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REST WITHOUT FRETTING: Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.—Psalm 37:7.

The cherry crop in the Grande Ronde valley isn't anything to rave about this season but otherwise even some pessimists admit that agricultural conditions have seldom been more attractive.

Due to our inability to secure several of the experts desired for certain subjects, The Observer will not offer an Institute to the people of the community this year. We were unwilling to have anything except the best variety of talent and preferred postponing the event until next year when a high class program will be possible.

NO PROTEST AGAINST TAX PAYING

The Observer may be utterly wrong on the subject but we can't agree with the interpretation being put on the special election returns by some citizens and some publications to the effect that the vote was a vote against the present tax burden, that a big majority of taxpayers are inordinately disgusted with tax paying. It may be and probably was a vote against tax increase; it certainly was a vote against certain forms of taxation. But to interpret the returns as a direct protest of a large majority against past and present standards of state activity is wrong.

Political writers frequently write openly or insinuate that this state has unusually high taxes. That is not true. Oregon has a fairly sizable tax burden, about all that we care for, but by comparison with other states it is not at all tremendous. Visitors coming into the state and inquiring about tax levies of various kinds often remark how fortunate Oregon is when compared to their home states. As we have remarked before, many Oregon citizens complain of high taxes without being well informed on the subject. If they talked and thought more about some of Oregon's unique advantages, and less about tax ills, we might be better off.

It is true, as Ralph Watson pointed out in the Oregon Journal Sunday, that we have a fairly big bonded debt. Counting up the state bonds, the state road bonds, the county bonds, the municipal and school bonds, irrigation and port bonds, etc., we have a debt of slightly more than two hundred million dollars. Quite a sum. And if we add the individual debts of individual citizens, and the corporation bonds, and the unpaid contracts on automobiles and washing machines and pianos and everything else we imagine even that figure could be swelled all out of proportion.

Still, Oregon seems to be a fairly prosperous state, taken as a whole. It ranks extremely high, as a matter of fact, in per capita wealth and in per capita income. It's a reasonably young state, from a development standpoint, and the state bonds amounting to twenty-five million do not seem extremely large considering what we have in the way of state institutions and public improvements. The road bonds amount to thirty-six million dollars in Oregon—a lot of money to pay interest on—but you would have difficulty getting a corporal's guard in the state willing to go back to the time when we didn't have our highways, even for many times that thirty-six million.

Oregon has good schools, good county roads, good water systems, good fire departments, good sanitary projects, good parks, and reasonably good government. Not all of them are good, and very few are perfect, but the average is accepted as being quite satisfactory. Some of the money with which these things have been provided was probably misspent. We should be unusual citizens and have a most unusual state if that weren't true. But you would have a terrible time taking these things that bond money provided away from the people just for the sake of being free of bonded indebtedness.

Our bonds are numerous and large enough in total, without doubt, but we must remember that a majority of the voters of Oregon ordered those bonds at the polls. There's a time, also, when a reasonable limit must be maintained, when we can well pay off a bit before expending more. That time seems to be nearing, according to the election returns, but there's nothing very astonishing about it.

There are, of course, some people in every state who always want to find a way to shift the burden onto the other fellow. The move to secure a $3 auto license fee is an example. The present license money is actually a tax and the revenue goes to pay interest on and retire the state road bonds. If not available for that purpose, then the bonds must be paid some other way, from property taxes probably, which isn't a very intelligent remedy. Shifting won't do. Oregon has contracted her obligations and is enjoying the benefits they provided, calamity howlers to the contrary. We can keep from spending more but we can't side-step what we've already spent—and few citizens really want to.

HOG, VEAL, LAMB PRICES STIFFEN

Egg and Butter Market Very Firm, Berries and Cherries Plentiful

PORTLAND, Ore., July 7 (AP)—Receipts of country dressed meats have been unusually light on the local market the past three days due to inactivity of shippers over the fourth. Prices for hogs, veal and lambs are stiffening accordingly. Best veal brought 17½c in the light early morning trade today, a firm ½c advance, while prime light hogs were up to 14½c and scarce to the trade. Lambs sold at 23c.

The egg market is very firm with advancing prices due to a pronounced falling off in production. Receipts of better grade eggs are none too large for the trade. On the dairy exchange, demand was very active and firsts advanced a cent to 24c, even with extras. Other grades were steady. Yesterday's storage amounted to 118 cases.

Butter Firm.

The butter market continues very firm with standards up a ½c to 39c and firsts also up a ½c to 37c. Storage holdings gained 19,-032 pounds yesterday.

