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LINEN MILL BUYS MACHINERY

SURPLUS SETS FARM PRICES SAYS LOWDEN

Former Illinois Governor Sees In Cooperative Organization Remedy For Agricultural Woes.

Oregon, Ill., Dec. 30.—(A. P.)—Agriculture finds itself with its millions of members freely competing among themselves while it is obliged to sell its products in a highly organized industrial and commercial world, Frank O. Lowden, former governor of Illinois, declared in a statement today.

"It cannot too often be stated that the supply of any commodity which affects the price is not the entire stock of the commodity in existence, but only that portion of it which is offered for sale at a given price.

"No one, I think, who has observed the course of events in the last few years will deny that agriculture is sadly out of gear with the other parts of the industrial structure. I, for one, do not believe it can regain its rightful place in this highly organized world except through organization itself. Organization is a most powerful factor in human progress.

"Agriculture has emerged from its primitive state. In all other fields of commerce, unrestricted, free and open competition in the marketing of products has been generally disappearing. In practice in every other industry the producer in the first instance makes the price at which he will sell his product. He usually arrives at this price by computing the cost of production and adds what he considers a reasonable profit. In the marketing of farm products alone has the producer been content with the methods of a century ago.

"The problems which press hardest upon the farmer today are concerned with the marketing of his product at prices which will enable him to live and go on producing.

"Wherever co-operatives have been employed, there you will find agriculture in its best state."

BARBOUR SAYS HE'S COMPETENT

C. E. Barbour, local printer who was committed to the state hospital on November 12, has filed an answer in probate to the petition of Cecilia H. Barbour asking that a guardian be appointed for him, in which he claims that he is not insane and that the petition was filed for purposes of giving her guardianship over his property.

He makes denial in the petition that he is insane and avers that he does not require a guardian and that he is capable of caring for his own business.

He asserts that the petitioner was the cause of his commitment to the hospital and that she has not been to visit him since his commitment and that she asserts she will have nothing further to do with him and will never live with him again.

He says that his sister, Mrs. Ida B. McGowan of Bismarck, N. D., is financially able and willing to care for him, that she would gladly do so, but that Cecilia H. Barbour refuses to assist him to get away from the hospital.

DRUNKEN DRIVER GETS 60 DAYS AND $200 FINE

J. Wesley Taylor, who was arrested on the evening of December 26 for driving at an excessive rate of speed while intoxicated, was this morning given a sentence of 60 days in jail and a fine of $200 by Mark Poulsen, police judge. Taylor declared that, having no money with which to pay his fine, he would have to serve the fine out. He has been confined to the city jail since the time of his arest, being unable to produce bail money. The young woman who was driving with him at the time the arrest took place has been a daily visitor at his cell. Taylor has never before been convicted on a charge of drunkenness, investigation has shown.

GOOD EVENING

WORDS and MUSIC
By Stoddard King

THE OPEN HAND

I have done my small bit for the orphans,
I have bought the Armenians toys
I have dug up my share of what's needed to care
For the poor little Eskimo boys;
From heeding the calls of the season
My wallet of cash is bereft,
But some parcels will go to the people I know—
If I find I have anything left.

Committees are cheerfully busy,
And, since it is hard to refuse,
There seems to be danger that some total stranger
Will shortly be wearing my shoes.
One ought to be kind to the needy,
But winter is waiting without,
And to give till it hurts in the matter of shirts
Leaves something to worry about.

Now, don't ever think I'm complaining,
For this is the sort of a time
When a man should be willing to give his last shilling,
To part with his ultimate dime;
But if I don't cease to contribute
To all the kind people who call,
Then alas! for the lots of my own tiny tots,
Who aren't poor orphans at all!

Turkish government officials are having a tough time because their pay is small and a new regulation requires them to buy frock coats, or wedding garments, as they are sometimes called in this country. Here is a grand chance to rescue the perishing. Feed the Armenians first, beginning with Mr. Michael Arlen; and after that give, until it hurts, your frock coats to the no-longer-terrible Turks.

Isn't there some nation that can use old derby hats?

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ROTARY HEARS TALK ON NEW RESOLUTIONS

Rev. Carl F. Miller of the South Salem Friends church spoke on the subject of New Year's day before the Salem Rotary club at their luncheon at the Marion hotel this noon. "In just a few days," he said, "we will be passing into a new territory—a new land that we have never been in before." Speaking of New Year's resolutions, he related an anecdote.

