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NOT INFLATION, PARITY

Traditionally it is the farmers who favor inflation of the currency and the capitalists who oppose it. This time the division is not so plainly defined for many of the largest bankers, intent on saving their investments in some fashion and their system in its entirety, are favoring currency inflation. And many farmers oppose tampering with the currency at the present time. Why?

Because the farmers and producers throughout the land have been deflated completely. Their land is not worth the mortgages and if it was the mortgagees would take it. The rural banks are broke or in no condition to help their customers. The farmer has taken his loss, has reorganized his business, lowered his expenses and is still ably performing his part in the general scheme of things viz. he is still feeding the world and feeding it for less than it was ever fed before as far as first cost is concerned.

Is not the farmer, who has performed the miracle of reducing costs while carrying on, perfectly sane and reasonable in insisting that all other agencies do the same? The railroads could be reorganized for three-fifths their present capital by buying them at the market. The farm mortgage companies could be reorganized for about the same percentage and every bond holder would get the market value of his bond. Look in every daily paper for information regarding the actual present wealth of practically all the giant corporations whose high priced products are remaining unsold in warehouses.

Also because the farmer remembers back seventeen years when the last rise in prices started. Fortunately a good crop in Sherman county made up for the extra expenses incurred through a higher price for everything, but ordinarily, in inflation, the farmer is not the first one helped. Suppose inflation does come, and it does seem probable. Who will be the first to cash in on it? The man with a stock of something on hand. It so happens that there is practically one third of last year's wheat in the hands of the farmer in this county. Throughout the United States it is less. Who will reap the benefit?

Because the price level is not so important to the farmer as is the balance of prices. The basis of many modest fortunes in this county was laid back in the days when wheat was selling for less than fifty cents but other things were also low. The farmer is in serious straits because his products have little barter value, because his wheat and corn and tobacco is worth little while other goods are still near the wartime peak.

Direct inflation would not help the farmer. It would merely solidify the present price balance which is so plainly unfair to the producer. No one has claimed that the country needs a higher price for steel goods, farming implements, machinery, or the many other commodities that are manufactured, controlled and sold by well financed corporations. Yet, inflation would raise the price of these commodities the same as it would the farmers wheat, and much quicker.

What the manufacturers need is a sale for their goods. What the farmer needs is something to buy with. Inflation can help neither permanently. The problem is the same as it was before inflation was proposed. A reasonable parity must be established between the producer and the manufacturer so that business can be revived. The price of farm commodities must rise in proportion to other goods whether an actual increase in dollar value is made or not. Inflation would not cure the ill, merely aggravate it.

In the interest of accuracy this paper must apologize for an incorrect statement. Instead of Wasco county receiving \$48,000 from the return of automobile money from the state that county will receive \$22,560. Preliminary figures were gotten from a source that seemed authentic, but the official figures of the secretary of state's show the smaller figure to be correct.

The first thing you know here comes spring. This year it did burst upon us with more than usual suddenness. The clouds disappeared, the sun came out, the grass grew and, Lo and Behold it's spring again.

The financiers and diplomats have gotten their affairs into a mess that makes the Einstein theory look simple. That is, to one who cannot understand either.

It probably doesn't make any difference who killed the Portland gangsters. The important thing is that they were killed.

Governor Meier has proclaimed an egg week. Since hen fruit has been down to ten cents every week is egg week at our house.

There is plenty of food. The only trouble is in the distribution of it and the same condition applies to money.

Grass Valley

Alma D. Katz, Oregon manager of the Mutual Life Insurance Co., of New York, stopped here one day last week while on a trip through the country to find out about business conditions. He was accompanied by Mrs. Katz.

L. J. Dickson and family have moved into the Fritts house.

Wily Knighton visited the school Tuesday as a part of his duties as school superintendent.

Mrs. George Wilcox was having dental work done in Wasco the first of the week.

