

WHEAT SITUATION PUZZLES EXPERTS

Max Houser Not Prepared to Accept Basic Price of \$2.20 as Authentic.

OFFICIAL WORD AWAITED

Grain Administrator Looks Askance at Statement From Mr. Nelson That Coast Will Be Put on Chicago Basis.

The outlook for a basic price for Northwestern wheat, on a parity with Chicago, is yet unsettled, despite assurances given by C. W. Nelson, of Seattle, member of the farmers' delegation to Washington, in the opinion of Max Houser, Federal grain administrator for the Northwest.

Until definite official assurance to the contrary is received, Mr. Houser declares that he is forced to the belief that President Wilson meant exactly what he said in his recent proclamation when he fixed the basic price for Portland and Seattle at \$2.95.

In Mr. Nelson's optimistic summing up of the situation and confident statement of results he declares to have been attained by the farmers' delegation, Mr. Houser picks several flaws, among them being Mr. Nelson's statement that the water rate promised by the Shipping Board is to be based on the long ton of 2240 pounds, thereby automatically effecting a parity price at the freight rate of \$2.58.

"All freight rates of American shipping are figured at the 2000-pound ton," asserted Mr. Houser, "and not on the long ton, which is commonly used by English shipping. There has been no announcement that this long-established rule is to be altered."

"Concerning Mr. Nelson's statement that wheat and flour will proceed in original vessels from Pacific Coast ports, it is certain only that all of our shipments are going from here to Atlantic ports, whether for re-shipment or to continue in original vessels, no one knows, with the exception of the Shipping Board. To say that such shipments were going direct to Europe would be giving information to the enemy."

"I take exception to Mr. Nelson's intimation that the President is trying to fool anybody by stating a price that will be altered later on, because I feel that whenever President Wilson says anything he means it. All past statements made by the President have borne out the fact that he meant exactly what he said."

"Even granting that such was the idea, and that the price is later to be raised to a parity, or \$2.20 at Pacific Coast markets, its effect would certainly be nullified by the statement made by Mr. Johnson. But the proclamation was definite on that point—that the Seattle and Portland price was to be \$2.95 for the 1918 crop."

"Regardless of what is said to the contrary," concluded Mr. Houser, "the thing is not settled. I am expecting definite information soon from Washington."

Gus C. Moser (Visits Cottage Grove. COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Feb. 26.—(Special.)—Gus C. Moser, candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor, met the people of Cottage Grove Saturday, receiving a cordial reception and many promises of support. He carried the Cottage Grove county four years ago and feels that his vote here this year will be greater than before. He spoke reminiscently of his visit here four years ago, when he arrived on good roads day and was hustled out to do his bit with a shovel. Mr. Moser was on his way home from Southern Oregon and said he would carry Jackson County and get a good vote in Douglas, Josephine and Lake.

Training School is Considered. COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Feb. 26.—(Special.)—Cottage Grove is under consideration for the establishment of a training school by the Southern Oregon Conference of the Seventh-day Adventists. If the school should be established here, the Royal Intermediate School, now conducted by the local church, would be a part of the larger school and two other local schools in the conference would be consolidated with the larger school. The consolidated school would have 200 to 300 students and would require new buildings.

Thrift Army is Growing. SALEM, Or., Feb. 26.—(Special.)—With 800 names now enrolled in the Junior-Rainbow Regiment of school thrift stamp volunteers, Superintendent Churchill says he expects to increase the enrollment to 1000 by March. Richard Davis, of Union County, has sold \$127 worth of the stamps. Each of the children enrolled in the Regiment is supposed to sell \$50 or more worth of stamps.

Girls! Beautify YOUR HAIR AND STOP DANDRUFF Hair Becomes Charming, Wavy, Lustrous and Thick in Few Moments. Every Bit of Dandruff Disappears and Hair Stops Coming Out.

For a few cents you can save your hair. In less than ten minutes you can double its beauty. Your hair becomes light, wavy, fluffy, abundant and appears as soft, lustrous and charming as a young girl's after applying some Danderine. Also try this—mix a cloth with a little Danderine and carefully draw it through your hair, taking one small strand at a time. This will cleanse the hair of dust, dirt or excessive oil, and in just a few moments you have doubled the beauty of your hair. A delightful surprise awaits those whose hair has been neglected or is scraggy, faded, dry, brittle or thin. Besides beautifying the hair, Danderine dissolves every particle of dandruff, cleanses, purifies and invigorates the scalp, forever stopping itching and falling hair, but what will please you most will be after a few weeks use, when you see new hair—fine and downy at first—yes—really new hair growing all over the scalp. If you care for pretty, soft hair, and lots of it, surely get a small bottle of Knowlton's Danderine from any drug store or toilet counter and just try it—Adv.

