

People Here and There

Wade Shiller in the city from his home in Enterprise.

Lyman B. Miller, a sheep salesman of Portland, was in Pendleton yesterday.

"Judy" Ash of La Grande was in Pendleton Friday. He returned to his home today by auto.

George Harlett, who has been spending some time in eastern cities, returned to Pendleton today.

P. T. Lee of the Woolworth Company of Walla Walla, was a visitor in Pendleton today, enroute home from La Grande, where he has been on business.

Peter Geiss, of Milton was a visitor in Pendleton yesterday. Mr. Geiss is farming a 10 acre tract and raises fruit and alfalfa. He says there is some work connected with this character of farming.

F. W. McFarlane, of Baker, was a Pendleton visitor this week. He made the trip by auto but returned on the trail. He met his daughter, Miss Florence McFarlane in this city and she drove the trip to Spokane making the trip in 10 hours.

Rosa Leslie of La Grande was a business visitor in Pendleton Friday of this week.

John Adams, a farmer of the Adams district, was here today taking care of business matters.

Jack Allison, representative of the Holt Manufacturing Co., with headquarters at Spokane is in Pendleton today.

Dr. Max Lattig is now in the city and will have charge of Dr. Holt's office during the absence of the doctor on a two weeks vacation.

C. H. Bartholomew and Bob Lewis of Echo were here today. They visited the county court and talked over the possibility of securing some roads that are desired from Echo to Butter Creek.

TO FREE IRISH PRISONERS
DUBLIN, Aug. 6.—(U. P.)—It has been announced at Dublin Castle that all interned and imprisoned members of the Dail Eireann except one under conviction of murder will be released immediately. The release is not unexpected, as De Valera called a session of Dail Eireann to consider the terms of peace with Great Britain.

NEWS OF THE COUNTY OFFICES AND OFFICERS

Sues on Notes.

Three notes which are said to be past due and unpaid are the basis of a suit that has been filed in circuit court by Raley, Raley and Steiner and H. J. Warner for F. S. Curi against Joseph Craig. The amount of the notes is \$520.

To Recover Wheat

That the defendants hold 255 sacks of newly threshed wheat which they secured possession of in an unlawful manner is the contention of Fred H. Young who has brought suit against Andrew Allen and others. The value of the grain is placed at \$710. Peterson, Bishop, and Clark represent the plaintiff.

Wife Seeks Divorce.

Lillie Sayer, who sets forth in her complaint to seek a divorce that she and W. H. Sayer were married in 1897, charges the defendant with cruel and inhuman treatment covering a period of years. There are four children as issue of the marriage, three daughters and one son. The property held in common is said to amount to about \$7,000. The plaintiff is represented by Raley, Raley and Steiner and H. J. Warner.

HOLD FOR ADVANCE IN PRICE--CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—(U. P.)—"Do not sell your goods until you get your price," was the warning members of the house and senate sent to farmers all over the country as a result of the senate approval of the administration's farm credits bill, counted to boost prices of all farm products. "Hold cotton for 20 cents," was the word sent to the cotton states. Western senators told their constituents to ask higher prices and hold their surplus until the buyers meet the price asked. The senators predicted this move would cause a much higher general tone to the agricultural market.

INSURANCE MAN IS SLAIN WITH SHOTGUN

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 6.—(U. P.)—John Kennedy, a wealthy local insurance man, was killed instantly on the steps of his own home when an assailant, rising from beside the path, blew the back of his head off with a shotgun. Mrs. Madeline Oberchain, Kennedy's companion, gave the account to the police, declaring she was Kennedy's fiancée. The police are not able to find any trace of the assailant or any motive for the deed.

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EAST END HAS EDGE

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Apples To Be High

That the good varieties of apples will command a high figure this season is the belief of fruit men. The Lamb Fruit Co. has already received an offer of \$2.75 a box for five carloads of Delicious apples, but they refused, believing that when the real market is established some time early in October, this famous variety of apples will bring a better price. Early apples brought from \$1.75 to \$2 a box, depending on the variety.

Another item that is in favor of the fruit man this year is the lower cost that he has to pay. His packing charges are lower than they have been for some time, and labor costs are down some, all of which help him to get back on his feet.

The prune crop will be ready for harvesting beginning the latter part of next week or soon after, and it will be heavy. The prices that will be paid the grower will range from \$45 to \$60 a ton, net to the grower, according to present indications. A great many tons have already been contracted at good figures.

