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Those who would trade freedom for security are deserving of neither.

WHEAT

Things are happening in the grain business and they are happening fast. For the first time since a high school boy could remember there is a shortage of grain in the world. It is so strange that it can hardly be believed and in most places it doesn't seem to be.

There was a poorly publicized drought in the southern hemisphere and Europe's war has finally caught up with her agricultural production, if all stories are to be given credence. The United States must feed the world again even if Americans have to eat a part of the bran.

There is no one who can say that eating a little rougher bread will hurt Americans. They have pampered their taste anyway and a little bran—or a lot of it—isn't going to hurt them.

Whether flour mills can change over to a higher extraction of flour from wheat is another question. There may be mechanical difficulties there that will be expensive. Perhaps they will just pour in some of the finely ground bran and call it a deal.

Europe's situation is a bit more uncertain. During the greatest war in all time, a war that stretched its battle lines from Stalin grad to Brest, Europe did not want American wheat. Some starved perhaps, but distribution had more to do with it than lack of food, that and German management in their own behalf.

A life time of listening to Europe's woes has not been conducive to acceptance of all of them. As neighbors we'll take them, as mendicants we won't. The propaganda that teaches us that we are responsible for Europe's wars, her food, her citizens, her morals, falls flat. We have never done any good on that continent and have suffered tremendously in our constant efforts.

Reformation of Europe's bungled transportation system and her production capacities is a job for Europeans, not of Americans. Reformation and defeat of her bad men will have to be done at home. We have never been able to help much and should eventually learn to not try.

It seems odd that Europe should suddenly get hungry as spring is about ready to break, when farmers are already plowing and sowing. It is odd that it should be February before this government awakened to the dire need of Europeans. Wheat shipped now will not reach them until they can produce food for themselves.

One need be but partially suspicious to wonder if there isn't the fine hand of international propaganda in it all. It has been said that the wheat is to go to the Balkans from which Russia is taking grain. That is the gray area of Europe which Germany captured in order to obtain grain. Some one should do some explaining about the whole deal.

The wheat farmer may be pretty happy about it all for it assures him a continued market for a longer period than he could expect to have if there was no shortage, real or imagined. That part of it is good news for Sherman county. But a lot of it sounds like the old come-on for operahanded Uncle Sam who can't look at a picture (whether posed or not) of a hungry child without reaching in his pocket.

If this is really spring Nature has turned over a new leaf for this county.

Washington Column

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Members of congress simply cannot resist the urge to investigate upon the slightest provocation, the latest manifestation being the decision of Chairman Patman of the house small business committee to start another probe of the chain store systems of the theory that to aid small business it is necessary to learn the inside workings of its competitors. Hearings will continue until the committee members learn all that they want to know about chain store operation and its impact upon the small, independent merchant. It is an old story with Congressman Patman and it is unlikely that any new or startling facts will be disclosed by his committee or that any anti-chain store legislation will be enacted. But the hearings will provide a few newspaper headlines in an election year, and it may temporarily satisfy the individual and collective urge to investigate. Just how it is expected to aid small business is not clear.

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Enterprising homesteaders brought in bigger stallions, Clydesdales, who left a deer belled color on their descendants but whose flat feet were not suited to the rocks; Percherons, whose fire took little from that of the native cayuse; Shires, with their huge and bony frames; Belgians, short, chunky, placid. The first crosses brought horses that weighed upwards of 1400 and many were mis-shapen beasts.

But as time went on the quality became better; the native stock was excellent and hardy. Until the time when the gas tractor crowded the horse off the farms. The diesel engine made the battle a rout and the few farmers who had clung to their big twelve horse teams gave up in the face of seven cent fuel oil.

Probably the last fair year before the war was the last year of horse showmanship in the northwest as far as draft animals are concerned. That year this county saw the last of the big teams in show action. The three teams that showed at the Pacific International had shown here. This county had the last and the best Rolfe's Percheron were the best, Fraser's Belgians were the best, Helyer's Belgians were second.

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DIVISION ON METHOD
A sincere effort to understand the people who spend their waking hours trying to get something from the government may take a lot of time, but could be revealing. Many of these promoters of more government money for more social schemes ask nothing for themselves. (some do, too). They may be people who see that there is a need for something, a park, a power line, a swimming pool, lunches, bigger this and that. They are at a loss as to how to organize the people to obtain it for themselves and incapable to leading public opinion in a campaign for funds. So they go to the government, generally the federal government for the farther away the government is the better the chances of getting money for a project.

Done in the name of social service, equalization of opportunities, aid to the down trodden, third, and with political overtones, most any sort of plan might get across, or could in the halcyon days of public spending, when getting money from the lenders and into the hands of the spenders was considered the height of good government.

Often these folks think they are helping the people. That belief comes from lack of knowledge of people. That individual is strongest who does things for himself or herself; people are most able when making their own improvements; a nation is strong when its citizens are strong. Strong government means weak people and government gratuities cause the people to lose self-reliance.

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MRS. G. V. BELKNAP

Clifford Verne Belknap, who recently sold his barber shop in Moro and retired to spend some time with his sister in Washington and his son in Eugene, surprised his friends when an announcement was made of his marriage to Envy Lillian Gray McCormick at Eugene, February 17.

