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The Price of Wheat.

NO newspaper or other authority appears able to explain to its own satisfaction or that of anybody, just what caused the January rise in the price of wheat to above \$2 a bushel, or its sensational drop of 50 cents a bushel last month. Everybody discusses the question, but the discussion is all either interrogative or speculative.

Out of the efforts at fact-finding in the matter, these points have been added with apparent sound foundations:

The world stock of last year's wheat was greater last winter, when the sensational rise in the price began, than previous estimates had indicated.

This stock will, nevertheless, have been reduced to 50,000,000 bushels, or about half of the normal carry-over, by the time harvesting of this year's wheat starts.

United States wheat acreage will be larger this year than ever before.

The second in this set-out of facts is regarded as an indication favorable to a good price for wheat this year, at the opening of the market following harvest. With only half the normal carry-over, the law of supply and demand undoubtedly will work for a higher than usual opening price, unless other factors intervene to offset this circumstance. The fact of a larger acreage than ever before may prove to be such a factor.

Some eastern newspapers call attention to the fact that when wheat was making its spectacular climb to more than \$2 a bushel last winter, there was no call in any quarter for an investigation, but that now there is strident demand for an investigation of the heavy fall in the price. Wheat occupies a directly opposite position in this regard from that of other commodities. When coal or petroleum or gasoline or sugar is advancing heavily in price there is always clamor for a government inquiry into the apparent manipulations. When these commodities are on the down grade in price there is never such demand. In this the eastern writers think they see plain evidence of public sentiment in sympathy with the farmer and which wants him to have good or even high prices.

The federal department of agriculture says it has found no evidence of manipulation to account for the recent gyrations of the price of wheat. So with all the speculation regarding it, there seems little prospect that we shall learn just what has made wheat's price soar and fall this past season.

The Employment Bureau.

THE reasons given in support of a request that city support of the local labor employment bureau be continued, as set out in a statement signed by a number of prominent business men and published in The Guard last Saturday, are potent ones. From the statement it appears that the employment office is fulfilling a real demand to employers and workmen alike. Withdrawal of city support is likely to lead to the closing of the bureau, according to those who have informed themselves on the matter.

The employment bureau, it appears, is more to the city than a public convenience for employers and workmen. It is, on the showing made, a business asset. No other class of wage-workers spend so much here as the lumber and logging workers. They gather here because this is the clearing house for their employment. If the employment bureau be closed they will gather elsewhere.

On the showing made in the statement of these business men it would seem worth while for the city to try to find a way to continue the small appropriation for the employment bureau that it has been making, and doubtless the effort will be made.

The Salem Capital Journal comments on the fact that of 17 measures passed by the recent legislature under emergency clause, the very great majority were in no sense emergency measures. Abuse of the emergency clause by law-making bodies of all classes and everywhere has been general for years past, but seems to be increasing. State legislatures and city councils likewise are guilty. "For the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety" has been made to take in a very great lot of territory.

Jack Dempsey will never fight again. Jack Dempsey will fight again but not in New York. Jack Dempsey will fight in New York but he will not fight Willis. Jack Dempsey will fight Willis but not in New York. Thus, from day to day, run the dispatches. Meanwhile Dempsey lolls in the enravating Southern California sunshine, interested mainly in having his hair kept well pomaded, his nails kept nicely manicured and his stomach kept over-stuffed with truffled geese and fixin's. This strengthens the hope that if and when he does fight again he may get his block knocked off not later than Round 2.

Governor Pierce is accused of having instigated a recall campaign against Senator Bruce Dennis. Senator Dennis' friends are said to be preparing one against Governor Pierce. Union county seems to be taking itself rather seriously.

Secretary of State Kozar estimates that this year's automobile registrations in Oregon will reach 208,000, as against 192,000 last year. That means more money for the road fund.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS

A Foolish Statute (Medford Mail-Tribune) Tex Rickard is a pretty good sport. According to press dispatches he will pay that \$7000 fine to Uncle Sam without a protest or an appeal. The no-appeal decision is not surprising for the verdict would undoubtedly be sustained. But no one would begrudge the fight promoter a few dashes, stars and exclamations to accompany his signature to the \$7,000 check. For this federal law against the transportation of fight films in interstate commerce is a very inconsistent and foolish statute. The fight Rickard promoted in New Jersey was legal. The fight film presented in New York state was legal. Not when a fight film, legal in the first state, and also legal in the

second, passed over that imaginary line which separates the two, a crime was committed, and a heavy fine and jail sentence provided.

