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A FAILING INDUSTRY

Can anyone think, off hand, of an industry that has done a poorer job than the bakers? When baking was a home industry, the average consumption of wheat was about six bushels per capita per year. Now it is 4.2 bushels and steadily falling. That indicates a serious failure of the bakers as an industry.

Bread is still spoken of as the staff of life. But it isn't. Not anymore. It is the stuff the diner holds in his left hand to keep from pushing his peas off the plate. It tastes—or does it? The bakers seem to be doing alright at making money. They sell cakes and pies and many different kinds of bread, the variety is practically endless and the quantity is steadily decreasing.

Wheat farmers have a stake in this matter. After all they are the ones who grow the food stuff that is being treated so shamefully that people are not eating it. Wheat is a good food. It has vitamins, and everything, in it. Bread is a good food, too, but fewer people are eating it every year.

The job of getting people to eat bread is the bakers job. They get most of the money for the product. (The retailer gets more than the farmer.)

If a farmer grows a kind of wheat that cannot be sold he soon stops it and gets a kind of wheat that he can sell. The same thing applies to every other kind of business. In the face of steadily declining sales of wheat as a food it seems that the bakers would try to find a product that would sell well enough to start people to using wheat like they did when grandma was in charge of the baking.

At the present rate of decline in the consumption of wheat the bakers will be half out of business in another 20 years. Also about half of the wheat farmers will be out of business.

RURAL ELECTRICITY

There has been renewed interest this week in the possibility that the Wasco county REA line will be extended into Sherman county.

There are at least two possibilities in this regard. The Gilliam-Morrow county REA is farther along than is the one in Sherman county, having been surveyed more definitely and probably having more possible users per mile. The Bonneville administration is anxious to figure out some way to connect it with the plant.

This can be done by running a line through Sherman county and connecting it with the Wasco county line or it can connect at Hermiton. Both will require a long connecting line although the route through Sherman county is more direct.

Furthermore it will be possible to obtain several users on the direct line in this county. This means that if the line is built it may run through the northern part of Sherman county and serve those along the line, or the projected line south through this county to Antelope may be built in entirety, although this will not be necessary for the Gilliam-Morrow connection.

Proponents of the Gilliam-Morrow line which runs into Grant county also, boast that they have a survey which will have enough customers to make it pay out in the allotted time. There is still doubt as to whether the projected line through this county to Antelope has enough possible customers or not.

From a good business standpoint it seems that the government would wish to have enough potential business to break even before building a line, although the government may not consider this necessary. It has not always been interested in breaking even in this electrification matter.

If the government wishes to subsidize rural electrification to the amount needed for construc-

tion of a line in these times when there is need for copper and steel in defense work the farmers may be able to obtain electricity below cost. It would certainly add to the enjoyment of life.

A PROPER VETO

The presidential veto of the bill authorizing the department of agriculture to freeze stocks of wheat and cotton held under loan by the government was a proper one.

Despite the fact that it might have tended to raise the price of wheat and cotton it would have been poor policy for the government to establish the principle of withholding indefinitely these stocks.

If prices rise too high they will be a check on them and can therefore be used to forestall inflation. Higher prices for wheat and cotton would be of doubtful value for producers of those commodities anyway. Already they are troubled by too much production that has been caused by prices higher than a normal market would maintain.

The huge surpluses of wheat and cotton must be liquidated before a normal market can be established. The growers of wheat and cotton will suffer when they are liquidated. Building them bigger is of value to no one. The president was right.

WHAT, NO DEBTS

Consider for a moment the plight of the farmer. He has been laboring along for ten, twenty, maybe fifty years in debt. He had to laugh at the banker's jokes, accost the grocer with fear and trembling, wish he could hide when a strange car drove into his lane, all because he owed a lot of money to a lot of people.

Now he has to a great extent wiped it all out, all the five or fifteen thousand of it. It means a drastic change of life for him. He'll really be independent and many of them are promising themselves to stay that way.

Nearly every week a new piece of territory is added to the ones already fighting. This week it is Iran. Next week Turkey?

