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WHEAT GAMBLING TO BE ENDED

The recent orgy of gambling in wheat and the following spectacular crash of the market will have served a useful purpose if they bring about elimination of some of the evils that have so long characterized grain trading.

And there is evidence that they may. George N. Peck, administrator of the Farm Adjustment Act, minced no words when he told grain dealers that they must set their own house in order or the government would do it for them. He added that this was not just another warning of the sort issued so often in recent years.

"Abuses exist in the grain trades, and they, acting as the marketing medium for the farmers, should correct these abuses," said Peck. "If they do not succeed, then the government will act. I know of no industry other than farming which has nothing to say about the price received for its product."

The Chicago Board of Trade and other grain exchanges have necessary and useful functions for producers, processors and consumers. But unbridled speculation and violent price fluctuations such as the country has recently witnessed are no part of these useful functions.

Farmers, consumers and business generally must have orderly marketing based on laws of supply and demand. Prices must not be inflated or unduly depressed for the profit of men who never produce or process wheat, and whose transactions exist only on paper. Nor can the government afford to jeopardize its production control program, on which it is spending \$100,000,000 for the benefit of wheat growers, by letting speculators reap the benefit.

THE OPEN COURT

CORRESPONDENTS MUST SUBMIT THEIR NAMES TO THE EDITOR IF THEY DESIRE LETTERS PRINTED.

La Grande, Oregon, August 16, 1933.

To the Editor, La Grande Observer:

So many people of La Grande seem to have the idea that the postal employees of this city have not taken any salary cuts and are reaping rich benefits from high salaries and low commodity prices that I feel it is my duty to set them right. The Democratic party is under pledge to reduce the regular budget expenditures by 25 per cent and under the government's plan of curtailing expenses all along the line, no group of employees have suffered more than the letter carriers and clerks.

Reductions in salaries and furnishings have brought the basic salary of a carrier or clerk, who has served five years or more, down to \$1501.00 per year, they should receive, theoretically, \$2,100.00 per year — little enough in itself considering the amount of work done and the importance of that work.

A salary slash of 15 per cent, fur-

loughs for three days each month for three months and reductions for pensions on the basic salary of \$2,100.00 bring the total reductions to 28 1/2 per cent. Postal employees are now down to salaries paid in 1916.

The story regarding substitutes is even worse as there is practically no work at all for these men because of economy.

The postal employees, as a class, are men who achieved their jobs through hard work. They are family men. They have given their lives to a service which has little reward. They perform a task which at all times is important. Prompt delivery of the mail is at all times essential if the postal service is to mean anything. Certainly that the men handling the mails are honest is even more important.

The postal men are prepared to do their share to bring honest economy in the government. Many are taxpayers and know what high taxes mean.

Let us all have a little better understanding in regard to the men who do a real job and who mean as much to this and every other community as any public employee and considerably more than many.

Very truly yours,
I. A. KENNEDY,
Vice. Pres., Oregon State Assn.
N. A. C.

The Weather

OREGON FORECAST
Oregon: Unsettled tonight and Friday; thunderstorms in mountains of east portion; showers on north coast; cooler east portion Friday; moderate changeable winds.

LOCAL WEATHER
Wednesday: maximum 92, minimum 58 above. Partly cloudy.
Today: minimum 68, 7 a. m.—72 above. Cloudy.

New Ordinance on 2nd Hand Stores is Read

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chief of police. Seven days will be required to elapse before a resale is allowed of any purchased article from individuals, and the chief of police may extend this time to 15 days if he desires.

The ordinance repeals ordinance No. 806, series 1915, and provides that in case of violations, maximum sentence may be 90 days in jail, \$50 fine or both.

The city manager's report showed cash on hand at the end of the week to be \$10,853.07, divided as follows: First National bank of La Grande \$3,108.85, Portland bank \$1229.66, cash \$784.78, remainder in warrants.

Bank Robber Shot To Death; Recover Money

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companion stood guard at the door. The latter, flourishing a pistol, ordered Miss Bulman to "come in here."

Instead, she darted across the street, warning Rudy Hanson, restaurant proprietor. When the two invaders left the bank, a few moments later, Hanson shot and killed one of the men.

GANGSTER CRITICALLY WOUNDED
BENTONVILLE, Ark., Aug. 17 (AP)—Gene Johnson, described by officers as a confederate of the Wilbur Underhill gang of escaped Kansas penitentiary desperadoes, was critically wounded and his wife suffered minor gunshot wounds today in a gunfight with a posse in the hills 25 miles southwest of Bentonville. Johnson is in a hospital at Siloam Springs, Ark.

Officers from Oklahoma and Kansas surprised the Underhill gang near Springtown and a battle followed in which machine guns were used on both sides.

A posse with bloodhounds sought to find the men who escaped.

TODAY IN BRIEF, IN AND AROUND OREGON

AS CHRONICLED BY THE DAILY LEASED WIRE OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UNIDENTIFIED BODY FOUND

ROSEBURG, Ore., Aug. 17 (AP)—The body of an unidentified man, apparently about 35 years of age, was found in the Umpqua river at Reedsport yesterday, bearing evidence of foul play, causing officers to make a further investigation today.

AN EXAMINATION by Coroner Stearns and D. C. Eastland of Reedsport, revealed that the man's neck had been broken, but the body bore no further signs of bruises or injuries. There was a three foot length of heavy wire on the right foot, indicating that the body had broken loose from a weight.

