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### GRAIN PRICES SOARING.

The Chicago wheat market yesterday got well over the dollar line for the cash article as well as the December and May options. This brings prices up several cents higher than at a corresponding period last year, with an excellent prospect for continuation of the same figures or possibly higher ones for the remainder of the season. As the government figures place the total 1908 wheat crop at 667,000,000 bushels, or 32,000,000 bushels larger than that of last year, the effect of the present prices on the general trade situation will prove highly beneficial. Corn is sharing in the strength of wheat, and sold yesterday in the Chicago market at 10 cents per bushel above last season's figures at a corresponding date. As a wealth producer, the coarser grain is even more important than wheat, for the crop is estimated at 2,595,000,000 bushels and the price yesterday was 67 cents per bushel.

While neither of these crops is a record breaker for size, both are so far above the 10 years' average, and the price is so much higher than the average for the past 20 years, that returns for the two crops will break all records. As the high prices which are now quoted in Chicago are but a reflection of the European strength, dependence of the foreigners on this country for bread supplies will insure against any decline of consequence before another crop is available next year. Our shipments to other countries are now averaging about 5,000,000 bushels per week, including flour and, as the average at tidewater will be something more than \$1 per bushel, it is clear that wheat alone is building up a trade balance abroad which may later prove a very comforting asset.

With the marketing abroad of the surplus of this enormous grain crop and a big cotton crop, this balance may assume proportions that will have an important bearing on money rates abroad. So long as the American money market is as well supplied with cheap money as it is at this time, there will be no great incentive to bring home the pay for this big surplus of farm products which we are selling to the foreigners, and it is not at all improbable that many millions will be permitted to stand to our credit abroad until there is greater need of it at home than there is at the present time.

The grain crop of the Pacific northwest, while ranking well up with the average for the past 10 years, is much smaller than that of last year, but growers have been favored with abnormally cheap ocean freights. This pleasing feature, with a strong market abroad, will result in net returns to the farmers not very much below those of last year's record-breaking crop. Aside from these cheap freights and high prices, the Oregon and Washington farmers are better off proportionately than those east of the Rocky mountains, for the present fairly good crop is following a record-breaker which left the growers in bad shape financially, while the entire country east of the Rocky mountains last year had a very poor wheat crop.—Oregonian.

### SEVENTEEN YEARS AGO.

While looking over the files of the La Grande Gazette, published in this city for many years, we happened to open on September 17, 1891, and while glancing over its columns we could not help but pause and note the changes that time makes in every community. In looking over the ad-

vertising columns we recognized such familiar names as Jay Brooks, Chas. G. Ruste, William Erickson, E. R. Reeves, the latter having just leased the Hotel Sommer. Judge Knowles was then city recorder and C. H. Egan was mayor. C. S. Daphney, Rogers & Wells, and Newlin & Palmer were in the drug business. Miller Bros. were in the real estate business, as was also J. K. Romig. Alonzo Cleaver was register of the land office. G. Pennel was cashier of the La Grande National bank. J. W. Scriber was then, as now, cashier of the Farmers & Traders' National bank. A. C. Huntington was selling pianos and organs.

Mitchell & Lewis had a branch implement house here. James Argyle was proprietor of the Portland restaurant. William Gaunt was in the nursery business. Forepaugh's circus was billed for the next day. Scott & Fisher were dealing in cigars. The water commission had just been appointed, consisting of Senator J. H. Slater, J. E. Foley and Frank Graham. La Grande in those days played some ball, standing at the head of the list with a percentage of 687. Pendleton and Walla Walla a tie with 562, and Baker City with only 187. Steward's opera house was just completed, and was going to open during the coming fair week. McCully & Gilbert were in the grocery business, and the advertisement of McKennon Bros., also appears. Henry Wildy carried a general line of groceries, boots and shoes. The contract for the building of the Foley house, to John Dally, had just been consummated.

### TOO NEAR BEER.

Action of the city council at Monday night's meeting in passing an ordinance prohibiting the sale of near beer in the city, came as a surprise to the half dozen cigar stores which have been dispensing the beverage to a thirsty public. Following the action of the council and publication of the ordinance in Tuesday's issue of the Register, all places from which the beverage was sold, stopped the selling and everybody was on the water wagon during the day.

Roseburg brewery, which has been supplying the near product, was notified of the council's action and a representative of the firm will come here to test the validity of the ordinance. It would seem, however, that the city has absolute jurisdiction in the matter of permitting the sale of malt liquors, in which case the council's action is very likely to be sustained, unless the city charter can be successfully attacked on that point.

The presumption is that the product is too near beer—in fact, some claim it is a distinction in name without a difference in brew.—Eugene Register.

Every new dry territory has to go through the bootlegging period. It requires several jail sentences to make a certain lot of people have any respect for the law. Union county seems to be no exception, but public sentiment is pronounced in this city and county in favor of putting a stop to the violations of the local option law and it will be stopped, not, however, until possibly several serve time in jail.

Oregon should have no less than 1,000,000 people within the next 10 years. There is no question but that the great interior of our state is to be opened to the world by railroads, which make possible hundreds of homes constructed. Not only this, but the many irrigation projects mean a much larger population than would otherwise be possible.

In another column appears the startling information that in Indiana the night riders burn and murder at unexpected hours and in unexpected places, and the authorities are unable to cope with them. It is not long ago that this western section of our glorious country was referred to as the "wild and woolly" west. The sobriquet no longer applies to us—the west has inherited it.

During the past week the dispatches have mentioned two fatalities caused by children having access to firearms. As long as children are permitted to play with weapons, just so long will there be accidents which, if not fatal, will prove in most cases to hasten death before their allotted time.

These rains will certainly start the grass on the ranges which will insure stock going into the winter in good condition. The rain seems to be quite general all over eastern Oregon.

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### FORAKER EXPLAINS

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bitter attack upon the senator, charging him with being an agent of the Standard Oil trust.

**Haskell Resents Shur.**  
 Chicago, Sept. 15.—Governor Haskell of Oklahoma, today gave the lie to Hearst, who last night, at Columbus, called Haskell "a political paymaster of the Standard Oil company," and charged him with acting as agent for Rockefeller. Hearst read a petition written by the former attorney general, Munnell, of Ohio, in which he said an effort was made to bribe him by "Charles N. Haskell, late of New York city, acting as agent for the Standard Oil company." Haskell said: "The statement is false and Hearst knows it; I am not the Haskell mentioned in the letter."

"I was in Columbus, 177 miles from Cleveland, when the man indicated in Hearst's speech was in Cleveland. The

matter was brought up in Oklahoma during the campaign. Monett went to Oklahoma and explained the mistake. An error had been made in the initials."

### Arbitration for International Disputes.

Berlin, Sept. 15.—Resolutions providing for arbitration of all international disputes, whether or not they are included in the articles of The Hague conference, was the subject of an all-day debate at today's session of the Interparliamentary Union for the Promotion of Arbitration.

### FIRES RAGING AGAIN.

Hundreds Fighting Forest Blaze That Threatens Residences.

Calumet, Mich., Sept. 15.—Word was received here today that the forest fires are raging within 200 feet of fine residences on the outskirts of Eagle River. A large tract of Chippewa county is burning. Hundreds of men are fighting the fire.

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