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FARMERS REFUSE TO SELL WHEAT

Walla Walla.—Practically the entire 1920 wheat crop of the Walla Walla valley remains just where it was first laid—in the warehouses and grain bins on the great farms of the valley and up on the flat lands north of this city, according to farmers and buyers alike, who were interviewed. Farmers, coming into the city Saturday afternoon as usual, stated in almost every case they were not looking for grain buyers, and when questioned closely declared that they believed little if any of the 1920 crop would be moved for less than \$2.50. They thought that when the price came to that figure things would loosen up considerably, and added that if the price remained down the local growers would hold their grain all winter, if necessary, to get what they considered a fair price.

FRAUD EVIDENCE IS FOUND

Prosecutor Charges Wholesale Bribery in 1919 Race.
 Los Angeles.—Evidence of "wholesale bribery" of players in the 1919 season by a ring of gamblers, has been discovered according to an announcement by W. C. Doran, chief deputy district attorney, who is conducting the investigation begun by the Los Angeles county grand jury into the alleged corruption in Pacific coast baseball league games. Mr. Doran stated evidence already given the investigators indicated scores of games were "thrown" for money last season. Mr. Doran made the definite statement that prosecutions would follow possible indictments under the California statute making it a felony to conspire to commit a felony.

Reclaimed Supplies to be Sold Poland.
 Washington.—War department officials are preparing to sell millions of dollars' worth of reclaimed army supplies to Poland. The supplies include repaired shoes and uniforms.

General Leman Dead.
 Brussels.—General Leman, defender of Liege against the Germans' advance early in the war, died at Liege Sunday from pneumonia.

THE MARKETS

Portland.
 Wheat—Hard white, \$2.17; soft white, \$2.10; white club, \$2.12; hard winter, \$2.05; northern spring \$2.08; red Walla, \$2.05.
 Oats—No. 2 white feed, \$45.
 Corn—Whole, \$61; cracked, 64.
 Hay—Willamette valley timothy, \$27 @ 28 per ton; alfalfa, \$22.50 @ 23.50.
 Butter Fat—57 @ 60c.
 Eggs—Ranch, 62 @ 65c per dozen.
 Cattle—Best steers, \$9 @ 10; good to choice, \$8 @ 9; med'um to good, \$7 @ 8.
 Hogs—Prime mixed, \$17 @ 17.50; medium mixed, \$16.50 @ 17.
 Sheep—Prime lambs, \$9 @ 10; valley lambs, \$8 @ 9; ewes, \$2.25 @ 2.00.
 Seattle.
 Wheat—Hard white, \$2.15; soft white and northern spring, \$2.12; white club and hard winter, \$2.14; red Walla Walla, \$2; eastern Walla Walla, \$2.10; red winter, \$2.12; Big Bend bluestem, \$2.33.
 Hay—Eastern Washington timothy, \$35 per ton, alfalfa, \$30.
 Butter Fat—56 @ 58c.
 Eggs—Ranch, 65 @ 75c.
 Poultry—Hens, dressed 27 @ 28c; alive, 21 @ 23c.
 Cattle—Best steers, \$9.50 @ 10; medium to choice \$9 @ 9.
 Hogs—Prime, \$17.50 @ 18; medium to choice, \$16.50 @ 17.50.

Dr. Harvey W. Wiley Says "Vote 313 No"

Speaking before the Members' Forum of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, Dr. Wiley, formerly head of the Government's pure food bureau and known as the "Father of the Pure Food Laws," declared that the title of the bill was a misnomer and that it should be called "a bill for the increase in mortality in children."
 "Never before have I been in a community where matters pertaining to public health have been taken out of the hands of experts and put to a vote before the people," declared Dr. Wiley. "I do not think that a parent in this state who has children of school age will vote for this measure, because it means that the school children will not be protected against contagious diseases."

