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BETTER BUILD AS OUTLOOK IS POOR FOR LOWER COSTS

This is Advice Given By Statisticians Who Make It a Study.

LUMBER CHEAPER THAN YEARS AGO

Taking All Things Into Consideration Little Hope is Held for Price Reductions.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10 (Special)—Years ago, when the "high cost of living" was a bagatelle compared to what it is now...

However, there has not been such a change in housing standards in the last four or five years as to make comparisons of costs impossible.

Lumber is Cheaper. In Wisconsin a lumber dealer at Fox Lake finds that a house there, which cost \$7,828 in 1920...

Northwestern Lumbermen's Association of Minneapolis had ten different bills in as many different cities and towns in Minnesota, Iowa and South Dakota...

Ross Leslie Hotel at Head of Lake Almost Ready for the Guests

The Ross Leslie hotel is progressing in fine shape and soon will be ready to accommodate guests...

NOW LEAVING TURKEY FOR THE TURKS

CONSTANTINOPLE, July 8 (By Mail)—With the coming of peace at Lausanne, preparations are being made by the British army...

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General Sir Charles Harrington, the patient and tactful commander-in-chief of the allied forces here, has addressed a typical message of commendation and of caution to his officers and men...

The evacuation will be completed six weeks after the ratification of the treaty. General Harrington has asked his government for instructions regarding the status of the army of occupation during the period subsequent to the ratification...

HOOD RIVER, Or., Aug. 10.—At the hearing called here today by Captain George Mayo, in charge of the division engineer's office of the United States war department in Portland...

Today's meeting failed to develop any objections to the schedule of rates, which are identical with those charged on the Kennewick-Pasco bridge across the Columbia.

BIG COUNTY FAIR PLANNED

Cleveland Would Turn Back History's Pages and Have Exposition.

CLEVELAND, Aug. 10, (A. P.)—A big county fair, which already is assuming international proportions, will be held in Public Hall, this city, Oct. 6 to 16.

James F. Fleming, manager of the Ohio State Fair, is in charge of the exhibition. Manager Fleming has announced that the Canadian government has reserved 5,000 square feet of space in which will be exhibited Canadian products.

The finest livestock in America will be entered, the management believes. The exhibition comes after most of the state fairs have been held and it is planned to gather here the champion herd of all the state fairs...

FOREIGNERS IN DEFENSE CORPS

SHANGHAI, China, Aug. 10.—To strengthen the forces of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps, which is the foreign defense organization of the International Settlement of Shanghai, an American cavalry troop is being formed here.

Budget Committee Named. PENDLETON, Or., Aug. 10.—L. L. Rogers of Pendleton, K. G. Warner of Pilot Rock, and Will Steen of Milton, have been named by the county budget committee to sit with the court in making the budget for the coming year.

Apples.—The crop showed some improvement in the state during the past month, due to favorable weather conditions. For the United States there was a slight falling off in condition.

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RECENT RAIN HAS HELPED STATE CROPS

PORTLAND, Aug. 10.—(Special)—Oregon crop prospects improved somewhat during the month of July as a result of unusually good rainfall early in the month...

The rainfall of July 5th and 6th was the heaviest on record for July in most of the eastern Oregon counties. Slight damage occurred as a result of blanching of ripe grain and lodging of grain ready for cutting...

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WOULD RESTORE OLD PETROGRAD

REVAL, July 20. (By Mail)—Soviet Russia's effort to restore Petrograd to its former importance as the gateway to North Russia is having a detrimental effect on the ports of Helsingford, Reval and Riga.

The Moscow government is diverting all possible business to Petrograd, and is making improvements in the harbor to enable large ships to enter with safety as they did in the days before Bolshevism worked ruin to the port which has lain idle for so long.

The Moscow government holds no kindly feeling for Latvia and Estonia, and naturally does not care to have the ports of Reval and Riga continue to be gateways to Russia, as they were in the days of the czar.

A recent census in Petrograd showed the city now has over half a million inhabitants. This was something of a surprise, as it was at one time believed to have fallen to 300,000.

