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WHEAT SHIPMENTS BOUND FOR CHINA

Export Shipments by Farmers National Grain Corporation Heavy.

Loaded with 22,000 barrels of flour milled from Pacific northwest wheat, the motor ship Granville sailed recently from Portland for China. Her cargo is a part of the 15,000,000-bushel wheat sale to the Chinese government. The ship is pictured in the next column, at Terminal No. 4 pier at Portland, being loaded by Farmers National Grain Corporation, national cooperative marketing agency.

In the background can be seen the towering workhouse of the terminal grain elevator. Back of this, but not visible in the picture, are three huge grain warehouses built by Farmers National to clear wheat out of inland Empire country storehouses and make way for the 1931 crop. In the inset at the side is pictured the machine that sacks the flour at the Portland Terminal Flour Mills. At the top of the bag is visible a part of the phrase, "For Flood Relief Use," specified in the China sale contract to prevent the wheat and flour being resold in the Orient instead of used for relief purposes. The machine fills 250 sacks an hour.

The China sale cleared out the entire wheat surplus of the Pacific northwest and is credited with being the principal factor in boosting inland Empire wheat prices to about 7 cents a bushel above the Chicago market.

Wheat shipments by water from Pacific northwest ports during October by Farmers National Grain Corporation, national cooperative sales agency, were unusually heavy, according to a statement made by Henry W. Collins, vice president in charge of the Pacific coast division.

"Shipments from Portland and Puget Sound ports last month totaled more than 2,250,000 bushels, exclusive of the exports to the Chinese government on the 15,000,000-bushel sale for flood relief uses," said Mr. Collins.

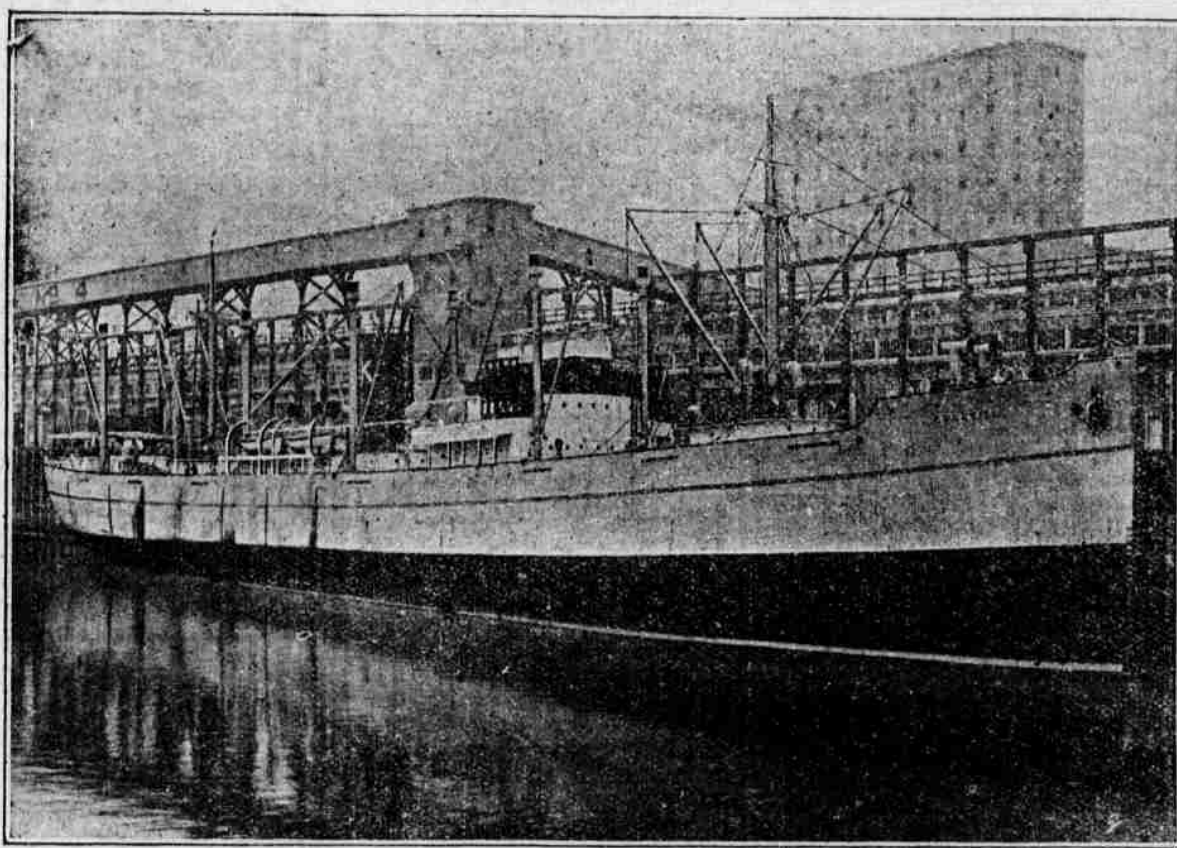
"From Portland, we loaded 1,248,110 bushels, while 1,034,508 bushels were shipped from Puget Sound ports."