Berries and cherries are in liberal supply on the retail market. Strawberries of good quality are still at 7c per box, raspberries are 10c, gooseberries 7c and currants 8c.

The Dalles tomatoes, grown out of doors, are finding a firm market for first arrivals at $4.00 per box.

Apricots are scarce with light crops talked for Oregon and Washington.

Wheat Closes Firm; Up More Than 1½c

CHICAGO, July 7 (AP)—Opening unchanged to ½c off, wheat sagged a little more and then scored material gains. Corn, oats and provisions also developed strength, corn starting at ½c decline to ½c gain and subsequently rising all around.

Wheat closed firm, 1⅜ to 1⅝c net higher; corn 2⅛ to 3c up; oats unchanged to ½c advance, and provisions varying from 7c decline to 17@20c gain.

CROWD STRANGELY SILENT AS WOMAN TELLS OF LASHES

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another machine.

"I sat between two men, while three other were also in the car. They drove about eight miles into the country and during that time the only words spoken were when I asked where my boy was and they told me he was in another car.

"When we got out I wanted to know why they had come—what I had done."

"Without replying the men took a seat cushion from one of the autos and Acree forced me across it, holding my head between his knees."

"I had four whippings. They questioned me about how I got my support and who furnished the money for my clothes.

"I told them Mr. Bowers allowed me so much for my son (she and her husband have been separated for two years) and that I sewed.

Two More Whippings

"They whipped me twice again and wanted to know if I would leave town. Then they looked at my wounds and said it wasn't enough, that they wouldn't show after three days.

"Then one of the men told me 'If we have to do this again we're going to burn a K in your back.' One man said 'Let's do it right now, she don't talk like we want her to and I got the iron right here.' They told me I had to make my boy go to work. He had been out of school only of couple of weeks.

"They wanted to know why I did not go to church".

"Who said that?" Solicitor General Robert McMillan, heading the prosecution asked.

"Mr. Acree," the witness replied.

Son Also Whipped

Mrs. Bowers said that after she had fallen exhausted on the step of one of the autos, her 15-year-old son Lloyd, who fought to save his mother from the attack, was seized and whipped with the same strap with which she had been beaten. The two were then left to make their way home.

Testimony of physicians and nurses preceded that of Mrs. Bowers. They asserted she was terribly bruised from the "waist line to the back of the knee and there were blood clots under the skin." She was in the hospital 12 days.

Sends Challenge To Indian Marathoner

SAN FRANCISCO, July 7 (AP)—A challenge to Mad Bull, Indian winner of the 480-mile marathon between here and Grants Pass, Ore., has arrived here by mail proposing a 500 or 1,000-mile race for next September or October.

The challenger is George W. Hooley, of Newark, N. J., who says he held the professional long distance foot racing championship from 1903 to 1915. The letter was addressed to Al Jennings, mayor of Crescent City, Cal., and was sent in care of the Redwood Empire association's offices here. Mad Bull was first in the local marathon run last month.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 7 (AP)—Butterfat f. o. b. San Francisco, 45½@46c.

Markets

LIVERPOOL WHEAT

LIVERPOOL, July 7 (AP)—Close: Wheat ⅜ to 1¼c higher. July 11s. 3d; Oct. 11s. 1⅝d; Dec. 11s. ⅝d; March 10s. 11½d.

PORTLAND WHEAT

PORTLAND, Ore., July 7 (AP)—Wheat—BBB hard white, hard white bluestem, baart, $1.38; federation, soft white, western white, $1.37; northern spring, $1.36; hard winter, $1.34; western red, $1.32.

Today's car receipts—Wheat, 10; flour, 4; corn, 2; oats, 2; hay, 2.

CHICAGO CASH

CHICAGO, July 7 (AP)—Wheat—No. 2 hard, $1.48.

Corn—No. 3 mixed, $1.00@1.00¾; No. 2 yellow, $1.02½@1.03¾.

Oats—No. 2 white, 48@50c; No. 3 white, 45½@46½c.

Rye—No. 2, $1.12½.

Barley—79@78c.

Timothy seed—$4.50.

Clover seed—$20.00@20.00.

Lard—$12.70.

Ribs—$11.87.

Bellies—$14.00.

Price Advance In Wall Street But Trade Slow

NEW YORK, July 7 (AP)—Lower money rates and a good investment demand provided the ground work for another advance in prices in today's stock market, but trading was rather dull on the rally.

Although pools succeeded in making up more than a score issues to new high levels for the year, including Baldwin, American Express, American Bank Note, Brown Shoe and Five Cigar Stocks buying of the general list was restricted.

Baldwin Locomotive crossed 259 to a new peak and the preferred reached 125 for the first time.