ANTI-COMPULSORY VACCINATION MEASURE

At the election, November 2, the voters of Oregon must decide on a question of the most vital importance to the health of this state. On the ballot there will be—Number 313—a bill, entitled, "Anti-compulsory vaccination amendment."
 While this proposed measure purports, upon its face, to be a bill designed to prevent so-called undue compulsory activities on the part of health officers as at present constituted, its provisions are declared by competent legal advisers absolutely to tie the hands of these health officers, so that, in case of an epidemic of disease of any kind—no matter how serious to a community—no stringent measures could be lawfully taken to protect the people.
 Officials of the cities and counties and even the Governor, would be estopped from compelling vaccination or inoculation in the gravest of epidemics, should this bill become the law of Oregon, it is held by lawyers of the highest standing.
 All of the progressive work of the State Board of Health and any association of people organized for the purpose of disease prevention would be rendered helpless under the provisions of this proposed law, for even the curbing of venereal diseases, now being so successfully carried on for the general public welfare, would be ruined.
 All of the experience of ages, gathered at terrible cost to human life—all efforts at preventable objective would be annulled, if this proposed measure should become the law of the state. While purporting to go only to the extent of accomplishing the prevention of compulsory vaccination, its language would prohibit the enforcement of measures long known to be necessary in the protection of the people.
 The best authorities on health legislation and the best legal talent of the state are agreed that, should this measure receive a majority vote of the people, the result would be ruinous to public health.

A GRAVE HEALTH MENACE

Whatever view one may take upon the straight question of vaccination, it would seem, after careful perusal of the so-called "Anti-compulsory Vaccination Amendment" on the ballot for November 2, that it should be defeated by an overwhelming majority because of its iniquitous over-reaching provisions, cloaked under a misleading title.
 Competent authorities, both legal and medical, who have gone into this bill, declare it to be all-inclusive as to its effect if adopted by the voters, on the subject of prevention of diseases, no matter of what nature. That it robs the authorities, duly constituted, of power to act, even in an epidemic emergency, is the declaration of men and women who have given it the most careful scrutiny.
 Read carefully the following excerpt from this bill and determine for yourself what it means:
 "No form of vaccination, inoculation or other medication shall be made a condition in this state for admission to or attendance in any public school, college, university or other educational institution; or for the employment of any person in any capacity or for the exercise of any right, the performance of any duty or the enjoyment of any privilege."
 Under the provisions thus stated, if the English language means anything, compulsory vaccination, even in the gravest emergency, would be prohibited in the case of typhoid, paratyphoid, rabies, tetanus (lock-jaw), bubonic plague, whooping-cough, and any other disease, including the most dangerous and loathsome venereal disorders.
 In short, it would absolutely render powerless the hands of the authorities in every city and county of Oregon, if it became a law.
 A worse calamity could scarcely be conceived.
 This more or less innocent-sounding title is No. 313 on the ballot, labeled "Anti-Vaccination Amendment."
 Vote it NO in capital letters.

Wilson Asks About Harding Speech.

Washington.—President Wilson has directed inquiries to both the French government and Senator Harding as to the Republican candidate's recent statement that he had been "approached informally" by a representative of France and asked to lead in the formation of an association of nations.
 Irish Hunger Striker Dead.
 Cork.—The first death among the 11 hunger strikers in Cork jail was Sunday night. Fitzgerald died at 9:45 P.M., having fasted 88 days. The other hunger strikers in Cork jail passed the 65th day of their fast in an extremely weakened condition.

GOVERNOR PARKHURST



Frederick H. Parkhurst, Republican, who was recently elected governor of Maine.