Vern B. McGowan has accepted a position as eighth grade teacher in the Helix schools for the next year.

George Wilcox and A. A. Dunlap attended the meeting of the relief committee in Arlington last Friday.

Jake Crocker and wife, who were former residents of Kent, spent the weekend visiting friends in this county from their home in Goldendale.

Mrs. Soren Hansen visited here the first of the week from Moro.

Section 27, known to all residents south of town, has been rented to Charles Lemley for this year by Mr. Adams of the E. O. L. Co.

Miss Cassie Holmes is home again from The Dalles where she has been taking care of Mrs. Alva Stone who is recuperating rapidly.

I. D. Pike and family drove to Boardman last Sunday to enjoy a bit of the spring air.

Last Tuesday night a grass fire threatened the Murphy house in the north end of town for a time, but it was put out without danger.

Mrs. Jack Garrett has improved sufficiently to enable her to sit up a part of the time.

Norval Martin was here Tuesday from The Dalles with a bright and shiny new car. He reports sales of two of them within the county recently.

Mrs. Davies returned home with her husband last week but went back to Portland again for a few days. She expects to resume teaching next Monday.

Mrs. Gus Engstrom underwent a minor operation at The Dalles hospital last week.

Fred Cox and family were in the valley last week visiting with Fred's mother and looking around.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Fritts and grandson Bob Hays were here last week. Mrs. Fritts has to a large extent recovered from her operation but is not very strong yet.

Leroy Stradley spent the week here with his parents. He has finished his job with the highway department and has passed a civil service examination for federal work.

Father Egan visited here last week with members of his faith. His home is in The Dalles.

H. Zeigler is remodeling and painting his house. Henry Roth is doing the work.

J. W. Shepard and wife were registered as guests of a Portland hotel the first of the week while on one of their frequent visits to the city.

GRASS VALLEY SCHOOL NOTES
 Genevieve Beardsley, Editor.

The tennis tournament is going on famously. Some of the singles have been played off. The results show that Phillis Dickson won from Isabelle Fortner; Charlotte Beardsley beat Genevieve Beardsley; Janet Wilcox was victorious over Neva Gervais; Dorothy Fairchild beat Vivian Reynolds.

Tuesday afternoon Mr. Tetz called the seniors into the office to decide on the dates of their coming social.

NEXT MEXICAN RULER



Gen. Lazaro Cardenas, now secretary of war and navy, who is expected to become the next President of Mexico.

events.

Class night will be Friday, May 19, Baccalaureate will be the following Sunday evening, and graduation will be held on May 26.

The Botany class has become plant hunters and some very healthy looking specimens have become their prey since they have had to classify plants for a change.

Last Friday afternoon, Mrs. Toose who is secretary of the young people's branch of the W. C. T. U. talked before the student body and the 7th and 8th grades on the Prohibition repeal.

Evening play practice for Tuesday night had to be postponed because three of the participants were ill. Charlotte Ruggles, Dorothy Olds, and Phil Boyer all failed to show up at school Tuesday.

Sad news for the American history class! Everything assigned this last six weeks must be handed in or incompletes will be the result. My, my! Think of the appearance of many a report card.

We just wonder what Norma and Vivian did when they went to hunt specimens. Could it be possible that they ate the plants and gave the candy to Mr. Davies?

Why all the huddles, seniors? Can't the rest of us get in on some of your secrets too?

Jane Boyer is official mail carrier between "Boyer City" and "Rugglesville" now that the most important inhabitant of the first mentioned town has been confined to his home. We all guess that both belligerents

in the "Hester-Elton" conflict gave it up as a bad job, because now days we see Hester and Kenneth being quite romantic.

Can you imagine?
 Ferd Stark without a grin on his face?

Owen Eakin driving with one hand
 Helen Stark without a devilish look on her face?

Katherine Burton not studying?
 Cora Bayer when she wasn't in a hurry?

