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## THE END OF STABILIZATION

The decision of the Federal Farm Board to discontinue the stabilization of the wheat price after July 1st, of this year, has been expected by officials of the grain growers here for several weeks but its probable effects have not been generally discussed by the farmers themselves.

There is no possible doubt but that the stabilization corporation has held the price of domestic wheat several cents above the world market. During this month prices in Chicago have been between 82 and 83 cents, while prices in Buenos Aires, the wheat center of Argentina, have been 47 cents. Canadian prices have been less than Chicago prices during the term of stabilized prices and for the last few months at least the American wheat grower has been able to get a higher price in Chicago than in the world market of Liverpool.

The figures have not been generally known to the wheat grower or have not been believed apparently, for there would have been a larger number join the local units of grain growers. It has been stated repeatedly that the stabilization of the wheat price was a temporary measure that was to be used to tide the farmers over a short period of time while they prepared to reduce acreage and get down to a domestic basis of production. This they have not done and now will have to do their crop reducing without the cushion of stabilization to assist them.

The argument most frequently used against the board's plan of holding up the price of wheat is that the wheat was not sold or used up when it was bought by the board and was technically still on the market. This was true, but they showed no inclination to sell their wheat in competition with farmers. They could not export their stocks without suffering heavy loss for they bought at a price much higher than the world price at present.

It is our belief that Alexander Legge was correct when he said that we must cut down production to a domestic basis. We either must raise not over 42 bushels for each person in the United States which is approximately 500,000,000 bushels or we will receive a price for the entire crop based on world requirements which at the present time is most distressingly low.

It is entirely probable that wheat farmers will be forced by economic conditions to reduce acreage after they have refused to be led into such reductions by economic reasoning.

## FARM CENSUS

A study of the 1930 farm census of the state of Oregon will lead to some startling deductions, especially that part that deals with the numbers of farm animals on Oregon farms. Of horses, cattle, mules and hogs combined we have 284,037 less than in 1920. These are less than half the number of hogs in Oregon now than in 1920.

When Paul V. Maris, of the Oregon State College, published his report on the agricultural resources of Oregon several years ago he stated that we produced only 55 percent of the pork we consumed. Now if we have less than half the swine we had at that time there must be an excellent chance for some one to raise hogs at a fairly good price, especially when compared to the price of wheat. The population of Oregon has increased about a sixth since 1920.

The complaint is often heard that wheat farmers cannot produce anything else for fear of oversupplying the market in that commodity. It seems that this fear has been based on insufficient information according to the government figures.

If Oregon now had as many farm animals as we had ten years ago they would require about three million additional bushels of wheat or other grains per year which would make quite a dent in our surplus of grain crop.

Another feature of the report is that a comparatively small percentage of the drop in animals is caused by the lessened number of draft animals. While work horses and mules are fewer than ten years ago there has been a great decline in the number of animals raised for food.

## IT HAS RAINED

Probably there is no place under the sun where rain is greeted with quite the unrestrained joy as in a dry farming section, especially after several months of dry weather, after a winter devoid of moisture, and following the seeding of grain in dry ground.

The rain of last week fulfilled these conditions and just about revived weakening belief in the justice of the Almighty. Citizens who had grown accustomed to going about with slow tread and serious mien brightened up and assumed a definite attitude of cheerfulness. Stock frisked about, happy again to have their backs wet. Plants, including the acres and acres of wheat, straightened up their slender stalks as if to throw off a lifelong inferiority complex and resolved to rally, grow and amount to something in this world after all.

Rain in the spring is a tonic, a cure all, a cue for resurrected hopes and the sun will shine brighter and the winds blow lighter because of it.

At the University of Oregon they claim that homesick students are made less so by familiar dishes. Cooking like mother used to do has gone to college with other old fashioned things apparently.

Something else to worry about. Who has our four thousand odd dollars the government says each and every resident of Oregon is worth.

## Grass Valley

Mrs. J. W. Shepard is in Portland this week.

L. R. French was in Arlington on business last Friday.

C. F. French was in Wamic last Sunday making a few trades.

Mrs. Ella Olds has returned from The Dalles where she underwent an operation.

The Baptist Ladies Aid will be entertained by Mrs. Jack Garrett on next Thursday April 2nd.

Mrs. Clara Peters who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Frank Wilcox returned home last Sunday.

John A. Schassen was here the first of the week from Portland where he has resided since he left the ranch south of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hughes are here from Eugene for a few days vacation from Mr. Hughes' duties there as instructor and student.

Herman Schilling and J. W. Shepard were in Pendleton one day last week on business connected with the grain growers.

