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## FRUIT INDUSTRY IS ENDANGERED, FEARS GROWERS' AGENCY

### Movement Is Started to Oppose Placing Fruits in List of Luxuries.

### WOULD BE SEVERE BLOW is a Possibility That Government May Classify As a Luxury and Not As Staple Food.

The following article is being sent to the leading papers by C. L. Lewis, chief, Div. of Horticulture, Oregon Agricultural College, with the purpose of securing statewide opposition to any movement toward placing fruit in the list of luxuries. It would not only be a severe blow to the fruit industry but it would work a hardship on many thousands of families in non-producing sections.

Leaders identified with the fruit industry in the Northwest are very much worried concerning the influence of the war on the fruit industry. There is a possibility that the government may classify fruits as a luxury and not as a staple food product. If this is done it will mean that the labor used in the production, handling and harvesting of fruit, in the warehouses, packing houses, cold storage plants, etc., will be subject to military conscription. Already the supply of men for work in the orchards is short. Also if the Government should make this ruling it will mean that it would be harder than ever to get cars; that fruit men will have to give way for other products and stand and see their fruit spoil. There is also the bare possibility that zones may be established. This will mean that the fruit produced in certain districts can be shipped only to certain zones. With the box fruit trade of the Pacific coast this would be working a tremendous hardship because our markets are widely scattered. It would force a very large tonnage of fruit in regions where perhaps it could not be consumed.

There is a possibility that the Government will fix a minimum price for farm products. If this is done it should apply to fruits as well as to other goods. If it does not the fruit grower will have to pay the high wages, taxes, etc., and have no assurance that he will secure a good market for his product, which would be an unfair discrimination.

The Fruit Growers' Agency, Inc., of Walla Walla, Washington, which is the agency established by the United States Department of Agriculture, recently had a meeting and as a result telegrams were sent to all members of Congress representing the states of Oregon, Washington, Montana and Idaho.

The members of the Agency realize that if the fruit should be discriminated against it will simply mean ruin to thousands of people. Fruit is a valuable food. Many people simply look upon certain staples like wheat and meat as necessary food, and deprive their diet of the value of fruits. But on the other hand, thousands of men and women have dropped meat from their daily diet and are benefited by using fruit and nuts instead. Many others are including a larger and larger proportion of fruits in their diet; physicians are encouraging the use of more fruits. They contain very valuable acids, extracts and fibers and are rich in sugars. Some of the fruits are very rich in oils.

Fruit and nut growers should write at once to their representatives and senators urging that no action be taken which would jeopardize the fruit and nut industries of the Pacific Coast which is destined to become one of the greatest industries of the entire United States.

### S. P. Employees Given Chance.

Expressing confidence that the response would be prompt and patriotic President William Sproule of the S. P. company yesterday issued a call to 45,000 employees to participate in the Liberty Loan and announced that the railroad would advance the required funds, reimbursement to be made in salary deductions over a long period.

## W. J. WHITE BADLY BURNED

### Hands Severely Injured When Picture Film Catches Fire.

W. J. White, proprietor of the Bell theatre, was so severely burned about the hands that he will not be able to use the members for at least three weeks, his beard and hair were singed about \$300 worth of film was destroyed, and \$100 worth of damage done the theatre, when a film caught fire yesterday. Mr. White does not really know how the fire started but believes that a match must have dropped from his pocket into the film box while he was rewinding the film from one box to another.

Mr. White was taken to the Springfield hospital immediately after the accident where his burns were dressed. He will probably return home this evening, but will not be able to wait upon himself for some time. The damage done the building, which is mostly about the door and woodwork, will be partially covered by insurance. Three films were destroyed.

### Only Five Per Cent Needed.

The Comptroller of the Currency has issued this statement: There are in the United States at present more than ten million (10,000,000) individuals and corporations who are able to make subscriptions to the new Liberty Loan in amounts ranging from \$100 to \$100,000,000 each. This estimate is conservative when we consider that there are more than 40,000,000 persons engaged in gainful occupations in this country besides the large number of men and women whose income is derived from their investments. If every individual in the United States should subscribe to the new bonds to the extent of only five per cent (5%) of his or her total possessions, the loan will be subscribed to SIX TIMES OVER.

