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NATIONAL FARMERS' CONFERENCE OPENS

Harding Makes Declaration of Interest and Sympathy With Agriculturists.

Washington, D. C.—Attended by approximately 300 delegates representing agriculture in all its phases and the industries related to farming, the national agricultural conference was convened here by Secretary Wallace, and immediately heard from President Harding a declaration of interest and sympathy by the administration in the present plight of the nation's farmers, together with a series of suggestions for remedying existing conditions.

Remedial measures outlined by the president and subsequently endorsed by many speakers included more adequate financial facilities, especially working capital, for the farmer on long-time loans to provide for his turnover; extension of co-operative marketing; buying and loan associations of farmers; development of waterway transportation and power possibilities; more efficient machinery for collecting and distributing market information, including the demand and consumptive outlook; development of the St. Lawrence-Great Lakes water way project and assurance to agriculture of equality of opportunity with all other industries.

Demand for reduction of freight rates was voiced generally by the farmers and a reduction in retail prices also was suggested as a necessary step to start increased consumption of farm products.

Depression in agriculture, which was declared by speakers from five leading farm regions to be general in the United States, is reflected in industries intimately connected with and dependent on a prosperous agriculture. It was asserted by representatives of the milling, packing, fertilizer and implement industries. Each of the latter pledged full co-operation with agriculture in any effort looking to restoration of normal conditions.

Representative Anderson of Minnesota was made permanent chairman, while 12 major committees were appointed to study problems with the view of submitting recommendations.

IRISH BOUNDARY QUESTION SETTLED

London.—Sir James Craig, the Ulster premier, and Michael Collins, head of the provisional government for Ireland, formed under the Anglo-Irish treaty, issued a joint statement announcing an agreement regarding the question of the boundary between Ulster and southern Ireland.

The agreement was considered here as giving promise of an amicable adjustment of affairs between Ulster and southern Ireland.

The agreement, it was announced, also provides for the cessation of the southern Ireland boycott against Belfast and the return of the Catholic workmen to the Belfast shipyards.

FARM CREDIT BILL IS UP

Senator Proposes to Amend Provisions of Old Measure.

Washington, D. C.—Agricultural credit recommendations of the joint congressional committee investigating agricultural problems were embodied in a bill introduced by Senator Lenroot, republican, Wisconsin, whose resolution was the basis of the congressional investigation.

Loans of from six months to three years for agricultural development would be provided under the bill, designed to provide the short term personal credits now said to be lacking under the federal farm loan act. Sale of three-year federal farm bonds to supply funds was proposed together with rediscount privileges for six months' paper of federal land banks through the federal reserve system.

Giant Shipping Pool Agreed to. San Francisco.—Representatives of Pacific coast chambers of commerce agreed here to the formation of a shipping pool in which all American ports on the Pacific coast will unite in carrying on trans-Pacific trade. They also authorized Herbert Fleishacker of San Francisco to go to Washington and find out from the United States shipping board which vessels may be bought and on what terms. The Portland delegation refrained from voting in support of the resolution, maintaining that as framed it was too indefinite.

Viscount Bryce is Dead in England. London.—Viscount James Bryce, former ambassador to the United States and author of "The American Commonwealth," which has been recognized as one of the foremost works on political science ever written, died Sunday at Sidmouth.

Stories of the Near East

We have just arranged for a series of stories by J. J. Handsaker, state director of the Near East Relief, who spent the summer in the Near East. He met there a number of Oregonians, and will furnish accounts of the men and women who are at work in the Near East, and of what they are accomplishing.

Among the items which we will present to our readers soon are the accounts of doings of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Newman. Mrs. Newman is a graduate of O. A. C. of 1920 and is now in charge of an orphanage of 2,000 children, while her husband is running a 20,000 acre farm. Mrs. Amy Burt of Bend secured the safety of a thousand children when they were threatened by death. Miss Margaret (Dolly) Hinman and Miss Nellie Cole of Forest Grove, Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Cannaway of Medford, Miss Margaret Reid of Portland, who was recently decorated by Governor Olcott for heroic service in the Near East, and Miss Frances Gage of Portland are among those whose stories of quiet heroism will have much interest for all our readers.

