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## AFTER SOUTHERN WHEAT RATES

### FARMERS UNION MEET WITH RAILROAD OFFICIALS.

Inland Empire Affected By Proposed Reductions Made At Walla Walla.

A reduction in freight rates on wheat from the Inland Empire to St. Louis, Mo., and points in Tennessee that will open up the southern market to northwestern growers was discussed by representatives of the Farmers' Educational and Cooperative Union and traffic officials of northwestern railroads, at a conference held at the Coeur d'Alene hotel in Spokane Tuesday. After the conference President L. C. Crow of the Washington Farmers' Union and Secretary A. D. Cross announced themselves as certain that a favorable reduction will be made. Prospects for a reduction were admitted by railway officials although no definite figure could be suggested as it was said southern railroads that would participate in the transportation have still to be consulted. This consultation will take place July 22 at Chicago and a basis of division of the rate will then be decided upon if possible.

The farmers, lacking data upon which to ask a reduction, were reinforced by John C. Lawrence, former chairman of the state public service commission of Washington, who is a farmer himself, although not a member of the union, but no definite reduction was asked and the conference finally adjourned without coming to any conclusion further than to delve into the question at future conferences. Following the Chicago meeting the northwestern railroads will again meet with the farmers and, equipped with the views of the southern roads, will then endeavor to fix a rate.

The project in view is the opening up of a new market to northwestern wheat. The soft wheat supplies of the big milling centers at Nashville, Chattanooga, Knoxville, and other cities in Tennessee have been rapidly dwindling in recent years, and the hard wheat raised near them is entirely unsuited to their purpose. The demand is for the soft wheats such as fortyfold, and the club varieties raised in Washington, which are wanted for flour and also as a component in the materials used in teaching cotton. Under the joint rates now in force it costs 75 1/2 cents per 100 pounds, 42 cents a bushel to transport wheat from the Inland Empire points to St. Louis, plus local rates beyond that point to the mills of Tennessee, where it is said from 10,000,000 to 15,000,000 bushels annually could be used. So scarce was suitable wheat last year in the markets hitherto drawn upon by the mills, that it is said they paid the almost prohibitive freight rates and took wheat from southern Idaho.

### Slated for Ballot.

A copy of a petition to initiate a measure for the establishment of capital punishment has been submitted to Secretary of State Olcott by the anti-capital punishment crusaders, whose headquarters are with the Universal Auto-metric league in the Selling-Hirsch building, Portland. Secretary Olcott will prescribe a proper form for the petition, which, it is understood, will be put in circulation immediately.

### CURIOS ACACIA TREE.

It Gets Pevish and Ugly and Odeorous When Disturbed.

In Idaho there exists a species of the acacia tree which is entitled to be classed as one of the wonders of plant life. When full grown it closes its leaves together in coils each day at sunset and curls its twigs to the shape of pigtails. When the tree has thus settled itself for the night's sleep it is said that if touched it will flutter as if agitated or impatient at the disturbance. The oftener it is averted, the foliage is molested the more violent will become the shaking of the branches. Finally, it is further alleged, if the shaking is continued the tree will at length emit a nauseating odor quite sufficient to induce a headache in the case of the person disturbing the tree. In Idaho it is called the "angry tree," and it is said that it was discovered by men who on making camp for the night placed one end of a canvas covering over one of the sensitive bushes, using it for a support. Immediately the tree began to jerk its branches sharply. The motion continued with increasing "nervousness" until at last came a sickening odor that drove the tired campers to a more friendly location. Harper's Weekly.

The time will most surely come when the sun will have ceased to throw off light and heat. Long before that happens, however, the earth and other planets will have become "dead worlds," like the moon—no life of any sort upon them. It has been calculated that the sun will cease to throw out its best somewhere about 7,000,000 years from now.—New York American

## OCEAN SPECTERS.

Phantom Craft That Are Said to Haunt the High Seas.

### A CURIOUS ENGLISH RECORD.

The Log of the Warship Bacchante Under Date of July 11, 1831, Bears the Entry, "Flying Dutchman Crossed Our Bow"—The Goblin Ship.

