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Barley is in Good Demand—Activity in Wheat Expected Soon.

The wheat market is undergoing an off spell at the present time, and little is changing hands, says the Pendleton Tribune. Prices are ranging about 75 cents on an average and this is not what farmers feel they ought to get and will get more before long. Wheat hauling is getting well under way to the surrounding stations. A number of cars were loaded yesterday at Cayuse and Mission. Cars were said to be plentiful yesterday and will be ready for a rush when conditions improve.

Barley is more active. Good brewing quality is bringing about \$1.20, while inferior grades are worth as low as \$1.10 for feeding purposes. There is not a very large supply of barley in the country at the present time and farmers who have it on hand have little difficulty in disposing of their holdings.

Mill feed is so scarce that a price can hardly be quoted. Where there is any to be had the top price can be obtained. Local millers were quoting bran at \$24 per tin, shorts \$25 per ton, and rolled barley at \$27.

The cause of the long continued scarcity in the supply of mill feed is the dullness in the export flour trade. For some time a large majority of the northwest flour mills have been closed most of the time. When mills are not running mill feed cannot be produced. The bran and shorts are always consumed by local demand, but the flour has been exported. As a result, when the flour trade falls off and the mills shut down, mill feed is hard to get.

A prominent local miller announced yesterday that while many mills throughout the surrounding country had been shut down on account of the poor demand for flour he had to run all the time and had had more orders in than he could fill.

EXTORTER IN JAIL

Walla Walla, Aug. 20.—Prolific in statements, with a readiness in affidavit-making that would have made the notorious divorce law firm in New York, Hummel & Howe, look with envious eyes in his direction, James Breen, who has been in the spotlight for a week or two past, in connection with the Cecil Brittan mystery, is in the county jail, and, if he gets his deserts will spend the rest of his natural life "on the hill." For weeks past he has played upon the heartstrings of the parents and "strung" the peace and law officers of several counties in three states.

Breen, who escaped from Deputy Sheriff Butler of Spokane, at Tollgate Monday afternoon at 6 o'clock and has since been at large, with the officers on the watch for him, entered the valley yesterday morning and made his way along the public road to Milton, where he secured a room at the hotel. The city marshal discovered the man in town and wired the sheriff's office here. Deputy Painter at once went to Milton, but before he had arrived there, Breen, as he told the city marshal in Milton, had started on his way to Walla Walla. A lively search was kept up all afternoon, without avail, and as darkness fell, it was decided to continue the search today.

As was the belief of the officers, Breen, in an attempt to see Mrs. Brittan and secure more money, came to the city last night, and went to the First Exchange saloon on east Main street, from which place he telephoned to Mrs. Brittan that he had the child with him, and that he would be right over to the house. But as he made his exit from the saloon, Jesse Lieulien, who had been deputized by Sheriff Haviland, arrested him, and escorted him to the county jail, where he is being held awaiting instructions from the Falls City authorities, on whose orders the arrest was made.

In response to questions asked him in the county jail by Mrs. Brittan last night, Breen said that the reason he was unable to produce the child within the given time Monday afternoon, was due to the fact that he had misinterpreted the signals which had been flashed to him by members of the horse-thieving gang who had the boy.

Later he said that if Mr. and Mrs. Brittan and Deputy Sheriff Butler had remained at Tollgate until 9 o'clock, instead of returning to Walla Walla at 5, the child would then have been delivered, as he returned with the boy at that time and found the camp deserted. He then took the child to Fletcher's mill, where it is being kept for him.

That Breen has been after what money he could secure is evident from the fact that a few days ago he told Mr. and Mrs. Brittan that before he could deliver the boy to them, they must pay him 50 cents per day for the care of the boy since he had been kidnapped. The money required for this purpose aggregated some \$225. Believing that there was still an opportunity to secure more cash, Breen evidently returned to the city last night with the intention of securing the money for the boy's care, and hoped to escape before his presence here had been discovered.

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