

"OREGON FIRST"

The following letter has been sent out to all sections of the state by the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce:

FIVE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS

It is reported this is the amount of funds Secretary Lane will ask congress to appropriate for the soldier settlement plan.

It is likely a new bill will be formulated by the Interior Department requesting early action by congress as a substitute for the \$166,000,000 bill introduced. In framing the new bill, the bills of Lane, Sinnott, McNary and others introduced at the last session will be considered.

Oregon is justly entitled to its proportion if the proposed bill becomes a law, and with our senators and representatives thoroughly alive to the situation, we have reason to believe the interests of our state will be well protected.

Oregon is very fortunate in having had our land settlement plan presented by Whitney L. Bolse of Portland and Prof. H. D. Scudder of Oregon Agricultural College to the Interior Department and Agricultural Department officials at Washington and the plan had their approval.

We wish to use every effort to assist our congressmen in this great undertaking, and not allow a condition to exist as set forth in the statement hereto attached, furnished by J. W. Brewer of our irrigation and drainage committee, having reference to sale of public lands, which question is now receiving the attention of the State Chamber of Commerce, in an endeavor to secure the six and a half millions due Oregon.

Get together and forward this office such data as we may need in framing arguments to represent to congress and which will assist our representatives in every way possible. It is necessary that we act immediately, and it is our desire that special meetings of commercial bodies throughout the state be held and that opinions of individuals be reduced to writing and forwarded to this office.

Every section of the state having a land settlement problem, whether it be reclamation of swamp lands or irrigation of arid lands or the irrigation of lands not considered in the arid class but which would become more productive with the application of water scientifically distributed; whether it may be the bringing under cultivation or into production large areas of logged-off lands or any land problem, should forward to this office, at the earliest possible moment, complete figures which will tell the story and express the needs of each county or locality.

This \$500,000,000 bill is to apply to arid, swamp and cut-over lands. We desire letters from different sections of the state, setting forth need of reclamation and settlement work, the acreage subject to the terms of the Lane, Sinnott or McNary bills, the benefit to be derived and the necessity for these improvements.

Certain of our representatives are now in Oregon and will shortly leave for Washington. It is desired that the information requested above shall be in the hands of the State Chamber of Commerce at the earliest possible moment so that a compilation of the needs of each section of Oregon may be prepared for submission to them.

Much can be accomplished by united effort, and it is to the interest of every citizen of our state to become active in this all-important question.

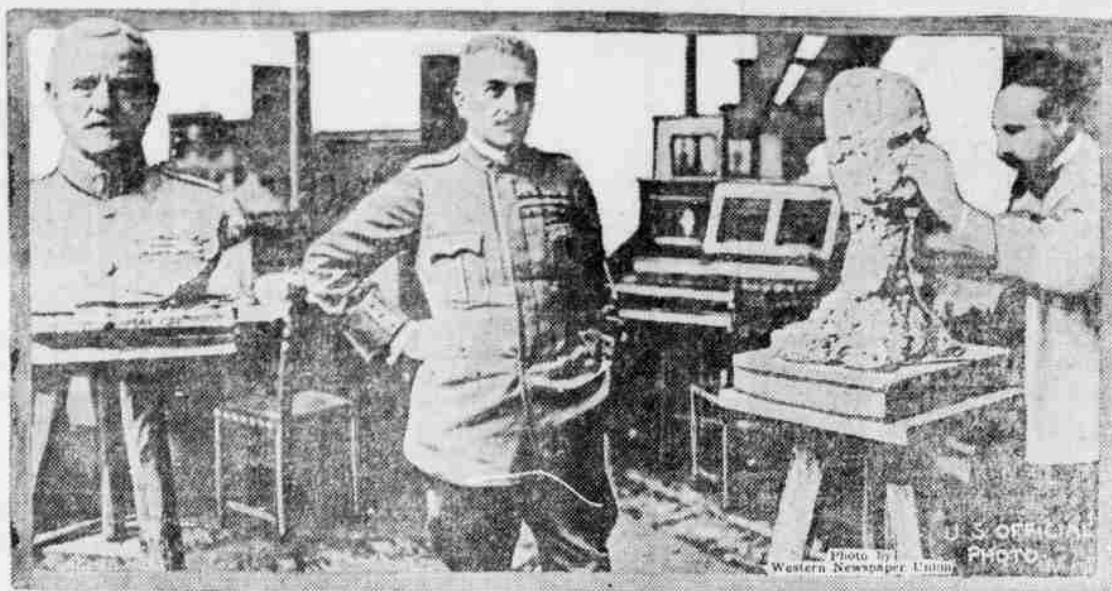
It is desired that you familiarize yourself with statements of facts and figures presented on the attached pages, and wish you to know that the state chamber is using its best efforts to secure the \$5,500,000 to which the state is justly entitled, which is not in any way connected with the \$500,000,000.

