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**WHAT PRICE WHEAT?**

When everything begins to look like the prospects for a better price for wheat were very good, someone discovers a fly in the ointment or perhaps a pile of ties on the track would be a better expression.

The surplus that has been the bug aboo of wheat growers for the past three years is nearly dissipated through sales of Farm Board wheat to European countries and the Orient; the senate has passed a bill permitting the Farm Board to utilize either the debenture or the equalization fee in an effort to raise the price of wheat and crop conditions are none too good leading to the belief that the price would increase. All very good news.

But, along comes finances and bids fair to wreck the entire outlook and change the rosy hued glasses through which we have been looking to ones of a dark and dismal shade of blue. If farmers are unable to hold their wheat after harvest, but are forced to sell direct from the thrasher to pay harvesting expenses there will be so much wheat put on the market that nothing under the sun could hold the price up to even a fair figure.

Presuming that conditions are the same in all of the wheat districts of the United States and that all wheat growers will have to borrow in order to harvest their crop or else sell wheat immediately to pay expenses, it is easy to see that at the present price of thirty cents there will be several hundred million bushels of wheat thrown on the market in July and August.

There never was at any time a rising price for wheat when everyone had to sell. And unless some arrangements are made to make it possible to withhold wheat from the market this year wheat may go even lower than it is now.

A thirty cent price for wheat another year will be ruinous to many farmers, to many loan companies and to banks. There is certain to be a loss to the country, a loss of buying power, a loss of labor demand as well as the loss of capital. It might not be too far fetched to recommend that in as much as the government is protecting the income of the railroads by holding the freight rates up to pre-war levels, it might perform something the same service for the wheat farmers, who are certainly as important to the welfare of the country.

**WE'RE BUSY**

There is a noticeable air of pre-harvest bustle about the entire county at this time of year. Farmers who are usually the most affable men and who are wont to recline along the edge of the sidewalk and talk about their wheat and their horses and their chickens with their neighbors now go rushing past their accustomed place with a bare word to acquaintances.

For harvest time is approaching. In a week or ten days at the most the men will be in the fields slashing with sixteen-foot sickles at the acres of grain, watching it travel lightly up the drapers, whip through the short feeder and be completely changed by the roaring cylinders.

All this operation, with the sewing and hauling of sacks, requires much preparation. Bolts must be tightened, gears and sprockets must be changed and everything put in readiness, for when a five or six thousand dollar outfit goes into the field with four or five men at their places things must move almost perfectly or expenses pile up too fast for sufferance.

And so, whether the crop is good or just fair, or whether the price is good or decidedly bad, as it is, the harvest preparation takes time and interest and the farmer loiters not with friends but hastens to the call of duty.

Why all the sob stuff about Samuel Insull? He broke himself, his company and thousands of investors. Three of the companies he organized will give him a pension of \$18,000 per year. For what, please?

Britain and France promise to be absolutely frank with each other in diplomatic dealings. We didn't think diplomacy and frankness ever went together.

Railroads at the hearing in Seattle are asking for a rate that will make it cost 4 percent more to ship wheat. Won't that make the truck drivers happy?

The nations are hoarding up war metals according to a report. Perhaps they won't have to borrow so much yellow metal next time they want to fight.

Who ever thought that farmers would be pleasantly excited over a six cent price for hogs.

Portland, July 7, 1932. To the editor: This statement relative to "Prohibition Polls" is directed by a group of leaders from the following City and State organizations: Portland Federation of Women's Clubs; Oregon Women's Christian Temperance Union; Anti-Saloon League of Oregon; Portland Council of Churches Prohibition of One Hundred and the Portland Ministerial Association.

We do not bring into question the motives which inspire this method of seeking to ascertain the trend of opinion upon the repeal or retention of the Eighteenth Amendment at this particular time. We do not question a newspaper's right to sponsor a "poll" on any issue at this time. We do wish to assert, however, that under the method by which such polls of recent years have been conducted, a more reliable method could scarcely be found. No possible amount of care on the part of the sponsors can prevent wholesale duplication of votes. Certainly a resume of results of such polls and the subsequent election figures abundantly substantiate such a conclusion.

Oregon's consistent dry majorities thru recent years can hardly be overlooked by anyone who desires to know the prevailing sentiment of Oregon's electorate. We are well aware, as are most thoughtful people, that the real purpose of such polls of recent years has been mainly to affect the vote rather than to ascertain the sentiment of the people. It is because of these views that we have heretofore usually advised non-participation in such attempts. For the same reason we are addressing this newspaper and its readers and are advising our constituents through out the State of our action. We desire to state, in concluding, that a persistent crusade to get the electorate registered and to the polls in November would be of far greater value in getting a reliable expression of the Oregon citizenry than any number of pre-election unofficial "polls."