Interesting Meeting Held
An interesting meeting of the W. C. T. U. attended by 13 members, occurred Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Margaret Banister. Mrs. G. N. Fivecoat of Caldwell, Idaho, and Mrs. William McPherson were guests for the afternoon. The annual election of officers was held with the following result, president, Mrs. Louis Keen; vice-president, Mrs. W. O. Read; secretary, Mrs. C. H. Northrop; treasurer, Mrs. Jess Gordon. Mrs. E. B. Foster and Mrs. Leon Miller were appointed as a committee for the selection of program leaders for the ensuing year. Mrs. Lewis Stewart employing the subject "Benefits of Prohibition," presented a splendid program. Plans were made for the next meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. Stella Keen, December 15, when gifts for the Childrens Farm Home at Corvallis will be received for a box to be sent by the local organization. Gifts from others than members will be thankfully received, and toys, books and clothing will be acceptable. Mrs. Louis Keen assisted the hostess in serving refreshments at the close of the afternoon.

Dell Home Completed
With the exception of a couple of coats of paint on the exterior, the York Dell remodeled home on North Third Street is completed. The interior work has been finished this week and Mr. Dell is enjoying a fine, cozy home. The remodeling of the Dell residence resulted from a fire last summer, which destroyed the upper portion of the building. The work of remodeling was done principally by York and Henry Dell, with Jim Ashworth, Weston carpenter, employed part time.

Duck Season Open
The duck season opened Monday at noon and will close December 16, giving hunters one month to shoot migratory water fowl. The open season was curtailed by the federal biological survey when it was found that drought conditions in the hatching grounds had greatly depleted the number of birds. Hunting conditions were reported good in the county on the opening day of the season.

Tuberculosis Seal Sale
Thomas Thompson of Pendleton has been appointed county chairman of the annual sale of tuberculosis health seals. The sale which is sponsored by the Umatilla County Health association, will open the day following Thanksgiving.



Loading Wheat for China Shipment



The Intangibles Tax Law Is Hit in a New Suit Filed At Salem

Salem.—In a suit alleging violation of the 6 per cent tax limitation as provided by statute, Isabelle M. A. Barnes attacked the 1931 intangible tax law. The suit was filed immediately after an amended complaint on the original attack on the intangibles filed by Maude B. Green and Mary A. Caswell was entered.

In the new complaint filed with the circuit court here, the state tax commission and governor Meier are made defendants. The plaintiff asks for a restraining order of the court to prevent further collection of the 1931 tax and for a refund of all intangible taxes paid in 1931. The tax was collectible last June.

The plaintiff contended that the state tax commission made no provision for the intangibles tax enactment when the base was made up in December, 1930. Since all proceeds from the 1931 intangibles tax collection, after collection expenses are paid, go into the state general fund and since the base determined by the tax commission in 1930 was 6 per cent higher than in 1929, plaintiff holds the 6 per cent limitation is exceeded by the exact amount of the net intangibles taxes collected.

Maude B. Green and Mary A. Caswell amended complaint to their original attack on the 1931 intangibles tax alleges that the measure is discriminatory, and thus in violation of the state and federal constitutions providing for equal taxation on all similar classes of property. Since banks are omitted from taxation upon intangibles, the plaintiffs declare the law is invalid and ask for a restraining order from the court upon the tax commission, holding up any further collection of the tax.