THAT SUPERFLUITY AUCTION

At 8 o'clock next Friday evening, May 2, at the exhibit hall at the fair grounds, a superfluity auction will be held. The proceeds will be applied toward the Morrow county quota of the relief fund for Armenia and Syria. There will be some interesting entertainment features which will be free. There will be a demonstration of the new fire truck at 7:45. The program inside will be laugh provoking. Be sure to be there. If you have anything from a thrasher to a threshing machine, a jack knife to a pile driver, a whetstone to a gang plow, a bootjack to a hay fork, which you do not need and are willing to donate to this cause, being or send it in. Everything will be sold for the best price obtainable for cash. Among the things already donated are a turkey, a rooster and a cupboard. Come and laugh and help a good cause.

E. A. Blanchard, agriculturist for the Live Stock State Bank of North Portland, was a visitor in Heppner Thursday night.

GENERAL DIAZ POSING FOR AMERICAN SCULPTOR



General Diaz, commander in chief of the Italian army, having a plaster bust made by the American sculptor, Jo Davidson, in the latter's Paris studio. On the left can be seen a bust of General Pershing that has not been completed.

FEW NEW FABRICS

No Distinct Changes in Materials for Spring Wear.

Gabardine, Tricot, Serges, Tricotine, Tweed, Homespun and Broadcloth and Variety of Silks.

As social life returns to its normal course more and more thought is given to dress. It is too early in the season for any very radical change in fashions to be established, but it is most interesting to watch the development of the individual ideas of the designers.

There will be no distinct change in materials, since as yet very few new fabrics have been made. A little of everything is seen, gabardine, tricot, serges, tricotine, tweed, homespun and broadcloth. Among the silks one notes a great variety and also fabrics of American make that are composed of silk and wool with a predominance of silk. Many new colors will make their appearance this spring, and there will be a wider variety to choose from than in recent seasons.

The new silhouette is a matter that is uppermost in the minds of the designers at the moment. It is predicted by a few of those in a position to note the trend of the times that the mode will gradually emerge from the extreme simplicity of the last few seasons and once again the more complicated silhouette will be in evidence.

The advance models, however, give no indication of this change. A majority of the tailored suits of summery aspect are built upon severely plain lines, slim and straight as those of this winter. The coat, for instance, may be built without the slightest curve at the waist line and the front left open to show a long sweater-like waistcoat which has no visible fastening. The skirt is also straight and slim, and while there is a slit at the back to give its wearer more comfort in walking the material crosses over so that the slit is not visible.

Very pretty simple one-piece frocks of silk, tricotine or wool in light weight and in light colors or all white are noted.

A smart little model was fashioned from a lovely, soft creamy white gabardine with large collar and cuffs of white silk. The frock was caught in loosely at the waistline by a white silk cord which tied at the back and extended half the skirt length, the ends being finished with tassels. The back of the skirt was made with four deep folds slightly gathered in flounce effect.

There are numerous cape models of light weight woolen shown for the benefit of the southern trade. They are made in various styles and of various materials.

