

# CAMPAIGN TO INCREASE FOOD SUPPLY OPENED

Plans Launched to Stimulate Local Production—Gardens and Vacant Land to Be Utilized—Grow and Can Sufficient for Home Consumption.

Plans to increase food production in Medford and vicinity and to conserve the home food supply, as a war measure, were discussed at a committee meeting of citizens appointed Saturday, at the Commercial club on Monday forenoon, presided over by President C. W. McDonald of the club.

As a result efforts will be made to have all the gardens and vacant lots of the city planted and tilled to capacity with staples, such as potatoes, beans, peas and corn, which will be in unusual demand because of war conditions. The idea is to grow and can sufficient staples for home consumption, thus leaving the regular supply of packers' canning for consumption by the army, and those communities which cannot raise such products.

**Preparedness Campaign.** Not only will all able-bodied adult citizens be urged to engage in this war food preparedness campaign, but also all the boys and girls, and special efforts will be made to enlist the latter in gardening and the harvesting work.

Then, too, an important phase of the food preparedness campaign will be the canning of these staples by the parents and other adults. Neighborhood canning bees will be held, at which staple products from the gardens and lots will be canned by machinery apparatus.

**For Cheap Water.** The possibility of the city furnishing water for the gardens and lots at a reduced rate was discussed, and Mayor C. C. Gates was appointed to take up the matter. J. W. Dressler was appointed as superintendent in charge of all the gardening and vacant lot work.

It was also decided by the committee to raise money from citizens generally to employ an expert gardener to have general supervision of the planting and care of the gardens and lots. The suggestion that a fund also be raised to pay for the plowing of vacant lots did not meet with general favor and no action was taken on it.

C. C. Cate, county pathologist, talked along the lines of just what food products should be planted, and Everett May, who is in charge of the extension and food preparedness department of the Oregon Agricultural college, outlined the general plans of the food preparedness campaign to be followed in Oregon.

**To Raise Belgian Hares.** Mrs. John Peil suggested that the boys and girls of Medford be encouraged to raise Belgian hares as a part of the increased food production plans. Others present were: Mrs. C. L. Scheffelin, representing the Greater Medford club; Earl C. Gadis, Superintendent of Schools V. Melbo Hillis and W. A. Folger.

W. W. Watson was appointed to have charge of the publicity incidental to the food preparedness campaign. Announcement was made of the coming visit here next Thursday of the food preparedness cars of the O. A. C., in which practical demonstrations will be made, and lectures on appropriate subjects will be delivered by O. A. C. experts. Among the lectures to be given are ones on home canning and home cooking.

# ASKS INVESTIGATION OF RATE INCREASE

WASHINGTON, April 22.—Senator Smith of Georgia today introduced a resolution requesting the Interstate Commerce Commission to suspend and investigate the fifteen per cent freight rate increase asked by the railroads. The resolution is to displace his pending resolution to appoint a commerce commission and not the commission to investigate the increase.

The senate took no action today.

# SENATOR HUGHES OF NEW JERSEY COLLAPSES

WASHINGTON, April 23.—Senator Hughes of New Jersey was taken to a hospital today. He had not been in good health for some time, and last night collapsed.

# WAR HASTENING CENTRALIZATION OF INDUSTRIES

Government Can Do Many Things Quickly by Executive Order That in Times of Peace Would Require Slow and Laborious Enactments of Congress.

By GILSON GARDNER. WASHINGTON, April 23.—Owing to the fact that we are in a state of war, many things can be done and done quickly by executive order which in ordinary peace times would require slow and laborious enactments by congress. This is illustrated by the arrangements being made by the government to take over the packing plants and to exercise a general supervision over the animal food industry.

The secretary of the navy is already empowered to take over private munitions plants, and it is possible that his authority extends even to taking over railroads and cold storage warehouses. The language of the special war paragraphs in the naval bill is very general and broad. The government must have power to be efficient in maintaining and operating an army and navy, and food is just as essential as powder and shot. The administration is prepared to exercise its large executive power in any way that may be necessary. Price control of food to civilian consumers is entirely within the possibilities.

