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LEGE INSISTS ON WHEAT ACREAGE CUT

Reduction of Ten Per Cent Wanted to Hold Surplus Down To Normal.

Washington.—Chairman Legge of the federal farm board warned that unless wheat farmers reduce their acreage by 10 per cent and prevent another wheat surplus, the board will be unable to help them get a fair price next year.

In a virtual ultimatum to wheat growers, made in a letter to Governor George F. Shafer of North Dakota, Legge explained the board will have 100,000,000 bushels of wheat on hand at the end of this year, and that there is no hope of dumping very much on the export market.

The farm board chairman also declared there is no hope for relief of congestion at terminal markets within 60 days. He said "the tendency seems to be for the congestion to become worse rather than better." This, he added, is due to rapid liquidation in other wheat-exporting countries—Australia, Argentina and Canada—which he said would go on, in his opinion, at something below the level of prices in this country, "no matter to what basis our price level went."

The present operations of the stabilization corporation will undoubtedly result in its having upwards of 100,000,000 bushels of wheat on hand at the close of the present season, Legge said.

"If the farmers are going ahead trying to produce an additional surplus on the basis that some way will be able to take care of it on a fair price level another year, they are going to be mistaken.

"If they will cooperate, the stabilization corporation will be justified in paying storage charges and carrying this wheat for a time in hope that a crop shortage somewhere in the world will give them an opportunity to unload it. If, on the other hand, the farmers' attitude is to let Legge do it all, the natural procedure would seem to be to dispose of this wheat the best they could and write off the loss, but doing this would probably adversely affect the price of the 1930 crop."

Legge wrote in response to a letter from Shafer as to the basis of buying wheat after congestion at terminal markets is relieved. The chairman pointed out that he cannot say, as there is no relief for the congestion at this time.

"There is no possible solution of this problem unless we get the cooperation of the growers themselves. "No other industry in the world blindly produces without any attention to potential market possibilities. In endeavoring to obtain quality for agriculture, it is perhaps essential that agriculture adopt some of the basic principles of other industries."

"What seems to be in the worst situation of any of our major crops, as far as the export market is concerned, but fortunately there is only a small amount of it exported on an average."

"Your growers will ask how they are going to get along with a less production, but if they can get more money, and we believe they can, by raising four bushels where they are now raising five, why should they destroy the market by raising the extra bushel?"

"A 20 per cent reduction would make the tariff fully effective, but the 10 per cent we are now suggesting would in our judgment put the trade on a fairly healthy basis."

Student Sets Record

Having to cook and keep house for a husband failed to handicap Mrs. Golda C. Wickham, student at the University of Oregon, for last term she not only rated highest scholastically among the 3200 students, but set a new record as well. She amassed 95 points, the most ever made by a student, and the most that it is possible for a student to make. She carried 19 hours and received a grade of 1 in every study. The average student load is 15 or 16 hours and the average number of points made is about 45.

Milton Farmers Organize

The Milton local of the National Grain Growers, Inc., has been organized with William Steen, president, A. R. Shumway, vice-president and Roy Howard, secretary. H. M. Cockburn and Sam Ingle are on the board of directors. Members of the new local have signed up 200,000 bushels of wheat.

Regatta Dates Changed

Dates for the annual American Legion motorboat regatta on McKay lake at Pendleton, have been changed from June 14-15 to June 21-22. New features will be added to the aquatic program this year.

Myrick Named Forward On All-Star Basketball Team By Game Referees

Eldon Myrick, clever forward on the Athena high school basketball team qualified as one of the forwards on the all-star quintet, selected at the district tournament Saturday night by tournament officials, Referee Croxdale of Whitman and Umpire Kranz of Walla Walla. Says the sports writer of the East Oregonian:

"Every man named has a dead eye for the basket while his floor game stood out through the two days of the tournament and the checking of the men named was superb.

