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CHICAGO EXPECTS WHEAT AT DOLLAR

National Grain Corporation Buys Grain at 15 Cents Over Market.

Chicago.—The spectre of dollar wheat stalked into the futures pits Monday.

But the farmers with cash wheat to sell came to market with carloads, converting thousands of bushels into legal tender at prices gilded 15 cents above the current quotations for wheat futures.

The farmers National Grain corporation stood by its promise to pay at the farm board's level for country run wheat while traders in future contracts dumped volumes into the pit and sliced five to seven cents from prices. The net losses on the Chicago market were 5% to 6% cents a bushel, with an extreme drop of 7% cents.

The Chicago operator of the National cooperative bought 25,000 bushels. At Kansas City the corporation purchased 130,000 bushels at prices 13 cents more than the equivalent grade of wheat was worth in the futures market. At Omaha the stabilization corporation having bought more than 500,000 bushels since it began to operate there, was forced to quit buying because of lack of storage space. The corporation's national offices here issued no statement concerning the situation.

The farm board came to the rescue of the wheat market Tuesday after all grains had dropped in a sensational manner to a new low for the crop year. March wheat at Chicago sold down 5c from Monday's finish to a low of 98 3/4c and brought about a rally of around 6c from the inside figures.

Brokers, presumably acting for the government co-operative organization were credited with having bought 3,000,000 to 4,000,000 bushels of wheat futures on the Chicago board of trade in the last 10 minutes of trading everything offered, and caused a stampede on the part of the trade to buy that swept aside all resistance and resulted in one of the wildest closes in a number of months.

Heavy liquidation was in evidence in wheat early as wave after wave of selling carried prices steadily downward, each break uncovering a fresh lot of stop-loss orders, the decline being accelerated by reports from Minneapolis and Duluth that the stabilization corporation would not buy country-run grain by independent dealers billed after midnight Monday, although they continued to take all offerings of No. 1 and No. 2 northern in the spot market.

For a time it looked as though there was no bottom to the markets as corn, oats and rye started to slip rapidly in sympathy with wheat, but as soon as the heavy buying of the latter grain credited to the farm board started there was a drastic change in sentiment which had been so pessimistic a few minutes before, and all grain rallied in a sensational manner.

Special Musical Program

A special musical program is offered at the Christian church, Sunday evening, when the choir, assisted by others, will take part in the interesting services. An invitation is extended to the public to attend. Following are the numbers: Scripture reading; number by choir; duet, Mrs. Zenna Pinkerton, Mrs. Montague; number by male quartet; musical reading, Mrs. Michener; vocal solo, Mrs. Blalock; anthem by choir; musical reading, Mrs. Eager; duet, Mrs. McEwen, Mrs. Blalock; anthem by choir.

Three Inches of Snow

A three-inch snowfall greeted Athena risers Wednesday morning, following wet weather over the weekend. The snow was wet and heavy, containing a high content of moisture. A number of Athena farmers were getting ready for plowing and the snow will retard the beginning of this part of farm work. However, as the moisture is needed, no complaints are in order.

Library Report

The Umatilla county library expenses for 1929 were \$21,143.998, while the receipts were \$21,204.01, according to the yearly report made by Miss June Olson, county librarian.

Engagement Announced

The engagement of Miss Harriette Brown to Mr. Emmet Kerley, well known young people of Helix, was announced this week, the wedding to take place in early summer.

Herbert Hale, who until recently was a patient in a Walla Walla hospital, has returned to his farm home, northwest of Athena, where he is convalescing.

Athena Boys' Team Wins and Girls Lose To Helix In Game Friday Night

Athena high school boys' team won from Griswold high school at Helix in the basketball doubleheader game, Friday night, and the Athena girls dropped their game to the Helix girls. The boys took their contest 34 to 33.

It was an extra period affair after the full session had balanced hither and yon through the four regular periods. When the pistol cracked the end of the fourth stanza, the score was knotted at 32 all. At the start of the extra period Helix converted a free throw into a point as the result of a foul. Then Art Crowley, who had been decidedly off all evening, put the game on ice with a beautiful hook drop-in that filtered through the hoop.