In Other Days

From the Observer Aug. 29, 1902

Mrs. J. B. Hosford and little lady Muriel have returned from southern Oregon. Mr. Hosford me: them in Portland.

Moro Public Schools fall term begins Monday, Sept. 22nd. Don't forget the date.

Judge Fulton, and F. H. Meader and wife were Dalles City visitors Monday. They took the little ones to the circus of course.

The Elwood Thompson Co. had finished 800 acres of wheat cutting with the Holt combine last week.

Napoleon Perault visited the Wild West Circus in The Dalles Monday, taking with him several deserving youths from Kent.

Mrs. Elcock is expected home this week. Miss Minnie arrived home last week.

From the Observer Aug. 30, 1912

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Moretz are visitors in the Rose City this week, going by boat from The Dalles.

Raymond's concrete crew came up from McDonald bridge Saturday night to get a shave and clean shirts around. They have trout every morning for breakfast.

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Rice a fine 9 lb boy.

J. L. McCune of Bandon, is here this week to visit his relative, John McCune, former marshal of this city.

Part of the old-time Moro colony that used to add to the attractions at Collins, are back there this season. S. S. Hayes and family are guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Hadley, and Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Moore, and J. O. Elrod and family are at the old-time summer home.

Monday, September 9th is the day set for opening the Moro public schools.

From the Observer Sept. 1, 1922

Karl Schade, genial proprietor of the Moro Pharmacy, and "Shorty" Anderson spent Tuesday at Shearer Bridge, on the Deschutes river. They brought home a few fish, but reported the river too muddy for good sport, due to the work being done on the electric power site on White river.

Chris Polston of Kent has returned there this week. Chris says Lizzie should have gotten home sooner in the day. Chris is the very efficient janitor at the Kent school.

The rock crusher plant on Nigger Ridge has been shut down part of the week because of the breakage of a friction clutch on the donkey engine. The new grade is now practically finished to Grass Valley and rock surfacing is completed from the top of Nigger Ridge to within a short distance of the O. P. King ranch.

Kelly's Column

Astoria recently that he would inspect the naval air base at Tongue Point; had his orderly drive to the scene of the development. A marine corps leatherneck was on guard at the entrance. The work is being carefully protected as the task of making it into an almost major air base (with destroyers and submarines, too) proceeds. The visiting colonel ranks the officer in charge. At the gate the marine halts the car, asked the colonel if he had a permit. No, the colonel did not have one; he did not need one, he was a colonel, and he demanded entrance. The marine was firm. "No tickles, no shirtie." Throwing out his chest, the colonel said he had his uniform on; that should be sufficient credentials. "Humph," said the marine, "anyone can get a colonel's uniform." And the colonel drove back to Fort Stevens indignantly. (Note: Fakers have paraded in uniforms.)

Secretary of Labor Perkins has rented the first two floors of her home to a British mission and is living on the top floor. The rent is presumed to be commensurate to the inconvenience.

People's Column

To the Editor:

Heigh-Ho, Come to the Fair! With wheels rolling toward Moro the Sherman County Fair is on its way. There'll be room for all, but there won't be much slack, for the exhibits have come pouring in and the mid-way is lined with all kinds of entertainment features. Oh Yes, in between is room for many thousands cars.

Fair officials say they have a real county fair and hope every body will see it. Come early and take your time and enjoy it.

There'll be plenty to take your time—not quite as much as a New York or a Golden Gate—perhaps, but the very things that live and grow about you and are a part of your daily life.

Your friends will be there, too, and you'll enjoy meeting them under such pleasant auspices. They'll bring along the family, which always has been the happy custom at the Moro Fair.

When you finish looking over the prize winners in all the barns and buildings, you'll want to see the speed races in the afternoon.

For more than a century a grain culture has been the mainstay of our county. After other things have passed and gone our farms will continue to be our most dependable source of income. The county fair climaxes another year of farm production and the best way to show your appreciation is to take part in it.

We'll see you at Moro this week! Martha Cope, Aransas Pass, San Patricio Co., Texas.

