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WHEAT LEAGUE MEETING

One attending the wheat league meeting in The Dalles last week or anyone reading the reports of the committees would be convinced that farmers represented there were heartily in favor of the federal farm program with few and minor changes. Conversations heard on the street and in farm meetings does not bear out this assumption.

Wheat farmers are too smart to believe that it will long be possible to get direct federal aid for growers of surplus crops. A processing tax was asked for but even such a tax would be difficult to obtain for a long period, if farmers continue to grow a hundred million bushels of wheat more than there is need for or chance of selling.

The federal farm program has had as one of its talking points the reduction of acreage and production of wheat. It has been nothing but a talking point. When the program started we had some 64,000,000 acres in wheat. Last year we had over 80,000,000 acres. The aim this year with a huge surplus is 55,000,000 acres with a probability of more than normal acreage harvested when August comes.

Every year the government comes out with a new catch phrase to delight the farmers. This year it appears to be "commercial areas" by which is meant that those wheat growers who do not produce wheat to sell are to be restricted to a greater extent than those who actually make a business of growing wheat. The idea isn't half bad if one could have any confidence in the restriction being made and if one could be persuaded that any great number of farmers grew wheat for fun instead of for commerce.

As this newspaper has said many times before, this administration had a fine opportunity to aid in the needed readjustment of American agriculture back in the early thirties. Land that was adapted to wheat should have been left in wheat; land that was better fitted for grass could have been put back in grass had payments been made for grass instead of for wheat. Instead of that it was made economically impossible for any farmer to stop growing wheat. Naturally the acreage has increased.

Perhaps the best way of getting necessary changes made in the farm bill is to pass resolutions endorsing the program, but how are the authorities back in Washington to be informed of discontent if they receive such endorsement?

As a general attitude it seems that the wheat league has become a bit too polite. It invites authorities on many subjects to come to its meetings in order to obtain information about different phases of legislation, farm programs, taxation, etc., and these men are permitted to dominate the meeting to the exclusion of the actual farmers who hesitate to argue or dispute one who poses as an authority. Information is, of course, necessary for the successful deliberation of any group, but the wheat farmers of the Columbia basin can better do the concluding themselves.

This may be caused by a lack of confidence in their own abilities. But there should be no lack of confidence for the reasoned judgment of farmers of this section has oft times before been better than the opinion of experts. And furthermore, when the farmers come to a decision it is a farmer decision, based on their problems, determined from their viewpoint and therefore represents them much better than can the opinions of any other man or group.

We wonder if anyone in this world really thinks that Germany and France have made up for good.

MONEY, MONEY

At about this time in every even numbered year there are dire predictions about what will happen if the legislature doesn't raise a lot of money. The average reader must be made to feel that the processes of state are in abeyance until the legislators gather together in Salem and come to the rescue of the overspent budget.

Oftentimes the legislature appropriates the money and passes some sort of a sales, income or other tax to raise the dough. Then the citizens refer the new tax to the people who vote it down and the good old property owners find another addition on his tax bill. This state has a tax delinquency of over \$40,000,000 on property now and that ought to be enough.

Sometimes we are led to wonder what would happen if the business was reversed and the taxpayers said, "We are paying too much and taxes must be cut ten percent." Maybe it would be possible to have the other, the spending side, revise its estimates.

It may be possible that the state does need more money. It may even have to have it. Much of the talk about its necessity, however, sounds like the beginning of the campaign for a new tax of some sort or another.

What is a greater need for the state is some sort of a tax that will take a part of the PRESENT tax burden off property so that a farm owner could pay his interest and taxes both in one year.

Some people just can't help but remember the snows of winter when it is June. Grumpy, the dwarf, just came in and remarked that this is the kind of fine weather we had in December two years ago before snow started Christmas night and lasted until late February bringing twenty below zero temperatures with it. We're going out now to look up a more cheerful citizen to balance this dire prophecy.

The fight of the CIO against the labor bill will do as much as anything else to hurt that organization in public esteem. From the vantage point of the wheat fields it appears that a wiser course for labor would be to try the bill and if found unfair to show the public where it was wrong. Then change will be easy.

In Other Days

From the Observer, ed. 8, 1909

The Masque ball in Grass Valley was a great success in every way—91 number were sold.

A poor man's party is to be given soon at Mrs. Robert Newtons. Refreshments, boiled wheat, cabbage, and sassafras tea will be served. The poorest dressed lady and gent will receive prizes assessed to the best dressed gent and lady.

Dr. Smith's team took a rest last week and fresh horses from the Altamont were used in his trips. One day he drove 90 miles between 5 a. m. and midnight. Edgar Miller's teams are hauling lumber from the Deschutes mill of the Sherman County Lumber company for A. E. Cousen's sawmills.

