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LIVING COST EXPLAINED.

Laying the cost of living to love of luxury, George K. Holmes, chief of the division of production and distribution, and member of the crop reporting board, bureau of statistics, department of agriculture, says people should quit grumbling and watch expenditures.

He further declares that the record of price levels for 100 years discloses that we are not now on a price level that is abnormal. He says:

"After the depression that began in 1893 a climbing upward of prices was inevitable. We became so accustomed to the unusual low prices for a period of 10 or 12 years that we forgot these prices were exceptional, and grew into the expectation that they would continue indefinitely. But readjustments have taken place since then, among them, perhaps the most important, the change in the economic position of the farmer.

"Notwithstanding that the farmers are receiving a larger relative increase of prices for their products than the majority of producers, they are not responsible for the major part of the excessive prices that are paid by consumers for the farm products. This disparity has been traced to the middlemen.

"Our distributive system is the most wasteful feature of our national economy. Much more productive of costliness is the overdoing of the retail business. The multiplication of small shops is a burden to the consumer and no source of riches to the small shopkeepers.

"There is also an enormous increase in the variety of expenditure for unproductive consumption. There are the moving picture shows and the vaudeville shows and the amusement parks, with their opportunities for dropping nickels and dimes for monetary gratification. There are crowds who ride on trolley cars for pleasure; the summer vacation has become a fixture; every Sunday and holiday has its excursions by boat or rail, while clothing makes greater demands than formerly.

"All in all, it is about time for the consumer to stop playing the part of a man with a grievance. If he will reduce unproductive consumption, by so much he will reduce a great burden that now oppresses the family."

This is not only sound reasoning, but good advice to follow.

Mr. Morgan contemplates buying the temple of Philae, which is being submerged by the river Nile. More watered stock.

A New York woman wants \$10,000 because she found a mouse in a loaf of bread. At that rate, what is the value of a cockroach in a biscuit?

"Don't kiss each other on the public highway; it's awful to see a woman doing a man's work," is one of the "don't's" of the Wellesley college girls. Next thing they know somebody will "sic" one of the Pankhursts on them.

Writer now proves that many of the sayings at which we now laugh were presented in similar form to the ancient Greeks and Latins and tickled 'em immensely.

The salary of the president of Switzerland has been raised from \$3,000 to \$4,000 a year. Here again appears the general advance in the cost of living.

SILVERTHORN FIRE

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thorn was likewise only half clad Mrs. Silverthorn is out of town. Furniture Saved.

Valuable sideboards, china closets and other expensive pieces of furniture were removed, but only after being badly soaked with water. On the whole the furniture was handled with more than ordinary care and the piano along with other valuable pieces, were taken to places of safety without very serious damage. Family clothing, however, was burned. One large rug was pulled out, dripping with water and is probably ruined—chairs and minor articles were placed in the street only to be blown away by the gale. Mr. Silverthorn has not at this time had a chance to estimate his total loss with any degree of accuracy for his belongings are scattered in a half dozen homes, and many articles actually taken from the building were blown away or ruined afterwards.

Soaked to the skin ere five minutes had elapsed, members of the department from chief down fought to keep the flames in check, heroically. Two streams of water were playing on the roof immediately after the department reached there and working in close quarters the two companies got each other's stream full tilt at various times. They went through the ordeal like trojans, however, and worked on the burning roof with snow and icy water beating in their faces. False partitions in the garret handicapped the men seriously. No sooner would a hole be chopped in the roof or wall until another was

WHEAT SHOWS MUCH ACTION

BUYERS EXCITED AND OWNERS HOLDING

Portland Prices Range to 81 Cents for Club—Spirited Conditions.

The wheat market is excited in Portland. Everyone is trying to buy and holders are getting the fever and are asking more money. More business was done recently than at any time during the season to date. The only drawback to making record purchases is the fact that growers are not so eager to let go.

Club bids are ranging as high as 81c a bushel, in fact sales were reported in southeastern Washington at that figure, basis tidewater track delivery. Puget Sound interests were the buyers. Business in the Big Bend is reported on the basis of 84c tide-water, net to grower. This really means 85c to the buyer, counting the buying charges.

The situation is the strongest of the season and indications point to a further strengthening of values. Quite a few messages were received this morning from east of the Rockies asking for Pacific northwest white wheat, but so far as known no sales were confirmed.

World's Grain Market.

United States, east—Conditions are generally strong.

Pacific Northwest—Market excited and higher.

England—Supplies inadequate.

France—Buying outside again.

Germany—Situation is stronger.

Russia—Supplies light.