Another Number



Secretary of Navy Frank Knox is shown drawing the second number in the second peacetime draft lottery. The number was 98. First number was 195.

Moro Lodge No. 113, I.O.O.F. Moro, Oregon Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in the I.O.O.F. hall Transient and visiting brothers are cordially invited to meet with us.

Joe Ritner N.G. Vernon Miller, Sec.

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116 Moro, Oregon

Meets 2d & 4th Tuesday of each month. Visiting members welcome.

Helen Martin N.G. Florence Johnston, Sec.

Eureka Lodge No. 121 A-F & A-M Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings of each month. Visiting members cordially invited to meet with us.

Wendell Balsiger W.M. C. V. Belknap, Secy.

Many Attend Funeral of Kent Woman

Funeral services were held at the Kent Christian church Monday afternoon, August 25th at 2 p. m., for Mrs. Polly Mae Reckman Jr., with Rev. C. A. Swander officiating. Music was furnished by Mrs. Geo. Wilson and Mrs. Chas. Bothwell, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Orville Ruggles of Grass Valley. Relatives and friends from out of the county for the funeral included: Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Swander and son Courtney, Earl Harbin, Mrs. Ted Kaser and Nellie Wilson of Portland; Mrs. B. M. Sias and son Frank of Forest Grove, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Hartin of Cheney, Wn., Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Wilson of Wawawai, Wn., Mrs. Essie Wilson and Mrs. Ruth Hurner of Pullman, Wn., Mrs. J. G. Wilson of Moscow, Idaho, Mrs. Roy Hulse and son Paul and Mr. and Mrs. Alva Eakin and children of Dufur; Mr. and Mrs. Dick Reckman Sr. and sons Andy and Henry of Boring; Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Nelson and son George, Mrs. Frieda Pickett, Mrs. Lillie Walker, Mrs. Ora Raeburn, Mrs. Elsie Wehl and Mrs. Earl Gregg of Bend; Mr. and Mrs. Andy Patjens and sons Ernest and Andy jr., of Shaniko; Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Wilson and Evelyn Davis of The Dalles, Mrs. J. H. Smith of Mitchell and Mrs. G. L. Barnett and Mrs. Rorellen Jennings of Cow Canyon. Interment was in the I. O. O. F. cemetery at Kent. Funeral arrangements were in charge of Zell's Funeral Home of The Dalles.

Miss Christine Hood of Klondike spent the week end here with her sister, Sally Hood at the J. L. Davis home.

Mrs. H. C. Nelson was a brief caller at Moro Monday.

J. C. Wilson was called to The Dalles Thursday noon because of the serious illness of his daughter, Mrs. Dick Reckman, who passed away Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Jones of Odell were visitors at Kent Monday night.

Bennett and Hogue have moved their well drilling outfit to the Frank von Borstel ranch to drill for water, after having finished the J. M. Wilson well on his ranch north of Kent.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Nelson of Bend and Mrs. Grace Smith of Mitchell were over night guests at the J. L. Davis home Sunday evening.

Mrs. Frank Haynes and daughters Annie Laurie and Jean of Philomath were at Kent Saturday evening for the Legion dance.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Jeffries of Moro were at the R. P. Barnett ranch Saturday evening.

Mrs. J. G. Wilson of Moscow, Idaho was a visitor Monday night at the J. H. Wilson home.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Barnett and sons Leland and Lee were week end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Young in Portland in honor of Mrs. Young's birthday anniversary.

Mrs. J. L. Matthes was a visitor at the Clyde Smith home at Grass Valley Friday.

The Rebekah social club met at the home of Mrs. J. L. Matthes Wednesday. Those present were Mrs. Augusta Haynes and granddaughter Doris Haynes of Carlton, Mrs. A. A. Dunlap and Mrs. Alfred Kock of Grass Valley, Mrs. A. F. Lyons, Mrs. W. C. Guyton, Mrs. L. Sather, Mrs. R. P. Barnett, Mrs. G. L. Barnett and granddaughter Johnetta, Mrs. Robert Schilling and daughter Bobetta, Mrs. Jay McKay and daughter Kay and son Kent, Mrs. J. J. Decker and son Arthur and daughter Nancy, Mrs. J. E. Norton and son Warren of Kent. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

Mrs. J. C. Wilson and Mrs. H. C. Nelson and son George spent a few days in Portland last week on business.