**Taking Over Railroads.** Taking over of the railroad system and operating the lines as a unified system is more than a possibility—it is a probability. The railroads under private management have shown themselves so hopelessly incompetent that the first task undertaken by the council of national defense was the making of plans to take the railroads under government auspices for military use.

All raw materials are essential to the conduct of the war, and any effort by private interests to indulge in profiteering will result in the quick commandeering of raw materials, ores, minerals, oils, coal, cotton, wool and food products.

**Censor From Civil Life.**

Secretaries Daniels and Baker deserve high commendation for their action in securing the appointment of a civilian instead of a military censor. The one big lesson of the European war in the matter of censorship has been the evil of a military censorship. Democracy and a military censorship cannot live together. Secretary Daniels knows this, and from the beginning he fought for a civilian control of whatever censoring might be required. Certain facts must of necessity be kept from the enemy. Most of these facts are exclusively within the possession of the military authorities. They are best censored by such precautions as an army or navy usually takes to keep their business private. Other information touching the war is the public's business, and the censor of the United States is much better called what Mr. Creel is to be called—a director of the bureau of publicity. His principal business will be to get news in accurate form and supply it to the newspapers. It will not be his business to prevent discussion or intelligent criticism of policies or military operations as a whole. It is the public's right to know about policies and the public's privilege, while they are paying the bill, to criticize as they are expected to approve military operations.

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(Continued from Page One.) That the government was entitled merely to "regulate" sale of its grant lands, timber and minerals, but could not forfeit and keep the proceeds was contended by the railroad upon the second appeal to the supreme court. The railroad claimed that proceeds from timber and minerals, being willing to sell "stumpage" or other land alone—exclusive of timber and minerals—at the \$2.59 acreage price.

The Chamberlain-Ferris act, the railroad contended, was unconstitutional and void, and not authorized by the supreme court's first decision. It provided that proceeds from timber, minerals, power and agricultural land sold should be divided as follows: 25 per cent to Washington and Oregon state school funds; 25 per cent for roads, highways, bridges, common schools, etc.; 40 per cent for reclamation work, and 10 per cent to the federal treasury.

There is about \$270,000 due Jackson county as interest and delinquent taxes on that portion of the land grant in Jackson county, which will be paid in the near future.

# JAIL AND HEAVY FINES FOR BEELER AND JOE WILSON

Stiff sentences were meted out on Monday by Justice of the Peace Taylor to C. V. Beeler and "Little Joe" Wilson of Ashland, who were found guilty of illegally selling liquor by a jury in Justice Taylor's court Saturday afternoon.

Beeler was sentenced to two months in the county jail and a fine of \$500 and costs. Wilson drew a fine of \$200 and costs and a thirty days' sentence in the county jail. E. E. Kelly, attorney for the two men, gave notice of appeal to the circuit court. Pending this appeal, Beeler was released under \$500 bail and Wilson under \$250 bail.

**Ask Maximum Sentences.**

Prior to imposing sentence, Justice Taylor asked County Prosecutor Roberts if he desired to say anything. "Only this," replied Mr. Roberts, "that the state's policy in these cases remains unaltered. I ask that the maximum \$500 fine and six months in jail be imposed."

Attorney Kelly then made a plea that his clients be dealt with leniently, during which he attacked the character of Ted Breyman, the traveling salesman, whose arrest on an intoxication charge led to the arrest of Wilson and Beeler. Breyman was the star witness for the state at the trial of the two accused men.

In imposing sentence, Justice Taylor said: "In my opinion, from the evidence given at the trial the jury in finding these men guilty did the only thing it possibly could do. In Beeler's case I can see no extenuating circumstances whatever, so I fine him \$500 and sentence him to two months in jail."

**Extenuating Circumstances.**

"As to Wilson, there are extenuating circumstances, as he has labored from childhood up under misfortune, and therefore has not had the opportunity like other men of making his way in the world. Nevertheless, he is equally as guilty as Beeler, and I fine him \$200 and sentence him to thirty days in jail."

The jury which tried the case was composed of Sid L. Brown, R. P. Little, T. H. E. Hathaway, C. H. Chapman, W. D. Allen and Frank Jordan.