W. A. Raymond takes 12 stamp pictures in 12 positions for 25 cents. The price and the picture will both be up to date.

From the Observer Dec. 10, 1909

A woman was nearly killed by a jump from the Shaniko-Prineville stage; the stage upset and one of the horses so badly injured it had to be shot. It happened on Grizzly mountain and was caused by the careless nese of the woman who didn't pin her hat on sufficiently to resist the wind; the neglect of the driver who left his team to chase the hat and the thoughtlessness of a passenger who got out to warm his fingers by beating them around his body thus starting the team.

Dr. Goffin's team was tired out going five miles Tuesday after he started to Kent. No relay horses could be found at Grass Valley and he had to return.

Skating at the rink every Wednesday and Saturday evenings. Friday afternoon from 2:30 to 4:30 will be for the ladies only.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Powell left for California to spend the winter last Saturday.

From the Observer, Dec. 12, 1919

A. M. Young has been appointed to take the census in Moro beginning January first.

Until further notice telephone hours in Moro will be from 7 a. m. to 10 p. m. with one hour off for lunch except Saturday. Sunday and holiday hours will be from 10 a. m. to 12 and from 2 p. m. to 4 p. m.

Members of the Moro Rod and Gun club have appointed Frank and Tom Hulery to captain the two sides of the hunt. The hunt has been scheduled for this Friday but because of the deep snow has been postponed.

Committees have been appointed to have charge of the community Christmas tree during holiday week.

Statehouse Gossip

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levy against property for state purposes either inside or outside the constitutional six percent limitation. An estimate of possible state revenues for 1940 prepared by the tax commission for the information of the budget department, however, anticipates the restoration of a property levy next year. This estimate is based on an anticipated slump in income tax collections due to the business recession.

While the State Relief Committee did not name the "certain other counties" in which relief rolls are to be purged of employables these are understood to include the industrial counties of Clackamas, Columbia, Coos and Deschutes. In its determination to keep relief expenditures within state and county budgets the Relief Committee has decreed that direct relief rolls shall be cut to the minimum and that no further applications shall be received for old age pensions, or for needy blind or aid for dependent children.

Legislators coming to Salem for the 1939 session may encounter a substantial increase in living costs. Publication of a story to the effect that rooms are renting for from \$1 to \$2.50 a night all Salem home owners with spare rooms to rent have raised their prices to that level. Formerly good rooms could be had in private homes at \$15 to \$18 a month.

It cost the taxpayers of Oregon \$17,663,161 to operate the grade and high schools of the state during 1937-38 according to reports from the county school superintendents compiled by Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction. The cost figure was only slightly below the all-time peak reached in 1931-32. Of the total operating cost \$9,628,487 was spent for teachers' salaries and \$4,273,364 for debt service—retirement of bonds and payment of interest.

December 1 was moving day for Governor and Mrs. Martin when they took up their residence in the new home which the governor recently acquired on Portland's west side. While the governor does not propose to commute between the metropolis and the state capital daily he has announced that he will be on hand to conduct all necessary meetings of the numerous boards of which he is a member as well as to transact all other necessary state business requiring his attention.

The pardon and parole power would be transferred from the governor to a newly created board of pardons and paroles if recommendations to be submitted by Governor Martin's special committee on paroles and probation are accepted by the legislature. Members of the committee contend that too much of the chief executive's time is now taken up by prison problems.

Employment in Oregon industries this fall is on a level with that of a year ago according to records of the State Industrial Accident commission. Cessation of seasonal work, however, has been followed by a material slump in employment this winter.

FIRST RIVER BOAT

The pioneer steamboat on the Columbia and Willamette rivers made her appearance in 1850. Earlier, the only passage available between all river points was either over the wandering Indian trails or else by passage engaged in canoes.

Built in Astoria the "Columbia" was a little packet of the side-wheel type. On July 3, 1850, the boat left Astoria on her initial trip. After a stop at Portland to enable the townspeople to inspect the craft, she proceeded up the Willamette and arrived at Oregon City on the evening of the Fourth, where she was given an ovation by the jubilant citizens.

During the first year of the Columbia's run she proved very profitable to her owners. Rates are said to have been \$25 a trip for passengers and \$25 a ton for freight. Later, when better and faster boats came from San Francisco to travel along the same routes, the little Columbia lost prestige.

In cowboy slang a "cow crowd" was an "outfit," or unit of cow boy.

When a cow boy was fired without having a horse to ride away, he was "set down" in cowboy parlance. Such an act often led to gun play.

A cowboy old in the ways of the West was called a "rawhide," and was sometime said to be "alkalied" or "bone-seasoned."



When weeds had their day! Eva Siegens holding one of the entries in the "weed show" staged last week by the employees of The First National Bank of Portland. Arrangements of the weeds was the thing that counted. The small bowl at the right is one of the miniature flower exhibits in the bank's annual show, held in Portland.