MOVING PICTURE NEWS



Mary Miles Minter in Beauty and the Rogue at The Star



Mae Marsh, Star of The Beloved Traitor at Peoples.

WALLY REID COMING. WALLACE REID, handsome Laskey leading man—the adored of thousands of feminine fans—is to appear in person at the Liberty Theater soon, according to C. M. Hill, manager of the Progressive Motion Picture Company. Wally, hubby of Dorothy Davenport and best known to screen followers as Geraldine Farrar's leading man, is scheduled to make a picture at the Hoquiam property of the Laskey Company, and Mr. Hill has made arrangements for him to stop over in Portland for at least a day and greet his many admirers. For several months Reid has been a star in his own right, his most recent vehicles, both popular, being "Nan of Music Mountain" and "Rimrock Jones."

SOME SCREEN PHILOSOPHY. Spike Robinson says: "I been reading where a lot of these motion picture magnates are saying a lot of stuff about the play's the thing and that the motion picture industry is in its infancy, and that we have lost sight of the exhibitor and all that hokum. I'll tell you what the picture business and these here guys don't know a good picture? Don't answer me, I'll tell you myself. If the girl in the party what goes to the show don't say 'Gee, I wish I had a fellow like that,' and the boy don't say 'Gee, I wish I had a girl like that,' I wish our own was like that, 'why it ain't a good picture. Now I'm telling you right. That's no bunk. I seen pictures made when half those guys was in swaddling clothes. And that dope I'm giving you is the golden rule, it's the third degree, and these guys can't talk themselves sick and not make a better one. Sure, that's no bunk."

Film Magazine Man Visits. J. C. Jessen, West Coast representative for Motion Picture News, one of the leading trade publications of the film industry, was a Portland visitor yesterday.

Mr. Jessen visited the exchanges and handed out many a boost to exhibitors for the high-class manner in which motion pictures are presented to the public, both as to theaters and service.

A luncheon tendered to Mr. Jessen at the Benson Hotel was attended by J. J. Parker, of the Film Supply Company, of Oregon; C. M. Hill, manager of the Progressive Motion Picture Company; Manager Jackson, of the Mutual Film Exchange; E. J. Myrick, Liberty Theater; J. J. Parker, Majestic Theater; Ralph Ruffner, Columbia Theater, and James H. Cassell.

Theda Stirs Up Argument. A few weeks ago Theda Bara, William Fox star, was quoted as saying, "There's vampire in every woman. Since then there has been a big increase in her mail, many women pro-

testing that she is not justified in this statement. Miss Bara said that these women should have read all of the interview, "What Miss Bara did say was that while 'there is vampire in every woman' the vampire in most women is smothered by their sense of right."

The "greatest vampire on the screen," as she has been called, is now in California making a new Theda Bara super production under the direction of J. Gordon Edwards.

Screen Gossip. Norma Talmadge, brilliant emotional star of the screen, carried off stellar honors in a Red Cross auction in competition with William Randolph Hearst, Mayor Hylan, of New York, and the Dolly sisters.

Bill Hart's hat is in Washington for the President's signature. Then it goes across the Atlantic for the names of further notable. It's to be auctioned off to the highest bidder later. Tom Ince already has offered \$1000 for it.

Douglas Fairbanks is being "sculptured" by Prince Troubetzky, the noted Russian sculptor. He is spending an hour a day at the studio, where Douglas is in the makeup of a Westerner, with his famous horse, has been posing for him. Prince Troubetzky is a keen admirer of the Fairbanks-Artercraft pictures and is making this statue as a tribute to his screen favorite. Almost all the celebrities abroad have at some time or other posed for Prince Troubetzky.

E. K. Lincoln, with Mae Marsh in "The Beloved Traitor," who is in California making a feature picture for W. C. Cagney-Cabanne, is also very busy compiling his tax and income reports. With a farm in Pennsylvania, a motion picture studio in New Jersey, his residence in New York, kennels in Connecticut, and his summer home in Massachusetts, Mr. Lincoln has to spend considerable time just acquainting himself with the different state laws.