Four Trapped in Snow
Four Wallace Idaho residents, R. L. Cline, his mother Mrs. Taylor, Sherman Bohon, Mrs. Archie Stevens and Peter Matson, deer hunting in the Little North Fork country were trapped in deep snow for ten days when their car stalled. All but Matson who had gone for help, were rescued when a tractor broke the road to the stalled car. The four were returned to their homes after their terrible experience, but Matson has not been heard from. The car and four deer are left to be recovered next spring.

O. W. R. & N. Co. Sues
The O. W. R. & N. Company has brought suit in circuit court against Sheriff Gurdane and Umatilla county to restrain the collection of special road taxes in the Mission-Thorn Hollow road district. The railroad is the chief tax payer in the district and alleges it was so formed as to include railroad property without regard to benefits bestowed by the new road.

Move Here From Pendleton
Mr. and Mrs. H. Baldwin, recent arrivals in the city from Pendleton are occupying the Read cottage in the north part of town. Mr. Baldwin is an employee at the local Standard Oil plant, taking the place of James Hodgen, who was transferred to Pendleton. Two children in the Baldwin family have enrolled in the Athena schools.

Will Hammer Ill
Mrs. Laurence Pinkerton was called to Walla Walla Wednesday morning by the serious illness of Will Hammer who is not expected to live, due to the effects of a stroke suffered several days ago. Mrs. Pinkerton was accompanied by Wayne Pinkerton. Mrs. Ad Pinkerton cousin of Mr. Hammer has been at his bedside for several days.

Athena Team Organized for Basketball Schedule

Athena will have a town basketball team entered for play in the winter schedule comprising possibly Pendleton, Athena, Milton, Weston, Adams and Helix.

Athena players who are trying out for positions on the local team and who are practicing at present are Wilbur Harden, Dean Pinkerton, John Milligan, Wayne Pinkerton, Gordon Watkins, Eldon Myrick, Arthur Crowley, Walt Huffman, Dalberth Taylor, Arthur Taylor, Lisle Gray, Oral Michener, Pike Miller, Stafford Hansell, Bryce Baker, Leon Kretzer and C. M. Jones.

Will Kirk is manager for the team and practice is being held in the school gymnasium on nights when the floor is not occupied by the Athena high school teams and league games scheduled for Athena dates will be played there.

The playing season will open Monday evening, November 23, with Pendleton playing Athena here. The admission price will be 25 cents for men and ladies free.

Dairymen Here From Umapine
Bern Banister, old time Athena farmer, but now a dairymen of the Umapine neighborhood was in town Tuesday in company with his son, Lee. Bern has been fairly successful in conducting the dairy farm, which with a large number of Leghorns to assist in keeping grocery bills paid up manages to slip a check into the family stocking once in a while. Bern is up, dressed and shouldering a milk bucket at 3 a. m. every day of the 365 in the year and the only void he feels in the absence of his little grandson, Bobby Stackley, and he says that by hook or crook he is going to have him back next summer.

His Market Scores 95
Monday Bert Logsdon was wearing a smile that wouldn't wear off, and the fixed reason therefor was that under inspection of a state official his Athena Market had scored 95 per cent perfect, higher than any other in the state that has been so far investigated on the present trip of Inspector Jamison of the State Livestock Theft and Meat Market Inspection Department. And besides that, Jamieson informed Logsdon that it was seldom that a market was found that reached that score for cleanliness and sanitary conditions.

Emery Rogers Home
Emery Rogers came home by stage from Creston, B. C., Friday evening. Emery spent the summer after close of school here, at the Dudley Rogers ranch. Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Rogers and little son Bobby will be here, probably next week, to spend a part of the winter.

Meier Returns to Work
Governor Julius L. Meier, after an absence of 12 weeks, returned to the executive offices at the capitol Monday morning. The governor, who had been absent because of illness, looked fine, and said he was feeling fit.

Short Circuit Causes Trouble
A short circuit in the motor of the frigidaire plant down at Watkins Pharmacy Tuesday night, caused trouble and delay in fountain service. A mechanic came up from Pendleton and repaired the damaged motor.

