

PRICES FOR SPRING ARE LOWERED

NEARLY ALL CLOTHING PRICES TAKE TUMBLE FROM PRICES EXPECTED.

REACTION IN SOME LINES IS ALREADY FELT

Tailored Suits Average Out of \$18 Each—Shoes Drop About Third—Cotton and Silk Goods Hit Bottom and Rebound Slightly—Hardware Slightly Reduced.

The cost of living so far as clothing is concerned has declined appreciably since the break came last December and all indications are that, generally speaking, prices will remain at the present level, with a few exceptions during the next few years in many commodities, according to local merchants. Hardware has also taken a slight drop, although the decrease is not so noticeable, hardware prices having soared as much above pre-war prices as other commodities.

Spring woollens are about 15 per cent lower, meaning a saving of around \$18 a suit on the average. The standard suit price of one local tailor will range from \$68 to \$80. In general, there has been a reduction of about 20 per cent in men's furnishings during the past two months.

Shoes Cheaper. All leather goods have been revised downward. Shoes are from 30 to 35 per cent cheaper than early in the winter and last fall. The reduction in leather goods is also noticeable in harness goods and other leather specialties in the hardware lines.

Hats and rubber goods have remained practically unchanged in price.

Silk goods apparently reached bottom recently and are now slightly higher again. About 20 cents a yard increase has been the result of the recent recovery of the silk market. This reaction is shown, for instance, in quotations on all silks. A certain grade silk shirt that tumbled from a wholesale of \$72 per dozen to \$48 per dozen, the price at which a local merchant bought his stock, is now quoted at \$54 a dozen. The slight advance is also felt in other lines of silk goods. Generally speaking, however, the market appears firm in this as well as in other lines of merchandise.

The increase in cotton goods, due in part to the increase of from 5 to 6 cents in cotton recently, is also noticeable, although there is every indication that the present prices will remain steady for some time to come.

Cotton Goods Cheaper.

The drop in cotton goods is well illustrated by a certain quality of standard cotton goods which sold for 1 1/2 cents a yard wholesale in 1914. Today local merchants can buy these goods for 15 cents a yard. While the price level apparently is still high on these goods when one takes into consideration that when the peak of high prices was reached the price was 42 cents a yard, the decrease from the 1921 figures is substantial. Because of the high standard of wages established in the cotton industry, as well as others, during the war, jobbers from whom local merchants make their purchases do not expect any further declines of importance in such goods.

Hardware Down Slightly.

While there has been some decline in hardware, it is not as noticeable as in clothing. Paint is among the items that have dropped in price. Bolts and similar hardware staples are also down some.

Farm implements for 1921 may also be offered at lower prices than during 1920, although no word has been received yet from the manufacturers regarding prices excepting that they will be as low as is consistent with manufacturing costs. Cancellations of large orders throughout the country last fall indicate that the factories are probably fairly well stocked and increase the chances of lower prices.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

PORTLAND, Feb. 8.—Cattle were lower on the local market today, choice steers, selling for \$7.50 and \$8.25. The price of hogs was lower, but steady. Eggs 7 cents lower, buying price of case count 28 and 30 cents, selling price unchanged.

VITAL ISSUE IS CONCERNED IN ELECTION

NEW LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY IS BEING CHOSEN.

Union of South Africa Is Divided into Three Powers and Britain Is Worried.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—No less vital an issue than the concession of the South African provinces from the British empire arises in the election today of the new legislative assembly in the union of South Africa. General Smuts, former Boer general, now a premier, heads the loyalists. Opposite to him is General Hertzog, also a former Boer military leader. The result is said to hinge on the success of the third or balance of power party, that of labor. The English observers expect a small majority for Smuts.

BIG BANQUET IS TOMORROW

FARMERS AND BUSINESS MEN TO GATHER AT FOLEY.

Paul Spillman Will Be Chairman of the Evening, the Subject Being General Farming.

Tomorrow at 6:30 o'clock, farmers and business men will mingle at the Foley hotel, where a banquet will be served. The Union County Ad Club is in charge of the evening, and has arranged for Paul H. Spillman, county agriculturist, to be chairman.

Several prominent speakers have been scheduled on the program, the subject of which will be general farming. E. B. Fitts, dairy specialist, and F. E. Merrill, of the dairy council of Portland, both of whom are here as speakers for the Farmers' Week, will talk. Frank McKenna, of Imbler, will be another speaker.