# OBITUARY

Died—At her home at Rock Point, April 21, 1917, Mrs. Sarah E. Morris, aged 76 years eight months 28 days. Funeral services at her home Monday, April 23, at 2 o'clock. Deceased came to Jackson county in 1877 and leaves ten children, all of whom are living.

Copies of the Wallace Press-Times recently received in this city contain the following tributes to the late E. L. Proebsting who died in that city and whose body was shipped to Medford for burial:

Mayor Mowery asks that all business houses be closed today during the funeral services over the remains of the late E. L. Proebsting. This is a mark of respect due to the memory of one of the pioneer men of the community; a man without enemies in whom there was universal confidence and for whom there lingers fond feelings of regard and friendship. The business houses are requested to remain closed from 12:20 to 1:45.

The deceased was a man loved by all who knew him. For the last 15 years he has been a member of the Wallace lodge of Elks. In business life he was among the first to urge and stimulate any movement for the upbuilding and development of the city and district.

Mr. Proebsting was a man of splendid character and among his friends in the Coeur d'Alene were numbered hundreds in every walk of life. He was a man of the purest motives and the highest ideals and his was the type of citizenship that add in the advancement of cities. He was a man possessed with a charitable feeling for all mankind. As a young man he suffered the loss of a leg through an unfortunate accident but despite this handicap and with the courage of vigorous boyhood he never lost faith in his ability to succeed.

# BRITISH RENEW OFFENSIVE

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and gave the attacking troops the best going they have enjoyed this year. The bombardment of the new German positions which has been going on steadily for two days increased in intensity last night when the skies were lit by the continuous flashes of the guns.

Airplanes fairly filled the air over the battle lines today directing the artillery and cooperating with the infantry. Yesterday British aviators

brought down six German observation balloons.

# German Version.

BERLIN, April 23.—"Between Loos and the Arras-Cambria railway, artillery firing continued Sunday," says the official statement issued today by the German army headquarters. "Northwest of Lens English thrusting troops penetrated our first line trenches on width of 500 yards, but were driven back by a counter attack. The fire remained strong during the night. Early this morning after drum fire infantry fighting recommenced on a wide front."

"Along the river Aisne," the German statement continues, "the artillery fire increased in violence from the afternoon onwards. The Germans set fire to eleven enemy balloons and brought down eleven airplanes on the western front."

NEW YORK, April 23.—Another dreadnaught entered American waters as a unit of the United States sea power today when the battleship New Mexico, comparing favorably offensively and defensively with any other fighting vessel afloat, was launched at the New York navy yard.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—Chas. M. Schwab today offered to the government the services of the Bethlehem plant in any way during the war.

# PLAN TO DRAFT LABOR TO WORK PRODUCING CROPS

Look out, lazy men of Medford and Jackson county, or else old Brigadier General Work will get hold of you! This war with Germany is a terrible thing—it's getting worse every minute. Now the government is going to conscript men for labor wherever they are needed.

The bill is pending in congress and will probably be passed this week. So take time by the forelock, if you are able-bodied, but have an aversion to work, and begin to harden up those flabby muscles gradually.

By the provisions of this bill all the county pathologists of the United States will be made commissioned officers of the army with power to conscript men and compel them to work wherever their services are needed.

Thus County Pathologist Cate, who would probably then be known as Captain or Lieutenant Cate, would hold an awful power over lazy Jackson county men and big boys.



# What the Indians knew of time-curing

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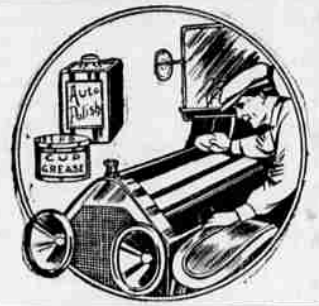
# "Inside" Information About Eczema

Washing the skin, rubbing salves and lotions on it, will not cure your Eczema. You may temporarily relieve the constant itching, but if you want to get at the seat of the trouble, you must purify your blood.

out and strengthen your blood, and the annoying and disgusting eruptions of the skin will disappear, and you will soon feel healthy and vigorous again.

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