Goes to Mayo
H. H. Lawrence, until recently manager of the Union Oil company plant in Athena, and who moved to Pendleton a couple of weeks ago, has been taken to Rochester, Minn., to be treated at the Mayo institute.

"Second Childhood" Is To Be Repeated Tonight

"Second Childhood," the school play presented at high school auditorium last evening was well received by a large and appreciative audience.

The cast of players which had received capable direction from Mr. Bloom handled their respective parts in a satisfying and creditable manner. The result of diligent rehearsals was noted in easy stage presence and almost total absence of amateurish stiffness and the players gave evidence of thorough conception of their parts by doing some very good acting.

"Second Childhood," which by the way is a delightful three-act farce, will be repeated tonight at the auditorium, when the attendance, because of the unusually low admission price and the fact that 25 per cent of the net proceeds from both presentations should go to the local unemployment fund, should equal that of last night.

Price of admission is 25 cents for adults, and children will be admitted free tonight.

Relief Committee Active
Acting upon information that a family consisting of parents and three children residing south of Athena were in a destitute condition the recently appointed relief committee provided food and clothing and other necessities. The head of the family has been unable to find work for some time with the unhappy result of an empty larder and approaching winter making the situation serious. Such reports and conditions are apt to recur often during the coming winter season, and the committee informs The Press that if those who are more fortunate will keep this in mind, and put aside warm clothing which is not in use, it will be a great help. Mrs. C. E. O. Montague is chairman of the serving committee, and E. C. Rogers of local relief, and any assistance will be gladly received by them and their workers.

Wins 4-H Prize
Walter Jaeger, 20, of Wilsonville, has been named the Oregon winner in the national 4-H meat animal livestock project contest and will receive a gold watch as an award for his work. Jaeger's record will be judged with those of other states to select a sectional winner, who will be awarded an educational prize trip to the 10th National Boys and Girls 4-H club congress in Chicago.

Phoning to Hawaii
J. A. Murray, district manager for the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., announces that telephone service between America and Hawaii will be established next month. The new service will link the Bell system with the Mutual Telephone company in Hawaii, with radio-telephone connections.

Is Improving
Dr. McKinney reports that Vic Harris, who last week suffered a stroke of paralysis, having his left side affected is showing signs of improvement. The patient is now able to talk better and other indications of improvement are noted by Dr. McKinney. Harris is at his home, being attended by Miss Mildred Stanton, nurse.

Is Much Improved
Friends have received news from Mrs. Charles Kirk, who has been ill for several weeks at her home near Creston, B. C., that she has returned from the hospital and is much improved. Her illness was caused from defective teeth and tonsils, causing infection. She was in the hospital three weeks.

Athena Branch Library Is Well Stocked for the National Book Week

Miss Elizabeth J. Olson county librarian made a visit to the Athena Branch library Wednesday afternoon in the interests of National Book week. A most interesting exhibition of modern children's books are on display in the library window.

The list of books covers a range of Westerns, fairy tales, historical tales and general fiction. The titles of some of the most attractive volumes are "Story of the Marys" by Grace Humphrey, which depicts the lives of the 10 most famous women having the name of Mary, whose careers are more interesting than fiction. "Picture Book of Flying" by Frank Dobias; "Man the Miracle Maker," by Hendrick Van Loon; "Jolly Old Whistle," by Herschel Williams; "Under the Truce" by Elizabeth Maddox Roberts. Some in verse form include "Rhymes for Kindly Children," by Ethel Fairmont and "Stars Tonight" by Sara Teasdale.

Saturday's Football Games
Considerable local interest centered in last Saturday's football games with lively conjectures being advanced over the outcome of the Oregon-Oregon State contest at Eugene and the 0-0 score appeared to set well with the alumni of both schools who reside here. Also there was no displeasure noted over the defeat of W. S. C. at Seattle by University of Washington, it being generally conceded that Holingberry's men played a good game to keep the University to a couple of touchdowns.