Liberal When Not Their Own

In a speech delivered in Cleveland last week Justice John H. Clarke, of the United States Supreme Court, one of the appointees of the Wilson administration, declared that the war loans made by the United States to the allies should be "promptly and wholly cancelled." After stating that these loans, principal and interest, amounted to about eleven billion dollars, Justice Clarke said the debt should be cancelled not only as a measure of "friendship and justice" but that this debt is a "crushing burden" to world trade, which would revive immediately if this action were taken. He declared that we owed this to our associates in the world war because of the great sacrifice they had rendered humanity before we entered the struggle, and because our loss of life was but one-fiftieth that of the allies and our loss in money only one fourth theirs.

There seem to be those who feel that the debt of foreign governments to the United States, representing an extension of credit which made it possible for these nations to win rather than to lose the war, and to acquire territory and indemnities rather than to give them up, ought to be cancelled. As a test of the sincerity of this sentiment, why not permit these people to raise the eleven billion dollars by voluntary subscription and pay it back to the American people, who furnished the money? The government of the United States cannot cancel these debts without repudiating a debt to the people of the United States, for these billions were paid in taxation by the American people on the clear understanding that they were not being given away, but loaned to other nations.

Pleased With His Bargain

The Ford that was advertised for sale in the Observer a couple weeks ago has been sold, according to this message received at the office:

I bought that Ford with its piston ring. Its two rear wheels and one front spring. Believe me, boys, it's just the thing, and it of it prides you hear me sing. Carburetor busted. With two slight blows I made a little dent, and the old thing goes. Radiator's fixed with a piece of gum. Who will say now that it's on the bum? Differential greased, removed the squeak; it's all to the good you hear me speak. Don't have to crank it, always stop on a hill. One quart of mixture, she's had her fill. One pint of tobacco juice, one pint of gas, there's not another car that she can't pass. The last ten spokes aren't missed at all, and there's four more now all ready to fall. Tires full of rage but the speed is there. It doesn't run on the rims and it doesn't use air. It looks kind of bad with its banged-up tin. It's a darned good Ford for the shape it's in.

An advertisement from a Siamese newspaper: "The news of English, we tell the latest. Write in perfect style and most earliest. Do a murder get commit we hear and tell it. Do a mighty chief die, we publish it, and in borders of somber. Write like the Kipling and the Dickens. We circulate every town and extortionate not for advertisements. Buy it."—Ex.

When a merchant talks about "affording" advertising, he is getting ready for the live merchant to take his trade away from him. People do not "afford" advertising any more than the man who needs a suit of clothes "affords" them. It is not a question of "affording" advertising, it is a vital necessity.

Advertising is one of the chief causes for the growth of a city, and those who advertise should get the credit for much of the growth of their town.

MAYOR KANKONEN



Dr. Amy Kankonen, recently elected mayor of Fairport, Ohio, on a "Dry ticket," pledged to war on bootleggers.

PRICE DECREASE IN CROPS RECORD

Washington, D. C.—There is no parallel in the records of the bureau of markets and crop estimates to the fall of \$21.22, or 59 per cent, in the average value per acre of the ten crops constituting nine-tenths of all crop production, which occurred in the two years from 1919 to 1921. It was announced by the department of agriculture. The decline was found by the department to have been from \$35.74 in 1919 to \$14.52 in 1921.

The general trend of the average was downward, the department's figures show, from about \$14 per acre in the years immediately following the civil war to hardly \$8 in 1896, the lowest point in the industrial depression of that time, it was said. The average per acre advanced to \$16.49 in 1913 and reached "the peak," \$35.74, in 1919.

EXPORTS TAKE BIG DROP

Shipments by Manufacturers Fall Off \$2,000,000,000 in 1921.

