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NORTHWEST GRAIN MEN TO ORGANIZE

Committee Named to Put Plan Into Effect—Ritner and Shumway There.

Richard Hamilton, Portland Oregonian staff correspondent attended a meeting of the wheatgrowers of the Inland Empire at Pullman, Washington, and found the farmers ready to vote for the formation of the North Pacific Growers' Cooperative organization as an agency to work with the federal farm board for obtaining benefits for the wheat industry under the provisions of the federal agricultural marketing act. More than 75 representatives of the various farm organizations of Washington, Oregon and Idaho attended the conference, which reflected confidence that the marketing act and farm board would provide an opportunity for a more profitable marketing of the 100,000,000-bushel wheat crop grown annually in the three states.

Before deciding in favor of the regional co-operative organization, the conference formally endorsed the marketing act and voted confidence in the men chosen by President Hoover to make up the federal farm board.

F. L. Wilmer of Rosalia, Wash., state senator, banker and wheat producer, was elected chairman of the committee named to form the North Pacific Grain Growers' Co-operative organization. H. E. Goldworth, Rosalia, state representative and wheat grower, was named secretary. Other members of the committee are:

Washington—O. H. Cornwell, Walla Walla; T. S. Hedges, Waterville; W. J. Sutton, Cheney; W. R. Hegler, St. John; Troy Lindley, Dayton.

Oregon—Roy Ritner, Pendleton; C. A. Harth, The Dalles; John Wittcomb, Arlington; A. R. Shumway, Milton.

Idaho—George Lamphere, Moscow; Owen Munce, Lewiston; G. P. Mix, Moscow. A representative for southern Idaho is to be named.

Details of the co-operative organization were left for the want of information, the committee being instructed to ascertain the proper method of procedure from the federal farm board. Likewise the question of forming a pool, which would take in more than 50,000,000 bushels of wheat was left unsettled, pending definite instruction from the farm board.

Reliance on the national board was insisted upon by Mr. Wilmer, who counseled that "unless we co-operate with the federal farm board we are lost. Other speakers, including National Representative French of Idaho, urged co-operation under the existing facilities.

The conference grew somewhat shaky at the outset when Charles L. McKenzie, Colfax, belittled co-operation and sought to revive the dehture scheme or a federal fund of \$1,000,000 to purchase the exportable surplus of wheat to raise prices.

But the McKenzie proposal was put aside on the protest of Mr. Wilmer, who declared "we are no longer dealing with theories, but with a definite program, and unless we decide to co-operate with the federal farm board we might as well go home."

Oregon delegates staged a conflict when Mr. Shumway favored joining with the national grain corporation, but Mr. Ritner went to bat for a northwest regional organization. Finally, after a warm discussion, the Shumway plan was dropped, but he revived it somewhat later when he obtained an expression in favor of a northwest representative on the advisory council of the national corporation.

On the whole, members of the conference were eager to place the wheat industry in position to gain advantages offered by the marketing act, but some doubts were raised, chiefly because of the failure of several co-operative movements to induce the rank and file of the wheat growers to join the co-operative organization.

But other speakers held that the formation of the federal farm board already was shaping sentiment in favor of co-operation, with the individual farmers being impressed by the fact that the federal government was backing the co-operative idea.

"The farm marketing act, under which the farm board was created, is more vital to the wheat growers of the Inland Empire than to the producers of any other section," declared Mr. Goldworth in his preliminary observations. "We are a region apart, primarily because a bigger percentage of our crop goes into export than that of any other district. This plan has great possibilities for the betterment of the wheat producers of Washington, Oregon and Idaho."

Similar sentiments were indicated by Oliver T. Cornwell of Walla Walla, ex-state senator and cultivator of a large wheat acreage. Support of the co-operative organization was given

KOAC Now Broadcasting Market News Service For Benefit of Farmers

Oregon State College.—Through the installation this week over the college radio station, KOAC, of prompt and regular market reports, farmers and others in even the more remote sections of Oregon are now enabled to learn the day's markets and prices the same evening and to take advantage of any sudden changes.