Quality of Prunes Good

Milton-Freewater has an advantage over many producing sections, too, that means a lot to the industry. Local prunes will ship without being dried, and that very fact is a boon to the grower. Fruit that is produced here to be shipped to Liverpool and Paris and Copenhagen just as it comes from the trees. The fact that it is ripe earlier than in many other districts is another advantage that assures a good market when the dried fruit goes begging for buyers later in the year.

There are four big fruit concerns here, and they are all centers of great activity now, the Lamb Fruit Co., the Milton Fruit Growers' Cooperative Union, the Shields Fruit Co., and H. S. Dennison and Co. The Growers' Storage and Supply Co., a locally controlled concern, has under construction now a big storage warehouse which will be completed and ready for operation by September 15. The structure is of the construction and will be equipped with modern conveyors and fixtures which will make it one of the most up-to-date plants of its kind in the West. The cost of the building will be \$75,000, and it will be used for cold storage, packing. Loading of fruit can be effected from the platform, a spur switch running to the doors.

Banks Are Strong

There are three banks proper here in the two towns, but they occupy four buildings. The First National Bank of Milton has a branch in Freewater which is known as the First National Bank of Freewater. The resources of this institution are \$1,126,397.73, according to the statement issued June 30. Its capital stock is \$50,000 and the surplus amounts to \$75,000. The officers are J. B. Saylor, president; H. S. Murray, vice-president, and E. S. Rowe, cashier.

The other bank is the Farmers' Security Bank of Milton. It has a capital stock of \$25,000, and resources of \$191,382.42. The officers are J. H. Coffman, president; F. M. Kent, vice-president; W. C. McKinney, cashier, and C. R. Samuel Jr., assistant cashier.

That farmers in this district will be able to liquidate their debts to a large extent with the proceeds of this year's crop was a statement concurred in by officers of all the banks. This liquidation will not be complete, but bankers expressed the belief that more than 50 per cent of the indebtedness of their farmer customers can be paid.

At the Bank of Freewater this estimate was exceeded, an officer of the institution stating that 75 per cent of the borrowers of the bank would liquidate, and that the other 25 per cent would come very close to a complete payment. This bank occupies an enviable position, however, due to the fact that it was not in business when the heavy plunging characteristics of post-war times was practiced. Its patrons are mainly fruit men, too, and that business is the kind that brings a smile to bankers this season.

Healthy Commercial Clubs

The commercial organizations of the two towns have good memberships, and they are taking an active part in the work that is being done by the federated clubs of the county. The Milton Commercial Club has a membership of between 85 and 90. W. B. Anderson is president and Bruce Shangle is secretary. They meet every two weeks. One of the most active members, C. S. Cheshire, is their representative on the board of managers of the federated clubs and vice-president of the county organization.

The Freewater organization, with about one-third the population to draw from that Milton has is well to the front with a membership of 54. E. S. Rowe is president and Claude L. Hubert is secretary. Their representative in the county federation is R. S. Bonn.

Both organizations expect to have representatives on the Grant county tour which starts tomorrow. Mr. Loan will go from Freewater and Bruce Shangle will probably represent Milton.

Towns Are Attractive

Both towns are attractive in appearance. There are many blocks of paving and a thing that strikes the eye

of a farmer is the width of the streets. The lighting system is an attractive one, too, single globes resting on top of concrete finished posts furnish high illumination. There is an abundance of shade trees and many beautiful homes are to be seen.

The Christian church is recognized as being one of the most beautiful churches in a town of this size to be found in the United States. Then there is an attractive library building. Milton also boasts a municipally owned water system as well as light and power plant.

Ten weekly papers, the Milton Eagle, owned and published by N. J. Vanhook, and the Freewater Times, edited by S. B. Sanderson, fulfill in able style the functions that belong to newspapers. Other business concerns that add to the activity of the towns are Miller Bros. Flour mills, the Pen-cock Mill, managed by H. S. Murray, the Freewater Box Company's plant and the Milton Box Co. Each of the box making mills are incorporated for \$50,000. The Farmers' Brokerage Co. is an organization of farmers which is in the buying and selling business. Bruce Shangle is manager of the company.

One of the chief ambitions of this community is to have a good road connecting the town with Elgin over the present Toll Gate road. This is an improvement that has been under consideration for a long time, and eventually Milton-Freewater is bound to have this dream of connections with Elgin realized.

Another feature of this district that is well worth the time of any visitor is the grounds of the Milton Nursery Co. The company operates on 200 acres of rich, irrigated land, practically all of which is covered with either orchard, shrubbery or flowers. The farm is one mile northeast of Freewater.

