

# 1200 COUNTIES NOW EMPLOYING AGRICULTURAL AGENT

There are now more than 1200 counties in the 35 northern and western states which have county agricultural agents. These agents have been of especially great value in carrying on war work for increased production and conservation. Through these agents working with farm bureau committeemen more than one-third of a million farms were assisted in securing or locating four million bushels of seed grain and campaigns for increased production carried on through these channels resulted in more than 68,000,000 additional bushels of crop being produced. During the past year considerable attention has been given to livestock improvement; 125,500 cows being discarded as unprofitable and more than 200,000 head of stock were bought or sold with the assistance of farm bureau and county agents. Considerable attention was given to cooperative buying and selling resulting in saving nearly three and a half million dollars for the farmers. In one Oregon county for example, the farmers pooled their orders for ten carloads of sulphur to be used as a fertilizer.

### Work in Oregon

It is estimated that more than half a million dollars were saved last year in this state through rodent control campaign in which about 30 tons of grain were used. In Wasco county where this work has been carried on for three years the cultivated acres are practically free from squirrels.

As a direct result from a fertilizer demonstration in Deschutes county, the farmers have pooled their orders for 10 car loads of sulphur, 702 head of pure bred stock were shipped into various Oregon counties, 219 car loads of livestock were marketed cooperatively in five counties.

In this county Mr. Cate has done splendid work especially in horticulture.

The training of nearly 100 young women in cutting blight and nearly 500 for assisting in thinning fruit is an exceptionally good piece of work in solving the help problem. The home demonstration work by Miss McCormick and the club work carried on by Supt. Ager and Mr. Morris is apparently very effective and greatly appreciated by the people of the county. All of this work will be greatly strengthened when it receives the cooperation of the farm bureau.

### Strong Organization Anticipated

Judging from splendid interest shown by the farmers at the meetings which I have attended the indications are that this county will have a strong farm bureau with comparatively large membership. Every family represented at the Neil creek community joined and the other meetings held during the week have resulted in at least eight out of every ten families represented at the meetings taking out a membership. The fact that there has been no difficulty in getting volunteers at these meetings to canvass the families in each community not represented at the meeting shows the attitude of the people. Many of the rural people of Jackson county whom I have met recommended the farm bureau plan very highly and indicated that they have great confidence in its possibilities.

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# JAPANESE BARGAIN TO SMASH REDS

VLADIVOSTOK, Feb. 8.—(By the Canadian Press.) Reports from Omak state that the Russian government there has accepted an offer from Japan of men, money and arms to settle the Bolshevik difficulty.

This step, it is said, is due to reports that the allies are to withdraw their forces from Siberia and also to a fear that the conference at the Princeps Islands will result in recognition of the Bolsheviks.

In return for the aid she is to give, the reports state, Japan will secure an iron and coal concession in the Priamur district.

The clove business shows signs of panic.—Chicago Daily News.

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# ASHLAND HOLDS SPECIAL MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR T. R.

ASHLAND, Feb. 10.—"The typical American of his day and Generation," was the eulogium bestowed upon Theodore Roosevelt, incident to services in honor of the late ex-president, held at the Methodist church on Sunday. In addition to the usual congregation, members of the Grand Army, Relief Corps and a contingent of Boy Scouts attended the memorial. The choir was reinforced by a men's quartet. Musical accompaniments of the service were most appropriate, notably that grand old hymn, "How Firm a Foundation," which was a favorite of Mr. Roosevelt, and in singing which the entire congregation joined with religious fervor and patriotic zeal.

Preliminary to the main address of the hour by the pastor, Rev. C. A. Edwards, ex-Governor Frank Byrne, of South Dakota, who with his family is visiting relatives in Ashland this winter, made a few remarks outlining the career of the man who, notwithstanding his talents and attainments, shunned ostentatious praise from those in high places, preferring rather the modest approval of the common people. The pastor dwelt upon the fundamental principles of the Roosevelt personality, rugged both in its physical and mental attributes, incorporating religious conviction with the elements of integrity, firmness and candor mingled in ideal proportions. To such a character it was fitting to render due appreciation, without trespassing upon the domain of adulation. As president, statesman, citizen and friend, his memory will be cherished as foremost among giant intellects and kindest in the highest relations with his fellowmen. The pastor closed with a recital of "Great Heart," an opportune tribute to the passing of Roosevelt by that ascetic mind, Rudyard Kipling, who in many respects is the prototype of his late departed friend. Quoting the last stanza from this tribute of affection will probably not render one amenable to copyright restrictions:

"Let those who would handle,  
Make sure they can wield  
His far-reaching sword  
And his close-guarding shield;  
For those who must journey  
Henceforward alone,  
Have need of stout convoy  
Now that Great-Heart is gone."

# Women in War Work

Just one word more in regard to work in the local Red Cross rooms where the need of helpers is very great and the large allotment assigned us is still on the shelves. What are we to do if the women of Medford don't rally to the support of our chapter, recognized as one of the best in the state? Do you realize that President Wilson is also president of the American Red Cross? Do you realize that he stands for humanity and that he authorizes all that is being done by this great Red Cross organization?

Why is it, then, that with all the splendid work done and the loyalty Medford women have shown in the past, for the Red Cross, that now when the cry of humanity in distress is so great, that we "stagger and fall by the wayside" in our part of the reconstruction work. That we must appeal thru the local press for the support of this work, to the women of this community is most distressing to those in charge of our Red Cross chapter and only adds another pointing finger of apathy to the many others whose Medford interests are concerned. Isn't there any way in which we can appeal to you? Are you willing our splendid Medford chapter should be abandoned? If not, give us an hour or two during the day, the rooms are open for work, else we must return our allotments, close our doors and become an object of derision and scorn to all other chapters not only in our splendid state, but in every other state in the union. We beg you to come and lend a hand, for the load of work given our local chapter is staggering.