Rumania—Little good wheat available.

Flour, Feed and Grain.

Wild Hay—(retail)—\$12.00.

Timothy—\$15.00 (retail).

Alfalfa hay—\$7.20 (retail).

Shorts—\$1.45 per cwt.

Oats—\$1.50 per cwt.

Bran—\$1.25 per cwt.

Rolled Oats—\$1.50 per cwt.

Rolled barley—\$1.45 cwt.

Blue Stem Flour—\$1.35 sack.

Patent—\$1.35.

White Quartz—\$1.35 per sack.

Snowdrift—\$1.35.

10s Corn Meal—\$5c per sack.

Home grown apples—50@85c box.

Oranges—25@60c.

Bananas—40c per doz.

Pineapple—20c and 25c, size.

Cranberries—15c qt.

Grape fruit—(large size) 2 for 25c.

Vegetables and Miscellaneous.

Onions—1.50 per cwt., small lots 2c lb.

Potatoes—75c per cwt.

Beans—White, 1-3c; 11 no. 10 cent.

New cabbage—2c.

Celery—2 bunches for 25c. (Home grown, 10c.

Sweet potatoes—5c per lb.

Cauliflower—15@20c per head.

Green peppers—20c lb.

Squash—7 1/2c lb.

Pumpkins—2 1/2c.

Turnips—2 1/2c lb.

Eggs and Butter.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 40 cents, 1 lb. roll; 2 lb. roll, 80c.

Ranch butter—2 lb. roll 65c.

Fresh eggs—50c.

Ranch eggs—50c.

Storage eggs—40c.

Cattle, Hogs and Poultry.

(Buying Price.)

Heavy hogs—\$6.00 cwt.

Light hogs—\$6.85 cwt.

Chickens—Hens 9c; old roosters 7c.

Spring fries 9c.

Turkeys—25@28c.

Ducks—Dressed, 20c.

Geese—Dressed 18c.

Cows—4@5c.

Steers—6c.

Sheep—4c.

needed to get into another false chamber.

Residence Heart Endangered.

The fire had such a foothold when the alarm was turned in that the issue at once became to hold the flames within the roof lest the embers loosened by an open fire, be carried blocks by the sweeping wind that spelled conflagration once the fire broke out. To hold the fire under check then, became the strategical issue and it was fought out along those lines to the end. Few sparks were emitted in the smoke because the roof was never allowed to give it and therein the department saved home after home, for once sparks had crept across the street westward, the heart of the city would have been menaced and so doubt destroyed.

Cream Tests Well.

A deputy food inspector was in the city some time ago and took samples of the products of the different establishments. Among other things that were tested was a sample of icecream

manufactured by one of the local creameries. In a letter from the department officials at Salem the chemists stated the product contained 20 per cent butter fat. They likewise sent with this letter a small pamphlet showing the number of tests made throughout the state with a variety of food stuffs. Examination of the tests made with ice cream brought out the fact that of all tests made in the last few months but one other man had credit for 20 per cent butter fat in his product. This percentage was the highest recorded. Some went as low as 11 per cent.

As there are a number of the candy store and drug stores in the city using this cream the public will feel relieved to know they are getting a good product for their money.

NOTICE OF STREET IMPROVEMENT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a resolution adopted by the common council of the city of La Grande, Oregon, on the 2nd day of October, 1912, creating improvement district No. 74, and designating the west half of block 12 as such district and in pursuance of a resolution adopted by said common council on the 2nd day of October, 1912, whereby said council determined and declared its intention to improve all of west half of block 12 in said improvement district, as hereinafter described, by constructing cement sidewalk, the council will, ten days after the service of this notice upon the owners of the property affected and benefited by such improvement, order that said above described improvement be made; that the boundaries of said district to be so improved are as follows:

All that portion of 10th street between the north curb line of M and the south line of N and that portion of Washington Avenue between the east line of 10th street and the center of the alley of block 12.

And the property affected or benefited by said improvement is as follows:

All of west half of block 12, Coggan's addition, La Grande, Oregon.

Notice is hereby further given that the council will levy a special assessment on all property affected and benefited by such improvement for the purpose of paying for such improvement. That the estimated cost of such improvement is the sum of \$448.50. That the council will, on the 31st day of December, 1912, meet at the council chamber at the hour of 8 o'clock p. m., to consider said estimated cost, and the levy of said assessment, when a hearing will be granted to any person feeling aggrieved by such assessment.

La Grande, Oregon, December 19th 1912.

CITY COUNCIL OF LA GRANDE

OREGON.