"Myrick of Athena, Karstens of Helix and Hansen of Umatilla were given the forward ratings. Myrick was the bright star in the Athena team while Karstens was a threat any time he took a pass from a Helix teammate. Hansen played whirlwind basketball all the time and checked close besides ringing his share of the counters.

"In selecting a center the officials went out of the center bracket and named a forward to handle the pivot job. Miller of McLoughlin gets the selection although lacking the height of the average center. He is a wiry athlete, fast on the floor and a good checker and combination player and a threat in the basket zone. His speed and ability to handle the ball made him an easy choice for the honor.

"Olinger of McLoughlin, Schamp and Temple of Pendleton were named for the guard jobs. There is little to choose between them. All are fast, check hard and close and play the floor well besides having accurate eyes. They led their respective teams in scoring in the final game Saturday night."

Joseph N. Scott Democrat, Will Run Again

Joseph N. Scott, old time Athena-Pendleton democrat, has tossed his sombrero into the legislative ring, and announces that he will be a candidate for representative from Umatilla and Morrow counties, subject to will and action taken in the democratic primaries.

"I have decided to file as a candidate for reelection as representative in the legislature for Umatilla and Morrow counties," says Mr. Scott. "If the voters of this district approve of my record in office I will consider it an honor to represent them in the state legislature again. With the experience gained in two sessions of the legislature I believe I can do some good work for my district and the state of Oregon."

"I have not attempted to make a record in the way of introduction of bills but in consideration of the hundreds of measures presented at each session I have done my best to promote good legislation and to help defeat that which seemed to me to be injurious to the interests of the people of the state.

"I was one of the sponsors of the individual income tax bill which will be on the ballot at the coming November election and I worked on the committee which put in its final form the constitutional amendment which will give the people of Oregon the opportunity, at the next general election, to adopt the cabinet form of government."

"If I am again honored by election to the legislature I will as before do what I can in working for the best interests of this district and the state of Oregon."

Gopher Control Demonstration

To control gopher devastation in the alfalfa fields of the Stanfield-Hermiston district, a demonstration is to be made next week by assistant county agent George Jenkins and Roy Fugate of the U. S. Biological Survey. There are places in the district where the gophers do extensive damage to growing crops and the banks of irrigation ditches.

Dies At Age of 92

Mrs. Emma McGrath, a venerable and highly esteemed resident of Helix, passed away at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton, Tuesday night of last week, at the age of 92 years. She is survived by her husband, James McGrath, an inmate of the Elks home at Laramie, Wyoming; a daughter and one son.

