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## RUSSIA IS RULING THE GRAIN ROOST

### Hyde Finds 5,000,000 Bushels Sold Short In the Chicago Pits.

Washington.—A charge that the Russian government has been selling wheat short upon the Chicago market, contributing to the fall in price and to the injury of American farmers, is made by Secretary Hyde.

In a telegram to John A. Bunnell, president of the Chicago Board of Trade, the agriculture department chief said an inquiry had established the short selling "beyond all question of doubt." He asked what provision the exchange has made or can make "for the protection of our American farmers from such activities."

"There can be no question," the telegram continued, "that this selling has contributed to the fall in the price of wheat and to the injury of American farmers now engaged in their intensive marketing season. Obviously it would be impossible for Soviet Russia to deliver grain in Chicago over our tariff of 42 cents a bushel."

Hyde said the telegram was based upon the admission of the all-Russian Textile Syndicate, New York, that it had sold 5,000,000 bushels of wheat short upon the Chicago market. This syndicate, he continued, is a subsidiary of the Amtorg Trading Corporation, the Russian commercial organization of this country.

The investigation, which was inspired by newspaper articles and rumors, was made by Dr. J. W. T. Dubel, administrator of the grain futures act.

Hope was expressed by Hyde, the grain exchange would make regulations "guaranteeing a fair price for the American crop."

Hyde made it plain the board of trade must give satisfactory assurance of absolute prevention against further Russian invasions of the wheat market, or the federal government will take drastic steps.

The secretary in a statement flung back a challenge to the statement of E. V. Balitsky, president of the Soviet concern, that the estimates of sales of 5,000,000 bushels were "a little exaggerated." He declared department investigators already have discovered sales totaling 7,500,000 bushels on only four days and through only three brokers. The investigators are probing for further sales, Hyde said.

"Mr. Balitsky also says that the sales of Soviet Russia could not appreciably affect the trend of prices because the turnover on the Chicago Board of Trade is from 50 to 60 million bushels a day."

"The answer is found in the course of prices during the four days covered by the sales so far identified. Those four days are September 8, 9, 10 and 11. On September 8 May wheat opened on Chicago at 99 1/2 cents, or 1 1/2 cents above the previous close. The price dropped during the day and closed at 96 1/2 cents, or on the bottom and down 2 1/2 cents. During the four days the market on May wheat dropped from the opening of 99 1/2 cents to the close on September 11 at 94 1/2, a decline of 5 cents. Comparable declines were registered in all other wheat futures.

"The sales by Soviet Russia were probably not responsible for all of this drop. I do say that such sales, added to the other bear market factors, contributed greatly to a bear psychology which depressed the market which was trying to rise.

"This whole matter presents several unusual aspects. Here is a foreign government selling wheat short in a market which it can never, under any possibility, make delivery. Freight and tariff absolutely forbid delivery.

"This is representative say, is a legitimate hedging operation but does not seem to know by 50 per cent, how many bushels it is hedging.

"Not the least striking feature of these unique operations is the fact that, so far from having wheat to sell and thus to hedge, the Russian government is rationing its people and doling out food on food cards. No white bread is available to Russians except children under 10 years of age."

## Herman Lieuallen, Weston Boy, Drowns While Swimming at Bingham

Gloom cast a pall over a party of Weston Epworth League members who had gone to Bingham Springs, Friday evening for a swim in the pool, when Herman Lieuallen, 15 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Lieuallen, lost his life by drowning.

It is understood that the boy could swim but little and perhaps had gone beyond his depth. The merriment of the party was hushed when his absence was noted by a girl who saw the body lying in the pool by the lights from dimly lighted lamps.

The body was lifted at once from the pool after Miss Marjorie Brown dove to the bottom of the pool and located it. Three hours were spent by those present in efforts to resuscitate the boy but he was doubtless beyond aid when taken from the water.

His death shocked the countryside and came as a two-fold blow to his parents who lost another son about five years ago from drowning in the Winn pool on Dry Creek. The funeral which was one of the largest held at Weston for some time, took place Monday afternoon.

## Teacher Returns From Orient

Mr. Don Tilley, new member of the high school faculty arrived in Athena Sunday. Mr. Tilley returned Saturday from a two months cruise of the Orient on the steamer President Lincoln. He was director of a five piece orchestra which furnished music during the cruise. Mr. Tilley who is an accomplished musician and director is organizing an orchestra at the high school and reports much interest being shown among the students about thirty having turned out for instruction.

## Horse Show List Grows With Many Fine Entries

One of the outstanding features of the 12th annual horse show of the Pacific International Livestock exposition, which will be held from October 25 until November 2 this year, will be the group of entries in the three-gaited saddle horse classes. Three-gaited horses, often called walk-trot horses, are among the most beautiful varieties of the equine world.

