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THE RURAL CREDITS BILL

THE signing of the rural credits bill by President Wilson, July 17, is a triumph of justice, and ends one of the big struggles of the sixty-fourth congress. Altogether there have been 118 rural credits bills in congress. They have included every shade of opinion from that which favors government supervision of a farm mortgage system to that which favors direct government loans to farmers.

The new bill as passed and signed and as described by the president, puts the farmers "upon an equality with all others who have genuine assets, and makes the great credit of the country available to them."

It is news to many persons that the farmer has never had the borrowing privilege without which the manufacturing and commercial interests of the country would perish.

Because the farmer has had no way to get money at a fair rate for a long time, the evils of the landlord system, one of which is the high cost of food, have increased by leaps and bounds in the last quarter of a century.

Successful farming is purely a development proposition, so far as time is concerned. It is a matter of years. But the banking business can be made successful only by turning loans over and over, rapidly, many times. The farmer and the banker work at cross purposes. Farmers have been largely shut out of the borrowing privilege.

Lately, as farming methods have become more scientific, the farmer's condition has become worse. Within the past decade, agricultural processes have been revolutionized. The best farmer is now trained in an agricultural college. Even the small farmer must practice intensive scientific processes. He is learning, among other things, that there is no such thing as profitable farming without stock, horses, cows, etc.

It takes at least five years to get a farm started, or to change from exclusive grain farming to grain and stock farming, another five to get it established in ordinary security, and another five to perfect it.

The farmer needs money to do all this, and he needs it on long time. This is exactly what the new rural credits bill is intended to supply him with.

It will permit the small farmer to prosper. It will encourage the back-to-the-land movement.

It is the first step in doing away with the terrible threat of landlordism in the United States. It will help the 50 per cent of the country's agriculturists, who are now renting farmers, to become land and home owners.

A PENDLETON GRAB

CONCEALED behind the veiled pretense of validating the state university at Eugene and the Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis, Pendleton has initiated a bill upon the November ballot for the establishment of a \$125,000 state normal school for eastern Oregon at Pendleton.

If Medford initiated a bill to establish the southern Oregon state normal school at Medford the action would be similar to that initiated by Pendleton.

For many years the eastern Oregon state normal school was conducted at Weston, just as the southern Oregon normal school was conducted at Ashland. In both towns the state still retains a considerable investment in land and buildings. If the normal schools are to be re-established, it is to the taxpayers' interests that they be re-established at their former sites. Just treatment of the towns that furnished subsidies and assisted in the maintenance of the normals demands it.

The attempted Pendleton grab is an abuse of the initiative, for only two years ago the people voted against reopening the normals. It is an injustice to the neighboring town of Weston—but Pendleton having successfully stolen a quarter million dollar state asylum from Baker, has no scruples about robbing Weston of the normal.

FIRE DESTROYS ASHLAND MINE

ASHLAND, July 24.—Fire at 4:30 yesterday morning completely destroyed the mining house of the Ashland mine. The mine contained ten stamps. The property recently taken over by a syndicate of Texas capitalists, had been completely overhauled and was being operated by A. W. Bartlett, of San Antonio, its manager. Developments as to extent of damage to stamps and other machinery await the cooling off process. Cause of fire unknown. Loss partially covered by insurance. The mine is located about three miles west of town.

POP BOTTLES KNOCK UMPIRE SENSELESS

TOLEDO, O., July 24.—The assault on Umpire George Johnston at the local American association park yesterday will result in the elimination of the bottle, according to plans under way by Manager Brennan and other stockholders of the club, it was announced last night. A paper substitute will be used, it was said. Johnston was knocked unconscious by one of fifty or more bottles thrown from the stands when the spectators were dissatisfied with a decision which meant defeat for the home club. The umpire left his hospital this morning with several stitches in the back of his head where the one bottle found its mark.