"There was a man who made a failure of everything," he said, "so one day he resolved he would make a success of one thing—committing suicide. He got himself a gun, a piece of rope, some poison and a lot of gasoline. He went down to the river, got into a boat, and rowed out to a deep place where the branch of a tree was growing over the water. He tied one end of the rope to the tree and the other around his neck. He soaked his clothes in gasoline, ignited it, swallowed the poison, kicked the boat away from under his feet and fired the gun at his head. But instead of hitting his head he hit the rope and broke it. He fell into the water, putting the fire out. He swallowed so much water that he coughed up the poison, and finally crawled up on the bank and resolved to make no more resolutions."

Rev. Mr. Miller recommended three particular resolutions to the Rotarians: loyalty to city, loyalty to country and loyalty to God.

SHIP BOARD APPOINTMENT NOT DECIDED

President Urged By McNary And Shortridge To Continue Oregon And California

Washington, Dec. 30.—(A.P.)—President Coolidge was urged today by Senators McNary, Oregon, and Shortridge, California, republicans, to continue representation of those two states on the shipping board. Both declared later that they were encouraged, but the indication was given that the president had reached no conclusion as to whom he would nominate to succeed B. E. Haney, democrat, of Oregon, and Meyer Lissner, republican, of California, as commissioners.

McNary particularly urged the appointment of Marshall N. Dana, democrat, a Portland newspaperman, as successor to Haney, who has been in disagreement with the president on the marine policy and will not be continued in office. In the event Coolidge desires to name a republican from the northwest states, McNary urged the selection of Frank L. Shull[illegible]

As a successor to Lissner, Shortridge supported Phillip Teller, republican of San Francisco. He also proposed H. U. Brandenstein of San Francisco for consideration if a democrat is to be named from that section.

President Coolidge intends to fill the two vacancies by the selection of both a republican and a democrat but it was indicated he has not determined which portion of the Pacific coast should furnish each.

Selection of two Pacific coast members to the shipping board is further complicated by the advocacy of Senator Jones of Washington, chairman of the senate commerce committee, of H. Y. Saint of Seattle to one of the posts. Saint is holding a position with the board here.

OPENS WAR ON EXPORT MEASURE

Washington, Dec. 30.—(A.P.)—Charging President Coolidge had taken to the tall timber," in his agricultural policy, Representative Aswell of Louisiana, the ranking democratic member of the house agricultural committee declared today he would fight any administration farm bill along the terms of the McNary-Haughen farm export measure.

"It is conceivable to me," he said, "that President Coolidge after his bold statement in advocacy of sound legislation, sound economically and based upon sound government principals—could now as a result of threats from certain interests to attack the protective tariff law, take to the tall timber and advocate any legislation creating an export corporation upon the communistic principles of the McNary-Haughen bill."

Non-Forgeable Check Invented By Forgers Serving Time in Pen

Portland, Ore., Dec. 30.—(A.P.) Earl P. Lathrop and Howard B. Reese, now doing time in the state penitentiary for forgery, have returned inventors, according to a letter they sent to Circuit Judge Rosman.

Writing under a typewritten letter head, "Lathrop and Reese, Inc.," the two men said they had perfected a form of bank check that could not be forged or altered. They stated in the letter that they committed their crimes for the purpose of obtaining experience taht would assist them in their invention, and that now they had reached the desired goal they were thru with crime for good.

Lathrop, alias Ernest Gordon, is serving a five year sentence and Reese, alias T. H. Smith is serving one year.

"These two men are both in for forgery themselves," Warden Lillie of the penitentiary this afternoon, "and are experts in this line. They themselves have complete confidence that they have actually found a means of preventing forging or altering checks."

The exact method used in the check has not been made known, Lillie stated.

The two men have incorporated and have engaged T. B. Hanley, a Portland attorney to represent their interests. The men also claim to have interested certain capitalists in Portland in their invention, some of whom have been to Salem to view the new check and examine the system used.

First 1926 Babe Luckiest Child Of The Coming Year

There is a complete outfit, including all of the accessories, awaiting the first baby, boy or girl, born in Polk o rMarion county in 1926.

In cooperation with its advertisers the Capital Journal will on Thursday announce a list of gifts, sufficiently complete to care for the immediate needs of any baby to be given to the first baby born in either of the two counties after the stroke of midnight December 31, 1925.

Following is a partaial list of the togs for the "New Years Baby:"

Millers—Hand embroidered dress.

Kafoury's—Hand Knitted Jacket.

Stiff's—Bath Thermometer.

Buster Brown's — Baby Shoes.

Director's—Fancy Knitted Bonnet.

John J. Rottle's—Slippers for the proud mother.

Burnet Bros.—Child's solid Silver Cup (name engraved.)

