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CO-OPERATIVE GAINS

Whatever happens to agriculture in the changes that are imminent in farm legislation the farmers should see to it that the co-operative marketing associations, as well as regional and national, are preserved. It is true that some farmers criticize them for causing the drop in wheat that caused such disaster, but everything else produced dropped as well and there is no evidence to show that co-operatives in themselves have been responsible for any harm to farm prices.

On the contrary the farmers through the co-operatives have been steadily getting a larger percentage of the market value of their wheat. The report of the Sherman Co-operative Growers, of Wasco, has just been made available and it is the latest example of the profits made by the farmer's company.

Shares sold for \$30 with a down payment of only \$3. The remaining portion of the share was paid by note. No farmer has been asked to pay these notes and while they were to be paid in five installments many of them will be paid in three year operations. How is that for an investment?

Wasco's local is paying a dividend of one and five-eighths cents per bushel on a patronage basis. If each person owning a share put no more than 1000 bushel through the organization he would receive \$16.25 as dividend on an investment of \$30 and a cash investment of only \$3. And this on the 1931 crop which no one considered to be more than one half normal.

Furthermore the co-ops have disclosed to farmers many of the tricks of the grain trade that have made plenty of money for them in the past. There is the matter of protein. Ten years ago there was not a dozen farmers in the county knew there was any protein in wheat. Now every one is informed on the subject. Through the co-operatives freight rates have been lowered, something the grain companies did not interest themselves in. The co-ops have dropped the price of storage considerably, have been instrumental in having the grain discounts reduced and above all they have prepared their sales sheets so that any farmer can readily understand what the charges are against his wheat, an innovation that will make it harder for any group in the future to make the profits from farmer's wheat they have in the past.

THE HILLS ARE SUDDENLY GREEN

It seems that there might be an opportunity for another Briggs to sketch one of those cartoons about a "Ain't it a grand and glorious feelin'", based upon conditions here.

We have had three poor crops, a winter that froze out 95 per cent of the wheat, a spring that was cold and forbidding and miserable for man and crops, an economic situation that to any one but a wheat farmer would have been impossible and yet—we go right ahead. The hills are green again, the wheat is up, growing, able, with favorable weather, to produce a crop that will lift the burden of care from wheat men long worried by troubles.

Now the wheat begins to wave in the wind, to glisten in the sun and to raise the hopes of farmers that perhaps things are not as bad as they seem. Hills are green to-day where yesterday there was but the faintest touch of color; and likewise hopes are higher since the winter is gone. Something in green fields and growing things makes us all young and willing to carry on in spite of what difficulties might arise.

Silver is worth about 36 cents per ounce and gold \$20.67. Yet the senators from the silver states want silver monetized at a value of 16 to 1. Wouldn't that be gorgeous for the man with a ware, house full of silver? Wheat farmers might start a campaign to make money out of flapjacks at say 50 cents per ounce.

We like to look at 'em all right, but it is a total waste of money to send so many brightly colored pamphlets describing the Chicago Fair to us. Private inflation of a thousand percent wouldn't take us out of the county.

We seem to have abandoned the principal of government of the people by the people and for the people and adopted a policy of saying, "You go ahead Mr. President and do whatever you please with the country."

Daylight saving may be defined as a means of getting up earlier without undue pain and suffering. It is recommended for those who like to kid themselves.

Cold weather this spring may serve to protect the fish from raids by their worst enemies.

Hop growers and hop buyers are hopped up it appears.

People's Column

INGRATITUDE

(To the Editor of the Journal)
 In the April 21st edition of the Sherman County Journal appeared an article giving the history of the late Byron W. Anson who died in Moro on Saturday night April 15th, stating he was buried from the Methodist church in Wasco at 3:30 o'clock p. m. Wednesday April 19th.

Do the people of Sherman County know how this old pioneer was really buried? They should.

He was buried not from any church, but was hauled out to the Wasco cemetery lying on a board, and there buried without a coffin, and without benefit of the clergy; although Wasco and Moro both have clergymen who would have gladly officiated had they been asked.

No one was present to pay their respects and help consign his earthly remains to the dust from whence he sprang, except the undertaker and two young men who unselfishly volunteered to dig his grave.

Attendants would not have been lacking, had the people of Sherman county known where and when he was to have been buried.

Who was responsible for this shameful treatment of a splendid old gentleman?