Washington, D. C.—Exports of manufacturers fell off by \$2,000,000,000, shipments out of the country of raw materials dropped by nearly \$1,000,000,000, and foodstuffs exports declined by about \$500,000,000 during 1921, the commerce department announced. Imports showed similar declines in the various groups of commodities.

During 1921 exports of manufacturers aggregated \$2,025,000,000, compared with \$4,163,000,000 during 1920, while imports aggregated \$962,000,000 during 1921, as against \$1,689,000,000 the previous year.

Raw materials exported in 1921 amounted to \$984,000,000, as compared with \$1,970,000,000 in 1920, while imports totaled \$853,000,000, against \$1,751,000,000 during 1920.

Shipments of foodstuffs during the past year aggregated \$1,461,000,000, as compared with \$2,033,000,000 during 1920, while imports totaled \$672,000,000, against \$1,815,000,000 during 1920.

Urges State Ownership of Cement.

Chicago.—Highway officials of eight middle western states went on record here as favoring state ownership and operation of cement plants to combat high prices of materials used in road building. Resolutions to this effect were unanimously adopted at the fourteenth annual meeting of the Mississippi valley conference of state highway departments.

THE MARKETS

Portland

Wheat—Hard white and hard winter, \$1.12; soft white and white club, \$1.10; northern spring, \$1.09; red walla, \$1.06.

Oats—No. 2 white feed, \$27.50.

Corn—Whole, \$33; cracked, \$35.

Hay—Alfalfa, 14.50@15 per ton; valley timothy, 18@16.50; eastern Oregon timothy, 18@19.

Butter Fat—32@38c.

Eggs—Ranch, 30@35c.

Cattle—Choice steers, \$7@7.50; medium to good, \$6.25@7.

Sheep—East of mountain lambs, \$9.25@10; best valley lambs, \$8@9.

Hogs—Prime light, \$9.25@9.50; smooth heavy, \$8.50@9.

Seattle

Wheat—Hard white, soft white, white club, soft red winter and northern spring, \$1.10; hard red winter, \$1.12; eastern red walla, \$1.08; Big Bend bluestem, \$1.14.

Hay—Alfalfa, 17; timothy, 22; straw, \$15.

Butter Fat—36@38c.

Eggs—Ranch, 30@35c.

Cattle—Prime steers, \$7.25@7.75; medium to choice, \$6.50@7.

Hogs—Prime light, \$9@9.50; smooth heavy, \$7.50@8.50.

SILHOUETTES

Press Paragraphs From Our Exchanges
Sayings of Seers and Sages and Live Local Lipes

In days of old, when Romans bled Their "kultur" did display, There were no automatics sold. Them Romans—where are they?

Last week Ignatz, the purp, watched the salad dressing. Today, He rambles thru the house at will And no one's pardon begs, He went into the dining room And saw the table's legs.

As we understand it the capitalization of the new soviet bank is 2,000,000,000 rubles and a bale of genuine hay.

Many people are buying silk stockings with the interest on money which their grandparents laid up by going barefooted.

Ever notice how little newspaper space a millionaire gets when he gives \$100,000 to a hospital and how much space he gets when he gives the same amount to a chorus girl?

His table manners gave a jolt And made his fellows frown. Said he: "At sea I have to bolt My food to keep it down."

A man may be all right in his way, provided he isn't in the way of others.

The man who wasn't tickled by the fancy feathers the women once wore in their hats must have been at least 7 feet tall.

A man worth \$10,000,000 is no happier than a man worth \$9,000,000. Money doesn't always bring happiness!

An amateur can start a love affair with a woman, but it takes a connoisseur to break one off.

Some one told me that Hugh Christian began life as a wheat-buck. I asked him, and he said the report is not correct. He began life as an infant.

Hard Wear.

A man, beaten on the lid with a poker, was the victim of a base assault; his hat was stove in and he had great welts on his head.

When you can think no good about a man think that it is no good to think of him at all.

Periodically speaking, one might say that some girls are born blondes while others achieve blondeness.