The entry lists of the Pacific International horse show are already filled with an impressive number of names of the foremost walk-trot horses of the country. Peavine's Dream, outstanding horse of its class on the Pacific coast and owned by Ben R. Meyer of Beverly Hills, Cal., will be in competition during the Pacific International show. This horse is now at Salem being exhibited at the state fair horse show.

Monday night at Salem, Peavine's Dream was judged best in a gorgeous class of model three-gaited horses shown in hand, thereby adding another blue ribbon to its long string of winnings.

Many other classes of horses will be exhibited, from the tiniest Shetland ponies to the always-popular big draft horses. The six-in-hand driving competition, which is one of the favorite features of the Pacific International show, will be one of the big events of each of the night performances. A \$2000 stake has been offered by the directors of the Pacific International for the driving competition.

## Successful Deer Hunters

A party of seven Athena hunters met with well deserved success on a recent deer hunting trip into the John Day country, southwest of Ukiah. The party included Veltor Read, Clarence Tubbs, Melvin Coppock, Granville Cannon, Frank Williams, Frank McCorkell and Fred Beckner. The boys returned to Athena with five bucks and report having a fine trip. Deer fell before the rifles of Tubbs, Read, Coppock, Cannon and Beckner.

## Register By October 4th

The last day on which persons of voting age may register so that they can vote in the coming November elections is October 4, according to an announcement made by the county clerk's office. Under present statute it is impossible for those persons who have failed to register to be sworn in on election day.

## Annual State Fair

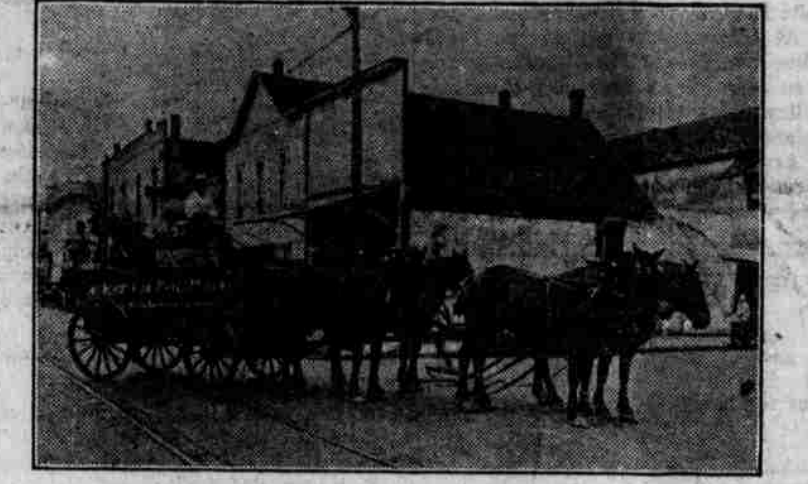
The 69th annual Oregon state fair swung into action with all departments crowded with quality exhibits, particularly in the 4-H club section with nearly 60 demonstrations and 22 livestock judging teams listed for competition, triple and nearly double the entries for the same events last year.

## Inch-Thick Ice Forms

Ice an inch thick formed on forest lookout houses located on high peaks Tuesday night. Bend's minimum temperature was 27 degrees, lowest in four months. A light frost fell in the vicinity of Roseburg. Unharvested cantaloupes suffered slight damage.

## PHIL METSCHAN'S EARLY-DAY STRUGGLES ARE RECALLED BY SILVERTON PARADE

Long-time friend from Eastern Oregon uses novel method in urging neighbors to support Republican Candidate for Governor in autumn election.



Alex Lindsay of Silverton is a warm and aggressive friend of Phil Metschan, republican candidate for governor. The friendship was established more than 28 years ago when the two men were caught with "white elephants" on their hands in Heppner.

At Silverton recently Mr. Lindsay gave expression to his admiration for Mr. Metschan by putting on a novel parade in behalf of the republican candidate. Through means of a water wagon, a four-horse team of hand some bays and a number of banners he urged Silverton people to support his friend.

Back of the parade is the story of the two men, who, as young fellows, carried on in the face of certain defeat and won their way through to success.

In 1902 Mr. Metschan purchased the Palace hotel in Heppner for \$30,000, only to learn that he had paid several thousand dollars too much for the 30-room brick building which the town had built in a spirit of civic pride in 1890. He had bought the hotel wholly on credit, for he had no money—not enough, in fact, to put change in the till. Friends laughed and predicted his failure. He said to Mrs. Metschan: "We are stuck, and it is going to be a long, hard pull. It is so bad that I'll not ask you to remain, but if you wish to stay, I'll stay. There will be years of hard work ahead, but between us we can pay out."

