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FLOUNCE ROCK FRILLS

Miss Hattie Rose, who taught in the Laurelhurst school several years ago, has recently been married to a young man at Roseburg, where the young couple will make their home.
 The W. C. T. U. met Saturday afternoon at Mrs. Nelson Nye's, when a regular meeting combined with the quarterly business meeting was held. Mrs. Erskine presided. The Nye girls provided some very nice music and Mrs. Nye served a bountiful luncheon of sandwiches, salad, pie and two kinds of cake.
 There was a picnic in the vicinity of Prospect, or Red Blanket, Sunday, which the Nye family and possibly others from here attended.
 Young Mr. McKay and Miss Mildred McKay are up at their ranch, formerly the Stalder place, putting in the crops.
 Mrs. Peyton and daughter, Pearl, spent Friday visiting at Mr. Toney's.
 Mrs. Erskine and daughter, Margery, accompanied by Miss Corlutha Hart of Albany, came up from Medford Wednesday. Rev. E. McDonald brought them up in his car. Miss Hart will spend the summer with the Erskines.
 Lester Lytle of Cheyenne, Omaha, and other points east, came up Tuesday for a visit with his mother, Mrs. J. P. Ditsworth, giving her a joyful surprise.
 Mrs. G. A. Mansfield and Miss Margaret Mansfield motored to Medford Wednesday.
 There were sixteen young men registered from this precinct on registration day.
 James Grievie took the board of electors home with him Saturday night, gave them good beds and a fine breakfast and returned them to the polls Tuesday morning for the work of registering.
 Mr. and Mrs. Guy Tex and baby spent Saturday and Sunday at James Grievie's.
 Mrs. Manning and daughters visited several days recently with the Nye and Phipps families.
 Miss Margery Erskine and Miss Hart spent Thursday at R. E. Peyton's.
 Gus Ditsworth came home Sunday. There were three large trucks of the Eads Transfer Company came up Sunday with goods for the Prospect store and hotel.
 Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ulrich spent Sunday night at the Carlton ranch.
 There will be a picnic at Laurelhurst school house next Sunday, beginning at 10 a. m., with singing and Sunday school, followed by a basket dinner. The afternoon will probably be devoted to volley ball. Every one is invited and desired to be there promptly by 10.
 Bert Higginbotham, T. M. Peeler and Doc Blanchard went to Medford Friday in Mr. Higginbotham's car.
 William Lewis went to the velley Tuesday. Lilly Peyton is staying with Mrs. Lewis during his absence.
 Mr. and Mrs. Dawson and daughter spent Friday night at R. E. Peyton's.

OUR NATIONAL EMBLEM.

FLAG DAY is the anniversary of the adoption, June 14, 1777, of the Stars and Stripes by the American Continental Congress as the national emblem of the united colonies. Washington translated the design in these words: "We take the star from heaven, the red from our mother country, separating it by white stripes, thus showing that we have separated from her, and the white stripes shall go down to posterity representing Liberty."
 Previously many flags were used. Massachusetts troops carried a pine tree flag. Col. Moultrie flew a white crescent on a blue field above Fort Johnson in 1775. Another banner had a snake, with the words "Don't tread on me." A yellow flag, with a canton of 13 blue and silver stripes, and a coat of arms lettered "For These We Strive," waved above Washington when he took command of the colonial forces.
 The first time the flag was displayed was on August 6, 1777, over Fort Schuyler, at Rome N. Y. John Paul Jones flew a 12-star naval flag on the "Ranger" in November, 1777.
 As the Union gained a state, a star was added in the blue field. At first it was planned to add a stripe also, but after two states had been admitted the flag was found to be unwieldy. The 15-stripe flag was in use from 1795 until 1818.
 For many years the army did not carry the Stars and Stripes in battle altho it had been in use as a garrison flag. The land forces then carried what was known as national colors or standards of blue with coat of arms of the United States, an eagle over several stars, and the designation of the body of troops. In 1834 the artillery was allowed to carry the Stars and Stripes. The national standards remained the colors of the infantry until 1841 and of the cavalry until 1887.
 From its adoption in 1777, naval vessels carried the national flag.

SLACKERS.

