

THRIFTINESS A SENSIBLE HABIT

Wise Spending Means Balancing the Present Needs and Desires Against Those of the Future, Making Sure Full Value Received

Saving money, if the U. S. treasury has its way, is to become the great American outdoor and indoor sport. A new department, known as the Savings Division, has been established in the Treasury department at Washington, with the object of making thrift which we began as a war emergency, a "happy" every-day national habit. The government does not mean hoarding when it talks of thrift; but "wise spending, intelligent saving and safe investment." Wise spending, it says, means balancing present needs and desires against those of the future and making sure that full value is received for money spent; while intelligent saving and safe investment makes future spending possible, not only spending to meet the needs of rainy days but to take advantage of sunny opportunities. Save first is the Treasury's slogan, that means to let the first item on

your budget be a certain amount safely invested.

Every school child is asked to earn or save enough to buy a War Stamp during this vacation, and so habits of thrift established among them.

It is not entirely for the benefit of the individual that the government is starting this campaign. The Treasury needs the savings of the people of America to pay the war bills, to maintain the troops abroad, to bring the soldiers home, to restore those who fought for liberty to social and industrial usefulness, and to care for the helpless men and their dependents. It believes, also, that it will lead to a better America, and to better Americans, if a large proportion of citizens own government securities.

The campaign urges the buying of War Savings Stamps, of which a two billion dollar issue is authorized for this year.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

St. Helens is experiencing a building boom.

W. C. Latham, an Oregon pioneer of 1852, died in Albany.

A post of the American Legion was organized in McMinnville.

Dallas soldiers, sailors and marines organized a post of the American Legion.

Eighty rural schools in Linn county are without teachers for the coming term.

Pulling of flax on the state farms will be completed within the next 10 days.

F. W. Marx, formerly of Portland, was chosen as city engineer of The Dalles.

Fire losses in Oregon, exclusive of Portland, for the month of July totaled \$421,250.

J. C. Perry of Salem was elected president of the Oregon State Pharmaceutical association.

The Hood River chapter of the American Legion has a chapter roll of more than 100 names.

The city of Marshfield proposes to buy the local race track grounds as an aviation landing place.

Pendleton lodge of Elks will start a campaign at once to finance the construction of a new \$100,000 building.

Fred W. Currey of Albany was appointed city chemist of Portland to succeed C. C. Calloway, who resigned.

Fire completely destroyed the drying and storage sheds of the Pine Box Lumber company in Grants Pass.

William Albee, marshal at Helix for a number of years, has been appointed county game warden for Umatilla county.

The Oregon wheat crop, according to the bureau of crop estimates, will make a total yield this year of 19,500,000 bushels.

The state highway commission has awarded Hood River county two government motor trucks for use in highway construction.

Bandon post of the American Legion, has been organized by returned soldiers and application has been made for a charter.

Contract prices for prunes advanced 100 per cent between April 28 and July 29, according to the records of the Marion county clerk.

Operation of the new paving plant purchased recently by the Marion county court has proved a valuable asset in road building.

The harvest of fruit in the Rogue river valley is now well under way. Estimates place the value of the yield this year at \$2,000,000.

Tripartite control of the railroads is pointedly opposed in resolutions adopted by the Oregon chapter, American Association of Engineers.

Twenty-eight thousand pounds of T. N. T. has arrived in Bend and will be put at the disposal of the forest service for making forest roads.

Linn county's \$600,000 bond issue has been authorized in every detail by

PRESIDENT PROPOSES LIVING COST CONTROL

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ing the time which goods may be held; prescribing a method of disposing of them if held beyond the permitted period, and requiring that when released goods bear the date of storage.

Stamp Price on Storage Goods.

Laws requiring that goods released from storage for interstate commerce bear the selling prices at which they went into storage and requiring that all goods destined for interstate commerce bear the price at which they left the hands of the producer.

Enactment of the pending bill for the control of security issues.

Additional appropriations for government agencies which can supply the public with full information as to prices at which retailers buy.

Early ratification of the peace treaty so that the "free processes of supply and demand can operate."

Immediate steps by executive agencies of the government promised by the president include:

The limiting and controlling of wheat shipments and credits to facilitate the purchase of wheat in such a way as not to raise, but rather to lower the price of flour at home.

Sell Government Stocks.

Sale of surplus stocks of food and clothing in the hands of the government.

The forced withdrawal from storage and sales of surplus stocks in private hands.

In concluding the president made a plea for deliberate, intelligent action, reminding congress that an unbalanced world was looking to the United States.

"We and we almost alone," he said, "now hold the world steady. Upon our steadfastness and self-possession depends the affairs of nations everywhere. It is in this supreme crisis—this crisis for all mankind—that America must prove her mettle."

Hines is Ready to Discuss Wages.

Washington. — Developments over the week-end are expected to result in almost normal conditions in every railroad shop where men have been on strike. Director-General Hines is ready to undertake negotiations of wage demands, as directed by President Wilson, as soon as the men return to work. In view of President Wilson's specific instruction that the whole matter would have to be "at a standstill" so long as an illegal strike continued, the demand of the men in some places for wage increases before going back to work, it was learned, cannot alter the situation.

American Stores Sold to Belgium.

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