whether they have any ambition to do anything in life for the benefit of someone else no one knows.

There is one thing some of these busy fellows might not do. When ladies go up and down the streets they can at least be discreet enough not to laugh at them publicly and to make embarrassing remarks. These ladies might appreciate it.

### YOUR LAST CHANCE

Saturday is the last day of registration for the presidential election. If you let these six days go by without getting signed up you will have to run the chance of being sworn in at the polls. Everyone has a candidate this year and he should be supported.

The places of registration in Springfield are at J. C. Mullen's office and at the city hall. It is not necessary to go to the county court house to register. If you registered for the primary and live in the same precinct now it is not necessary for you to register again.

The king of Bulgaria sleeps in a bomb-proof cellar to be safe from raids at night from the enemies' aeroplanes. What would happen to one of his soldiers if he should show the same degree of courage?

### PROTECTING AMERICA

If the ship purchase bill which went to the president Wednesday had been passed instead of being talked to death at the outbreak of the war, enormous benefit would have come to the farmers and producers of America.

Vast fleets of merchant ships have been destroyed since the war began. The latest figures place the total ships sunk at 1487, with a gross tonnage of 2,812,644. Nearly three times as much tonnage has been destroyed in two years of war as was the total United States tonnage before the war.

With the German and Austrian ships interned and the ships that have been sunk, a total of tonnage that has disappeared from the sea since the beginning of the war is almost 20 per cent of the world's merchant ships.

And from this there must be subtracted the large number of ships that have become transports and auxiliary cruisers in the allied navies. The effect is that the ship tonnage is wholly inadequate to the demands of commerce.

There are no bottoms into which to get northwest lumber into world markets. Even wheat is shipped across the continent by rail and there reshipped by steamer to Europe. The Pacific Coast is almost bare of ships for foreign trade.

Wheat prices have been kept down by the extortionate freight rates due to scarcity of tonnage. Every industry has felt the blight. With plenty of ships the lumber business would now be booming.

President Wilson foresaw the condition and at the outbreak of the war urged passage of the ship purchase bill. If passed then it would have added heavily to the tonnage, for ships could easily have been secured at that time. But the bill was talked to death at the behest of the shipping combine, which has profited millions in excessive freight rates, and the producers of America have paid the bill.

The new shipping law is a plan to protect American producers against a recurrence of the conditions under which they have suffered the past two years.—Portland Journal.

North Bend company formed of Coos Bay capital has leased for a term of years the old mill of the Simpson Lumber Co., and will operate same.

All of the 28 counties of Utah contain portions of National Forests and consequently all share in the 25 per cent of the National Forest receipts which is paid over to the road and school funds. This is true of no other State.

One hundred thirty thousand maps of the National Forests will be distributed to tourists this summer. These maps show the best camp sites, good hunting and fishing grounds, roads, trails and telephone lines, and give directions how to reach points of interest.

### DOC SAYS—SAYS HE

Well, we see that Mr. Wilson accepted the challenge and is up and showing his spirit. These are sure hard times these Democratic days, there is even competition in the air.

A man told me the other day that he got tired before he got all of the news in this sheet read; I might suggest that he try it on the installment plan unless he can take half a day off at one time.

You know the little Kewpie that got out the tub and filled it with water, with soap and towels and clean clothes and things in John's front window about ten days ago: It finally discovered that there was no chance of taking its bath in the window so it slipped out in the back room one morning last week and took a dip, packed up and was off for Portland before the town was up.

Did you see friend "Pat" when he arrived from Eastern Oregon? Didn't you see the alfalfa growing on his upper lip? Too bad you won't get a chance now. It wasn't quite alfalfa color and "Pat" must have thought it was ripe and mowed it.

The small man is usually set in his ways: it takes the big man to change his mind.

### Communication

To Editor of News:—Registration closes Saturday night, October 7, 50,000 fewer have registered than did two years ago. House to house canvass reveals that drys have one in three not registered, while wets, not one in ten has neglected this. The drys have a majority sentiment in Oregon, but of those that are registered, the wets have a clear majority.

To register these delinquent 50,000 drys requires strenuous effort. Get busy, register yourself, phone your neighbors, talk it to everyone, do not take it for granted that your wife, or husband, or best friend has registered, until you have asked them; we asked an officer of the W. C. T. U. and she had not registered, it is being neglected, and that is fatal to the interests of the common people, the worker, the merchant; not a class in Oregon is benefited except the brewer and his cohorts. Register now.

That Oregon should lose her dry legislation would be more of a calamity to Oregon than that Hughes or Wilson should be elected president. What are you talking most about regarding politics just now? Think of these items and judge what should be the topic of conversation among men and women who are anxious for decency and sobriety.

Under the brewers amendment agencies could be established in private residences, breweries could establish so called drug stores at every corner and sell liquor to men women and children, habitual drunkards, insane or any other is not exempt; by the comma that has been cunningly placed in the Brewers Amendment, it is made possible for druggists to sell for medicinal purposes without a prescription; so that anyone can get it for internal bathing as well as external for any pretended or fancied pain in any region from the hair of the head to the toe nail, and furthermore this comma makes it possible for physicians to prescribe it for other than medicinal purposes. Whereas our own local physicians are not of that breed, how about hundreds of others who are?

