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VICE PRESIDENT DOESN'T JAR BOARD

Refuses To Promise That None of Last Crop Will Be Sold Now.

Washington.—The farm board stood by its wheat sales policy during a two hour conference with Vice-President Curtis and Senator Capper of Kansas, but did not assure them it would not sell any of last year's surplus "at the present range of prices."

The two Kansans demanded that the board refuse to sell any of the 200,000,000 bushels of wheat carried over from last year until the price of this year's crop has reached 85 cents a bushel.

The board clung firmly to its announced policy of selling the surplus at the rate of 5,000,000 bushels a month when and if prices improve.

Leaving the conference room, Capper termed the position of the board "unsatisfactory." Curtis was displeased but said he was "hopeful."

Both apparently were willing to rest their case with the board and had abandoned temporarily a plan of appealing to President Hoover.

Senator Watson of Indiana, the republican leader, previously had gone to the board with a demand that last year's surplus be held off the market entirely during the marketing of this year's crop. He too was ready to leave the issue with the board.

In making their appeal Curtis and Capper said Kansas wheat farmers were being forced to sell at well below 50 cents a bushel. They attributed a recent decline in the price of wheat to the policy of the farm board in dealing with last year's surplus.

"I regard the farm board's policy as unsatisfactory," said Capper. "Farmers are not getting the cost of production for their wheat and I believe an announcement by the board that it would hold off last year's surplus would improve the price."

Curtis said the board emphasized the line in its announcement of July 1 "that it is not the purpose of the corporation to make any immediate sales even of those limited amounts at the present range of prices."

Professional Golf Player May Give Lessons Here

Jimmy Moore, professional golf player of the Walla Walla Country club was in Athena Monday and went out to Pinkerton's new golf course. He is reported to have been very well pleased with layout of the course and made a few suggestions along lines of improvement.

It is possible that Mr. Moore will make regular visits to Athena for the purpose of instructing members of the Athena Golf Club, should a sufficient number signify their willingness to form a class.

Interest among the local players continues unabated. The evening play seems to be popular, and a number of club members are sure to be seen on the links at that time, although other parts of the day are chosen by members for practice and playing periods.

Home From B. C.
Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Swift have returned home after an extended visit in British Columbia. En route they visited the E. O. Lee family at Wenatchee. They were guests of Mrs. Swift's brother Lonnie Copenhaver at Vancouver and Victoria, B. C. Mr. Copenhaver has a string of six horses with which he attends all leading race tracks in the county. He was at Tia Juana preceding the races at the Lansdowne and Brighthouse tracks in British Columbia. Mr. and Mrs. Swift arrived home Thursday of July coming by way of Yakima and Pasco, driving a new Dodge sedan.

Operation Performed
E. A. Dudley underwent a surgical operation at Good Samaritan hospital in Portland yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Dudley and Vern Dudley left Athena Wednesday morning for Portland. Reports previous to the operation were to the effect that Mr. Dudley was thought to be in a satisfactory condition to withstand it safely.

Will Get Doctor's Degree
Rev. Leonard E. Brough, of the White Temple Baptist church, Walla Walla, has been voted a vacation and will leave the end of this week to attend the annual congress of ministers, Bible teachers and students at Pike's Peak Bible seminary, Colorado, and to receive his degree of Doctor of Theology.

William Blakley Ill
William Blakley Umatilla county pioneer and ex-sheriff, is reported very ill at his home in Pendleton. Mr. Blakley who has hosts of friends in Athena and vicinity has been ill for some time. He is approaching his 91st birthday anniversary.

"Story of Menlo" California School and Junior College

The Athena Press has been presented with an autographed copy of "The Story of Menlo," by the author, Lowry S. Howard, president of Menlo School and Junior College. The volume was handed the editor by Prof. F. C. Adams who has the chair of mathematics at Menlo and who with Mrs. Adams is spending the summer at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Watts, in Athena.

The book is done in the highest stroke of the printer's art and the text discloses a clean cut ideal of curriculum achievement in this fine junior college for young men and boys. A high school department has an enrollment of one hundred and forty-five boys. Enrollment at Menlo is selective and the faculty recognizes that it has a definite obligation to the student, and that an applicant must not be accepted until he is fairly certain the school has something constructive to offer him as an individual.