J. C. Penny—1 dozen "Little Pet" hemmed diapers.

Shipley's—Infants silk and wool hose.

The balance of the list will appear in Thursday's Journal together with a full page announcement outlining the contest.

BLAZING METEOR FLASHES ACROSS NEW ENGLAND

New York, Dec. 30.—(A. P.)—A blazing meteorite or "fire ball" which flashed out of the east across New York and New England yesterday leaving in its wake a trail of reports that an unheralded comet had paid the earth a visit is believed to have fallen near Ottawa, Canada.

Ralph Delury, Canadian government astronomer, said he would attempt to locate it today.

Reports that a comet was abroad in the heavens were spread by thousands who saw the flaming trail left in the murky early evening sky and mistook it for a comet's tail. Scientists along the route asserted it was only a meteor or perhaps a "fire ball" whose appearances are frequent. It was scarcely more luminous than the stars when it appeared over New York city about 5:30 p. m. Soon reports came came that it had flashed over northern and central New York state, leaving behind a wisp of undulating pinkish "smoke" in the sky.

Astonished inquiries traced its course over New Haven, Conn., Providence, R. I., and Boston, where it was said the meteor was visible three minutes, and its "tail" of sparks eight minutes after it disappeared. The final report from Ottawa said it was thought to have fallen in the Kingsmere hills near here.

TWO KILLED IN GUN FIGHT

Minneapolis, Dec. 30—(A P.)—Two men are dead and two wounded seriously as a result of a gun fight here last night after an attempted holdup.

Michael Lawrence, 67, veteran police sergeant, was shot and killed by Stanley Sieban, a convict who in turn was shot and motrally wounded by a patrolman.

Bernard Wynne, a patrolman, received four bullet wounds in the legs and A. H. Manchester, grocer, received a bullet in the abdomen and another in the wrist. Both were shot by Sieban.

Sieban had been serving an indeterminate term at the Minnesota penitentiary for robbery. Several days ago he was released with the stipulation that he be deported to his home in Manitoba, Canada.

The fight started when Sieban attempted to hold up Manchester's store.

17 ABOVE AT KLAMATH

Klamath Falls, Dec. 30—(AP)—Klamath Falls experienced its coldest night of the winter last night when the mercury dropped to 17 above zero. The highest temperature recorded during the past 24 hours was 28 above. Although the sky is clear again today for the third consecutive day, the weather is crisp with promise of even colder weather tonight.

ALL EUROPE MENACED BY FLOOD WATERS

Governments Rushing Troops To Aid In Rescue Work—Artillery Used On Ice Jams.

Paris, Dec. 30—(AP)—Floods in central Europe are increasing their ravages. Every hour brings news of additional rivers overflowing their banks.

Transylvania, western Rumania ad eastern Hungary are bedisastrously affected. The governments of Rumania and Hungary are hurriedly adopting measures to cope with the situation. All available sappers, as well as other troops, are being rushed to affected areas, and a call has been made for volunteer helpers.

The Rumania government has proclaimed martial law so that thieves may be summarily dealt with, on account of plundering. It is impossible from reports thus far received to estimate more than approximately the loss of life but it is undoubtedly exceeding 200. The material loss is extremely heavy. In addition to damage to houses and other buildings, thousands of horses and other stock have been drowned.

Danube on Rampage

Belgrade is now threatened by the water from the melting snow in the Carpathians which is swelling the Danube. The water is beginning to invade lower parts of the city and many villages in the environs of the Serbian capital are under water.

Far to the north, in Poland the Vistula is rising. There are already floods near Cracow and Warsaw seems bound to be affected.

The French rivers continue to rise slowly. The officials are optimistic as regards the Paris district, but when the mass of water accumulating in the tributaries of the Seine comes down about January 6, Paris and its suburbs are bound to suffer badly.

The water in the Danube at Vienna has risen six and one half feet. At Bucharest many refugees from Transylvania are arriving. They describe the loss of life in the valley of the Szamos river as extremely heavy. Bodies, intermingled with debris, are floating through the town of Torda.

A long stretch of the Paris-Constantinopie railroad track has been washed out between Arad and Toevis.

Holland Menaced

Amsterdam, Holland, Dec. 30—(AP)—A terrific gale and torrential rain over most of Holland have caused serious damage. Most of the rivers have overflowed their banks. At Tholen, an island in the river Scheldt, a motor bus was blown into the river, six occupants being drowned.

Budepest, Hungary, Decc. 30—(AP)—The flood damage in the Bekes district of Hungary is increasing, with 175,000 acres of winter crop land under water and 317 well stocked farms totally wrecked.

Artillery is being used to break up the masses of ice retaining the flood waters.