Furthermore that increased allowance for deliveries is contemplated is shown by the words "in such quantity or under such regulation as may be prescribed by law." "Until otherwise prescribed by legislature."

If the Brewers Amendment goes through, it gives the tip to the legislature and they will act accordingly.

Register now.  
Vote 315 X No. and Vote 316, X Yes.  
DR. KEENEY-FERRIS

### Government Crop Report

Washington, D. C., Sept. 8.—A summary of the September crop report for the State of Oregon and for the United States, as compiled by the Bureau of Crop Estimates (and transmitted through the Weather Bureau), U. S. Department of Agriculture, is as follows:

### Winter Wheat

OREGON: Preliminary estimate 12,425,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate), 15,200,000 bushels.

UNITED STATES: Preliminary estimate 454,706,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate), 655,045,000 bushels.

### Spring Wheat

OREGON: September 1 forecast, 4,560,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate), 3,825,000 bushels.

UNITED STATES: September 1 forecast, 156,000,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate), 356,460,000 bushels.

### Oats

OREGON: September 1 forecast, 15,000,000 bushels production last year

(final estimate), 16,060,000 bushels.

UNITED STATES: September 1 forecast, 1,220,000,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate), 1,540,000 bushels.

### Barley

OREGON: September 1 forecast, 4,960,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate), 4,680,000 bushels.

UNITED STATES: September 1 forecast, 184,000,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate), 237,009,000 bushels.

### Potatoes

OREGON: September 1 forecast, 7,030,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate), 5,520,000 bushels.

UNITED STATES: September 1 forecast, 318,000,000 bushels; production last year (final estimate), 359,103,000 bushels.

### Hay

OREGON: Preliminary estimate, 1,970,000 tons; production last year (final estimate), 1,870,000 tons.

UNITED STATES: Preliminary estimate, 86,200,000 tons; production last year (final estimate), 85,225,000 tons.

### Apples

OREGON: September 1 forecast, 1,250,000 barrels; production last year (final estimate), 1,043,000 barrels.

UNITED STATES: September 1 forecast, 67,700,000 barrels; production last year (final estimate), 76,670,000 barrels.

### National Forest Timber for Sale

Announcement is made today, by Assistant District Forester F. E. Ames of Portland, Oregon, of the approval by the Forester of the advertisement for sale of 227,000,000 feet of government timber on the Olympic National Forest in western Washington.

The sale area comprises two units. The first unit covers about 2700 acres on the Duckabush River watershed, and consists of approximately 110,000,000 feet B. M. of Douglas fir, western red cedar, western white pine, western hemlock, amabilis fir, and other species, eighty per cent of the timber being Douglas fir. The second unit embraces about 3200 acres on the Fulton Creek watershed, and is estimated to consist of 116,800,000 feet b. m. of the same species, of which about seventy three per cent is Douglas fir.

The lowest prices at which bids will be considered on unit 1 are \$1.25 per M for Douglas fir, \$2.50 per M for western red cedar and western white pine, and \$5.00 per M for western hemlock, amabilis fir and other species. The lowest prices at which bids will be considered for the timber on Unit 2 are \$1.46 per M for Douglas fir, \$2.10 per M for western red cedar, \$2.50 per M for western white pine, and \$5.50 per M for western hemlock, amabilis fir and other species. These prices are to be readjusted every three years during the life of the contract.

Bids will be received by the District Forester, Portland, Oregon, up to October 23, 1916.

### Warning to Hop Growers

Washington, D. C., Sept. 16.—Hop growers and handlers are urged by the U. S. Department of Agriculture to make certain that the sulphur they use in curing is absolutely free from any trace of arsenic. The accidental presence in occasional shipments of American hops of minute traces of arsenic introduced through use of impure sulphur has led at times to rejection of shipments especially in cases of exports to foreign countries with rigid hop standards. As the export trade under ordinary conditions is important, growers and handlers of hops should be careful to use in treating them only pure sulphur guaranteed as arsenic free. The usual guaranty of 99.5 per cent pure, it is found, is not sufficient, as the one-half of one per cent impurity may conceal traces of arsenic.

That these traces of arsenic in occasional consignments come from the impure sulphur used in drying and bleaching was suggested by the U. S. Department of Agriculture some years ago. A second investigation just completed establishes definitely that impure sulphur is the source of this contamination.

### Democrats Also Buy White Muehlen

"Woodrow Wilson—Our Next President," screams a street banner which was put up on Friday evening by the members of the Woodrow Wilson league of this city. The banner is stretched across Main street from the Stevens Perkins building to the Idaho F. Campbell building, has its back to the Hughes Fairbanks banner which decorates the street in a like manner a block further east. Both banners were painted by Claude Signor.

### To Make Big Improvement in Track

A \$27,000 authorization for the relaying of seven and a half miles of railroad track and other improvement on the Wendling branch has been received by F. W. Schultz, Southern Pacific roadmaster in charge of the main line and branches in the Portland division.

The track which will be relayed with 80-pound standard rails is between Mohawk junction and a point near Donna on the Wendling branch of the Southern Pacific from Springfield to Wendling.



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