The school is prosperous and progressive. As told in pictures in the volume, Menlo campus is one of the most beautiful, its sequestered nooks luring in the shade of the nationally famous Menlo oaks, its well kept grounds lending enchantment to all who see them.

Close contact with Stanford's personnel and the accessibility of its museums, Memorial church, and library afford Menlo much assistance in its educational program.

Four new buildings in recent years have added greatly to the facilities of Menlo. They include four adequate buildings—College Hall, a new gymnasium, a new classroom building and a new infirmary, to which soon is to be added a modern dormitory.

Has Leg Amputated

It was reported here two weeks ago that Chas. Booher had his leg amputated to secure relief from gangrene which had infected one of his toes. This report was incorrect, but an operation was found necessary last week, so Carl Christian of Adams, son-in-law of Mr. Booher, informs the Press. Mr. Booher is in a critical condition, but hopes are entertained for his recovery. His daughter, Mrs. Christian, and his two sons are with the patient at this time.

Arlington Defeated

The Mission Indians champions in the Umatilla county league defeated the Arlington team of the Wheatland league by the score of 6-0 at Pendleton, Sunday. The game was played in the dust storm but was interesting enough to draw attendance of a fair crowd. A number from Athena attended the game and report that Beetles, Indian pitcher was in fine form. The teams winning one each will play the third game at Arlington.

Herd Now Numbers Five

"Sundown" a beautiful 3-year-old chestnut sorrel filly, with star in forehead and white stockings on her rear legs, has joined Bill Richards' herd of ponies, swelling the number to five. But "Sundown" is something more than mere pony; she displays in carriage and general confirmation, the blood lines of a thoroughbred and Judge Richards believes that if properly broken and handled, Bill will have one of the finest saddlers in Eastern Oregon.

Body Found in Crevasse

The body of Robert K. Zinn, Oregon State college athlete who plunged to his death on Mount Rainier Sunday, was removed from a crevasse at 9:30 o'clock Tuesday morning by a party of four searchers, a telephone message to the Tacoma News-Tribune from the mountain at noon said. The crevasse into which Zinn plunged was about 75 feet from the upper rim of the Nisqually glacier.

Gas Sales Increase

Oregon motorists consumed 7,210,699 more gallons of gasoline during the first five months of 1931, than they did in the same period of 1930, according to figures compiled by Secretary of State Hoss. The report showed that during the first five months of this year 65,408,009 gallons were sold, compared with 58,197,309 gallons for the same period in 1930.

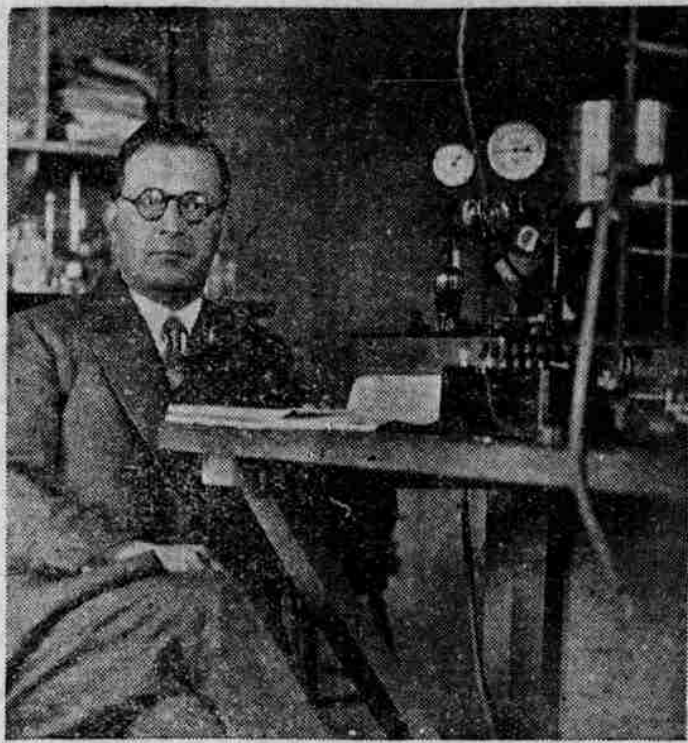
Cultivate Morning Glory

Wasco county agent W. Wray Lawrence reports that the recent heavy rains have caused considerable germination of wild morning glory seeds on plots treated with chemical weed killers last fall, and advises that these plots be cultivated before the roots get established again.

