

### ANTI-IRRIGATION CANARDS NAILED BY COMMITTEE

The farmers' and orchardists' irrigation committee has sent out the following letter relative to tomorrow's election:

"The letter will determine whether an irrigation district is to be formed at this time. Three directors to be elected.

"By voting yes, you authorize the directors to institute an investigation which shall be limited in cost to \$1 per acre.

"By voting yes, you make it possible for an investigation of the water resources to be made.

"By voting yes, you take the first step (and only the first step) toward getting water upon the land which needs water.

#### False Statements Circulated.

"Within the past few days statements of the wildest kind have been made. They have been so made in order to frighten the timid and the ignorant. You may be sure that there is no truth in statements such as the following:

"First—This is a plan of the Rogue River Canal company."

"Answer—We have had no dealings as a committee or individually with any water company. The Canal company is out of it. This committee is for an independent water supply.

"Second—It will plaster the land with a mortgage of \$200 per acre."

"Answer—The directors are absolutely limited by the law to the expenditure of only \$1 per acre. No other charge can be incurred before the second election, and even after that there is no mortgage. The federal farm loan board will make loans on the land, if the land is sufficiently valuable.

#### Every Acre Can Vote.

"Every one who owns one acre or more of land within the boundaries of the proposed district, and whose name appears upon the last assessment rolls, can vote. One acre or more. If you receive this letter you can vote.

"It is impossible to forecast the future, but it is the understanding of this committee that if the election carries the engineering plans will be so drawn that water will be delivered to each parcel of land which it is found will be benefited by water.

"We urge you to vote yes on Saturday, because the supreme court of the United States says the Wright act is fair and just.

"It will insure the spending of all money appropriated upon an irrigating system without profit to any promoters. The system will be owned by the users themselves. The state engineer has said that in his opinion it is the last and only hope for some years to come for large irrigation works to be financed."

"It is just as important to vote for a director who is in favor of water on the right terms as it is to vote yes.

"Division No. 1. Vote for Leonard Carpenter at Brown's home on Roosevelt avenue.

"Division No. 2. Vote for E. G. Coleman at Dillon Hill's house on King's Highway.

"Division No. 3. Vote for W. A. Folger at the schoolhouse on the Jacksonville road.

"It is a well balanced board—a farmer, an orchardist and a business man."

### EUGENE DEMANDS EATON'S RESIGNATION

EUGENE, Ore., Sept. 14.—A resolution demanding the removal of Allen H. Eaton as a member of the faculty of the University of Oregon and as a representative from Lane county in the Oregon legislature because of his participation in the People's Council of America for Democracy and Peace, held recently at Chicago, was unanimously adopted by the Eugene chamber of commerce last night.

The resolution, referring to Eaton's connection with the university, declared a state institution is the last place where there should be a suspicion of disloyalty and asserts that Eaton's continuance in office as a member of the state legislature, under the circumstances, is a menace to the state and nation.

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### PIONEERS ELECT NEW OFFICERS AT ASHLAND MEETING

ASHLAND, Ore., Sept. 14.—Over 200 members of the pioneer families of Jackson county participated in the annual reunion held here Wednesday. Owing to cool weather, the dining event was held indoors, Pioneer hall being used for the purpose. This is the building on Chautauqua grounds heretofore used as Grand Army headquarters, being equipped with every requisite. The program of the day and business meeting were held in the new Chautauqua auditorium.

The program began at 11 a. m., prefaced by an invocation by Rev. P. R. Burnett; instrumental and vocal selections, Prof. Carl Loveland; solo, Miss Gertrude Engle; address, Rev. H. A. Carnahan of the local Presbyterian church, who dwelt reminiscently of the past and expressed tender sentiment in behalf of the present generation approaching life's sunset.

The business meeting was held at 2 p. m., the election of officers resulting in the choice of Miss Alice Hanley, of Jacksonville, president; Mrs. Miles Cantrell, of Ruch, vice-president; Mamie Day Nelson, of Jacksonville, secretary-treasurer of the territory outside of Ashland, and Mrs. Ella Garrett to a like position for the Ashland district. The last two offices were instances of re-election.