## Loans Ready For Co-operative Warehouse for Storage

Spokane.—State Senator J. F. Wilmer, director in the Farmers' National Corporation of Chicago, said over long distance telephone that the "way has been paved for the long promised facility loans providing cash to local wheat cooperatives for warehouse purposes.

The farmer's group is chief operating unit of the federal farm board. Wilmer is president of North Pacific Grain Growers, Pacific northwest regional cooperative in the national setup. He lives at Rosalia.

"Several local units want money to build warehouses in the Inland Empire, and I think they'll get it now without any trouble," he said.

No decision, he stated, was reached at the Chicago directors meeting on increasing the amount of money to be loaned on 1930 wheat. The North Pacific is now loaning farmers 75 per cent of the current market.

## Operations Under Way At Plant of Washington-Idaho Seed Company

Operation of the pea grading plant of the Washington-Idaho Seed company was started Monday morning. F. H. Blair of Weston is in charge and forty women and four men are employed. The peas, as they come from the field are put through a cleaning machine where all surplus pods and other refuse are dispensed with. They are then conveyed to the grading room where they are hand-picked by women.

The peas are spread on revolving belts which are controlled by a lever operated by each worker. As the belt passes slowly before the operator the peas are sorted as to color and size. They then fall into large hoppers which in time are emptied on the conveyers and thence to be sacked.

The output at present is about two hundred and fifty bushels daily, but this will be increased as the operators become more proficient in their work. Operation of the plant will continue until the first of the year.

## Reception to Teachers

The opportunity to meet and welcome the faculty of the Athena schools will be given to patrons of the district, at a reception at the auditorium this evening. The Etude club is sponsoring the affair which promises to be most enjoyable. An interesting and attractive program will be a feature of the evening followed by a social hour when refreshments will be served. A cordial invitation is extended to every one to attend.

## Weevil Inquiry Urged

Petitions signed by more than 100 farmers, together with a large number of letters and telegrams, were received at Salem urging Governor Norblad to appoint a special inspector to investigate the alfalfa weevil situation in Jackson county and determine whether the disease actually exists. Governor Norblad said he would call a special meeting of the state board of horticulture next week when the situation will be discussed.

## Pendleton Couple Sentenced

Fines of \$500 and sentences of six months in the county jail were given to Paul Perard and his wife by Judge Fee in circuit court. Recently indicted by the county grand jury on three different liquor charges, Mr. and Mrs. Perard entered pleas of guilty, respectively, to possession and sale of intoxicating liquor.

## Pendleton Bucks Defeated

The Pendleton Buckaroos were defeated by Lincoln high school in Portland before 6000 spectators in a night game of football Saturday, by the score of 20 to 0.

## Canning Salmon

The Hermiston Co-operative cannery in addition to canning fruits and vegetables has been canning salmon, consigned to it by independent fishermen operating on the Columbia River.

## Mac-Hi Wins Season's Opening Football Game From Athena on Fumble

Athena met defeat at the hands of Eddie Buck's Mac Hi footballists in an evenly matched contest here Saturday afternoon.

The teams were about the same weight average, with McLoughlin having the edge in backfield poundage while the local line was the heavier.

Most of the scrimmage took place at mid-field and only once, in the second quarter, did Mac Hi menace the home goal, and that being when Athena fumbled the ball, which resulted in a Milton player picking it up and dashing for the ten yard line before being stopped. Three line plunges and the ball went over. The try for point was converted; score at end of half period, Milton 7; Athena 0.

Athena received and was held for downs. Hansell punted and the safety was run without being able to run a step. From then on the ball changed possession with neither team able to gain any considerable distance.

The heavy but inexperienced line-men of Athena have learned much about football from the Mac Hi game, and they expect to make a name for themselves this afternoon against the Hermiston eleven.

Coach Miller is pleased with the way which the business houses supported his team and thanks them kindly for their cooperation. Terjeson of Helix refereed the game. The lineup:

Ends, Miller and Huffman; tackles, Singer and Towne; guards, Hansell and Pickett; center, Wilson; halves Jenkins and Crowley; quarter, Moore; fullback, McCullough. Substitutions, Shigley for Miller, Banister for Towne and Kirk for Huffman.

## Tollgate Road Will Be Completed October First

By October 1, the final work on the McDougall Camp to Tollgate highway, 5.4 miles, will be completed, it was announced by C. R. Vaughan of the Interstate Construction company of Portland. This will be six weeks ahead of the schedule, as the company was given until November 15 to finish the job, says the Walla Walla Union.