Pea Picking Continues

Picking green peas for market continues under way this week by pickers from the Washington-Idaho Seed company in fields south of Athena. Boys and girls are employed in the work.

U. of O. Man Gains National Honor



For accomplishing the outstanding piece of research in the field of experimental biology in the United States in 1930, Dr. Ernest Gellhorn, professor of physiology at the University of Oregon, was recently awarded the New York Academy of Sciences award. The award is regarded as the foremost recognition for research in this field, and carried with it a cash prize of \$250, which Dr. Gellhorn plans to use for further research.

CHICAGO'S NEW MAYOR



Anton J. Cermak, who was elected mayor of Chicago by a record-breaking majority over "Big Bill" Thompson.

Weston Boy Is Making Good in Nation's Capitol

A current number of "College Grit" under graduate publication of the Washington College of Law, Washington, D. C., speaks well of the success which has fallen to the determined efforts of Claude Snider, a highly esteemed young man of Weston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Snider of that city. The following excerpt from "College Grit" will be read with interest in Athena, where Claude attended high school in his junior year: "Reversing the old adage, 'Go West, young man,' Mr. Snider departed from his home in the State of Oregon four years ago to come East and make good. A Bachelor of Science degree earned at the University of Washington gained him admittance to the Patent Office, where his diligent and conscientious work attracted the attention of a local firm of attorneys, who recommended him for his present position as patent attorney for one of the large manufacturing corporations of Massachusetts. His duties include the organization of a patent department for that company. Passing the District of Columbia bar examination in December before fully completing his school work has been one of Mr. Snider's accomplishments."

Boy Dies From Gunshot

Harley Newport 9 year old Heppner boy died Tuesday as the result of an accidental gunshot wound. The boy was fatally wounded when his uncle was removing some bedding in which a shotgun was wrapped. The gun discharged, the load of shot entering the boy's groin. An emergency operation failed to save the lad's life.

Friends Visit Here

A group of friends and relatives visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Little Wednesday included Mr. and Mrs. George Biggs of Arlington, Mrs. J. L. Blalock and Miss Laura Irby of Portland and Mrs. Wylie of Walla Walla. The party was returning to Arlington and Portland after a visit in Walla Walla.

Motor to Idaho

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pittman motored to Idaho last week-end where they visited Mrs. Pittman's brother's family who live on a farm near Cottonwood. The party spent the Fourth at Grangeville. Crops are good in that vicinity but wages are low and financial conditions are discouraging.

Ukiah Rodeo Events Pleased Large Crowd

Bryce Baker, who assisted in the arena at Ukiah during the cowboys convention and Fourth of July celebration, says that the big show was a financial success and larger crowds than last year were in attendance.

The bucking contest was won by Emery Moore, who made a spectacular ride on "Super Six." Sam Carter was second and Kenneth Dewey, last year's champion, was third.

Tony Vey won the calf roping contest. In the free-for-all George Caldwell won. George Chemault was first in the saddle horse race, Ad Moore won the pony express with Merl Swaggart second. Kenneth Dewey was first in the pack horse race, Max Gilliland took the slow race, Frank Swaggart won the cowboy relay race. Carl Cox, entering "June," won the Ukiah derby.

Officials of the show are George Caldwell, president; Mrs. Ruth Peterson, vice-president and Arthur McRoberts, secretary-treasurer. Directors are J. D. Kirk, Will Scroggin and Walter Blackburn. Race judges were John Brosnan, Bert Scroggin and Frank Hilbert and arena judges were Tony Vey, Herbert Thompson and Herb French. Harlan McCurdy was starter.

