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ORGANIZATION

After a week of trouble and turmoil in which Portland milk supply was threatened and open warfare between dairy farmers and organized distributors prevailed, a truce was made and temporary settlement achieved. Disclosures have been made that the milk business in Portland is controlled by an organized creamery and milk products combination that forced the price of raw milk down to a point where the dairyman was faced with producing milk at a loss. The same condition prevails in other sections of the country. Fred H. Sexauer, president of the Dairymen's League Cooperative Association of New York, recently stated that the problems confronting dairy farmers of his territory are the gravest of any in the last 30 years. "Most of the causes behind the problems facing dairymen today are outside their control as individuals," Mr. Sexauer said. "In the present crisis not only must farmers work together more closely, but so must their organizations." In other words, unorganized farmers will continue to receive low prices for what they sell until they bring the force of organization to bear on their problems.

The following declaration made by an industrial journal of prominence harks back to the days of '98: "The decline in the value of silver coinage is a prime reason for the continuance of unsatisfactory world economic conditions. Country after country has gone to the gold standard, though there is not enough of the precious metal to carry on the commerce of the world. Only a revival of silver can offset the situation."

The cigarette is no longer the peculiar property of the male. In high-class tobacco shops in New York pipes which will hold about enough tobacco to kill a moth, with gold and platinum decorations and studdings of semi-precious stones, are sold to women—the pipe is no longer a purely masculine appurtenance.

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Fire has seared thousands of acres of lands in Idaho and Montana, leaving in their wake black and charred desolation, where formerly refreshing green marked the landscape. No greater scene of utter ruin greets the eye than a scope of recent burned-over virgin timber ridges.

And now Poland declares that she will "fight to the last man" to defend the status quo so far as she is concerned. Status quo with her, meaning that which she now has in territorial possessions. Well, there has been more than one war started over the same declaration.

The latest war is reported from Berlin, where reds and police battled in a public square. The police were attacked by gunfire from housetops, much to the displeasure of the populace which ducked under awnings and sought safety behind lamp posts.

Portland is knitting sports suits for the women of England. They are made from Oregon wool, fashioned by the hands of Oregon labor, which means that aside from transportation charges, the money will be left in Oregon, where it belongs.

Texas editor who battled "over there" in the World War believes the only way the disarmament conference will effect desired results is through the elimination of profits. "Eliminate all profits, and you will thereby eliminate all wars," says he.

Pangborn and Herndon will know Japan better when they leave there. Any school boy would know it to be the height of folly to photograph the fortifications of a friendly nation.

The San Francisco Chronicle gives as the definition of state rights: "Certain privileges the people enjoyed before they turned to the Federal government and said, 'gimme.'"

Athena got better acquainted with Pilot Rock in the golf tournament played between the two clubs Sunday. That's another good thing about the game of golf.

Scientists tell us that if ever there is another war it will be won not with

infantry, cavalry and tanks, but by gas toled around in airplanes.

Youth is crowding age off the golf links, although John D., continues to cop a birdie, now and then.

Hot? Oh yeah. In spots.

TAXES

(Walla Walla Union)

Morris Edwards, who is the tax specialist for the United States Chamber of Commerce, has been visiting the Northwest recently and has been giving talks on taxes which hit the well-known nail squarely on the head. His statements agree with the opinion held by the Union, which is that reduction of taxes will not be effected until the people consent to curtailment of the services performed by the government.

Organized minorities, Mr. Edwards said, storm tax levying bodies and demand this and that additional service. In 15 years, while national wealth has doubled, public expenditures have increased four times and public debt has increased seven times. The present method is putting a mortgage on future wealth and income with a vengeance.

Any one who has been present at meetings of public bodies knows that the demands that the units of government keep doing more for the people are increasing. Groups appear before the boards with well backed arguments to show why this, that or the other will help and will only add a fraction of a cent to the tax dollar. Pile these on top of each other, as has been done, and the total soon becomes staggering. Any one who has attended these meetings knows that until the very last few years there have been no protests against these expenditures. The governing bodies heard but one side of the case, the arguments of those who favored the expenditures. Naturally they thought the public demanded the improvement, because there was no protest. Of late years there have been protests and expenditures have been held down, but it is the things started previously which are piling up and making themselves felt.

Just as long as we expect the government, (and by this we mean the United States, state, county, city or whatever unit you name) to do everything for us at public expense, just that long will taxes be high. There can be no other conclusion. Public expenditures have to come out of private pockets, and this fact is too often overlooked.

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IF NOT THIS, WHAT?
(Morning Oregonian)

The thing that seems to have come upon the world is a condition whereunder a part of the population can and does produce all of everything that the whole population needs or can consume. Modern machinery and improved methods of production have brought it to pass. Since a part of us produce enough for all of us there is nothing left for the others to do. As these are deprived of work their income ceases and with it their buying power. Out of that condition come under-consumption, business stagnation and the surplus.

If that analysis is correct—and economic analysts are coming more and more to accept it—then the condition can find relief only through a thoroughgoing readjustment and redistribution of employment. The work of the world will have to be spread out among more people. We shall have to come to the shorter working day and the shorter working week.