Rhodes & Dillon of Medford had the contract for the grading which was started last year and completed early this summer. The new road will be one of the best stretches of gravel road in this section, although the 10-mile stretch between the new road and the gravel highway out of Weston is in poor condition.

Graveling of the short section just outside of Weston leading to the Weston mountain road is now being done. If Umatilla county should eventually decide to finish their part of this road there will be an excellent road to Tollgate.

## W. C. T. U. Elect Officers

Mrs. Barney Foster was hostess to the W. C. T. U. at her attractive farm home, Tuesday afternoon. The following officers were elected for the coming year: president, Mrs. Louis Keen; vice-president, Mrs. Clarence Tubbs; secretary, Mrs. Stella Keen; treasurer, Mrs. Jesse Gordon, Mrs. Chas. Betts and Mrs. Stella Keen were appointed delegates to the county convention to be held in Pendleton, October 3 with Mrs. D. A. Pinkerton and Mrs. Tubbs as alternates. Mrs. Tubbs presented an interesting program followed by two piano solos by Arleen Foster. Mrs. Foster assisted by Mrs. Kohler Betts served dainty refreshments. Mrs. D. A. Pinkerton will be the next hostess, October 28. The county convention of the W. C. T. U. will be held at the Presbyterian church in Pendleton, October 3, beginning at 9:30 a. m. All those who can be urged to attend. A pot luck luncheon will be served at noon.

## Henry Schroeder Stricken

Henry Schroeder, the well known carpenter who has been employed in Athena for a number of years, suffered a serious paralytic stroke Monday forenoon while at work at the Sheldon Taylor farm home southeast of town. The left side was affected by the stroke and Mr. Schroeder was unable to speak. He was removed to his home at Weston, and but slight improvement has been noted in his condition.

## Myrick Gets Scholarship

Eldon Myrick, Athena high school graduate and prominent scholastic athlete, who matriculated at Whitman college, has been awarded a scholarship covering the first semester. He is turning out for practice on Nig Borleske's Missionary football squad and gives promise of making the team.

## Snow Falls At Tollgate

Winter moved a little closer to this district when heavy snow fell in Tollgate and Table rock sections on top of the Blue mountains Wednesday. Temperature there was below freezing. The snow at Tollgate is two weeks later than usual.

## Russian Wheat Under-sells American Product 10c; Soviet Controls Price

Chicago.—Russia held the whip hand on grain prices Monday, offering large quantities of wheat abroad 10c a bushel lower than similar wheat from North America. But regardless of how much or little the Russian government actually was selling in speculation markets here or elsewhere, the outstanding fact was that Russia was making a price standard low enough to shut out competitors in Europe.

Meanwhile, Northern American wheat export business was virtually at a standstill, and the United States wheat visible supply mounted to a total never before equalled.

Lowest prices of the day in the Chicago wheat pit came just before the close and followed a notice that the United States wheat visible supply total had increased 3,947,000 bushels, last week and had reached the huge aggregate of 202,620,000 bushels compared with 188,343,000 bushels a year ago.

Much interest was aroused among wheat traders by British advices that Russia undoubtedly intended to ship out big quantities of wheat this year without any apparent regard to the welfare of her population.

In this connection it was said the Russian government's paramount need was money, and that the most realizable asset was products of agriculture. This report seemingly was borne out by Rotterdam cables telling of persistent heavy selling pressure in Russia at prices against which no other wheat could meanwhille be considered.

The charge of Secretary Hyde that short selling of wheat in the Chicago pit by the Russian government contributed at least in part to the recent decline in prices was reiterated by Chairman Legge of the Federal Farm board.

At the same time, he advised farmers to purchase wheat now at a low price and use it as livestock feed.

"Then there would be an end to all this excitement," Legge asserted. "There would be no wheat for sale."

The department of agriculture joined in advising the purchase of food-stuffs at this time.

## Change In Blue Mountain Boy Scout Executives

Nothing definite as to who might take the place of Douglas Hawley, as Blue Mountain Scout executive has been decided upon, it was stated following a meeting at Walla Walla, of the executive board of the Blue Mountain council with John H. Piper, regional scout executive. The council met with Mr. Piper for another meeting Tuesday afternoon.

While no decision has been reached in regard to Mr. Hawley's successor, the board is considering Oscar Hoover, formerly of Walla Walla, and now scout executive at Klamath Falls, Oregon. Mr. Hoover was suggested by Mr. Piper.

The board expects to take definite action within the next two or three weeks. Following last night's meeting Mr. Piper left for Spokane.