Princess Mary's wedding dress is to be of cloth of silver, with a train of ivory silk, shot with silver. And she won't be a bit happier than the bride in crepe de chine.

William Cullen Bryant Kemp has been a student in Columbia university, New York, for 41 years. His latest degree was conferred by his fellow men: D. P. M., director of perpetual motion.

Mark Twain said: "January is one of the most dangerous months in which to speculate. The others are April, July, June, September, December, August, May, March, November, October, February."

He whom football does not wreck, In basketball may break his neck.

Dufur High is not the only team that scores in scores. Archbold High, Ohio, defeated their opponents by running up a score of 151. An individual scoring record was made by Jones of Fort Recovery, Ohio, when he made 88 points in one game.

We might venture to guess that the bootlegger who was caught by the prohibition officer who posed as a corpse now may be inclined to believe in spiritualism.

There is a man in our town Whom we never care to know. He is teaching toddler dancing Round the corner of the block.

—by C. A.

FOR SALE—A full blooded cow, giving milk, three tons of hay, a lot of chickens and several stoves.

To the eyes of a woman, the shortcomings of her children are invisible; but the faults of her husband stand out like warts upon a pickle.

Once upon a time a lawyer met a fool and his money; the next day the fool met the lawyer with his money.

Said a bothered young beauty named Bleeze:

"My skirt it once trailed in the breeze, But this year I frown When I see, glancing down, It is very near up to my gleeze."

Not a bit sleaz.

A thin-skirted girl in Bordeaux Wouldn't wear petticoats, oh, dear, neaux; She'd go out in the sun, And she'd say: "This is fun, But I hope that my ankles don't sleaux."

Is the curtain stuck?

Nay, nay, sir!

Then why don't you lower it?

For the show is over.

POPE BENEDICT XV



Pope Benedict XV, head of the Roman Catholic church, who died in Rome Sunday of pneumonia.

POPE BENEDICT DIES AT ROME

Rome.—Pope Benedict died at 6 o'clock Sunday morning.

The end had been expected for several hours. The attending physicians, Cardinal Gasparri and other members of the pope's household were present at the bedside.

The end came after an anxious night of intense agony and suffering, the pontiff now and then lapsing into delirium. Shortly before midnight he took a little nourishment, which seemed momentarily to revive his spirits, but within an hour he began to sink rapidly.

From that period the pope neared the end. Breathing became an agonizing task, as the pontiff, who had resisted the severe lung and throat congestion, was too weak to overcome the overwhelming attack.

His eyes were half closed as he lapsed into unconsciousness, while the terrible mastery which pneumonia had won over the holy father's dogged resistance began its rapid extinction of his slender hold on life.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

John Kendrick Bangs, humorist and lecturer, died at Atlantic City hospital of intestinal trouble.

Construction of a memorial in Cincinnati to the late F. W. Galbraith Jr., ex-national commander, was authorized by the American Legion's executive committee.

A tax on large gifts, to be paid by the recipient within 90 days after the gift is received, is proposed in a bill introduced in the house by Representative Fear of Wisconsin.

The alien property custodian has returned to the German government a plot of ground in Washington, purchased by Germany before the war as a site for a new embassy building.

Postmaster-General Hays has announced that his resignation from the cabinet would be made effective March 4, in order that his term of service in the cabinet may include one complete year.

Premier Lloyd George, addressing the national liberal conference in London, declared that all the nations of Europe, without distinction, had been invited to the Genoa economic conference "because we want to put an end to constant wars and rumors of wars."

Efforts to reduce telephone and telegraph rates in the state of Washington were taken with the filing of a complaint against the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company and the Home Telephone & Telegraph company by the state department of public works.

American Proposal on China Adopted.

Washington, D. C.—The American proposal to make public international commitments relating to China was adopted in a much amended form by the far eastern committee of the arms conference. Among numerous changes made was one eliminating the proposal objected to by Japan for public use of engagements in China made by private individuals, but to which foreign governments themselves are not parties.

Hart Names New Business Head.

