

BASEBALL WAR TO BE ENDED AT NEW YORK, FRIDAY

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The future status of big league baseball will be decided at a peace conference of representatives of the National, American and Federal leagues here tomorrow, if the expectations of the magnates who have framed the tentative agreement after three years of war are fulfilled.

Members of the National league here in their annual meeting are waiting today for the arrival of the conference committee appointed by the American league to ratify the proposed terms of peace.

No authoritative statement has been made of the terms of peace.

Chief among knotty problems remaining to be solved is that involved in the demand of President Gilmore that organized baseball must take over the \$380,000 payroll of the Federal league.

Many Federal league players fear they will be out of a job next season, while others of the two big leagues expect to have to play for less money than heretofore.

As one player put it, "the club owners will do the dictating now and the players will sign for what the magnates offer them."

To conclude the business of the annual meeting, the American league club owners remained in session until long after last midnight. The rule adopted prohibiting American league players from writing for newspapers had the approval of every club owner, it was said.

POLES DRILLING TO FREE POLAND

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Camps for the military training of Poles have been established in various centers throughout the United States, according to Sub-Lieutenant Wacław Stępiński, who is in command of one of the camps near Harverstraw, N. Y., a short distance up the Hudson river. Stępiński estimated that 3000 Poles have been drilled or are now drilling at the various camps.

The purpose of the drilling, the sub-lieutenant says is to prepare the Poles in the United States to free Poland or to defend the United States in war.

GARMENT WORKERS IN CHICAGO WIN STRIKE

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—The strike of 15,000 garment workers which, for three months, has practically tied up the clothing manufacturing business of Chicago, will be settled within ten days, Sidney Hillman, president of the Garment Workers' union, announced today.

According to Hillman the strikers practically have won all they demanded.

MARY PICKFORD AT STAR THEATER TODAY



Mary Pickford appears at the Star today and tonight only in "Little Pal."

"Little Pal" is a half-breed Indian maid who attains the supreme nobility of woman through love and sacrifice. It is the first time that Miss Pickford has ever appeared in a feature whose central character is such a type, and in order to acquire the habits and mannerisms of the Indian girl Miss Pickford a few months ago engaged the daughter of a full-blooded Indian in Colorado as a companion. For weeks Miss Pickford watched, studied and analyzed the movements of the red maid, imitating them in private, until she was confident that she could portray the little Indian maid with absolute fidelity and naturalness. Her marvelous mimic powers are evident in her screen presentation of this unusual character.

LIME CARBONATE A SOIL STIMULANT OF GREAT VALUE

By W. W. WATSON.

Notwithstanding our seasonal advantages and the responsive richness of our soils, whether in the bottom lands or the residual areas, we have so far had no really diversified farming by intensified methods in the Rogue River valley. Unreasonable freight tariffs to the larger markets and the absence of canneries of large capacities, silos in which to provide succulent feeds for the dairies and factories to handle raw materials of various kinds have combined to militate against that type of agriculture.

But it is obviously clear that this advanced type of farming may not much longer be deferred. The markets are eager for our products. Far-sighted farmers believe they discern the approach of the day when we shall have improved transportation facilities. And all are agreed that we must have the irrigation just as early as brains and brawn can get it to us. There need be no doubt about the money if the unit system shall be adopted. Cultivation of farms under the Rogue River canal system has decisively demonstrated the great value of irrigation in the matter of added yield and the quality of the product, while successive droughts have forever settled the question as to the uselessness of cultivating the soil in this valley without water from a modern system of irrigation.

A Word About Fertilizers

A prime requisite to success in diversified farming, granting that we have irrigation and transportation facilities, both for our raw and our manufactured articles, is a well-balanced content of plant food in the soil. In many places in this valley some attention will be required to the use of commercial fertilizers. Since an eminent American chemist has said that "lime carbonates may be said to be the basis of civilization, let us see how lime may be used to maintain this reputation."

The value of this material has been proved by thousands of years of use in our civilization. Soil fertility in Europe and China has been maintained for long periods without the ordinary commercial fertilizers by the use of the right forms of lime in the right manner. American agriculture is far behind in this respect, with depleted fertility after a brief period of cultivation. Where an abundance of humus exists in non-acid soil conditions, ordinary fertilizers gave excellent results for a time; but the soil, even under these conditions, eventually becomes impoverished. Elements of fertility may be there, but they need stimulation. They do not combine and are, therefore, not available as plant food.

Lime Carbonate Needed

Carbonate of lime is absolutely needed, as shown by the fact that, if it is not supplied, the growth of the plant ceases as soon as it has used the lime contained in the seed. Products raised in soil deficient in lime are poor in quality, and, on account of the lesser quantity of lime in the plants, they are less nourishing as a food. On soils rich in lime, the plants are compact, short-jointed, stouter in stem and far more luxuriant.

Peas, beans, vetch, clovers of all kinds and alfalfa require an abundance of lime. It produces a chemical change in the soil which renders plant food more available; and it produces a mechanical change which brings the soil into more favorable relation with water and the air. Soil poor in lime and rich in clay is very impervious to water, and after a heavy rainfall or irrigation it remains wet too long. The air cannot penetrate a soil of this kind; hence, there is no soil aeration.

Lime renders the potash of the soil more available. A large part of the potash of our soils is present in comparatively insoluble silicates. Lime decomposes the silicates, setting the potash free and thus greatly increasing its availability.

The presence of lime in the soil prevents the soluble phosphoric acid, applied in fertilizers, from satisfying its hunger for a base by combining with iron and alumina. Phosphoric acid takes the lime in preference, and the reverting phosphate thus formed is much more available.