MANY ESTATES MUST PAY TAX

SUPREME COURT DECISION TO BRING IN MONEY.

John Clark Estate of Portland Only Allowed \$10,000 Exemption—Many Others Interested.

SALEM, Feb. 8.—The state will receive about \$10,000 in taxes from various estates, as a result of the supreme court decision today that the estate of John Clark, of Portland, was entitled only to the exemption of \$10,000. The lower court allowed a \$61,000 exemption.

WILL FIGHT THE GALLOWS

PENDLETON, Feb. 8.—Shiga Shibata, murderer of M. Okamoto, Japanese gambler, will fight to save himself from the gallows. The Hawaiian-Japanese ex-serviceman, arrested at Athens Saturday afternoon, a few hours after the murder and his flight, is alleged by officers at the county jail to have confessed all and to have decided to fight for his life.

He related in detail the story of a night's gaming and drinking in the basement of the Japanese pool hall where the murder was committed. His story was corroborated by J. Shiraki, eye-witness to the killing.

Shibata was unarmed when captured, or he would have committed hari kari, he told the officers. It is considered more honorable by the Japanese to kill themselves in such a situation than to allow the legal authorities to take their course. Now that Shibata is in jail he wants to make the most of his chances to escape the gallows.

BRINDELL MUST SERVE IN PRISON

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—Robert P. Brindell, ex-convict of the Building Trades Council who has been convicted of extortion from builders, has been sentenced to five to ten years in prison.

APPROPRIATION BILL PASSED BY THE SENATE

BILL PROVIDING FOR ONLY 150,000 MEN IN 1921 IS SENT TO THE SENATE.

LOANS TO FARMERS ARE APPROVED OF

Unanimous Approval Is Given By the Senate Agricultural Committee To The Measure by Senators Glass and Swanson, Authorizing Purchase of Farm Loan Bonds.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The army appropriation bill carrying \$329,000,000 providing for only 150,000 men in 1921 today was passed by the house and sent to the senate.

Make Funds Available. Unanimous approval was given by the senate agricultural committee to the measure by Senators Glass and Swanson, of Virginia, authorizing the treasury to purchase a hundred million of farm loan bonds so as to make available funds for loans to farmers. Copy Is Wanted.

The senate foreign relations committee has voted to ask the state department for a copy of the agreement between Ambassadors Morris and Shidehara for a new treaty dealing with the California anti-alien law.

WELL KNOWN WOMAN DIES

WIDOW OF LATE POSTMASTER PASSES AWAY.

Relatives Residing Here Have Been Notified That Funeral Services Will Be Tomorrow.

Word has been received in this city of the death of Mrs. Polly Blumenstein, widow of the late Robert Blumenstein, of Elgin, this morning at 1 o'clock. Death occurred at her home. Mr. Blumenstein died only a few months ago, and was well known here and at Elgin, where he held the position of postmaster for a number of years.

The funeral services will be held at Elgin tomorrow at 1 o'clock. A number of relatives residing here, will be in attendance.

Buyers Will Be Hampered In Purchase Of Wheat

SALEM, Feb. 7.—President Riter and Speaker Bean today introduced a joint memorial to Congress urging that near-east relief be passed under the suspension of rules. The senate passed Riter's bill providing that number one wheat shall be based on 58 pounds to the bushel, to prevent buyers purchasing on a 60-pound basis and exporting on a 58-pound basis. The senate also passed the two-Hall bills, on banking and trust companies, and the bill regulating the sale and classification and the house bill fixing the methods of determining the newspaper circulation for county court publication.

GERMANY WILL TAKE PART IN CONFERENCE

ACCEPTS INVITATION TO ALLIED CONFERENCE ON REPARATION

It Is Assumed that Negotiations Will Include Discussion Of German Proposals.

BERLIN, Feb. 8.—The German government has accepted the invitation to participate in the allied conference on reparations in London on March 1st, it is announced here. From the message, it is assumed the negotiations will include a discussion of the German counter proposals.

BAKER PLAYS HERE TONIGHT

LOCAL LADS PREPARED FOR HARD FIGHT.

Baker and Pendleton Teams About Evenly Matched, So La Grande Awaits Result.

The biggest game of the season, from the standpoint of the local roots, which is to be played here, will take place in the high school gymnasium this evening when the fast Baker basketball team meets the local quintet. The Baker lads arrived in the city this morning on No. 17, and all are in readiness for the game this evening.