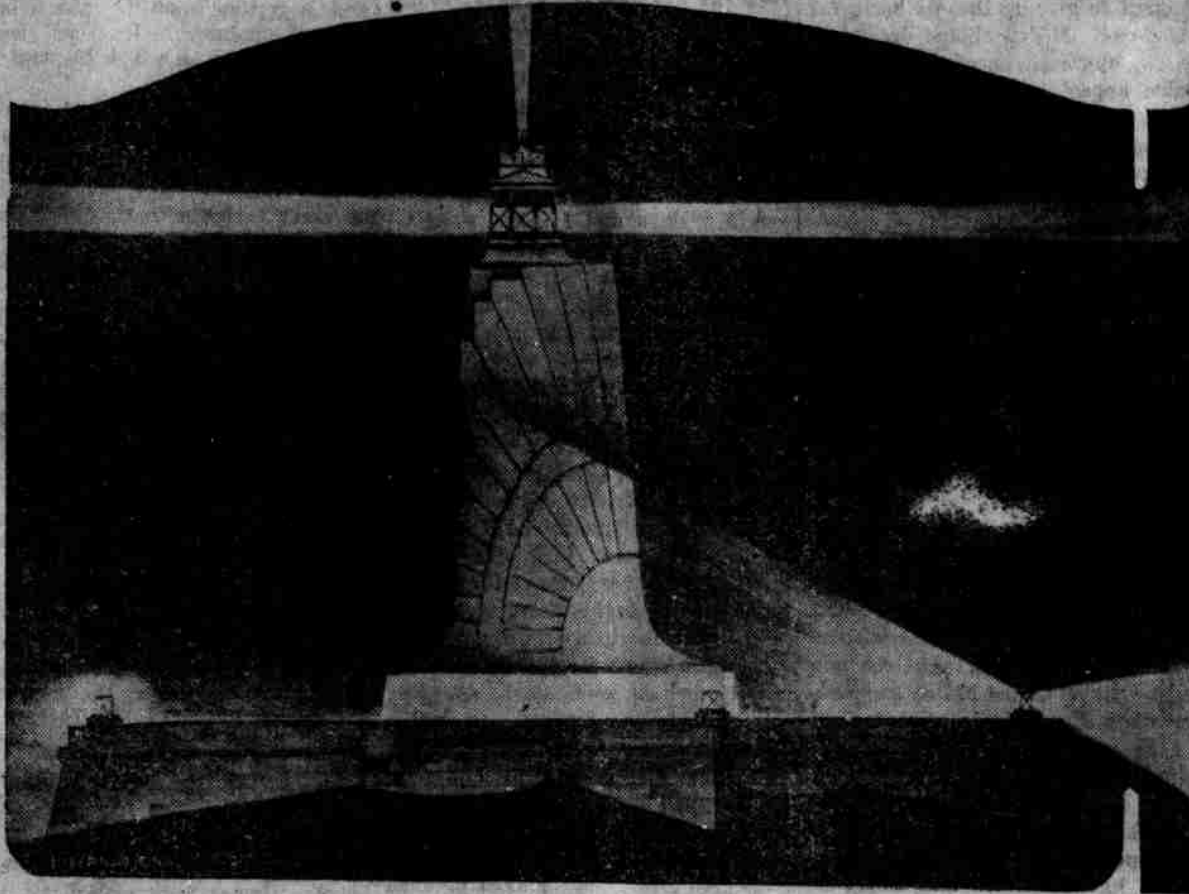
Milton Man Is Secretary

Irl S. McSherry, former Milton man and graduate of Mac-Hi, Linfield College and post-graduate of U. of O. and Columbia University in journalism, is to be private secretary to Governor Norblad, succeeding Miss Beatrice Walton, resigned. McSherry has been connected with different Oregon newspapers.

Night Plowing

Taking advantage of the brilliant moonlight, Jefferson county farmers are working tractors during night hours in preparing wheat fields for spring planting. In the vicinity of Culver 20 tractors are being used night and day.

Design for the Wright Memorial at Kitty Hawk



After carefully considering 35 designs, submitted anonymously, a jury of award has selected this plan for the Wright memorial which has been authorized by act of congress and which will be erected at Kitty Hawk, N. C. to commemorate the first successful human attempt in all history at power driven airplane flight, as achieved December 17, 1903, by Orville Wright. The judges praised the "extreme simplicity" of the winning design, which is the creation of Robert P. Rodgers and Alfred E. Poor, New York architects.

Oregon State College To Send Demonstration Train

A special demonstration train, one of the most popular and spectacular methods of emphasizing any agricultural project, is announced for Oregon by the S. P. and S. Railroad and Oregon State college as another means of assisting the present Oregon dairy industry through production, more efficient marketing and increased consumption.

Plans for the train have been approved by W. F. Turner, president of the railroad, and W. J. Kerr, president of O. S. C., as another means of carrying out the present nationwide program designed to lift the dairy industry out of its present depression. The extension service of the college has been given a free hand in the arrangement of exhibits and program for the special, and P. M. Brandt and N. C. Jamison of the dairy department are planning to present in graphic form the program of the state dairy convention and producers' association of this state.

Final Tribute Paid Fliers By Alaskans

Amid a swirling snow storm Fairbanks paid final tribute Wednesday to the memory of Carl Ben Eielson and Earl Borland, American aviators killed November 9 when their plane crashed near North Cape, Siberia, while they were attempting a flight to the icebound fur trader Nanuk from Teller, Alaska.

