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STATE'S COAL SUPPLY MAY BE DIVERTED EAST

Fuel, coal particularly, that now looks to Oregon and Washington for markets will undoubtedly be diverted east in an effort to overcome to a degree the estimated national 85,000,000 ton deficiency.

This is the opinion of Fuel Administrator Holmes of Oregon based on information from Washington and his knowledge of local conditions.

The recent visit of national fuel administration officials to the Pacific Northwest presages the enforcement of a "fuel ration" order. This is indicated by the fact that Holmes already is making a survey of the state to ascertain the needs of the various districts. In this regard Holmes states that he plans to allow householders to order fuel, both wood and coal, in unlimited quantities just so long as possible. When necessity demands, however, he will curtail supplies, holding that national needs are superior to those of individuals or of industry not essential to winning the war.

HAD FUNNY FEELING AFTER BEE STUNG HIM

The sting of a bee is not looked upon as being of any serious consequence outside of a little swelling and pain for the time being, but it sure acted different on H. T. Hart, who operates a small apiary on his ranch in the western part of town. Mr. Hart is not yet as well up on the bee culture game as some, although he does not take a back seat when it comes to raising alfalfa or spuds. Therefore he sought the advice of William Brown, who is an expert bee man, and together they went to Mr. Hart's apiary Sunday in order that the latter might take a lesson in the proper handling of the honey makers.

He got his lesson alright, for just as he was approaching the hives a seemingly maddened bee that did not recognize its owner planted his stinger in the flesh just under the left eye of the gentleman. In this case of a bee sting, unlike others, there was no apparent swelling, but shortly after being stung the "funny feeling" began and Mr. Hart's flesh began to itch and burn all over, and he became very ill. This feeling lasted for several hours, and for a time his condition was serious.

But he pulled through in good shape, and is now pondering over whether he wants to let Mr. Brown give him a second lesson in bee culture or let the gentleman look after the apiary for him.

RABBITS BECOMING NUMEROUS AGAIN

Reports have been coming in of damage being done crops by rabbits, which are again becoming quite numerous in this part of the county. J. F. Strasser, out in Columbia district, is one farmer that is successfully combating the pest with a little mixture that he puts up and sets out around his place occasionally. He says it is a sure destroyer of the jack-rabbit, and he hands it along to us to print in The Herald so that others who are bothered by the rabbits may have the benefit of this recipe. Here it is:

Mix together two ounces of strychnine, cup of salt and cup of sugar (brown sugar, syrup or other sweetening will do), then bore inch hole or two in a 2x4, making about an inch deep, and fill with the mixture. Take this and place it in run-way or on ditch bank, or other places.

Won't Allow Profiteering

Acting on instructions issued by National Fuel Administrator Garfield, Fred J. Holmes, fuel administrator for Oregon, has notified all coal dealers that they cannot add the extra freight charge, effective June 25, to their retail price unless they have actually paid the charge themselves. In other words Uncle Sam is determined that the new freight rate elevation shall not be made the excuse for profiteering. Violators of the order will be punished.

J. W. Messner and Miss Margaret White accompanied the Strohm auto party to Hidayay Springs to enjoy a week's outing.

IMMENSE STORES ARE NEEDED TO FEED MEN

An account of how soldiers are fed at sea is given thusly in the daily newspaper published on one of Uncle Sam's transports:

"Outside of providing 210,000 meals at sea, the mess officer of the ship has very little to do—very little. He is called upon to provide, by the regulations, 180 different varieties of food. That's all. Ever try to order 180 things to eat? Yet this is the authentic list.

"The food needed to feed several thousand men at sea ranges beyond the glutton's dream. You get the answer in the ship down below the water line, where 7290 loaves of bread have been baked in one day, and where you stumble over every variety, from 60,000 pounds of beef to 133,000 eggs, or a compartment of brick ice cream in a ten degrees above zero vault. And if this doesn't suit, you can bump along into 49,324 pounds of potatoes, 7100 pounds of ham and bacon, 7800 pounds of butter, 9200 pounds of sugar and 61,500 pounds of flour.