The new service is provided by tapping the government leased market news wire recently put into operation by the U. S. Bureau of agricultural economics. L. R. Breithaupt, extension specialist in agricultural economics, assembles the reports and prepares them for immediate broadcast. Earle Greer of Kansas City, who has had more than 15 years' experience in handling reports for various government market news services, has been engaged by the college to take the reports from the wire, which is directly connected with the trunk line from San Francisco to Portland, Seattle and Spokane.

Only livestock markets are being handled for the present, but it is planned to include wheat and other commodities as soon as the service is operating smoothly. Broadcasts are being made at 12:25 and 8:20 p. m.

Improvement Is Seen In the Fire Situation

Portland.—Marked improvement was reported in most sectors on the Pacific northwest forest fire front during the past 24 hours, but continued failure has been the lot of those searching the Chelan forest for Douglas C. Ingram, grazing assistant to Assistant Forester Kavanagh of Portland, and Ermanno St. Luise, Chelan youth, who were lost August 13. Reports to Major John D. Guthrie, of the local office, Wednesday stated 30 men have been added to the search detail, bringing the total to 40.

Ingram and St. Luise started from one Camas creek camp to another, following the stump fire side, but their tracks disappeared in the direction of McFarland creek and no further trace has been discovered.

Hope has not been lost, however, forest officials believing the two men may have found refuge along one of the rocky cliffs that bound several creek canyons in the vicinity.

La Clerc creek basin, east of Ruby in Pend Oreille county, northeastern Washington, is the seat of the new outbreak of hot flames. Associated Press dispatches declared ranchers and loggers have been forced to flee for their lives. The fire has swept more than 5000 acres, and the combat force was increased from 150 to 250 men Wednesday. Forest officials said the fire threatened to be the worst in the county since 1910.

Oregon rangers reported improvement all along the line. No new fires were reported, and a Pendleton dispatch stated several small fires started by lightning early in the week had been put under control.

Massachusetts Melons Are Raised in Nets

Melons famed as the finest anywhere in the world are being raised in Massachusetts. They weigh from eight and one-half to ten and one-half pounds apiece.

The huge melons are raised in greenhouses. The vines are trained up under the glass. So large are the fruit, that they must be individually supported by nets.

The melons are from imported English stock and the seeds are sown so that the fruit is in season from June 10 to January 1. The greenhouses contain 22 different varieties of melon.

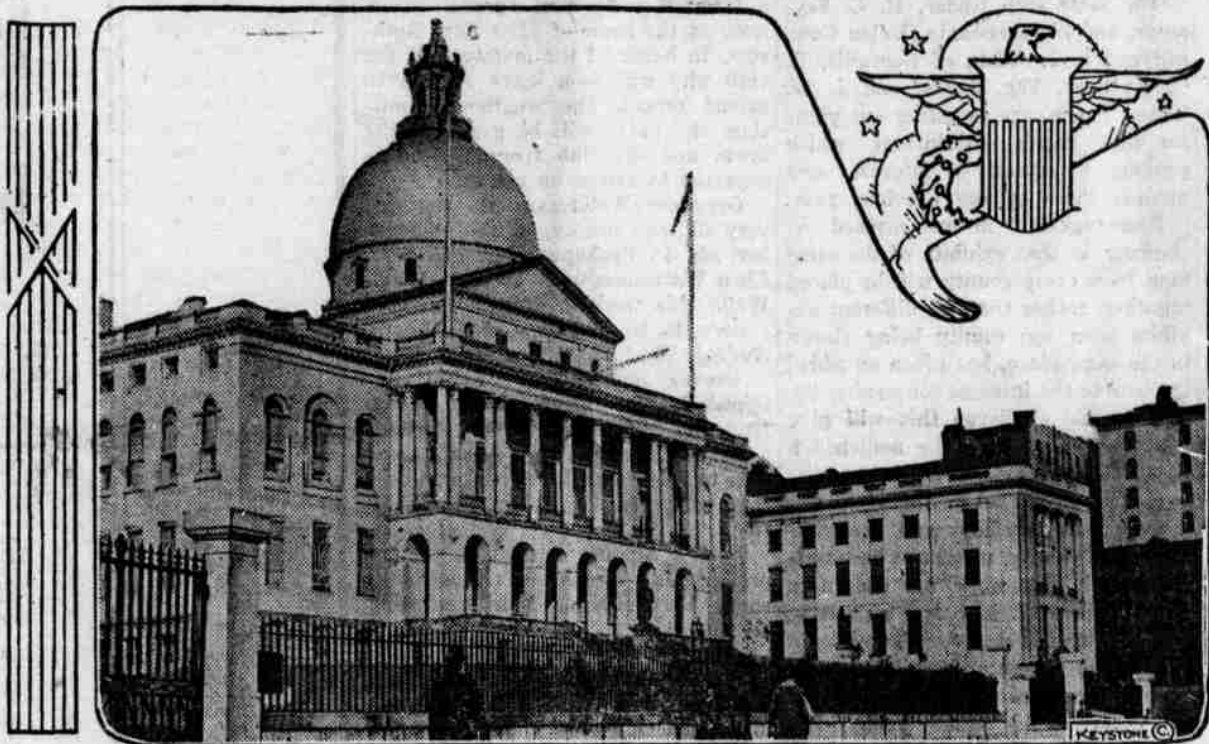
School Opens September 3
The Athena schools will open on Tuesday, September 3, following Labor Day, Monday, September 2. The high school faculty, and corps of grade teachers will arrive here next week to make preparations for the coming year's school work.

