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**OREGON WEATHER**

Tonight and Friday partly cloudy; heavy frost tonight; westerly winds.

**A SAFE AND SANE INDUSTRY.**

The coming of the beet sugar industry to the Rogue valley fills a need that has been of long standing. The land owner is assured a market for a crop that he can grow to perfection, as experiment has proved. Not only has the market been assured, but the price has been guaranteed for a period of years. More than this, the problems that the farmer might have been forced to face in the way of financing his crop or of finding the labor to care for the crop during its growth and harvest have been assumed by the sugar factory people, something that is true of no other crop that can be put in the ground. The factory interests will furnish the seed and plant it, furnish the labor if it is needed, and take the expense out of the crop at the end of the season. Or when the farmer has brought his crop along to say half the season he can draw from the factory upon his account to pay himself and his family for their labor. A more equitable arrangement would be difficult to conceive. With all other crops the farmer must put his labor and his capital into the game and wait till he had found a market in the fall before realizing upon his effort and his investment. This new plan, however, is cooperation to the fullest extent. It will form the basis of an era in the agricultural development of the community, and marks a great advance toward solving the question of profits and of prosperity.

**BOOKS FOR FARMERS.**

The list of books in the circulating library sent to the office of the county agent includes the following titles: American Poultry Culture, Training and Breaking Horses, Soil Fertility, Rural Hygiene, Handbook for Farmers and Dairymen, Fungus Diseases of Plants, California Fruits, Injurious Insects, Bee Keeping, The Garden Library, Crops and Methods for Soil Improvement, Domestic Animals and Plants, Dairy Farming, The Fertility of the Land, Farm Management, The Spraying of Plants, Manual of Fruit Insects, Manual of Weeds, Irrigation and Drainage, The Farmer's Business Hand Book, Principles of Irrigation Practice, New Union Culture, Melon Culture, Principles and Practice of Stock Judging, Weeds of the Farm and Garden.

**REOPENING OF THE CANAL.**

Government ships drawing twenty-one feet of water passed through the Panama canal on the 15th of this month, and it is officially announced that the canal will probably be available for ships drawing thirty feet on the 15th of April.

As the canal will still have to be deepened several feet, there will be dredges constantly at work for some time, and their operations may sometimes cause temporary delays.

As, in the light of experience, the canal authorities are not likely to make predictions which they have not good reason to expect to come true, shipowners may probably plan to begin using the canal on the date named with ships of the draft stated. Probably, however, both shippers and shipowners will desire all the information there is before incurring

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the danger of another possible interruption. As the cut is deepened, the pressure will increase and, with all due respect to the ability of the government engineers, the shipping companies command the services of those of equal ability upon whose advice they will prefer to act.

There has been a special engineering commission at the isthmus, appointed by the president to go independently into all phases of the subject. That was so long ago that most people have presumably forgotten that there was such a commission. It must, however, by this time have made its report.

That, we suppose, is a public document. It is of great interest to the public, which would like to read it. The public pays the bills and uses the canal. And it is entitled, both as owners and users, to all the information there is.—San Francisco Chronicle.

**HOSPITAL MADE READY AT FRONT**

Columbus, N. M., via El Paso, Mar. 23.—With nearly two score military ambulances concentrated here and a military field hospital being rushed to completion, the American punitive expedition was today preparing for fighting in the mountainous wastes to the southward. Army men expected to wage a long campaign and were making comprehensive preparations.

"We expect to be chasing Villa around those mountain peaks next Christmas," said a colonel, pointing to the rocky spires looming through a purple mist south of the border. "Regardless of the views of statesmen, most of the officers believe we are in for a long trip, and won't stop much this side of Panama. And all say they're glad, too."

The dress parade aspect of the war is absent from Columbus. Until the raid Columbus was only a lazy border cattle town. But now it is the center of the American army. Gold lace and flashing swords were missing among the khaki-clad officers. Throughout the town soldiers rushed preparations for fighting Villa.

The little telegraph office has been yanked out of its corner in the railroad station. Expert keymen now crowd the limited space, transmitting army messages and sending such newspaper copy as the censor and wire limitations will permit.