There are numerous legends and stories of ghostly vessels that roam the briny deep, and many hard-headed mariners, free from the common superstition of the ordinary sailor, stoutly maintain that they have at least once in their maritime career encountered what was undoubtedly a phantom ship.

Best known of those mysterious craft that haunt the high seas is, of course, the famous Flying Dutchman, or phantom ship of Vanderdecken. How the story originated is doubtful, but it has been ascertained that there was a seaman of repute who many years ago sailed from Holland to the east via the Cape of Good Hope, but was never again heard of. Some authorities say that, meeting with contrary winds off the cape, he swore a terrible oath, in consequence of which the divine wrath decreed that he should be occupied till the crack of doom in endeavoring to weather the headland. Others state that this punishment was meted out to him in retribution for a terrible murder he committed before commencing his fateful voyage.

Whatever the cause of this ancient gentleman's monotonous wandering may be, it is probably in connection with him that the most authentic and cold-blooded record of any phantom exists either afloat or ashore, for it is stated that in the log of H. M. S. Bacchante while on a voyage round the world with the little prince in 1831 there appears on July 11 the entry, "Flying Dutchman crossed our bows." The log book of one of the then largest of her majesty's warships is certainly the very last place to expect to find that which is generally associated with the hysterical of either sex.

During January, 1847, a vessel left New Haven, Conn., on her maiden voyage, but was never again heard of. In the following June, just before the hour of sunset and after a severe thunderstorm, the missing ship was seen sailing up the river. The inhabitants, taking their evening stroll, were overjoyed at her return, but the most observant of them noticed that there was something uncanny about her, especially in that she appeared to be sailing up against the wind.

Then, to the consternation of all, she gradually faded away before their eyes and entirely disappeared. We may be assured that there were not wanting those who maintained that the vessel in spirit had paid a last visit to her port before resting for good on the ocean bed.

In the "Chronicles of the St. Lawrence," by Le Maine, it is recorded that on a certain day in the year a phantom ship is seen off Cap d'Espoir, in Gaspé bay. Lights are seen aboard her, and her decks are crowded with men. By the foot of the bowsprit a man is conspicuously standing and facing toward the shore, with a lady clinging to his arm. Gradually the lights go out and the vessel sinks. It is said to be the ghost of the flagship of a fleet which was sent out to reduce the French forts, the vessel being lost with all hands.

To come to British waters, there are numerous instances related in local history of the visitations of ghostly vessels, the west of England, as might be expected, being most prolific in these records, says a writer in the London Globe. Indeed, Cornwall boasts of a goblin ship probably unique the world over, as she not only sails the water, but proceeds most unconcerned a good distance inland.

### An Awful Blow.

"Yes," said Silthers, "Mickley was my dearest friend, and I shall never cease to mourn his death. It was a terrible blow, from which I shall never recover."

"Why—I thought you married his widow?" said Jimson.

"Why—er—ehem!—why, yes, I did; but—"

Here Silthers subsided into a deep and uncomfortable silence.—Harper's Weekly.

## HUNGARY WHEAT IS A REVELATION

### IS THE REPORT OF WASHINGTON STATE DELEGATION.

Fifty Bushels to the Acre of Turkey Red is the Yield on Europe's Finest Soil.

The third report of the Washington state delegates of the American commission to Governor Ernest Lister, has just been received from Stuttgart, says an Olympia, Wash., dispatch. In relating the experience of the commission in taking up the studying of various banking systems, a trip up the Danube river to the little Austrian town of Krems is described, when the residents of the town enjoyed a holiday celebrating the visit of the Americans.

