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VESSELS SOLD RATES GO UP

FARMERS HOLD SACK FOR ENGLISH SNIPE HUNT

An advance of twelve cents a bushel for wheat has been turned over to the English ocean vessel owners by the farmers of the United States during the past three weeks. Ocean freight rates have doubled during the past three weeks and a further advance since this doubling has been announced by the vessel owners.

In the market report printed in the Oregonian under the date of October 18th is the statement that ocean freight rates on wheat is the highest in recent years and only 15 cents a bushel under the highest rate paid at any time during the world war. As a result of this increase in ocean freight for wheat, the exporters have gone out of the market until wheat values in the United States can be adjusted to the rates demanded by the vessel owners.

Freight Rates Go Higher

Under date October 20th, the Oregonian market reports states "an advance of 7 cents to 12 cents per bushel in ocean freight rates in the past two weeks has made a material effect on foreign wheat markets, which have been on the up-grade in an effort to secure grain. France has

reduced the import duty around 6 1/2 cents per bushel" to meet the increase in ocean freight rates.

The Oregonian under a different date also states that "the broadening out of export wheat business came in spite of another big advance in ocean freight rates, making a jump of 100 per cent compared with recent rates on wheat to Europe."

No One Wants Wheat

Under date of October 28, the Oregonian states that "exporters declare it impossible to work new wheat business in Europe on the basis of the present ocean freight market. They are, consequently, not buying here, but instead some of them are trying to sell. With a lack of demand from domestic quarters the wheat market is in an easy condition and cash prices are more or less nominal." In another part of the same article the Oregonian says "The amount of wheat on passage is 10,000,000 bushels less than early in July. This implies, according to a Chicago authority that Europe is in urgent need of wheat available for quick delivery."

Flour Prices Increase

Under date of October 19, the Oregonian says "The continued advance in the wheat market has resulted in a 20 cent rise in all grades of flour in the local list, which will be effective this morning."

Farmers Are Satisfied

Under date of October 7 is printed on the market page of the Oregonian an interview with John F. Barry of Gilbert, Elliot & Co. of New York in which he says that a meeting just closed at Detroit attended by "various presidents of joint stock land banks from widely scattered agricultural centers" it was "the consensus

of opinion of the bankers with whom I talked that the harvest outlook this year is good and the farmers are going to have a lot of money to spend. There is nothing the matter with the farmers now. They are not broke. This does not mean that the farmers have no grievances; they have. They want lower freight rates and they want something done to the tariff."

Tried To Protect Oregon's Interests

The people of Oregon have been hearing quite a little and reading more about the quarrel — so called — between Bert E. Haney, candidate for the United States senate and President Coolidge. The quarrel originated over the fact that President Coolidge was in favor of selling the ocean going freight ships, owned by the government and being operated out of Portland to Europe and other ports, to the Dollar shipping concern of San Francisco.

He Is Not A Rubber Stamp

President Coolidge wanted to use Mr. Haney as a rubber stamp whereby Mr. Haney as a member of the United States Shipping Board was to approve the selling of these ships to the Dollar company which, all posted men knew is an American corporation owned by English ship owners.

Mr. Haney could not use his official position for this purpose and tried to block the sale of the ships. When not able to do this he resigned from the shipping board.

In other words Mr. Haney would not use his official position to permit the English ship owners to have a monopoly of the ocean freight business on the Pacific coast. Since he resigned from the shipping board the deal went through with the Dollar people writing the form of contract of sale they wanted. Under the terms of sale they own the ships with out a very small amount paid and this is mostly in the form of future payments. The increase in freight rates will easily take care of their payments to the United States government.

Opportunity Comes But One Time

Farmers of Sherman county will vote next Tuesday for a United States senator. Their vote while nominally for a man for this office is in reality a vote in favor of President Coolidge and his methods of increasing ocean freight rates which has cost the farmers of Sherman county between 7 cents and 12 cents per bushel of wheat or approval of the stand Bert E. Haney took when he tried to stop the sale of the government owned ships.

