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WHAT COST WHEAT

The figures printed in last week's issue of this paper regarding the cost of producing wheat have caused no little comment from men who have a lifelong acquaintance with wheat growing. Almost unanimously they state that wheat cannot be raised for twice the 23.1 cents per bushel claimed by the implement manufacturers.

Analysis of the figures shows that there was nothing included for interest on a section of \$50.00 land, nothing for taxes and no provision made for the farmer's living. When these items are included the cost of this wheat is raised to about 50 cents per bushel.

The farmer has many organizations working for his interests in different ways. It should be the duty of one of them to assist the farmer to find out how much it does cost to produce wheat in each county of every wheat producing state. No other business is able to continue without a knowledge of its cost of goods or services which it sells and we doubt if the individual farmer will be able to make any lasting progress without some sort of bookkeeping that tells him the cost of his product.

The Eastern Oregon Wheat League has the membership and could easily make the investigations necessary to determine this cost. It would not be an expensive program to have at least a hundred farmers, with different types of farming operations, in each county fill out questionnaires on their costs and it would be a great help to the industry as a whole.

We have heard the story that an eastern senator stated in the senate that wheat could be produced for twenty-five or thirty cents per bushel and that future relief measures were unnecessary. Senators from wheat producing states should be furnished with complete data on this subject so that they could combat such statements with authoritative figures.

We realize that there is a great difference in the cost of raising wheat or doing anything else. There is a great difference in the overhead of operating a grocery store or a bank; but merchants and bankers must know their own figures and study their business in order to keep their costs near the average or fail. The very same business rules govern farming and the quicker these average costs are compiled the sooner a farmer will be able to rate his ability in his chosen line.

SMALLTOWN FOLKS

Small towns nowadays are much criticized by those who have left them to go the larger centers. Probably part of it is caused by the fact that these amateur critics feel the need of vindicating themselves in their own opinion for leaving the little town where they were born.

There are many attractions in a small town, many customs that are impossible in a city, many sights that city folks never see. In early spring smoke curls up over the scattered houses and through the leafless trees from innumerable bonfires where ambitious citizens are making their places presentable. Every Monday morning, winter and summer, the spacious back-yards are filled with lines of clothes, long rows of white sheets in summer and brightly hued blankets when frosty nights are in season. Women potter about in gardens that the lordly male planted and left to nature's own designs and the care of friend wife.

The lutecher is Bill, the mayor is John and is far from being distant and unapproachable as we think of the mayor of the metropolis. We do not elect men to office and look up to them in fear and awe for the length of their term. Not in a small town. We are democratic about it, each one gives his opinion about municipal questions, everybody's voice is heard and the town forum and debating hall is under that big tree on the corner.

People are friendly in a small town, and intimate. Your neighbors are not Mr. and Mrs. So-and-so. They are Tom and Mary. They look after your cow when you go to the mountains and you care for their garden when they are visiting out of town. The personal adjustment is entirely different from the aloofness of the city. We have the time, and desire, to be human.

There are more statements about the publicity that will follow the coming of General Butler than there are about the quality of organization he may give to the state police. It will be good advertising — for Butler.

Reno expects candidates for divorce to spend a thousand dollars apiece in getting a decree. It is worth money these days to love not, honor not, obey not.

Whether this administration is efficient or not, it is appointing a number of persons to office who could not succeed in getting elected by the people.

Consider this, pessimists. This month and next thousands of graduates will be ready and willing to settle the problems of this old world.

Deer are eating the gardens in the city of Ashland, we hear. And we have been trying to pretend that this is a settled state all these long years.

A few months ago we dreamed about such days as we have had this week — now we dream through them.

Grass Valley

The Granges of Sherman county will hold their Annual Worship Day at Grass Valley park May 17th, meeting at 12 o'clock for Basket Dinner. Services to be in the afternoon. Rev. Chas. C. Hulet, State Master, will be with us. All ministers of the county cordially invited to join with us on this occasion for a union service. C. P. Adams.

Mrs. Elmer Whitlock has been on the sick list for the past week, but is recovering.

Mrs. Lucy Ruggles entertained a party of her old school friends last Tuesday at her home. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Knighten of Kent, Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Johnston, of Moro, and Mr. and Mrs. Florin Coon were present.

Mrs. James Blagg was under the weather the first of the week, and required the ministrations of Dr. Poley. She is much better now.

Dr. Poley, son Robert and Henry Tetz were fishing along the Deschutes last Saturday and brought home a few nice specimens.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Snider and small son, of Battle Ground, Wash., were here over the week end visiting with Mrs. Snider's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Eakin.

The county road crew are building a new concrete bridge over Cottonwood below the W. B. Wilcox place on what is known as the back Finnegan road.

Grover Young, Florin Coon and Herman Peters left Wednesday morning for Crooked River with the intention of bringing home a few trout from that stream.

Sam Davis was in The Dalles Tuesday looking after a few business matters.

Sam Holmes accompanied by his daughters, Cassie and Mabel was visiting in Sisters with his brother last week end. They stopped in Camp Sherman to view the wreckage there on the return trip.

