

O. & C. LAND GRANT COUNTIES TO ACCEPT OVERDUE TAXES

PORTLAND, Or., Aug. 22.—County authorities of the eighteen land grant counties of the state may accept the taxes due on the grant lands at the time of the passage of the Chamberlain-Ferris act without waiving any rights they may have to the accumulated penalties and interest, according to an agreement of the attorney general of the United States, just received by Oswald West.

Ex-Governor West was delegated by land grant counties to wire the department of the interior in order to determine whether the government would stipulate with the counties that they could accept the accrued taxes due on June 9, 1916, the date of the passage of the Chamberlain-Ferris act, under the construction placed upon the act by the attorney general's office, without waiving their rights to further action toward securing the penalties and interest then accrued and since accruing.

West received the answer of the attorney general this morning, it having been forwarded by the commissioner of the general land office. The attorney general says:

"This department sees no objection to the course suggested, provided, however, that it be made plain that by entering into such stipulation the government in no way recognizes that the counties have any further rights in the premises. In other words, while it is entirely satisfactory that the counties may expressly reserve such rights as they have, by agreeing to that, the government does not concede that any such rights exist."

This position of the attorney general would seem to open the way for the early payment of accrued taxes and the probable early opening of the grant lands to entry and settlement, in so far as they have now been classified.

WILLOW SPRINGS

In honor of her daughter, Mrs. J. Fess, of Lewiston, Idaho, Mrs. D. W. Stone entertained on Saturday afternoon. The guests brought their needlework and a very pleasant time was spent. The following were present: Mrs. Moody of Sandpoint Idaho; Miss Cowles of Pueblo Colo.; Mrs. Keller of Chicago; Mrs. Noadler of Chicago; Mrs. Tracy, Mrs. John Sisty, Mrs. W. A. Thompson, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. J. W. Birkholz, Mrs. E. S. Hollander, Dr. Lydia Dow, Mrs. R. Manning, Mrs. H. H. Clark, Mrs. J. W. Elden, Mrs. Henry Raley, Mrs. A. Hopkin, Mrs. R. W. Elden, Mrs. J. C. Herring, Mrs. R. Wilson, Mrs. L. Foss, Mrs. D. W. Stone, Mrs. R. Jones, Miss J. Hopkin, Mrs. A. Stratton and Miss Dorothy Miller.

The party that left the twenty-foot rope on the W. K. Parker heifer calf housed at Mr. Mims' barn will oblige Mr. Parker by calling for it in person.

Mrs. Burdette Dodge, Jr., of Medford and sister-in-law, Mrs. Arthur Dennington, of East Orange, N. J.; Mrs. Fletcher Fish and Mrs. Will Carlless of Phoenix were guests at a luncheon given by Mrs. W. A. Thompson on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dean and family enjoyed a delightful picnic dinner at the Jackson bridge on the Rogue river, Sunday. Among other relatives, a Mr. Bunch of Texas and a brother to Mrs. Dean's mother, Mrs. Glass, was present. Mrs. Glass had not seen her brother for forty years and a great time they had talking over old times.

Pear picking is in full swing at the Tamaqua orchard. About 3000 boxes are figured on.

Miss Lola Blackford is entertaining her cousin, Miss Freda Thompson, of Monroe, Or., for a few days.

Mrs. Snyder of Gold Hill spent Monday with Mrs. Hugh Porter.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Elden and family returned Monday from their outing at the Lake of the Woods. It is a beautiful spot, they say, and a delightful place to take a rest among the green trees and in the cool breeze of the lake.

Miss Freda Thompson of Monroe, Or., is visiting with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Porter.

The Misses Helen and Leah Parker are enjoying a visit with their grandmother, Mrs. Alverson, of Grants Pass.

The Willow Springs school will open on September 17.

Mr. Morris, succeeding Mr. Peterson as county school supervisor, was in this community on Monday inspecting the girls' sewing club work. He was very much pleased with the interest the girls have shown and congratulated them on the progress

COAL PRICES FIXED FOR EVERY MINE BY GOVERNMENT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—Bituminous coal prices were fixed by President Wilson today for every mine in the United States. The next step in coal control, according to white house announcement, will be to fix the prices to be charged by middlemen and retailers.

Prices were set on cost of production estimates furnished by the federal trade commission after months of exhaustive investigation. The country is divided into 29 districts, and every producer in a district will market his output at the same price.

