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which a supposed expert points out

that the efforts to get at the fun-

damental reason for high prices is

extremely to get at the cost of pro-

ducing it.

Few farmers, and in fact few eco-

nomic students have any definite no-

tion of what the cost of the prod-

uct is. For farmers keep books, and

those who do not are usually fairly

sensible. This expert, however, sug-

gests that the matter be given ac-

cording to study.

"Let a detailed analysis be made

of all elements that enter into the

cost of the farm," he says, "with the

same process of reasoning applied as

in any other industry."

A successful manufacturer knows

what it costs him to produce his

goods, and what part of the cost is

due to labor, what to raw materials,

what to taxes, interest, etc. Now,

keeping systems have been worked

out which can be adapted readily to

almost any business except farming.

Something has been done along that

line, too, but nothing very satisfac-

tory.

Surely it is possible to work out a

plain, simple scheme, based on ac-

curate study and analysis, which any

intelligent farmer could adopt for his

own use, and which could be applied

either by the farmer himself for his

own benefit, or by public authorities

or statisticians interested in figuring

out his expenses and profits. There

would be a solid, scientific foundation

then for finding the weak spots and

making farm pay, and for seeing that

both the producer and the consumer

of food get a square deal.

too, who have announced publicly

that the peak of prices has been

reached, that there is a perceptible

downward trend and that it is going

to continue. But certainly in most

commodities this favorable trend

is not yet visible to the naked eye,

or sensed by the make-up. It is a

matter of hope rather than realiza-

tion.

There is a general belief that this

hope is well founded. There appear

to be very good reasons why prices

should decline. It is necessary, how-

ever, to be realistic about the matter,

and to recognize that there cannot be

any all-round drop of even small de-

grees all at once, or any considerable

drop for a long time to come.

The crops will not be a little, the

shrinking experts will help a little,

the war against profiteering will do

a little, more efficient business

methods will help; thrift in buying

will help; but it will be a slow pro-

cess, extending at best over several

years, before there can be any ap-

proach to the pre-war level—if, in-

deed, that level is ever gained.

All Are Affected About the

Same.

"What's the matter with labor?"

was the question put by an assem-

blage of business men to Walter E.

Stone, grand chief of the Brother-

hood of Locomotive Engineers.

"The matter with labor," he re-

plied tersely, "is the high cost of

the commodities of life." Then he gave

this simple analysis of the price sit-

uation:

Costs are high for four reasons:

The waste of war, inflation of cur-

rency, slackened production and the

greed of profiteers.

It is an old story now, but seldom

so neatly summed up. Here, in a

dozen words, is the substance of

many speeches and editorials.

And what is the matter with labor

is the matter with everybody.

Two Mexican Mutineers

Are Executed and Six

Given Imprisonment

MEXICALI, Lower California,

Sept. 18.—Two of the MEXI-
cans found guilty of participating in
the mutiny of Mexican soldiers Sep-tember 8 at Alamo Heights, Lower Cal-
ifornia, were executed today. Six
were sentenced to short terms and
two were acquitted. Those executed
were shot by a firing squad in the
penitentiary.

BARTER HAS 1200 STUDENTS

BARTER, Sept. 17.—Barter has an

enrollment of 1200 students in the total

enrollment of the city schools, and a

35 per cent. increase in the high

school, according to the records just

compiled by A. C. Stange, superin-

tendent, and Vernon Brown, high

school principal.

The total enrollment in the high

school is 277, while last year at

this time it was 247. The total

of all schools today was 1,246, an

increase of 120 over last year.

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BankCAPITAL AND SURPLUS \$250,000
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business hours since the date of our organi-
zation in 1887. We will welcome and ap-
preciate your account.LOSES SUMMER PAY
UNABLE TO BUY MEAL

William Lindsey, of Homestead,

Oregon, last evening found himself

penniless and unable to pay for a

meal, when he reached home by

pocket and found that he had lost

\$100, most of his summer pay.

Lindsey has been working hard all

summer near La Grande, and yet

he who he left with just off with

two checks, one of \$25 and another

of \$100. Upon arriving in La

Grande on the Joseph boat, Lindsey

hurried up town for some clothes and

a shave.

He bought a pair of shoes and some

other clothing in Ash Brothers'

clothing store which he paid for and

also cashed his \$100 check, receiving

in return five twenty-dollar bills. He

thrust them in what he thought was

his overall pocket, and proceeded to

the barber shop and from there to

the restaurant. As he entered the

restaurant, he realized that he had

not put the money in his pocket and

that it had slipped through his

trousers leg, probably to the street.

He hurried back over the same route,

the owners of the clothing store and

of the barber shop were called and

each opened up their store, but the

money was not there. It is thought

that it was picked up in the vicinity

of the intersection of Depot and

Adams.

Lindsey, himself, did not have mon-

ey enough to get himself a meal or

even enough to place an advertise-

ment in the paper. But he had pur-

chased a through ticket to Home-

stead at La Grande, and as this was

good only on Nov. 18, he left last

night, with the hope that the per-

son who picked up the money would

find it in some place. If the money

has been found and the finder will-

es to return it to Mr. Lindsey, then

may hand it in at the police station

where it will be forwarded to him,

or the finder may send it direct to

William Lindsey, Homestead, Oregon.

H. West & Co.
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25 New Coats, just arrived by ex-
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cluded in this collection. Coats of
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tom, and cuffs; also many with
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