SOME FASHION NOTES.

The new vest collars are made of pique.

Tailor-made suits are almost classically plain.

Iridescent embroidered tulle is popular for evening robes.

The spring hats display brims wide at the sides.

The best waists have their collar idea repeated in their cuffs.

It is said the new skirts will hang six inches from the ground.

For sport wear are the Buster Brown waists developed in voile.

Long tight sleeves are usually seen on the simpler woolen frocks.

The deep oval neck line is filled in with a tiny vest of sheer material.

Organdie is still excellent for frocks, but little trimming is used.

Slow in Road Building.

With all her development, America has always been slow in the matter of road building.

Phosphorus Needed.

It is now generally agreed by experiment station professors and practical farmers in our eastern states that the greatest fertilizer needed by our soils is phosphorus, and that the best method of supplying it is in the form of acid phosphate.

Great Need of Farmer.

If there is any one thing that the farmer needs more than another, it is good highways. Every other business is on the line of progress, so why not the road business?

V. LOAN NEED SHOWN IN NEW WAR FIGURES

"America's Munitions," by Major Crowell, Tells Story of U. S. Effort.

There is food for thought for Victory Loan Doubting Thomases in the following excerpts from "AMERICA'S MUNITIONS" just issued by Major Benedict Crowell, Asst. Sect. of War. The estimated cost of the ordnance required to equip our first five million men was between \$12,900,000,000 and \$13,000,000,000. Since 1775 and April 6th, 1917, ALL appropriations of Congress were but \$25,000,000,000, including five wars and the pensions resulting from these wars. The total cost of the ordnance effort to equip our first five million men amounted to \$12.90 for every hour since the birth of Christ.

There was never a shortage of smokeless powder.

Over 2,500,000 shoulder rifles were produced in the 19 months of our participation in the war—more than either England or France produced during that period. The average monthly production during July, August and September, 1918, was as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Country, Rifles. France: 40,500; England: 112,821; U. S. A.: 233,562.

Over three billion rounds of small arms ammunition were produced and our speed before the armistice was twice that of France and 10% greater than England's.

Our production of machine guns during the period from April 6, 1917, to Nov. 11, 1918, was slightly more than England's and slightly less than France's. At the end of the war our rate was twice that of France and nearly three times as great as England's.

In connection with 75-millimeter shells, 4,250,000 high explosive shell, 500,000 gas shells and 7,250,000 shrapnel had been produced complete by November 11, 1918. A total of 6,250,000 rounds of 75-millimeter ammunition were fired by American Artillerymen. 8,500,000 rounds had been shipped.

"We were building to make Victory absolutely certain."

Advertisement for Black Leg Lotions, featuring a cow illustration and text: "BLACK LEG LOTIONS SORELY PREVENTED BY CUTTER'S BLACKED PILLS".

Advertisement for Remington-Union Grand Prize Modern Firearms & Ammunition, featuring an image of a rifle and text: "Ask Your Dealer for Remington-Union Grand Prize Modern Firearms & Ammunition".

Large advertisement for Peoples Hardware Company titled "The Paint Season". It includes text about Bass-Heuter Paints and a list of products. The company name "PEOPLES HARDWARE COMPANY" is prominently displayed.

Large advertisement for Prince Albert cigarettes featuring a portrait of Winston Churchill smoking a pipe. Text includes "PRINCE ALBERT" and "SAY, you'll have a streak of smokeluck that'll put pep-in-your-smokemotor, all right, if you'll ring-in with a jimmy pipe or cigarette papers and nail some Prince Albert for packing!".

Advertisement for E. N. Gonty Shoe Store titled "Some fine glazed kid Oxfords". It lists "Newest Spring Styles" and "BLACK, BROWN and WHITE NEW BUCK".

Advertisement for Farmers' Exchange titled "Public Sales". It lists "STOCK RANCHES" and "WHEAT RANCHES" and includes contact information for Roberts Building, Heppner.