

"Oregon's State Fair for 1918, Over The Top."

This is the slogan of the Board of Directors of the Fair, who are leaving nothing undone that will help make the fifty-seventh annual Fair the biggest and best ever held. Oregon has an enviable reputation for always being just a little ahead of every other state and her state fair is to be no exception, Secretary A. H. Lea, announces many new features of an interesting and instructive nature in the way of exhibits and programs and as President Wilson has advocated the continuance of Fairs this year, despite the terrible crisis confronting the country, it is expected that the attendance will be very large.

Art as a factor in all industries—a fact that is usually overlooked, will be stressed in the large and comprehensive art department of the State Fair. Mrs. Alice M. Weister, director of the department, recently said in this connection: "No state in the Union has ever succeeded industrially unless it made a special point of its art in its state and county fairs not only specimens of decorative art, but of industrial art and I hope the people will respond by sending whatever they have in either line, for by so doing they will be performing a patriotic act; for everything that tends toward industrial success is a factor in winning the war."

Cash prizes and diplomas will be awarded by competent judges. Included in the art department will be oil and water color paintings, portraits, miniatures, pastels, drawings, charcoal sketches, posters, cartoons, clay moulding, decorated china, arts and craft work in metal, wood and textiles, basketry, inlaid work and weaving. Send to the Oregon State Fair Board, Salem, for entry blanks and books. Articles should be sent to Mrs. Weister, care Art department, State Fair, Salem, so they will reach there by September 20. All articles will be carefully packed and returned to owners.

Tractor Purchases by Northwest Farmers to be Financed.

Mr. W. D. B. Dodson, secretary of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, announced that the Western Farm Credit Company, Ltd., has been induced to establish a branch office in Portland, Ore., to handle in the Northwestern States of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana, the work of financing tractor purchases, in which this company has been engaged in other parts of the Pacific Coast. Arrangements have been made to take offices here in the Northwestern Bank Building.

Mr. Norman Lombard, president of this company, has had a training which particularly fits him for this work. He is a Mechanical Engineer by training and a well known tractor expert. He has also been active in financial affairs being the head of the investment Banking House of Norman Lombard and Company. For many years, he has been connected with companies making loans to farmers and has made farm loans in Oregon and other states for such companies as the Union Central Life Insurance Company of Cincinnati, Ohio, The Prudential Insurance Co., of Newark, New Jersey, and others.

Mr. Lombard says, "The farmers are the bulwark of this nation. The winning of the war depends largely upon them." "Food will win the war" is a slogan all of us have heard, but we are just beginning to realize that it is absolutely true. New tractors, trucks, threshing machines and other kinds of power farming machinery are necessary if the farmers are going to turn the trick. Labor is scarce, expensive and insufficient on the farms today, because of the draft and the lure of high wages in ship-building cities. As a result, tractors are being bought by farmers as never before. Unfortunately, there has been no proper system to finance the purchase of these tractors on time—spreading the payments out, say, over two seasons. The length of time which the farmer needs has been the big stumbling block. Most financial institutions don't understand the farmer, and therefore they mistrust him. We know him perfectly, and, therefore trust him. For generations my people have been lending money to farmers, and they are the surest pay, most dependable, most honest of any class of borrowers.

"Now, our plan for financing these long time sales of tractors and other power machinery, is really very simple. The farmer merely pays a small part of his purchase price in cash and gives his note for the balance, payable at such times that the saving and increased profit resulting from the tractor's use will meet the payments. Anyone who knows how scarce, expensive and inefficient farm help is today will realize this is a great thing for the farmer.

"We have been splendidly received by your Chamber of Commerce officials, your Bankers and your implement dealers and anticipate great satisfaction from our Portland connection."

The Federal Reserve Board at Washington, recently gave out a special ruling to the effect that tractor paper should be considered as agricultural paper within the meaning of the Federal Reserve Act and entitled to re-discount as such, this applying, however, only to notes running six months and less.

The Government Farm Loan sys-

tem has nothing to do with tractors, being confined by law, to loan on mortgages. Somehow the impression has gotten around that the government was financing tractor sales or helping to sell some one make of tractor. The Government wants farmers to buy tractors—good tractors which will do the work required, but it is taking a position of absolute neutrality as between the different tractors and is allowing the private financial institutions to show their patriotism by handling this business for farmers. It now looks as though a sound, helpful plan has come to light.

Foreign Interest in American Papers

Within the last few weeks there has come to light important evidence as to Germany's efforts to control newspapers published on this side of the ocean. The testimony of more or less reluctant witnesses makes the essential facts clear, but it should be added that in wartime nearly everyone looks for hostilities and is as prepared to believe in an enemy working through press agencies as in a submarine hovering near the coast or in a wireless line under the management of spies.

Long ago it was stated by men who knew whereof they spoke that ably conducted movements were made to obtain control of American newspapers and to exert an influence favorable to importers rather than to home producers. These charges were denied, ridiculed, or evaded; sometimes men were insulted in coarse terms for ever hinting that such things could be. But the Cobden Club admitted that it had conducted a vigorous campaign on behalf of free trade in this country. A German company threatened to use its influence against a Congressman who voted to restrict immigration. It is not long since that an Italian appeared in court with his bill for services rendered in working for a low tariff on fruit products. These statements are not based on the inferences of high tariff organizations, they are matters of record. One may judge from them whether the year in and year out advocacy of free trade was entirely academic, and how far it was due to a well organized effort to get control of the American market.