"If you can't get a meal out of that you can still fall back on 4600 pounds of sausage, 3400 pounds of sauerkraut, 26,000 pounds of apples, 19,800 pounds of oranges and 4200 pounds of onions. And this leaves out 1600 pounds of jam and 9400 pounds of lima and navy beans."

NEW BOOKS AT THE HERMISTON LIBRARY

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Blake, Graded poetry, 6 vols.
Brown, Little Miss Phoebe Gay.
Coe, First book of stories for the story teller.

Cole, First aid for boys.
Curtis, Indian days of long ago.
Dewey, Lessons on morals.
Dix, Betty Bide at home.
Fletcher, Old settler stories.
Foster, Something to do, girls.
Grover, Overall boys in Switzerland.
Holland, Historic events of colonial days.

Johnsor, Our little Viking cousin.
Low, How girls can help their country.

Macaulay, Camp Jolly.
Macaulay, Lays of ancient Rome.
Meigs, Master Simon's garden.
Peattie, Sarah Brewster's relatives.
Richards, Pig brother.
Rix, Assembly song book.
Sabin, Boy settler.
St. Nicholas, Civil war stories.
Scott, Ivanhoe.
Scoville, Brave deeds of Union soldiers.

Seaver, American boys' book of electricity.
Smith, Common school book of vocal music.

Smith, Under the cactus flag.
Sneath, Golden deed book.
Sneath, Golden door book.
Sneath, Golden key book.
Sneath, Golden ladder book.
Sneath, Golden path book.
Sneath, Golden word book.
Snyder, Rhymes for kiddy children.
Starrett, Charm of fire manners.
Stein, Rosechen and the wicked magpie.

Tomlinson, Trail of Tecumseh.
Van Sickle, Readers.
Verrill, Harper's gasoline engine book.

Warren, Little pioneers.
Whitham, Shepherd of the ocean.
Wilkins, In colonial times.
Williams, Choice literature.
Wiltse, Stories of kindergarten.
Yonge, Book of golden deeds.
Young, Literary readers.

ADULT BOOKS

Bailey, Mistress Anne.
Burnett, T. Tembarom.
Butler, Dominic Deao.
Canfield, Understood Betsey.
Marshall, Watermeades.
Rives, Long lane's turning.
Reith, All in it.
Roshar, With the flying squadron.

Yesterday the food administration again put flour back on the 50-50 basis. Merchants of this city are now endeavoring to secure this commodity for their patrons.

Miss Margaret Spottwell is now acting as librarian, Mrs. Benedict having resigned to go to Portland to live. The library hours now are 1 to 5:30 p. m. and 6:30 to 9:30 p. m.

KAISER ON A VISIT TO BRUGGE, FLANDERS



Photograph showing the German kaiser walking through the streets of Brugge, Flanders, on his way to the museum, followed by his staff.

RECORD OF ENLISTMENT

Name..... Age.....
Home Address..... (Street)..... (City).....
Occupation Before War..... Married.....
Entered Service When..... Where.....
Branch of Service.....
Transfers.....
Rank.....
(Include promotions and dates)
Nearest relative.....
Address..... Relationship.....
Present Address.....
Signature of Informant.....

Friends and relatives of boys in service are asked to fill out above and mail to M. R. Chessman, secretary, Pendleton, Ore. Phone 123.

UMATILLA ITEMS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. C. G. Brownell and niece, the Misses Duncan, are spending a few days in Portland.

Miss Neva Spinning of Prosser is visiting at the W. B. Spinning home.

Roy Surran left Sunday for Medford, Ore., to be gone until after the Fourth.

Lee Carroll was an over Sunday guest at the S. T. Carroll home.

Mr. Yerxa and son Roger were in Hermiston Friday.

A. G. Ford and family are visiting relatives in Portland.

A beach party was given Sunday evening in honor of Ed. Pounds, who has enlisted.

Mrs. Edwards was calling on Mrs. Wellman Sunday.

Lou Brownell and family spent Sunday with friends in Hermiston.

