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**ECONOMICS BY FORCE**

There was quite a debate in the senate the last days of June over continuation of price controls. The first control act was unworkable, the administration did not try to use it for months, labor got three mark-ups in wages first, the administrator Di-Salle, has never had sufficient authority to make the poor bill work, groups of citizens want it for the things they buy and oppose it for the things they sell. The senate was debating the continuation of the law.

There wasn't much chance for anyone to be right. Southern Democrats and western Republicans generally favored modifications to the bill that would protect agriculture and cause a little dislocation of the national economy as possible without incurring political blame that comes from letting prices continue at the present level. There was little statesmanship about the majority. Furthermore there was little economics in the heads of the little band of opponents. In fact, the groups changed with the geography as amendments affecting different sections were proposed.

It was merely another step along the path of economics by force. Government has been trying to pass a law that will repeal the law of supply and demand, the law of diminishing returns, the rules that govern inflation and practically everything else that comes within the inexact science known as economics. The government had had no luck.

The truth is that no one wants to stop inflation. The administration doesn't dare because of the national debt; labor wants higher wages, not smaller; farmers like high farm prices; business men prefer high prices which make it easier to keep up profits. We do want price control for what we buy, not for what we sell—an impossible situation.

The senate failed to meet the problem except politically, which means a neat job of side stepping.

There were no measures offered to really curb inflation, nothing like stopping government subsidies, raising the interest rate, reducing the number of federal employees. Price fixing as a cure for inflation is like putting a band-aid on a broken leg. The conditions that cause inflation will not be changed by setting the retail prices.

**BETTER BREAD**

It does seem that some of the persons or business groups concerned would do something about bread. Included in those who might try are wheat growers, grain dealers, millers, bakers and food merchants.

A few years ago the average consumption of wheat was almost six bushels per capita. Now it is down to around two and while some say it is increasing the statement is without verification.

Farmers endeavor to grow the kind of wheat the millers want and while government buying practices handicap that somewhat farmers are generally responsive to the demands made for proper flour. Millers very likely are also anxious to please the bakers who are their customers. The determining factor seems to be that bakers are not responsive to their customers because they are losing business rapidly.

The baking industry is a big one these days and naturally has large investments in machinery, delivery equipment and contracts with labor unions all of which make changes come slow. But an industry that has lost half

its business of one kind cannot continue indefinitely on the same course without utter failure.

Bread still serves to keep the left hand busy while eating, is useful to load peas on a knife, can polish a plate as effectively as the good bread grandma made. It has no taste, no keeping qualities. The stronger elements of the wheat are taken out in milling and presumably replaced by chemical process, the baker supplies ingredients that make it possible to raise the water content.

Why doesn't some one invent a rubber bread made on the style of a rubber sponge which would be a gadget that would serve most of the purposes of modern bread and be more durable. It could even look like bread, have a soft crust on it and absorb the gravy just as well as bread. It could be sucked instead of swallowed to save the gravy. Probably it could be washed for the benefit of the fastidious.

Statistics show clearly that criticism of bread is not merely a personal opinion. The drop in consumption is too great. It is as if half the people had quit eating it entirely.

It may be noted that those who come from other countries find our bread unpalatable because they are used to a much darker and much more nutritious loaf than our bakers prepare. Bread is still the staff of life in many lands and good bread is good food. American bread may be reasonably good food also but it isn't being received as such.

**NEW STEEL FOR THE OLD COLUMBIA SOUTHERN**

A crew of men is busy putting new rails on that part of the Shaniko branch of the Union Pacific between Grass Valley and Kent. Instead of the 56 pound rails that for some 50 years have carried the sheep and wool and wheat from the high hills to the Columbia there will be 75 pound rails.

The building of the Columbia Southern was an epic story that fit the success stories beloved by an earlier generation. E. E. Lytle was the organizer, aided by May Enright, who was secretary and really a good railroader as well.

Farmers helped grade the right of way from Biggs to Wasco which was the hard part because Lytle had no finances until he got to Wasco and hauled out a crop of wheat. Other support was obtained then.