## J. W. Baker Starts Up Laundry Again

### Experienced Man Will Meet His Old Patrons in New Location Last of Week.

Springfield will again have a local laundry, since J. W. Baker, who formerly operated a steam laundry in this city, will begin operations after a year's discontinuance, during which time he has been local agent for a Eugene company. Three men are now at work installing the boiler and machinery in the building where the printing office used to be next the Public Library of Main street, where Mr. Baker will do business.

All the work will be done here, commencing the last of this week, and will be in full blast by next Monday. Mr. Baker is too well known as an experienced laundry man to need any introduction to Springfield people and he will probably have a flourishing business again soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker have moved nearer the laundry and are now living in rooms over the library.

## "More Friendly" Travelers' Verdict

### Californians Praise Oregon's Hospitality But Say Roads Are Bad.

"People are more friendly in Oregon than in California," is the bouquet handed people of this state by Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Cassidy, who with their daughter, Mary, arrived at the local camping grounds Friday night after a leisurely six weeks' trip from Los Angeles, their home. But they also handed Oregon something else: "We were enjoying the trip until we struck Oregon roads," they said. Mr. Cassidy said they met broken down cars, mud-covered cars, and cars stuck in the road, all along the way from the Siakiyous.

The travelers are looking for a location, probably a ranch, and state that they like this section better than further south. They are traveling in an Oakland car with a specially built body, in which they have their bed and camping outfit. They may stay at the camp grounds awhile, or if they leave may return later.

### Real Estate Transfers

Walter Wilmot of ux to A. B. Van Valzah, lot 2, blk. 5 Kelly's add. to Springfield—\$1.

## FORMER FOREIGNERS HELP "WAKE UP" AMERICA



Photo by American Press Association. American members of the Bohemian National alliance, with their families, who favor independence of the Czechs from Austro-Hungarian rule marching in the "Wake up, America!" parade with 60,000 other New Yorkers.

## TELLS WHY ROAD BILL SHOULD PASS

### Jay Bowerman Speaks on Issue Here Saturday Night; M. C. Bressler Opposes.

A few citizens gathered at Stevens hall Saturday evening to hear the arguments in favor of the \$6,000,000 good roads bond issue. Jay Bowerman of Portland talked in favor of the bond issue while our townsman M. C. Bressler opposed the issue. Druggist M. M. Peery presided and introduced the speakers.

Jay Bowerman said that in 1913 the state legislature passed a bill authorizing the appointment of the first highway commission since which time we have been paying 1/4 mill state tax for road building. Lane county pays taxes on \$36,000,000 and in four years has paid to the state about \$22,000 more than she has received back. The auto license fund from Lane county amounts to \$4812. This amount will be doubled under the act passed by the last legislature. This sum together with the 1/4 mill tax will make about \$19,000 per year. Lane county will pay to the state Highway fund and the only way for this county to get the benefit of this money is for the \$6,000,000 bond issue to carry. If this is authorized by the people at the June 4th election, the Pacific Highway will be built through this county. Lane county will then get 44 miles of paving.

The speaker urged that we build the roads now and use them while we are paying for them. He made a comparison between this state and Washington and showed that the latter state had developed much faster than Oregon primarily on account of having built good roads.

He showed the value of good roads to the farmer in the reduction of transportation in moving crops.

Mr. Bowerman read a communication from Secretary of War Baker to the people of Oregon in which he desires that a net work of highways be built from centers of population to centers of population in Washington, Oregon and California.

M. C. Bressler was the next speaker and he said while he was in favor of good roads there are certain business principles connected with each community that must be taken into consideration and thought it best for each district to spend its own money in building roads. He spoke of the heavy tax burden and said there might be a chance for graft in this proposition.

Mr. Bressler said we have no assurance that the auto license will be used to pay the bonds, that the state will be obligated and that instead of paying \$6,000,000 we will have to pay \$12,000,000.

