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No Other Town in the World the Size of Grants Pass Has a Paper With Full Leased Wire Telegraph Service.

## BEET CROP IS LOOKING FINE

### Cultural Experts Say That a Good Growth Is Being Made, and Estimates of Probable Tonnage Raised

"We are increasing the estimate of tonnage that we expect to harvest from the beet fields of the Grants Pass district every time we look at the growing crop," is the way Frank S. Bramwell, general superintendent of the Oregon-Utah Sugar company, speaks of the local beet crop outlook.

That the beets are doing finely is the statement of both Mr. Bramwell and Cultural Expert Austin, who are now kept busy in directing the work in the fields. The seeders are still being kept running, and will be all during the month, every acre that can be made ready being planted to the crop. Some fields are being replanted owing to the first planting having been made at too great a depth. This was a common fault in the loose bottom lands, but had the season been ordinarily dry it is probable that this would not have caused trouble. The sugar company has preferred to replant in every case where the stand was not satisfactory, however, as there was an abundance of seed available and to get the tonnage it was felt better to waste some seed and get a full stand everywhere.

Mr. Austin was especially pleased with the growth the beets were making, and said that he had never seen better beets for the time of the season than he had found here. He exhibited samples that already showed roots extending 10 inches down into the soil, smooth and beautiful vegetables that to the practiced eyes of Mr. Bramwell and Mr. Austin spoke of heavy yields and heavy sugar content. Mr. Austin said that one thing that surprised him was to pull a beet with a small top and find the underground part so large in proportion. Some of the beets are already more than an inch in diameter, showing the remarkable growth made after the little beet once gets a start.

The Japanese laborers have been busy the past few days weeding and thinning the earlier plantings. They are most expert in the work, and go through a field in rapid time. A field after the thinners have been through it has a sorry appearance for a few days, or until the stragglers that are left from the full rows take hold.

Work at the factory is progressing satisfactorily, as great headway being made as is possible with delay in the receipt of some shipments of machinery. The first of the two main buildings is now well along toward completion, and the contractors say that they have a long margin of time in which to complete their job. They will have the factory ready by the time a single beet is ready for slicing. The substantial character of the buildings, and the magnitude of the enterprise has surprised the average visitor who has first inspected the factory site. With the completion of the buildings, the beet sheds, silos and feeding yards, South Grants Pass will be a city of considerable magnitude.

### BREWER'S SON HAS HIS DIGNITY HURT

New York, May 24.—Wm. Lemp, son of a wealthy St. Louis brewer, left the Newman school at Hackensack, N. J., today because his dignity suffered when he was paddled by fellow students for talking back to a class leader. Tennis rackets and mallets were used for the spanking.

## VON BUELOW MAY SUCCEED GERMAN AMBASSADOR

London, May 24.—Prince von Buelow, former German imperial chancellor, is to become ambassador to Washington, the Exchange Telegraph stated this afternoon, on what it termed good authority. The report said the German diplomatic corps would be re-arranged.

The statement made by the Exchange Telegraph was not corroborated from other sources, although Ambassador von Bernstorff's recall has been repeatedly rumored. Assuming the report to be true, it is taken to mean that Germany expects a move for early peace.

Prince von Buelow is connected with peace moves, especially as he was recently in Switzerland. A year ago he tried to prevent Italy from joining the entente allies.

Swiss reports have said that von Buelow, at the kaiser's request, held aloof from governmental affairs in order that he might be free of entanglements in the peace negotiations. He is considered the foremost European diplomat.

## CHARGE USE OF U.S. MAILS TO DEFRAUD

San Francisco, May 24.—On the day that the house of representatives began the consideration of a bill restoring to the government 3,200,000 acres of land granted to the Oregon-California railroad in 1860 under conditions which the government claims the road violated, seven men went on trial in the federal district court in San Francisco charged with having used the mails to defraud in the collection of money from people in all parts of the country on the promise that they could locate on the lands.

They are Norman D. Cook, Rev. Richard Fish, Wm. B. DeGarno, A. J. Reetz, Sydney F. Sperry and Elmer Paten.

The Oregon-California road got the land from the government on the promise it would sell to the public that portion not required by the road. The land was to be sold in parcels of 160 acres at \$2.50 an acre. In the contest between the railroad and the government which followed, the supreme court ruled that title to the land rested with the railroad and that in order to allow the public to purchase any parcel of it special legislation would have to be enacted to that effect by congress.

The trial will consume about eight weeks. More than 300 witnesses from all parts of the United States have been summoned.