The secretary read a memorial tribute to the memory of Mrs. Elizabeth D. Jones, of Jacksonville, widow of Stoughton Jones, the passing of Mrs. Jones being the only death in the ranks of members of the association during the year which was officially reported.

The matter of the erection of a pioneer cabin, either in the Ashland parks or elsewhere, in which to permanently store the records and relics of the pioneer era, was discussed, and in view of so many other serious matters engaging the public attention at this time, was postponed indefinitely.

Miss Blanche Hicks, city librarian, spoke on the needs of preserving our historical pioneer records, and in line with her suggestions, the following committee was appointed to collaborate in preparing and filing historical data as permanent archives in the Ashland library: Mollie Britt, Jacksonville; F. D. Wagner, Ashland; Rachel Alford, Medford; Welborn Beeson, Talent.

Following the morning program the association dined in Pioneer hall from well-filled baskets, the picnic spread being a departure from the formal banquet of previous years.

George W. Dunn is the retiring president. Rev. P. R. Burnett, Mrs. Dunn's father, introduced an innovation at the gathering by chanting a weird Indian song in the Chinook jargon. Prominent among the pioneers present were James Thornton, William Souger, and Christopher C. Gall, a trio of old-timers whose birthday anniversaries either have reached or are nearly approaching the ninetieth year mark.

The reunion in 1918 will be held at Jacksonville.

### PIONEER FARMED SITE OF MEDFORD

"I used to farm this town, but I'd hate the job of plowing it up now," naively remarked Harvey Oatman, former pioneer resident of the valley, at the depot Friday just before the departure of himself and Mrs. Oatman for their home at Portland, following a two months' visit with old friends and relatives in the valley.

It was his first visit to this vicinity for thirty years, and they marveled at the changes that have taken place in that long period, especially the transition of Medford from a farm or series of farms into a modern and beautiful city. Mr. Oatman came across the plains with his parents from Illinois in 1853 and located near Phoenix. Mrs. Oatman was also the child of pioneer residents. She was Priscilla Dollarhide, and her parents were Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Dollarhide.

In 1887 Mr. and Mrs. Oatman removed from Jackson county to Klamath county, where he engaged in the general merchandising business for four years, following which they removed to Portland, where they have lived since. Mr. Oatman hauled most of the lumber with which Fort Klamath was built.

Incidental to the visit of Mr. and Mrs. Oatman after their long absence, it is interesting to relate that Mrs. Oatman's brother, Clay Dollarhide, of Tucson, Ariz., has also been visiting in the valley recently, and until his visit sister and brother had not seen each other for thirty-two years.

### Charles Ray and His Clod Hoppers at the Page Theatre Tomorrow



CHARLES RAY IN TRIANGLE PLAY, "THE CLOD HOPPER."

By Charles Ray

In this day, when dancers seek to symbolize the wind, the fluttering of birds, the wriggle of a snake or the convulsions of Apaches, it requires some audacity to announce that a new convulsion expressing the spirit of the hour and the nation has been perfected. Still I feel the urgency of "Art" and so make the declaration that "the clodhopper," which I have devised and which I demonstrate in the new play, "The Clodhopper," is the greatest movement of the times. It is the back-to-the-farm movement.

In creating it I have not been influenced in the least by the modern methods of Terpsichore's ordained agents. There is no untwisting of veils, no sacrifice of clothing on the altar of art, no twinkling of bare feet. I dance it to the accompaniment of a Jazz band, but it could just as well be executed to the more musical strains delivered by a fiddler enthroned on a wood box.

There is no artificial order of steps, just a freedom of movement, spontaneous, yet with a care to furniture and surrounding feet. By "freedom of movement" I do not imply that it is necessary to remove garments. I wear a conventional

suit, approved by the largest catalogue houses in America, and a pair of shoes that permit as free movement as though the toes were incased simply in pink rouge.