ESCAPED CONVICT SENTENCED
SALEM, Aug. 17 (AP)—Jack Tanner, an escaped felon, Cal. prisoner, was sentenced to two years in the state penitentiary here yesterday for burglary at a Southern Pacific section house at Turner.

Commitment was held up until Police prison officials advised whether or not they wish Tomlin returned to complete his sentence there.

FOOT AMPUTATED

SALEM, Aug. 17 (AP)—Charles E. Rice mangled a foot when his motorcycle collided with a truck here early this morning, and an amputation was performed at a local hospital. Rice's motorcycle had no headlight burning, witnesses declared.

FOLLOWING FIRE BUG
MEHAMA, Aug. 17 (AP)—Poses were today following a trail of blood left by a fleeing fire bug who was wounded late last night in the act of starting a fire at a store here.

A \$500 reward was offered for the apprehension of a fire bug who was believed responsible for fires here recently which destroyed a dance hall and a grocery store.

RECOMMEND BONUS PAYMENTS

SALEM, Aug. 17 (AP)—Recommendation that cash bonuses be paid to World war veterans whose applications have been received between September 27, 1932 and July 21, this year, will be made to the bonus commission this week by Jerrald Owen, secretary. It was learned today. There are about 100 applications on file amounting to about \$20,000, he said.

Dog Population of City is Decreasing

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stock owners for animals killed by dogs.

One dollar is the license fee for male dogs and \$2 for females. Each city must stand the expense of controlling the dog licensing, with the county merely having to issue the licenses and make the division of funds. So far settlement has not been made with the city for the 300 licenses issued and it is now known how much the \$0 per cent due the city will amount to. Quite a large sum is assured, however.

The city issued 401 licenses in 1931. There was no dog licensing last year, although ten licenses were issued early in the year and then the fees were returned when the new ruling was learned. At one time, a few years ago, estimates were that the dog population here was 600 or more. It is believed the figure is much less than that now, particularly in view of the killing of the nearly three score this year.

AT THE LIBERTY

"Who will be next to die?" That's the question that will keep you on the edge of your seat during thrilling moments in Paramount's newest mystery drama, "Terror Aboard," which opened today at the Liberty theatre, featuring John Halliday, Charlie Ruggles, Neil Hamilton, Shirley Grey, Verree Teasdale and Jack LaRue.

Novel killings take place in this tense story of a man who, to possess the woman he loved, murders a whole boatload of guests. One of them, a doctor's aviator, has been frozen to death despite the fact that the month is July, the temperature is 90 degrees, and the voyagers are sailing in tropic seas. The other murder methods are quite as novel and fully as mysterious.

LOUIS A. ANSELL PASSES AWAY AT HOME HERE TODAY

Death took a pioneer resident of La Grande this morning when Louis Albert Ansell died at his home at 1605 Jefferson avenue after a long illness. Funeral services will be announced later. The body is at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary.

Mr. Ansell, a carpenter for many years, was well known throughout the county. He came to La Grande in 1890 and made his home here ever since. He was born in Illinois Mar. 21, 1870 and was 63 years, four months and 27 days of age.

Mr. Ansell leaves his widow, Lucille; the following children, Louis Edred, of Ventura, Cal.; Leonard J., Mrs. Harriet Venable, Mrs. Price Harlow, Mrs. Otto Cochran, Phillip R., Florence M., Geraldine, Gerald Wade, and Richard, all of La Grande; a sister, Mrs. Lottie Ross, of Kelso, Wash., a brother, J. S. Ansell, of La Grande, and seven grandchildren.

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES IN GAIN

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (AP)—Employment in manufacturing industries during July was reported by the bureau of labor statistics to have increased 7.3 per cent over June, and payrolls to have gained 7.9 per cent.

President Roosevelt earlier had expressed encouragement over this trend of employment and wages, especially when it is considered this is the time of year for seasonal declines.

The July level of employment in manufacturing industries was 21.9 per cent above that for July, 1932 and the payroll total was 28.5 per cent over July, 1932.

FUNERAL FOR MRS. SLUSHER TO BE FRIDAY

Funeral services for Mrs. Lee Slusher, who died here Wednesday morning, will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary.

Burial will take place in the Masonic cemetery.

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Huck Towels, 16x30, Colored Borders	2 for 25c
Turkish Towels, 20x38, Single Thread	10c
Hand Blocked Table Cloths, 50x50	59c
Heavy Cannon Turkish Towels, 22x44	29c
Fast Color Prints	12 1/2c, 19c, 23c
Heavy Wash Cloths, 13 in. Square	5c
Cotton Chenille Rugs, 22x34	95c
27-inch White Outing, yard	9c
27-inch White Outing, extra heavy	10c
27-inch Best Twill Outing	12 1/2c
36-inch Plaid and Striped Outing	12 1/2c
86x105 Cotton Bed Spreads, fancy	98c
28x36 Baby Blankets	25c
Unbleached Muslin, yard	6c
New Fashion Cord Dress Fabrics	35c
1-lb. Eagle Cotton Batts	25c
2 1/2-lb. White Beauty Batts	75c
3-lb. Stitched Cotton Batts	80c
Men's Oshkosh Overalls	\$1.35
Men's Campus Cords	\$3.95

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RUG PRICES HAVE ALSO ADVANCED. However during the next week we are offering a number of regular \$33.75 Axminsters 9x12 at less than the old low prices. Have your new rug now at this price **\$29.75**

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