BY N. J. MANSAGER,

Recorder of the city of La Grande Oregon.

10-19-10t

NOTICE OF STREET IMPROVEMENT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a resolution adopted by the common council of the city of La Grande, Oregon, on the 2nd day of October, 1912, creating improvement district No. 75 and designating Washington Avenue (north side) as such district, and in pursuance of a resolution adopted by said common council on the 11th day of December, 1912, whereby said council determined and declared its intention to improve all of Washington Avenue in said improvement district, as hereinafter described, by constructing cement sidewalk, the council will, ten days after the service of this notice upon the owners of the property affected and benefited by such improvement, order that said above described improvement be made; that the boundaries of said district to be so improved are as follows.

All that portion of the north side of Washington Avenue, from the east curb line of Spruce street to the west curb line of Cherry street.

All the property affected or benefited by said improvement is as follows:

All of lots 5, 6, 7, and 8, block 7; lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, block 6, Coggan's addition to La Grande; lots 4, 5 and 6, Blumenstein's sub-division block W, Coggan's second addition to La Grande; lot 11, 12, block 6, Coggan's second addition to La Grande; the south half of block V, Coggan's second addition to La Grande.

Notice is hereby further given that the council will levy a special assessment for the purpose of paying for such improvement. That the estimated sum of \$1085.15. That the council will, on the 31st day of December, 1912, meet at the council chamber at the hour of 8 o'clock p. m., to consider said estimated cost, and the levy of said assessment, when a hearing will be granted to any person feeling aggrieved by such assessment.

La Grande, Oregon, December 19th, 1912.

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12-19-10t

NOTICE.

Notice of the recorder of the city of La Grande, Ore., of the assessment of improvement district No. 46 of the city of La Grande, Ore.

Notice is hereby given that the assessment for the improvement of G Avenue, being improvement district No. 46 of the city of La Grande, Ore., under the provisions of ordinance No. 651, Series 1912, entitled, "An ordinance declaring the cost of

mated cost of such improvement is improving the north side of G Avenue between the east curb line of Fourth street and the west curb line of Eighth street; determining the property benefited hereby; levying an assessment thereon to defray the costs and expenses of the improvement; providing for the assessment roll of the same and directing the entry of said assessment in the docket of city liens; providing the time when the same shall become delinquent; and requiring the city recorder to prepare a special assessment roll in accordance with the assessments herein levied and to collect said assessment," the same being improvement district No. 27 in said city of La Grande, Oregon. The same is now in my hands for collection and that any installment thereof may be paid to me at any time within ten days from the 26th day of December, 1912, without penalty, interest or cost. Each property owner is hereby notified that upon application to the undersigned within ten days from the 26th day of December, 1912 which is the first date of publication of this notice, they will be allowed to pay such assessments in ten annual installments, the first installment thereof being due and payable on or before the 26th day of December, 1913. If application is not made as above specified, the whole amount will become due, payable and delinquent on the 7th day of January, 1913.

The assessment roll is as follows:

Chaplin's Addition.

H. L. Shafer, lot 8, block 29, 80 ft. walk at 29c \$23.20

H. L. Shafer, lot 7, block 29, 60 ft. walk at 29c 17.40

H. L. Shafer, lot 6, block 29, 60 ft. walk at 29c 17.40

H. L. Shafer, lot 5, block 29 75 feet walk at 29c 21.75

S. W. Andrew, lot 8, block 28, 80 ft. walk at 29c 23.20

S. W. Andrew, lot 7, block 28, 60 ft. walk at 29c 17.40

G. R. Lyman, lot 6, block 28, 60 ft. walk at 29c 17.40

G. R. Lyman, lot 5, block 28, 80 ft. walk at 29c 23.20

J. A. Abbott, lot 12, block 27, 80 ft. walk at 29c \$23.20

71 cu. yds exc at 15c 1.05—24.25

J. A. Abbott, lot 11, block 27, 5.3 cu. yds exc at 29c 1.50—18.20

W. H. Schow, lot 10, block 27, 60 ft. walk at 29c \$17.40

5.3 cu. yds exc at 29c 1.50—18.20

James Anson, lot 9, block 27, 60 ft. walk at 29c \$17.40

4.3 cu. yds exc at 15c65—18.05

James Anson, lot 8, block 27, 60 ft. walk at 29c 17.40

James Anson, lot 7, block 27, 100 ft. walk at 29c 29.00

City of La Grande, for walk crossing Eighth St. 20 ft. walk at 29c 5.80

By order of city council.

(Sd) N. J. MANSAGER,

City Recorder.

12-26-5t



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