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**AN APPEAL TO THE FARMERS**

The danger from food shortage is imminent and real. Men of national prominence who are in no sense alarmists are deeply concerned over the situation. The Great National City Bank of New York, which may be regarded as an authority, has this to say in a letter to The Farmers Bank of Weston:

"All of Europe—neutral as well as warring countries—has been placed upon food rations to eke out supplies until the new crop is harvested. This country entered the present crop year last July with 164,000,000 bushels of wheat carried over from the crop of 1915, and in 1916 produced 482,000,000 bushels of winter wheat and 158,000,000 of spring wheat; total supply, 804,000,000. This year there will be practically no wheat carried over and the government's estimate upon the winter crop forecasts a yield of only 430,000,000. On this basis the spring wheat crop must be 214,000,000 bushels larger than last year in order to give us a wheat supply equal to what we will export and consume in the crop year now closing. This is an alarming outlook. The spring wheat crop is notoriously subject to weather conditions. More spring wheat should be sown, but it is doubtful if the wheat shortage can be made up. Other food crops must be grown to meet the deficiency. And the work must be started immediately. There is no time to wait on organization from outside. The emergency can be met only by spontaneous action in every state, county and school district, forming local organizations."

The Weston Commercial Club is quite evidently on the right track. Next week the replies received to the letter sent out by its food committee—reprinted elsewhere—

will be published in this paper, in order to show what farmers in the Weston neighborhood are alive to their duty in this important matter. To be sure, they are handicapped by an extraordinarily late season, but their willingness to do the best they can will be appreciated.

Agricultural communities like Weston are in no danger of distress from famine conditions. But it is up to them to do their bit toward relieving the industrial centers—where men must eat in order to work, and must work in order that Uncle Sam and his allies may win the war.

As we go to press, Von Hindenburg is still getting some awful wallops on his western exposure.

As to the weather—z?!kz?!—blankety blank—great jeezophat?!?!xyz—dammit!

After one of our beautiful April showers it is sad to see the poor little angle worms lying dead upon the sidewalks.

Here's hopin' that Germany will soon become a republic and that Bill will join Nick in the Down and Out club.

"The draft bill will pass," is the news from Washington. It should. There isn't a sound argument against it.

**Death of Mrs. Wheeler**

Mrs. Margaret Wheeler, a highly-respected pioneer resident of Weston, died April 23, 1917, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Newt O'Harra, after an illness of several months.

Mrs. Wheeler was born near Ottawa, Canada, July 10, 1852. She was married to James S. Wheeler in 1876. They moved to Weston 43 years ago, and the death of Mr. Wheeler occurred here January 5, 1908.

The funeral services were held April 24 at her late residence in Weston, with sermon by Mr. Edwards of Milton. Appropriate hymns were sung by a quartet, and the floral offerings were many and beautiful.

Mrs. Wheeler is survived by three children, Will Wheeler, Robert Wheeler of Pendleton and Mrs. Gertrude O'Harra of Weston. She was a member of the Women of Woodcraft and the United Artisans.

The appointment of a local committee of defense to assist the county committee was authorized at Tuesday evening's meeting of the commercial club. The local body will consist of five men and women. President Price reserved his appointments.

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**WESTON COMMERCIAL CLUB FOOD COMMITTEE**

WESTON, OREGON, April 26, 1917.

**To the Farmers of Weston and the Uplands:**

In this time of emergency, when the greatest food experts of the nation predict a serious crop shortage and when the responsibility of winning the war in which we are involved rests largely with the farmers, we urge you to use every possible endeavor to increase the amount of your products in some of the following particulars:

- 1 Plant from five to ten acres of beans or peas on land you intend to summer fallow.
- 2 Increase your acreage of potatoes, so that you will have quite a large quantity more than you will need for your own use.
- 3 Raise a great many more yellow turnips or rutabagas.
- 4 Increase your poultry. Each farmer should have 100 hens or more to take care of waste.
- 5 Increase the amount of your canned stuff, both in fruits and vegetables.
- 6 Put in a small patch of corn to feed the hogs and poultry.
- 7 Get an extra brood sow or two.
- 8 Conserve all possible waste material.

The blank line is for your signature. We urge you to indicate with an X or otherwise the products mentioned above to which you will give your attention and promptly return this circular to us in the enclosed stamped and addressed envelope, leaving it unsealed, that we may inform the National Council of Defense of your promised co-operation. Other counties and localities are taking an active part in this campaign for increased food production, and there is urgent need of utilizing every available acre in the richly fertile Weston and Weston Upland districts. "Do your bit," and you will not only help your country through a food crisis but we feel assured that you will be able to market your surplus products at highly profitable figures.

Read these expressions:

Mobilization of all resources.—President Wilson.  
Plow up the golf links and baseball parks.—President L. W. Hill of the Great Northern.  
The outlook is alarming.—The National City Bank of New York.  
The United States will have to feed the world for possibly three years.—Secretary of Agriculture.  
Utilize every foot and then the supply will be short.—W. J. Kerr, President O. A. C.

If you will have idle land that you will find it impossible to utilize yourself and are willing to lease it or to donate the use of it, kindly so advise us.

JOSEPH WURZER,  
W. H. GOULD,  
J. W. PORTER,  
Committee.

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**PUBLIC LAND SALE.**

Department of the Interior,  
U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Oregon,  
April 6, 1917.

NOTICE is hereby given that, as directed by the Commissioner of the General Land office, under provisions of Sec. 2455, R. S., pursuant to the Application of Thomas H. Mosgrove, of Milton, Oregon, Serial No. 015683, we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, but at not less than \$1.50 per acre, at 10 o'clock A. M., on the 6th day of June, 1917, next, at this office, the following tract of land: E 1/2 SW 1/4, NW 1/4 SE 1/4, Sec. 23, NE 1/4 NW 1/4, Sec. 26, Tp. 4 N., R. 37 E., W. M. This tract is ordered into the market on a showing that the greater portion thereof is mountainous or too rough for cultivation.

The sale will not be kept open, but will be declared closed when those present at the hour named have ceased bidding. The person making the highest bid will be required to immediately pay to the Receiver the amount thereof.

Any persons claiming adversely the above-described land are advised to file their claims, or objections, on or before the time designated for sale.  
C. S. DUNN, Register.  
NOLAN SKIFF, Receiver.

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