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THE LOW-PRICE OF WHEAT.

Wheat is down to 35 cents in the Big Bend county, or about five cents below the cost of production. The quotations offered farmers elsewhere in the interior run up as high as 39 cents, but no wheat, if any is selling at all at market prices, is bringing the farmer the cost of production. It is estimated that 40 cents will cover the cost of raising a bushel of wheat in Washington. In some parts of the state the price is much less, some farmers even claiming they can raise wheat for 35 cents, but State Grain Inspector George P. Wright says 40 cents is the average. This includes a percentage on a fair valuation of the land, the cost of repairs in fences and other farm necessities, labor and other incidentals. Anything better than 50 cents paid the farmer for his wheat represents a clear profit. At 50 cents a fair living is made and at better prices the farmer reaps a big profit—Tacoma Ledger, Nov. 18.

Wheat today delivered by the railroads at the cheap port of Astoria, right on the seacoast, and from three to seven days closer sail to the markets of Europe and the Orient, would bring the farmer for his wheat represents a clear profit. At 50 cents a fair living is made and at better prices the farmer reaps a big profit—Tacoma Ledger, Nov. 18.

Then why do not the wheat producers of the interior force the railroads to give them the option of shipping their wheat to Astoria at the same rate charged to the more distant and expensive ports on Puget Sound? Why do not the newspapers of the interior take up this question, and show the facts as to the discrimination of the transportation companies and the reasons why, to their farmer readers? How many farmers know that the railroad companies maintain a condition for the purpose of shipping wheat to the seacoast at Astoria—by the inland route of the Sound and to Portland?

On the same day of the publication of the above extract in the Tacoma Ledger, Wally Wallis, wheat was quoted at 32 cents at Portland. Why should it cost 17 cents a bushel to haul wheat over the few hundred miles of down grade between the Big Bend country and Portland? Wheat is carried from Astoria over the railroads through the Big Bend country, up and down three separate mountain ranges to the Atlantic coast, in some instances nearly 4000 miles, for \$11 a ton.

Do the farmers know that the Northern Pacific has accumulated so much surplus money that it has employed agents in New York to lend it in sums ranging from \$1,000 to \$1,000,000? Do the farmers know that the O. R. & N. Company made more money last year than any year in its history and will

make more money this year than last year? Isn't it time to put in a claim for a reduction of freight rates in the Northwest, especially on export wheat to the seacoast? Do the farmers of Oregon know that the O. R. & N. Company can haul wheat from most interior points clear to the sea coast at Astoria for ten cents a ton for each 100-mile of haul and earn good interest on every dollar of money it has invested, after paying all expenses of operation and maintenance?

Why, then, shouldn't the O. R. & N. be compelled to lower its rates at once, and why shouldn't we have a law in Oregon forbidding any increase of rates beyond a fixed maximum figure without the consent of the legislature? How many farmers in the Northwest know that the Oregon legislature has the power to enact and enforce such a law, and can any person give a good reason why such a law isn't passed or why its passage shouldn't be advocated by every producer, business man and newspaper in the Northwest? Another fact to which the attention of inland readers is directed is that on the same day the Tacoma Ledger printed the above comment on the price of wheat in the Big Bend country, wheat of that grade was quoted in San Francisco at nearly 14 cents more a bushel than at Portland. Of course the Astoria argument is that wheat at the mouth of the Columbia river would bring nearly, if not quite, as much as at San Francisco. But allowing no difference in the charter rate to Astoria in consequence of the superior conveniences and cheapness of this port over Portland and Puget Sound, wheat laid down at Astoria at common point rates would certainly bring the difference between the Portland and San Francisco price, less the cost of ship towage between San Francisco and Astoria. This charge on a 3000 ton cargo ship is but \$1,500, or 50 cents a ton; so that wheat at Astoria under the market quotations published in the Ledger on the day the above extract was printed would have netted the producer more than 12 cents a bushel above the Portland price. What do farmers think of the Astoria common-point proposition in the light of those indisputable facts?

KAISER'S VISIT TO ENGLAND.

