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Young Wood President Acme Production Company

NAME USED IN SECURING
MORROW CO. LEASES

Young Financier Said to Be Under
Investigation for Oil Stock
Selling

Leonard Wood, Jr., son of General Leonard Wood, governor-general of the Philippines, who recently came into the limelight because of having made some \$800,000 in Wall street within a few months, is being connected with four oil companies in an investigation now under way at Chicago. These companies are said to have taken a heavy toll from ex-service men who were induced to invest their savings in oil stock because of Lieutenant Wood's alleged connection with the companies and after getting the ex-soldiers' money the companies went out of business.

Young Wood is reputed to be president of the Acme Production corporation, a postoffice and war department investigation of which has been demanded by Senator Caraway, who claims to have information that its stock has been sold to ex-service men and that it had, like the others, failed.

It is believed here that what was known as the Acme Extension company, an oil concern that secured leases to a large amount of land in the northern part of this country last year, is an offshoot from the Acme Production concern. A land owner in the Wells Spring district recently informed the Herald that agents of the Acme extension who were securing leases in that district represented to the land owners that Leonard Wood, Jr., was president or their concern.

Reports from Chicago are to the effect that the investigation has already revealed that young Wood not only made capital of his name through the fame of his father, but he appears to have loaned his name for advertising purposes.

The leases secured by the Acme extension in this country provided that three test wells should be put down within a specified time, but so far none of these promises have been kept and it is probable that most of the leases have expired.

Claud D. Baker, who registered from New York City, had charge of the leasing here last year and recently one Philip D. Northcraft visited Heppner claiming that he was employed by Mr. Baker to look after the companies' interests here.

ASSOCIATION PRICES
PAID FOR 1922 CROP

Since the actual closing of the 1922 pool, which was made some time ago, the actual final average prices secured by grower members through the Oregon Cooperative Grain Growers' association are available.

The figures mentioned below are the averages of a large number of returns to growers at the points mentioned and represent actual cash paid to the grower for the wheat delivered. In addition to paying the grower this money, the Association paid interest on the advances made to the member, paid his freight and warehousing charges, and the entire expenses of marketing his wheat.

The 1922 wheat crop was considerably off-grade and the figures listed are not the basis No. 1 prices that would be quoted in the country but are the "as is" prices actually paid to the grower:

Moro.....	Turkey Red	90c
Heppner.....	Turkey Red	90 1/4c
Condon.....	Turkey Red	90 1/4c
Madras.....	Turkey Red	85 1/4c
Madras.....	Galgales & Baart.....	94c
Heppner.....	Fortyfold	88c
Condon.....	Fortyfold	88c
Elgin.....	Fortyfold	88c
Umatilla Co. Job		92c
—Oregon Voter.....		

The regular meeting of the Pattern-Teacher association will be held next Tuesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, when an interesting program will be given and a business session held. All patrons of the school are invited.

CLASSMATES OF '20, H. H. S.
HOLD ANNUAL BANQUET

The class of 1920, Heppner high school, held their annual banquet at the Elkhorn restaurant last Friday evening with seven members of the original class of 16 present. A splendid chicken dinner was served by Eddie Chinn and his assistants and the occasion was a most delightful one, according to those present.

The class held a banquet during the holiday season every year and usually nearly all the members are present but this year many were prevented from attending by various causes.

Those present Friday evening were: Misses Alma Devin, Etta Devin, Elizabeth Phelps, Margaret Doherty, Odele Groshen, Mrs. Cyrene Barratt (nee Lieualen), Mrs. May McPherrin (nee French).

When the meeting was over and the class asked for their check the genial Eddie smiled and said: "The bill is paid, ladies, with the compliments of Mr. L. V. Gentry, who just now stepped out."

When it comes to being a real ladies' man, L. V. is always there with the goods.

CO-OPERATIVE GRAIN GROWERS
AWARDED HUGE DAMAGES

Condon, Dec. 28.—Judge D. R. Parker of the circuit court in his decision of the case of the Oregon Cooperative Grain Growers, a corporation, against P. L. Schamel, overruled the demurrer to the complaint, which in effect will require the defendant to pay to the Oregon Cooperative Grain Growers 25 cents a bushel as liquidated damages because he sold 15,000 bushels of wheat to parties other than the growers' body.