Today there is a crisis on and no one knows what the result will be said the speaker and he pointed out the fact that if the bond issue carries it would be a very expensive time to build roads on account of the scarcity of labor and the high cost of materials. He appealed to the taxpayer to wait a few years until conditions became normal instead of voting this heavy bond issue upon the state at this time.

## PASTOR EULOGIZES AMERICA'S PATRIOTS

### Memorial Sermon Is Heard By Men of G. A. R., Iuka Circle, and Others.

"We are met tonight under very solemn auspices and a very solemn occasion, for one of these days one of these veterans will march alone to the church and to the services at the white monument and lay the last wreath on the graves of his soldier brothers."

This was the preface to Dr. S. A. Danford's memorial sermon to the men of the G. A. R. Post, and the ladies of the Iuka Circle and others of his congregation at the Methodist church last night.

"With a great sum obtained I this freedom" was Dr. Danford's text and he said in part:

"Men of my age and men of the age of most of you learned in our childhood days to revere the memory of our patriots. To secure liberty they pledged their lives and their sacred honor. Many long years have passed since ere their deeds have crowned their efforts.

"This country is without a parallel in the development of the arts and sciences and the perfection of our civil liberty. The teeming millions of our people are the happiest of all the earth.

"In the issues of the Civil war we were made to feel that the war was thrust upon us. We fought not for empire nor for power. We fought not for vindictive passion. We fought simply to preserve our nation from destruction and that our people might not perish from off the earth forever.

"The immortal Lincoln bowed in prayer to God and though the assassin cut short his career his soul went up to God with 4,000,000 patriots. The battle raged and the nation reeled under the armies tread but when the dust and the smoke of battle had rolled away and the boys came marching home the slaves were free and the nation was preserved.

"We are now a united people, with but one flag, from the Gulf to the Great Lakes and from the Atlantic to the Pacific and are appropriately called the United States of America."

## ANOTHER DIES AT FRONT

### Second Lane County Man Gives Life for His Country.

The second Lane county man has given his life at the front. Jacob Wiscarson, son of Mrs. Mary Wiscarson, residing on Eugene R. F. D. 1 was killed in battle in France, May 11, 1917. The news of his death was received by his mother in a telegram from the Canadian war department Thursday.

Charles Vivian Knox, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Knox, of Fox Hollow, also this county, was killed in action April 9, just a year to a day from the date of his enlistment in the Canadian army.

### Turns Down Orders.

H. E. Pitts, president of the Springfield Planing mill company, states that they have turned down orders for hundreds of thousands of boxes. The mill will be very busy in a short time when the box lumber is ready, and the boxes will begin to be turned out.

## MANY HEAR FLY LECTURE

### Last Meeting of Year of Parent-Teachers Association Is Interesting.

A moderate crowd attended the last Parent-Teachers association meeting of the year, which was held at the Lincoln school on Thursday evening. The main address of the evening was an illustrated talk on "The Fly" by Earl Kilpatrick of the University of Oregon school of extension. The talk, which was given as a sort of preliminary for the Clean-Up campaign soon to be launched here, contained some very interesting information on the dangers and diseases of flies, and of the methods of combating these.

Other features of the program were a solo by Miss Jean Fischer, and an instrumental solo by Miss Dorris Sikes, Mrs. Hannah Hill, president of the Parent-Teachers association, presided at the meeting.

## Grand Lodge Is Most Successful

### Three Days' Session Sees Much Accomplished; Local Man Honored.

When one out-of-town visitor said "It's been a fine meeting, one of the best we ever had," he voiced the general feeling regarding the session of the grand lodge for which Spencer Butte lodge number 9 of Eugene, was host for three days last week. The meetings closed Thursday night.

Local brothers and sisters were in evidence at the meetings. Besides the regular delegates from each lodge all other members who could possibly go attended the session. One business man of the city had a sign something like this "Gone to Grand Lodge" on his door. A Springfield man, W. F. Walker, was honored by the post of deputy grand master when officers were elected Thursday morning. Mr. Walker has been Grand Warden for the past year.