The Kent Rebekahs held their anniversary meeting of the month Thursday evening. Honor guests were Mrs. J. J. Decker, Mrs. W. C. Guyton, Mrs. Alfred Lyons and Mrs. Edna Schilling. Gifts were presented and refreshments served.

Families representing Kent in the Sherman County Riders organization at Moro last Sunday included the Paul Wilsons, Kenneth Martins, and Clarence Laffoons. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wilson and son Jerry and Mrs. Chas. Bothwell and son Edward were business visitors in The Dalles Friday.

Mrs. B. A. Hogue and daughter Gertrude returned to their home here Sunday after a two weeks visit with the former's son, Lyle and wife in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bothwell moved their household goods to Hood River Wednesday where the former will be instructor in the Junior High school.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ornduff of Moro called at the J. C. Wilson and George Wilson homes Sunday.

Weedy Barb a Despoiler of Sheep Pelts and Meat



"Weedy Barb" to give it a name, is an affliction grazing animals contract on ranges and pastures infested with awn-seeded grasses. Mechanical injury around the eyes and mouths of grazing livestock is frequently noticed, but in sheep the pelts and carcasses, pierced by thousands of barbs of weed seeds, take a market loss of fifty per cent or more.

The sharp awns, or sheaths encasing the seeds of wild oats, little and wild barleys, foxtail, broom grasses, needle grass, poverty grasses, and others, break off in the fleece of sheep, work their way through the hide, and lodge in the flesh. Increase of the trouble in recent years has given rise to buyers' reports of "wild oat lambs" from western states, particularly California, Oregon, Arizona, Montana, and Idaho.

In the green stage these forage plants are succulent but in late

spring and summer the seeds ripen and the rough awns catch in the wool of sheep. Then, as one packing house buyer relates, "every movement of the animal seems to propel these needles deeper until they reach the flesh itself, where they fester and cause bloodshot circles an inch or two in diameter." Some of the animals die, literally stuck to death. The pelts of others, looking like pincushions, have no market, and may be carried a year before bringing \$2.50 a dozen as No. 2 seedings.

"When lambs are killed within a month of the time the seed barbs lodge in the wool, the carcasses are severely trimmed by government inspectors," which usually leaves a badly mutilated cutter worth about one-third as much as the ones free of grass.

Good management of herds, range, and pastures are the only

effective preventive measures buyers and experiment station specialists alike declare. Lambs may be sheared before the seeds are ripe. Sheep may follow cattle which have been allowed to graze the weeds down early in spring before the spear points can develop. Ranges and pastures loaded with weeds at maturity should be avoided, especially in late summer and fall. Single night bedground on the range should prevail and permanent bedground avoided. Open herding should be followed, close herding avoided, and dogs used as little as possible, all to prevent close contact of the entire flock with weedy patches.

In pastures, control of the weeds, most of which are annuals, is simply done by cultivation, and on open lands grubbing out is often resorted to, or soon after the plants have blossomed they are cut or burned.

Contract Up On Shearers Road

A contract will be let at the next meeting of the highway commission for the construction, grading and surfacing of 1.61 miles on the lower end of Sherar's grade. The new road will turn on the Sherman county end of the Buck-hollow bridge and come up to the rail road grade from where it will be built up to the present grade. It is expected that within a few years the railroad grade in Wasco county will be used instead of the present stretch of road between Buckhollow and the bridge.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this method of expressing our thanks to the thoughtful neighbors and friends for their many deeds and acts of kindness and beautiful floral offerings following the death of our wife and daughter. May God's blessing rest upon each and every one of you. Dick Reckman and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson and Nellie, Mrs. H. C. Nelson.

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Geo. G. Udeggraf, Attorney for Administratrix

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