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**WAR AND PRICES**

The U. S. & World Report calls attention to a peculiar circumstance. Eleven years after all others wars of consequence in which the United States has engaged prices have dropped from 30 to 55 per cent. Eleven years after World War II prices are up 70 per cent.

There is a reason for this, no doubt. And no doubt many persons are sure they can explain it. Maybe we can partially.

There was the Korean war; heretofore we have made an attempt to pay the war time debt, this time have made little or no effort; high taxes have kept prices high and without reduction in the debt; a socialistic government (the only kind that can get elected) keeps on giving more and more to more and more to keep inflation going and taxes soaring; unions are strong enough to increase wages and reduce work. Want any more??

One thing is certain. If this bunch of government coddled pansies ever runs up against hard times they'll fold like the umbrella, some "strong" man will take over and our experiment in democracy will be over.

**HARVEST**

By the end of next week grain will be going into the elevators in Sherman county, starting what will presumably be a satisfactory harvest. And satisfactory in these days means lucrative.

There isn't much excitement about it. There doesn't need to be. Harvest is merely a matter of putting the combine in shape for a few days work, seeing that chains are not too badly worn, the gears oiled and the sprockets usable. Most farmers will probably have to hire a man or a boy to do some of the work, driving truck or leveling the machine and watching the header, nothing strenuous.

Every night when the farmer sits down to his late supper he and a couple of helpers will have put around 2000 bushels of grain into the elevator in town all ready for the loan of some government money. The price is better than could be obtained from any other person or agency.

Because of reasons the fair board considered adequate the Sherman county fair dates have been changed to September 13-14-15-16. These dates are a week farther away than the ones previously agreed upon.

This means that there is an additional week for citizens to prepare for the fair. And it may be a most important week. Because for most of the county it will be the week after harvest and the hurry and hard work of harvest may carry on for a week and permit getting a lot of work done. For those who expect to slump after harvest the above doesn't apply.

In that time a man could get ahold of some of his wheat—off the best place in the field—if he has saved some of it, and run it through the fanning mill a few times and interest the kids in picking out the smaller kernels. Then he'd have a sample (only takes a half-bushel) that would win at the fair.

Between now and then the fruits will be coming on and going into cans and jars for winter eating. When some nice peaches or plums

Modern harvesting is a very nice occupation for the grain grower with most of the drawbacks of an older age removed. The risk of production has been cut down by better wheats, weed killers, rain makers, applied science; the risk of price has been removed through manipulation of political fear; the big crews of men have been eliminated thru far better machinery.

Remaining is the dust or part of it, possible delaying showers and long days although fewer of them.

To recall the old harvesting days is to put one's self in the past. They are history and few of the young men who will pilot the self propelled combines over the fields ever so much as saw a stationary thresher or heard the welcome whistle of the steam engine as the tired engineer blew it mournfully if expressing the boss' sadness that work had to stop.

The labors of a forker or a sacksewer are as distant in the minds of the young—and as fabled—as the labors of Hercules. That water for dozens of work horses should be hauled miles from distant wells seems terribly inefficient to a lad who always found it in the tap. That men pitched hay every day for two dollars and board is a bit of economics almost unbelievable.

Truly the mechanical revolution that began in this country about 1910 has made wheat growing over, lightened the work and increased the necessary investment. The farmer has taken full advantage of it. His labors are less for it is no longer imperative that he sell stock to make his payments; so he has less stock. Machinery costs more but prices are higher. He has a share of the leisure that comes from machinery and does as well, or better, with it than any other class.

Like all humans they give little thanks that the old days are gone and object to the ills they have rather than give thanks that the old ones can be forgotten.

Teams of the Pacific coast football league have a common enough decision to make: whether to be honest or successful.

**ON THE RIVER**

It is hot these days along the Deschutes and at evening the air, sun and rock heat rises in sudden gusts and is replaced by cooler air that must fall. When the proper balance is achieved the gorge is quiet and the temperature is right for human comfort. The crickets chirp again, the bats fly out for their daily meal and the stars fill the sky to remind the staring fisherman that there are other worlds than this one of which he is so small a part.

The wild currents are dropping their drying fruit and the elder berries are turning to the purple of maturity. The mock orange blossoms are gone and the sumac leaves are at full size awaiting a touch of fall before turning bright red to inflame the hillsides.