Myrick, with 18 points was high man for Athena, with Emery Rogers, who went great guns, coming through second with 10 points. Wagner was high scorer for Helix, with 13, and he played a fine consistent game. Coe and Clemens gathered in eight each for Helix. The lineup and score:

Athena 34	33 Helix
Myrick 18	F.....13 Wagner
Jenkins 2	F.....8 Coe
Rogers 10	C.....4 Carstens
Crowley 4	G.....8 Clemens
Huffman	G..... Davidson
Hansell	S..... Vaughn
Athena girls lost to the Griswold girls, 9 to 19. Athena girls couldn't fathom the Helix offensive at times with the result that McCulley scored 10 and Karstens 7 for Helix, while Arleen Myrick with 7 points and Monta Montgomery with two, garnered the total for Athena. Lineup:	
Athena 9	19 Helix
Myrick 7	F.....7 Karstens
Campbell	F.....10 McAlley
Miller	C..... Dale
Douglas	C..... Gemmel
L. Montgomery	G..... Patton
M. Montgomery 2	G..... Thorne
Barrett	S.....2 Tucker
Hiteman	S.....
Tompkins	S.....

Athena vs. Umapine

Saturday night Athena second stringers won from Umapine on the local court by the score of 25 to 19, in a well played game, Umapine came over to play a return game and a fair sized crowd was on hand to see the contest. The lineup:

Athena 25	19 Umapine
Pinkerton 5	F.....2 Calkins
Reeder 2	F.....10 Rumkaugh
Hansell 14	C.....7 Allen
R. Wilson	G..... Lienback
J. Miller 2	G..... Bechtal
Pickett	S.....

Local Knights Attend District Convention

Pythian Lodge, No. 29, Knights of Pythias was well represented at the annual district convention held in Pendleton, Monday night. The local lodge furnished two candidates for the rank of Knight, Melvin Coppock and Veltan Reed taking the rank.

Members from Pythian Lodge who were in attendance at the convention were Ernest Duncan, F. B. Radtke, Lew McNair, C. O. Henry, Joseph Cannon, Granville Cannon, Roy Johnston, Henry Booher, William Campbell, W. J. Kirk, Harold Kirk, York Dell and Frank Williams.

Damon Lodge of Pendleton, competed in team work with a team made up from members of other lodges in the district, Damon lodge winning the contest on points.

Preceding the convention a banquet dinner was served by the Pythian Sisters at 6:30. Roy W. Wade, district deputy, presided over the convention and H. E. Dixon, of La Grande, Grand Chancellor, delivered the principal address.

Wheat Growers To Parley

Wheat growers of Umatilla county have been invited to a meeting in Pendleton tomorrow when business of the Pendleton Grain Growers' cooperative will be discussed. Articles of incorporation, by-laws and marketing agreement have been completed and will be presented. About 600,000 bushels of wheat have been signed up by the cooperative and more is expected to be signed. Organization of local and regional groups must be completed by April and election of officers will be held March 10.