The bodies were taken to Fairbanks by plane from North Cape and lay under full military guard at the American Legion hall until early yesterday when they were placed aboard a train for Seward, from where they will be taken by steamer to Seattle. Borland will be entombed in a mausoleum at Seattle, while Eielson will be taken to the family home at Hatton, N. D., for burial.

Shell To Build Station

The Shell Oil company will put a distributing station in Athena. A plot of ground in the north part of town, adjacent to Fifth street has been purchased by the company for that purpose, and construction of the plant will take place this spring. It is understood that objections are being made by residence property owners over construction of the plant in the location selected. With the entrance of the Shell company, four distributing stations will be located in Athena. Already the Standard, the Conoco and the Union have plants in operation here.

Clay Laid In Slabs

Road paving in slabs eight by 20 feet may be made from common clay deposits in a process developed by Prof. Joseph B. Shaw, head of the ceramics department at Pennsylvania state college. His method completely reverses the usual clay products manufacturing processes. Instead of forming the object first and then firing it, Professor Shaw fires the clay and then presses or rolls it into shape.

Athena Vs. Pendleton

Athena town basketball team and Pendleton town team will play their last game of the season at Adams tomorrow night in the Adams high school gym. Athena has won two games from the Pendleton quintet and the county seat tossers are primed to take tomorrow night's contest.

Senator Steiwer Gets Weed Killer Put On the List, Free of Tariff

Oregon State College.—Sodium chlorate, the most promising chemical known for use in controlling such weeds as Canada thistle and wild morning glory, has been placed on the tariff free list in the senate following a fight made for this concession by Senator Fred Steiwer of Oregon.

News of the victory was sent here by George R. Hyslop, head of the farm crops department at Oregon State college, who was in Washington at the time completing work for the department of agriculture as head of a special grain grading investigation committee.

Hyslop pointed out that Oregon will use about 50 carloads of this chemical this year which now carries a duty of 1 1/2 cents a pound. If the house agrees to the senate change Oregon farmers will save some \$30,000 on sodium chlorate this year. He advises getting in touch with Oregon's house delegation to urge favorable action.

Gus Vollmer Passes Away Friday at Waitsburg Home

Gustav Vollmer, 75, retired Athena farmer, who for many years made his home at Waitsburg, died at his home there last Friday. Funeral services were held in the home Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. John Tompkins old time friends, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Singer, went from Athena to attend the funeral.

Gus Vollmer was held in high esteem and enjoyed the confidence of a host of admiring friends. Since leaving his Athena farm, which is now farmed by his son-in-law, Mr. Vollmer had resided on a fine farm, just east of Waitsburg. In the state of Washington, as in Umatilla county, Mr. Vollmer's worth as an upright citizen was recognized. He served Walla Walla county two terms as representative in the Washington legislature.

Mr. Vollmer came from Germany when a young man and spent the better years of his life tilling the soil of his Athena farm. He endured the hardships that go with the early struggles of pioneer farming. In those days it took Gus three days to make the round trip with a load of wheat to a steamboat landing on the Columbia, where he sold his grain for as low as twenty-three cents per bushel.

Mr. Vollmer is survived by his widow, three sons and four daughters.

Test Well Is Success

Supplemental irrigation for the Willamette valley from deep wells came a step nearer this week when the first experimental well on the Senator Sam Brown place near Gervais was "brought in" with a satisfactory flow. This well is the first of a series to be sunk under the direction of the Oregon experiment station and was made possible through a fund raised privately through business interests of the state.

Officers Destroy Booze

About 150 gallons of varied liquors were poured into the city sewage system by members of the county sheriff's department at Walla Walla. There was approximately 85 gallons of moonshine whiskey, 43 gallons of wine and 87 bottles of beer so disposed of.