This case was filed in the circuit court of Sherman county. It is the first time question has become before a court in just this form. The decision holds the provision of the co-operative marketing agreement valid and enforceable, which fixes a specific sum to be allowed as liquidated damages in case of a breach on the part of the grower to deliver his wheat as provided in the contract. Two reasons are given for the validity and enforceability of the provision, viz: (1) By the provision of the contract itself, the actual damages being difficult of ascertainment or ad measurement; and (2) by legislative enactment.

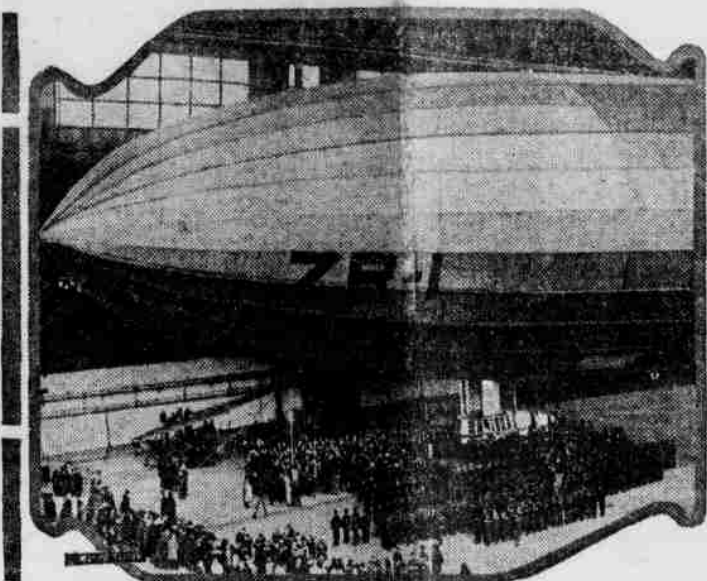
The Oregon law provides that the by-laws and marketing contracts of co-operative associations may fix, as liquidated damages, specific sums to be paid by a member of the association of the marketing contract regarding the sale or delivery or withholding of products; and any such provisions shall be valid and enforceable in the courts of the state.

MANY DESCENDANTS HONOR PIONEER WOMAN

An enjoyable family reunion was held during Christmas week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Cox at Lexington. Mrs. Cox's mother, Mrs. Susan L. Gierking, was entertained by her children's families, including five of her six children, twenty-two of her thirty-two grand children and six of her seventeen great grandchildren. Of Mrs. Cox's family there were present Mr. and Mrs. Jay Cox, of Boardman, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Young, of Heppner, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Young, of Heppner, each with two little ones, and two younger sons. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Beck, of Eltopia, Wash., with ten children, Mr. and Mrs. Asher Montague, of Arlington, with five children, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gerking, of Bridal Veil, with two, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Gerking, of Holdman.

Mrs. Gerking is a pioneer of upper Eightmile, her husband, Mr. James Gerking, having settled on what is now called the Alstott ranch in 1882.

Naming the ZR-1 "Shenandoah"



A christening party was held in honor of the ZR-1 at Lakehurst, N. J., and Mrs. Edwin Denby, wife of the secretary of the navy, named the giant dirigible "Shenandoah," thus officially placing it in commission. Many notables from all over the country attended the christening of America's largest airship, designed, built and manned by the United States navy.

WILLOW CREEK FISH GO ON CHRISTMAS SPREE

Unconfirmed stories from Willow creek have reached this office to the effect that a strange phenomena marked Christmas day along the banks of that classic stream. Trout and other members of the finny tribe are said to have gone on the warpath and showed every evidence of being on a regular Christmas spree. Dame Rumor has it that the fishes went to the extreme of leaving the water, their natural element, and taking to the fields and barn yards, where they prowled around with blood in their eye looking for trouble. At one ranch, it is said, the farmer had a big house cat trained to catch fish and bring them to the house. This cat, so the rumor goes, went down to the creek Christmas morning, when a big 15-inch trout leaped from the water and attacked the feline with such ferocity that Tom beat a hasty retreat and took refuge in an apple tree near the kitchen door, where he waited for help. Other similar stories are current but are unconfirmed and the Herald is not vouching for any of them but allows every reader to be his own judge as to the truth.

Strange as the stories sound, however, there are a number of people disposed to accept them as facts for the reason that Sheriff McDuffee and District Attorney Notson and their assistants are known to have emptied some 25 gallons of high power booze into the creek on Christmas eve and as a little of the liquid is said to go a long way in cultivating the fighting spirit in those who partake, the stories may be largely true. They argue further that it has long been an axiom that certain brands of home brew will, if partaken of by a rabbit, cause him to rear up and spit in a coyote's face, and if that is true why not expect the same of a fish?