William Holder, publisher of the Shaniko Leader, printed an illustrated "annual" that told about the country. He was not one to give faint praise. For instance "Did he want right of way, they were there like Me-phistopheles, whispering, plotting against him. Did he try to sell bonds, there were the same dismal whisperings of utter gloomy predictions of utter collapse. Steadily the grade stretched along the canyon, slowly but surely the rails followed until after a struggle and strain and tiredness of which no one but he who bore the brunt will ever know, the road reached

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**Rufus News**

**Mrs. George Fox**  
With the breaking of the dawn last Thursday morning came a big rain in the northern part of Sherman county. It was moisture enough to make the roads south of Rufus muddy for a little while. As there are still some green spots in the wheat, the added moisture will do some good. Most of the hay was up before the rain. Dark clouds hung heavy Monday evening, leaving down but a small amount of rain. An east wind followed Tuesday morning.

With the extra moisture the summer fallow fields are all showing green weeds. The farmers are beginning to get into their fields now with the rod weeder, to get the land rodded before harvest. The harvest of wheat may begin next week.

It was noticed from the Sherman county side of the John Day river that two combines were harvesting wheat Monday on the late William Bartlemay place in Gilliam county. That land over there seems to be a bit earlier in the growing season than this side of the river.

A family reunion picnic of relatives of the late Mrs. Hattie Medler was held Sunday at Brooks park, which is out from Goldendale, Washington. About forty-five people attended the reunion. Those going from here were Frank Medler, Mr. and Mrs. William Macnab and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Frank LeMaster, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Medler and children and Mrs. Leo Dumler and sons of Salem, who arrived Saturday for several weeks visit. They are house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Macnab.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Wayne Barton are the proud parents of a son born July 5 in The Dalles. The baby was named John Wayne and weighed in at 10 lbs 2 oz. The Bartons who live on the David Reid home place have two daughters.

The community is sponsoring a birthday card shower for Mrs. Elizabeth Kuypers whose birthday is July 17. Mrs. Kuypers suffered a stroke three weeks ago and is still at Mid-Columbia hospital. Some days she feels a bit better then again she's not very well. Mrs. Kuypers ("Mom" as she's called here) is one of the earliest residents of Rufus and is beloved by all the community and all who know her.

The carpenters to fix the Rufus grange kitchen plan to get started on the project this week.

Wasco, ten miles from its starting point, three months and 20 days from the time work commenced.

Holder boasted of the warehouses along the line which had a capacity of 2,600,000 bushels. They made the success of the Columbia Southern sure in his opinion. We wonder what he would think could he know that there is four times as much now.

During the war there was a proposal to remove the rails and send them to Russia or some place, but it wasn't done and the old 56 pounders have carried out millions of bushels since. They have served well since the first year when nearly 30,000 passengers traveled on the line together with 150,000 tons of freight. Long trains of sheep used to come down from Shaniko bound for the Rocky mountains and summer pasture, wool by the trainload moved from the largest interior wool market of the day, wheat went to tidewater and cattle to the stock yards as farmers came in to plow up the ranges and build their homestead shacks along the draws where the winds were stilled and there was promise of water.

**Eureka Lodge No. 121 A.F. & A.M.**  
Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings each month. Visiting members cordially invited to meet with us. Donald Martin, W.M.  
H. B. Pinkerton, Secretary

**Bethlehem Chapter No. 78 O.E.S.**  
Meets every second and fourth Thursday in each month; visiting members invited. Moro, Oregon.  
Gwen Ross, W.M.  
Naomi Van Gilder, 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.  
Earl Gentry, N.G.  
Leo Watkins, Secretary

**Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116**  
Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome. Gladys Morrison, N.G.  
Helen Martin, Sec.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank LeMaster were hosts Monday evening at dinner honoring Mrs. Leo Dumler and sons of Salem. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Macnab and family were also guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Clodfelter and son Wendell of Grass Valley were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Fox.

Mrs. Grace Medler entertained at dinner on the Fourth of July for her children. Mr. and Mrs. Elton Medler and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Adams, Gordon Joy who has been working on the Roland Johnson farm broke his arm one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Morris began picking their apricot crop Thursday. There doesn't seem to be many apricots in the Rufus community. The transparent apples are on now and are real good.