CHARGE OF KILLING HAITIENS MODIFIED

Washington.—Detail that he had intended to convey the impression there had been "promiscuous killing" of native Haitians by marines during the American occupation of the island between 1915 and 1920 was made by Major General George Barnett, ex-commandant of marines. In a statement which he said was issued at the request of Secretary Daniels, General Barnett declared that the statement in his letter of October 2, 1919, to Colonel John H. Russell, commander of the marines in Haiti, that "statement of counsel showed me practically indiscriminate killing of natives had taken place" was meant to express "without due process of law" and "not as seems now to be misinterpreted as 'promiscuous.'"
 The letter written to Colonel Russell after General Barnett, the commandant, had received a report of the counsel in the court-martial of two marines charged with the killing of natives, was contained in the report of American activities in the island, recently made public by the navy department and which resulted in a board of inquiry being named to investigate the charges of illegal executions.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

King Alexander of Greece is critically ill from a monkey bite.
 General Felix Diaz, Mexican rebel leader has been exiled from Mexico.
 Mexico is anxious to comply with her international obligations, according to the Provisional President de la Huerta.
 Continued success along the South Russian front by General Wrangel's forces is reported.
 Application of the railroads for authority to increase demurrage charges on five days' notice was denied by the interstate commerce commission.
 Refined chaulmoogra oil, which experts of the government public health service say has arrested the progress of leprosy, will soon be used by them in the fight against tuberculosis. The experiments with tubercular patients will be conducted in Hawaii.
 Preservation of America's forests by replanting and more rigid protection against devastating fires is contemplated in a bill to be presented to congress in December by industries using timber resources.
 Auto Dives Into River; 5 Missing.
 Portland, Or.—Five Portland men are believed to have been drowned at 8:30 o'clock Sunday night when an automobile containing seven persons went off the Columbia river highway and plunged down a 40-foot bank into the Sandy river just beyond the bridge from the Automobile club. Two others escaped with slight injuries. The five men of the party believed dead are: M. D. McDonald, 52, musician; Walter McDonald, 25, laborer; Alex McDonald, 30, musician; Richard McIntosh, 25; Edward A. Hartly Jr., 27, baker.

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AN APPEAL TO THE VOTERS OF OREGON

The Port of Portland Dock Commission Consolidation Bill on the state ballot should be defeated. While it no doubt affects the whole state in some degree, the enormous expense which it will create must be borne by the taxpayers of the Port of Portland, which contains 209 square miles or less than one quarter of one per cent of the area of the state. The Chamber of Commerce, the Taxpayers' League and other Portland organizations and many representative business men have joined hands to acquaint the voters of Oregon with the facts and to enlist their opposition to the measure.

The scheme of improvement proposed by the bill will cost \$40,000,000. As a start-up, \$16,500,000 of bonds are authorized. In violation of the home rule provision of the Constitution of Oregon, the voters of the Port of Portland are denied the right to say how large a debt they are willing to assume. Nor are they given a voice in the selection of the commissioners who are to vote bonded debt upon them, levy taxes for them to pay and manage their business.

The electors of the territory within the Port of Portland are better qualified than any one else to judge of the amount of bonded debt they should authorize or the taxes they should pay. Their liberality in assuming burdens of public improvement, not only for themselves, but for the state at large will not be questioned by any one who will scan the record of the high total of bonds they are now carrying, amounting, in round figures to \$34,000,000. It cannot be thought that the state will be the gainer by imposing upon its chief city the insupportable load of additional debt contemplated by the pending bill.

The sponsors of the Port of Portland bill have openly appealed to the electors of the state at large to vote for it on the ground that it will cost them nothing. This is log rolling of the most dangerous type. If such methods are to prevail in behalf of direct legislation, no county, city, port or other municipal corporation in the state will be safe from having intolerable debts and taxes foisted upon it by indifferent voters from other parts of the state. Bills like this must be rejected by the voters if home rule is to retain its vital force. Home rule and such bills cannot survive together. One or the other must fall.

The voters of the Port of Portland are not asking to be relieved of their responsibility to create and maintain the necessary facilities for ocean commerce. They desire only that they be given a voice in the management of their affairs, and that, through the established processes of law, they be permitted to adopt a plan of port development which will not load millions of dollars of debt upon them.

VOTERS ARE REQUESTED TO VOTE 311 NO

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