Death Calls Actress

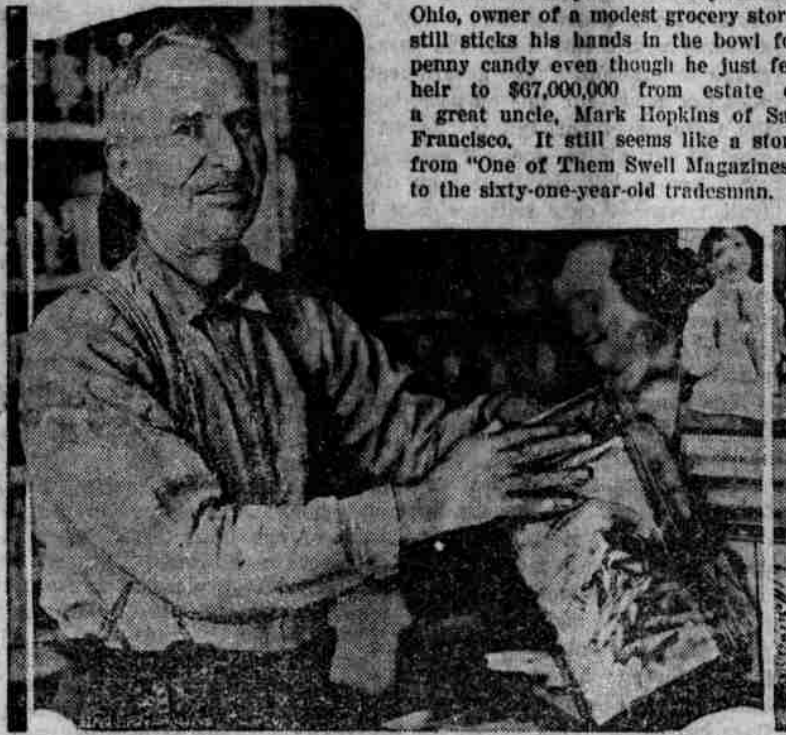
Mabel Normand, whose private and film life offered strangely contrasting roles of tragedy and comedy, died in a California sanitarium Sunday. She had suffered from tuberculosis since the latter months of 1923.

Dogs Killing Sheep

Pilot Rock sheepmen have registered complaints with authorities that dogs have lately caused them considerable loss by killing their sheep.

Poor Grocer Heir to \$67,000,000

J. L. M. Hopkins of Waynesville, Ohio, owner of a modest grocery store, still sticks his hands in the bowl for penny candy even though he just fell heir to \$67,000,000 from estate of a great uncle, Mark Hopkins of San Francisco. It still seems like a story from "One of Them Swell Magazines" to the sixty-one-year-old tradesman.



U. O. Man Flies



Ivan D. Houston, a graduate of the University of Oregon, has just been graduated from the Kelly Field aviation school of the U. S. army. Houston has returned to Eugene with his diploma and a license giving him authority to fly any type of aircraft.

Schedule of Games For the Helix Tournament

Adams and Stanfield open the basketball elimination tournament at Helix, this evening at 7:30, followed by Athena and Echo at 8:30. Tomorrow evening at 7:30 Helix plays Stanfield, and at 8:30 the winner of the Athena-Echo game which will be played tonight as above stated, will play Weston. Thus either Athena or Echo is scheduled to play two games, while other teams in the Helix sub-district tournament play only one game.

Going into the district tournament, at Pendleton, the winner of the last game played at Helix (which will be either Athena, Weston or Echo) is scheduled to meet Mac-Hi on Friday evening, March 7, at 7:30.

Montana Beats Whitman

Nig Borleske's strategy Saturday failed to win a second victory over the University of Montana, the visitors pulled out to a 36 to 32 victory in a thrilling game on the Whitman floor. Thinking Coach Stewart, Montana, would have his men primed for the five lads who had won the game Friday night for the Missionaries Borleske shot in four new men to start, keeping only Hove in the game. This aggregation fought Montana hard, exchanging leadership in the first half seven times. Montana led by three points at the end of the period. Borleske then shot in the victors of the night before. They failed to click at the start and were trailing 36 to 25 until the last minute, when they potted three baskets and a foul.

Traffic Violations

Last week traffic officer Anderson was active in apprehending traffic violators in this part of the county. Lester Bryant was fined \$10 and costs in the Freewater justice court, and went to jail to serve it out. The same court fined Earl Shortridge \$10 for driving with four in the seat. Anderson brought D. L. Corey of The Dalles before Judge Richards for speeding. He was fined ten and costs. J. S. Dellinger, publisher of the Astorian, morning newspaper at Astoria, died suddenly of heart failure on his ranch near Seaside. Mr. Dellinger was also widely known on the Pacific coast as a cranberry grower, having developed a profitable cranberry ranch near Astoria.

New City Editor

R. C. Cook, late of Eugene, Oregon City, Portland and LaGrande, has taken the city editor's desk on the East Oregonian, in place of Dan Cheney, resigned.

