

INCREASED CROP MORE THAN PAID COST OF WATER

W. V. Barnum of Phoenix Packed 600 Boxes to the Acre of Newtowns When Without Irrigation Would Not Have Been a Crop—Phoenix Favorable to District Plan.

Irrigation has an ardent advocate in W. V. Barnum, a well known orchardist, whose place lies between Medford and Phoenix. It is, he believes, what the valley has needed for 20 years. Mr. Barnum has for the past six years made use of his own pumping plant for the irrigation of his orchard. The past year he placed his land under the Bear Creek ditch, believing that the expenditure of the additional \$20 per acre would be more than repaid in increasing crops.

Mr. Barnum is now backing the district plan in the belief that the orchardist cannot be too sure of his water supply. The past season he stated, Bear Creek furnished an abundance of water, yet he is not sure that this stream will always be at the high level of 1916 and he will not consider farming without an assured abundance of water for irrigation purposes.

Increased His Yield.

Through the use of his private pumping plant he has had fair crops through the past dry seasons, yet with the addition of water from the Bear Creek ditch, his yield was materially increased this year, packing six hundred boxes of Newtowns to the acre part of which ran 80 and 96 to the box and the bulk 125, 138 and 150. Without the Bear Creek water, he stated, he would not have gotten half this yield. Without water from his own plant or the ditch, he stated, his yield would have been practically nothing.

His trees are now well set with buds in spite of the heavy frost of the past season. This is due, he considers, primarily to the use of water. Prospects are bright for a bumper crop in 1917.

Mr. Barnum's soil is of an exceptionally light, gravelly formation, yet three light applications of water, he found sufficient to mature the heavy crop on the trees.

Meeting Held at Phoenix.

A meeting was held in Phoenix last Friday night for the purpose of discussing the proposed irrigation district. All present at the meeting expressed themselves as heartily in favor of the district, but desired a more thorough understanding of the terms of the contract under which water would be supplied and wished several matters relating to the storage of water at Fish Lake cleared up.

It was not generally understood that the present election will not decide either the terms of the contract or that the water need necessarily be taken from the Canal Co. The coming election will be held for the purpose of electing the directors of the district, who will, after carefully considering all propositions for the supplying of water to the district submit the most favorable plan to the voters of the district for the approval or rejection at a second election.

Points Cleared Up.

An opinion was expressed that the city of Medford might involve the Canal Co. in event that their proposition was accepted, in litigation from the fact that the city's water supply is drawn from Fish Lake, the same source as the Canal Company's supply. The belief arose from an understanding that the impure state of the city's water last fall arose from the drawing of water from the lake by the Canal Co. In reality the trouble with the city water arose from the fact that Fish Lake was drained and the litter of logs and stumps on the lake bottom was cleaned up and burned. The agitation of the water attendant upon the draining and

HUMAN ARSENAL, IN HOME-MADE SUIT OF ARMOR TERRORIZES COURT!



This picture shows Michael Ink, human arsenal, who invaded the court house at Hammond, Ind., and shot Judge Charles E. Greenwald, a bailiff and juror before being overpowered. He was dressed in a heavy coat of sheet iron and iron shoes. He carried a 33-inch sword, four revolvers, two hatchets, a blackjack, a long iron chain and a dagger.

cleaning was responsible for the sediment in the water.

As to the question of a guaranteed water supply; before accepting any proposition for furnishing the district with water, the directors of the district will have the advice of both state and government engineers, who will pass upon the adequacy of the water supply.

With an understanding of these points, it is thought that the farmers of the Phoenix district will vote favorably, at least, at the first district election.

Virginia Hardy, one of the most prominent of present day ingenues, who has been connected with a number of the most important dramatic organizations of the country, will be seen as Barbara Worth, in Mark Swan's dramatization of Harold Bell Wright's western classic, "The Winning of Barbara Worth," at the Page tonight. There are other noted members of the dramatic world included in this company, aside from a powerful cast. L. C. Yeomans has given the play a beautiful scenic production. It is one of the distinctive dramatic successes of the past two seasons.

Mrs. O. E. Hartson, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. P. Wortman, returned to Portland Monday evening.

BOOZE JITNEYS RUN TO PORTLAND FROM HORN BROOK

Snow, cold or rain cannot deter the drivers of the cars running a "Booze Special" line between Medford and Hornbrook and this morning a little Ford, mud covered and battered rolled into town from the north and after replenishing fuel supplies, left for Hornbrook.

The car is one of four, two Fords and two Studebakers, which beginning two days after the election are believed to have started a regular run between the Oregon metropolis and the wet town to the south. Each car makes a round trip about every ten days. The Fords have a cargo capacity for 100 quarts while the Studebakers carry a slightly larger quantity.

Several times the pilots of the cars have been arrested in Willamette valley towns yet some legal technicality brought about their release. One arrest occurred at Albany last week. The drivers were released. Their immunity will end when the legislature meets and sets a penalty for violation of the "bone dry" statute enacted at the last election.