by Roy Ritner, ex-president of the Oregon senate and president of the Eastern Oregon Wheat league, but Mr. Ritner displayed no enthusiasm for the pooling plan.

"The wheat growers must organize a co-operative body to get the full benefit of the farm marketing act," emphasized Mr. Ritner, whose remarks held attention because he was fresh from a conference with Senator McNary, a leader in the farm relief fight. Mr. Ritner explained that the federal farm board would not approve loans to individuals, but that the \$500,000,000 fund authorized by the congress would be utilized as deemed necessary through co-operative organizations.

The Oregon spokesman, who was a candidate for a place on the farm board, concluded that the program "has possibilities. But will not yield its benefits so fast as many expect."

NOBLE PILE ON SITE OF JOHN HANCOCK HOME



Near the gate of the State House at Boston, at the left, is a tablet marking the site of the home of John Hancock, first governor of Massachusetts and a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

NEW SERB MINISTER



Striking photograph of Leonide Pitamic, the newly appointed minister of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes of the United States, who has recently arrived in the National Capital to assume his post.

Round-Up Dress-Up Parade At Pendleton

Pendleton.—Everybody knows about Easter parades, when the femmes look their loveliest and speak the last word in style as to frock, hat, shoes, etc. But listen—Pendleton has a fashion parade which is radically different and it's for men only!

It takes place on the last night in August and is the Round-Up Dress-Up parade, in which marches every he-man citizen in town. And every man of 'em is garbed in Western togs; the summer straw or felt hat has been replaced by a ten-gallon cowboy hat, the shirt worn with prosaic business attire is distinctly not the mode and in its stead is donned a flamboyant creation really dazzling in its splendor. And with these shirts are worn vests of buckskin, blouses beaded—neckerchiefs—boots of hand carved leather—altogether, the attire is that of the West where men are men and rodeos are Round-Ups.

The parade presages the coming of the Round-Up season and until the close of the four day show, September 18, 19, 20 and 21, the Western attire will be official. All business men adopt it and the wearing of an ordinary sky-piece or pallid shirt in Pendleton during September is as rare as a Chinaman sporting whiskers.

As for the Round-Up for which Pendletonians are getting into their glad rags, it's coming on apace and there's a whole heap of preparation going on. Fifty Round-Up guests from Texas have arrived and are now roaming the hills waiting for opening day; the half hundred are Texas steers who will do their bit to make it interesting for the cowboys in the bull-dogging and steer-roping. The Round-Up buckers which have had a year of untrammelled freedom in which to concoct new deviltries, will be brought in from the hills September 1, and various aggregations of performers will bring in their fine racing stock a week or so before the show.