James H. E. Scott Is To Be Candidate Again In Republican Primaries

James H. E. Scott, Milton attorney, a member of the last legislature from this district, announces that he will again be a candidate for the office, subject to the decision of the voters of Umatilla county, in the republican primary election. In filing notice of his candidacy with the Secretary of State, Mr. Scott says:

"If I am nominated and elected, I will, during my term of office work for fewer and better laws and common sense business legislation. Will oppose increase in gasoline tax; will work for tax equalization; the adjustment of court fees so as to make the administration of justice and civil rights as equitable as possible, there being at present no difference between the filing fee in a \$50 suit or action and one for \$100,000 or more. Will endeavor to secure the enactment of such laws as are required by conditions in Umatilla county."

"If I am not nominated, I will not accept the nomination or indorsement of any party other than the one in which I am registered."

"On ballot print after my name: Present Representative—for fewer and better laws and common sense business legislation."

With Mack Cockburn an avowed candidate for the office, Milton has the distinction of offering two aspirants desiring to serve the district in the legislature.

Athena Study Club

Mrs. H. H. Hill's home on Washington street was the meeting place of the Study club last Friday, when an unusually interesting program was presented, not the least of which was the response to roll call, which was answered with stories, anecdotes and poems relative to George Washington. Mrs. Hill's response was unique. She displayed an old counterpane, an heirloom which had been in the family for nearly one hundred years, in each corner of which is woven the picture of the Father of his Country, on horseback. The colors are in characteristic blue and white, and the yarn was spun by the grandmother of Mrs. Hill's children, the weaver being an uncle of Mrs. Nellie Taylor, whose name was also woven in the design. The relic was much appreciated by the guests. The study program was led by Mrs. McNair, with a paper on Eton College, a splendid description of Windsor Castle by Miss Beulah Smith and a brief study of the life of the poet, Thomas Gray, and the scenes which inspired his Elegy, by Mrs. Boyd. Miss Smith read the Elegy very effectively. Mrs. Hill served dainty confections. The next meeting will be March 7, at the home of Mrs. Theresa Berlin, when the subject will be: "Cathedrals of the south of England," with roll call answered with current events.

Many Attend Mr. Koepke's 86th Birthday Anniversary

Henry Koepke, Sr., was host to a number of friends at his Glendale, California, home on Tuesday of last week on occasion of his 86th birthday anniversary.

Again a number of Mr. Koepke's Oregon friends, who are sojourning in California this winter, went to spend the day at the Koepke home. Forty-five guests sat down to a turkey dinner given in honor of the event, after which Mr. Meldrum and Mr. Errett, former pastors of the Athena Christian church, each gave short but interesting speeches, commemorative of the occasion.

The usual large birthday cake was in evidence and on this pleasant occasion was graced with 86 flaming tapers. The cake was cut by granddaughter Jean Koepke, daughter of Dr. Koepke, who came from her home at Watsonville to perform that pleasant task.

Mr. Koepke at his advanced age remains well and hearty, and was greatly elated to meet his old time friends. The party assembled on the lawn where photographs were taken of the group.

Rates Suspended

Holding that the Grants Pass Water Company has failed to justify an increased rate schedule filed with the Public Service Commission, the commission has issued an order permanently suspending the rates. One of the Keeler brothers, who zoomed Athena out of several thousand dollars in a street improvement bond deal, and against whom the city holds a judgment, is or was, an owner in the water company.

Dog Went "Killer"

Henry Barrett reports that a German police dog, formerly owned by Floyd Pinkerton, went "killer" the fore part of the week. According to Mr. Barrett, the dog first killed a pig at home, then went to the Barrett pasture north of Athena, badly mangled a sheep and was chasing others around when apprehended. The dog was killed by City Marshal Miller.

Takes Over Farm Lease

George R. Gerking has purchased the lease on the T. J. Kirk place from Charles Kirk, who will leave soon for British Columbia. Mr. Gerking is preparing to begin summer-fallow plowing. Mr. Kirk has had the farm leased for many years but relinquished it to farm land which he recently purchased on the Crestwood, British Columbia project.