For the Leaders' Committee.  
 (Signed) Ada Jolley, President, Oregon W. C. T. U.  
 John B. Coan, President, Portland Ministerial Association.

**Grass Valley**

Word here is that Jack Russell, who attended high school here and began his ministry in this county, is now preaching in a town in Missouri.

Mrs. Lillian Coon left last week for Colton where she will spend several weeks with her mother.

Mrs. A. M. Zeverly and three children left for her home in Dayville the first of the week after visiting here for several weeks with her parents Mr. and Mrs. L. D. May.

Fred Cox and wife visited in Vancouver, Wash. last week with Mr. Cox's mother.

Guy Boyer, son in law of L. D. May, made a trip to Umatilla county the last of the week and later returned to Ru gene taking his son with him.

Gus Engstrom left for Government Springs Tuesday morning to get a little of that amelly water to drink.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Balzer made a trip to Portland last week driving over the highway.

Mrs. L. D. May, Wallace May, Mrs. George Wilcox and children and Margarette Morrison spent the week end on the Metolius river for a little outing among the big trees.

L. R. French was in Portland a couple of days last week on a short business trip.

Mrs. C. L. Chamberlain returned from Portland Monday afternoon bringing her two children home with her.

Bob Poley is home from his Portland visit and is working at the Henry Barum ranch.

Tom Gavis, well known mayor and merchant of Shaniko, was here Monday seeking medical advice from Dr. Poley.

Everett May and family, who have been visiting here for a week or more are at Camp Sherman on the Metolius for a few days.

The barn on the Lewis Schadewitz place now farmed by Grover Young was burned to the ground last Thursday evening by fire of unknown origin. Charles Schadewitz, who lives on a farm nearby, was the first on the scene and attracted the Young children's attention to the fire. They were able to get their saddle ponies out of the barn, but the remainder of the contents was destroyed including several sets of harness, gas drums, etc.

The school election last Monday resulted in Dell Olds, who was nominated by Tom Garrett, being retained as director and W. Ray Blake being re-elected as clerk. T. L. Rolfe acted as chairman in the absence of Mrs. Poley. Miss Cassie Holmes and Mrs. Theodore von Borstel left Tuesday for Portland for a few days visit in the city.

J. W. Hays and wife and Mrs. Zehn-

er returned from an outing at Government Springs this week.

Mrs. Ella Olds was down to the Columbia orchards the first of the week.

C. F. French is in Seattle this week touring around with his daughter, Mildred and husband, who are playing the theatres in different northwest cities.

Mrs. R. H. Johnson and son left Sunday for a few weeks at the beach in search of that glorious vacation tan that denotes good health.

Mrs. S. L. Boyce and daughters were in Prineville the first of the week. J. S. Newcomb and Bob Burns were in The Dalles Monday.

Earl Olds and George Wilcox drove to The Dalles the last of the week trying to settle the golf championship of main street.

Horseshoe in this city has progressed until one unable to throw a ring every few minutes has no chance.

Neil Cameron's smiling face has been regularly seen around R. J. Baker's store this week. He is with the International Harvester Co.

J. W. Sheppard is in Seattle this week attending the hearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission in regard to grain rates. He is representing the county.

Mrs. Emma Wilcox and son are here visiting with her sister, Mrs. Herman Peters from Newberg.

Glenn Zimmerman remained here after playing ball the Fourth and will work in the harvest fields until time to return to school in the fall.

**No Quarterly Licenses Will Be Issued**

"Abandonment of the plan for issuance of quarterly-year licenses due to the illegality of installment payments of automobile fees was announced Friday by Governor Meier and the question that has been in the minds of many motor vehicle owners as to whether they could make remittance of partial payments to the secretary of state's office," states Hal Hoss, officials charged with the issuance of license plates. "The present 15-day moratorium will expire on July 15 and unless the governor should follow the suggestion of those of us who have urged another 30-day extension to August 15, apparently no further relief of the motorist will be possible," Mr. Hoss adds.

Recognizing that it was futile to follow the quarterly year plan, not only because the attorney general found no authority at law for it but also because under the present statutes it would delay the distribution of license money to the counties and highway fund until next spring, thereby endangering the county and state highway obligations already incurred, the secretary of state advised the governor that he was heartily in favor of affording actual relief to the motor vehicle owners unable to buy his license at this time and suggested that a special session of the legislature be called either to provide a legal means of installment payment or a reduction in fees. In the event that such a step was not taken, Mr. Hoss urged extension of the moratorium.