Sawdust For Fuel
The B. B. Richards residence on Jefferson street will be heated with sawdust fuel hereafter. Mr. Richards will make the initiative installation in Athena of an automatic feed attachment to his furnace. He will secure his fuel from the Harris mill at Milton, on a contract price covering a period of three years.

Bean Yield Is Lower Than Earlier Expected

The yield of the bean crop planted by the Eickhoff Products company in Umatilla and Walla Walla counties, utilizing over 10,000 acres of summer fallow land for the purpose, is said to be far below expectations.

Deficiency of moisture or the cold June and May weather, is believed to have been responsible for the stunting of the plants, according to H. H. Eickhoff.

The yield has fallen much lower than was predicted. However, little harvesting has taken place on the high land where the best yields are expected.

When it was found that the device on the cutters for placing the beans in windrows caused excessive shattering, old fashioned hay rakes were gathered up and by using these, the shattering has been kept to a minimum.

Cleaning and grading machines installed in Athena are taking care of both the Athena and Weston crops, and the beans are being shipped in carload lots to Indianapolis, Indiana. Two carloads have been shipped from Athena and the third car will probably be shipped out today.

Kansas Pork Raiser Is Making Big Money

A 14 per cent return on his capital investment is the record of Kansas' new pork production champion.

William C. Mueller gained his title by producing 100 pounds of pork at a cost of \$5.35. For every dollar invested in hogs, on his farm last year, \$4.57 was returned in the form of sales or increased inventory.

Mueller's 620-acre farm yielded a 14 per cent return after \$100 a month salary, the customary amount, was deducted for its owner. His investment was \$49,209, and his profits included no sales of grain or hay.

Russell Wilson Loses Arm In Auto Accident

Walla Walla.—After receiving a broken arm and other injuries in an automobile accident on the Dixie highway early Sunday morning, Russell Wilson had his left arm amputated at the shoulder Tuesday at the Walla Walla General Hospital. His condition is reported very critical and little change had been noticed since the time of the operation.

His injury resulted when a light coupe, in which he was riding crashed into the back of a similar coupe driven by Henry Marland, 929 West Chestnut street.

Queen Kathleen I
Queen Kathleen of the Pendleton Round-Up will rule the cow capital of the west during the annual show September 18, 19, 20 and 21. In private life Kathleen McClintock is prominent in Pendleton's younger set and a student of Oregon State college. Miss McClintock is a very capable horsewoman and was one of the attendants to the queen at the 1928 Round-Up.

Hill On Committee
Maurice Hill has been named on the Walla Walla airport committee with Carey L. Stone and George B. Day, to select a referee, judges, starters and timers to handle the stop of the national air derby racers at Walla Walla today. The racers started from Portland this morning en route Cleveland.

Swimming Pool Filled
The Legion swimming pool at City park was filled with water, Tuesday, when the city reservoir was emptied. The pool has water to accommodate swimmers over the week-end.

Men Left In Charge Of Ranches Vamoose

When the Chase Garfield and Flint Johns families went to Seaside on their vacation trip a couple of weeks ago, a man by the name of Kelly was left in charge of the Garfield ranch and a man named Phipps and another hand were at the Johns place.

Tuesday it was discovered that the stock at both places was in need of feed and water, and investigation revealed that no one evidently had been on either place for several days. Officials found that trucks had been taken and the three men had disappeared.

The Garfield truck was recovered at Walla Walla by Deputy Sheriff Wayne Gurdane, and it is alleged that the father of young Phipps, who lives in the Milton section had him return the Johns truck home. In the meantime a man has been employed to look after the stock on both the Garfield and Johns places. It is understood that no arrests have been made, the officers awaiting the return of the ranch owners.

Embargo Placed On Rye, Barley and Oats

St. Paul.—All railroads in the northwest ordered an embargo on shipments of rye, barley and oats from August 23 to August 31 in compliance with recommendations by the northwest shipper's advisory board.

Lack of storage space at terminal elevators and warehouses in Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth and Superior was given as the reason.

Handling at terminal markets has been delayed, it was pointed out, because of sluggish demand for rye, barley and oats. The heavy movement of wheat, corn and flax, for which there is a more active market.