Amendment
Would Give
Broad Power

The placing of all wild life in Oregon, including fish and game, except salmon and steelhead in the Columbia river and certain coastal bays, under the control of the Oregon Game commission, with their propagation and taking regulated for recreational purposes, was advocated in a proposed amendment to the state constitution approved by the third annual conference of the Oregon Wild Life Federation at Oregon State college December 1 and 2.

The amendment would close all bays and coastal streams in Oregon to commercial fishing except the Columbia river and parts of Coos, Winchester and Tillamook bays.

After a busy two-day session in which delegates representing sportsmen, stockmen, commercial fishermen, forest service, wild life societies and other interests involved discussed Oregon's wild life problems from many different angles, the conference was brought to a close with the passage of several resolutions and election of officers. William J. Smith of Portland was re-elected president and the society retained W. H. Stage, Portland, as secretary-treasurer. Alva Day of Hood River was chosen to succeed Malcolm Epley of Klamath Falls as vice president.

Among the resolutions passed was one presented by the conservation committee of the Columbia River Fishermen's Protective Union which provided that no commercial fishing be permitted month of Bonneville dam except by over 29,109 checks, and this Indians according to their treaty brought the cumulative total for ties; that the fish commission be 1938 to \$5,539,107.

given power to close the Columbia to fishing for at least two weeks in July and all of September, and recommended abolishment of all stationary fishing gear, including seines, on the Columbia and its tributaries; the measure to carry a referendum clause referring it to voters for approval.

A Humble Spirit

Once after Abraham Lincoln had become recognized as the leader of the Illinois bar, he went away to Cincinnati to participate in a case, where he met a well educated Eastern lawyer. In deep dejection Mr. Lincoln returned to his home and to a friend said, "I am really going to study law."

"Why, what are you talking about?" replied his friend. "You stand at the head of the Illinois bar now."

"Yes, I do occupy a good place there," said Mr. Lincoln, "and as things stand there now I can manage to get along. But it will not be long before college trained men, who have devoted all their lives to study, will come West. They study their cases as we never do. They have traveled as far as Cincinnati now. Soon they will be in Illinois. I am therefore going to study more law. I am as good as any of these eastern men, and when they get out to Illinois I am going to be ready for them."—Christian Science Monitor.

UNEMPLOYMENT CHECKS
GOING UP AGAIN

Trend of benefit payments for unemployed insured Oregon workers is up again.

Completion of the November report by the state unemployment compensation commission shows an increase of 30 per cent over October distribution. Total for the commercial fishing be permitted month was \$305,066, distributed east of Bonneville dam except by over 29,109 checks, and this Indians according to their treaty brought the cumulative total for ties; that the fish commission be 1938 to \$5,539,107.

Claims for job insurance filed in the commission's 22 local offices also shows the pendulum has begun its winter tempo, officials said. Both new and continued claims are increasing in number each week.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

By virtue of written directions on behalf of Mark Skinner, as Superintendent of Banks of the State of Oregon, in charge of the Liquidation of the Bank of Commerce, Wasco, Oregon, requesting and directing me to seize and sell the personal property described in that certain crop and chattel mortgage made, executed and delivered by W. S. Deaton and Flossie Deaton, husband and wife, to Mark Skinner, as Superintendent of Banks of the State of Oregon, in charge of the Liquidation of the Bank of Commerce, Wasco, Oregon, filed as Instrument C-132 of the Chattel Mortgage Records of Sherman County, Oregon, which said written order, together with the terms of said mortgage authorize me, on behalf of said Superintendent of Banks, to seize and sell the personal property described in said mortgage to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, I have seized and taken into my possession thereunder the following property, to wit:

- 1 - 30 h. p. gas Caterpillar tractor No. 6439
- 1 - 18-7 disc Superior grain drill
- 3 - 3 bottom 16 in Vulcan gang plows
- 6 - sections iron harrow
- 6 - sections wood harrow
- 2 - 20-6 hoe Superior grain drill
- 1 - 12 foot Holt combine harvester, complete with motor, header and hitches
- 2 - Walla Walla rotary rod weeder
- 1 - bay mare named Dollie, aged 6 years weighing 1600 lbs
- 1 - brown gelding named King, aged 3 years, weighing 1200 lbs
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THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That on Saturday, December 17, 1938, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m., at the place of residence of W. S. Deaton and Flossie Deaton, situate approximately five miles Northeast of Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash to satisfy said mortgage, costs and expenses of sale, the above described personal property.

C. C. WILSON
Sheriff, Sherman County, Oregon

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING

All persons shall file their objections, if any, to the Final Account of the administratrix of the estate of Ralph M. Smith, deceased, on or before December 31, 1938, at two o'clock p. m., which is the time fixed by the County Court for settlement of said Final Account, and the County Court House in Moro, Oregon, is the place fixed for hearing said account.

Alta Smith, Administratrix.
Frank G. Dick, The Dalles, Oregon, Attorney for Administratrix.

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