There are still some church societies in town who have not volunteered their services in Red Cross work. We have refugee garments by the dozens to make and Mrs. Mears solicits your assistance in this work.

As far as the Red Cross organization is concerned, no time is being lost during the war-peace transition period in preparing for the obvious permanent work of the future, and there is in prospect a development of the Red Cross movement thruout the world on even broader lines than the war developed, ready for any future emergency as well as equipped to carry on the work already inherited.

Women's lodges and societies will be allowed to make refugee garments and layettes and any body of women wishing to contribute their share of Red Cross work in this way will please consult Mrs. Mears at local Red Cross.

The American Red Cross provides individual music for wounded soldiers unable to attend concerts.

A Red Cross tea shop has been opened in Pekin, China.

# Theaters and Movies

AT PAGE THURSDAY ONLY, FEBRUARY 11.



# COBB SPEAKING TO CROWDED HOUSES ALL OVER LAND

Cobb's lecture at the Page theatre Wednesday evening, Feb. 12, promises to be the greatest event in the way of a lecture ever having taken place in Medford. The box office sale opened this morning and for some time was the busiest spot in the city.

News from the places where Mr. Cobb has been lecturing the last few days shows that he is turning them away every time he speaks. He lectured last Thursday night at Spokane where they were forced to seat large numbers on the stage after the vast auditorium was filled. The verdict of the large audience was that Cobb was a whirlwind on the lecture platform. His voice being clear and carrying perfectly to the remotest part of the building, and that his message is one of the greatest ever delivered in the city.

Lecture opens at 7:30 p. m. Seat sale now on.

# STRIKE CLOSES PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF DENVER

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 10.—Twenty-five public schools of Denver were closed today as a result of a strike of the stationary engineers employed by the school district, which went into effect at 8 o'clock this morning. Failure of the school board to meet the demands of the engineers for increased salaries resulted in the calling of the strike. Two of the four high schools conducted classes.

# WANTS REPEAL OF TAXES ON APPAREL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Chairman Kitchen of the house ways and means committee announced today that as soon as President Wilson signed the new war revenue bill he would introduce a resolution for the repeal of the so called luxury taxes applying to articles of wearing apparel.

# BERT LYTELL AT RIALTO THEATER

A romantic and exceedingly original picture, "Boston Blackie's Little Pal," will be the attraction at the Rialto theater today in which the popular star, Bert Lytell, will be seen.

This clever play was taken from the story of that name from the pen of Jack Boyle which was published in the Red Book Magazine. It deals with the work of a "gentleman" crook who, however, is more moral than some of the supposedly honest men of the play. The difference between the "crook" and the "gentleman" is manifested when the former is the means of preventing the latter from running off with another man's wife.

Romance, in the form of a deep love for Mary, is one of the beautiful factors in Boston Blackie's life, and his innate goodness and moral honesty is shown in his dealing with his "little pal," Bert Lytell, who has a strong screen personality, is particularly adapted for this difficult and complex part and brings out all the finer points of the play with a clearness which does him great credit. The picture is full of dramatic situations and much amusing comedy, while it also contains delightful moments of pathos and love interest. It was directed by E. Mason Hopper.

Playing opposite Mr. Lytell in the leading feminine role is Rhea Mitchell, who is seen as Mary, the sweetheart and partner of Boston Blackie. The rest of the cast consists of many noted players, some of whom are, Howard Davis, Frank Whitson, Rosemary Theby, John Burton and Joey Jacobs as the "little pal."

# PAULINE FREDERICK AT THE LIBERTY

Tomorrow at the Liberty will be shown another former Paramount success, Hall Caine's famous "The Eternal City," with Pauline Frederick featured. Miss Frederick never appeared in a better play than this one and which made her the successful star she is.

An added attraction will be Medford's popular merchant, Harry Manning, who will make his debut as a singer of classical and popular songs.

# SERBIA APPEALS FOR SHIPLOAD OF OUR CLOTHING

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—"Send a shipload of clothing to Serbia," is the plea of Madame Slayko Grouitch, wife of the minister to this country from the new kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes, who started today an organized effort to obtain from the American people the material desperately needed by the Serbians.

Not only manufactured clothing but cloth by the yard and especially footwear is desired, according to Mrs. Grouitch, honorary chairman of the Serbian Aid Fund Clothing committee, which has undertaken the task of collecting the clothing and which has its headquarters at 338 Madison avenue, this city. Arrangements have been made to receive here all express or parcel post shipments. Transportation to Serbia has been arranged through the Washington legation of the new Jug-Slav kingdom.

"In many Serbian families there is but one wearable garment," said Mrs. Grouitch. During the war Serbia was so nearly inaccessible that relief work was almost impossible. Since Serbia is 9 per cent a farming country, there was little merchandising in the whole kingdom, and the first Austrian invasion of 1914 completely devastated the richest quarter. In succeeding invasions, all movable goods—furniture, clothing, plows and cattle—were stolen, so that upon their return from exile, the Serbians found their country stripped of everything. In order to live, they must work their farms. The men are making rude implements and the women are trying to construct looms. But they have no raw materials with which to work, and unless clothing is sent in time for the planting season they cannot start their crops, and will be faced by famine.

"The men are already broken in health, crippled and tubercular. The women, worn out by the struggle for existence, are bent and aged. The children—all under eight years of age have died, for milk and chocolate have not been tested in Serbia for three years) are anemic and tubercular, and we are appealing to our American allies for clothing in which they can work. Underclothing, outer garments, and especially footwear, must be sent at once to Serbia if thousands of lives are to be saved."

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