Mrs McCormick now retired to her home at Cottage Grove, was for 20 years campaign secretary for the Salvation Army in eastern Oregon and southern Idaho territory and is known to nearly all residents of this county.

The ceremony was held in the Salvation Army hall in Eugene with sons of the bride and groom and wives in attendance. The wedding dinner had Ma'ic Torgerson, who also performed the ceremony, as toastmaster. The Belknaps will make their home in Cottage Grove.

Mr and Mrs J. H. Koepke from Redmond were visiting in Kert Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs Grace Baker and son are now visitors at the home of Mr and Mrs Wayne Walker.

Jay McKay, Verne Mobley and Paul Wilson motored to White

Lureka Lodge No. 121 A.F. & A.M. Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings of each month. Visiting members are cordially invited to meet with us. Letroy Wright, W. M. H. B. Pinkerton, Secretary

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116 Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome. L. McLachlan N.G. Florence Johnston, Sec.

Frank J. Bayer and Miss Mamie Vinton were married at the home of the bride's parents in Grass Valley Wednesday afternoon, February 28.

Special—at Freeman's March 3. Ladies silk hose 25 cents a pair.

A total snow of over 8 inches was general over the county as a result of the storm of last Saturday.

Car license will range from \$6 for those under 26 horsepower to \$20 for those over 40 horsepower.

From the Observer Mar. 4, 1927: Steve Pizzoloto, Frisco Parodi and Tony Pislino were fined \$75 each and costs at Wasco Monday when they pled guilty to possession of over 100 gallons of wine.

M. G. Melzer was in town this week and reports his family recovered from the flu, although a gathering in his ear proved troublesome.

Following a ceremonial gathering of the junior Tewose campfire girls Wednesday evening members were entertaining Josephine Johnson and Marjory Kunsman at the Kunsman home.

W. A. Raymond is building an inclined fire escape from the Masonic hall into the alley back of the Observer office.

Bethlehem Chapter No. 78, O.E.S. Meets Every Second and Fourth Thursdays in each Month. Visiting Member Invited—Moro, Oregon Helen Ruggles, W. M. Edna Melzer, Secretary

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

Ernest Houston, N. G. A. R. Kessinger, Secretary

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Salmon Tuesday to purchase or write Merit System Council, 816 Mead Bldg., Portland 4, 17-18c

Mr and Mrs John Reckman are parents of a boy born at The Dalles hospital Monday.

Among those visiting in The Dalles during the week were Mrs Frank Keefer, Allan Bekkadhl, Mrs John Decker, Mrs J. L. Matthes, Jay and Harley McKay.

Joyce Smith and Mary Lyons spent the week end in Redmond visiting friends.

After being closed for several months the Sunday school will open again Sunday.

Want Ads

FOR RENT: House at DeMoss Springs, spring water, electricity modern, wood, telephone. \$10.00. John DeMoss. 17c

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FOR SALE: Cabinet Grand Piano. Mrs J. F. Noonan, Moro 17-18c

Painting, kalsoming and roofing. See Charley Wilhelm, The Dalles. Phone 6445 17-9p

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April 1, 1946, at 8:00 P. M. in the City Council room in Wasco, Oregon, they will present to said City Council for consideration a petition praying for the vacation of a portion of a certain alley described as follows:

All of that portion of that certain alley in Block Eight of McPherson's Second Addition to the City of Wasco, Oregon, which lies east of the West line of lots Four and Nine in said Block and Addition.

Dated this 20th day of February, 1946.

C. R. Morrison - J. C. Wilson - Ira R. Fridley 16-19

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, Willard W. Harr, has been appointed Administrator of the Estate of William C. Harper, deceased, and has qualified as such administrator. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and required to present the same, duly verified to the County Clerk of Sherman County at Moro, Oregon, within six months from date of the first publication of this notice, to-wit, February 15, 1946.

Willard W. Harr - Administrator

M. W. Wilkinson, Attorney for Estate, The Dalles, Oregon.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Guy C. Andrews has been appointed Administrator of the Estate of Antone B. Sandvig, deceased, and has qualified as such. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and required to present the same, duly verified, to said Administrator at Wasco, Oregon within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice. The first publication is February 1, 1946.

GUY C. ANDREWS Administrator of the Estate of Antone B. Sandvig, Deceased. J. Tracy Barton Attorney for the Estate The Dalles, Oregon

T. Lester Johnson LAWYER WASCO MORO

NOTICE

Districts (except school), cities, towns and counties that employ five people or more for at least 600 hours each per year, must notify the PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT BOARD. Park Bldg., 729 S.W. Alder St., Portland 5, Ore., not later than May 1, 1946, as required by chapter 401, Oregon Laws 1945, if they elect to exclude their employees from the state retirement system.

IN THE MATTER OF VACATING A PORTION OF A CERTAIN ALLEY IN THE CITY OF WASCO, OREGON. The undersigned hereby gives notice that at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Wasco, Oregon, to be held on

From where I sit... by Joe Marsh. Ollie Mapes and The Streamlined House.

The other day a construction firm set up an exhibit in the courthouse square. They built a new "house of the future"—and invited folks to see it. Drew quite a crowd—with the women sighing over the shiny kitchen, and the men admiring the heating units and insulation. All except Ollie Mapes. He looks around a spell and goes home. When I get there, he's sitting before his old dutch fireplace, with his feet on the screen, and a mellow glass of beer in hand.

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