Olympia, Wash.—Governor Hart accepted the resignation of Thomas E. Skaggs as director of business control and appointed as his successor John W. Pace, at present supervisor of industrial management in the same department. The resignation of Director Skaggs is effective April 1.

Kansas Is 101 Years Old.

Eureka, Kan.—George A. Gordon, who has lived in the lifetime of every president of the United States except Washington, was 101 years old Saturday.

DesChutes River Trout Hatchery

With \$1500 already raised of the \$1700 pledged to the state game commission as Wasco and Sherman joint share of the costs of building a fish hatchery at Oak Springs, near Maupin, and additional collections filling out the total expected within the next few days, the construction of the hatchery is assured as soon as the weather conditions permit, according to word received at this office from W. O. Hadley, district game warden for this section, who has been largely instrumental in crystallizing the desire for a trout hatchery on the DesChutes river into definite action.

The hatchery site at Oak Springs has been acquired and the deed turned over to the state commission. Lumber for the hatchery buildings has been ordered and these, along with the retaining ponds, will be built as soon as possible and trout will be propagated next spring.

Of the \$1500 already subscribed, about \$150 was raised in Wasco, \$200 in Moro, \$50 in Portland and a considerable sum in both Dufur and The Dalles.

In a letter explaining the manner in which the game commission expects to spend the money subscribed for hatchery purposes, A. E. Burgdoff, state game warden, wrote to local sportsmen "I have made arrangements with Mr. Hadley to have the money collected by your organizations expended by them, and not paid out through our office. This will obviate some book work and red tape, in having the funds pass through our office, and will be a more expedient way of handling the expenses."

The moneys raised in Wasco and Sherman counties will be only sufficient to construct the absolutely necessary buildings and retaining ponds now. Local sportsmen have assurances that the game commission will take the hatchery over, however, operate it at state expense, and eventually spend a considerable sum of money in its improvement.

Young Folks Stage Joyous Jamboree

It was somewhere around 8 p. m. Monday eve and a sluggish breeze was trying to scrape the fuzz off the ultramarine above and throw it down upon the bunch of young folks who, having finished their evening's practice for the operetta in the school house, had emerged and were wandering homeward, their voices, now high and defiant, and again low and melodious, blending with the night as if a part of it.

"I gotta brilliant idee," chirped Geneva.

"'Wot is it?'"

"All you come up to my house and play cards."

And they went.

And Mrs. Belknap wasn't home. But she came home—soon, and said she shot the house was coming down. But really they weren't making much noise. You know how girls laugh—and they laughed. And they tried to sing, and succeeded—a parody on Dardanella.

All the while playing rummery. Then after partaking of a scrumptious luncheon brought forth by Mrs. Belknap and the ubiquitous Florence, the party disbanded, and somehow found their way home in the dimness of ten o'clock.

Larger Phone Switch Board Installed

A new switch board has been installed this week in the Moro office of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. The board discarded had earned its retirement on pension a number of years past and only constant care and watchfulness kept it up to a fifty per cent efficiency. The new board has 15 sets of plugs that will enable double the service of the old board, and is also arranged for selective ringing when this should become necessary. The new board, as installed, is arranged for a number of new lines and is also large enough to take care of the future telephone growth of this community for several years to come.

We wish to print all the news. This is not a selfish desire. We should get no satisfaction out of printing the news in entirety unless you looked to us as an unbiased purveyor of the news, as authentication or disavowal of some rumor you may have heard. You are pleased when you can sit down and review the entire happenings of the week, thru the columns of a newspaper. You like to know what the other fellow knows and he likes to know what you know. It is not a personal matter. Every little bit makes a little bit more, and we will surely appreciate the smallest item that you can give us, so that we can pass it on to your neighbor over the hill.

There's an all-pervading notion that we nearly all possess, that advice is always welcome to the men who win success. The man who wins a pile of coin or invents a new machine is deluged with suggestions from each friend into whose bean no thoughts have ever filtered worth a continental dam, yet gives advice—free gratis in chunks, ad nauseam. —Exchange.