Manifestly, if every business and industry, public and private, would cut the working week from six days to five, all would have work for one-sixth more people than are now employed to maintain present output or activity. To do that it would be necessary to readjust pay in accordance with the readjustment working period. Payrolls in total would remain unchanged. Plainly they could not be increased in these times, because hardly one concern in ten is making more than a nominal profit and many are taking losses.

Those who contend that a shortened week with correspondingly shortened pay would work toward the lowering of the American standard of living would better face the fact that to the increasing thousands out of work and out of income the problem is that of being allowed to earn any kind of a living at all. The question is becoming one as to whether it is better to spread the work and the pay out a little or go on employing and paying some by the standards of prosperous days while others remain destitute.

When we talk of the American standard of living in these times a necessary correlative is consideration of the standard of American manhood and womanhood. Any system of doles would ruin that latter standard for thousands. The only alternative to the dole seems to be the finding of some means to decrease unemployment. The shortened working week would operate in that direction. And if there is anything better than can be substituted in the present emergency, what is it?

22 Years Ago

Friday, August 20, 1909

Joe Rainville and Louie Hebeart were up before the police court Tuesday afternoon, charged with fighting and disturbing the peace. The evidence pointed to Rainville as being the aggressor and Hebeart would have got off without a fine, but his tongue, lubricated with near beer, would run away with itself. He was admonished by the court to keep quiet, but he would steam up, and \$7.50 imposed for contempt, did not stop his talk-fest. His near beer oration reached its climax when he told Judge Richards that he considered the fine to be a present to the court. Such generosity stunned the judge, but not sufficiently to cause him to overlook such a glowing opportunity, so he promptly taxed the gentleman \$10 more, and Mr. Hebeart paid \$17.50 into the city treasury and still had his jag left to go home on. Rainville was fined \$7.50.

D. B. Jarman was over from Weston Sunday.

Wm. Blakeley was in town from Pendleton Tuesday.

A son was recently born to Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Peebler, of Pendleton.

Herman Beverly, of the law firm of Peterson & Wilson, spent a couple of days at Echo this week.

Peter West, the well known divorce lawyer, died at his home near Pendleton, Wednesday.

Louis LaBrasche and family will leave in a few days for Woodward's toll gate, on an outing trip.

Stacked grain in a field of 140 acres, belonging to Ed Kidder, near Pendleton, was destroyed by fire Wednesday.

Threshing in this vicinity is practically over, and wheat hauling now occupies the time of the farmer.

James Richards, brother of B. B., leaves today for his home in Corvallis, after a season in the Umattilla harvest fields.

Miss Essie Foss will leave Sunday for Spokane, where she contemplates taking a course in the Blair Business college.

J. E. Jones and James Henderson of the Mosgrove Mercantile company spent Sunday at McDougall's camp, in the mountains.

Fishing is reported good on the Umattilla. Ed Koontz and Byron Hawks each made a good catch in that stream, Sunday.

The Portland live stock market remains firm. Wednesday, the price of

hogs again reached 9 cents. Fifty-six head were sold at that figure.

The Banister crew finished threshing the T. J. Kirk field south of town Wednesday. Forty-eight bushels per acre was the yield. No smut.

Walter McCormack, the Pendleton automobile dealer, was in town Tuesday afternoon. He was driving a Franklin roadster, model 1910.

Col. Raley and Dr. Summerville of Pendleton, riding in an auto, ran a race with five elk along the public highway, 15 miles above Pilot Rock, on the Birch Creek mountain road. What do you know about that?

J. V. Mitchell, telegraph operator for the O. R. & N. company, who has been holding down relief "tricks" for the boys up in the Palouse is again at his old post.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Johns and sons left last Saturday for Portland and Seattle, before returning to Long Beach, Calif., where they expect to make their future home.

Since the burning of the Banister separator Saturday afternoon, near this city, smut explosions have caused the destruction of three other machines, in the Pendleton section.

W. L. Davis, Athena's old-time shoemaker, dropped in on his friends Tuesday. Mr. Davis resides at North Yakima. Last week he was overcome with heat at Pasco, which necessitated his spending a few days in a Walla Walla hospital.

T. J. Kirk purchased the Bonifer place on the reservation, consisting of 240 acres, this week. This is one of the best wheat ranches on the reservation. Mr. Kirk gave \$80 per acre for one 80, and \$75 per acre for 160 acres. It is his intention to improve the place and see to it that a family resides there.

John Froome, who purchased the 2 1-2 acre tract on which the Ogle se-

idence is located, is practically demonstrating what can be done in the vegetable line on the Athena Land & Trust company's acre tracts. Mr. Froome has at this time in his garden fine crisp lettuce, radishes, carrots, cabbages, etc.

Charlie Brown, as well as some other people, has learned that it is best not to take off the bridles from horses in the harness. Trying this experiment Wednesday evening, he was astonished to see his gray nag start toward home at full speed. The delivery wagon was upset and a wheel smashed. Mrs. Estes, while endeavoring to stop the mare was knocked down, but received no serious injury. Charles will hereafter unhitch before removing the bridle.

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Editorial

In Kansas they can trade ten bushels of wheat for a marriage license. But how can that help the farmer who is already married?

A. M. Johnson, Editor

Take a look at your roof, everyone else does. Is it a fitting cover for your home or does it need repairing or perhaps a complete new roof? The hot summer days bring out the weak spots and the first fall rains will go right thru and into the house unless the roof covers you like it should.

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