Mrs. Mary Desper Dies At Her Athena Home At Advanced Age, 80 Years

After a period of ill health covering many years, Mrs. Mary L. Desper died at her home in this city, Tuesday, at the age of 80 years, seven months and 11 days. Funeral services were held in the Methodist Episcopal church yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. She had been an invalid for many years and her passing was due primarily to infirmities of old age.

She is survived by her husband, H. N. Desper, of this city; one step-daughter; one step-son, step-grandsons, grand daughters, nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Desper was born in Sullivan county, Missouri, July 31, 1849. In 1879, she was united in marriage to J. W. Roberts, who died in 1894. She came to Oregon in 1911, and that year married H. N. Desper. She leaves no children. Mrs. Desper was a lovely, gentle Christian woman, who in early life united with the Methodist Episcopal church, and lived through all the years of her life consistently in the faith.

Banquet For Basketball Team

Inasmuch as Athena high school basketball team has successfully upheld the athletic traditions of the school this year by winning 11 games out of 16 games played in the district schedule, it has been proposed to show appreciation of the team's efforts by giving the members a banquet dinner. Other teams in the district have been given such honors and supporters of the local team will no doubt see to it that the players are given a big feed. "The sooner, the better," says one of the fans, "for the lads look hungry."

Seed Pea Prospects For Weston Upland District

Operations have been practically finished for the season at the cleaning plant of the Washington-Idaho Seed company, says the Leader, and no longer may beves of girl operatives be seen trudging to work in the early morning hours. According to Frank Blair, the company's local representative, the plant may be started up again before long to clean seed shipped into Weston, but all the peas grown here last season have now been taken care of.

From all present indications, work at the local plant will be resumed the coming fall. Quite a few mountain farmers, it is said, have signified their intention to try out seed pea growing this year on part of their acreage. Apart from the direct value of the seed crop—for which the company offers two and one-half cents a pound this year—the soil is renewed and the culls and straw make excellent cow and hog feed. Some of the farmers who grew seed peas last year are fully convinced of the value of this crop to the mountains, and will increase their acreage.

It is said to be the company's desire to secure two thousand acres, including the leased ground in the Wild Horse uplands which it will itself handle. The community of Weston is hopeful that the seed concern's program will be realized, in view of the fact that this will mean more extensive operation of the seed-cleaning plant and its probable growth into a large and permanent industry. During the season just past the effects of the payroll were seen in local business circles.

Operetta At Weston
The music department of the Weston high school will present the operetta, "The Belle of Bagdad," this evening at Weston high school auditorium. Mrs. Guy Brace has directed the cast in rehearsals and the costumes have been secured from a Seattle costumer. Athena people are cordially invited to attend the presentation of the operetta this evening.

Three Million Bushels Of Wheat In The State

Stocks of grains on farms March 1 in important producing states were announced by the department of agriculture as follows:
Wheat: Ohio, 7,092,000 bushels; Indiana, 4,436,000, Illinois, 4,384,000; Missouri, 2,595,000, Nebraska 11,311,000, Kansas 17,948,000, Oklahoma 4,063,000, Texas 2,268,000, Washington 3,893,000, Oregon 3,005,000, Minnesota 3,783,000, North Dakota 20,547,000, South Dakota 5,747,000, and Montana 8,020,000.

Intangible Tax, \$900,000

Intangibles tax collections in Oregon under the first year's operation of the new law will reach \$900,000 it was stated by members of the state tax commission. This is an amount equal to income taxes collected from individuals in 1923. Actual receipts under the intangibles tax act to date exceed \$500,000 with another \$380,000 reported on the last half of the tax but not yet paid.

Poisoner At Work Again

"Beas," a bird dog owned by M. L. Miller, and a great pet of the family, is the latest victim of poison, having succumbed the fore part of the week. The dog was inoffensive and generally remained at her home, giving trouble to no one and her loss is keenly felt by Mr. Miller and the boys.

