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MEDFORD MAY BUY RAILROAD

ENTHUSIASTIC RESIDENTS MAY RAISE THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS TO GET CONTROL OF ROAD TO MILLS

MEDFORD, April 19.—At a mass meeting Monday it was decided to launch a campaign here to raise \$30,000 to finance the Pacific & Eastern railroad, recently placed in a receiver's hands and its operation discontinued. Dewing Brothers Lumber company, at Butte Falls, has pledged \$20,000 provided this sum is duplicated by popular subscription.

Through Receiver W. F. Turner of Portland, a purchase program has been outlined. This necessitates an initial payment of \$50,000 the remainder of the purchase price of \$250,000 to be taken in long-term bonds bearing 5 per cent interest. It is the intention of the citizens' committee to raise \$40,000 this week and then start the victory loan the first of next week, putting both over the top within two weeks.

According to figures assembled by local accountants the road will pay a profit above operation and fixed charges.

Industries in Medford have pledged themselves to subscribe the major part of the \$30,000. It is believed the road will be operating again by June 1st.

LUMBER FAMINE IS FORECASTED

EXPERT WHO HAS BEEN ABROAD FOR SOME TIME STUDYING CONDITIONS SAYS PRICES MUST GO UP

CHICAGO, April 19.—Roger E. Simmons, who was sent to Russia in 1917 as a member of a United States government commission to study the lumber situation in the war-devastated countries and who was taken prisoner by the bolshevik government and at one time sentenced to be shot, told the legislative commission investigating high prices of building material that the world was facing a lumber famine.

Prices of lumber, he said, are certain to rise in the next few years because of the unprecedented demand which would come from the recon-

struction of the war-stricken regions of Europe. The majority portion of this lumber, he said, would have to be supplied by the United States and Canada.

Canada already has received an order from the British government for 1,000,000,000 feet of lumber, while this country has received orders for 1,000,000 feet of oak by England and 12 shiploads of lumber for Italy.

Mr. Simmons, who spent 18 months abroad studying the subject, said Russia, which before the war exported 52 per cent of the world's lumber supply, would not be in a position to cut lumber until five years after the government had been stabilized and order restored.

Replying to questions by members of the commission regarding the future of bolshevism in Russia, Mr. Simmons said:

"Bolshevism is like a scourge, which must run its course. I believe that eventually it will fall because of its brutal injustice and immortality. It is the greatest menace to real democracy that the world has ever seen."

UNEMPLOYMENT IS DECREASING

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 21.—A marked improvement in unemployment conditions is shown in reports received by the United States employment service from 59 cities for the week ended April 12 and now made public. Thirty-six of these cities reported a surplus of labor in representative industries aggregating 97,900, as compared to a surplus over the preceding week of 123,605. Seven of the cities reported a shortage of labor aggregating 3750, or 800 less than the preceding week, while 16 reported labor supply and demand to be equal. The principal decreases in labor surplus were at Oakland, San Francisco, Butte, Portland, Or., and Rochester.

Improvement in labor supply and demand during the week has been better on the Pacific coast than in any other section of the country.

HAREM GIRLS ARE STARVING IN TURKEY.

NEW YORK, April 21.—Thousands of girls, released from Turkish harems, because of the inability of their masters to maintain them, are wandering about Asia Minor, some of them crazed from hunger and exposure. Among them are many Christians who were forced to enter Turkish harems to escape death, and many are begging from village to village for food for their babies.

This is the word brought in dispatches to the American committee for Armenian and Syrian relief. A special appropriation was set aside to meet this new emergency.

KLAMATH TAKES FLYING START

TENTH OF QUOTA FOR VICTORY LOAN IS PLEDGED BEFORE NOON OF OPENING DAY. SPIRIT FINE.

With a tenth of its quota of \$385,000 raised before noon of the first day of the big Victory Loan Campaign here and the pledges rolling in from all precincts, the leaders of the drive here are becoming more optimistic as the hours pass by.

Bright and early this morning the enthusiastic workers in the different precincts of the city were to be seen out in groups in a way that meant business. The first reports indicate the same general spirit of loyalty toward his move that has been indicated before, when the County doubled its quota.

People who look back at the situation one year ago today and consider the miracle that has been wrought, seem glad to go down in their pockets and help to dig up the final payment that is going to assure the liberty of mankind.

