

ARBITRARY PRICES ARE HELD FAILURE

Minnesota Senator Condemns Government Action in Regard to Wheat.

OTHER CEREALS AFFECTED

Placing Fictitious Value on Wheat, It Is Held, Tends to Advance Market on Other Grains—Oats and Corn Now Abnormally High.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 25.—Senators from the agricultural states, as disclosed by recent debate, believe that price-fixing as applied to wheat is a failure. The agitation arose over the attempt made by certain Senators to modify the President's proclamation which raised the price of wheat from \$2.50 to \$2.50 a bushel. Two main contentions were made, first, that it is wrong to fix the price of wheat and second, to regulate the prices of other grains and, second, that it is better to allow the wheat-grower, like the grower of corn, rye and barley, to go into the open market and sell for whatever price he can get.

No stronger statement was made in criticism of the wheat price-fixing policy of the Government than that of Senator Nelson, of Minnesota, who made a practical farmer, Senator Nelson said: "Before we passed laws under which a price was fixed last year on wheat, all cereals—wheat, corn, oats, barley, rye and flax—were sold in the open market, prices were governed to some extent by law, supply and demand. What did we do last year? We segregated wheat and said in respect to that one cereal, 'We will fix an arbitrary price for wheat that you cannot exceed, but for which you must sell your crop.' What was the result? Putting an arbitrary price on wheat enhanced the other cereal prices. Corn, rye, barley and oats have gone up until most of these cereals are today above wheat.

Oats Abnormally High. "Take oats at 99 cents to a dollar a bushel. There are only 22 pounds of oats in a bushel of wheat. So, for feed or food purposes either for man or beast, it takes two bushels of oats to equal a bushel of wheat that is fixed at \$2.50. Today the price of oats is \$1.25, and rye is a good deal higher—\$1.50 per cent higher. Corn is also higher.

"People must have something with which to feed their livestock, and if wheat is cheaper than oats, it is cheaper than barley, and cheaper than corn. The farmer who has wheat will give his wheat instead of going into the market and buying oats, corn, rye or barley for feed purposes. That is the way it is operating.

Price-fixing even if you put the price of wheat at \$2.50 a bushel—and I shall probably vote for that—will prove, Mr. President, an abject failure. The only fair way to let all these cereals to be sold in the open market, to be governed by the law of supply and demand. Then the wheat farmer will get the real value of his wheat as he is today getting the real value of his corn, oats, rye and barley. You should either do that, or fix prices on all these cereals.

Situation is Not Remedied. "Even if we adopt this amendment, even if we fix a price of \$2.50 a bushel, to my mind it will not cure the situation, so long as we leave the door open in respect to the other cereals. We shall still be confronted by the existing situation, because the demand for the other cereals will continue to rise. "Should the wheat price be made the only victim of price-fixing? We can segregate the wheat farmer and fix the price of wheat; but the farmer is going to raise the crop that he has most profited and instead of taking his oats, barley and rye and feeding them to the stock, he will sell them, because they bring a higher price and he will grind his wheat to feed his stock.

ELECTION OFFICERS NAMED.

CHEHALIS, Wash., March 25.—(Special.)—Special election officers were named today by the City Commission for the contest April 29, when it will be decided whether a second electric light and power franchise will be granted O. E. Anderson, of Portland.

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MOTION PICTURE NEWS



Taylor Holmes, Star of Liberty Feature 'Ruggles of Red Gap' With Mrs. Schumann Heintz

TODAY'S FILM FEATURES. Sunset—"The Birth of a Nation." Liberty—Taylor Holmes, "Ruggles of Red Gap." Majestic—Dorothy Phillips, "The Grand Passion." People's—Earle Williams, "In the Balance." Columbia—Dorothy Dalton, "Love Me." Star—Douglas Fairbanks, "The Man From Painted Post." Totia, "The One-Night Stand." Globe—Mary Pickford, "Poor Little Peppina."

VITAGRAPH celebrated its 21st birthday on St. Patrick's day, which is almost equivalent to celebrating the birthday of the motion picture industry. For Vitagraph's history is more or less a history of film-making in the United States, for this pioneer has never lost its place at the front rank of motion picture producers.

In 1898 the company incorporated and the commercial production of motion pictures inaugurated. In 1905 studios were opened in California and the first 1000-foot subject produced. In 1908 the company's output increased to 3000 negative feet weekly.

In 1909 the first five-reel motion picture was made in America. It was "The Life of Moses," made by Vitagraph.

The industry is indebted to Vitagraph for the training of screen stars. More of fellow producers and protect the industry against assaults by constantly elevating the moral and artistic qualities of photoplays.

The personnel of the National Board of Censorship, members of the clergy and many people prominent in public life, including more than 100 women. These people are voluntary censors, serving without pay, and their recommendations are religiously observed by manufacturers. Expenses incidental to censorship are defrayed by a general fund, who contribute to a general fund.

The National Board is not a legally constituted body, in the accepted sense, but its standards are high and, with few exceptions, regulate exhibition of pictures throughout the country.

Local censorship is imposed on products which already have been carefully examined by the representative body of public-spirited men and women.

Get Star Photos Here. Acting upon a suggestion from Eugene O'Brien, leading man for Norma Talmadge, a number of well-known moving-picture players have established a photograph bureau for the benefit of the Stage Woman's War Relief.