Dan Clark who has been working on the steam shovel is now employed at The Dalles.

Mrs. H. T. Duncan is spending a few weeks with friends in Portland.

Clyde Smith and family have moved to The Dalles.

CIVIL WAR EMBLEM WAVED HERE ON FOURTH

Floating majestically to the breeze along with the city flag at the mast-head of the flag pole at the head of Main street on the Fourth of July was a civil war flag that was hand-made by Mrs. G. Dorkee in Chautauque county, N. Y., in 1863. The treasured emblem of emancipation days is now owned by N. B. Whitford, a rancher residing one mile north of Hermiston, who became its possessor at the time of the death of its maker in Spokane in 1911.

Being imbued with patriotic principles, Mr. Whitford brought the treasured flag to town with him on the morning of the Fourth, and requested that it be swung to the flag pole so that all celebrators of Independence Day might view the victorious relic of days long gone by that were even more troublesome for America's principles of democracy than they are now.

The flag contained 35 stars, the number of states in the Union at the time it was made.

COUNCIL TALKED ON ROAD IMPROVEMENT

When the change is made from gas power to electricity at the city pumping station the reservoir on Hermiston butte will be flushed and cleaned. At that time the council plans to do a little road improvement by flushing the city streets with water that will come from the hydrants in the flushing process and then put on the road drag and smooth up the chack holes in the main thoroughfares.

A motion prevailed that L. W. Furnas be requested to pay for the use of the city's pipe line to convey water to 3 1/2 acres of his land in section 10 on the west side at the rate of \$20 per year for the past five years.

Owners of shade trees on thoroughfares that obstruct the vision of opposite going vehicles will be asked to trim them in order to avoid accidents.

The city clerk's report was passed and ordered published.

TAKES HALF INTEREST IN CITY MARKET

R. C. Challis on Tuesday of this week sold a half interest in his meat market and grocery store to W. H. Hoffman, who for some time past has held a clerical position in the dry goods and grocery store of B. S. Kingsley.

Mr. Hoffman is experienced in the meat as well as the grocery business, having formerly operated like establishments in another part of this state and in the neighboring state of Washington.

With the beginning of this co-partnership Mr. Challis will forego inside work in future, and will attend henceforth to all outside business for the new firm, while Mr. Hoffman will handle the inside work. The change to the outside became necessary on account of Mr. Challis' health, which he believes will soon improve with open air exercise.

Good Fishing at Ray Creek

George Corsc, William Mikesell and Charles Percy returned Sunday well laden with trout that they lured from the waters of Ray creek on one of the Standfield ranches some distance beyond Hepper. They intend making another trip soon to the same place.

WATER USERS ASSOCIATION CLEARING INDEBTEDNESS

FOURTH OF JULY WAS SANELY CELEBRATED

Picnics, reunions and family gatherings marked the celebration of Independence Day locally this year, and the noisy firecracker was for once noticeable by its absence. Early Thursday morning a large caravan composed of people from town and country with well filled baskets began moving toward the picnic ground on the Umatilla river west of this city, where all who participated had a most excellent time.

Pioneers of Jefferson county residing on the project went to Stanfield, where Jefferson county people from all over this county assembled for the holding of a grand reunion while celebrating the Fourth.

Some there were that went to Hidayay and Lehman Springs for a day's outing, while others gathered with relatives and friends in little parties, and still others went to distant places to make vacation visits.

Most of the business houses, though closed, were nicely decorated with flags and bunting and these decorations and the air breathed patriotism and fealty on all sides to our government.

CALLED TO REPORT FOR DUTY ON JULY 22ND

L. H. Pearson and his son William returned from Tacoma Sunday after having been there most of last week attending the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Pearson's daughter Lucile, and renewing acquaintances with former friends.

While there William Pearson called on the draft board, he having registered in that city before coming here a year ago when the conscription law became effective. After looking over his classification the board ordered him to report on July 22 for physical examination. Should he pass at that time he will immediately go to Camp Lewis and begin active training for the army.