Indian Athlete Dies

John Craig, well known Indian athlete on the Umatilla reservation, died at his mother's home Saturday morning after a short illness from pneumonia. Craig was in his early thirties and up until a short time ago had been living in Idaho. He was a pitcher and outfielder for the Mission Indian nine, former member of the Blue Mountain league.

Gun Club Practice

Umatilla county shotgun artists held a practice shoot over the traps at Collins Park, Sunday, with the view to entering the Portland Oregonian telegraphic tournament, which opens in the near future. Another practice shoot will be held at the park, Sunday next.

Sheep Shearers Meet

A meeting of sheep shearers is called for tomorrow evening at the Labor Temple in Pendleton. All sheep shearers are requested to attend the meeting, which will be addressed by President A. A. Evans.

Hospital Board Deplores Loss of Miss Wade, the Head of That Institution

Resolutions on the death of Miss Eva Ruth Wade, superintendent of Walla Walla Valley General hospital, were passed Friday afternoon by the board of trustees of the institution and signed by the members, as follows: W. G. Hughes, Walter Maxson, Nat Webb, A. M. Jensen, H. A. Reynolds, E. L. Brunton, Arthur E. Cox, J. W. Langdon and D. F. Baker. The text of the resolution follows:

"Recognizing her unusual ability in her professional work, her remarkably pleasing personality, and her charmingly womanly poise, the board of trustees of the Walla Walla Valley General hospital about a year and a half ago requested Miss Eva Ruth Wade to become the superintendent of the hospital. Reluctantly she undertook the responsibility; but, having accepted it, with characteristic energy she threw herself into the work, heart and soul, with a devotion and zeal that forced the admiration of all and compelled the hearty cooperation of doctors, nurses, and patrons. Too much of the credit can not be given her for the fine work the hospital has been doing and the favor it has gained in the community, and for the remarkable harmony existing in force and staff."

"If Miss Wade had a fault, it was that she failed to spare herself. When told that she was working too hard and too long hours, she exclaimed, 'Oh, but I love it.'"

"By her untimely death, the community and the institution she loved and to which she was devoting her life have suffered an irreparable loss, and each individual has been deprived of the true and noble friend and well-loved comrade."

"In acknowledgment of her indebtedness to her, and in appreciation of her unselfish service, it is hereby resolved by the board of trustees that, in the death of Miss Eva Ruth Wade, the hospital has lost a most efficient superintendent and this board a most loyal and untiring co-worker, and the community a real friend in times of need, whose place it will be impossible fully to fill."

"It is further resolved that these resolutions be spread on the minutes of this board and published in the daily papers of Walla Walla, and that a copy thereof be sent to the family of Miss Wade, to whom is extended our deepest sympathy."

Pendleton Elks To Have Minstrel Show

The Minstrel Show which is to be presented by the Pendleton Lodge of Elks is getting well under way and the boys will strut their stuff, Thursday night, March 6th., at the Rivoli Theatre, Pendleton.

It's going to be a wow says those who have attended the rehearsals. Very much has been accomplished in the short time that the chorus has been rehearsing and this year's show will surpass any Minstrel Show heretofore presented by the Pendleton Lodge of Elks.

This might be called an "Annual Charity Minstrel Show" for the proceeds derived from the show are turned over to the charity fund of the lodge, which funds are expended for charitable work only, in this county. Elk Lodges all over the United States are noted for the charitable work they do in their own respective communities, and Pendleton Lodge as well as other Elks Lodges are foremost in charitable work among fraternal organizations.

Many tuneful numbers consisting of Southern melodies and the latest song hits from Broadway will be presented in true professional style. Harmony is what these boys have most of and the boys are running true to form. Such old stars as Roy Buchanan, Ed (Ole) Olsen, Nat Kimball and Bert Jerard are rehearsing secretly in order to present something new in jokes and songs that will be sure-fire hits.

