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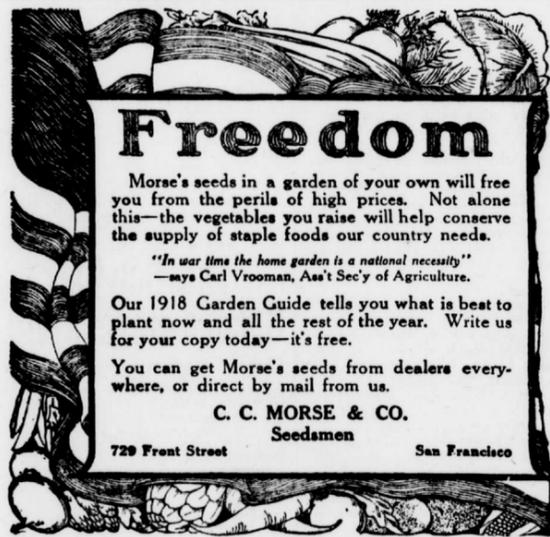
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WASHINGTON STATE NEWS OF INTEREST

Important Occurrences of Past Week Briefly Compiled for Our Readers.

Perry Baldwin of Cloverland, in the spruce division, was killed at Toledo, in logging operations.

O. S. Hanson of Spokane was chosen president of the Western Red Cedar association at the annual meeting held at Spokane.

Actual construction has begun on the kiln to dry the spruce sawed at the government spruce cut-up plant in Vancouver barracks.

When his automobile collided with an interurban train at the railroad crossing near Pacific City, W. Heggness of Sumner was instantly killed.

The police seized over 2000 copies of "The Finished Mystery" and arrested three alleged members of the International Bible Students in raids at Seattle.

There is to be a series of patriotic meetings in the district of Clarke county during the spring and summer to promote the production and preservation of food.

Municipal employes of Seattle are due for a substantial raise in pay. Salary increases aggregating \$500,000 annually were practically determined upon by the city council.

At Vancouver, Mrs. Vaughan, 87 years old, and known as "Grandma" Vaughan, is claiming the championship in knitting socks for soldiers. She knits a pair every four days.

A new town is to be built at Lacamas, 20 miles southeast of Chehalis, at the terminus of the Cowlitz, Chehalis & Cascade railroad. Three sawmills will soon be cutting timber there.

A Liberty temple is to be built at Walla Walla to be used as headquarters for all the war drive campaigns. Business men will donate the material and the trades and labor council will do the work.

P. H. Graham, justice of the peace of Leavenworth, was found dead in the basement of his shop. A revolver was lying beside him and a bullet hole in the forehead indicated that he had committed suicide.

Touchet residents have raised \$2600 by voluntary subscription to keep the public school open the remainder of the year. The district had exhausted its funds and would have had to close the school unless money were forthcoming.

Yellow is an extremely inappropriate shade for a funeral car. At least so a Seattle undertaker says in a protest to Secretary of State Howell, and it all came about because the new Washington state automobile licenses are a bright yellow.

The Yakima valley is confronted with the alternative of furnishing more beet tonnage for the Union Gap plant or having it closed, according to a statement made by Merrill Nibley, assistant general manager of the Utah-Idaho Sugar company.

In carrying on its educational campaign to prevent grain dust explosions the department of agriculture has sent Dr. H. H. Brown, of the bureau of chemistry, on a lecture tour throughout the country. He has visited Pullman, Spokane, Seattle and Tacoma.

A wage increase for city laborers in proportion to the increase in the cost of living is proposed by the Pullman council. The tentative scale being considered includes an increase from \$3 to \$3.75 daily for day laborers and from \$125 and \$160 monthly for man and team.

Grays Harbor fishermen are being wages paid in the shipyards, mills, log-lured away from their nets by high-ging camps and other industries. Already the number of fishermen has been greatly depleted. Under normal conditions several hundred men are engaged in the fishing industry in the Grays Harbor district.