Heaviness of Famous Players, which ran up 2 points at the expense of an overcrowded short interest yesterday probably was based on selling inspired by reports that 700 actors and actresses had banded together presumably to resist proposed cuts and obtain better working conditions. General Motors, Hudson, Dupont and International Harvester also had spells of heaviness.

The closing was firm. The Dodge Brothers and Pierce-Arrow issues were fed out steadily in the final hour, concurrently with a rise in General Motors and Jordan to the best figures of the day. General Electric also reflected active profit-taking. R. H. Macy improved 5⅝ points and U. S. Cast Iron Pipe 5. Total sales approximated 1,600,000 shares.

PORTLAND PRODUCE

PORTLAND, Ore., July 7 (AP)—Wholesale prices: Butter steady to ½c higher; extra cubes, city, 40½c; standards, 39c; prime firsts, 38c; firsts, 37c. Creamery prices: Prints 3c above cube standard; butterfat, 40c f. o. b. Portland.

Bids to farmer:

Milk steady; raw milk (4 per cent), $2.27 cwt. f. o. b. Portland. Butterfat, 40c f. o. b. Portland.

Eggs—Firsts up 1c. Current receipts, 20c; fresh medium, 19c; fresh standard firsts, 24c; fresh standard extras, 24c.

Poultry—All grades hens up 1c; heavy hens, 21@23c; light, 15@16c; springs, 17c; broilers, 16@17c; Pekin white ducks, 20c; colored, nominal; turkeys, live, nominal; dressed, 27c.

Onions steady; local, $2.75@7.00.

Potatoes steady; $3.50@4.50 a sack.

Harvest Begins In Umatilla County

PENDLETON, July 7 (AP)—Wheat harvest in Umatilla county started the first of this week in some sections and is expected to be general by the 15th or 18th of the month. Estimates of wheat men on the county yield this year run from five million to six million bushels.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK

PORTLAND, Ore., July 7 (AP)—Cattle and calves steady; receipts, 25; cars, 5.

Hogs steady; receipts, 110.

Sheep and lambs nominally steady; receipts, 690, on contract.

FRISCO FRUIT

SAN FRANCISCO, July 7 (AP)—Federal State Market News Service. — Apples: Astrakans, best, $2.50@3.00; poorer low as $1.50 box.

Livestock Men For Car Basis Rate

PORTLAND, Ore., July 7 (AP)—Cattle and horse men of Eastern Oregon favor a freight rate on a per car basis rather than a weight basis, interstate commerce commission examiners were told here today. William A. Stewart, of Baker, president of the Cattle and Horse Raisers' association of Oregon, made the statement, testifying in a hearing on western livestock freight rates.

Stewart said Idaho shippers with whom he had talked also favored the per car rate basis.

PORTLAND, Ore., July 7 (AP)—The "save the surface" educational campaign waged by the National Paint, Oil and Varnish association has been among the most successful industrial advertising programs ever attempted, R. J. Cassady of Pittsburg told the western division convention of the association here today.

"Many other industries are now planning educational campaigns along the same lines," Cassady said.

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Wheat	Open	High	Low	Close
July	144⅛	146⅝	143⅞	145⅞@146
Sept.	143⅛@143⅜	145	142⅞	144⅜@144⅞
Dec.	146⅜	148	146	147⅝@148

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

CHICAGO, July 7 (AP—U. S. Department of Agriculture).—Hogs—25,000; good and choice hogs, all weights under 250 lbs., around 10c higher than Wednesday's average; pigs sharing advance; packing sows steady; common and medium butchers very slow; top, $9.75; bulk 160 to 200 lbs., $9.40@9.70.

Cattle—7500; beef steers and yearlings steady to 25c higher; top heavies, $14.25; long yearlings held around $14.00; she stock and bulls, 25c higher; heavy fed cows, $9.00@9.75; top heifers, $12.00; vealers steady to 50c higher; mostly 25 to 50c higher, generally $12.00@14.50.

Sheep—12,000; fat lambs active; mostly steady with Wednesday; bulk good to choice 73 to 81 lb. rangers, $14.75@15.00; best held higher; bulk natives, $14.00@14.25; with light sorts; few best held around $14.00; culls mostly $10.00; sheep unchanged; fat ewes $5.00@6.50; no feeding lambs sold; indications steady.

PORTLAND, Ore., July 7 (AP)—H. W. Brackett 31, federal prisoner and overseas veteran, committed suicide in the federal ward of the county jail today by slashing his throat with a razor.

Brackett was sentenced March 29 to serve five months in the county jail for violation of the national prohibition law.

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