STOCKMEN WORK FOR ADJUSTMENT

MEETING HERE SATURDAY AFTERNOON GETS BASIS FOR UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CATTLEMEN AND SHEEPMEN

A proposal by the Klamath County Cattle and Horse Growers' Association in a conference with the Klamath County Wool Growers' Association, to have the public lands of Klamath County east of Langell Valley, thrown into a federal grazing reserve, in the department of the Interior was taken under advisement by the latter body, at the meeting held at the City Hall on Saturday afternoon until its sentiment can be determined at a general meeting held on May 3rd. Owing to the rules of the wool growers body, definite action could not be taken at that time, but it was the sentiment of the officers and men present, to stand behind this move in an effort to adjudicate the range difficulties which have now reached a crisis here.

The meeting held Saturday was well attended by representative stockmen of both factions from all parts of the County.

INFORMATION IS REQUESTED

JUST HOW CAN ONE BE SURE OF A RABBIT EGG WHEN HE SEES ONE? WHAT COLOR IS THE EGG OF A CAT?

Paul Keller is the most puzzled young man in this city today. He is wondering how on earth it is that genuine rabbit eggs will hatch cats, and it is reported that he has enrolled for a special course in zoology at the Klamath County High School and will take up research work along this line.

Paul has a lot of little boy and girl friends in his neighborhood near Eighth and Jefferson, according to a report today and he wanted to make their Easter Sunday Egg hunt a decided success, so he is alleged to have stealthily arranged a nest of eggs in the basement where the youngsters could find them. Imagine his dismay on peering in some time later to find the eggs gone and the nest full of wee baby kittens.

CHURCHES ASKED TO AID EMPLOYMENT

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 21.—William B. Wilson, secretary of labor, has requested all church members to take an active interest in "employment Sunday," which has been set for May 4.

The national programme of employment administered by the United States employment service and its bureaus will be the subject of sermons and addresses on that Sunday.

The plan is to interest the public more generally in providing employment for returned soldiers and sailors. Secretary Wilson calls upon every church to co-operate. This will not be a matter of any one creed, but of all loyal Americans.

In line with this announcement the Methodists of the northwest already have signified their intention to assist Charles A. Bowen, executive secretary of the northwest, for the Methodist centenary movement, yesterday stated that 2000 Methodist minute men will urge the church Sunday school and Epworth league workers to help in the employment movement.

CONGRESSMAN LEAVES.

Congressman Sinnott left today for Bend via the auto stage which started the first trip of the season. The trip is being made in a Ford car which by the way is Mr. Sinnott's favorite machine. He keeps one of the "Lizzies" at Washington and says he takes great pleasure in going about the capital, with his family.

IMMENSE TIMBER MERGER STARTED

CHICAGO, April 21. The first American lumber congress has resolved into the American forest products institute, a new body intended to bring all branches of timber and lumber business into close co-operation. Organization of the institute will be perfected at a later date.

Resolutions adopted include an endorsement of a deep waterway from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico, and an expression of confidence in the patriotic purposes and sincerity of Director-General Hines of the railroad administration, who addressed the congress.

John H. Kirby of Houston, Texas, and Dr. Wilson Compton, Chicago, were re-elected president and secretary of the National Lumber Manufacturers Association.

BEND WOULD WIPE OUT DEBT.

BEND, Or., April 21.—At a special meeting the Bend city council voted to contract with Freeman, Smith & Camp, Portland bond buyers, for the sale of \$18,000 worth of serial 5 1-2 per cent bonds, providing an election already authorized, the date of which has not been set, carries. The bond issue is for the wiping out of the city's warrant indebtedness.

KLAMATH NEEDS SUGAR PLANTS

MAN WHO IS HEAVILY INTERESTED IN THIS INDUSTRY IS ENTHUSIASTIC OVER POSSIBILITIES IN COUNTY

Klamath County has plenty of room for three or four enormous beet sugar factories, which will bring in people and build up the country faster than any other agricultural industry, in the opinion of F. S. Bramwell, vice President of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce, who has been here for a few days from Grants Pass and who has been looking over the district with his friend C. T. Darley, the county surveyor.

Mr. Bramwell is a big sugar beet man, associated with the Utah Idaho Sugar Company and after learning what the sugar beets have already done here in the way of production and seeing the great territory available, he is most anxious to see the industry launched here. He left this morning for his home at Grants Pass and expects to return again in about a month.

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