AT A TIME when the entire nation, at the president's request, is to devote a week to raising a hundred million dollars for Red Cross work to alleviate the sufferings of the wounded, the Medford board of education has gone on record as opposing needed assistance altho it entailed no expense to the taxpayers they represent.
 For many weeks over a hundred patriotic women and girls of Medford have labored unceasingly making bandages, kits, bed-clothes and other Red Cross supplies to be used at the front. They experienced a shortage of sewing machines, and requested of the board of education, the use of the machines in the domestic science department, during the vacation period. C. A. Chapman, Singer agent, who has kindly furnished a number of machines gratis, offered to keep the machines in repair and see that they were returned in as good condition as received at the opening of school.
 How does the school board show its appreciation of the patriotic efforts of Medford women? This is the reply made their request:
 DEAR MADAM: IN REGARD TO USE OF MACHINES BY THE RED CROSS. At a meeting of the board of directors, held on June 7th, the request for use of sewing machines belonging to the district was presented. On motion the request was "laid on the table." Regretting that I am not able to make a more favorable reply to your request, I am yours very truly,
 H. S. STINE, Clerk.
 Who owns these machines? The school board? No; the people of the school district. Permitting the machines to lie idle all summer when they are needed by the nation is economic waste, is not the kind of co-operation, not the brand of efficiency, not the spirit of patriotism that will win the war.
 As a matter of fact, the school board should throw open the high school building to the use of the Red Cross, place all of its equipment at its disposal, and continue its sewing classes all summer, that pupils may be given opportunity to do their mite in aiding those who are at the front.
 Care should be exercised at the coming election to choose patriots, not slackers, for school officials.

TAINTING THE FUTURE.

AN INVESTIGATION of the motives of the grand jury in bringing indictments that blacken and stain reputations without evidence to justify them, might be proper subject for probe by the next grand jury.
 Twice within a week, men of character and standing in the community have been forced to defend themselves in court against slanderous, defamatory accusations, made without proof. The case against W. C. Daley was dismissed at the request of the prosecuting attorney after the presentation of the evidence and the case against C. B. Gay resulted in an instructed verdict of acquittal by the court because of lack of evidence.
 Both cases were the result of spite work. The Gay case was worked up by the representative of a Portland home for erring girls who makes periodical trips soliciting funds and inmates. She boasted that she was "going to get" Mr. Gay, because as probation officer, he had recommended other homes than the one she represented, which thereby lost the fees.
 But why should a grand jury become the instrument of personal spite? Even tho the victims are acquitted, the stigma of the accusation remains to taint the future. A grand jury's function is to administer justice, not to inflict injustice.

AIRCRAFT WILL DECIDE WAR
SAYS HOWARD COFFIN

WASHINGTON, June 14.—A program of aircraft production, through which it is hoped to dominate the fighting lines of Europe, within a year, has been worked out by the aircraft production board of the defense council, and will be submitted to congress soon, with a request for a large appropriation to carry it into effect.
 Howard Coffin, chairman of the board, said today that, altho details would not be revealed now, the plan was so comprehensive that he was sure congress would approve it quickly. For weeks Mr. Coffin has been in conference with the country's leading aircraft and material makers, and the plan he will submit is believed to have the approval of all the interests which will do the actual construction work.
 "We may as well realize now," said Mr. Coffin in a formal statement, "that the domination of the air will in all probability prove the deciding factor. Military authorities of the allied nations are agreed that, unless the allies can secure a preponderance of aircraft, the war probably will drag on for years."