London, Dec. 30—(AP)—Rapid melting of snow and continued heavy rains are causing serious floods in many parts of Great Britain. Vast tracts of land are submerged. The rivers Wye and Monnow in Derby are rapidly rising. The Avon is seven feet out of its banks. Much farm land along the Dee, Severn and the Clyde is inundated.

Glasgow experienced an unusually high tide yesterday. The water rose to within a foot of the top of the quay walls, giving the ships the appearance of resting at street level. All shipping was suspended as a precautionary measure.

BRIAND UNABLE TO RECEIVE RIFF ENVOY

Paris, Dec. 30.—(A. P.)—Premier Briand told the chamber of deputies today that the government will notify Captain Gordon Caning that it is unable to receive him, as the question of making peace in the Riff is Spain's affair. Captain Canning recently arrived in Paris professing to bear credentials from Abd-El-Krim, the Riffian chief, authorizing him to discuss peace terms with the French.

Raiding Officers Seriously Injured By Bursting Still

Baker, Ore., Dec. 30—(AP)—Sheriff Henry McKinney and two deputies, Frank Littlefield of Baker and Arthur Romageaux of Huntington, were seriously injured in the explosion of a still they were raiding in the hills near Snake river, six miles below Huntington late last night. Romageaux is in a Baker hospital today and McKinney and Littlefield are confined in their homes here. All are expected to recover.

The officers raided the Will Baird farm late Tuesday, finding what they declared to be the biggest still ever taken in Baker county, with twelve 60-gallon barrels of mash. No one was found at the still, which was in a dugout on the hillside. Wishing to destroy the outfit the officers saturated it with coal oil. Littlefield then lighted a match.

A terrific explosion threw all three men several yards and knocked Sheriff McKinney unconscious for a moment. When he recovered his senses his clothing was on fire and his hand was burned. He staggered to his feet, fell, rose again, and put out the fire in his clothing. The other two staggered to their feet, badly burned.

The officers drove to Huntington where Dr. McCall rendered first aid, and then drove to Baker, arriving at 4 a. m. Sheriff McKinney's eyes were both swollen shut after he reached Baker.

Will Baird, owner of the property on which the still was located was arrested in Huntington and brought to the county jail here. He denies any knowledge of the still.

The three officers are all burned about the head and face. McKinney and Littlefield lost all their hair. Their hands are severe ly burned.

The men were standing several feet from the dugout at the time of the explosion. Two other men with the officers were further away and not injured.

TRUCK CROPS KILLED BY FREEZE IN GULF STATES

Washington, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Cabbage, lettuce, onions and other hardy truck were damaged by the freeze in all the south Atlantic and gulf states, the weather bureau said today in its summary of weather and crop conditions in the southern states for the week ended yesterday.

Tender truck crops were killed as far south as western and northern Florida and seriously damaged in the central portion of that state. In the southern portion of the Florida peninsula there was no material loss. Cabbage, celery and lettuce are in good condition in south and central Florida. Some truck and winter vegetables withatood the freeze in southern Alabama but all tender vegetables were killed and hardy truck damaged in Texas.

Cane harvest is completed in northern Louisiana and nearing completion elsewhere; all standing cane was killed by the freeze.

WOUNDS PROVE FATAL TO PORTLAND BUURGLAR

Portland, Or., Dec. 30.—(A. P.)—Ray Trask, confessed robber, who was shot by a policeman last Monday when he refused to leave his hiding place under a porch of a local rooming house, died early today of his wounds.

Before his death Trask signed a statement confessing the robbery of more than a score of stores in the city. He declared he was assisted in the robberies by Ned Buhamdony, who was captured by the police Monday night and is being held in default of $5000 bail.

TEACHERS FOR STATE INCOME TAX MEASURE

Portland, Dec. 30—(AP)—Oregon State Teachers' association plunged deeper into politics at the meeting of its representative council yesterday afternoon, than in any preceding year, the outstanding action being its declaration of its conversion to the state income tax theory and its decision to ally itself with the grange in an effort to put through an income tax program. Under the plan proposed 50 per cent of the proceeds of the income tax would be devoted to education.

Dr. Homer Rainey of the University of Oregon, was prominent in opposition of the program recommended by the legislative committee, and C. C. Chapman of the Oregon Voter, invited to speak, suggested that before plunging into a program that involves extended political operations, the organization should make more detailed investigation of the political situation and the possible results of such campaign.

Chapman's speech provoked sharp protests, in which A. C. Hampton, superintendent of Astoria schools and R. R. Turner, formerly superintendent in Dallas schools—both appointees of Governor Pierce on the textbook commission—took an active part.