As there was no quorum last week, no grange was held at Rufus.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Johnson spent the Fourth and the rest of the week fishing at East Lake. While there, they were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Lester Gray of Portland. The Johnsons returned Sunday evening and reported good fishing with all of them catching the limit.

Mr. and Mrs. James Greiner and children Naideen, Donald, Carol and Jimmy, were over-



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NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT  
NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County his Final Account as Executor of the Estate of J. M. Axtell, deceased, and that Monday, the 30th day of July, 1951, at 10:00 A. M., of said day, at the courtroom, in the courthouse, in Moro, Sherman County, Ore-

gon, have been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing of objections to said Final Account and for the settlement of said estate.  
Claire Axtell  
Executor  
T. Lester Johnson  
Attorney for Executor 34-7c

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NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT  
NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County his final account as Administrator with will annexed, of the Estate of Soren Hansen, deceased, and that Monday, the 6th day of August, 1951, at 10:00 A. M., of said day, at the court room in the court house, in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, have been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing of objections to said Final Account and for the settlement of said estate.  
Ove T. Hansen  
Administrator, with Will annexed  
T. Lester Johnson  
Attorney for Administrator 35-8c

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<b>RESOURCES</b>	
Cash in vault and in Federal Reserve Bank	\$ 66,869,062.19
Due from Banks	24,798,958.79
<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>\$ 91,668,020.98</b>
United States Government Obligations, Direct and Fully Guaranteed	132,918,306.10
State, County and Municipal Bonds and Warrants	4,800,955.01
Other Bonds and Securities	750,000.00
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	256,098,759.35
Loans and Discounts	2,108,168.42
Accrued Interest Receivable	6,003,867.84
Bank Premiums, Furniture and Fixtures and Safe Deposit Vaults	1.00
Other Real Estate Owned	2,500,021.82
Customers' Liability on Accounts of Letters of Credit, Acceptances and Endorsed Bills	575,736.30
Other Resources	\$ 547,742,036.55
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES</b>	<b>\$ 1,476,552.35</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Capital	7,500,000.00
Surplus	17,500,000.00
Undivided Profits	11,065,617.76
<b>Total Capital Funds</b>	<b>36,065,617.76</b>
Reserve for possible loan losses. This reserve is to apply against any loan losses that may develop in the future; it has not been allocated to any particular loans or type of loans. (Established from earnings, \$300,000.00 of which was added from Jan. 1, 1951 through June 30, 1951)	1,476,552.35
DEPOSITS { Demand	\$ 31,503,641,846.71
{ Savings and Time	1,972,910,515.64
Liability for Letters of Credit and as Acceptor	2,500,021.82
Endorser or Maker of Acceptances and Foreign Bills	1,944,444.33
Interest Received in Advance	1,919,335.47
Reserve for Interest, Taxes, Etc.	194,192.11
Other Liabilities	\$ 547,742,036.55
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 547,742,036.55</b>
<b>FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PORTLAND</b>	
Composite totals for the First National Bank Group: The First National Bank of Portland and its 46 statewide banking offices and 15 affiliated banks with 18 banking offices.	
DEPOSITS	\$ 503,641,846.71
The First National Bank of Portland and 46 Offices	121,063,174.81
18 other Oregon Banking Offices in the First National Group	\$ 624,705,021.52
LOANS AND DISCOUNTS	\$ 256,098,759.35
The First National Bank of Portland and 46 Offices	41,376,413.17
18 other Oregon Banking Offices in the First National Group	\$ 297,475,172.52
TOTAL RESOURCES	\$ 547,742,036.55
The First National Bank of Portland and 46 Offices	129,607,076.69
18 other Oregon Banking Offices in the First National Group	\$ 677,349,113.14
TOTAL RESOURCES OF THE 64 BANKING OFFICES IN THE FIRST NATIONAL GROUP	\$ 677,349,113.14

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FENDELTON BRANCH  
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HILLSBORO BRANCH  
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Klamath Falls Branch  
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