One of the most successful fish-planting expeditions ever undertaken in this state was recently accomplished in the Dayton country in eastern Washington under the supervision of State Game Officials Walls and G. W. Patrick, when 400,000 eastern brook trout were planted in the Touchet river in the Wenaha national forest.

Secretary of War Baker last week made a visit to the base of the main portion of the troops in France who claim the state of Washington as their home. The soldierly appearance of the men made a deep impression on the secretary. He asked the commander of the army camp where his men were from and complimented them.

It was announced by the state public service commission at Olympia that April 10 has been fixed as the date for the hearing at Spokane of the Spokane gas rate case. The Spokane Gas company recently applied for a reopening of the gas rate case, the commission fixing the present schedule after a hearing in 1913. The company wants to raise its rates, and as the commission fixed the present schedule the company desires to show that the present returns are inadequate and a raise justified. The entire commission will be in Spokane for the hearing.

Grays Harbor contains over 27,000,000,000 feet of standing timber—more than any other county in Washington, according to figures recently made available. Of Gray's Harbor's timber, 21,260,000,000 feet is privately owned and 6,590,000,000 feet is owned by the federal government. The county contains 2,056,000,000 feet of spruce.

There will be no suspension of the state labor laws for war emergencies unless Governor Lister orders the same on the recommendation of the state council of defense. Secretary of War Baker has recommended legislatures empower such suspension for war purposes, but as yet the Washington legislature has taken no such action.

Practically all Grays Harbor's 20 shingle mills are closed because of the car shortage, no relief for which is in sight for some time. More than 400 shingle mill workers are out of employment as a result. Just what loggers will do with their cedar logs is becoming a problem, inasmuch as these must be logged along with the spruce and fir.

Announcement that they did not intend to serve the sentences imposed upon them in federal court for violation of the federal liquor laws without carrying the fight to the United States Supreme Court was made at Seattle by Logan and Fred Billingsley, two of the three brothers who figured in the alleged bootlegging ring exposed in Seattle a year and a half ago.

B. M. Williams, secretary of the Yakima Trades and Labor council has appealed to the sheriff for protection. Williams was outspoken in his sympathy for Frank Myers, the I. W. W. organizer who was taken out by citizens of Yakima and tarred and feathered, and says that within the last few days he has received a number of letters threatening him with similar treatment.

An executive secretary to represent the Fruitgrowers' agency of the Pacific northwest in all of its dealings with the government, the public and the railroads, was earnestly recommended to a conference of fruit shippers at Spokane by C. E. Bassett, of the United States bureau of markets. The growth of the business and the complexity of industry requires a highly efficient man of this kind, Mr. Bassett stated.

School children of Clarke county will be told of the various varieties of insects and plant parasites which are harmful to the fruit and vegetable grower by Professor Ham, an insect specialist in the government employ, and who is working under the direction of Washington State college at Pullman. Professor Ham will make a tour of the schools of the county and lecture on insect pests during the coming two weeks.

Despite recent reassuring statements of railroad traffic men, the lumber industry of western Washington is facing a serious predicament because of car shortages. This is the conclusion drawn by officials of the West Coast Lumbermen's association from data gathered in a canvass of the situation. Almost every district in the territory west of the Cascades reports being affected by the shortage. The situation seems worst around Puget Sound and Grays Harbor.

Victory Hall, raised in a day by the swift hand of Tacoma union labor as part of its contribution to the liberty loan campaign, built of materials that came from the mills and markets of Tacoma, lighted by the city with a brilliant line of glowing incandescents and banners to approach it, born of the "patriotic urge" of Tacoma alone, without one cent of cost to the country or the campaign which it is to represent, became an architectural reality of Tacoma Sunday evening.

A tract of spruce timber admirably adapted to airplane stock riving operations has been located in the southern part of Grays Harbor county. The timber is one of the largest bodies of accessible spruce in the county and is said to be probably the finest. It is said many of the trees stand 150 feet to 175 feet to the first branches. Cruisers estimate upwards of 50,000,000 feet can be rived. The belt can be tapped by an extension of the Lytle Logging company's logging railway about one and a half miles. The timber is owned by the Weyerhaeuser Timber company and the Pacific & National Timber company of Tacoma, owned largely by the St. Paul & Tacoma Lumber company.