Mrs. Susanne Homes Carter, county superintendent of Jackson county, was elected vice-president of the association to succeed Dr. J. C. Landers, president of Monmouth state normal school who will automatically succeed to the office of president. C. A. Rice, acting superintendent of schools of Portland and J. O. McLoughlin of Corvallis were elected to succeed themselves as members of the executive committee.

Control of American Oil Industry Being Secured By British

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 30—(AP)—British interests are gradually gaining control of the oil industry in this country and the time may come when "we may be forced to buy our gasoline much as we buy our rubber and coffee," Dr. Roy Cross, secretary and manager of the Kansas City testing laboratory, declared here today at the annual convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

He said that English concerns now own "thirty eight per cent of our oil industry and dominate the foreign oil fields."

Dr. Cross declared that synthetic gasoline made by treating petroleum at high temperatures and pressures rapidly is becoming the predominating fuel for motor engines.

"Recent tests," the speaker asserted, "show that cracked gasoline gives from 10 to 35 per cent more power per gallon than straight run gasoline. These tests also show that a gasoline engine operated most smoothly with cracked gasoline due to a decrease in the tendency to 'klock' when the spark is advanced.

"With the present annual production of petroleum in the United States of about 30,000,000,000 gallons it is possible to produce by cracking 2,000,000,000 gallons of gasoline without restricting any use of petroleum except for steam and heat production purposes. The present annual consumption of gasoline by 20,000,000 motor cars is ten billion gallons.

"The United States with about five per cent of the land area of the world, produces two thirds of the petroleum, so that we are using up this natural resource about 40 times as fast as the remainder of the world."

Dr. Cross observed that the present generation will never see a serious shortage of crude oil in this country.

CASH WIRED LOCKPORT FOR EQUIPMENT

$25,000 Paid for Linen Machinery, Saving $50,000 Shipment Comprizes 15 Carloads.

The new Oregon Linen Mills, Inc., which is to establish a linen goods manufacturing plant in Salem, with a capital of $640,000, today telegraphed to Lockport, N. Y., a sum of $25,000 in full payment for machinery that is to be installed in the plant.

On advices sent from Salem following a meeting of stockholders and directors Monday, J. J. Aldred, the company's representative at Lockport, yesterday closed the deal and put up $5000 to bind the transaction.

The machinery is second hand but has been pronounced after an inspection by the company to be in the best of condition. It is estimated that the sum of $25,000 that is being paid for it is a saving of $50,000 as compared with what would have been necessary to pay for new machinery.

The lot will make about 15 carloads and will include 116 looms, various units of finishing machinery including a complete bleaching plant and 55 individual drive motors. A special freight rate of $1.78 a hundred has been obtained on the shipment, but it is believed a further reduction can be obtained and officials of the company are now working to that end.

The shipment from Lockport will not be all of the machinery required for the plant. Spinning and preparing equipment of various kinds will be purchased in Europe, and it is estimated that the cost of this, including duty, will be about $100,000.

The machinery at Lockport will be prepared for shipment at once, but the transportation will not begin for perhaps two months, or until a site for the factory is selected and construction of buildings begun.

BANK BANDITS GRAB $20,624

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 30.—(AP) — Four bandits obtained $20,624 in silver and currency this morning in a daring holdup of the Argyle State bank in the downtown business district.

Scores of persons were passing the bank at the time. The bandits were believed to have mingled in the crowd and escaped in a motor car.

Two of the bandits walked thru the railing to the desks of officers who believed the men were guards for a money shipment. The two men walked around the desks and behind the cages.

When a third armed man entered the officers realized there was a holdup. Waldo P. Johnson, president, attempted to draw a revolver from his desk but a fourth bandit entered and covered him with two revolvers.

The bandits scooped up the money, most of it in currency, then locked two bookkeepers, three tellers and two customers in the vault and escaped.

PREDICTS HUMAN FEET TO SOON BECOME HOOFS

Chicago, Dec. 30.—(A. P.)—Humans will have hoofs instead of feet if the present system of shoe manufacturing and fitting is not improved, Dr. H. W. Bynum of Memphis, Tenn., declared today in an address at the Chicago College of Osteopathy. Seventy per cent of American people have defective feet, government records show, he said. "In the mad rush for style and looks our shoes violate every principle of mechanics and anatomy," he asserted, "and if the system is not improved, we will become a nation with hoofs instead of feet.

"No man can be at his best mentally or physically with any one of the foot ailments now so prevalent.

"The average shoe fitting is a joke—on the man who buys the shoe—and it is a question of salesmanship, not shoe-fitting service."