Miss Phyllis Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Smith, is home from Eugene for the spring vacation. She is attending the U. of O.

Andy James arrived in Grass Valley last week and expects to remain here indefinitely. He is at present with his father-in-law Jim Garrett.

P. N. Lemmon, now a resident of Albany but formerly a merchant of this city, was here last week looking after some of his farming interests in this section.

Charley Olds left the first of the week for Idaho and Montana where he will spend the spring months removing the winter garment from sheep.

Clarence Nelson has returned again after an absence of several months and is working at his old job on the section. His appearance made it necessary for J. O. Mink to hunt another job.

Mrs. Roy J. Baker entertained the members of the high school basketball team Thursday evening with a dinner in honor of their play for the season just ended. Ten boys were present at the dinner and were joined later by a like number of girls to spend the evening at the Baker home.

## NOTICE

Would invite friends who appreciate a good gospel service to tune in on K E X Portland each week day morning 7:15 A. M. to 8 A. M. Conducted by Rev. Willard H. Pope, friends and workers from Calvary Tabernacle East 25th and Madison St. Portland. You would enjoy it. 25 1/2 Meters 1180 K. C.

## Kent News

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hebert were greeting friends here last week.

The dance given by the American Legion last Saturday night was well attended.

The Kent Grange held its regular meeting last Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Barnett accompanied by Mrs. Sarah Young, were visitors in The Dalles last Saturday.

Mr. Paul McKay, brother of Mrs. George Howell and George McKay, with his family are visiting relatives here.

A number of people from Kent went over to Wapinitia Sunday to see the Kent boys defeat the Wapinitia nine.

The members of the Merry Maid's Club are entertaining their friends with a party Saturday night.

Mrs. J. H. Schassen and daughters Lillian and Hilda, of The Dalles, were visitors at the home of J. L. Davis last Sunday.

The MacInnes family which has been living in town has moved out to the ranch. Marjory and Donald will drive to school.

Last Sunday saw 75 present at Sunday School. The collection totaled \$4.41 and the Bible chapters read during the week were 281.

Miss Mary Smith who teaches at Doble Point used last Friday

as her visiting day and observed classes in Moro during the forenoon and in Wasco during the afternoon.

Mr. J. L. Davis was painfully injured last Thursday when the emery wheel on which he was sharpening a saw burst, and one of the pieces of the wheel cut his head while another gave him a severe blow in the chest, breaking one of the left ribs.

Preparations are being made for the program which will be given at the Kent Christian Church after Sunday School on Easter Sunday, April 5. The members of the Young Peoples Class have organized for an attendance campaign for that day under the leadership of Marjory MacInnes and Lorena Young. Everyone is invited to be there.

The Coos Bay Lumber company, largest lumber manufacturers on Coos Bay, announced a five-day week commencing March 15. A cut of 30 per cent in the mill run was made two months ago. The company will conduct its logging camps to an output that will compare with the March 15 curtailment.

## Notice.

Moro Lodge No. 113, and Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116 are now making arrangements to entertain the Odd-fellows and Rebekah's of Sherman County Sunday, April 26th which is the One Hundred and Twelfth Anniversary of the order. As soon as complete arrangements have been made, a full detailed statement will be furnished. It will be completed Monday night, and will then appear in the Sherman County Journal Friday, April 3rd.

Members of Moro Lodge are requested to be on hand next Monday night as there is business of importance to be disposed of.

A. M. Young, Sec.

## Notice.

I have turned over my city Truck and Dray business to Vernon Platt to take charge and collect all accounts due and take care of long and short hauls. Will be here part time myself. Phone 502 or 2F12. FLOYD FLATT.

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## EDITORIAL

And then there was the disappointed sportsman who took his suit for the recovery of a stolen stuffed fish to a higher court on the grounds that the lower court did not grant his herring.—E. H. Gervais, editor.

Spring is here and many of the house wives are likely to get a good case of spring fever, and house cleaning. Mike is pleased to work in the kitchen with some new built-in cabinet work.

H. Roth is applying a new coat of paint on the church at Kent.

Along with the new cabinet work the Tum-A-Lum paint will make the room look bright and cheery for the house wife.

A sign as displayed by a garage in Seattle: "Cars washed \$1. Austins ducked 50 cents."

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BAY HORSE, with dark points, smooth mouth, saddle and collar marks, high heaved. In pasture of A. J. Decker near Kent for past week. Owner call prove property, pay charges for this adv. and take him away. A. J. Decker, Kent, Ore.

FOR SALE Yellow Newtown apples Grown at Hood River. 50 per box at S. L. Stark ranch Grass Valley. Also the famous Parkdale netted gem potatoes \$75 per sack.

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