## Methodist Society Meets

Sixteen members were present at the season's first meeting of the Methodist Society at the home of Mrs. Clarence Hand Wednesday afternoon. A business session, a feature of which was the election of officers resulted in the following being elected to serve for the ensuing year: president Mrs. Will Read; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Clarence Hand; reporter, Mrs. R. A. Duffield. The usual study course will be taken up with a special leader for each meeting. A social hour followed the business meeting with Mrs. Harden and Mrs. Frank Coppock serving at the tea hour. The next meeting will occur at the home of Mrs. Frank Williams with Mrs. Arthur Coppock and Mrs. Clarence Hand assisting.

## New Trial Allowed

George Schneider, 57-year-old Walla Walla brewery foreman convicted of first degree murder for the slaying of his young wife with a meat ax, won a new trial when the state supreme court reversed the Walla Walla county court on the grounds reversible error was committed in not allowing a nonexpert witness to testify upon the question of the defendant's mental condition.

## Fractured His Arm

Frank Garrett, foreman on the Henry Koeppel farm, south of Athena had the misfortune to break his right arm just above the wrist while cranking a tractor, Tuesday. He came to town and Dr. McKinney reduced the fracture. Mr. Garrett is carrying his arm in splints and will be incapacitated for work for several weeks.

## Weston Potato Show

The executive committee having direction of the annual potato show at Weston November 7 and 8 met Monday evening, with Chairman Blomgren presiding. The premium list, says the Leader, was revised and adopted and the class for standard seed potatoes dropped. It was determined to have a program of entertainment on the evening of Saturday, November 8.

## AMPLE CREDIT FOR HANDLING OF CROP

### Orderly Disposal Expected To Be Possible Through Federal Banks.

Washington, D. C.—The federal reserve board announced that the 12 federal banks of the country were ready and able to extend ample credit facilities for financing the marketing of the agricultural crops in an orderly manner.

The statement was made after a preliminary conference of the federal reserve banks, at which they reviewed the agricultural, general economic and credit situations throughout the country.

The board said it was "assured and satisfied that in each of the 12 federal reserve districts ample credit facilities are available for financing the marketing of crops and that such facilities are being provided by the banks and other agencies concerned in the orderly marketing of agricultural commodities."

The statement said it was the view of the conference that the extension of credit to support the orderly marketing of crops, at all times an important function of the federal reserve banks, was of special importance now.

The board said that to accomplish that end the federal reserve banks would continue their efforts to acquaint their communities with the facilities of the system and the disposition of the management of the banks to help meet the problems connected with the marketing of the crops.

## Hermiston Meets Athena Hi School This Afternoon

Hermiston comes to Athena this afternoon to play Athena high school on the local gridiron, the game beginning at three o'clock.

Coach Miller announces a shift in his backfield. Hansell will be removed from the line to strengthen and speed up the rear division of the Athena lineup. Emery Rogers, who has been absent until this week will also be in suit. Business houses will close during the game and a large attendance is expected.

Following is the schedule of games as compiled to date:

September 26, Hermiston at Athena; October 3, open; October 17, Weston at Athena; October 24, Athena at Kenniwick; October 31, Pilot Rock at Athena; November 7, Athena at Weston; November 14, Athena at Touchet; Thanksgiving Day, open.

## Deer Hunting Is Rapped By Lumber Company

The Westwood Lumber company, with headquarters in Tillamook county, has sent a letter to Governor Norblad urging that the deer season be closed because of the hazardous fire conditions existing in the coast counties.

It was alleged in the letter that hunters had set two fires in the holdings of the lumber company, with the result that considerable merchantable timber had been destroyed.

Governor Norblad, in a statement issued recently, made it plain that he would not close the deer season after October 1.

## Julian Picard Dies

Julian Picard, for many years a Umatilla county rancher died Wednesday of last week at the Multnomah Hospital. He had lived in Portland for the past 18 months. Mr. Picard was born July 24, 1867, in St. Paul, Ore. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Belle Picard, Portland; one son, Clem Picard, Pendleton; one daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Ensbj, Garibaldi, Ore., a brother, John Picard, St. Paul, Ore.; and three sisters, Mrs. Mary Rainville, Pendleton; Margaret Jett, St. Helens, and Mrs. Virginia Bervin, Portland.

## Adams Ladies Community Club

The Adams Ladies Community club held their first meeting for the year at their club rooms last Thursday afternoon. The nominating committee was elected to select officers for the coming year. Mrs. Maude DuPuis, Mrs. Ann Christian and Mrs. Laura Lienallen form the committee. Many interesting plans for the year's work were discussed.

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