The forthcoming visit of Emperor William to Queen Victoria is regarded as capping a climax of British diplomatic success, and the feeling of satisfaction at this state of affairs is not in the slightest degree marred by any feeling of jealousy over the emperor's recent meeting at Potsdam. The statement that Count Von Buelow has accompanied Emperor William to England is taken to be an indication that his majesty does not mean to give the anti-British press any opportunity of belittling his visit on the score that it is merely an obligatory one to his grandmother. But, while the emperor undoubtedly intends to officially emphasize the friendship of Germany for Great Britain, it is scarcely likely, as some of the optimists declare, that important treaties looking towards a closer alliance will be the immediate consequence of the imperial jaunt.

It is pointed out that any which could be done in the direction of already accomplished, and several diplomats have expressed the opinion that this was far more than was

expected, and that international feeling was not yet ripe for more than a formal bond between the two nations, which, three years ago, were on the verge of hostilities. The announcement of the Samsan agreement throws a pleasant shadow over the meeting of Queen Victoria and Emperor William, and assures the visitor a hearty welcome upon the part of the British public.

An elaborate program has been drawn up. Upon the arrival at Portsmouth, yesterday the imperial yacht Hohenzollern, with the emperor, empress, their two sons and others on board, it was arranged to have her met by the British special service squadron, and the emperor, wearing the uniform of a British admiral, was received by the Prince of Wales, similarly attired, and the Duke of York.

After the salutes and a review, the party will go direct to Windsor, staying there five days. Thence the emperor will go to Sandringham for two days, and will meet Lord Salisbury, Mr. Balfour, Lord Rosebery, Lord Wolsey, Mr. Chamberlain and other notables. The remainder of his majesty's visit will probably be spent at the Duke of Devonshire's seat, at Chatsworth, and in shooting in Scotland, the imperial party returning to Germany, via Leith, on the Hohenzollern.

British feeling on the subject of the German emperor's visit is well voiced by Punch's cartoon, representing the emperor who, challenged by a British squire, replies: "Friend! And the squire responds: "Pass, friend, and all's well!" emphasizing the word "friend."

A TIDAL BORE.

It is a Spectacle That Many Tourists Go to See.

The Bay of Fundy is known to the world chiefly on account of its tides, which rise to an immense height, 70 feet having been recorded. As these tides reach the head of the bay and are forced up the Petitcodiac river the conditions are such as to form the front into an almost perpendicular wall of water termed a "bore."

This formation is a grand and exciting spectacle, and interest in the phenomenon is increasing, says Salt Culture. Large numbers of American tourists, scientific men and others visit the locality to admire its effects and study its causes. About 19 miles from the mouth of the Petitcodiac, at a point commonly known as the "Bend," the river takes a turn almost at right angles to its previous course. Immediately above the Bend and on the line of the Intercolonial railway is situated the town of Moncton. The run of the rising tide first breaks into a bore at Stony creek, eight miles below Moncton. At first it is scarcely noticeable, but it gradually grows until at the Bend it almost reaches its maximum height. The wharves of Moncton are thus the most popular positions from which to view this interesting phenomenon. The average interval from the arrival of one bore to the arrival of the next is about twelve hours and twenty-five minutes, so that the average retardation from day to day is about fifty minutes. But "this bore" is erratic and the daily retardations may be anywhere from five minutes to an hour.

The best time to see the bore is during the full moons of August, September or October; and if the visitor would see this natural wonder in its most beautiful aspect let him choose a bright moonlight night rather than the daytime. Under such favorable circumstances a crowd of four or five hundred people, one day last fall, witnessed the arrival of the bore. The scheduled time for its arrival, given by the local newspapers, was 9:20 o'clock. At 9:12 the expectant crowd on Moncton's wharves heard a noise easily distinguishable as the rush of distant waters. This grew louder and louder as the bore approached and rounded the Bend, and at 9:22, two minutes later than the scheduled time, there appeared in full view of the spectators an almost perpendicular wall of water five or six feet in height rushing madly against the swift current of the stream. In some places along the head of the bore, the water, beaten into foam by its own violence, sparkled in the moonlight, while along the shore the mud ploughed from the banks made the water almost black. The contrast was beautiful.

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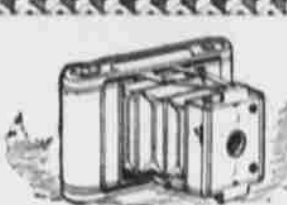
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