Mosier Artesian Well

The Mosier fruit district in the west end of Wasco county was made jubilant Wednesday when an artesian well came in, flowing the largest volume of any well in the mid-Columbia district. The water spouted 4 feet above the 4-inch casing. Water was tapped at 80 feet, the last 20 feet being through basalt. The well is on the N. R. Brooks ranch and was intended for orchard irrigation, but it may be purchased by the city of Mosier for a water supply for domestic use and fire protection.

William Purcell Dead

William Purcell, 76, died Sunday at the home of his son, William, Jr., near Weston. Death was caused by apoplexy. Mr. Purcell formerly resided at Adams, where his wife died two years ago. He is survived by four sons, William of Weston, and Albert Oscar and Dewey of Pendleton; three daughters (Mrs. Teenie Buchanan of Los Angeles, Mrs. Hester Gibson of Wenatchee and Mrs. Lottie Buchanan of Prescott, Wash.).

Grain Exports Rise

Grain exports last week from the United States amounted to 2,236,000 bushels against 1,863,000 bushels the previous week. Commerce department figures gave the following comparisons between last week's exports and those of the week before: Wheat 1,998,000 bushels against 1,739,000; barley, 217,000 against 96,000; corn, 18,000 against 26,000.

Prisoner Taken by Air

The first prisoner to be extradited from Oregon by air, was taken to California by plane this week by J. M. Joseph, "flying deputy" from Contra Costa county. The prisoner, Arthur W. Ross, wanted for forgery, was hand manacled and wore the conventional safety belt padlocked around his waist.

Take Big Loss

A \$20,000 investment went over the auction block at Spokane for \$306.55. A warehouse full of distillery equipment and products for the manufacture of liquor seized by county dry agents was sold. Officers estimated the layout cost former operators \$20,000.

Gov. Meier May Call for Special Session on Taxes

Salem.—Calling upon the 2700 tax levying bodies of Oregon to reduce the next and succeeding tax levies by at least 20 per cent., delegates attending Governor Meier's tax reduction conference here Wednesday threw themselves wholeheartedly back of the governor's demands for retrenchment in public expenditures.

This demand, together with an intimation by Governor Meier that he might call the state legislature into extra session to consider measures necessary to put his tax reduction program into effect and adoption of a motion authorizing the governor to appoint a tax conservation committee of three members in each county constituted the high lights in Wednesday's session, which was attended by 52 invited delegates representing every county in the state.

The resolution calling for the reduction in tax levies was introduced by Leslie Scott of Portland and was endorsed by the unanimous vote of delegates without discussion. In addition to a cut in tax levies, or rather as one means of effecting the proposed reduction, the resolution calls for a reduction in the number of public employees and standardization of salaries paid to public employees.

"Resolved by this assemblage, called by the governor to consider an excessive burden of local property taxes in the counties of Oregon," the resolution reads, "that the 2700 tax levying bodies are hereby called upon to reduce the next and succeeding levies of taxes by at least 20 per cent of the levies for the year 1930; that to this end all possible economies be put in effect; that the number of public employees be reduced and salaries be standardized; that bond issues for new work and improvements be curtailed to bare necessities and that the county committees to be appointed by the governor pursuant to the economy objects of this organization be directed to use all means to carry out the purposes of this resolution."

"Resolved further that these economies are absolutely necessary to the relief of our citizens and the welfare of our state."

Some of the delegates to the conference raised the question as to the authority of the proposed county committees to enforce any tax reductions they might deem advisable.

"If it is necessary to have special legislation on that or any other point in connection with the tax reduction program which this organization might agree upon, the legislature can be called into special session so that we will not have to wait 18 months in order to get action," Governor Meier declared.

The governor's proposal met with a rousing cheer from the delegates to the conference. The governor also offered to call the session at his own expense.

Weston Beans

Albert O'Harra has about 70 acres of Red Mexican beans this year in the Pea Ridge region, and they are growing thrifly, says the Leader. Albert has raised this variety of bean with fairly good returns for twenty years or more, and during that period has lost but two crops—both because of too much instead of too little moisture. Newt O'Harra has a field of white beans in the same locality, and these also look promising.