**Unemployed Aid Plans in Clackamas**

Milwaukie—Winter food supplies for unemployed are being canned in a county owned cannery set up in the grammar school building at Milwaukie. Unemployed in Clackamas county collect surplus crops which have been located by J. J. Inkeep, agricultural agent. Unemployed prepare the food and can it in tin cans under the direction of Mrs. E. L. King, assistant to Thelma Gaylord, home demonstration agent. Individuals not on the dependent list may use the cannery and cans by paying five cents a can. Canning appointments are made with the employment manager. To date strawberries, peas, cherries and raspberries have been canned. A similar cannery has been established in an old store building in Oregon city.

**Hawaiian Farming Differs From Ours**

Hillsboro—The sight of farm owners in overalls out doing their own work is strange to a man used to Hawaiian agriculture, says F. G. Krauss, director of extension work in the Hawaiian islands who recently visited the Taulatin valley. Farming in the islands is done with hired help entirely with the owners living elsewhere. Mr. Krauss believes that the direct personal interest shown here by the farm owners is responsible for

conditions better in many respects than those in Hawaii.

**GINGHAM GOWN IS STYLE'S FAVORITE**

**Simple Fabric Takes Lead in Fashion Parade.**

The little girl in the gingham gown, celebrated in the sentimental songs of yore, has returned as the leader of the 1932 fashion parade.

Gingham isn't just something to wear to school any more. We've seen it in blouses and street frocks, in tennis dresses and pajamas earlier this season. And now comes the gingham evening gown. Believe it or not, it's making a great hit with the younger set, where the new order of the day is simplicity.

A gingham dance dress is of a checked imported gingham, in wine red and white. Its lines are simple with a molded empire silhouette, unbelted, following the lines of the figure. And its only ornament is a crisp white organdie flower at the bodice.

It has wide shoulder straps arranged in a suspender fashion in back and it's about the smartest thing that has come along.

It illustrates the new trend of the best-dressed set, which frowns on ostentation and elaborate gowns, at least for this summer and falls with loud hurrahs the simple, old-fashioned fabrics that are riding high in the mode.

Fair saleslady: "Could I interest you in a Studebaker?"

Youth: "Lady, you could interest me if you were in a second hand flivver."

A chiropractor is a guy who gets paid for what an ordinary guy would get slapped for.

Clerk in Woolworth's: "You can have anything in here for a dime."

Customer: "I'll take that little blond over there."

"Sir I would like to get an increase in pay. You see, I have just been presented with two bouncing boys!"

"Sorry, young man, but the company is not responsible for accidents that happen to employees outside of working hours! ? ? ! ? !"

Employer, to secretary: "Are you doing anything Sunday evening?"

Secretary, brightening: "Not a thing!"

Employer: "Splendid! Then try and be at the office on time Monday morning."

He: "What a night! What a girl! What a moon—What a combination!"  
 She: "Heavens, is that showing, too?"

Then Came The Deluge!

"William" said the Sunday school teacher, "can you tell me what we must do before we can expect forgiveness of sin?"  
 "Yes, sir," replied the boy. "We must sin."

CALL FOR BIDS  
 Bids for bus driver for Michigan District, No. 33-Bids closed at 12 o'clock July 15.  
 Pauline Wilcox, clerk.

**Want Ads**

I have some Farms in Willamette Valley that can be exchanged for Sherman or Wasco County Farms.  
 L. R. French, Grass Valley, Oregon

Virgil Conlee will have charge of the dray during harvest. For trucking or distance hauling outside of town. Phone F. D. FLATT.

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Do you realize that time slips by? The time is approaching when many subscriptions are due to the Journal. Economic conditions having remained unsatisfactory for another twelve month, we will accept edible produce in payment of subscriptions, as we did last year. Weeat will be taken at 50 cents per bushel. We like to meet you half way.

**To The People of Grass Valley and Vicinity:**  
 The time has come when it is no longer possible for a merchant to sell his goods on a credit basis in competition with others who demand cash upon delivery. I have tried for years to continue the credit business in order to allow my farmer customers the maximum of leniency in paying for their purchases, but under the prevailing conditions I find the credit policy no longer possible for me and believe it is of slight advantage to my customers.  
 Consequently, beginning Monday, July 18, I will sell my Merchandise for Cash Only. By doing this I will be able to reduce my prices so that they will compare favorably with those that may be obtained anywhere in the trade territory. In this way no one will be obliged to pay for credit losses caused by those who cannot pay; I will be free from bookkeeping costs and other expenses that are necessary under the credit system.  
 I deeply appreciate the friendships that have been formed during the past years of business and thank my customers for their patronage. I wish to continue serving the community in the same manner under the new system and believe that I will be better able to do so by asking that purchases be made for cash. Prices will be lowered drastically. Ask for my Prices on Staple Groceries for your Harvest needs. You will be pleased.  
**H. Zeigler**