The president named no agency to carry out the provisions of his order, but is expected to appoint soon a coal administrator, who will be given control of the coal industry. Rumor today named President H. A. Garfield of Williams college as the man. Mr. Garfield now heads a committee named by the president to fix a government price for wheat. His work will end before September 1, when the wheat committee probably will be dissolved.

Washington Coal Highest.
The prices named for run-of-mine coal in the large producing districts average slightly more than \$2. In a few districts the prices are below that figure, and in the western territory they are higher. Washington state is the highest at \$3.25. The price for Washington state prepared sizes is \$3.50 and for slack or screenings it is \$3.

The prices fixed range from 20 to 35 per cent under the maximum price of \$3, fixed by government officials and operators at a conference here more than a month ago. The \$3 price agreement, however, did not hold, as many operators refused to abide by it after Secretary Baker, as president of the council of national defense, repudiated it as too high. Prices recently have ranged far above the \$3 limit.

The fixing of prices was the president's second step in the direction of coal control. The first was taken yesterday when the president named Robert S. Lovett as director of transportation and approved an order issued by Mr. Lovett directing that coal shipments to the northwest be given preference over other goods.

No Pooling Arrangement.
Tonight's action was taken as an indication that the president has abandoned a plan originally considered, which called for government requisitioning the output of all mines, with the government selling the product to the public. This procedure was strongly recommended by the federal trade commission, and up until tonight it had been believed it would be the programme adopted.

The president's order apparently makes no provision for a pooling arrangement which had been suggested, under which mines would have been paid for their output on a basis of cost of production, plus a percentage of profit. Under this plan all coal in a district would have been sold at the same rate, but the mines would have received compensation based solely on costs.

The plan adopted, officials admitted tonight, will work hardships on a great many of the smaller mines and may force them to close down. This, it is claimed, however, will not reduce the total coal output, as miners released from the small mines will go to the large ones, where more cars can be supplied to mines of large producing capacity.

Coal Administration.
Officials who believe the president will name a one-man control of coal point to his desire that extraordinary powers given the government for war purposes be placed in organizations that can be dispensed with after the war is over. Many are of the opinion that he will create an organization to handle coal similar to the food administration.

Operators from all the bituminous coal producing states met here today and organized the National Coal Operators' association, to promote cooperative effort on the part of the coal producers, and co-operation with public officials, especially during the war emergency. Delegates were present from state and other sectional organizations, representing some 700 operators, whose annual production aggregates 200,000,000 tons.

Francis Peabody, chairman of the defense council's coal production committee, addressed the operators and expressed hearty sympathy with the movement, which is a development of the conference of coal men held here in July.

Miss E. Anderson of San Francisco surprised A. V. Carlson one day last week. Mrs. Andrew and Miss Anderson are guests to Mr. Carlson and are

MME. SCHUMANN-HEINK SENDS YOUNGER SONS TO BATTLE THEIR ELDEST BROTHER, WHO IS FIGHTING FOR KAISER

Prima Donna Makes War's Supreme Sacrifice, But Says Sons in Both Nations Must Do Their Duty by Country.

By HOWARD MANN.

CHICAGO, Aug. 22.—Hundreds of thousands of American mothers are giving up their sons to help "keep the world safe for democracy, but few of them are facing the heart-breaking experience of Mme. Schumann-Heink, who is sending one of her sons to the American navy, where he may have to fight against his brother in the German navy.

Two other sons and her son-in-law are in the draft age, and may be called to bear arms against their brother and other near relatives in the German and Austrian armies. The youngest son is not eligible to draft.

The daughter of an Austrian officer, with the traditions of generations of Teutonic militarists behind her, Mme. Schumann-Heink can look philosophically on the system which calls her sons to war; but the idea of sending one son to fight against the other is crushing her mother's heart.

"What do I think about having my sons fighting against each other—sometimes I dare not think of it; it is too terrible," she told me today. "If this were a war of defense, I would send them cheerfully, but to send them across the sea into the trenches, in boats that may never reach their destination—it is a crime.

"My oldest son, August, now a man of middle age, is in the German navy. When the United States declared war his heart was torn for love of this country, but what was he to do? His duty was with the German navy, and his love for me and for his brothers had to take second place.

