

FLOUR PRICE SETS RECORD

POSITIVE RECORD OF THE PAST SEVENTEEN YEARS BROKEN BY BIG SPURT.

CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET SEES SPIRITED RISES

With Flour Already at Record Mark For a Score of Years, and Still Climbing, Final Outcome of the Flour Situation is in Doubt—Feared Bread Will Go Up in Few Days.

Chicago, Jan. 8.—Wheat continued to rise sensationally today. May wheat opened at \$1.39 3-4. Buying went on with enthusiasm as a result of reports of immediate cash sales and a shortage in Liverpool. July opened at \$1.26. At noon May was at \$1.40 3-4. Buying was spirited. Dollar and forty-five cent wheat is predicted for tomorrow.

New York, Jan. 8.—May wheat sold at \$1.50 on the Consolidated Exchange today.

Chicago, Jan. 8.—Wheat reached a high mark of \$1.41 3-4 at 1 o'clock and July closed at \$1.26 5-8.

New York, Jan. 8.—Bradstreet's weekly Review of exports showed wheat exports, including flour, for the week totaled 10,365,900 bushels, a new record. Experts declared that if exports continued on an average of 7,500,000 bushels weekly the American surplus will be exhausted by Spring.

Flour prices reached a high mark here today that has not been equalled in a score of years. Positive records for a period of 17 years back show the raise today sent flour above any price it has attained in La Grande in that period of time. How much further back the high record goes definite information is not at hand to prove.

The boost in prices have come with daily regularity for several days and the raise today is not believed to be the last one. Conditions are peculiar. Local millers have been under-selling the imported flours the winter through but the fluctuations in wheat have caused them to lose money on the finished product. Early last fall they were compelled to grind wheat sent in for future sales, and had to sell the flour on a basis of the then prevailing price. Later on the wheat was sold and the millers had to pay up to and beyond a dollar for wheat they had ground earlier and sold the flour from at an 80 or 85 cent basis.

Shipped-in brands have been rising oftener than the home made brands and are still higher. Quotations on the various brands of flour sold in La Grande, are given in the market quotations of this issue.

Grocers and feed stores report brisk selling of flour, patrons fearing further rise. So do dealers today.

Bread May Go Higher. It is feared that bread will go up, or that the loaves will be reduced in size.

MRS. HOPPER IS ILL.

Sons Called to Nolan on Account of Serious Illness.

Mrs. Josh Hopper, a pioneer of this county who is now living at Nolan, is seriously ill. Three of her sons left last evening for the bedside. They are Oscar, Ben and Walter.

It is expected that she will be brought to La Grande if able to withstand the trip.

Wives of Democrats Observe Day.

Washington, Jan. 8.—"Jackson Day" will be celebrated here tonight by a Pan-American ball given by the Women's National Democratic League composed of women of Democratic officials and congressmen.

"Most Beautiful Woman" is Found

"MOST BEAUTIFUL GIRL IN THE WORLD," AND FIANCE.



Miss Marie Tailer declared by Grande Duke Alexander Michaelovitch, cousin of the Czar, who is something of a connoisseur, to be the "most beautiful girl in the world," has announced her engagement. In a few months she is to wed S. Bryce Wing, a New York society man. Grand Duke Michaelovitch saw Miss Tailer in Newport last summer, and it was there to members of society that he stated his belief that the young woman was the most beautiful in the world.

Miss Tailer was formally introduced to society a year ago this winter, although she had been greatly in demand at social gatherings and as bridesmaid at some of the prominent weddings of the last two seasons. She is a granddaughter, on her mother's side, of Rear Admiral Yates Stirling, U. S. N. (retired), her mother having been Miss Marie Stirling, one of the beauties of her day of Baltimore, Md., where her father, Admiral Stirling, now lives.

CELILLO POWER NOT FEASIBLE

ENGINEERS DISCOURAGE THE PROJECT AT PRESENT.

Possibilities, However, of the Falls Total 480,000 Horsepower.

Portland, Jan. 8.—Engineers who have conducted the investigation under the co-operative contract between the state and federal governments of waterpower possibilities at Celilo Falls on the Columbia river, report that 480,000 horsepower may be developed. It is estimated that it would cost \$50,000,000 to finance the project but because of the great cost and difficulties of obtaining a market, the engineers report the project as not feasible for a commercial undertaking at this time.

