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PEOPLE ARE NOT PUTTING IN COAL

MORTGAGE IS HINDERING AGAIN THIS YEAR

Prices Due for 4th Advance August First and Concern is Felt For Situation

An investigation in the coal situation locally made through the local dealers recently by Fred J. Holmes, former federal fuel administrator for the state, reveals the fact that while there was sixty per cent. of the supply required by the public in their hands June 1st last year, there was this year, even later than that date, less than thirty per cent. of the consumption ordered by the users. Mr. Holmes extended these investigations over the whole state and finds that practically the same condition of affairs exists everywhere.

Mr. Holmes feels concern for the situation next winter, when prices will be higher and the supply scarce. The supply of coal will not be controlled by the government this year and the people will be sure to lay all the blame upon the dealer, whereas the dealer will be in no wise to blame. To use a paraphrase of the paragon, he says, "we can fuel all of the people some of the time, and we can fuel some of the people all of the time, but we can't fuel all of the people all of the time." Therefore the people should "most certainly take the warnings being given now and make full arrangements for full coal bins before many more days pass.

\$5 to \$6 a Ton Higher
Consumers will probably not be able to avoid paying the higher price that goes into effect on coal August 1st. Coal was increased 25 cents a ton at the Wyoming mine July 1st. Utah mines have announced an increase of 40 cents a ton August 1st. The Wyoming mine operators, of course, will come up to the level of the Utah price, says Mr. Holmes. They will however be unable to avoid paying an increase of at least \$2.00 and \$3.00 a ton which coal men anticipate before winter, and possibly a rise of \$5.00 and \$6.00 a ton, when a recent news dispatch from Washington declared was not without the realm of possibility. Coal men are fearing that the situation may get away from them and that prices may rise to that extent.

Labor Situation Involved
Mr. Holmes explains the present coal situation somewhat as follows: Last year all the fears of the coal men on which the warnings issued to the people were based were not realized; consequently this year the public seems to be loathe to take the warnings of the fuel dealers seriously and have neglected to make arrangements for their winter's supply. Local fuel dealers can not lay in sufficient stocks of coal to meet the needs of their customers all winter long. They have not the storage capacity to do this, but if they do not get their coal now there is a great possibility they will have difficulty enough during the winter. The grain harvest is coming on right now and all the available cars the railroads have will be required to transport it. Freight on the wheat will be more profitable to the railroads than hauling coal, and the competition between the roads for this business will mean that even the local roads will send their cars east and west with grain rather than take the short haul of coal from Wyoming and Utah mines.

There are large stocks of coal on hand at the mines now, and because the operators produced so much more than the demand took up, they are overloaded and have had to let from twenty to forty per cent of their men out. This means that the men have gone to positions where they received better pay and to get them back again the mine operators must pay more than they usually did, and the result will be increased cost to the consumer. If the people had placed their coal orders early this would largely have been avoided. The mines of the country produced more coal last year than in any year before in their history, despite the fact that the war took many men from this work. The reason was the bonus system which the Government put to work, paying the men in proportion to the increased amount of coal they got out each week. Production of anthracite from January to this year up to this month has been 10,600,000 tons less than last year, and bituminous 71,700,000 tons less, due to lack of demand. The only remedy, apparently, is for the consuming public to lay in supplies now.

We do not want to be succumbing to the coal situation next winter as they were forced to do in New York last winter. Mr. Holmes declared "even if the two local coal houses could store a thousand tons each, how long would that last if the weather and winds tie up the roads in Wyoming and Utah in January or February?"

The dealers at La Grande have been doing their best to advise the people to the situation, but have not with little success. It is very much for their own good, however, that the people in general become alive to their responsibility immediately and help out in the other towns along with us, as well as themselves.

Observer advertising will bring results.

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State News

state convention which meets August 14, 15, and 16.

Lane county spent a total of \$41,267.89 on road work in June, according to figures given out by County Clerk Bryson. This money was divided among the 83 districts of the county.

The scale of pay for men in the harvest fields of Eastern Oregon is ranging from a minimum of \$4 a day and board to about \$20 for extra general combine men.

Articles of incorporation have been filed at the office of State Corporation Commissioner H. J. Schideman by the Vale Milling & Elevator company, of Vale, Malheur county. The capitalization is \$50,000 and the incorporators are H. R. Denloy, Warren Armistead, G. G. Hope, T. T. Nelson and G. S. Wood.

William Strickland, who was accidentally electrocuted at Klamath Falls, was with the American army in France and leaves a soldier's insurance of \$10,500 to his widow.

Through the fall wheat has been in Linn county and the best yield in that section of the state in a great many years is expected.

Two hundred acre lots will be shipped to Klamath Falls to provide beds for the patients of the hospital.

Everett Knowles Writes From the Country "Where One Does As One Pleases"

Judge J. W. Knowles, of this city received during the week another letter from his son, written July 26th at Coco-Zola, Canal Zone, where he is stationed in the service. He writes as follows:

Dear Dad—I am still in the lead of much rain where the bananas and coconuts grow wild and the sand flies and mosquitoes compound play every day and you can bask in the tropical sunbath and enjoy the coral pits all day long with not a body stopping you. As soon as you are pleased as long as he don't do anything they don't want him to do. Don't think that I am crazy for I am just trying to be cheerful. Well dad, who told you that I was in the Pacific? I was glad to see you. I had get back but I don't expect

to see him get such a beating up at the old. I will give Dempsey just one year to hold the belt. It will take about six months for me to get in shape after I get to the states then I will be ready to meet the Utah Hobo. I think I could end him in one round. It takes one of the fruit boats of the Great White Fleet from five to six days to go from here to New Orleans. They are the fastest passenger boats that I am out of here. It is too bad you need rain and the crops are poor this year. If you would come down here you sure would get all the rain you want. We have a hard time to get our clothes dry when we put them on the line. The Crab Fleet come in Saturday. There was one of the old tubs and are expected to be put on the beach after this trip. They had a lot of midshipmen on their backs them for a cruise. I never (cousin) was on the Maine and I had a short visit with him.

EVERETT KNOWLES