One of the specialties of the company is the production of peonies, several acres of ground being given over to the production of these flowers. This year it is estimated that 50,000 peonies were sold during the blooming season, and a big business in the bulb trade is also carried on. Eighty acres is in prune orchard, 10 of which will come into bearing next year, and another 40 the year following. Hundreds of thousands of young seedling trees and others which will soon be ready for sale can be seen. There are many flowers, too, though the company does not specialize so much in flowers as in trees and shrubs. Twenty-four men are employed on the farm now, and the average payroll the year round includes about 26 men.

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General Business Conditions

By GEORGE E. ROBERTS

(From the Monthly Letter Issued by The National City Bank of New York, Distributed in Pendleton by The First National Bank of Pendleton.)

OBservers of business are almost unanimous in their assurance that there is a "better feeling" about business. Just exactly what this recurring phrase means is difficult to state. It might be descriptive of any of a dozen psychological changes that could enter into the situation. If it means that people generally have begun to realize the causes that have thrown industry out of balance, and to appreciate the things that must be corrected before conditions come into equilibrium again, then we should say that the reported "better feeling" constituted an important advance toward normalcy. If, however, the "better feeling" means simply that people are merely smiling and waiting more patiently, rather than setting themselves seriously to the task of wage and price reductions and other readjustments that are necessary, then we fear that it signifies but little.

There is fresh evidence constantly that the readjustments are taking place. They are slow, but it takes time for a knowledge of conditions to reach all classes and divisions of the population, and for them to make up their minds to give the cooperation that is necessary to bring industry back into balance. Meanwhile, it will aid in the cultivation of patience to realize that conditions are by no means so bad as they might be, and that considering all the circumstances the volume of business is really surprisingly large.

The fundamental difficulty upon which a revival of business waits is still the inequality of values as between the various classes of goods and services. The normal basis of trade between people in different industries has been disturbed, and it is only by the pressure of painful experience that the old relations are restored.

The producers of cotton, corn and oats, wool, hides, sugar and food-stuffs generally are getting no more for their labor than before the war. Among the principal items of expense to them is clothing. They produce the raw material for it, but under the modern system of industry they sell it and buy it back in the form of garments, paying the transportation charges, mill-workers, garment-workers and all middle men by supplying food and raw materials to everybody.

All of the people who have a part in the conversion of wool, cotton and hides for the farmers' use are still getting 100 per cent or better above pre-war wages, but naturally they are not all at work, for the

The following table, compiled by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York shows a calculation in percentage figures of the production in this country of eleven important commodities during the first half of this year.

(Normal Production—100)

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June
Anthracite coal mined.....	101.3	110.8	93.4	95.2	88.2	94.1
Bituminous ".....	73.6	64.0	57.4	64.0	67.3	65.9
Pig Iron production.....	70.0	59.1	44.4	33.2	33.7	30.8
Steel Ingot production.....	58.3	48.8	40.0	30.5	31.9	26.5
Tin deliveries.....	30.1	30.7	32.6	30.8	23.7	30.8
Cement production.....	77.8	70.3	88.2	87.7	82.8	83.6
Cotton consumption.....	54.8	66.7	66.1	63.6	67.1	72.5
Wool consumption.....	55.4	67.1	87.8	98.4	105.2	106.6
Sugar millings.....	53.6	77.9	120.0	93.9	80.3	73.2
Wheat flour milled.....	79.6	80.0	107.9	113.7	104.6	116.1
Meat slaughtered.....	88.2	92.2	91.9	101.1	96.9	102.0

evident reason that the farmer cannot buy as many clothes as the present prices as when his own compensation was on a par with the compensation of these people with whom he is trading services. A similar problem faces the wage-earners in all the industries. The wage-workers in agriculture have the situation before their eyes, and have yielded to it promptly. These reductions, however, will not mean a loss of purchasing power to wage-earners, for the very reason that wages are now the principle factor in prices, and the cost of living generally speaking, will decline accordingly.

On the other hand if further reductions are not made in the industries indicated, living costs are likely to rise. Already the farmers are organizing for the purpose of curtailing the production of agricultural products. The cotton crop this year will be 25 per cent below the average amount required under normal conditions to meet the demand. Plans are being developed to curtail the production of food-stuffs. These policies are justified by the combinations of wage-earners and others to maintain wages and the prices of town-made products at an unfair level above farm products.

The whole system of restriction is wrong and in the end defeats its purpose in view of bettering living conditions for those who practice it. The best results will be obtained for every group of workers by a fair attitude toward others, and by a common policy to promote the general good.

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