W. C. T. U. Meeting

The next meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held Tuesday afternoon, August 27th at the home of Mrs. C. L. McFadden. A full membership attendance is particularly requested as matters of vital importance are to come before the meeting at that time. An interesting demonstration will also be given showing the effects of cigarette smoking on boys and girls while going through their growing period. These meetings are always interesting and this one promises to be particularly so.

Filed Credentials

University officials and students alike are looking forward to the best and most progressive year in the history of the institution and all are preparing for a busy and enjoyable three terms. High school graduates from Athena who have already sent in their credentials and have been accepted for entrance to the university include the following: Edwin McEwen; Ralph Buell McEwen, Jr.; Lenore McNair; Alberta Charlton.

Drunken Driver Jailed

After he had created a disturbance at a Pendleton camp-ground, made a drunken drive for nine miles along the Oregon-Washington highway and finally stopped to belabor his wife, S. C. Emery was arrested by a state traffic officer and a deputy sheriff. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail and fined \$100 in the justice court.

Met At Intersection

In avoiding a collision at the intersection of Third and Jefferson streets Monday noon, Henry Knight crashed his car into the curb, with the result that one of the rear wheels crumpled. Henry escaped injury in the accident.

Many Fires Are Now In the Blue Mountains Fourteen in One Day

Walla Walla.—Fourteen fires were found Sunday morning by the fire patrol men in the Blue mountain district which is under the supervision of Albert Baker of Walla Walla, according to a statement made by him. These fires were caused by the thunderstorm that occurred Saturday night and early Sunday morning. The largest of these fires burned eighty acres before it was put out, in addition to the fourteen that were found and extinguished there were a number more that burned out before the fire patrol could reach them.

This summer has been very dry and the relative humidity has been very low. For some time the humidity has been between 12 and 17 per cent and it is only in the last few days that the humidity has reached 30 per cent. The only thing that has prevented big fires and serious loss has been the co-operation of the stock men and the forest patrol men in keeping close lookout for fires and in combating them as soon as they are found, the ranger says.

The rangers are scattered out over a large territory and keep a sharp lookout for fires at all times, while the stockmen have been particularly careful about their fires and have always been ready to help the forest patrol in its work whenever called on. For the last few nights there has been frost at Toll Gate and Tuesday night ice formed over small pools of water, Mr. Baker said.

Epidemic Killing Fish; Elk Lake Ordered Closed

Portland.—Elk lake, one of the most popular fishing centers in the state, is closed to anglers, by combined order of the state game commission of the United States bureau of hatcheries and the state board of health.

The lake shores are strewn with dead fish, ranging from two inches to two feet long, as the result of an attack by parasite worms, and the former sportsmen's paradise has been deemed unsafe to public health. A girl, member of a Camp Fire Girls' vacation party which went to the lake for its summer outing but whose name was not revealed, is reported sick in a Bend hospital as a result of eating fish from Elk lake.

It was early in August that Bend sportsmen became alarmed about the number of sick and dead fish in the lake, and the game commission was informed of the condition. Gulls were blamed by the Bend people for the condition. They told the commission that the gulls were swooping down to the lake and "pecking" the fish as they raised to the surface.

Matt Ryckman, state superintendent of hatcheries, investigated August 13, and, with P. E. Lynes, local man stationed at the lake by the commission, decided that worms, and not gulls, were responsible. Fishermen have been kept out since the warnings, but henceforth they will be kept out by orders. A letter from Mr. Ryckman to Mr. Ryckman stated thousands of fish have died since August 13.

Infirmiry Drive to Get Funds Now On

Portland.—The "buy a brick" campaign inaugurated by the Oregon Mother's Society to raise \$50,000 to match a similar appropriation by the state legislature with which to construct a new infirmiry on the University of Oregon campus, is proceeding throughout the state, officials said Wednesday.

Seventy co-eds of the University are campaigning in Portland until Thursday night and in other cities, officials said, returns are coming in rapidly.

Plans for the infirmiry are complete and construction will begin immediately after the campaign is finished.