The salmon fishing at Sherar's has begun with some ardent followers of the sport getting some big ones either out of the water or from the hand of a bargaining Indian.

Gus Smith and Matt Simon were in Tygh Valley Wednesday to bring home some live stock. Joe Almond, former oil man at this station, was here Sunday from his new location at Hermiston.

Herman Peters and wife, and Hans Koepke and daughter were in The Dalles Monday.

Grass Valley High School

BARBARA WALPOLK, Editor

Last Friday afternoon the big gym was the scene of the coronation of Queen Zela I. by Mayor Shepard. The program, which was the result of much training on the part of those directing and participating, was educational as well as entertaining.

Orville Ruggles has quit worrying over his freedom, since Judge Eakin read the jury's verdict, "not guilty," on the Student Body versus Orville Ruggles, at the mock trial last Friday morning.

The winners at the local declamatory contest held Friday evening were as follows: A. Division, Florence Young 1st; Robert Poley 2d; B. Division; Rachel Poley 1st; Wanda Tiller 2d; Greta Russell, 3d. C. Division, LaVonde Aisup, 1st; Bobby Eaton 2d; Franca Lee James 3d.

The Senior class is anxiously looking forward to Baccalaureate which will be Sunday, May 24, and Commencement which will be May 29.

Some of the students are industriously working on the High School play, "Fresh From California" which will be given May 15.

People's Column

Editor Sherman County Journal, Moro, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

As an officer in the Eastern Oregon Wheat League, an organization striving for the betterment of agricultural conditions in general and among wheat growers in particular, I do not feel that the cost of wheat production figures as published in the Sherman County Journal of May 1st, 1931, should be allowed to go unchallenged. I do not doubt the veracity of Mr. Thompson's statements, as far as they go, nor do I question his intentions in formulating such a report, but I do take exception to the policy of the concerns which solicit such a report.

A short time ago, a representative of an implement company called me by phone to state that their staff photographer was in the territory, and asked if I had any old buildings that I might pull about, or any other interesting scenes that they might picture in their magazine. I assured him that I did not but thus they acquire the unusual in freak pictures which evolve into high pressure advertising. And I believe their cost analysis to be equally misleading for many essential items of expense—depreciation, interest on investment, repairs, taxes, living—are purposely omitted.

Wheat raisers are experiencing a bitter struggle, at the best, to survive the present economic condition and publicity such as is in question is little less than malicious. The machinery companies are biting the hand that feeds them.

We hear much of the mass production efficiency that is being attained in Soviet Russia, yet in the Portland Oregonian for May 8, 1931 appeared an account, written by Prof. W. L. Powers of the O. S. A. C., now studying in Russia, to the effect that production cost there was a cent per pound or 60 cents per bushel. Farming conditions and methods in Russia, too, are practically the same as in Umatilla or Sherman counties. The fact is admittedly difficult to arrive at an exact figure of cost over a county or state with many farmers and various yields, the Russian figures was computed from the operations of a so called wheat factory and must be reasonably authentic. And it is my opinion, based on observations over this county together with figures of my own operations for the past two years that 60 cents per bushel will be nearer to the cost of producing wheat in Sherman county than is the figure of 23.1 cents, as submitted in Mr. Thompson's report.

Sincerely Yours,

Harry B. Pinkerton,
President Eastern Oregon Wheat League.

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Now is the best time of the year to come to mill. Better bring over a few sacks of wheat and get your years supply of flour. Tygh Valley Flour Mill.

Twenty first annual I. O. O. F. convention consisting of the lodges of Hood River, Wasco, and Sherman counties.

Whereas the members of this convention have enjoyed the unselfish and wholehearted hospitality of all Odd-Fellows, Rebekahs, and citizens in general of Kent, Oregon, on this occasion.

Especially do we refer to the ex-

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cellent program given for our pleasure and edification at the public meeting.

And again we would not be unmindful of the courtesies extended by the American Legion and the local school board. Therefore be it resolved that the members of this convention assembled, express our thanks to these various agencies.

Respectfully submitted,
H. S. Caughey
F. M. Sexton
H. J. Wolfe,
Committee.

Notice

Notice is hereby given that the directors of School District No. 13, DeMoss, will receive sealed bids to furnish transportation for the children of that district to the Moro School District. Daily on school days, a trip of about 20 miles for the year of 1931-32. The driver to furnish a satisfactory and legal means of transportation. All bids to be in by 12 p. m. Friday, May 15th, 1931.

The school board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
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EDITORIAL.

If the baby falls on his head, don't worry. The country will always need orchestra leaders and congressional investigating committees.—E. E. Gervais, Yard Mgr. and Editor.
—T-A-L—

With the approach of summer, insulation comes to the front again. It is just as important to keep the heat out in summer as it is to keep it in during the winter. Insulation will pay for itself and it is always on the job.
—T-A-L—

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R. J. Baker is having the interior of his apartments renovated in Grass Valley. Henry Roth is the artist.
—T-A-L—

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—T-A-L—

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He bought a ticket, entered and gazed in awe at the monster. Suddenly he turned to the man beside him. "Stranger," he said, "the fellow that caught that fish is a blamed liar."
—T-A-L—

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