## STATE PROVING SANITY OF WAITE

New York, May 24.—Dr. Arthur Warren Waite told Percy Peck, his brother-in-law, prior to the death of John H. Peck, that the latter was grief-stricken over the death of his wife and that he might not live long, according to Percy Peck's testimony today in Waite's trial on a charge of murdering Mr. and Mrs. John H. Peck.

The witness also swore that Waite asked him if Mrs. Peck's sister could not have her share of the income from the estate before the will was probated.

This testimony was introduced by the state in an effort to prove that Waite was not insane in his alleged murders, and that they were prompted by a cold desire to get money.

Gertrude Peck Waite, wife of the defendant, will be the next witness called for the prosecution.

## LAND GRANT MEASURE DEBATED

### Members of the House Talk of Provisions of the Bill for Disposal of 2,300,000 Acres of Land in Oregon

Washington, May 24.—Under an agreement to vote after a three-hour debate, the house today took up the Oregon-California land grant bill. The measure gives back to the United States title to 2,300,000 acres in Oregon which were granted the Oregon-California railroad under terms which the corporation violated.

Chairman Davis of the house land committee said the bill carried out a decision of the United States supreme court. Congressman Ferris interrupted with many questions. Congressman Foster of Illinois objected to the bill on the ground that not enough proceeds of the sale would revert to the United States.

Opponents of the bill printed in Washington papers this morning a full-page advertisement objecting to the measure on the ground that it was unfair to the railroad. The advertisement was signed S. A. D. Pater.

Speaker Clark called Representative Gard of Ohio to preside during the debate in committee. Congressman Ferris was hardly launched on his statement about the bill when he was interrupted by a broadside of questions.

Members wanted to know what the supreme court decided, how the government can legally resume title, whether the John Lind contracts were disposed of, what the lands are worth, how much the government will get, why the timber land classification is fixed as it is, and numerous other questions.

Congressman Wingo of Arkansas said more timber should be allowed in the timber classification because he feared the settlers would not have enough timber to whip their children.

Congressman Sinnott was applauded at the conclusion of his speech on the bill and Raker of California then asked him what objections he had to the measure as it now stands.

## FEDERAL FRUIT MARKETING PLAN WILL BE DISCUSSED HERE JUNE 1ST

The big new fruit marketing plan worked out by federal experts and already largely adopted by the leading fruit districts of Washington and Idaho will be explained and discussed Thursday, June 1, at the Commercial club rooms at 1.30 p. m. The Fruit Growers' organization and Commercial club unite in urging everyone to be out and assist in deciding what this district is going to do.

The national government recognizes the fruit marketing situation in the Pacific northwest to be one of the most serious problems confronting agriculture in the United States. In 1915, at the hearing of the federal trade commission in the northwest, more pressure was brought to bear to secure direct assistance in perfecting organization among the fruit growers than for help in any other line of industry. The result was that three of the best experts of the federal office of markets have spent three months in devising a plan which will apparently greatly relieve the marketing situation if a large majority of the tonnage can be con-

## COMMITTEE SUPPORTS BRANDEIS

### Senate Judiciary Body Di- vides Along Party Lines, and Confirmation of Wil- son Appointee Is Expected

Washington, May 24.—The senate judiciary committee today recommended confirmation of Louis D. Brandeis as associate justice of the United States supreme court. The vote was 10 to 8, on straight party lines. Senator Shields of Tennessee voted with the other democrats in favor of confirmation.

Friends of Brandeis are jubilant. They forecasted that the floor division would be similar to the committee vote and make Brandeis a winner by an easy margin. Cummins was absent from committee when the vote was polled, but his ballot was counted for Brandeis.

A protracted fight in the senate is expected on Brandeis. The matter of his appointment is likely to be reached within a week, with a long drawn out debate and a possible filibuster.

Backers of the appointment of Trade Commissioner Rublee, held up by the senate, are expected to seize this opportunity to urge that his name again be submitted for confirmation.

## SCOUTS PURSUE VILLISTA BANDS

Columbus, N. M., May 24.—General Pershing today is sending scouting expeditions south of his advanced base in Mexico in pursuit of Villista bands who are openly recruiting in the very wake of the retiring American expedition.

Peons are being conscripted into the bandit ranks on promise of receiving large rewards of loot, under the assurance that Francisco Villa himself is coming to lead them.

Villa is said to have been located west of Parral. This is doubted.

## CLUB WOMEN AT BIG CONFERENCE FAIL TO AGREE

New York, May 24.—Dissension has broken out today in the ranks of the women's clubs, despite the fact that the national convention does not open until tomorrow. Mrs. John Hays Hammond gave a luncheon to Mesdames Roosevelt, Bryan, Hughes and Miss Margaret Wilson, and failed to invite Mrs. Josiah Evans Cowles of Los Angeles, candidate for the presidency. Mrs. Cowles' supporters murmured of insult. Friends of other candidates said they did not control the Hammond luncheon guests.