The only requisite of clodhopping is that it must be performed in time to the music. In this it again differs from many modern dances. My critics have said it is barbaric, because only Indians confine their gestures and steps to musical beats. The true artist, I am told, leaps and falls and whirls without any regard for the feelings of those in the orchestra.

Since the Indians are the only true Americans, this carping criticism only emphasizes my contention that the clodhopper is an American dance, a back to nature movement, expressive of the new sentiment.

If by this dance I have made a single wayward boy think fondly of the potato patch or a single girl feel a yearning to throw corn to the chickens, then will I feel requited for all my efforts. And if I earn but one recruit for farming in this hour of my country's need of vegetables, then will I request that the newspapers feature me in their columns along with the society ladies and players of the other sex who are winning recruits.

### MONTANA DROUGHT BROKEN BY RAIN

HELENA, Mont., Sept. 14.—The severe drought that has prevailed in Montana since the seventh of June was broken last night by a rain that covered the state. At Helena there was a hard rain and a snow storm. Precipitation varied from a fifth of an inch at Missoula to .84 at Boxeman. At Helena it was .45 of an inch. The storm is just reaching eastern Montana.

The rain is worth thousands of dollars to Montana farmers, for the ground has been so dry fall plowing has been impossible.

### WANT LARGER FALL ACREAGE

In line with its efforts to induce the farmers of the country to plant more fall wheat, the government has sent a telegram to County Pathologist Cate urging that the farmers of Jackson county be prodded up to increase their fall acreage.

"Jackson county ought to increase its fall wheat acreage by 50 per cent," said Mr. Cate on Friday. "I am trying to locate good seed for fall wheat planting, and farmers who have any are requested to bring or send a sample to my office in order that a test can be made of it."

"All farmers who want seed for fall planting should let me know their wants as soon as possible. We will use up the local supply of seed first before sending away for any."

### GRANTS PASS MINER JAILED FOR SEDITION

GRANTS PASS, Sept. 14.—Whitney R. Lykin is in the county jail on a charge of seditious utterances against the United States government and its officers. He is held pending further word from United States District Attorney Reames, who has asked Sheriff Lewis to wire the nature of the evidence against him.

Lykin had been warned repeatedly that the statements he was making were unlawful, the first time as long ago as February, but he has repeatedly refused to heed the warnings. He was working at times on a diamond drill in the Preston Peak district.

### ALLIED AIRPLANES RAID AIRDROMES

LONDON, Sept. 14.—British naval airplanes made another raid on the nights of Wednesday and Thursday on German military establishments in Belgium. An admiralty statement today says:

"A bombing raid was carried out the night of September 12-13 by the royal naval air service on military objectives at the Chistelles airdrome and the Theurant airdrome. A large quantity of bombs was dropped. All our machines returned safely."

### APPLE GROWERS FACING A SERIOUS SHORTAGE OF BOXES

(From Portland Journal.)

Apple growers of the Pacific northwest are facing a shortage of boxes which may reach more than 6,000,000 containers, according to tentative estimates placed by expert boxmakers and fruit men at a special meeting called at the central library today by Federal Food Administrator W. B. Ayer.

What some of the independent growers said had all the earmarks of a combination of trust between commission men and box manufacturers,

intruded itself into the meeting. One grower declared that rather than pay the prices for boxes asked by the alleged combine, the independent operators would let their apples remain on the trees.

Food Administrator Ayer announced that this phase of the question would receive serious investigation. He said:

"We are after apple boxes, not profits."

According to one grower, the price of apple boxes had increased from 11 cents each to 20 cents, owing to the alleged manipulation of the trust. It was stated by H. E. McElroy of Boise, Idaho, that the growers who were not "in on" the inner circle had been given to understand that if they did not buy their boxes from the central selling agency and permit their crops to be handled thru the commission men, they would not get any boxes.

Influence of strikes in certain sec-

tions of western Washington, shortage of labor and demand for other merchandise boxes have their general effect on the box shortage situation, it was explained. The sawmills, in many instances, had not been running full time and they are already far behind in the deliveries. At certain mills the conditions were said to be more promising.

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