Leonce Perret, French director who came to this country about a year ago to direct Captain Robert Warwick in a series of feature productions, and who is the author as well as director of "Last We Forget," is now actively engaged in directing the Dolly sisters at the Biograph studio in their first joint motion picture appearance.

Mildred Manning, who was the star in the Vitagraph O. Henry series, has just finished "The Unchastened Woman."

Ottola NeSmith, who retired from the cast of "The Gay Lord Quex" with John Drew prior to its leaving New York for the States, was immediately engaged by the Famous Players for the picture "Rich Man—Poor Man," under the direction of J. Searle Dawley. This is the second of her third picture with Famous Players.

Marie Dressler's comedy organization has disbanded, owing to a disagreement with her releasing company. The comedienne has been working for some time past on a series of short-reel comedies, which she has made no announcement of her future plans.

"Doug" Fairbanks is not to be overshadowed by Little Mary. The comedian is now "Big Brother" to the boys of the 175th Infantry, Camp Kearney, Cal., and has mailed them a batch of Smilgee books and much in the way of smokes.

The production which will mark the debut of Miss Barbara Castleton with the World Film Corporation is "The Swami." The title role of this five-reel feature will be played by Montague Love. Incidentally the definition of the word, which is of Hindu derivation, means one who is learned in occult sciences.

CITY FISH BOAT OFF

Schooner Joseph Pulitzer Goes to Halibut Banks Today.

BIG CATCH NOT PREDICTED

Newport Fishermen Declare Season Is Wrong and That Fishing on Banks Will Not Be Good Until April or May.

Owing to unexpected delays the city's fishing schooner Joseph Pulitzer did not raise anchor and start for the Columbia until yesterday morning at 8 o'clock. She had been scheduled to start last Saturday. If sea conditions are O. K. she will go to sea today after taking on a supply of oil at Astoria.

The boat is in command of Captain Brown, of Newport, and has a crew of fishermen, in addition to the engineers. The fishermen will work on a percentage basis, their percentage depending on the catch. She will go first into the fishing grounds off the Columbia River and will gradually coast southward to the Newport halibut banks unless a big catch is made off the Columbia, in which event she will return to Portland to unload for the municipal fish market.

Fishermen at Newport say they will be surprised if the Pulitzer makes any big haul of halibut because of the season being wrong. They say the fishing will not be good until April or May, although the Pulitzer may run into some fishing grounds and land a big catch.

W. C. Burke, of the Burke Fish Company, of Portland, says he has had boats out during the winter and has not had much luck. He says he had one vessel out for three weeks and it returned with some scrap fish, but only a few pounds of halibut.

Fishermen at Newport who work in the Newport halibut banks are preparing to start the season's fishing soon. Boats are being repaired and made ready for the season. The fishermen there say they will be surprised if the Pulitzer makes a big catch. They say, however, that the man in command of the boat, Captain Brown, is a thorough fisherman and if catching fish is possible at this season a catch will be made.

Newport fishermen are glad to see the Pulitzer break into the halibut game, and while they will not demonstrate conclusively the mooted question of the size and importance of the Newport banks. Also they have hope that the Pulitzer will control the buying of fish caught by other boats at Newport banks and will furnish supplies of bait and ice, which are badly needed during the winter months, exclusively by a Newport ice and fish company.

The city has gone ahead on the belief that the Pulitzer will return with a big catch. Arrangements have been made for fish sales on the public fish market when the boat returns. Provision also has been made for extra storage space for handling all oversupply of fish.

SPEEDERS ARE PUNISHED

TRAFFIC VIOLATORS ASSESSED FINES BY JUDGE.

Fred Jossi Caught After Evading Law for Seven Months and Pays \$15 for Offense.

After evading punishment for more than seven months, Fred Jossi, of 660 East Ninth street, was fined \$15 in Municipal Court Monday afternoon for driving his auto 42 miles an hour along Milwaukie street. Mr. Jossi was arrested July 4 by Sergeant Ervin, gave a fictitious name and address, was arraigned to appear in court. He failed to appear, and a bench warrant for his arrest was issued by Judge Rossmann, but although 15 different policemen carried the warrant around in an attempt to serve it, until it was almost worn out, not one was able to locate him until Patrolman R. Henson happened to catch him at home last Saturday.