This was the news given to the irrigation congress here this afternoon. The program for Oregon Irrigation Congress today follows:

9:30 A. M.—Address, F. H. Peters, Dominion Commissioner of Irrigation, Dominion of Canada.

Address, Norman S. Rankin, secretary, Western Canada Irrigation association.

2:00 P. M.—Legislative work of Irrigation Congress. Discussion led by J. T. Hinkle, chairman, irrigation committee 1913 general assembly, former

secretary Oregon Irrigation Congress.

Delegates are invited to participate in this discussion.

Continuation of 10-minute talks by appointed representatives of delegations with regard to local conditions and needs of their respective sections. Counties will be called in the following order: Harney, Lake, Klamath, Crook, Jefferson.

Farewell remarks — Duncan Marshall.

8:00 P. M.—Address by Abel Ady, president Klamath Water Users association.

Address, C. L. Smith, agriculturist, O.-W. R. & N. company.

Address, "What the Oregon Agricultural College is doing and can do to assist settlers or irrigation projects," by W. L. Powers, director of irrigation.

MRS. DELAY DEAD.

Daughter of County Commissioner Townley Passes Away.

County Commissioner W. J. Townley was called home from the session of the county court this morning by the death of his daughter Mrs. G. W. Delay. Mrs. Delay, a young woman in the prime of life, has been ailing with kidney troubles for some time. She died at 3:30 a. m. today.

The family lived on a ranch not far from Hot Lake, and were well known in their community.

No funeral arrangements had been announced at noon.

The husband and one child survive.

BULLETINS ON WAR ENTHUSIASM TO ALL ALLIES

CLAIMED AT PARIS THAT AT NO POINT HAS GERMANY TAKEN OFFENSIVE.

PARIS STATEMENTS ARE EXTREMELY OPTIMISTIC

French Explain German Claims at Arras by Saying the Allies Abandoned the Trenches Because They Are Muddy and of No Avail to Them—Furious Fighting in Alsace.

Paris, Jan. 8.—One of the most optimistic statements issued since the war began came from the Paris government today. Successes by the Allies are claimed at many points. It is said that nowhere are the Germans able to resume a serious offensive campaign.

Renewed fighting in Belgium, North Saint Georges and about Lombaertxude are reported. In this district, it is asserted, the Allies are advancing.

The German stories of gains in the vicinity of Arras are set aside by the explanation that certain trenches were abandoned by the French because they were filled with mud and un-serviceable.

Furious Fighting Rages.

Furious struggles have developed about Saint Mihiel from a French attempt to recapture the town's fortifications and force back the wedge Germans drove in earlier in the war. By a night attack the French succeeded in taking the outer line of the invaders' trenches from which artillery had been pounding the enemy mercilessly. Fighting in Alsace is increasing in violence.

War Develops New Correspondent



New York, Jan. 8.—Herbert Corey is perhaps the best known American correspondent in the great war. His daily letters from France, Holland, Germany, Belgium and England have been a feature of many American newspapers and have so well pictured the horrors of the war that he has been described by authorities as the "literary find of the year."

He went to Europe the day Germany declared war on Russia and since that time he has written more than 200,000 words which have been read by millions in the United States. Many of his striking letters were cabled to the London Times, the leading newspaper of Europe, and created a sensation there. Despite threats made by the British censor, Mr. Corey went on writing what he thought of the attempts to muzzle the British press and American newspapers through control of the cable. His letters have been incisive and bril-

AUTO WHEELS KILL A FLEEING COYOTE

FOR THREE MILES AUTOMOBILE CHASES SPLENDID SPECIMEN OF COYOTE.

BEAM OF LIGHT FROM THE AUTO HYPNOTIZES BEAST

Automobile Party Have Good Sport Running Down Stray Animal.

There is one less coyote in the Grande Ronde valley today than there was yesterday. Chas McCrary overtook and ran over a monster coyote last evening while returning to the city from the valley, and after an exciting chase of three miles managed to catch and crush the life out of the beast by running over it with an auto. The front wheels struck the beast squarely amidship and by the time the car was stopped Mr. Coyote was dead.

Dr. C. H. Upton was in the car with Mr. McCrary and while driving leisurely along the lane between the Moss and Hunter farms, a coyote jumped up in front of the machine. True to coyote instinct, it would not leave the beam of light sent out by the machine in the darkness. The two men tried to shoot it with a revolver but failed and then set chase. Running 40 miles an hour, the coyote kept ahead of the machine for three miles, and then, tiring, made a vain effort to seek safety in a fence corner, but as he turned, Mr. McCrary swerved the car and struck the animal. Both men call it great sport.

