

WHEAT IS BEING FED TO OKLAHOMA HOGS

Price of Grain Regulated by Government Is Lower Than That of Corn.

FARMERS NOT SATISFIED

Claim Made Prices Are Restricted on Product, in Face of Good Market, While Prices of Other Products Are Not Regulated.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Sept. 20.—Wheat is being fed to livestock as a substitute for corn in many counties of Northwestern Oklahoma and pending Governmental action, very little additional wheat will be marketed from these counties at the price fixed by the food administration, according to a statement tonight by the State Board of Agriculture.

The action of the farmers in due to a number of causes, chief of which is the scarcity of corn for feeding purposes, coupled with the fact that the farmer feels the Government has placed an arbitrary price upon his product at a time when the law of supply and demand is in his favor, without at the same time fixing the prices of other articles for his consumption, the statement says.

Corn Prices Higher.—"First hand information of wheat being fed to stock in Blaine and Woods counties has been received at this office," the statement continues, "in the form of reports from county agents. Very little corn has been raised in Northwestern Oklahoma with one county reporting a 3 per cent crop.

"With corn worth \$2.25 a bushel and wheat bringing from \$1.25 to \$1.35 at the elevator, the farmers are using wheat for fattening hogs, their relative values being almost identical.

"In Woods County farmers are feeding wheat as the cheapest food they have. Little wheat will be sold until the price is raised, the county agent reports. The Government has not fixed the price of corn.

"According to these reports, the farmer who is not understood, is as loyal as any other citizen and is anxious to help win the war, feels that he is being deprived of a righteous profit from his product while others are allowed to exact 'war profits' without Governmental interference."

Problem One for Hoover.—The situation was brought to the attention of J. M. Aydelotte, chairman of the State Council of Defense.

"While there is an apparent fallacy," Mr. Aydelotte said, "in feeding hogs wheat in Blaine County and holding 'wheatless days' in Oklahoma City, 100 miles away, I see no chance of relieving the situation. That is a matter clearly within Mr. Hoover's jurisdiction."

While no reliable statistics are available, agricultural authorities agree that approximately 60 per cent, or 15,000,000 bushels of 1917 wheat crop, remains on Oklahoma farms.

BILL QUICKLY APPROVED

UNANIMITY MARKS PASSAGE OF WAR CREDITS MEASURE.

Senate Approves Without Rollcall Conference Report—House Is Expected to Act Today.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—The conference report on the \$11,000,000,000 war credits bill was adopted today by the Senate without a rollcall. Approval by the House and final enactment is expected tomorrow.

Records passed and unanimity were established in the bill's consideration. It passed the House September 9 and the Senate September 15, after brief debate, and by unanimous vote. Conferees reached agreement yesterday within a half hour and today's Senate discussion occupied but 15 minutes.

Before the conference report was approved today, Senator Weeks inquired if there be a definite plan for extending loans to the allies. Senator Stone in his reply said no set plan was laid before the committee, but that presumably the credits would not have been approved unless Congress was satisfied there is substantial reason for the loans.

"I am disturbed over these appropriations of \$21,000,000,000," said Senator Weeks. "It seems that every messenger in Washington is hurrying to the Capitol with requests for additional appropriations. I have some curiosity as to what is being done with the money."

GUN ENDS LOVE AFFAIR

BAY CITY GIRL, 17 YEARS OF AGE, COMMITS SUICIDE.

Instigation for Soldier Held to Have Been Responsible for Young Maiden's Act.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 20.—(Special.)—A thwarted love affair is held responsible for the suicide of Agnes Johnson, 17 years old, who shot herself in the breast with a pistol last night and died early today at the Central Emergency Hospital.

The girl, whose mother is dead, had made her home for some time with Mrs. Kate Grunsky, wife of C. E. Grunsky, former city engineer, and member of the Panama Canal Commission. Recently she became acquainted with a soldier stationed at the Presidio. Mrs. Grunsky asked the soldier to stay away and he agreed to do so.

Yesterday arrangements were made for the girl to go to another home as a domestic. Just before an automobile came to take her to the new place she shot herself.

MRS. KATIE LAIDLAW DIES

Funeral Services for Wife of Physician Will Be Held Today.

Mrs. Katie Laidlaw, wife of Dr. W. R. Laidlaw, died yesterday at the family residence, 567 East Fifty-seventh street North, following an illness of a year. She was 60 years old and had been a resident of Portland for a decade. The funeral will be today at 3 o'clock from the residence, Rev. Boudnot Seelye, formerly pastor of the Rose City Park

Presbyterian Church, officiating. Final services will be at the crematorium. Mrs. Laidlaw is survived by her husband and the following children: Dr. Arthur Laidlaw, a dentist; W. J. Laidlaw, an attorney; Glen Laidlaw, with the United States Red Cross service at American Lake; Roy Laidlaw, of Los Angeles; Mrs. H. A. Van Gilder, of Wasco, Or., and Miss Mary J. Laidlaw, of Portland.