Not only has the price of many commodities about doubled, but the quality is appreciably poorer. This was the discovery made by the state board of control when it completed its semi-annual buying for state institutions. Corsets, canned beans and scouring soap are among the few which showed an increase of less than 10 per cent. Flannels, engine oil, white corn meal, rice, some soaps, fresh fish and laundry starch soared from 100 to 122 per cent; oats and barley from 90 to 100 per cent; shirt goods, muslin, rolled oats, yellow corn meal and matches, 80 to 90 per cent, and cob pipes, dried apples, men's dress shirts and soda crackers, 70 to 80 per cent. Other gains revealed were: Groceries, 39 per cent; meats, 33 per cent; flour, 26 per cent; butter and cheese, 43 per cent; dry goods, 59 per cent; men's clothing, 57 per cent; stock feed, 5 per cent; surgeons' gauze and chewing tobacco, 55 per cent.

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Colville Garden Club Has Commenced Work

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CLUB MEMBERS

Earl Weatherwax, Thomas Rusch, Aubrey La Plant, Montana M. Phillips, Harold Nicholas, Wesley Kennedy, Hubert Carman, Jeanny Rochford, Margaret Bidwell, Velma Hockett, Teddy Silverton, Rosemary Rochford, Kenneth Milliren, Leona Hilk, Harold Nelson, Charles Graham, Robert Embrie, Margaret Cummins, Helen Rhode, Pearl Crane, Robert Embree, George Stoltz, Albert Nicholas, Hubert Knapp, Charlotte Rhode, Virginia Hunt, Velma Foster, Marguerite Henderson, Nettie Dupuis, Bernice Schwerdfeld, Grace Bell, Rose Thomas, Florence Winslow, Ida Masterson, Vera Masterson, Hazel MacBoyle, Irene Ozle, Marilyn MacBoyle, Vera Watson, Marcella Berthelette, Benna Setzer, Naomi Smith, Virginia Noble, Frieda Ramser, Theis Johnson, Josephine La Plant, Ida Men Muir, Dorothy Diffenbacher, William Wright, Dan Knauss, Hale Broeze, Virgil De Greif, Clayton McKern, Floyd Graham, Donald Foster, John Offutt, Patrick Bresnahan, Durward Thayer, Marcell Bunge, Gladys Casey, Lucile Harp, Julia Selverson, Alice Bennett, Josephine Bresnahan, Lovetta Briggs, Edna Gregory, Dorothy Mitchell, Vida Norman, Mable Cummins, Ethel Kirkham, Margaret Harnish, Dan Allen, Friend Lucore, Milton McCauley, Clarence Waldo, Theodore Thompson, Neva Dodson, Charles Wilbur, Pauline Johnson, Florence Hill, Lucile Rich, Beulah Briggs, Mildred Ecklund, Retta Campbell, Jostie Broten, Helen Winslow, Irene Miller, Vera Willett, Leford Wallace, Raymond Maurer, Dell Estey, Ralph Harp, Robert Wells, Stanley Mooers, William Koppe, Katie Bennett, Doris Schwerdfeld, Basil Lyon, Howard Maxfield, Chas. I. Graham, William Carey, Bill Diffenbacher, Herbert Miller, May Koppe, Howard Casey, Osea Noble, Bertie Waltenburg, Colyn De Greif, Grace Weatherwax, Frederick Miller, George Stewart, Chas. Wilbur, Blondell Lyon, William Hartwell, Ernest Embree, Bessie McDermid, Harvey Hill, Fred Benson, Kenneth Gilbert, Alyce Conner, Ralph Henry, Katherine Milliren.

The Royal Arch Masons of Colville will confer the Royal Arch degree Monday night on three candidates. The high priest and several members of the Spokane chapter will be present, also some of the grand chapter officers.

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