Fire Destroys Wheat

The first wheat fire of the season in Umatilla county, destroyed the crop of Bob Goad, deputy sheriff, Saturday afternoon. It is believed a fire cracker thrown from the highway, started the blaze. It is reported that one thousand acres of wheat on the R. L. Brock place near Eureka Flat burned Monday. Sixty acres of wheat on the E. H. Richmond and Roy Richmond places four miles from Walla Walla, also burned.

Harvesters May Swim

There is reasonable assurance, so it is reported to the Press, that there will be an adequate supply of water for the Legion swimming pool through the harvest period. With the pool in operation through the hot weather, town patrons and harvest crews will doubtless take advantage of the bathing and swimming facilities there.

Ship Live Stock by Boat

Back in 1914, seventeen years ago, the last shipment of livestock from the Umatilla project was made by boat to Portland. This week river shipment of livestock was resumed when a bunch of cattle was sent aboard the sternwheeler, Umatilla, at Umatilla landing.

In Alabama Next

While thousands of visiting Elks from all parts of the country made merry in various parts of Seattle, the grand lodge of the order elected officers and chose Birmingham, Ala., as the 1932 convention city.

First Reports on Harvesting New Crop Is Increase

The first reports from harvesting operations in the light soil districts are to the effect that an increase in yield over previous estimates is resulting where ever machines are at work.

In the lower Pine Creek district, where the R. B. McEwen machine started threshing Wednesday, H. A. Barrett says he expects more than average crop from his light soil acreage.

The late rains were of great benefit to the crops in the Pilot Rock district, and also in the Juniper and lower Cold Springs section, where harvesting operations are getting under way.

Threshing has commenced in the district south of Adams, where the machines of Harold Barnett, L. L. Rogers and Sam Thompson are at work. Four carloads of new wheat were shipped Tuesday from Adams and Blakley. Machines will be operating in some of the Athena wheat fields next week. Harvesting some of the early variety of peas on land south of Athena has been under way this week, and in a few days pea harvesting will be in full swing.

First day reports of yields in Walla Walla county were brought to Walla Walla Tuesday by wheat farmers, with three growers announcing larger production than was anticipated.

All of these yields were in lighter land sections where fears were had that production would be greatly curtailed. One grower, expecting a 2000-bushel crop, purchasing sacks for this amount, was forced to buy 700 more sacks with a production of 1500 bushels more than expected.

Another grower near the lower end of Eureka Flat reported a 35-bushel an acre crop where his normal crop is 20 bushels an acre. Another grower made a purchase of 1200 more sacks after having filled 2000 sacks.

Others reported normal crop yields were probable where a week ago predictions were made for a short crop.

Kansas Plans Retaliation

The Columbus, Kansas, chamber of commerce dispatched a telegram to Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas intimating it may sponsor a movement to discontinue buying eastern manufactured goods in retaliation for the east's reputed sentiment in favor of 38 cent wheat. The telegram stated: "If the east is so strong for 38 cent wheat, Kansas is going to go barefooted until she buys shoes at \$2.50 a pair and other eastern goods on the same basis."

Swimming Teacher Selected

The county Red Cross has selected a swimming teacher who will visit those towns in the county having swimming tanks or natatoriums and give free instructions in swimming and first aid demonstrations. Miss Jane Winter of Pendleton has been chosen for the position and next month she will give instructions at Athena, Milton-Freewater, Hermiston, Echo and Stanfield.

Inn at Oregon Caves

George Sabin of Grants Pass announced that construction would start immediately on a \$50,000 mountain lodge and hotel at Oregon Caves. The structure will be patterned after Swiss chalets and will be of four stories. The Oregon Caves reserve is in the Siskiyou national forest district. The government recently spent thousands of dollars improving the highway leading to the resort.

Scouts Court of Honor

Features for this week at Camp Rotary, Boy Scout camp of the Blue Mountain council include the court of honor held Sunday, the visit of John H. Piper of Spokane, regional scout executive, and W. C. Wessell of New York city, assistant national director, department of camping, who arrive in Walla Walla Wednesday morning, and hikes started Wednesday and yesterday by four groups.