Orangemen to Play Utah
Portland sports writers elected Oregon State College to play Utah at Portland December 5. The selection was to have been made on the winning team of the Oregon-Oregon State football game played at Eugene last Saturday. The game resulted in a 0-0 tie. Inasmuch as Oregon has two important games scheduled before the date of the Utah game and Oregon State none, the selection of the Beavers is satisfactory all around.

Unique Posters
Posters displayed about town, to advertise the high school play "Second Childhood," are most attractive and worthy of comment. The sketches depict the various characters of the production and are original, artistic and exceptionally well done. The posters were made by students in the art class of Miss Olive Calef. Nylene Taylor is responsible for the sketches and Leland Jenkins and Glenn McCullough did the lettering.

Leave for California
Mrs. Glenn Dudley and little son Glenn, and Mrs. M. L. Watts left Monday by automobile for California. They stopped at Portland over Tuesday, where it was expected Mrs. May Johns would join them on the trip in event her sister, Mrs. Andrew Probstel of Vancouver who is ill was improving.

Motor to Eagle Valley
A. J. Garner and Joe Anderson drove over to Eagle Valley and spent Sunday at the Garner ranch. The fall season has been ideal in Eagle Valley for farm work and the first frost of consequence came only last week. Stock is in good condition and there is ample feed in the valley.

Electing James Hill of Pendleton as president and choosing Condon as the 1932 meeting place, the Eastern Oregon Wheat League concluded its annual session at The Dalles late Saturday.

Football Honors Will Be At Stake Thanksgiving Day

Walla Walla.—Football honors for the Northwestern conference will be at stake here Thanksgiving day when Whitman college and Willamette university meet on the gridiron. This traditional game, which for the third year holds championship possibilities, will be one of the most colorful ever staged in Walla Walla.

Both have "taken one on the nose," Whitman losing to the College of Idaho while Willamette lost to Pacific which in turn was defeated by Whitman.

Willamette, in all the years of football competition, has been able to upset Whitman only once, two years ago Thanksgiving, when before a near record breaking crowd the Salem organization scored a top heavy victory over Borleske's charges. Last year at Salem, Whitman surprised the West, by defeating Willamette 12 to 0.

The dope favors Willamette this year but Big Borleske has a habit of upsetting the dope. This is the veteran coach's 17th season here and local citizens have arranged for a testimonial for him the night before the big game in the form of a banquet.

The game will also be the last one for Buddy Applegate, Whitman captain and sparkplug for the Whitman aggregation. Buddy will play with a broken wrist in a cast but is expected to prove a source of great concern to the entire Willamette team. He rises to the heights when playing this aggregation and being his last game is expected to do so again this year.

Snow and Rain Hold Up Seeding Operations

Beginning Sunday night, the largest amount of precipitation of any week during the year has been recorded in the Athena district. Snow to the depth of half an inch covered the ground Monday morning, and at this writing the snow is from 16 to 20 inches on the summit of the Blue Mountains. The Old Oregon Trail is kept open for travel by the use of snow plows and traffic is not interrupted.

Heavy rains in addition to the snowfall have caused indefinite postponement of fall seeding operations in this section, and general belief exists that no further fall seeding will be done, on extensive scale.

Reports of colder temperatures than have prevailed here. There is six inches of snow on the highway east of LaGrande and in Union and Baker counties thermometers registered 20 above. Automobile traffic between Ontario and Boise was practically tied up Monday.

The Dalles-California highway is reported clear except for snow on Sand mountain south of Bend. The Pacific highway is covered with snow between Wolf Creek and Grants Pass, and there is snow throughout the Sis-kiyous.

McKenzie pass is closed, probably for the winter, although snowplows are being operated in an effort to re-open the highway. Snowplows are being used on the highway between Seattle and Wenatchee, and the Reno-San Francisco highway is reported practically blocked by snow.

Marvin Crawford Has Honors
Marvin Crawford, of Adams, a sophomore student at Willamette University has the honor of belonging to the highest scholarship fraternity group of any on the campus. Each half year a beautiful silver loving cup is awarded to the fraternity with the highest grades. The Sigma Tau house, of which Marvin is a member has just been granted the trophy. The average scholarship of all men in the house was 87.35 and the average for the lowest fraternity was 86.2.