Washington Auto Plates

Washington's 1930 automobile plates are coming out of the machines at the rate of 5000 pairs a day at the Walla Walla prison. By December 1 it is expected the order for nearly a half million pairs of plates will have been completed. The new plates will be just the reverse of this year's, having green letters on a white background.

The Seed Pea Harvest

Weston Leader: Seed peas at the McBride Bros. ranch on Eagle creek where the acreage used was handled by the Washington-Idaho Seed company, are reported to have yielded about 35 bushels per acre. Considerable waste is reported, and the McBride Bros. are importing hogs in order to utilize it as feed. W. P. Cable has finished threshing his seed peas and has hauled 111 sacks to the warehouse at Weston. He is said to have secured around 10 sacks to the acre. Other growers in the upland regions are engaged now in cutting their crops.

OREGON SCHOOLS TO STUDY PACT

Local Faculty Asked to Co-operate In National Project.

University of Oregon.—An intensive educational campaign to acquaint students of the United States with the far-reaching importance of the Paris Pact will extend to high schools throughout Oregon, it is announced here by Dr. Arnold Bennett Hall, president of the University of Oregon, who has been named a member of the committee in charge by Arthur Charles Watkins, director of the National Student Forum.

The principal and other faculty members of the Athena Union High school will be asked to cooperate in the national project, and will be supplied with all information and literature necessary upon application to the director whose address is 532 Seventeenth Street, Washington, D. C., Dr. Hall states.

While the national student project is essentially for study and discussion, optional competitive features which include as a prize a trip to Europe next summer will be open to high schools taking part, it is stated. The project, which has for its aim the gaining of a better understanding of the important Paris Pact for the renunciation of war, has been enthusiastically endorsed by all leading educators, and prospects are that the study movement will be very successful, it is pointed out by Dr. Hall.

The awards competition will be based on a theme contest of 300 words on "How May the Pact for the Renunciation of War be Made Most Effective?" and besides the trip to Europe, many state local prizes will be offered.

To the first 800 high schools applying, a copy of Professor Shotwell's booklet, "The Renunciation of War" will be sent free of charge, in addition to other material made available by various peace promotion agencies.

High schools throughout Oregon are expected to take part in the national project, Dr. Hall states. "The Paris Pact stands as one of the most important documents ever drawn, and it is our hope that this national program may place the facts before the public, so that an intelligent public opinion on the realities involved may be developed. We do not care what side or attitude is taken on the pact, so long as the merits of the treaty are discussed openly and honestly."

Wallowa Harvest Is On With 43½ Bushels Top

Continued dry weather in the Wallowa section of the country has allowed farmers to make good progress with their harvest work. Threshing of winter wheat has been going on during the past ten days. Varying yields are reported. In the hill sections north and east of Enterprise some of the early-sown winter wheat is reported to have yielded from 30 to 35 bushels an acre, while some other fields have run about 20 bushels.

Gunner Carlson reports the best yield for the season from a 39-acre field which yielded 43½ bushels an acre.

Hay crops this season have been exceptionally good. The potato crops are reported to be poor.

Harvesting operations are well along in the southern part of Gilliam county with a fair yield. Hot weather and smut brought down the yield. In the Mayville country the crop was good, some fields going well over 20 bushels, and farther west, around Buxhorn, about 15.

Buys Walla Walla Corner

It is announced that Nelson Jones of Weston, has purchased the Martin B. Lynch corner at First and Popular streets in Walla Walla for \$8500. A month ago Jones sold for about \$20,000 his corner property at First and Alder, one block distant, to the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company. Jones has not announced his plans for the new property.

Death Releases Prisoner

Death cancelled the ten-year sentence imposed a year ago upon Ellis Williams, Pullman car porter charged with assault with intent to attack Miss Evelyn Nobach, Washington State college student; near Lind, Wash., while the latter was a passenger aboard a train. Williams succumbed to tuberculosis.

Yakima Spuds

A high yield for potato production is reported from the Yakima Indian reservation, when last week there was shipped 13 cars of the product from 12 acres, an average of 16 tons to the acre.