William Haun Passes

William Haun, of Freewater, was buried Sunday. Several weeks ago his wife died. He had been a resident of Umatilla county since 1885. He is survived by four daughters and two sons, Mrs. Dona Ulrich, Fairview; Mrs. Adeline Temple, Pendleton; Mrs. E. F. Pritchett, Freewater; Mrs. E. C. Ransome, Milton, and J. T. and Albert T., Freewater.

Samuel Ingalls Dies

Samuel Ingalls, a highly respected citizen of Adams, died Sunday morning, after a long illness as a result of tumor. He is survived by his widow, six sons and two daughters.

AGENT PROMISES BARGE PLAN AID

Walla Walla County Farmers Offer Support to Columbia Transportation.

Walla Walla.—Full support of the farmers of Walla Walla county was promised Tuesday to the Columbia Valley association by Charles Baker secretary of the Walla Walla county farm bureau, at a conference with Dr. Clark Black and R. H. Kipp of Portland. The association is seeking to further use of the Columbia river for transporting freight.

Assurances that boats would be placed on the river this season were given by Kipp, who addressed the chamber of commerce at a luncheon. He asserted such service is necessary if the government is ever interested in real development of the river.

A letter from Dr. John W. Summers representative in congress for the Fourth district, was read in which he stated the national legislators will look with more favor on any program for river development if some use is made. Kipp was plied with scores of questions from the business men as to plans for the canalization. He asserted that a government survey is being made which will give an insight into what can be done.

Baker asserted farmers would save 4 to 6 cents a bushel if the canalization and barge development program was brought to a successful conclusion. His claims, challenged by S. J. Miller, local representative of the Northern Pacific, Baker declared the local bureau believes most of the wheat raised on Eureka Flat could be warehoused on the Snake river. He asserted the canalization plan with the use of barges will work in line with the cooperative marketing scheme which the government is sponsoring and which Baker is leading in this section. Kipp and Black promised to return as soon as re-seeing is completed in order to organize this territory in larger measure. Wednesday night they met with a group at Hermiston.

Mrs. Frank Rainville Died At Colfax Sunday

Mary Stanton Rainville, 48, daughter of Mrs. S. C. Stanton of Athena passed away at her home near Colfax, Washington, Sunday, after an illness covering a period of many years. Athena relatives went to Colfax to attend the funeral.

Mrs. Rainville was born in Athena, attended school and grew to womanhood here. After her marriage to Frank Rainville she removed from Athena to Anacost, Washington, and from there to Whitman county, Washington, eleven years ago.

Surviving are her husband; two daughters, Mrs. J. T. Danaher and Mrs. Lloyd Day Colfax, her mother, Mrs. Sarah Stanton, Athena, and four brothers, Cleve and John Stanton, Athena, D. C. Stanton, Prineville, Or., and Gene Stanton, Miles City, Mont. Funeral services were held from St. Patrick's Catholic church, Colfax, Wednesday at 9:30 a. m.

Chases "Peeping Tom"

Returning home from Milton at a late hour last night, Ben Hunt, 1124 East Alder, was going around his house from the garage to the front door when he saw a man peeping into one of the windows of the house reports the Walla Walla Union. He gave chase and ran the man up Mill Creek to above Roosevelt street where the alleged "Peeping Tom" jumped into the creek. He seemed practically spent from the long chase and was unable to get out of the creek until he had floated down the creek about 100 feet. Climbing out on the opposite bank, the man headed for the city pump and vanished.

Rebuilding Culvert

The O. -W. R. & N. company has had a force of men at work this week enlarging the culvert at the station on lower Main street. The enlargement is constructed of concrete as is the replacement of the sidewalk and station platform, over the culvert. High water had gradually undermined the sidewalk and a portion of the station platform, and recently the structure had settled and cracked considerably.

Have "Sixty" Caterpillars

Henry Koepke and Zeph Lockwood have received their sixty caterpillars from the Page Machinery company, and this week the tractors were at the Athena Garage where tops were installed on the machines. Zeph deviated somewhat from the accepted style of top and made one according to his way of thinking. When completed, he had a regular cab, which is constructed so as to keep out the cold.