CHURCH HAS HONOR ROLL

Centralia Organization Has 17 Men in Military Service.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—The names of 17 members of the Centralia Presbyterian Church are on an honor roll of men in various branches of military service. The roll has been framed and will be hung in the church entrance. The men are Sergeants Clifford Sayre and Vernon Schacht, Clarence Mehlenbeck, James Watt, Claude Oliver, Elden Roberts and Frank White, Second Washington Infantry; Corporals Cranston Goddard and Henry Mackenzie, Coast Artillery; Lieutenant David H. Sloan, Field Artillery; Louis Denny, Navy; Lieutenants H. Y. Bell and E. Roberts, Medical Corps; Dale Hubbard, Engineering Corps; George Schacht, Naval Militia, and Warren Grimm and Clyde W. White, officers' training camp.

COAST HAS GOOD DISPLAY

Coos Bay and Coquille Valley to Figure at State Fair.

MAIRSHFIELD, Or., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—Coos Bay's and the Coquille Valley's offerings for the State Fair left here today in two cars over the coast. The offerings include a variety of products, including cranberries, various manufactured articles, and a complete exhibit of seafood obtained in the bay and outside. This will include a dozen varieties of clams, crab, rock oysters, salmon, trout, crawfish, halibut, red snapper, ling, sea trout and cod.

FAIR EXHIBITS PRAISED

Clark County Fruit Inspector Says Moth Cuts Apple Crop.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—I. R. Fletcher, horticulture inspector for this district returned last night from the Washington state fair, being held at North Yakima, and he was highly pleased with the wonderful exhibits.

Mr. Fletcher said today that codling moth flourished this year and that as a result the apple crop will be somewhat injured, and another thing that will cause a hardship is the lack of apple boxes.

The exhibit from Clark County is a fine one and in charge of Chat Knight, who has had this work for a number of years.

MORALS COURSE PROPOSED

Oregon Committee Will Enter Competition for \$5000 Prize.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—Superintendent Churchill said today that a committee, including himself, President P. L. Campbell, of the University of Oregon, and President J. H. Ackerman, of the Oregon Normal School, will select a committee of nine men within the next few weeks to prepare a course in moral instruction to compete for a \$5000 prize offered by a business firm in this city.

Superintendent Churchill conceived the idea of such a course some time ago and has been working on it for several months. Oregon probably will be the first state in the Union to adopt such a course as a part of its curriculum.

PICTURE RECORDS IN SUIT

Abstract Company Wants Another Concern to Give Up Photos.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—The Wintler Abstract & Loan Company has brought suit against Charles E. Sears, H. Burrage, W. V. Knowles and T. H. Adams, doing business as the Sears Abstract & Loan Company, for \$5000 damages.

It is alleged that defendants have photographic records of their indexes and records, which they took possession of in the suit, which was mortgaged to the plaintiff. These photographic records are being used, it is alleged, wrongfully, in making and selling abstracts to the public, and the plaintiffs ask that they be returned together with \$5000 damages.

LELIA STEWART VISITS

Woman Well Known Here to Put on Patriotic Pageant at Waiilatua.

Miss Lelia Stewart, of New York City, spent yesterday in this city, registering at the Nortonia, and departed last night for Waiilatua, where she will be in direction of a patriotic pageant to be produced late in October.

In 1911 Miss Stewart produced a successful kerma in this city, for the benefit of the Open-Air Sanitarium and the Peoples Institute, having previously visited Portland for a similar purpose and with like success in 1909. Miss Stewart declared her delight at her return to the Pacific Coast.

McNary Protests Lumber Award.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 20.—Senator McNary today presented to the War Department his indorsement of the protest of the West Coast Lumber Association against the award to Southern mills of contracts for furnishing lumber for the Des Moines Army cantonment. It had been agreed that these contracts would be divided equally between the South and Northwest, although the Northwest price is \$2.50 lower than Southern pine. This agreement is being violated, it is charged.

Lieutenant Whidden's Wound Light.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 20.—The Red Cross today advised Senator Chamberlain of receipt of a cablegram from Paris announcing that Lieutenant Reg. W. Whidden, of Portland, injured in the chest during the German air raid on the Harvard base hospital September 4, is to continue his work. This they construe to mean, he was not seriously wounded.