The cast includes 50 voices, including 8 end men and 4 soloists. The second part includes skits, vaudeville acts, music and tap dancing. In all the show is bigger and better in every way. A full night of clean, wholesome entertainment is assured all those who wend their way to the Elks Minstrel Show, March 6th., at the Rivoli Theatre, Pendleton. Seat sale opens at the Rivoli Theatre, Sunday March 2nd.

Awarded Damages

Ralph Stone of The Dalles, son of Dr. A. B. Stone, formerly a practicing physician of Athena, has been awarded \$5000 damages in the circuit court at The Dalles. In 1927 Ralph Stone suffered an injury to his left forearm in an automobile accident on the Columbia river highway.

Dog Licenses Due

County Clerk Brown gives warning to owners of dogs that all dog licenses not paid by tomorrow, March 1, will subject them to a two dollar penalty, and that he is forced to comply strictly with the enforcement measure.

JUDGE GIVES RULE FOR AUTO DRIVERS

Supreme Court Holds Cars Must Be Kept Under Control Always.

Salem.—"When driving your automobile around a blind curve, always keep your car under control. If drivers will do this their administrator will seldom be in court for damages."

This was the advice given by Justice McBride, veteran member of the state supreme court, in an opinion handed down here affirming Judge Tucker of the Multnomah county circuit court in a damage action filed by Guy C. H. Corliss, administrator of the estate of Albert D. Jones, deceased, against H. B. Van Duzer, Chairman of the state highway commission.

Judge Tucker dismissed the suit on the grounds that the facts set out in the complaint did not constitute a cause of action.

The accident, on which the suit was based, occurred on March 10, when Jones, while rounding a curve on the Roseburg-Cooos Bay highway 33 miles west of Camas valley, came upon a state truck which was clearing away a slide and skidded off the road and crashed down an abutting embankment. Jones suffered injuries which resulted in his death.

The complaint alleged that Van Duzer and two highway commission employees, who were working at the scene of the slide, had failed to provide adequate warning signals, with the result that Jones had no knowledge of the slide until he had rounded the curve and was within 100 feet of the slide. VanDuzer's presence at the scene of the slide at the time of the accident caused the suit to be filed against him instead of against the highway commission.

"This case is the first attempt to hold the state highway commission or any member of that body liable on an action of tort arising out of the conditions involving the building or maintenance of any public highway under its jurisdiction," read Justice McBride's opinion.

"The whole tenor of the state highway act, so far as it relates to immediate physical and personal supervision of work on the ground, seems to commit the supervision of such work to the engineer and his assistants. The commission locates and plans the work in a general way, the engineer and other subordinates supervise the work, and on this branch of the case the text books and decisions are practically unanimous in holding that public officers are responsible only for their own misfeasance and negligence and not for the negligence of those who are employed persons of suitable skill."

"The law never contemplated that the commission, or any member of it, should be at the place where work was being prosecuted and personally superintend the manner in which it was being done."

"In the case at issue the pleadings do not allege that the commission was guilty of any negligence in the selection of its subordinates. It may be assumed that such subordinates were competent and skillful. There is no allegation that either the commission knew of the slide or the condition of the road, or had opportunity to know or to make any special regulation in regard to it. There is no charge that it had failed to make regulations in regard to all slides and obstructions."

"The writer of this opinion never drove a car more than 100 miles in his life, but he has traveled many thousands of miles in automobiles driven by others, and he is able to suggest to drivers one rule that will save many mishaps. It is this:

"When you are driving around a blind curve always keep your car under control. If drivers will do this their administrator will seldom be in court for damages."

Oregon Again Leads

Ten states and the District of Columbia set new records in the reduction of infant mortality during the year 1928, the children's bureau of the department of labor announced Sunday. Oregon, which reported the lowest rate in 1927, again broke its own record and maintained its lead with only 47 deaths under 1 year of age for every 1000 live births. Washington state ran its neighbor a close second with a rate of 48.

New School Building

The new Umapine union high school building is ready for occupancy, and the people of that district believe they have solved the rural school problem. The new building, which cost approximately \$25,000 has a unified heating plant in connection with the grade school building, and pupils of the grade school will have gymnasium and auditorium privileges in the new high school building.