Husbands who are not fathers and who are accompanying their wives to the convention, are having a fine program, visiting the zoo, aquarium and historic points. Men who have children with them have to keep the babies amused.

## SUBMARINES MAY CROSS ATLANTIC

New York, May 24.—A regular trans-Atlantic submarine service between Hamburg and New York will be started next month, the Evening Mail asserted today, claiming to have learned it on good authority.

The first submarine will reach New York about July 1, according to the report. The Mail said she would be armed for defense only and would carry mails, parcels, and perhaps a few passengers. The trip is to be made in ten days.

By August, the Mail said, Germany expected to have five of these submersibles working on regular schedules. They will voyage north of Scotland or through the English channel, according to conditions at sea, and enter New York via Long Island sound, taking advantage of the three-mile limit.

## CARRANZA NOW SENDING NEW NOTE

Washington, May 24.—It is not expected here that the new note from Provisional President Carranza, in transit today by messenger, will make flat demands for withdrawal of American troops from Mexico, but it is expected to contain urgent suggestions that such a withdrawal is expected. It is likely to show resentment at the dispatch of a second American expedition across the border.

Carranza is expected to urge that the United States troops are not needed any longer as he has raised a large army for patrol duty. If he can convince the war department that this is true, the withdrawal will probably be automatic.

So far the department is not convinced. Carranza is believed so friendly that he will not press demands which might become troublesome.

No request for financial aid has been received from Mexico. The American government is unable to make loans directly, although it might stand sponsor for other loans.

## AUSTRIAN AEROPLANE SHOT DOWN IN ADRIATIC

Rome, May 24.—Italian warships shot down an Austrian aeroplane over the upper Adriatic recently, the war office stated today.

tatives will assist in perfecting final arrangements. Fruit growers, bankers and business men generally throughout the state recognize the great importance of this matter and are aiding in financing the campaign which the college extension service is now carrying on.

## BATTLE AT VERDUN RAGING

### Germans Hurl Thousands of Men at French Positions, and Strife Is Called Fiercest in History of World

Paris, May 24.—From Dead Man's hill eastward to the ruins of Fort Douaumont the most savage battle in the world's history is raging today.

Eighty thousand Germans were sent crashing into the French positions on Dead Man's hill, while two Teuton brigades rushed repeatedly during the night at the soldiers of the republic holding Douaumont. Every assault was a failure.

Fighting in the Douaumont ruins attained its greatest intensity at noon yesterday. Germans covered all French trenches from Thiaumont to Douaumont with a steady artillery fire. Behind great columns of dust the gray German lines swept toward the French works. French machine guns sprayed the charging ranks, but still the waves of spiked helmets came on and swarmed over the western and northwestern edges of Douaumont.

Here a bloody struggle began. Men fought against man, clinging to steep parapets, climbing through narrow alleys and slashing through dense entanglements of barbed wire. Bayonets and hand grenades became useless, so closely were the fighting troops wedged together. Shoved forward by the press of comrades at their backs, the Germans battled with fists and stabbed with knives.

When one such assault was defeated by the French and its survivors ejected from the works, another was started. Throughout the day the Germans attacked repeatedly. There was no change when night came. In spite of this terrific hammering, French troops retained all positions taken on Monday. The loss at this point in the first two days of the desperate fighting is estimated at 10,000 killed.

The Germans since Sunday, recited the communique, have been attacking the northwestern front of Verdun with sixty thousand men. Throughout last night the battle was waged furiously. Both banks of the Meuse were assaulted, but French troops stubbornly resisted, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy.

Hand-to-hand fighting preceded German capture of Cumieres village. On the Meuse east bank Germans, after extensive artillery preparations, launched repeated charges against the Haumont-Douaumont front, losing fearfully.

German fire blotted out French trenches, but the defenders stuck to the debris and battled the advancing Teutons with bayonet, clubbed rifle and knife.

East of Fort Douaumont, despite a deadly fire from machine guns, a few German detachments streamed through the French bullets and reached their objective positions. West of the fort all charges were halted. The Germans used gas west of the Navarin farm, but failed to progress.

## WILSON TO ATTEND GRAYSON-GORDON WEDDING

New York, May 24.—The president and Mrs. Wilson arrived here today for the wedding of Dr. Carey Grayson, the president's physician and close friend, and Miss Alice Gertrude Gordon at 4 p. m. Other distinguished guests are Secretary McAdoo and wife and Secretary Tumulty and wife. They accompanied the bridegroom-to-be from Washington.