Screen Gossip. Charles Pang, Chinese comedian, is to be featured in a series of one-reel comedies. They say he's the only funny Chinaman in pictures.

NOON MEETING HELD

First of Holy Week Gatherings Draws Crowd.

PATRIOTIC SPEECHES MADE

Portland Ministerial Association Host to People Who Meet at Hippodrome Theater and Join in Singing Songs of Fighters.

Pack up your troubles in your old kit-bag and smile, smile, smile. The Hippodrome Theater rang with this song and with others that are favorites of the fighting forces and of the home folk and then fairly vibrated with "Onward, Christian Soldiers" as Captain A. J. Pequegnat, of the Canadian army, led the singing at the noon-day meeting yesterday.

The affair was the first of the holy week meetings arranged by the Portland Ministerial Association and the ministers of various denominations occupied places on the stage. "Captains of the Faith," as the gallant soldier is affectionately termed, called the clergy his choir and he made them all stand up singing. He had everyone singing before he finished.

And then the Rev. H. H. Griffith, pastor of the First Christian Church, took the center of the stage, right in the spotlight, and gave a stirring patriotic and religious message appropriate to the time. Several times he was interrupted by applause from the enraptured audience.

"America goes forth to battle in the firm conviction that the philosophy of the Babe in the manger is better than that of the dog in the manger," declared the speaker in his stirring address.

Camp Lewis Notes.

CAMP LEWIS, Tacoma, March 25.—"It certainly feels good to be back on the job," said Lieutenant-Colonel Eugene C. Northington, commander of the base hospital, who left here a month ago, as a Major, on sick leave.

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INDIAN BILL IS APPROVED

Klamath Reservation to Benefit From Federal Appropriation.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., March 25.—(Special.)—The Senate today adopted the provision of the Indian bill allowing the Klamath Indians \$500,000 to be used for the reservation.

THE MOST STUPENDOUS PHOTOPLAY IN FILM HISTORY

Directed by That Master Mind, D. W. Griffith

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for the virtual moratorium for men in the Army and Navy during the war. Any man in Camp Lewis whose personal affairs have become involved is directed to apply to the Division Judge-Advocate for assistance in obtaining the benefit of the new law. A memo to this effect published today has been posted in every barracks.

There have been several instances of hardship caused by the men in camp by unscrupulous business men, who took advantage of the soldier's absence from home. The Red Cross has been handling these cases and through its local organization and virtually through every one in the country has brought relief. The new law is expected to relieve the Red Cross of these duties.

The benefit of the law ceases as soon as a man is discharged from the service, or one year after peace is declared if the man remains in the service to the end of the war.

Conservation is to be applied to the fir forest which surrounds Camp Lewis, according to an order issued today at headquarters of the 1st Division. The needless and wasteful cutting down of trees must stop, the order reads, and no tree may be cut down in the future until it has been designated and marked by the officers in authority.

Danger of fire, unless the ground is immediately cleared of all dead timber, brought forth the further order that no organization or individual is permitted to see to it that every bit of dead wood be removed at once.

In the future the cutting of timber must be scattered so that the forest shall not be harmed, no matter how far it is necessary to haul the timber required.

Officers and enlisted men at camp were today notified in an order issued by Major-General H. A. Greene, commander of the camp, that the practice of acting as agents for business houses is prohibited. Several non-commissioned officers have received letters from business houses offering their agencies in the sale of goods to enlisted men.

This order will work financial hardship on a number of the non-commissioned officers and enlisted men, who have been acting as business agents. The wind and rain worked havoc with the Army men, no wind gauges having been provided, while the civilian men were equipped with micro-batteries.

That there have been several cases of fraudulent claims under the war risk insurance act became known today with the publishing of a memo from the war risk insurance department advising men who fear to lose because, inadvertently they have made an incorrect statement, that they make any correction they desire through the commanding officer.

Three men were discharged from the National Army at camp this morning on the recommendation of the Division Exemption Board. They are, Privates Frank A. Hughes, Company L, 383d Infantry; Antonio Bastilli, Ninth Company, 1st Depot Brigade; and Charles S. Hansen, battalion C, 316th Engineers.

CONTEMPT CHARGES FILED

Astoria Men Accused of Refusing to Obey Court Order.

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MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

Table with financial data for Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, including Income, Disbursements, Assets, and Liabilities.

LIBERTY Broadway at Stark Continuous 11 to 11 NOW PLAYING



As I live and breathe, it's none other than "RUGGLES of RED GAP" Read by a host in the Saturday Eve. Post 7-REELS-7-OTHER DOIN'S

GOOD HEALTH Demands Good Teeth

"MORE physical degeneracy can be traced to neglect of the teeth than to the use of alcohol," says Dr. William Oser.

FIGHT OVER ESTATE ENDS

L. W. Hutton Gains Possession of Property Left by Wife.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 25.—(Special.)—Through delivery of a deed today, L. W. Hutton was given absolute possession of all the property in Washington and Idaho, including an interest in the Hercules mine at Wallace, included in the estate of his wife, May Arkwright Hutton.

SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE OCCIDENTAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

Table with financial data for Occidental Life Insurance Company, including Income, Disbursements, Assets, and Liabilities.