It is true he died penniless, but let us not forget that he was of that generation and that character who made this Oregon country possible. As a Government Scout during the Indian wars he actively helped win the west for the present generation, and for years was a substantial taxpayer in Sherman county, and always to the last a splendid citizen.

His financial reverses came not because of any viciousness of character, but rather because of a too great generosity and sympathy for others.

Was Sherman county too poor to pay for a coffin, or having paid the stipulated fee to the undertaker, too indifferent to a past benefactor to see that the common decencies and courtesies to he dead were paid him?

We old timers who soon must join him, have reason to pause and ponder whether we too can look forward to this kind of treatment should the same misfortune over come us before we lay away our earthly cares.
 Roy Atwood.

Grass Valley

Arnold Sharp, Grover Young and Jacob Wassmiller left the last of the week for southern Oregon and northern California to see what minerals were left in that part of the world.

A broken cylinder in the well on the Henrich Peters place caused a cessation of work there for a few days while a new one was put in. George Witter managed the job.

Mrs. Day Goodrich, of Yreka, Cal., visited here with her sister, Mrs. Frank von Borstel and her brother Don Clodfelter last week.

Sam Holmes, with his daughters Mabel and Cassie made a trip to Lower Bridge last week.

L. R. French and wife, and Mrs. French's grand daughter arrived from Portland last Thursday to remain here for the summer.

Ms. Stone returned home from the hospital Sunday after several weeks of serious illness.

Dell Olds and Florin Coon left for Portland early Wednesday morning with a truck load of Dell's livestock for the markets.

Kent defeated Grass Valley in a base ball game at Kent last Sunday. Rolfe and Fritts were the battery for Grass Valley and Young and Plumke were battery mates for Kent. The score was 13 to 11.

Henry Tetx will be the principal in Rufus school next winter after eight years spent teaching the youngsters of Grass Valley.

Rev. Tension, of Pendleton, visited here this week.

W. C. Schilling and Dick Edwards, accompanied by their wives were visitors in The Dalles Sunday.

The town has been full of men for a few days since the oiling crew arrived to repair the highway.

GRASS VALLEY SCHOOL NOTES
 Genevieve Beardsley, Editor.

Last Friday night Mr. and Mrs. Tetx entertained the seniors, the evening was begun by an outdoor exploring, detective game, which led the three parties of competitive searchers from the depot all over town, and finally ended at the high school fire

escape where a stick of candy awaited the worthy searchers.

Owen Eakin and his assistants, Genevieve Beardsley and Juanita Boyce came out ahead, closely followed by Loren Beardsley, Mary Brown, and Glendora Garrett. Nothing will be said about Bruce Alley, Sylvia Coyle, and Georgia Blalock; except that they got their candy too. Refreshments were then served, followed by a series of other interesting and nonsensical games.

The school got two new Underwood typewriters Monday, and now the typing room is the most densely populated room in the building. Every one has to tryout the new machines.

The play "Adventures of Grandpa" will be presented this Saturday night May 6 at the city auditorium. Admission ten and twenty-five cents.

My! What happy countenances the seniors are displaying, the announcements came Monday. They were ordered for April 20th, and no doubt the company's ears burned during the long interval of waiting.

Is it possible?

That we have a student so industrious that he would ride ten miles on a bicycle, just to sit in church with the "Light of his Love"?

Georgia actually beat Genevieve in English?

That Ellen came into Miss Edmonds room to study, during the last period when they are having play practice in the typing room?

That Ferd Stark comes in Miss Edmonds room last period to study—or what?

For Jimmy Blagg to refrain from talking and sit in his own seat for fifteen minutes continuously?

That Phil Boyer could be transformed into an expensive and delicate fish dish?

Could Neva actually have lost her temper in American History class the other day?

Kent News

Mrs. Leroy Daniels and son Cecil spent Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Harbin of Grass Valley.