SOLDIER AND SAILOR INSURANCE LARGE

So far more than 3,000,000,000 government checks have been sent out by the bureau of war risk insurance, most of which were for allotments and allowances to the families and dependents of the enlisted men in the army and navy. The total disbursements of the bureau up to June 10 were more than \$98,000,000, of which \$97,000,000 was for allotments and allowances.

More than 850,000 checks a month are sent out, approximately 35,000 being mailed out every day. The first checks for the June allotments were sent out July 1, just as the first May payments began on June 1. Relatives and dependents of the insured men should remember that the payments for any month can not be mailed out sooner than the first day of the succeeding month.

SECOND HAND STORE ENTERED BY THIEVES

M. Duty's second hand store was entered by a burglar the latter part of last week and a watch and a number of pocket knives were taken. Evidently the one who entered had a pass key and went in by way of the front door and after looting the place made his exit by the back door, both being found open when the proprietor came to the store the morning after. The watch and one knife have been recovered, they having been found by some small boys where the thief had evidently dropped them in his hurry to get away.

Timely Topics at Library

Liberty war map of the western front—Gives battle lines, towns, roads, the twelve military sectors, etc., clearly marked. There is a separate index accompanying this of all towns, rivers, military districts, etc., so that any desired location may be quickly found.

The regular monthly meeting of the board of water users was held Tuesday night. The few bills were audited and a warrant issued for \$150 on the association indebtedness to the First National bank of Hermiston, thereby reducing the indebtedness to \$704.

With the notes of water users already given to the association and the collections coming in right along the board feels well satisfied with the outlook for cleaning the slate of all association debts.

The matter of securing early irrigation was talked over and left with the president for adjudication with the project manager. The board also canvassed the matter of having a range in the forest reserve set aside for the use of the settlers. The board decided to secure the grazing land if possible, and then let the ranchers here get together and make their own arrangements for use of it the coming season.

DO YOUR SHARE IN PURCHASE OF W. S. S.

The chairman of the War Savings Stamps committee hopes to avoid the necessity of making a house to house drive to get our quota of war savings certificates subscribed, but the people here must not assume that we have reached our share in this allotment. We are far short of our per capita subscription and it will be necessary for those who have not purchased their quota to plan on doing so during the next six months. It should not be necessary to urge the people that this full amount of \$20.00 per capita must be taken care of here. Unless we have provided for this patriotic participation in our government war needs we should early see to it that we are duly registered now. No one should presume that some one else will do their part.

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN UMATILLA COUNTY

The first man in Umatilla county to begin harvesting was Farmer Wells of Nolin, who began Monday of this week cutting on his 600 acres of wheat. Besides the wheat he has 80 acres of barley. He expects to have a fair crop.

The unexpected happened at Free-water the other day, when T. F. Kendall, chairman of the Freewater Patriotic League, received a flogging at the hands of a man named Beckler, who would not stand for being called a pro-German by the league chairman.

The cherry harvest in the Milton-Freewater district seems to have been nearly up to the standard at the close of shipments the latter part of last week, 35 carloads having been shipped.

A four year contract has been let by the government to David Pearson to carry the mail between Echo and Lena on a three days a week schedule at a salary of \$1400 a year.

Pendleton weather bureau records the driest spring and summer this year that has occurred since the establishment of the bureau 28 years ago.

Auto tourists and others complain of the awful condition of the highway below Echo on the river road to Pendleton. The place most kicked at is where the county authorities had grading done, which has since turned into a veritable sand blow.

Dog days seem to have struck Pilot Rock, a dog having created quite a little excitement there one day last week, when it went mad and bit several of its kind.

Navy Boy Home on Visit

Walter B. Beasley, electrician on the battleship North Dakota, now stationed in New York harbor, arrived here on the morning of the Fourth, and will remain until the 14th of July visiting relatives and friends and attending to business matters. Being a member of the local fire department, the fire laddies will give a banquet in his honor after the regular meeting of the organization next Monday night. Ice cream and cake will be served, and all members are requested to attend.

The maximum temperature during the past week was 96 degrees above zero and the minimum 38. No rainfall was recorded.