The contraband liquor destroyed by the sheriff was the store which has accumulated in the vaults during the past two years as the result of numerous raids on distilleries and bootleggers and was recently ordered destroyed by prohibition authorities.

Bill Ayers, janitor, former custodian of contraband, and all around authority on such matters, is of the opinion that the officials made a mistake in their disposal of the bottled goods. "Why," he asks, "should these officers who are supposed to be the custodians of the community morals, thus place temptation in the way of these poor, little, innocent fishes and start them on the downward course that leads only to a drunkard's grave. Why did they not turn the stuff over to me and allow me to take it out to some nice, quiet spot and bury it with the bottles intact and the corks in place so that even the soil and the angle worms would not be tampered? Anyway," he concludes, "if they wanted to give it to the fishes, I could have told them of a lot of suckers around Heppner who would have gladly accepted a share of the stuff."

CONGRESS WILL HEAR PLANS FOR FARM RELIEF

Washington, D. C., Dec. 26.—Two pieces of farm relief legislation will be before congress for consideration by the agricultural committees of the two houses after the holiday recess.

One is the Coulter plan, which provides for a program of agricultural diversification to be financed by the government through a revolving fund of \$50,000,000 to be appropriated by congress. This plan is incorporated in bills introduced jointly in senate and house by Senator Norbeck of South Dakota and Representative Burtness of North Dakota.

Wheat Bill Under Way

The other plan is one intended to help the wheat growers alone and was brought to Washington recently by George C. Jewett of Minneapolis and Portland, general manager of the American Wheat Growers, Associated, Inc. This plan is now being drafted in a bill to be introduced in the senate by Senator McNary of Oregon, chairman of the senate subcommittee on agricultural appropriations. It provides for levying a tax on all wheat moving to market in any part of the United States, the fund so created to be used in paying a premium of probably 30 cents a bushel on all wheat exported.

Such a process, it is declared, would raise the domestic price level to the world price plus the premium, and to put it in effect would cost the grower about 5 to 7 cents on every bushel produced. This plan also calls for a revolving fund appropriation of something near \$50,000,000.

Appropriations Only Bon

The two plans conflict in no way except as to the difficulty of obtaining appropriations from congress to meet the demands of both measures. The Coulter scheme perhaps holds the more advantageous position, because it seems to enjoy administration favor on account of its purpose to bring about diversification in those sections where farmers are too strongly committed to a single crop, as in the spring wheat belt of Minnesota and the Dakotas, and in such other wheat growing areas as the Palouse and Umatilla countries of the Pacific northwest.

Roy Dykstra Gets Picture in Paper

Roy G. Dykstra, a first grade pupil in the O. A. C. training school, got his picture in the Portland paper last week by reason of his making the presentation speech when the purse raised by his grade to "buy the tail of the cow" recently pledged by O. A. C. students for the Children's Farm Home near Corvallis. Roy is a son of R. G. Dykstra, principal of the John Day schools and a grandson of George Dykstra, of Heppner. The boy's mother is taking a graduate course in teachers training at the O. A. C. this winter.

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FARMERS UNION HOLDS CONVENTION AT EUGENE

COOLIDGE'S FREIGHT RATE PROPOSAL IS ADOPTED

Restrictions on Abuse of Initiative and Referendum Is Asked and Truth-in-Fabric Bill

Eugene, Ore., Dec. 21.—Herbert Egbert of The Dalles, and Mrs. G. B. Jones of Monmouth, were re-elected president and secretary-treasurer at the final sessions here of the state convention of the Educational and Co-operative Farmers' union of Oregon. R. P. Laird of Creswell, was chosen vice-president to fill the office left vacant by A. G. Rempel of Rickreall, who served as vice-president for four years. Mr. Rempel and H. B. Davidhizer of Joseph, were elected to the executive council, and A. B. Swift of Baker, was re-elected national delegate. H. R. Richards of The Dalles, was selected as alternate for Mr. Swift. The officers were installed during the afternoon.

Wasco county was selected as the next meeting place, and it is probable that the gathering will be held at The Dalles. During the business sessions, committee reports and reports of county presidents were made.

A tax on wheat in order to create a subsidy for the exported surplus with the object of benefiting the whole trade as outlined by several wheat growers' associations and supported by various other organizations, was heartily indorsed in a resolution introduced by the committee on marketing, headed by A. R. Shumway, ex-state president of the union. This plan, as explained to the members, provides for a tax on wheat exported, which is said to constitute one fourth of the crop of the United States. This plan will stabilize the price of wheat so that it may be grown at a profit, in the opinion of the union.