The furs are especially good and will be made into a rug.

WILSON SPEAKS TO BIG AUDIENCE

HOOSIERS GATHER TO HEAR THE PRESIDENT.

Hurried Trip Through Ohio Marked by Vociferous Greetings.

Indianapolis, Jan. 8.—President Wilson arrived here this afternoon and began speaking at 3 o'clock. He appeared in Tomlinson's hall at the Jackson Day celebration, and his address is expected to be one of the greatest in political significance. Great crowds greeted the president in Ohio and Indiana.

The legislature adjourned so that its members could hear the address. He returns to Washington at 6:45 this evening.

CHANGES IN OFFICES.

Walla Walla to Be Headquarters of Third Division.

Walla Walla, Jan. 8.—For the purpose of making preliminary arrangements looking to the removal of headquarters of the third division of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company to Walla Walla, A. G. Kamm of North Yakima, division superintendent; J. A. Beck of Starbuck, chief dispatcher, and E. A. Klippel of Portland, superintendent of telegraph, are in Walla Walla today.

One of the chief matters being considered by the railroad officials is the telegraph facilities necessary to the conduct of the chief dispatcher's office and in this connection several Western Union officials came to Walla Walla with them to carefully plan necessary wire changes. Ample arrangements for the installation of the dispatcher's office are expected to be made at once.

The order creating Walla Walla headquarters of the division is effective February 1. Desirous of losing no time; however, the division heads are already making extensive plans for removal here, and some of them, it is understood, have already selected homes for themselves and families.

Plant, and have shown the insight which comes from long training on American newspapers in every part of the United States.

AUSTRIANS AT A CRISIS

FORMER CAST-OFFS ARE IN DEMAND TO DEFEND THE CITY OF VIENNA.

PEACE SUIT NOT A REMOTE POSSIBILITY

Critical Situation Faces Austrians With Russian Pushing Against Vienna and Budapest—Serbia Campaign to be Renewed if New Army Can Be Raised—Serious Consequences in Balance.

London, Jan. 8.—As Lord Lieutenant of Middlethian, and Lord Rosebery, have issued a proclamation to the civilian population to remain in their homes, leaving the fighting to soldiers in the event of a German invasion of England, it is taken as additional evidence that the military authorities expect a German attempt to descend on the island.

Vienna, Jan. 8.—Austria is engaged in a supreme attempt to raise an army to defend Vienna and Budapest against the expected Russian attacks and for a simultaneous renewal of the Serbian invasion.

Failure to accomplish this means the Austrian government must sue for peace independently of Germany or admit the Austrians must depend on Germans to defend them.

Thousands of men and boys previously rejected as unfit for military service are being called to the colors.

PROBATE CASE REVERSED.

Hamilton Estate Case Sent Back for Re-adjustments.

Circuit Judge Knowles has sent back to the probate court for readjustment the Hamilton estate case. This litigation was taken up in probate court where a dispute over a \$1700 deposit by the executor, Fred Hamilton, arose and the probate judge settlement was carried up to the circuit court.

Indiana Ask Aid from Congress.

Washington, Jan. 8.—Four Indian chiefs, members of the Minnesota Chippewa Council are here today to ask for legislation affecting their rights. For some this council has been trying to recover money from the government for timber sold by Indians in the Middle Lakes reservation and the Indians will ask congress for help in this and in other matters. The delegates are Nathan J. Head of Red Lake, Minn.; Edward Rogers, Walker, Minn.; Ben Fairbanks, White Earth, Minn.; and Henry Warren, Bemis, Minn.

Kansas Railways Blame the Autos.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 8.—Hearings opened today on the application of Kansas railroads for permission from the public utilities commission to increase their passenger rates from 2 cents to 3 cents. The roads claim they are operating their passenger service at a loss. Some of the roads blame the automobile for the slump in their passenger business.

Grangers at Durkee.

M. L. Carter and C. D. Huffman went to Durkee today where they will assist in getting a grange properly launched.

CLIMATIC DATA.

Climatic data, based on readings for 24 hours ending last night at 6 o'clock:
Maximum 42; Minimum, 37;
Temperature at 12:30 today, 40.