It is stated by this commission that Hungary is one of the greatest farming countries it has visited. It reports that the soil is very rich and fertile and that the people are land tillers. This nation imports 73.16 per cent of the manufactured products it uses, and its exports are more than half farm products, being 53.18 per cent. An interesting report is given of the visit to the government experimental and breeding farm of 65,000 acres, where were vast herds of cattle, horses, sheep and hogs. There are here 30,000 head of livestock and thousands of acres of grain, sugar beets and other products. Both chemical and animal fertilizer is used here to great advantage and with wonderful results. This land, which is considered the most fertile in Europe, is the finest agricultural region in the world, the crops being raised in rotation, sugar beets, barley, wheat, clover. On 10,000 acres of the best land a production of 8200 pounds of wheat to the acre is reported, the average for all wheat land being 2000; 15 to 20 tons of beets, 3000 to 4000 pounds of barley and ten tons of potatoes. Mr. Black of the Washington delegation, being a grower, made an especial study of the grain situation and pronounced the grain field there the finest he had ever seen. They use no machinery for harvesting but out everything by hand with a scythe, employing on this ex-

periment farm alone 7000 laborers. Their wheat crop is all on the market by July 15 or 20, and their Turkey red wheat, so prolific in eastern Washington and Oregon, yields 50 bushels to the acre and has a very much stronger straw than the Washington product. Dr. Black secured 100 pounds of the experiment farm's Turkey red wheat and it will be shipped to Pomeroy Wash., as soon as harvested and an experiment of raising this in Washington will be made.

Hungary is said to have the most efficient flour mills in the world, using only Turkey red, the lowest testing 37 per cent wet gluten and the highest 42 per cent. They have a system of dust filter which is pronounced by the delegation to be marvelous. They have, however, adopted the American elevator, building of concrete. The stock breeding on this experiment farm was also studied with much interest and found to be magnificent, but it is announced that as the nation is essentially inclined to military things that cattle must all be of use for working and that milk and butter is of minor consequence, and it is of interest to learn that the dairy yield of all Hungary, which is more than twice as large as the state of Washington, is only about half as great.

### user English.

Tokyo contains some queer specimens of English. One would scarcely be familiar with the name "How-jindu Maru" painted on the bow of a Japanese junk, and yet "How-jindu" is not a bad reproduction of "How do you do?" probably the only English phrase that the owner of the boat had ever heard. Having the courage of his ignorance, he treated it as a single word, combined it with a Japanese suffix applied to sailing vessels and gave it with pride to his honorable junk.

### A Mere Bagatelle.

Gabe—I see where a waiter in St. Louis has purchased a hotel out of the tips he received in five years. Steve—What did he do with the rest of the money?—Chicoutout Enquirer.

### Necessary Knowledge.

"Why are you learning French?" "Why? Because I've just got a dog from France, and the silly beast can't understand a word of English."—London Tit-Bits.

What men want is not talent. It is purpose; not the power to achieve, but the will to labor.—Balzer-Lytton.

## LAWYER'S SON AN EMBEZZLER

### M. A. BUTLER, THE FATHER, DEFENDS BOY IN COURT.

Family Formerly Resided in This County, at Pendleton and at Weston.

Harold R. Butler, a Portland boy and son of Attorney Marion A. Butler, who formerly practiced in this county, but who is now a Seattle attorney, was found guilty in Portland of embezzling \$510 from Margaret E. Cammelle, 70 years old. The jury which found him guilty recommended leniency and a parole will probably be agreed upon if he makes restitution of the money. Circuit Judge Kavanaugh will pass sentence Thursday. His father defended him and made an impassioned plea to the jury. He was assisted in the defense by B. B. Lindsey of Seattle and L. B. Reeder, well known attorney of Portland. Young Butler and Mrs. Cammelle started a furniture store with some furnishings of a lodging house which she had and she gave him \$675 in various checks with which to buy goods for the store. She alleged that he failed to buy the goods and used the money for his own benefit. Butler's defense was that they were partners and the money was lost through bad management.

### Held For Attempted Assault.

Fred Craden was arrested Monday evening on a warrant issued out of Justice Richard's court charged with attempt to assault Lowell Rogers with a dangerous weapon. Craden secured a butcher knife from a display rack at the Foss-Winship hardware store, and with that formidable implement of destruction sought to settle his grievance against Rogers, Marshal Gholson and Judge Richards relieved Craden of the knife before he carried his threats into effect. After his arrest he left town in an automobile and was apprehended by an officer at Milton. His divorced wife went on his bonds for \$500.

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