A Real Dust Storm

A pall of fine dust settled over Eastern Oregon Sunday, so thick that at times vision was restricted to a distance of several feet and lights were used in homes. No wind was noticeable in Athena, the dust slowly rolling up from the northwest, leaving a heavy gray blanket of dirt on trees, lawns and buildings.

Heat Proves Fatal

The first death in Oregon reported from heat occurred Monday at Springfield, when Mrs. Nancy Conrad, 78, died from prostration at Marshfield where the maximum temperature was 95 degrees.

Temperature Climbs

Temperature in the heretofore seasonal cool Pacific northwest began climbing Tuesday, reaching 97 at Portland. Pendleton reported 101, Wednesday the record for Athena was 96.

RIGHT TO SUSPEND LICENSES DENIED

Attorney-General Rules in Oregon City Case—Test in Court.

A Salem special to the Morning Oregonian, Wednesday, says that Judge Tatro of the Oregon City justice court does not possess the authority to suspend an automobile driver's license because that driver has not obtained new license plates.

This opinion was handed to Governor Meier by J. H. Van Winkle, attorney-general. Mr. Van Winkle holds in his opinion that the failure to obtain proper license plates is not a valid reason under the law for the suspension of a driver's license by any justice of the peace.

State officials kept close touch with the situation at Oregon City, where Robert Phillips, state traffic officer, working under the direction of Secretary of State Hoss, swore to warrants of arrest for seven motorists ordered to be in court with their license plates Tuesday or face suspension of their driver's license.

Four of the seven failed to appear and warrants were issued for H. Hartley of Eugene, A. Cady of Portland and L. L. Blewins and M. H. Spencer of Oregon City, according to word flashed back to the state house.

S. W. Stark of Oregon City, who represented J. F. Michael of Oak Grove, Thelma Wade of Jennings Lodge and E. B. Anderson, reported that Mr. Mitchell had obtained a license. His other two clients had not purchased licenses, he reported, and he insisted that they were not guilty and demanded jury trials. Arrangements for the trials have not been perfected.

Fortified with the attorney-general's opinion, Governor Meier was reported ready to see that the four persons for whom the warrants were issued shall continue to have the right to operate their cars.

Just what form the governor's action will take has not been revealed, but he is understood to be very determined that his extension of 30 days' grace to tardy license purchasers shall stand, and that any interference with the program shall be overcome.

Blaze in State Prison Does but Little Damage

Fire broke out in the state penitentiary yard at 2:30 p. m. Tuesday but was extinguished before the Salem fire department could reach the prison walls. Fire damaged the state insane hospital Monday at about the same time. There are more than 900 prisoners at the state penitentiary.

James Lewis, superintendent, said the fire broke out in a small shed on the "island" within the walls, where convicts are employed in connection with the flax plant. Sparks from the incinerator caused the fire. The damage was less than \$50.

Good Wheat in B. C.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Rogers and daughter Helen returned Sunday evening from the Dudley Rogers farm near Creston, B. C., where they spent the period over the Fourth. They found Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Rogers and the little grandson well and contented in the new home. Mr. Rogers brought home with him samples of good growing wheat from the L. L. Rogers land holdings at Creston. Favorable weather conditions now prevailing there give reasonable promise of a good crop of grain.

Indians Celebrating

One or two days is generally sufficient to lift the pep for celebrating out of the white man. Not so with his red brother, who when once started celebrates until the next change of the moon and sometimes longer. Today at Mission, there will be a big parade with the Indians and their ponies dressed and painted to conform with ceremonial requirements. A pavilion is used for dances at night, and the public is welcome to join with the Indians in their celebration.

Mrs. Fowler Sentenced

Mrs. Emma Fowler, former city treasurer of La Grande, was sentenced to serve a maximum sentence of ten years in the state prison. She was convicted of misappropriating city funds to the extent of more than \$108,000. The court imposed no fine, and set no minimum sentence.

Joint Celebration

The towns of Hermiston and Stanfield united in a Fourth of July celebration at the latter place. A picnic dinner was a feature of the occasion, J. M. Richards and New Madden were the principal speakers. The Ping City school band furnished music for the celebration.