The game has been called for 8:30 o'clock. Both teams are in fine shape, and following the outcome of the recent games between Pendleton and Baker, the local team believes that much depends on their playing tonight. At Baker, Baker won one game, and Pendleton one, while at Pendleton, Pendleton won the first game and Baker walked off with the second. By adding the comparative scores, Baker is tallied with a higher number of points.

The Baker line-up is: R. Stoddard and B. Stoddard, forwards; Bielohy, center; Manery and Rupp, guards; subs, Robertson and Luce.

HUNGARY IS AFTER STRICT ALIEN LAWS

DECLARES THE UNITED STATES ALLOWS TOO MUCH FREEDOM TO DEPORTED.

UNDESIRABLE RESULTS COME FROM FREEDOM

Swedish Minister Takes Up Matter For Hungary, With the State Department, and Asks to Have The Deported Aliens Separated While on Ships.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Representations have been made to the state department by the Hungarian government through the Swedish minister, concerning the manner of deportation of undesirable aliens from the United States. Hungary alleged that deported aliens have been given too much liberty aboard vessels as to permit them to organize propaganda against the governments of Europe, which had produced "certain undesirable results" in Hungary. The state department was asked to have the deported aliens separated while aboard the vessels.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Tonight and Wednesday, rain.

CHINESE NEW YEAR QUIET

DAYS OF POMP, CEREMONY AND JOY GONE.

Celestial Must Pay Debts When New Year Rolls Around—Feasting Continues For Week.

There was an appreciable lack of noise and pomp to the Chinese New Year, which was quietly celebrated last night by the local Chinese. The fireworks and gin and other thing that were formerly considered a necessity on the Celestial New Year are a thing of the past and only their memories survive in the many China towns of American cities.

From a day of feasting, drinking gambling, joy and hilarity, the day has changed to one of atonement. On the features of the Chinese New Year today is that John Chinaman, if he observes the customs of his country, pays all his debts.

If he has won money during the past year, he is expected to give away some of it on his race's New Year Day. Yesterday was but a beginning of the Chinese New Year season, it lasts a whole week, and, while the visible and auditory signs of the occasion are absent, the feasting goes on.

The reason for the Celestial New Year coming over a month later than the Occidental New Year is that the ancient Chinese astronomers instituted a system of counting the years by the moon instead of the sun.

MOONEY TRIAL IS ONCE MORE STIRRED UP

WITNESS FOR STATE SAYS HIS TESTIMONY WAS FALSIFIED

Declares that District Attorney Fickert Made Frame-Up Case and Forced Him to Testify.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—Frank P. Walsh, counsel for Thomas J. Mooney, convicted of murder in connection with the San Francisco preparedness day bomb explosion, has telegraphed the San Francisco authorities that John McDonald, now of Trenton, N. J., a witness against Mooney, declared that he had been forced by District Attorney Fickert to falsify the identity of Mooney at the trial as the man seen with the suit case. He said the case was a frame-up.

PROTEST IS TO BE SETTLED

STATE ATHLETIC BOARD WILL MEET IN PORTLAND.

Baker and Pendleton Teams Will Be Represented at Hearing Over Protest at Baker.

H. M. DuBois, president of the state athletic council which was recently appointed at a meeting of the principals of the various schools in Oregon, this afternoon announced that there would be a meeting of his board in Portland Saturday afternoon for the purpose of settling his recent protest made by Baker high school over the eligibility of two members of the Pendleton team.

Other members of the board, besides Mr. DuBois, are J. A. Churchill, vice-president, and Supt. W. J. Fischer, secretary. These three will hear the case, representatives of members of the two teams concerned being present to present their cases.

The trouble between the two teams arose about two weeks ago when Pendleton went to Baker to play two games. Baker protested the two players, Stendal and Hanley, saying they were not eligible to membership on the Pendleton team because they were not regular residents of Pendleton and had only been adopted by Coach Hanley in order to play on the team. Later the matter was referred to the state athletic board, which will make a statement of the dispute.

PROPOSAL MADE FOR COMBINATION SPORT LICENSES

Changes proposed in the hunting and fishing license laws of the state will probably result in an increase in fees to \$6 for the combination license entitling the holder to both hunting and fishing privileges in the state, according to a letter received from Representative Albert Hunter by A. V. Andrews, secretary of the Winn, Pin and Elatfoot club.