Promotes Decomposition

Lime promotes the decomposition of substances such as humus, sod, stubble and weeds, and thus hastens the time when the valuable constituents of these materials are ready for use by the next crop. It is particularly valuable in soils in which organic matter naturally decays slowly. It favors the changes of ammonia into nitric acid—that is, it makes ammonia nitrogen more quickly available. Soils needing lime often contain acid not combined with a base. Such soils are sour. Lime is the

FORBES ROBERTSON IN "PASSING OF THE THIRD FLOOR BACK"



What a noteworthy record Forbes Robertson, the greatest English-speaking actor who makes his farewell visit to this city at the Page theatre on Wednesday, Dec. 22, in "The Passing of the Third Floor Back," has made for himself! To glance through the list of his achievements is to wonder how any single man has found the time to do so much and more—to do everything so well. Some one has written that "Forbes-Robertson has done nothing common and nothing mean." For forty years he has been before the public and according to his own testimony he has known but three idle weeks in his entire career—that is three weeks of enforced idleness. He has had his rests and his vacations, but these have been voluntary holidays.

Since he reached a position where in he might dictate the length of his seasons, he has consistently adhered

most effective agent used to sweeten soils.

Lime makes the soil more mellow. The soil which contains little lime is pulverized only with great difficulty. It adheres to the implements. A loam rich in lime crumbles easily. A hard crust will form on most of the loam soils that are poor in lime if not disturbed for some weeks. It turns up in tenuous clouds. It is practically impossible, under these conditions, to keep the soil in perfect tilth. Lime, besides serving directly as a building material for all forms of vegetation, is the key which unlocks other treasures of the soil and supplies them also to growing plants.

Lime carbonate is also moisture conserving. It is known that limestone soils maintain their fertility for years. Scientific authorities agree that lime is a fundamental requirement for soil fertility, because it provides in a degree for essential chemicals, bacterial and physical conditions, as well as supplying a plant-food want.

Limestone flour for the purposes named should be ground fine, say 100 mesh, and it should be at least 90 per cent calcium carbonate. One hundred pounds of limestone will lost 44 pounds of carbonic acid in the fire. The application of this caustic lime should not be made either to soil or plants. It will injure the latter and do the former little, if any, good. Carbonate of lime may be applied directly to the tender plants beneficially.

The uses of lime on different soils and for different purposes will be explained in another article.

GOLD MEDAL ORATORY ST MARKS, FRIDAY

At St. Mark's Hall, Friday evening, Dec. 17.

Instrumental solo, Miss Genevieve Wortman.

Chorus.

Contestant No. 1, "Court of Last Appeal."

Contestant No. 2, "Which?"

Solo, Miss Bess Bryan.

Contestant No. 3, "My Boy."

Contestant No. 4, "The Ship."

Solo, Mrs. J. M. Gressley.

Contestant No. 5, "The Boy Orator."

Judges' decision.

Presentation of medal, Dr. A. R. Hedges.

Contestants—Mrs. J. Norris, Mrs. A. W. Walker, Miss Mary Seymour, Mrs. A. N. Hildebrand, Miss Grace I. Brown.

Judges—Mrs. C. D. Power, Mr. A. R. Chase, Prof. M. V. Hills.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS



IRRIGATION WILL BRING US SETTLERS FROM WILLAMETTE

Fred A. Munson, formerly a fruit grower of Benton county, this state, but in recent years engaged in another business, tarried in Medford last night en route to Shasta valley.

Mr. Munson is not unfamiliar with conditions in Jackson county, and, in reference thereto, he compared them with those in Benton. He is considerably discouraged over the continued and persistent absence of modern spirit in that part of the state, in intimate touch, as it is, with the state agricultural college and its constant demonstrations of what may be done with modern equipment and application of modern methods in agriculture and horticulture.

Living on Traditions

"We are yet living on our traditions," said Mr. Munson, "and we have no assurance of a change during the present generation. There is more real energy and enterprise in Southern Oregon manifested in all the principal lines of business, municipal and rural, than in the entire Willamette valley. There are exceptional sections in the latter, to be sure, but the spirit of push and vim isn't general as I find it here.

"Jackson county is one of the best known and most attractive counties in the state, in the matter of rural development and public enterprise. Its wonderful fruit development has had much to do with giving it desirable publicity, but it possesses climatic advantages that will always give it a marked superiority in many respects.

Jackson County Superior

"Benton has 100,000 more acres of cultivatable land than you have in Jackson, and yet there is much less in cultivation. In our county the soils have been worn out and there is no apparent desire on the part of farmers to resuscitate them. The grain production there, on an average, does not pay two percent on the investment in original land values and labor cost. Even the orchards are decaying in their prime. Transportation facilities are primitive, considering our water-route advantages; and our livestock interests receive slight attention.

"For these and other potent reasons," concluded Mr. Munson, "a good many people in the Willamette valley countries are turning their faces toward Southern Oregon. If your farmers secure general irrigation in the near future, you may expect to see quite an influx of farmers, stockmen and tradesmen generally from the best element of the valley counties are turning their faces toward Southern Oregon."

FRANCE LIKELY TO SEIZE ABYSSINIA

PARIS, Dec. 16.—The Excelsior says the foreign office committee of the chamber of deputies is considering a proposal made by Gratien Candace, a colored deputy from Guadeloupe, that France, in conjunction with her allies, immediately consider means of obtaining the military control of Abyssinia, under a guarantee of her independence.

This would be a counter stroke, M. Candace believes, to German efforts to incite native chiefs in the regions adjoining the Sudan to march on Khartoum and to stir up the Mussulman population.



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