Another way in which the Springfield lodge was represented was by the solos rendered by Mrs. J. E. Richmond at the reception given at the Armory Wednesday night. Also, local people were on several committees. On Tuesday evening a full auto load attended the degree staff of Corvallis.

The grand lodge voted to expend between \$25,000 and \$30,000 for the erection of a new building in connection with the Odd Fellows home in Portland. This was the most important business matter considered at the session. A per capita tax of 50 cents upon the lodge members in the state for this purpose was authorized.

With the selection of Seaside as the place of holding the 1918 session of the grand lodge, the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs adjourned this, the sixty-second annual meeting Thursday.

### Memorial Services at 10 a. m.

The following citizens have generously donated conveyances to the ladies of the G. A. R. and the old soldiers to be used Wednesday morning. I. V. Jackson, M. M. Peery, Cox and Cox, M. C. Bressler, Hayden and Metcalf, Swartz and Washburne, E. E. Morrison, Mrs. Earl Moore and I. D. Larimer. The start will be made from the W. O. W. hall at ten o'clock sharp and the procession will proceed to the Laurel Hill cemetery where Rev. H. C. Ethel will conduct the memorial services.

## OREGON'S GOVERNOR PROCLAIMS JUNE 5 A LEGAL HOLIDAY

### Calls on Every Patriotic Citizen to Make War Census Day a Memorable Event.

### PROCLAMATION IS GIVEN Day Marks Great Forward Step On Side of Democracy and Justice He Says.

Portland, Ore., May 28.—By official proclamation of Governor Withycombe War Census Day, June 5, will be a legal holiday throughout the state of Oregon.

In his proclamation the Governor calls upon every patriotic citizen to assist in the big task of registering all men of military age, and to make War Census day an event memorable in the state's history.

The proclamation follows in full:

### PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has designated June fifth, 1917, as the day upon which our citizens shall register in accordance with the provisions of the selective draft law, and

WHEREAS, on this day we face a gigantic task new in our national history and one whose proper conduct can only be attained through the united cooperation of every citizen, and

WHEREAS, it is vitally desirable that the registration be accomplished with thoroughness and dispatch, both as a testimonial to the efficiency of our democracy and as a moral example stimulating to our allies and depressing to our adversaries, and

WHEREAS, it is especially fitting that this occasion be made one of patriotic festival fittingly celebrating the Nation's unity and the willingness of its citizens to serve our flag and to make sacrifice, if needs be, in a righteous cause,

NOW, THEREFORE, I James Withycombe, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Oregon, do proclaim Tuesday June fifth, 1917, as War Census Day, and I do further declare it a legal holiday, believing that by so doing the purposes above set forth will best be served. And I call upon the patriotic men and women of Oregon, and their sons and daughters, to make of this day an occasion memorable in the history of our state, marking, as it does, a great forward step in the efficient utilization of our manhood upon the side of democracy and justice in the World War, to the end that world peace may the sooner be restored and permanently assured.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of Oregon to be hereunto fixed this 26th day of May, 1917.

## Juniors' Show Is Full of Laughs

### "My Aunt From California" and The 5 Hicks Help 18ers Rake in \$20.

"My Aunt from California" was a big comedy, full of laughs from start to finish and when Sally's big joke earned her a trip to Europe, the audience was entirely satisfied.

The following members of the junior class staged the farce at the Bell theatre on Friday night: Edna Durayee, Wanna McKinney, Nellie Copenhagen, Bernice Cagley, Carmen Harwood, and Lulu Hampton.

The "Five Hicks from Hicksville" were quite an attraction. Rastus worked hard at his slide trombone, and the rest were equally good.

The girls sang "Uncle Sammy's Army," and the National anthem of the allied Nations, and one of the girls represented each country as they sang.

The show was also quite a success financially, \$20 being realized.

H. E. Haight of Marshfield returned home Saturday after a week's visit in Springfield.