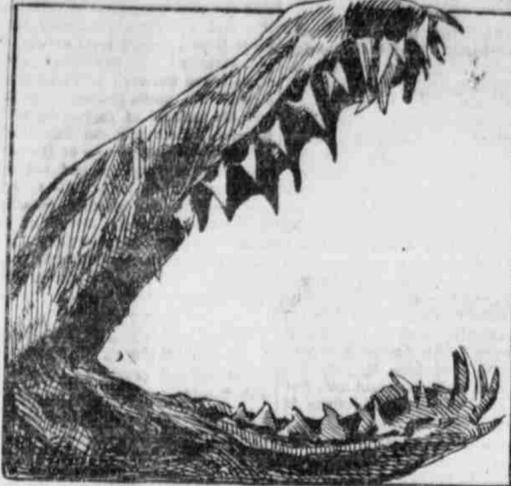
BIRTH OF A NATION AT PAGE THURSDAY

Many of the critics who have been sternest in their executions of American dramatists announce their belief that D. W. Griffith has "put over" the great American play at last. Mr. Griffith's wonderful spectacle drama "The Birth of a Nation," is referred to—the unique offering which opens a three day engagement at the Page theater, Medford, Thursday evening, July 27th.

For many years American dramatists wrote aside plays of particular states, cities or localities, ranging from "Alabama" to the "Henrietta" and from "Way Down East" to "The Great Divide." But no one man seemed to grasp the whole spirit and genius of America until David Wark Griffith picked a suggestion for his theme out of Dixon's "The Leopard's Spots" and "The Clansman," and started to develop it. The results of Mr. Griffith's efforts is a new and stupendous art for which no adequate name has yet been found. "The Birth of a Nation" combines spectacle, romance, domestic drama, comedy, tragedy, music, and mechanical effects into harmonious ensemble that captivates equally the eye and the ear in a presentation lasting 2 hours and 45 minutes it epitomizes the life of a nation.

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BRITISH CHASE RAIDING WARSHIPS BACK TO BELGIUM

LONDON, July 24.—Six German torpedo boat destroyers were engaged in a running fight by the British light forces off Schouwen Bank yesterday, says an official statement issued by the British admiralty this afternoon. The German vessels were repeatedly hit but they succeeded in reaching the Belgian coast.

The text of the official statement says: "At midnight of July 22, while near the North Hinder light vessel, some of our light forces sighted three enemy destroyers who retired before damage could be inflicted upon them. "Subsequently off Schouwen Bank six enemy destroyers were engaged and a running fight ensued during which the enemy was repeatedly hit but he succeeded in reaching the Belgian coast."

"One of our vessels was hit once and one officer and one man were slightly wounded. There was no other damage or casualties."

LONDON, July 24.—Heavy firing was heard off the Dutch coast all day Sunday, says a dispatch from The Hague to the Exchange Telegraph company. Five German destroyers were observed retiring towards Zeebrugge. Two of them had a heavy list.

BERLIN, July 24, via London.—German torpedo boats in their raid from Flanders on the night of July 22-23, went up to the mouth of the Thame without sighting any British naval forces, says an official statement issued today by the German admiralty. Later they encountered several small British cruisers but returned to their base undamaged.

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BRITISH CAVALRY NEAR SUEZ CANAL DEFEATED BY TURKS

CONSTANTINOPLE, July 24.—A defeat of British cavalry detachments by Turkish forces east of Suez, near the canal, is announced by army headquarters in today's official statement. The British fled towards the canal, pursued by the Turks.

British detachments, advancing west of Katia, 30 miles from the canal, were driven off by Turkish skirmishers.

A further retreat of Russian forces in Persia under Turkish pressure is reported in today's official war office statement, which says:

"In Persia, Russian forces which fled in disorder eastward attempted to offer resistance thirty kilometers west of Paandoz. We pursued them. The enemy, unable to offer battle, was obliged to withdraw towards the frontier."

"In the district of Pomana our advance detachments drove off enemy detachments approaching west of Katia."

"In fighting east of the town of Suez and near the canal between our detachments and two enemy cavalry parties the enemy fled towards the canal, leaving some dead. Our troops are in pursuit."

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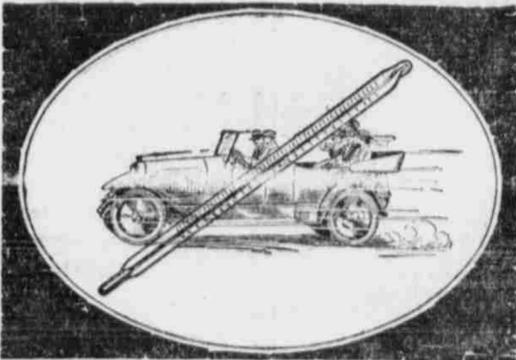


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