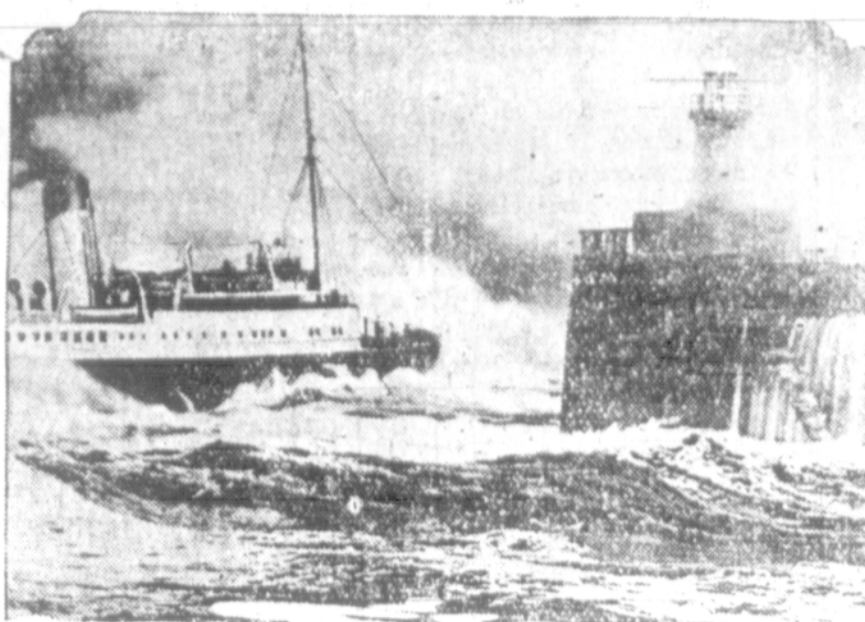
Mrs. Susie Davis and son Joshua of Kinzua were visitors at the J. C. Wilson home Sunday afternoon.

Wm. Mitchell is repainting and remodeling his house.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Davis and daughter Evelyn spent Saturday evening and Sunday at the home of Mrs. John Schassen in The Dalles.

Wilbur Haggerty made a business trip to Portland Sunday returning

Rough Seas Off the English Coast



The Southern railway cross-country boat Worthington, on the left, and the teeth of the gale as she headed past the breakwater at New Haven enroute for Dieppe. This photograph taken with a long-focus camera, exemplifies the difficulties which beset shipping during rough weather.

home Monday evening.

Dr. C. L. Poley was a visitor in Kent Tuesday evening.

A program is being worked out for Mother's Day. Rev. Swanders of Portland will conduct the regular Mothers Day sermon as has been the custom for the last several years. A pot luck dinner will be held at the grange hall.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilson were visitors at the J. N. MacInnes home Sunday.

Kent School Notes

The Misses Helen Thompson and Winnie Hill, seniors of the Antelope high school visited at Kent school Wednesday due to its being their "bunk" day.

Dean Rogers of Portland gave an interesting talk to the high school last Wednesday afternoon about the trip which he had recently taken covering 15,000 miles.

Those absent from high school this week were Alta Norton, Marguerite Mitchell, Margaret Dunlap, Anna Sather, and Virginia Helyer.

The grade camp cookery boys finished their fourth project last Friday.

Dr. J. A. BUTLER
 DENTIST

HOME OFFICE, WASCO

In Moro the First Week in Each Month

Mrs. Ayres' Refreshments were served at midnight.

Word has been received of the serious illness of Guy Hoskinson, former member of George Bell Post, who is in the Veterans hospital in Portland.

Women of Kent are responding enthusiastically to the call for volunteer workers to distribute poppies on Saturday, May 27, Mrs. Dellinger said as she was completing the enrollment of her Poppy Day forces. She estimated that she would have 6 workers to help distribute the memorial flowers to the people of the community.

"The response to the Poppy Day call reminds me of the World War days," said Mrs. Sid George. "Now as then the women of the city are eager to serve in patriotic work. They appear to realize that in the sale of the poppies they will be helping to rekindle for peace time service the spirit of patriotism which made the great war achievements of our country possible. They know, too, that they will be accomplishing much for the welfare of the needy veterans' families of our city."

"The Auxiliary is very grateful to all those who have volunteered to help us in our poppy effort. We know that hard work and personal sacrifices will be required of them. We hope that the public will recognize their unselfish service and when they appear on the streets on Poppy Day, will respond to them in the same spirit that their service is given."

Kent Auxiliary Notes

The members of the Auxiliary of George Bell Post No. 49 and the Legion held a social dance Wednesday night in lieu of their regular meeting. Mrs. Ayres, community service chairman was in charge of the music and conducted a five piece orchestra. An interesting musical feature was a number of selections on a saw by Mr. Rogers, an ex-soldier. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers from Long Beach, California have been visiting Mr. and

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