The censor, a young lieutenant, sits in a corner with his blue pencil poised menacingly over the work of a harried correspondent. A bulky cavalryman steps up and hands him a message addressed to his mother in Rochester, N. Y.:

"We cross border tonight. Love to all. Don't worry."  
"Can't send that," says the censor, running his pencil through the word "tonight." Substitute "soon," and it will go."

Across the street, at the post office the overworked postmaster is swamped by the accumulation of mail. Washington may send him an assistant after congress has had time to mull the matter over, he says, but for the present he is going it alone and slowly. In the post office, too, a censorship exists over outgoing mails.

**MORE MEN THAN WOMEN HAVE APPENDICITIS**

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**\$5,000,000 LOSS IN AUGUSTA FIRE**

Augusta, Ga., Mar. 23.—Flames sweeping Augusta were under control at noon, after having ravaged 1 1/2 square miles, including 10 business and 20 residence blocks. Three thousand are shelterless. The loss is estimated at \$5,000,000. Several firemen were injured.

Augusta, Ga., Mar. 23.—One person was known to be dead, hundreds of homeless walked the streets, and injured people crowded a dozen hospitals today as the result of the fire which swept the business district and residence area of Augusta.

Estimates placed the damage at upwards of \$2,000,000. Business was prostrated. Militiamen paced the debris littered streets through blocks of blackened ruins that had once been homes, guarding piles of household goods in the gutters.

Fire fighters were on the ground from Macon, Atlanta and Savannah. With the flames curbed, the volunteers and regular firemen searched cooling ruins for more dead.

Immediate relief for the victims was asked, and thousands of dollars subscribed at once.

Starting in the commercial district, the fire destroyed a number of the city's biggest office buildings. When it was thought to be extinguished, a high wind carried embers two blocks and started the blaze which devoured six blocks of residences. Flames ate into the cotton warehouse district, where 15,000 bales, worth \$500,000, were menaced.

**"MEXICO FOR THE MEXICANS"—VILLA**

Douglas, Ariz., Mar. 23.—After the capture of Villa and his band; when the last American soldier has left Mexico, will begin an exodus from the southern republic of thousands of American mining men, engineers and operators of the huge mines and oil fields now flowing a stream of gold into the United States.

"Mexico for the Mexicans!" was the cry Villa shouted all along the route of his retreat from Columbus.

"The gringo soldiers are here to take our country—fight with me or die!"

Had the American advance not been so rapid, many recruits would have flocked to Villa, because every Mexican, deep down in his heart, hates the gringo.

Americans who have lived all their

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lives along the border and in Mexico unanimously agree on this point.

Not so much because Americans took California and Texas and all the western territory, it is pointed out, but because they are now draining the wealth of the country and exhausting its mineral stores.

On this point all Mexicans are agreed, mining and railway men say. These men fear that General Carranza, in his effort to stamp out Villa forever, is about to prevent another revolution by seizing the mines and oil fields now owned by Americans and other foreigners.

The action of Governor Calles of Sonora state in proposing to recall all state grants and revising the status of claims, is only a forerunner to rid Mexico of American financiers who, Mexicans believe, are sapping the country's wealth.

According to de facto government officials working under Calles, federal grants will not be affected. But interested Americans express fear that the system will be spread to all states of Mexico and the plan of taxes, etc., will be such as to make work by Americans impossible. In order to rid the country of Villa, Carranza, many Mexicans declare, will gladly recognize the demands of Zapata. What Zapata wants is "Mexico for Mexicans, peon and cientifico alike."

**FUNSTON HEARS FROM PERSHING**

San Antonio, Mar. 23.—"I believe General Pershing may take over the Mexico Northwestern railroad, operating from Casas Grandes toward Cumbre tunnel, although he has not reported to me," said Major-General Funston today.

"Of course, he must first obtain consent of the local Mexican commander," added Funston. "I understand the road is in fair condition from Casas Grandes to Cumbre tunnel. The tunnel was wrecked a year ago by an explosion, and it has not been repaired, and but three cars at a time can operate there on a switch-back."