Bert E. Haney means what he says; when he states that he will "stand with anybody at any time to advance the best interests of Oregon and that he will oppose anybody — republican, democrat, independent or even the president of the United States — who advocates any thing detrimental to the best interests of Oregon" which means the farmers of Sherman county and all other counties of Oregon.

Third Party Not Needed

There has been considerable talk about a third party in national affairs. Many residents of Sherman county have been members of a third national party. The best third party any one can belong to is to vote in opposition to the party that proposes legislation inimical to your own best interest. The matter under discussion is actions, both past and in the future, whereby money earned by hard work of Sherman county farmers has been given over to a foreign shipping concern with just a wave of the hand and the implication is that we like it.

If the farmers of Sherman county next Tuesday vote in favor of any other candidate than Bert E. Haney for the United States senatorship, it may be taken by all national politicians that the farmers of this section of the United States are not interested in ocean freight rates; that they have no urgent need for legislation affecting their interest and that they are satisfied with a continued neglect by those in power at the national capital.

Farmers Cured By "Hard Work"

Bert E. Haney's chief opponent is Frederick Steiwer. He is reported to have made a speech at Baker, Oregon, at which time he said that "hard work and not legislation" was the remedy for the ills of the farmer. This has never been disputed by Mr. Steiwer. Bert E. Haney is whole heartedly in favor of legislation as proposed by the McNary-Haugen bill. He is on record so strongly for this that he will do every thing he possibly can do to further this measure. Mr. Steiwer in his platform stands with Coolidge and will do nothing to embarrass the president. President Coolidge, in a statement made shortly after the ending of his summer vacation, stated that "all the farmer needs is more credit and not legislation."

We fail to see why any farmer or any business man who has the best interest of the farmer at heart should vote for any other candidate than Bert E. Haney for United States Senator next Tuesday.

County Notes

Rufus Local News Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Bartholomew went to Goldendale Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pyburn gave an invitation party last Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Tom of The Dalles were visitors of Rufus Sunday.

Ralph Eaton and family from Wasco were visitors of W. A. Morris last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Blackwood, and Mr. and Mrs. Knapp from The Dalles, were here at the party Saturday night.

Mr. Al Johnson, Mr. Dick Pyburn and Mr. Arnold Brady were in Shan-ko looking at horses last Sunday.

The field work in this end of the county is well advanced, most of the farmers being half done seeding.

The section hand crew is being cut down according to the report of Mr. I. Ellison, section foreman here.

Mr. and Mrs. Altmatt and family and Mrs. Moody of Shaniko were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Payne Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey of Goldendale, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Warren of White Salmon, were visitors here over Saturday and Sunday.

Some China pheasant hunters from Rufus went hunting Sunday. It was said that unless a dog was taken along the birds would not fly up.

Items of General News Concerning Wasco

Walter Kindt of Grass Valley was seen on Wasco streets Tuesday.

Mr. Molesworth is stopping at the Yates home while convalescing from a serious stomach operation 10 weeks ago.

Mrs. E. J. Powell was a Wasco caller last Saturday. Mrs. Powell is preparing to visit a sister in Idaho soon.

An x-ray examination of M. B. Hatley's foot showed a broken bone received in an injury more than two weeks ago at the Independent warehouse.

Ernest Weld sold his ranch of 500 acres northwest of Wasco to a contractor on the railroad and plans to leave for Portland shortly. Gust Jarman has leased the place from the new owner and will take possession this week.

The funeral of R. P. Birks who died suddenly last Wednesday night was held here Friday and was one of the largest seen here for some time. The funeral service was conducted by the Masonic lodge of Wasco, Rev. Henry G. Hanson of Moro preaching the sermon.

Harold Schull, foreman on the Cooper ranch near Klondike, had a narrow escape Friday when 100 lbs. of pipe lifting gear dropped on his head from a height of 10 feet. As it was, he received a scalp laceration and a cracked skull, but he was able to continue up and about.

News Items From Kent And Near Vicinity

Ben Allen made a trip to The Dalles Wednesday.

Wren Hogue was a business visitor in Moro Tuesday.

Carl Gregg was a Moro visitor the first of the week.

Mrs. Louis Sather is a patient at the Mid-Columbia hospital in The Dalles.