Steel Prices Bring Protest.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 20.—Senator McNary in conference today with warney cabinet members protested against the high prices charged for steel for public works in Portland. Mr. Baruch said he was to confer with the steel men, and advised that no contracts for purchase of steel be made until prices have been officially fixed.

NORTHWEST WHEAT MEN SEE WILSON

President's Attitude Sympathetic and Growers Are Encouraged.

HOOVER WILL HEAR PLEA

Food Administrator to Be Told That Western Farmers Will Be Satisfied if Price Is Made 15 Cents Under Chicago.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 20.—President Wilson after listening for nearly half an hour today to arguments presented by representatives of Northwestern wheat-growers, who are here asking that a definite price be fixed on their wheat at Portland and Seattle, admitted his lack of knowledge of the details of the wheat situation and asked the delegation to confer tomorrow with Food Administrator Hoover and repeat their arguments to him.

At no time did the President commit himself on any of the issues raised, but his questions and comments encouraged the delegation to believe that if they can convince Mr. Hoover of the justice of their case, there will be some relief coming from the White House.

Colfax Banker Presents Case.—C. L. MacKenzie, president of the Colfax (Wash.) National Bank, made the main presentation of the wheat-growers' case, after being introduced by Senator Chamberlain. He went over familiar arguments, pointing out the fallacies of the contentions of Mr. Hoover, and Grain Administrator Barnes and showing the farmers' standpoint, how the wheat-growers of the Pacific Northwest are discriminated against under the Chicago price schedule and differential recently announced by the Government.

The farmers felt, he said, that their interests had been overlooked by the price-fixing committee, on which the Pacific Northwest was not represented, and were not inclined to charge any deliberate discrimination. Because of this belief and their confidence that the error would be corrected, they were not selling their wheat, but holding it until they are given a standard price for the Northwest, he said.

President Insinger, of the Spokane Chamber of Commerce, supplementing the statement of MacKenzie, said the farmers were not complaining of the price fixed—they will accept the \$2.20 standard, but they do complain of the differential now applied to Northwest wheat.

Under the standing order, Northwest farmers get 30 cents less than the Chicago price, 40 cents below the freight rate to Chicago, 15 cents below the price the freight board gave Minneapolis and the market for the wheat, although the freight rate, Minneapolis to Chicago, is 6 cents.

Absorb Half Rate Is Plea.—If the Government will make the proportionate absorption of Northwest wheat and quote at Portland and Seattle a price only 15 cents under the Chicago price, that is, absorb half the freight rate, the farmers will be entirely satisfied, he said.

Mr. Insinger also impressed on the president the abundance of ships on the Pacific Coast to move the 1,000,000 available bushels of export wheat to Liverpool or other markets and said the Shipping Board can absolutely fix rates where it will.

At the outset of the hearing the President seemed to be hostile, his questions indicating a prevailing idea that wheat men wanted the Chicago price at Portland and Seattle. But as the attitude of the growers was unfolded and the indignity of the discrimination against them laid bare his attitude changed perceptibly. At one juncture he suggested that the bottom might drop out of the market if the price were too high; that the allies might prefer to buy from Argentina.

Brief Is Refused.—As the wheat-growers were departing they offered to leave with the President an elaborate typewritten brief setting forth their contentions. The President laughingly declined to receive it, saying: "Gentlemen, I have only 24 hours a day." However, he asked the delegation to present their case fully to Mr. Hoover, as he is familiar with the details, and promptly arranged a conference for them at the food administration office tomorrow.

M. H. Houser, of Portland, and Julius Barnes today telephoned Senator McNary from New York inquiring what the wheat-growers were doing. The Senator urged them to come to Washington at once to participate in the conference before Mr. Hoover. Mr. Hoover will be here tomorrow, and Mr. Barnes, if delayed, will see the wheat delegation Saturday. Mr. Hoover, after hearing the arguments, will discuss the Northwest situation with Messrs. Houser and Barnes and then submit a recommendation to the President. On this the President is expected to act.

At the conference today were C. L. MacKenzie, R. Insinger, C. E. Spence, W. W. Harrah, C. F. Nelson, H. J. Stephens, S. C. Armstrong, A. V. Swift and A. A. Elmore, and all the Senators and Representatives from the three Northwest states who were in Washington.

3 IMPRISON JAILERS, FLEE

Idaho Murder Suspect and 2 Others Beat and Lock Up Guards.

WALLACE, Idaho, Sept. 20.—(Special.)—Jack Finanagan, Tom Ryan and Terry O'Rourke, who made a sensational jail break here last night after

overpowering and beating Jailer Robert Lee into insensibility and locking Deputy Dennis Goggin in a cell formerly occupied by Finanagan, are still at large tonight and so far no trace of them has been found. All are armed.