The distribution of the cargoes of the cars is under careful surveillance at the present time by government agents it being thought there are several distributing stations along the route. Much of the running of the cars is done at night and so far no arrests have been made in this connection. However, within a week a raid is expected in towns north of Medford.

The arrival of the cars is being noted in different towns along the route, Chief Hittson having a car which arrived this morning under surveillance. The license on the car indicates that it is the property of Harry McDaniel of Portland.

A. B. Cornell was in town from Grants Pass Monday afternoon.

D. H. Miller autoed to Medford Monday.

PROPOSALS TO END GREAT WAR ARE SUBMITTED

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ties of war, the four allied powers propose to enter forthwith into peace negotiations.

Fighting for Honor

"The proposition which they bring forward for such negotiations and which have for their object a guarantee of existence, of honor and liberty, of evolution for their nations, are, according to their firm belief, an appropriate basis for the establishment of a lasting peace."

"The four allied powers have been obliged to take up arms to defend justice and the liberty of national evolution. The glorious deeds of our armies have in no way altered their purpose. We always maintained the firm belief that our rights and justified claims in way control the rights of these nations.

Ruin Threatened

"The spiritual and material progress which were the pride of Europe at the beginning of the twentieth century were threatened with ruin. Germany and her allies, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey, gave proof of their unconquerable strength in this struggle. They gained gigantic advantages over adversaries superior in number and war material. Our lines stand unshaken against ever repeated attempts made by armies.

"The last attack in the Balkans has been rapidly and victoriously overcome. The most recent events have demonstrated that further continuance of the war will not result in breaking the resistance of our forces and the whole situation with regard to our troops justifies our expectation of further successes."

GREAT BRITAIN IS NOW READY FOR PEACE

LONDON, Dec. 12.—Arthur Henderson, minister of pensions in the

first public speech to be made by any of the new ministers, warned the country against a premature peace. Speaking at a Clapham meeting, Mr. Henderson said: "The war has gone on too long for some people in this country. It is possible, in view of the military situation that we may become war weary. I want to warn every one of the danger of premature peace. By all means let our American friends



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With Medford trade is Medford made

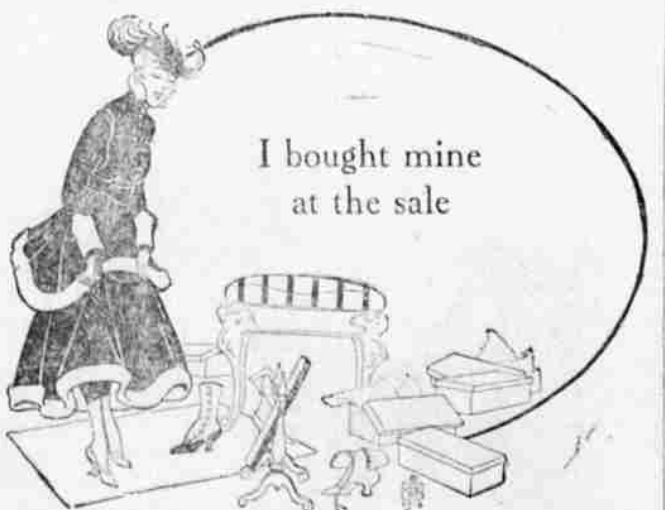
With the Fingers! Says Corns Lift Out Without Any Pain

Sore corns, hard corns, soft corns or any kind of a corn can shortly be lifted right out with the fingers if you will apply directly upon the corn a few drops of freesoze, says a Cincinnati authority.

It is claimed that at small cost one can get a quarter of an ounce of freesoze in any drug store, which is sufficient to rid one's feet of every corn or callus without pain or soreness or the danger of infection.

This new drug is an ether compound, and while sticky, dries the moment it is applied and does not inflame or even irritate the surrounding tissue.

This announcement will interest many women here, for it is said that the present high-heeled footwear is putting corns on practically every woman's feet.



Step around the corner and see for yourself the many bargains we offer in good shoes at reduced prices. Our Clearance Sale is on now. You can't afford to miss it. All Christmas slippers in this sale. Buy now and get the size you want.

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Smoking Jackets	\$5.00 to \$12.50	Trunks at	\$8.00 to \$20.00
Pajamas	\$1.50 to \$5.00	Collar Bags	\$1.00 to \$3.00
Night Robes	75c to \$3.00	Handkerchief Cases	\$1.00 to \$2.50
Sweaters, all styles and colors	\$3.00 to \$10.00	Tie Rings	\$1.00 to \$2.50
Mufflers	50c to \$2.50	Jewel Cases	\$1.00 to \$2.00
Handkerchiefs, silk and linen	25c to \$1.50	Cuff Links	50c to \$2.00
Silk Neckwear	25c to \$2.00	Link Sets	\$1.50 to \$3.00
Hosiery, silk and cotton	25c to \$1.50	Umbrellas	\$1.50 to \$10.00
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