Eakin's car empty at noon?
 Genevieve Beardsley getting a five in English?

Mr. Tetz saying "Take your time students; I'll give you another week on that contract."

Looking at Benney Payne without laughing?

Wheeze, Jerry Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Reckmann Jr. were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Reckmann of Grass Valley Sunday.

Mrs. J. N. MacInnes and daughter Marjorie were visitors at Shaniko last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Crocker of Goldendale spent Saturday and Sunday at Kent visiting with old friends.

Mrs. Leroy Daniels and son Cecil of Manzanita arrived here Saturday where they will visit at the home of Mrs. Daniels parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Helyer.

Kent Grange No. 688 held its regular meeting last Saturday evening. Visiting grangers were: Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Rolfe of Sherars grange, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Belshee and daughter, Mr. Kruger, Guy Wilson of Harlandview grange. During the lecture hour a program was given. The next meeting will be held Saturday evening May 14.

lary. The unit is making extensive preparations for the observance of the day and is hoping for the full cooperation of all other organizations and individuals.

Memorial poppies, to be worn in honor of the World War dead, will be made available to everyone in the city by volunteer workers from the auxiliary unit. Organization of the workers is going forward rapidly under Dorothy Dunlap's direction and the Unit expects to have its "poppy girls" in all parts of the town during the day. The flowers for the sale have been ordered from Portland where they have been made by disabled World War veterans.

"Poppy Day is the day for personal tribute to the men who lost their lives in the country's service." Mrs. George explained. It is a day when all can show that they still remember and honor the sacrifices made by those who defended America during the great war crisis, and that they are carrying on for America in time of peace. The poppy is a patriotic symbol which means honor for the dead and service for the living.

No price will be asked for the American Legion Auxiliary poppies. The Auxiliary wants everyone to wear a poppy and to contribute for the flower according to his means. All contributions will be used for relief work among the disabled veterans and their families, the bulk of the money going to support the relief activities of our local Auxiliary Unit among needy families in this community.

Kent News

A bridal shower was given in honor of Mrs. W. B. Wilson at the home of Mrs. Dick Reckmann last Tuesday evening. She received many useful and beautiful gifts. Among those attending were: Mrs. R. J. Dellinger, Mrs. Essie Wilson, Mrs. Max Pluemke, Mrs. J. C. Wilson, Mrs. Alfred Lyons, Mrs. Wm. Mitchell, Mrs. Volna Guyton, Della Helyer, Mrs. W. C. Helyer, Berna Orr, Clarice Wilson, Marguerite Mitchell, Pauline Davis, Maudie McKay, Edna Lyons, Anna Sather, Nellie Wilson and Marjorie MacInnes.

Dick Abel was a business visitor at Clarno Sunday.

Clarice Wilson gave a dinner in honor of the Senior girls of Kent high school Sunday. Those who attended were: Marjorie MacInnes, Rua Helyer and Marguerite Mitchell.

A group of young people charivariated Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wilson last Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Gregg.

The Kent Orchestra are giving a concert Saturday evening, April 29, followed by a one act play "Mrs. Stubbins Book Agent". The cast is as follows: Mrs. Stubbins, Essie Wilson; Miss Amelia Marryme, Miss Berna Orr; Mr. Stubbins, L. H. Ayres; Book Agent, Earl Harbin; Deacon

Kent School Notes

Alta Norton has been absent from school the last few days due to illness with the flu.

The Camp Cookery boys left Saturday morning for the John Day river on a camping trip where they remained until Sunday morning. Those who went were: L. H. Ayres, Charles Dunlap, Charles Wilson, Karl Pluemke, Robert Helyer, Robert Mitchell.

Kent Auxiliary Notes

Kent will observe "Poppy Day" this year on May 27, the Saturday before Memorial Day, it has been announced by Mrs. Dellinger, chairman of the poppy committee of Kent Unit of the American Legion Auxil-

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