Loan Corporation
W. M. Peterson, J. W. Maloney and L. L. Rogers of Pendleton, have filed articles incorporating the Pendleton Livestock Loan Corporation. The corporation is capitalized at \$100,000, of which 70 per cent will be provided by the U. S. Department of Agriculture under statutory provisions, the remaining 30 per cent of the capital stock to be subscribed locally.

Move to Helix
Mr. and Mrs. A. L. McEwen are making preparations to move into Helix to spend the remainder of the winter. The three boys have been making the seven miles to Helix from the ranch on horseback, but the winter winds are making the trip uncomfortable. Mr. McEwen will be employed in the Helix mill which has recently started operations.

Quick Work
A quick working thief stepped into one of John Bolter's fields on Trout Creek, Deschutes county, the other night and killed a calf, cut out the hind quarters and left the rest.

STEIWER OUTLINES HIS WORK PLANS

Has Three Measures of Particular Local Interest to Oregon.

Before leaving Portland for Washington, Senator Steiwer outlined his plans covering local and general legislative ground to the Oregon Journal. The senator recounted that all summer long he had been in Oregon and over Oregon listening to constituents, learning their wants and, incidentally, building his fences against the day in May, next year, when he will ask renomination of the Republican voters of the state. Now that vacation time is ended he returns to his office in the national capital to make ready for the congressional battle of the winter time, which he predicts will be a hard fought and bitter struggle.

Three measures of particular local interest to Oregon will be pressed in the coming session by Senator Steiwer. For one thing, he will reintroduce and urge to passage the bill which passed the senate at the last session under his sponsorship providing for a waiver by the government of local contribution to the cost of Willamette river improvement from its mouth to Oregon City. This involved the contribution of approximately \$100,000 from local sources as supplemental to federal funds to be spent in development of the river channel for better transportation. The measure was caught in the underflow during the closing days of the last session in the house.

Return by the federal government of \$100,000 put up by Clatsop county for the purchase of the Tongue point property to be used as a naval base also will be sought by the senator. Also he will introduce a bill providing for the relief of George Walther, permanently disabled by prohibition enforcement officers.

Passing to general legislation, nationwide in its scope and effect, the senator will sponsor a measure for the revision of the anti-trust laws to permit curtailment agreements, under governmental regulation, among the so-called natural resource industries. Oregon's particular interest in this would come from its effect upon the logging and lumbering industry.

Considerable attention also will be devoted to the program for utilization of water resources, with chief emphasis on the senator's part laid upon the canalization of the Willamette and the establishment of a definite program for the improvement of the Columbia for transportation and power development.

The Columbia project will be influenced by the report of the army engineers' survey to be laid before the coming congress, and by considerations of practicability.

Continued effort will be made by the senator to provide improved agricultural credit facilities through emergency loans made by the secretary of agriculture, or other governmental agency, and by the adoption of the president's suggestion for re-subscription of the capital stock of the federal land banks. This re-subscription would enable the land banks, by means of additional capital, to modify their foreclosure program and to avoid unnecessary foreclosures. It also would reestablish the value of the bonds held by investors.

High Class Apples
Probably never before have high class apples been sold for such low prices as now being quoted in Athena. Various varieties of apples which have in past years been sold for from \$2 to \$3.50 per box now are being offered the public at the uniform price of 75 cents. Fine, big, red Delicious, golden yellow Winter Bananas, Styman Winesaps, Jonathan and Rome Beauty, all are going at this price. With large crop offerings from the Milton-Freewater orchards, apples are plentiful in the local market and liberal purchasing is reported by dealers.

Section Men on Half Time
Foreman Ramsay and his Northern Pacific section crew, working north out of Athena have been placed on an every other day working schedule for the winter. The cut to half time is a general retrenchment move made by the Northern Pacific and affects all section crews on branch divisions in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. With the arrival of spring, the full time schedule will be resumed.

Motor to Pullman
Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Rogers and daughter Helen, and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Sauze of Walla Walla, motored to Pullman Sunday and spent the day with Mrs. Laura McDonald, sister of Mr. Rogers and Mrs. Sauze. Mrs. McDonald is in poor health, her Umatilla county friends will be sorry to hear.