

Harvesting of the bean crop has begun in Polk county. The average yield is between 350 and 450 pounds per acre, which is not as good as expected. There are nearly 1000 acres of land around Monmouth in beans.

An amendment was adopted in the senate to the deficiency bill which will permit Oregon and several other states to receive immediate benefits under the vocational education bill, Oregon's share amounting to \$4500.

Three of the 12 cities in the United States that have oversubscribed their war library fund quota are in Oregon, says a telegram from national headquarters in Washington, D. C., to W. L. Brewster, state director. They are Lakeview, Independence and Monmouth.

During the past season a company organized at Grants Pass has been catching and shipping a thousand pounds of salmon a day from the mouth of the Rogue river. The fish are iced and sent to Coquille by auto truck and from there shipped by rail to market.

Prineville, October 22 to 25, will be the Mecca of clubwomen from all over the state. Everything is in readiness and it is expected that the 17th annual convention of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs will be one of the most successful in the history of the organization.

To facilitate the handling of a large block of yellow pine in central Oregon, officials of the Brooks-Scanlon Lumber company of Bend are negotiating with the Shevlin-Hixon company of Bend and the Huron Timber company of Saginaw, Mich., for the purchase of approximately 370,000,000 feet of timber.

An editorial suggestion that the pioneer relics, stories and facts of southern Oregon should be collected and preserved has met with support by the papers of Grants Pass, Ashland and Medford and a move is under way to have the libraries of the three cities made collecting agencies for that purpose.

President Wilson has signed two land bills affecting the status of tracts in the Oregon forest reserves. The first eliminates certain lands in the Wallowa national forest amounting to 15,555 acres. The other lands are located in the Fremont national forest in Lake county. This part amounted to 15,024 acres.

A smaller quantity of eggs during the next year is the outlook from Douglas county, as the result of high prices of feed. According to poultry men, about three tons of chickens are being shipped from Roseburg weekly, and similar quantities go from Riddle, Myrtle Creek, Oakland, Yoncalla and Drain.

Fourteen hundred turkeys in one flock being driven across a field was the unusual sight that residents of Fossil saw recently. The birds were owned by Thomas, McKinley and James Huntington, three brothers, who have homesteads in the Blue mountains in Wheeler county. They were on their way to market, a drive of more than 40 miles, mostly across the stubble fields of Gilliam county.

The car service commission, at the request of Senator McNary, will order an immediate investigation of the complaint of the Portland chamber of commerce with reference to shortage of cars on the Southern Pacific to move Oregon products. The chamber says the situation is made worse by the withdrawal of coast-wise ships. It reports a surplus of cars on the O. W. R. & N. company and the Northern Pacific.

Governor Withycombe, P. L. Campbell, president of the University of Oregon; Dr. W. T. Foster, president of Reed college; Dr. W. J. Kerr, president of the Oregon Agricultural college; J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction, and J. H. Ackerman, president of the Oregon state normal school, are among those who will address the Oregon convention of Parent-Teacher associations, to be held in Eugene, October 17 to 20.

A survey of the unallotted lands on the Umatilla Indian reservation will be started soon by C. E. Redfield, surveyor in the Indian service, in order that these tribal lands may be allotted to the sons and daughters of present allottees in conformance with a recent decision of the department. The survey will require a year, but the apportionment of allotments has already begun. As soon as an Indian makes a selection he is allowed to go on the land unless there is a contest. This is being done in order to bring as much land as possible under cultivation.

After eight years of litigation in the Portland land office and the general land office at Washington, D. C., Loyal Chandler, of Siletz, was notified that he could make final proof on 160 acres in the Siletz valley. About 16 years ago Dr. Morse, of Salem, made final proof on 160 acres of valuable timber land in the valley and received a final certificate, but before the land had gone to patent it was contested by Chandler, who has lived on the land ever since as a squatter, although complying with the laws with reference to homesteads. The land to which Chandler will acquire title is said to contain at least 16,000,000 feet of timber.

**GENERAL BLISS**



Photo by American Press Association.

General Tasker H. Bliss, who succeeded General Scott as chief of staff of the United States Army.

**POPE TO ASK AGAIN FOR WAR TO CEASE**

Rome.—The reptiles of the central empire were a disillusion even to the Vatican, according to reports current. In political circles it is observed that both Berlin and Vienna were less specific about the conditions of the peace negotiations they intend to propose than was the Pope. While they accept the leading suggestions of the papal note regarding the limitation of armaments, their silence concerning Belgium, Serbia, Roumania, Alsace-Lorraine, Trent and Trieste is looked upon as significant.

It is understood that the Pope will again address a note to all the belligerents. The pontiff will point out that the questions on which all agree really represent the foundation of a new order of things in the world and a new era of peace for humanity.

The secondary problems, he will say certainly can be adjusted easily and better through good will and friendly discussion than by force of arms.

**BRIEF WAR NEWS**

Russian troops on the Riga front have retired to the right bank of the Dvina river in the region of Jacobstadt, it was officially announced by the Russian war office.

British warships bombarded the German naval works at Ostend with satisfactory results, it was announced by the British admiralty. Three German seaplanes were sunk.

Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, finding his efforts to dislodge the British from their recent gains in the Ypres salient ineffectual, has ceased his infantry attacks and resorted to artillery.

Having captured the Jacobstadt bridgehead, south of Riga, and forced the Russians to retire to the right bank of the Dvina for some distance north and south of the bridgehead, the Germans have halted their advance here.

General Cadorna, in his report on operations in the region northeast of Gorizia, chronicles the repulse of additional Austro-Hungarian attacks on the Bainsizza plateau. In the region of Monte Marmolado, northwest of Trent, the Italians, after exploding a mine, captured two advance positions from the Austro-Hungarians.

It is reported that the British battalions that captured Shrewsbury forest and Bulgar wood, to the east of the former place, experienced a new kind of German frightfulness. The advancing troops are said to have been fired on with "flaming bullets." These bullets set the men's clothing afire and in several instances, according to the account received here, wounded men had to be rolled in the mud by their comrades to extinguish the flames.

Hoover Wants Less Sugar Used. Washington.—Food Administrator Hoover has appealed to the American people to reduce their consumption of sweets to leave a share for their French allies, who are facing the prospect of two months entirely without sugar.

Costa Rica Breaks with Germany. San Jose, C. R.—The Costa Rica government by an official account has severed diplomatic relations with Germany.

Texas Governor Found Guilty. Austin, Tex.—The senate high court of impeachment, trying Governor James E. Ferguson, sustained 16 of the 21 charges brought against him.

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