Jailer Lee, who was severely beaten, bound and gagged, was able to join in the hunt today, while Deputy Goggin was released from his enforced imprisonment after a blacksmith had cut away the bolts to the cell door. Finanagan is charged with murder.

RIGHTER RECITAL TONIGHT

Portland's Star Pianist to Give Two Offerings at Hellig.

Francis Richter, Portland's young star pianist, will appear in two piano recitals in the Hellig Theater, tonight and tomorrow afternoon, under the direction of Paul Tenninger, of New York City. Mr. Richter, who was taught piano by the great Leschetzky, of Vienna, Austria, has worked hard in the preparation of these two programmes and a genuine musician may be expected on each occasion. If these recitals are largely attended—as they ought to be—Mr. Richter plans to try his fortunes in New York City. Mr. Richter is a serious, educated piano virtuoso who plays from printed music scores.

KNITTED SQUARES NEEDED

Mrs. A. A. Morrison Says Next Friday Is Last Day for Sending.

Mrs. A. A. Morrison urgently requests all women who appear in the city who have 12-inch squares knitted or crocheted for wounded soldiers, to send them to her, 321 Trinity Place, as promptly as possible, the last date on which they will reach her in time to pack and ship, October 1, being next Friday.

Mrs. Morrison now has 500 of these squares, many made by school children, under direction of Miss Jessie Millard. They will be on exhibition Thursday, September 27, in the guild room of the parish house of Trinity Church.

PROMPT PAYMENT URGED

Secretary Lane Recommends Checks for Oregon Counties.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 20.—Secretary Lane today recommended to the Treasury Department the immediate payment to the Oregon & California land grant counties of \$1,500,000, representing accrued taxes, with penalties and interest, on lands that reverted to the Government. The largest payment, \$300,132, goes to Douglas County, and the smallest, \$475, to Clarke County, Wash.

Treasury warrants will be drawn in favor of the treasurer of each of the 18 counties involved.

Runaway Engine Kills Three.

NEON, Ky., Sept. 20.—John Alphin, fireman, and two negro passengers were killed and about 20 other negro passengers were injured when a freight locomotive, running wild and unlighted, crashed into a Louisville & Nashville passenger train about one mile west of here. The locomotive is thought to have been set in motion by a negro.

Astoria Red Cross Fund \$17,500.

ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—E. G. Gearhart, treasurer of the local Red Cross war fund, today sent \$17,500 to the treasurer of the Oregon Red Cross.

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CANDY Wood-Lark Chocolates, full pound, 39c in neat carton, special at 50c Bishop's Napsack Rations, for the soldiers at, each, 19c Phoenix Large Gum Drops on sale at, the pound, 39c Swiss Milk Chocolates, bulk, on sale at, the pound, 39c

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50c Daggett & Ram sold Cold Cream 43c \$1.00 Othline now at 85c \$1.00 Wood-Lark Cream at 85c 50c Stillman Freckle Cream now at 40c 50c Pond's Extract Vanishing Cream now at 40c 50c Pompeian Massage Cream now at 40c \$1 DeLatare now at 90c

Pompeian Night Cream on sale at 25c, 35c, 75c 25c Colgate's Dental Ribbon 23c 50c Pebecco on sale at 43c 25c Lyon's Tooth Powder on sale at 20c 25c Gray's Tooth Paste, 19c

\$1.25 Hughes' Ideal Hair Brush now at 79c \$1 Vulcanoid Hair Brush on sale 59c 15c Cocoon Oil now at 11c 25c Rose Water at 19c 25c Bay Rum now at 19c

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AMERICAN-SCANDINAVIAN FESTIVAL Mme. Alma Webster Powell, of New York, the world famous prima donna soprano, will lead the musical programmes of the American-Scandinavian Festival and the Fourth Centennial Reformation Celebration at the State Fair Sunday afternoon, September 23. Mme. Powell was recently selected by the French government to sing and lecture to the soldiers, and her appearance at the two celebrations will be her last in this country before she departs for Europe. The United Scandinavian Singers, of Portland, and Glauco Meriglioli, the celebrated flute soloist, will also render selections. Addresses will be delivered by Governor Withycombe, Hon. B. G. Skulason, Portland; Rev. J. S. Roseland, Silverton, and Mrs. Della Crowder-Miller, of Willamette University, will give patriotic readings. General admission Sunday afternoon 25 cents. Professor J. O. Hall, Salem, Director of Programmes.