The present charges are \$1.50 for hunting license and the same amount for a fishing license. The proposed changes would probably enable that, making it advantageous to take advantage of the combination license proposed. No change would be made this year, unless an emergency is declared, as the licenses for the year are already printed and being issued at the various agencies handling them.

TOO LIBERAL WITH ROAD'S COAL; FINED

Martin Elam and T. L. Elam, both charged with stealing coal from the O-W. H. & N. Co., pleaded guilty in justice's court yesterday afternoon and were fined \$25 and costs. The charges were contained in a state warrant. The railroad company, which in the past has not paid much attention to people helping themselves to a few dollars' worth of the \$200,000 worth of coal it uses here monthly, it is understood, will in the future prosecute all who take such liberties.

RAID RESULTS IN DOUBLE KILLING

SALT LAKE, Feb. 8.—Detective Hamer was shot dead today at a local hotel by Tom Burns, who was shot by Chief of Police Burbridge during a raid on the room of Burns. Burns died within an hour.

FARMERS OF COUNTY IN SESSION

BANQUET FEATURE FOR TOMORROW EVENING AT FOLEY HOTEL.

MANY SPEAKERS HERE FROM OUTSIDE POINTS

First Day Devoted to Field Crops—Much Improvement Made by Introduction of Grimm Alfalfa and Other Crops Specially Suited to This District—Horticulture Is Topic Today.

This morning's session of the Union county Farm Week was devoted to horticulture. The principal speakers at the meeting were Extension Horticulturist Long and LeRoy Childs, superintendent of the Hood River experiment station.

Mr. Childs spoke on insects and fungus disease control. He paid especial attention to the codling moth, the apple leaf roller, and the pear leaf blister mite. He said that the proper time to spray for codling moth in the spring is determined by climatic conditions. It is necessary to make close observations regarding evening temperatures and the activity of the moth at a particular time. The spraying date is arrived at through these observations.

The date varies in various localities.

New Pruning Methods.

Mr. Long brought out the advantages of the different systems of pruning. The method that he particularly recommended is a modified open center type, usually referred to as the semi-open center system. The minimum amount of pruning was recommended by Mr. Long after the tree reaches the fifth or sixth year. This is to be continued until about the 15th year.

Blizzard Cuts Attendance.

While yesterday's session was well attended in spite of the weather, over 30 farmers being present, today's session was not quite so well attended. The blizzard which is sweeping over the valley today is making travel precarious and those coming here in machines are not at all certain whether they can get home tonight.

Banquet Big Feature.

The big feature tomorrow will be the banquet in the Foley hotel at 6:30, which will be given by the Union county Ad Club. The farmers attending the meetings will be the guests of the club. The principal speakers will be E. B. Fitts, extension dairyman of the agricultural college, and F. E. Merrill, of the dairy council of Portland. There will also be several local speakers.

The first day of the meeting yesterday, was devoted to a discussion of field crops. W. F. Carpenter, extension agronomist of the state agricultural college, was the leader in this discussion. The main subjects under the general topic discussed by the farmers were, alfalfa varieties, inoculation of alfalfa, securing strong stands of alfalfa, summer fallow practices and wheat fertilizers.

The farmers attending this session were unanimous in their experience that the earlier the plowing of summer fallowed land in the spring, the higher the average yield of wheat will be.

The alfalfa discussion shown that the farmers of Union county have found that the best variety of alfalfa for this section is the Grimm variety. From all points of view, the variety has proven itself to be the best of all here; the yields per acre being higher than of other varieties. The widespread use of the Grimm variety in Union county is due largely to the work of Paul H. Spillman, county agricultural agent for the past five years who has studied the question of wheat varieties to plant thoroughly and he has found this variety to be the best adapted here and left no stone unturned to induce the farmers to plant this in preference to other varieties.

In the discussion of wheat varieties, Hybrid 128, which was introduced into the Sand Ridge section, as well as in several other sections, by Mr. Spillman, was pronounced to be one of the best fall varieties for this county.

Corn for a silage crop has also been mentioned. During the past five years, the acreage for this crop has increased 2000 acres annually from 500 acres. The number of acres being planted but a few in the county five years ago, has also increased greatly, 150 being in use now.

Tomorrow's session will be devoted to the dairy industry. It is expected that much interest will be shown in the discussion of this branch of agriculture as the low prices of this year have given the dairy industry, which is one of the infant branches of the county, added impetus.

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Latchstring Is Out