RESOLUTIONS BY FRUIT GROWERS TO SECURE STEAMERS

The following resolutions were adopted at the meeting of the board of trustees of the Fruit Growers' Agency, Inc., held at the Benson Hotel, Portland, Oregon, June 4, 1917:
 Whereas, The largest fruit crop in the history of the Northwest is now in prospect; and
 Whereas, The European markets, by reason of embargoes laid by foreign governments, great scarcity of cargo space and extreme war hazards, all contribute to the loss of the trans-Atlantic market values, which up to this year have absorbed large quantities of American fruits, and those being of great value in keeping domestic markets in a healthy condition; and
 Whereas, There admittedly exists a severe shortage of freight car equipment, motive power and adequate storage facilities in the Northwest, making it imperative that markets be found, the employment of which in considerable volume will help relieve these conditions, thus avoiding otherwise inevitable losses; and
 Whereas, The trans-Pacific markets supplying millions of population are available to fruit growers of the Pacific Northwest with a very short rail haul, providing suitable ocean tonnage can be secured; and
 Whereas, Even under normal conditions pre-existent to the present world's shortage of cargo space, and notwithstanding the fact that the trans-Pacific markets have never been widely exploited, there never has been sufficient suitable cargo space to care for the requirements of the fruit industry; and
 Whereas, The North Pacific ports are and have been entirely without ocean tonnage of United States registry, being absolutely at the mercy of foreign owned lines, which have discriminated against United States products and in favor of Canadian and other foreign products to the great embarrassment of United States commerce; and
 Whereas, The Bureau of Markets, United States department of agriculture, recognizing the imperative need of new overseas markets to replace the lost European outlet, is sending an investigator to study the trans-Pacific field with a view to determining the best methods for its development; and
 Whereas, The favorable outcome of this investigation would result in making available extensive markets during the present season; and
 Whereas, The use of the new outlets is essentially dependent on ocean tonnage, now, therefore, be it
 Resolved, That this agency, representing in its membership approximately 90 per cent of the fruit tonnage of the Northwest, does hereby petition the bureau of markets to intervene in behalf of this industry and prove to the federal shipping board:
 (a) That a real emergency exists as respects the growing crop, which can be met by the provision of suitable ocean tonnage to serve this season's crop.
 (b) That thereafter, the development and continued exploitation of overseas markets, not only trans-Pacific, but those in South America, South Africa and Europe, dependent on the creation and maintenance of

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That all members of the agency whose relation to the grower is that of a marketing agent handling the fruit of the growers for their account and risk, shall be required to furnish his proportion of the tonnage required in the export operation and that members doing a mixed business, partly for growers' account and risk, and partly for their own account, shall be required to subscribe to the extent that their commission business bears to their whole business and that those members who are engaged exclusively in a cash or brokerage business shall be permitted to withdraw from the operation after making a showing satisfactory to the trustees and providing that such concerns enter into a contract with the agency, providing that no consignment shall be made to any of the markets coming within the agency's export jurisdiction, except such consignments being made thru the agency and subject to its supervision, control and the operation of its pooling arrangements covered by this resolution. It is understood that Australia is excluded from the agency pool operations. Provided, further, that the agency pool shall include all shipments made by the members other than those for which payment in full of invoice is made against the documents.
 Services Tendered.
 Whereas, Our country is at war and our federal government is confronted with the problems of unprecedented gravity and difficulty; and
 Whereas, The Fruit Growers Agency represents thousands of food producers and many of the fruit distributors of the Northwest, all of whom have been beneficiaries of the office of markets, United States department of agriculture, and other agencies of the government, now therefore, be it
 Resolved, That the Fruit Growers Agency shall, and it hereby does tender its services to the office of markets, for such improvements in the national service as in the opinion of the federal authorities it may be qualified to perform.
 Resolved, Further, that it is the sense of this organization that, recognizing the vital necessities of the American government and people in the transportation of military supplies, foodstuffs and other commodities essential to the successful conduct of the war, the members of this agency should load cars to the maximum capacity consistent with safe transportation, and do whatever else it may to co-operate with the government in matters affecting the common welfare.
 Resolved, Further, that the secretary of this body be instructed to send copies of this resolution to Mr. Chas. J. Brand, chief of the office of markets, and to the chairman of the transportation committee of the council of National defense.

TOKIO, Saturday, June 9.—(Delayed)

The American government's note to China expressing regret over the disensions in that country and a sincere desire that tranquility and co-ordination be forthwith established caused surprise and unfavorable criticism in Japan, where the action is regarded as ignoring Japan's special position in China.

LIBERTY STATUE UNVEILED AT PORTLAND ROSE SHOW

PORTLAND, June 14.—Some thousands of people stood in rapt attention last night when a great statue of liberty was unveiled to the throng's gaze. In response to the touch of President Wilson's hand on a telegraph stocker at Washington. The ceremony marked the crowning event in the opening day of Portland's annual rose festival. It was held at festival center, in one of the city plaza blocks. The festival will continue two days longer.

RETURNED MISSIONARY AT PRESBYTERIAN TONIGHT

The Rev. Dr. H. D. Heminger of Cameron, West Africa, who spoke to a large and appreciative audience last Sunday evening at the Presbyterian church, will speak again this evening at 8 o'clock, sharp. He will give an illustrated lecture. Many interesting African curios will be on exhibition. A special feature of the evening will be the singing of song by Dr. Heminger in the Bula language. Don't fail to hear this most interesting missionary lecture. Everybody welcome.

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