We had a fine rain Monday night and Tuesday forenoon. Looks like more.

Mr. and Mrs. Gentry from Moro were visiting at the Mottern home in Kent Sunday.

Mrs. J. U. Leonard has returned from a two months sojourn in Hood River packing apples.

J. E. Norton's daughter Alta who has been ailing the last week was taken to The Dalles hospital Monday.

Fred Haynes and Hugh Chrisman took A. H. Hilton to the penitentiary Saturday, going down in the Hayne's auto.

Jacob Crocker and party spent several days having a good time in the Bend country and incidentally hunting deer. They say they hunted but found nothing.

J. L. Matthes and wife and daughter were weekend visitors at the G.W. Barnet home in The Dalles. Mr. and Mrs. Barnet returned this week from Missouri, more satisfied than ever with Oregon.

W. H. Ragsdale was a business visitor in The Dalles on Wednesday.

Every Forward Looking Citizen Should Fight for Oregon and Its Development

By BRUCE DENNIS,
Author of the Dennis Resolution.

When the people of Oregon enacted a state income tax in 1923 they did so because they believed it was just and right. They believed it would reduce taxes. At that time they had plenty of theory and few facts to guide them.

They repealed that law in 1924 because it was a proved hard times breeder. It cost the people of Oregon the staggering total of \$40,000,000 to learn that economic conditions absolutely beyond their control are such in Oregon that a state income tax drives out industries, keeps others from coming in, reduces payrolls, makes it harder to obtain farm loans, and strikes at every home in country, village, town and city.

But our state is again in turmoil because a determined effort is being made to force practically this same law upon the state this year. Our people are being asked to ignore plain fundamental facts. They are being asked to enact a law on a "guess" that it will bring good times now, when painstaking, honest investigation proved that the former tax did drive out industries, capital, jobs, and millions of taxable wealth from Oregon, and a new state income tax will do it again.

Oregon is full of meritorious projects that should be developed. Big public improvements are necessary to open up our state, to bring the farms closer to their markets and cities closer to their base of supplies. Wealth untold lies idle in natural resources awaiting the magic touch of development capital to bring it to the tax rolls, to create new payrolls, new activities and better livelihood for our people.

Since the last income tax law was repealed millions of dollars have been loaned in Oregon by outside financial concerns, at low rates, on long time, and with repayment privileges never known to Oregon before. If a new income tax law is enacted, and this discrimination aimed directly at these investors, rates will go up, much of the unloaned funds will be withdrawn, and our people will again face the inescapable fact Oregon needs capital, but capital does not need Oregon.

This is no time for prattle. It is high time for plain speaking, straight thinking and recognition of the hard economic fact that Oregon's farms, her industries, and her citizens desperately need capital, and that the only place we can get it is outside the state.

We can drive capital out, but we cannot force it to come in unless we make it advantageous for it to do so. Oregon, ninth state in area, is relatively insignificant economically. 119,000,000 of America's 120,000,000 people reside outside of Oregon. Let us remember the industrial city of Detroit has over 100,000 more people than the state of Oregon, with its 96,000 square miles. Let us remember that 782,256 people here didn't make enough to file income tax returns, and that only 311 people in the entire state had earnings in excess of \$10,000; that of Oregon's 5000 corporations only 1073 made enough profit to file taxable reports, that 478 made less than \$5,000 and only 183 over \$20,000, including all public utilities, lumber mills, flour mills, factories, railroads, and other industries.

We have 55,157 farms, one to every 15 persons, 2500 industries, one to each 330 persons. What would one industrial center like Detroit mean to our farms, our home owners, our workers, our state? Oregon wants them, Oregon wants capital and wants to go ahead. Oregon wants to avert economic disaster, and instead wants to offer capital, new people, new industry, opportunity to help us grow.

That is what the Dennis Resolution is for. It guarantees that no state income tax can be enacted to discriminate against development and progress before 1940. It guarantees to every Oregon family that the state will not tax its accumulations when the bread winner dies. As a prosperity making measure it deserves the support of every forward looking citizen.

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Vote 335 X NO—Grange Income Tax Bill

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