That busiest of birds the swallow has completed its building operations except for ever-present repairs and is busy skimming over the water after bugs to feed the little black offspring that next year will be building new nests under the cliffs. The turtle doves coo to each other at eventime. Smaller birds chase the predatory hawks that bother their nests and the hawks scream their victories from atop the canyons high rocks. Canaries as yellow as gold, are teaching their young how to fly, how to light on a limb without teetering. And the river hurries on to the sea swiftness past the rocks like a halfback evading a tackle.

If geologists are right—and who are we to question this gorge was dug by this river, year after year, generation after generation, century after century, rolling the rock along, sweeping the debris from sudden cloudburst downstream, grinding stone against stone until millions of tons have been carried to the ocean or worn out in the struggle to remain.

Man has done little about it and will do little. Millions of them have strayed here sparsely settled as it always has been, millions have fished here and walked along these ever-changing banks to ponder on their place in the world—and still do not know.

**The Old Gray Mare Just Ain't**

SIGHTS LIKE THIS may be vanishing from our American scene, but Marion Embry, Fort Scott, Kan., prefers his four-horse hitch to his modern tractor for seeding oats. Horses and mules on U.S. Farms are dwindling fast. The number was 27 million in 1918; by 1940 there were but 14 million; and today there's less than 3 million draft animals in use, or one-fifth the number 39 years ago.



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**TRACTORS HAVE MOVED IN** to increase productive work a farmer can do in a day, the number skyrocketing from only 246,139 in 1920 to 4,377,700 now on farms. Today's farm wages are three times as high as they were in 1940, and the number of people to do the work on farms has dropped one-fourth in 15 years.

They have builded their railroads and abandoned one of them; they have pastured their cattle and sheep on the bunchgrass that clings stubbornly to the steep slopes; they have gazed in awe at the spectacle of a swift river's work and tried in their little way to emulate it.

So what. It is a question and a good one. But the river and the birds might as well ask it of man as man of them.

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**HELLS CANYON**

We have come to the conclusion that it will be better all around if congress defeats the bill to build a high Hells canyon dam.

None of the reasons usually given for or against the dam have been taken into consideration in this conclusion. All of such arguments have been discredited by the other side anyway. How much power would be available from the big dam and three little dams is in constant dispute and what one believes depends on his own personal prejudices. The value of building big dams for water storage is called one of the greatest assets and the most foolish way to effect conservation.

So we throw them all aside. If engineers don't agree, how should we know. But there is a very good psychological reason for defeat of the bill.

The advocates of the high dam are persons who enjoy railing at things as they are, berating those who are successful, belittling private industry that has builded

the nation. They have never been successful at managing anything themselves, in fact, are apt to go off and leave it and turn to criticism, at which they are most adept.

They will be happier if defeated. Also the advocates of private power will be happier for they will get government out of their hair so they can go ahead and do something.

**NOTICE OF CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed Administrator of the Estate of

Zella Kenny, deceased, and has qualified. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby verified, and with the proper vouchers, to the undersigned at the office of Donald E. Heisler, U. S. National Bank Building, The Dalles, Oregon, within six months from the date of first publication of this notice, to-wit: July 20, 1956.

Lawrence Kenny  
 Administrator of the Estate of  
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 Donald E. Heisler  
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Jimmy Coons, Moro, showed the grand champion 4-H fat lamb, a Jimmy has exhibited the top 4-H Southdown-cross, June 4, at the lamb at the ten year old event annual 4-H and FFA fat stock sponsored by the Oregon Wheat and sale at The Dalles. It Growers League.

come out of the cooker the housewife can set a few aside to take to the fair and astound the visiting women with the perfection of her technique at canning.

And it gives more time to gather articles of a hobby. In fact, a person could start a hobby in that time. Then there's pictures that could be taken and there is a section in the premium list for Sherman county pictures. Harvest pictures, picnic pictures, fishing pictures, animal pictures.

The 4-H kids will get their calves a little fatter, their swine a little slicker, their anxiety a little higher. Their stock will be as good as ever we are sure, and that's good enough.

But the main purpose of this ad is to say right here and now and in this place and in this issue that the Sherman County Fair is going to be held **SEPTEMBER 13-14-15-16**, inclusive. That is a Thursday to Sunday show, with the race and rodeo program coming on the last two days.

The dates are:

**Sherman Fair Sept 13 14 15 16**