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Missourian Shows the Californians How to Run Grocery Business

He was born in old Missouri where the rocks are sharp and big, but he went to Chico, California and built one of the biggest grocery businesses on the coast for that size town.

PROGRAM TO STABILIZE WHEAT ASKED

Convention at Moscow, Idaho Called for Oregon, Washington and Idaho Representatives.

MOSCOW, Ida., Aug. 10.—(Special)—Farmers and legislators representing four states—Idaho, Washington, Oregon, and Montana—have been invited to assemble here Saturday, Aug. 13, to agree on a program for stabilization of the price of wheat.

Leaders of farmers' organizations, together with senators and representatives of the four northwest states and proponents of various solutions of the present difficulty have been invited.

Government fixation of the price of wheat was proposed by the Moscow Chamber of Commerce in a resolution adopted last winter, and a proposal was embodied in the pending bill, which will be before congress again at the next session, providing that the government fix the price of wheat at 60 cents at \$1.75 for three years.

Among those who have signified their intention to be present at the Moscow meeting are Senator Frank H. Gooding of Idaho, author of the Gooding bill; Congressman Burton I. French of Idaho, who has suggested that the government agree to buy surplus wheat at a fixed price in June; resident R. B. Le, Petrograd of Whitman college, who proposes that the government fix a bounty on export wheat and an equivalent duty on wheat imported; Senator C. C. Dill and Congressman J. W. Summers, of Washington; and President Adams of the Washington Farmers' Union.

The object of the meeting, it is announced, is not to induce acceptance of any particular plan but to crystallize effort around whichever plan seems best after review of all of them, so as to get some action in that they help the farmer in his financial problems as soon as possible.

If the four northwest states can agree on a unit program the hope is expressed that other sections of the country can come to similar agreements in similar seasonal meetings, which may result in a great national meeting.

Farmers and business men alike point out that national prosperity cannot long endure if agriculture, the basic industry of the country, is being conducted at a loss. They cite facts to show that the present price of wheat does not bring the cost of production; that other industries have been subsidized or encouraged by the government in times of stress; that population is rapidly leaving the farms; that farmers cannot compete in the labor market for help they need under present conditions; and that the emergency is of so great national importance that it requires a national remedy.

Young Man Loses Leg. THE DALLES, Or., Aug. 10.—Dean Johnson, 20-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Johnson of this city, suffered the loss of his right leg today, when he fell into the separator cylinder of a threshing machine while it was in operation.

"Stampede" Attracts Through. COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Aug. 10.—A crowd which exceeded all expectations, estimated to have been at least 8,000 attended the stampede performance Sunday at London Springs by men who had performed in round-ups at Pendleton.

TWO MUCH IS BEING BOUGHT FROM EUROPE

Babson Says Big Import Shipments Working Hardship in East.

MILLS AND FACTORIES ARE BEING SHUT DOWN Imports from Abroad Must Result in Less American Labor Being Employed.

WELLESLEY HILLS, Mass. Aug. 10.—(Special)—Mr. Babson was interviewed today of the reason why certain mills and factories in the East are shutting down. He at once replied that our tremendous imports are probably the cause.

"The other day my wife returned from Boston where she had been to do some shopping. She had made three purchases of a dozen linen towels, some individual salt containers, and an attractive pen knife, the latter costing but 35 cents.

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"The imports for the first six months of 1923 were \$2,095,663,049 compared with only \$1,419,467,768 for the first six months of 1922, and only \$1,320,476,233 for the first six months of 1921.

"Great imports from abroad must result in less American made goods being purchased and consequently in the shutting down, part time at least, of American mills and factories. If this continues, it will ultimately result in unemployment in many lines of industry and in many communities.

"Sell to America or Starve" "There is a tendency among the farmers to blame the Administration for this situation. Altho the recent Congress may be to blame for many things, it certainly is not to blame for our present import situation.

"The recent Congress enacted one of the highest tariff ever enacted in history, and did all it could to prevent this difficulty which the country is facing today.

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Today La Grande and the Entire Nation joins in a Day of Mourning for Warren G. Harding, our Greatest American Citizen, our departed President.