The marketing committee also strongly urged grading and standardizing of all products, and supported cooperative marketing associations of all kinds. The union went on record as favoring a national cooperative marketing act by congress which would create crop pools and make warehouse receipts legal tender.

Lower freight rates on farm products and machinery, as advocated by President Coolidge, were incorporated in the resolutions adopted by the order. Restrictions on the abuse of the initiative and referendum acts were also asked. The attempt to resubmit the income tax to the voters of the state was condemned and a truth-in-fabric bill was again indorsed.

COUNTY OFFICIALS TO CONVENE AT CAPITOL

The annual convention of county judges and commissioners will meet at Salem January 10-11-12 and will be attended by Judge Campbell and Commissioners Benge and Davidson. The meeting is an important one, giving officials from the various counties an opportunity of comparing notes and the different methods of handling county affairs for the best interests of the people.

The Morrow county officials will also attend the meeting of the state highway commission on January 8 and 9, when they will collaborate with the officials of Umatilla county in working out a plan with the highway commission for the completion of the unfinished link of the Oregon-Washington highway between Lena and Pilot Rock.

At the Salem meeting an elaborate program has been arranged for the entertainment of the visiting county officials which will include visits to the different state institutions. They will lunch at the insane asylum and dine at the penitentiary, and, if no serious charges are preferred against any of the visitors they will doubtless be released from both places in due time.

FACTION FIGHT IN KLAN IS BITTER SAYS CLARKE

FORMER I. W. SENDS PRESIDENT AN OPEN LETTER

Organization Fast Becoming Master Political Machine in Many States of U. S.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Warfare which will make the mountain feuds of Kentucky look like play will break out between factions of the Ku Klux Klan unless present conditions are removed, Edward Young Clarke, formerly imperial wizard of the Klan, predicted here today in a statement.

"Edgar Fuller, Clarke's representative here, said Clarke was here to take his appeal personally to the president if possible. Fuller said Clarke was suffering from a bad cold today and was denying himself to all callers."

After an open letter from Clarke had been left at the White House offices by Fuller, Clarke, in a sensational statement, declared he was through with the Klan; that a reign of lawlessness "almost beyond belief" is attributable to Klan strength in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas and Oklahoma; that in Ohio, Michigan and parts of Illinois the Klan is becoming a "master political machine."

Clarke said the licensed carrying of guns by klansmen should be prohibited "as the influence on the individual who carries the gun is injurious and serves to make him an undesirable citizen."

"In Pennsylvania and Indiana, licenses to carry guns have been and are being obtained by klansmen under an old unexpired law with relation to the protection of cattle and other animals," Clarke said.

"I am informed that within the last few days about 150 such commissions have been issued at one time in Indiana and Ohio," he declared.

He is making himself a target, Clarke said, out of a feeling that it is his duty to "make war on a condition and a process of development through which the Klan is passing and which, unless checked, will mean either the destruction of the Klan or the development of an organization to a point where it will be a real menace to the nation."

Sees Great Animosity

"The Klan today on the inside, is a seething mass of animosity, strife and hatred and unless something is done to change the situation there will be practical feudal warfare. The far-famed mountain feuds of Kentucky were but play in comparison to the bitterness and hatred now existing between the two factions, and bloodshed is as certain to come as night follows day."

Good men in the Klan are afraid to speak out, he said. Legislators, senators and congressmen "are being whipped into line," and for this reason, he said, "it has become necessary for me to declare myself or prove untrue to the allegiance to my country."

Clarke is head of the faction which opposes control of the Klan under the administration of Hiram Evans, present imperial wizard.

The open letter presented by Fuller was a violent attack on the present control of the K. K. K.

As now operated, Clarke's letter said, the Klan is "a real menace to law and order, individual rights and democratic political government."

He said "that the thing which alarms me most in connection with the organization is the apparent trend of thought inside the ranks of the membership toward disregard for law and order and the tendency of the membership to assume local, state and national political dictatorship and in my judgment when any powerful secret organization assumes either of the above attitudes it immediately becomes a real menace to free government and the rights, privileges and liberties guaranteed under the constitution."

"I have received from widely scattered sections of the country direct and authoritative information that the Klan is rapidly developing nationally as a cheap political machine and in sections where it is strongest, brazenly and openly superseding the authority of the courts through char-

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