It was in recognition of the inconsistency of the law, that impelled the federal judge to waive the jail sentence, and impose a minimum fine, as well as call attention to the weakness of the government's position. The point we wish to stress has no connection with the moral status of the prize fight, but concerns solely the folly of legislation which places state laws and federal laws in absolute conflict.

If it is proper to show a fight film in New Jersey and New York then it is proper to transport them across the state borders, if it is wrong to let a fight film pass over the state line, then it is certainly wrong to produce a fight film on either side.

Either this federal statute should be repealed, or another amendment tacked on to the constitution, to prevent the states from violating its spirit. The present situation only adds fuel to the flames of that disrespect for law which is one of the nation's most serious dangers.

The Swap

(Salem Capital Journal) To swap a Kansas progressive for a Chickamauga populist, may be a fair enough trade, at least it is no robbery if not a bargain, yet we rather regret that our great religious contemporary, the Salem Statesman has exchanged a Brady for a Tooze as its editorial Moses in its philandering in political wilderness.

Editor Brady's resignation is universally mourned by the press, to whom he was a constant thought, oftentimes unconscious, source of joy. The Corvallis Gazette-Times laments as follows:

The Salem editor has furnished us material for many columns of copy. He has enough "milk of human kindness" at least that is what he thinks it is, to apply all the editorial offices in Oregon with all they need and have enough left over to start a dairy. Mr. Brady not only supplied the milk, but the mush, in ungodly amount to take with it and was proud of it. It is doubtful if Senator Tooze, despite his training with Weeping Walter, can clap the hogs better.

Editor Brady has heard "the call" and his Broodingingham frame fairly exuded uplift, epified service and piousated reform. No editorial sanctum could possibly contain his vast inspiration and his fervor for the "milk of human kindness" societies and granges. No gathering was complete without his presence, which was synonymous with his eloquence. So the Mock Turtle weeps and the Gryphon sobs as they chant the loss of their well-beloved—and not even a Tooze can assuage their melancholy.

A Sugar Beet Drawback

(Corvallis Chamber-Times) The Salem chamber of commerce is going after practical things having abandoned the idea some time ago that the desideratum of such an organization was to serve in the uplift work and showed its members with wall mottoes advising them to "Smile." It is now distributing sugar beets to farmers who will use it with the idea of inducing capitalists to believe that the Salem district is a good one for a sugar factory. Having spent some time in a sugar beet district, let us advise the Salem chamber that the next move should be to induce the kind of labor necessary to this industry in the community or, it will be like the flax industry until a pulling machine was invented.

Oregon Briefs

Arrest and conviction of 100 violators of the state game laws was obtained by the state game commission during the last four months. The arrests during the same period a year ago were 150.

Lester Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hotie Walker of Brownsville, was knocked unconscious in a baseball game suffering concussion of the brain, which it is thought will prove fatal.

Dr. F. H. Thompson, prominent Salem physician, will leave that city May 10 to participate in an international post-graduate clinic tour of American physicians to Canada, the British Isles and France.

Sheepmen of Klamath basin at a meeting held in Malin, revived the Klamath Wool Growers' association. It is hoped to get a 100 per cent membership of the owners of the 100,000 sheep in the basin.

More than 350 cars of lettuce in western Oregon, most of which will be grown in the Lahish Meadows country, have been signed by Denny & Co. during the past few days.

The body of the drowned man found on Sand Island, near the mouth of the Columbia river, has been identified as that of Charles Oja, who disappeared from Knappaon, Wash., January 21.

In the selection of Oregon Rhodes scholars, of which thus far there have been 10, Lanford College has furnished two, Willamette university two, Reed college four and the University of Oregon seven.

Rowell's Comment

By CHESTER H. ROWELL. "THERE are places, so they tell us, where 'prohibition is a joke.' Or course! What prohibition law was ever enacted that was not a joke in the beginning, in some places? The question is, not whether the law is somewhere a joke, but how much of a joke.

And the answer is—nowhere near as big a joke as the state laws were at the same stage. Every dry state has to go through a time when the law was openly defied, with the notorious and unrepentant connivance of the enforcement officers and of the whole local governments of the still unadjusted communities.

There is nowhere where the federal law is as a bad joke as that. And there are few, if any places where it is not better than it was a year ago. If we may judge the future by the past of the states which went through the same experience, the transitional stage of federal prohibition is destined to be as short and as painless as the case with any of the states.



ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE GETS BUSY

Effort in Making to Bring Prohibition Enforcement to Front in Next Campaign as Issue

By HARRY B. HUNT (INEA Service Writer) WASHINGTON, April 6.—The Anti-Saloon League of America, having written the eighteenth amendment into the constitution, but finding its enforcement to date to have been both half-hearted and inefficient, is reported to be getting "all set" to make prohibition enforcement the deciding factor in the nomination and election of the next president.

Leading the list of presidential eligibles, under the league specifications, is said to be Senator Frank B. Willis of Ohio. Willis has been suspected, for the past eight years of harboring a presidential bid. A regular among regulars on all republican economic issues, Willis steps out of the ranks when it comes to the matter of prohibition and displays a dry indignity that not even Morris Sheppard, who introduced the amendment, can surpass.

Willis put in the next several months, while congress is adjourned, lecturing and speech making throughout the country. He is a speaker who fills both eye and ear. Big, handsome, forceful and with a voice that needs no microphone to relay it to the farthest corner of a Chautauque grove, Willis is expected by his league adherents to scatter war and wide the seeds of a personal popularity that will produce a crop of hardy prohibitionists in time for the presidential campaign of 1928.

As a presidential possibility on a primarily prohibition platform Willis would be expected to pledge the creation of the newest producer on the stage line, in great good spirit because of the success of "Hell's Belle," but even had his show been a flop it would have found him smiling and planning for another. Saw Ed-Ed Durling beat among the bright lights with "Sally, Irene and Mary" after many months on the road. Saw George Arliss who has one of the most interesting faces I have ever seen.

Some men never outgrow their school habits. The other day I saw Basil Cavall, a head of a newspaper syndicate, picking up rubber bands on the street. He stuffed them in his left hip pocket. I asked him why he did it. He pulled out a double handful of rubber bands and told me that he had begun to save them when a boy and that he always has his pocket full, changing them as he changes his trousers.

Here's just another little story of hidden gems finally being brought to light, no different than many such stories here. Archie Sinclair's paintings have been exhibited by the Civic Club and leading artists are taking keen interest in his work. He came to New York three years ago, working his way from Portland, Ore., as a stoker on a ship. Since then he has painted floors by day and painted canvases by night. His home has been in an alley room.

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giving juvenile offenders back into the straight and narrow way, and attending to the needy whose names are on the city's charity list. He is "Colonel" to everybody. He was married 52 years ago to a daughter of the pioneer family of Lowe in Washington county, Ia., and they have reared a daughter and two sons. The esteem in which he is held by his associates in the county court at Eugene was demonstrated in a somewhat unusual way two years ago on the occasion of the golden wedding anniversary of Colonel and Mrs. Harbaugh. The court house and the banks closed in observance of the day. The colonel had baked a cake and secured a box of cigars half suspecting that a few of his friends would drop in to express good will. His surprise was great when some 200 guests had gathered. "It was the greatest day of my life. I never was so overwhelmed with amusement and never before realized the pleasure there is in the friendship of one's townsmen. A good time was had by one and all, but especially by my wife and myself," he says. "I shall never forget it, nor how my friends, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McCormick, who came in for a little call, stayed faithfully by all day and made punch and served refreshments." The colonel has for 48 years been a member of the Odd Fellows' order and is also a Mason.

Fellowship of Prayer Daily Lenten Bible reading and meditation prepared for Commission on Evangelism of Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. MONDAY The Temple of the Holy Spirit

Read Lk. 12:45-48. Read also Jn. 2:13-22. Text: Lk. 19:46. It is written, And my house shall be a house of prayer.

MEDITATION—While it is true that we can each one decide for himself the why he will go in life, it is just as true that having decided on a course of action we must accept the results which mark the end of that course. There is moral authority in the world and the end of the journey is marked from the beginning. Jesus did not make the punishment of evil, he simply stated what that punishment is. His Father's house was a house of prayer and men had made it an evil place. He did not temporize or seek to persuade but drove the ego-doers from the temple that good men might come and worship. Thus we must cleanse our hearts. We cannot keep evil thoughts and holy angels in the same heart. Let us cleanse the temple of the Holy Spirit! PRAYER—Almighty God our Father, create within us clean hearts. Drive out all unholy desires and passions. Make that our souls fit companions of thy spirit. Let us feel dependence upon thy word. May thy authority rule in our lives. In Christ's name. Amen.

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