Headquarters officers emphasized the need for speed south of Casas Grandes by pointing out that the line runs where Pershing is most likely to want troops suddenly.

Funston sent a wireless message to Pershing asking a report on the Casas Grandes situation during the past 26 hours, information about Lieutenant Gorrell, army aviator lost, and confirmation of the report that Lieutenant Willis, the other military airman missing, was safe.

Major Sample, commandant here, reported that the land wire connecting Columbus and infantry headquarters south of Ascension had been repaired, restoring communication with Pershing. The wires were cut by Villistas.

Funston received a code message from General Bell at El Paso, supposedly with regard to the Herrera defection. Its contents were not made public.

Funston denied asking for more troops, intimating that the coming reinforcements were sufficient for present needs. He believed use of the militia will be necessary if the situation grows worse, but he has passed the militia question up to the war department.

As far as Secretary of War Baker's advice showed today, Americans in Mexico had not fired a single shot, and there had been no soldiers killed since the expedition marched from Columbus.

Baker had no confirmation of the report that General Luis Herrera abandoned the Carranzista cause and took 2,000 followers over to Villa. Baker did not deny he was considering calling the militia for duty.

Besides almost all of the country's mobile army already either in Mexico or on the border, the government still has its coast artillery, Philippine and Alaska forces, and several thousand marines that could be used in an emergency.

The protocol under which operations against Villa are to be conducted only awaited Carranza's approval today.

**APPLEGATE**

Chas. Mee returned to Central Point Monday, after spending a few days with his parents here.

Jack O'Brien spent Monday in Medford learning to drive a new Chevrolet car.

Sarah Bebb, of Central Point, is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Mee, and other relatives on Thompson creek.

The second annual field meet and picnic will be held at the Valley Pride

creamery Thursday, May 18. The forenoon will be given to the various competitive stunts of the schools for the possession of the silver cup. Basket dinner at noon. In the afternoon, speaking, followed by a program of general sports, for which prizes will be given. At night a dance will be given by the Applegate school.

A company is being organized to enlarge and extend the Offenbacher ditch. It will be extended about seven miles and cover approximately 500 acres. Those in the company are: Mr. Van Cleave, M. L. Baldwin, Alec Purvis, John Herriott, T. W. Herriott, T. H. Mansfield, Geo. W. Herriott, Fred Benedict, and J. D. Knight.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Benedict attended the Winetrot-Hansen wedding at Grants Pass.

A large crowd attended the basketball game at Rose's hall last week between Grants Pass and Applegate. The visiting team was defeated.

**PORTLAND MARKETS**

Portland, Mar. 23.—Today's market quotations were:  
Wheat—Club, 84@90; bluestem, 95@1.00.  
Oats—No. 1 white feed, 24.35@24.75.  
Barley—Feed, 27.50.  
Hogs—Best live, 9.20@9.35.  
Prime steers, 8.35; fancy cows, 7; best calves, 8.  
Spring lambs, 10.  
Butter—City creamery, 34; country 30@31.  
Eggs—Selected local extras, 19@21.  
Hens, 16; broilers, 20@21; geese, 10@11.  
Copper, 28 1/2.

**MYSTERY SURROUNDS DEATH OF 3 IN NEWYORK**

New York, Mar. 23.—Following the deaths of three wealthy people here, District Attorney Swann today ordered the arrest of Dr. Arthur Warren Waite.

John E. Peck, Grand Rapids millionaire, and father-in-law of Dr. Waite, died March 12, supposedly of arsenic poisoning. Mrs. Peck, his wife, died on January 30. Her body was cremated. Both deaths occurred in Dr. Waite's apartment on Riverside drive. Mrs. Emma Ring, 60 years old, died yesterday. She left an estate of \$400,000.

Suspicion was first aroused by a

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negro maid's statement. The coroner also received a telephone message from an unknown source, telling him he had better inquire into the circumstances of the tragedies.

After Peck died, his son, Percy, in Grand Rapids, received an anonymous telegram suggesting that he demand an autopsy.

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