"My second son, Henry, is about to enter our navy. My son-in-law is in an aviation training camp. Their duty is here, and I would not have them shirk—but why cannot we leave Europe to settle its own quarrels?"

"Perhaps I should not speak this way—but I am a woman and a mother, and I cannot help feeling this way about sending my boys to the front, perhaps to kill each other.

"It is all a great tragedy, but I suppose it is human nature for everyone to think his tragedy is the deepest.

"It is the duty for August to fight for Germany. It is the duty of my other sons to fight for the United States. None of them will fail.

"Duty comes first—I learned that from my soldier father. But it is terrible!"

EXPERTS DISCUSS NEXT YEAR'S CROP

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 22.—A corps of wheat and rye specialists of the department of agriculture, headed by Dr. Raymond A. Pearson, assistant secretary of agriculture, was here today for a conference with representatives of thirteen states, at which ways and means of increasing the acreage of winter wheat and rye will be discussed.

Boards of agriculture, agricultural colleges and councils of defense of Minnesota, Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska, Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona were represented at the conference.

It is expected the conference here will continue two days, after which the department experts will go to Spokane, Wash., where the next conference is to be held.

65 BUSHELS OF WHEAT AN ACRE

The publication in the Mail Tribune last Saturday of the big wheat yield on the ranch of Joe Brown on Ross Lane of a little over 52 bushels of extra fine wheat per acre, which was thought then to be the valley wheat record for the season, attracted considerable attention. But that record has been beaten by William E. Smith, whose ranch is also on Ross Lane, with a record of 65 bushels per acre.

Last Thursday Mr. Smith threshed an eight and three-quarter acre field of Little Club wheat which turned out an average of 65 bushels per acre of extra fine clean wheat. Mr. Smith



Mme. Schumann-Heink, whose sons may fight against each other when American and German forces are actively engaged. Below, the oldest son, August, in the German navy, at right, top to bottom, Walter, Henry, enlisted in the United States navy, and until recently residents of Medford, and Ferdinand and George, in the uniform of a Culver cadet.

Rock, as his excellent work helped to make the good record.

Mr. Smith is doubtful if any one in the valley has equaled this record unless irrigation was used. None of the field was irrigated. Part of the

field was in sugar beets last year and the other part was apple orchard.

The ranch on which this record was made is owned by C. H. Aussilker of Cedar Rapids, Ia., and is leased by Mr. Smith.

ANOTHER NIGHT OF NOISY TURMOIL AT PENITENTIARY

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Aug. 22.—After another night of turmoil, the state prison here is quiet this morning, but Superintendent Henry Drum expects the noise that has endured for the last two days to break out afresh before nightfall. The trouble began Monday morning when three life-teners, Sears, Casey and Johnson, started a "serenade," which was taken up by the other prisoners and lasted until nearly noon.

Last night the prisoners began their shouting and noise-making again and it was not until 2:30 this morning that they quieted down.

The prison authorities are segregating the leaders this morning and changing the men around in an endeavor to better the situation.

Superintendent Drum attributed the trouble to a feeling against some of the guards, particularly against Deputy Warden Burk, which, he says, is mostly unjustified. Also he says there are many I. W. W. members in the prison and they have been preaching their doctrine as extensively as they could, and this has added to the general unrest.

AGREE TO DELAY SHIPYARD STRIKE

NEW YORK, Aug. 22.—Altho the shipyard workers have voted to make the strike in the shipbuilding plants in the New York district general today, the men have agreed to delay their action pending the effort of United States mediators to bring about a settlement between the strikers and the shipbuilders.

Labor leaders estimate that about 12,000 employed at the various yards

are already out on strike and this number would have been increased by many thousands had the general strike order been put into effect.

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This is to certify that I, the undersigned, had very severe stomach trouble and had been bothered for several years and last August was not expected to live, and hearing of Gim Chung (whose Herb Store is at 241 South Front street in Medford) I decided to get herbs for my stomach trouble, and I started feeling better as soon as I used them, and today am a well man and can heartily recommend anyone afflicted as I was to see Gim Chung and try his Herbs.

(Signed) W. R. JOHNSON, Witnesses:

- M. A. Anderson, Medford.
- S. B. Holmes, Eagle Point.
- Frank Lewis, Eagle Point.
- Wm. Lewis, Eagle Point.
- W. L. Childreth, Eagle Point.
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