Today no party and few individuals will question that in 1914 the German government was anxious to put its side of the case before the newspaper reading public. In 1904, 1894, 1884 and 1874 there were persistent efforts to enlist newspapers on the free trade side, but there was indignant denials that anything of the sort was being done.

Our Imports.

Figures from official sources in Washington can hardly be doctored, or padded, or stuffed to serve the designs of Republican partisans. Therefore be it noted that our imports for the year ending June 30 were \$2,946,059,402, an increase of \$287,000,000 over the previous year. Japan's shipments are heavy.

It is too brief a report to give much information. The supporters of the party now in power justly say that a substantial percentage of the imports is made up of raw materials we cannot produce here. With rapid expansion of our manufactures on certain lines imports of this kind must increase, if they gain tenfold there may be cause for rejoicing over the fact.

Let us, however, look at the other side of it. Are not many imports of a directly competing character? Would not duties yielding revenue aid the treasury today, and probably within a year or so to be of assistance to various industries which long ago felt the competition of the low wage scales of Europe and now have to meet the far lower schedules of the Oriental countries?

Stress is laid on the decline of imports from France and England. If the American wage earner finds the pressure of an Englishman who gets half or three fifths his wages slackening up while the competition of a Japanese who will work for one tenth of the American schedule increases, does that give us much room for boasting?

The revelation that the New York Evening Mail has really been the property of the German Government for many months causes unusual interest to attach to the domestic political views of the Mail, as editorially expressed during that period. First of all the Mail was bitter in its denunciation of the protective tariff policy. It was a strong advocate of free ports. It sponsored the Farmers Non-Partisan Socialist party, boosted President Townley to the limit, and tried to introduce the organization into New York politics. Now that we know the kaiser's platform for the United States we ought to be able to stay off of it—avoiding associating in politics with those who favor free trade, free ports and Socialism.

Registered Calves For Sale.

Having sold my ranch, will sell three high grade helper calves, one year old this fall—from choice cows, also three full blood bull calves, subject to register, from choice cows, also one yearling bull, from W. S. Ladd Estate.

If you want something A-one cheap, call at postoffice or Todd Hotel. P. W. Todd.

Mrs. Wood.

It is an odd sight, here in Tillamook, to see carloads of slab wood being shipped in for the cheese factories and farms surrounding the town, and it is strange that they should choose to use this fuel for their winter use.

At its best, slab wood is poor fuel, it is expensive. The work of unloading it from the cars is hard. The hauling it from the freight depot is costly. It takes up car space now so badly needed for the transportation of war materials and every loyal American should bear this in mind. When it is finally set down at its destination it must be cut into stove lengths and this costs more money and more time for handling. In Tillamook and all through the county, wood of the best quality is plentiful, and the only reason we can think of to account for the shipping in of slab wood is a shortage of labor.

The cutting of logs has always been a slow job, and we suppose that the ranchers have found it impossible to get out their wood in the usual way, and so have turned to the slab wood. But the problem has been solved by those who have used the Vaughn Light Drag Saw. This useful little saw cuts its way through a big log as a boy bites through a pie. They are mobile as machine guns and as steady as armored tanks. One of them in a day will get out an immense quantity of wood, cut out of big logs into stove length.

A number of farmers or cheese factories might co-operate in buying one of these saws and get out their winter's wood in a fortnight—bid defiance to the slab pile, have better wood at less cost, have more cleared land and more neighbors and the consciousness of having done something towards winning the war. Kuppenbender will demonstrate the Vaughn Light Drag Saw to you at any time. See him.

Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administratrix of the estate of George N. Johnson, deceased, by the Tillamook County Court of Tillamook County, Oregon. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present them to me at the office of H. T. Botts, Attorney-at-law, Tillamook City, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice. Dated this August 8th, 1918.

Mary Johnson, Administratrix.

Executor's Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned, Adam J. Schmelzer, by an order of the County Court for Tillamook County, Oregon, duly made and entered, has been appointed Executor of the Estate of Laura I. Chance, deceased, late of Tillamook County, Oregon.

Notice is further given that all persons having claims against said Estate must present the same to the undersigned at Beaver, Oregon, duly verified with proper vouchers, within six months from and after this date.

Dated September 12, 1918. Adam J. Schmelzer, Executor of the Estate of Laura I. Chance, deceased.

Notice to Creditors.

In the District Court of the United States, for the district of Oregon. In the matter of Cephas Nelson, Bankrupt, No. 4931 in bankruptcy.

Notice is given that on the 27th day of August, A. D., 1918, Cephas Nelson, of Wheeler, Oregon, the bankrupt above named, was duly adjudicated bankrupt; and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held in my office, 8th floor, Title & Trust Building, Portland, Oregon, on the 17th day of September, 1918, at 10:30 a.m., at which time said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

Claims must be presented in form required by the Bankruptcy Act, and sworn to.

The schedule filed discloses doubtful assets. Dated September 6, 1918.

A. M. Cannon, Referee in Bankruptcy.

Great Faith in Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy.

"Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy was used by my father about a year ago when he had diarrhoea. It relieved him immediately and by taking three doses he was absolutely cured. He has great faith in the remedy," writes Mrs. W. H. Williams, Stanley, N. W. For sale by Lamar's Drug Store.—Paid Adv.

Tablets.

"I have been selling Chamberlain's Tablets for about two years and heard such good reports from my customers, that I concluded to give them a trial myself, and can say that I do not believe that there is another preparation of the kind equal to them," writes G. A. McBride, Headford, Ont. If you are troubled with indigestion or constipation give them a trial. They will do you good.—For Sale by Lamar's Drug Store.—Pd Adv.



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