Eighteen other speeders and traffic violators were fined by Judge Rossmann yesterday as follows: W. Eastman, \$10; J. E. Bunker, \$10; George Windham, \$8; Lieutenant George Campbell, \$7.50; A. E. George, C. E. Sager, O. H. Liventgood, George Schloesser, J. L. Bolton, and H. W. Hastings, \$5; Pete Yitlick, James Achrow, J. V. Burke, W. P. Reed, and Frank Stibbinger, \$4; and Charles Wheatley, H. L. Vandergriff and S. Akai, \$2.

The cases of the following were continued: E. B. White, Mr. William Crowe, W. R. Jackson, B. E. Wright, Jim Monte, August Henry, Oscar Mackey, John Felger, R. G. Mattison, C. V. Brooker, W. B. Streeter and H. N. Boehmer.

Plant to Begin Operation.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Feb. 26.—(Special.)—The Fir Lumber Company, the plant of which was recently constructed on the range of hills to the east of the valley, will begin operation this week. C. W. Bouck, superintendent of the company, owned by H. M. Sidney, a fir orchardist, states that he has been logging throughout the winter, and that he will be able to produce 15,000 feet of lumber daily throughout the Spring, Summer and Fall seasons.

Bruce Dennis Back in La Grande.

LA GRANDE, Or., Feb. 26.—(Special.)—Bruce Dennis, former owner of the La Grande Evening Observer and more recently executive secretary of the Council of Defense work in Oregon, is again back as owner and editor of the La Grande Observer. Clarence Leary, who has been editor and publisher for the past year, has moved to Portland.

Praised By All

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BOOTHS ARE TO AID

Effort to Be Made to Register Shipyard Workers.

MANY ELIGIBLE TO VOTE

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For the first time in the history of Portland outside registration booths are to be established in and around the several shipbuilding plants along the water front in order that the thousands of shipyard workers who have come to Portland within the last six months may become registered voters and thus exercise the franchise at the forthcoming primary and general elections.

Announcement of this new departure in registration work was made yesterday by County Clerk Beveridge, following a conference with J. R. Bowles, president of the Northwest Steel Company. The booths will be established March 1, and will be maintained until all registration books are closed for the primary election, which is less than three months away.

According to tentative plans announced yesterday by Mr. Beveridge, a registration booth will be maintained in or close to each of the shipyards for a period of 10 days. After one shipyard has been thoroughly canvassed and every employe given an opportunity to register, the booth will be moved to another shipyard.

"Investigation during the last few days has shown that there are thousands of workers in the Portland shipyards who have lived here the required six months, but who have not registered," said Mr. Beveridge yesterday. "My purpose in establishing these booths is to accommodate these men who are engaged in a patriotic work, and likewise to acquaint them with the fact that they can become legal voters."

"Thousands of men now employed in this industry have moved their families to Portland within the last year and without doubt intend to remain here permanently. If an opportunity is given these men to register, I predict that the Multnomah County registration figures will total close to 100,000 by election time. The present registration is something more than 90,000."

Some Must Register Now. Mr. Beveridge likewise called attention to the fact that persons who have changed their residences since they last registered must re-register if they would vote at the coming elections. Hundreds of people have removed from their former precincts, but have failed to be reclassified on the registration books.

"It is highly imperative that these people register again as quickly as possible, or they may find themselves unable to vote on election day," Mr. Beveridge advised.

According to the plans to establish

UNCLE SAM NEEDS HELP

Open Competitive Examinations Planned for Positions.

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The United States Civil Service Commission announces open competitive examinations as follows: Inspector of tests (male), in the Ordnance Department at large at various manufacturing plants within the United States; expert aide (male), at various Navy-yards and other naval establishments of the United States; to supervise electrical and mechanical, structural, telephone and transportation installations, at entrance salaries ranging from \$4.48 to \$9.04 per diem.

Supervising engineer, construction (male), at various Navy-yards and other naval establishments throughout the United States at entrance salaries ranging from \$9.04 to \$16 per diem.

Junior accountant (male), from 100 to 200 vacancies in the finance division, Ordnance Department of the War Department, at rates ranging from \$1200 to \$1800 a year.

Cottage Grove Sets Election Date.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Feb. 26.—(Special.)—A special election will be held here March 4 to amend the city charter so that it will conform with the measure enacted by the people, requiring that city elections be held at the same time as state elections. The amendments provide that city officers be elected for two years, instead of one, and councilmen for four years, instead of for two.

Further information and application forms may be obtained from M. K. Wigton, local secretary, board of United States Civil Service Examiners, Postoffice building, Portland, Or.

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

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