

Wheat Offers From The Russians Dulls Market

The wheat market continued unsettled during the week. Continuing heavy offerings of Russian wheat at Liverpool and prospect of increased supplies in the southern hemisphere were the principal weakening factors in the world markets. Nearly 5,000,000 bushels of Russian wheat were included in the world shipments during the week and further offerings were being pressed upon the European market. The prices at Portland declined about one cent. Offerings from farmers continued light.

Wheat in Storage

The commercial wheat stock at the several ports is reported as follows by the bureau of agriculture: Atlantic and Gulf ports, 23,369,000 bushels; Interior and Lake ports, 186,525,000 bushels; Pacific ports, 8,120,000 bushels, or a total of 218,015,000 bushels. The corresponding date last year the total was 200,548,000 bushels. There are 20,184,000 bushels of Canadian wheat in bond in this country, against 24,680,000 bushels at this time last year, and there are 4,910,000 bushels of United States wheat in store in Canada, against 8,632,000 bushels last year.

No Surprise

From the amount of knocking he is receiving no one need be surprised if Julius Meier is elected governor by the people of Oregon. Now and then it happens that the "moulders" of public opinion, agree to belittle a man to the finish; and the finish shows the public to have had no confidence whatever in the "moulders." This has happened so often in Oregon and usually so justifiably, that in view of the present uproar against Mr. Meier we would feel safe in placing our money, if any, on him. You can't have all those bitter partisans against you and not be right.

Now it cannot be said that Mr. Meier wants to be governor because of the patronage involved, since he has plenty of his own in his business. But it can be said that the machine politicians of both parties chiefly are interested in the governorship not because of principles, but because of patronage—for most of these politicians and sidwinding spellbinders are men equally poor as lazy.

More than 235,000 changes in names, addresses or telephone numbers had to be made before the latest New York City telephone directory could be sent to press. This directory, of which 1,715,000 copies were printed, contained 1,192 pages and 460,000 listings.

The Cost of Raising Some Crops in Canada

The British Columbia department of agriculture gives out an estimate of the cost of producing certain crops and the net profit thereof. Alfalfa costs \$33.98 per acre to produce, gave a yield of 3.8 tons which, at \$20 a ton, amounted to \$76—a profit of \$42.02 per acre. Potatoes cost \$178.10 per acre to grow, gave a yield of 8.18 tons valued at \$332, a per acre profit of \$153.90. Sunflowers cost \$65.40 to produce, gave a yield of 12.1 tons, which brought \$60.50, a loss of \$4.90 per acre. Peas cost \$48.70 an acre to grow yielded 48 bushels of peas and 2.3 tons of straw valued at \$120.20, a profit of \$75.50 per acre. The peas were worth \$2.50 a bushel and the straw \$4 a ton.

Whitewash Protects Trees

Whitewash on the trunks of trees will actually make a difference of close to ten degrees in temperature of the cambium layer, and thus greatly aid in preventing winter sun scald on the south side of the trunks, according to experiments made at the Hood River branch experiment station. The white coating reflects the sun's rays rather than absorbing them.

Thinks it Good Remedy

Chairman Legge of the Federal Land Board expresses faith in the marketing act and tells the farmers: "It is to late to question the efficiency of co-operative marketing. The nation has set its mark of approval upon it and has blazed a trail for every farmer to follow. You know something is wrong with agriculture. There may be many and various remedies. Still, the government is behind only one, and regardless of your opinion you might just as well get on the wagon and drive hard. We're all going one way, and it would be just as hard to make progress in the opposite direction as for one steer to run against the rest of the herd. Regardless of what measure of success the present movement may have, the farmers made a distinct step forward in the passing of the marketing act."

New Marketing Agency

Up to the present time the Federal Farm Board has sponsored or assisted in the establishing six national marketing associations. These are the Farmers' National Grain Corporation, the American Cotton Cooperative Association, the National Wool Marketing Corporation, the National Bean Marketing Association and the National Pecan Marketing Association.

Oregon State News

Salem was chosen for the 1931 meeting of the Oregon State Federation of Labor at the final session held in Medford recently.

The Marshfield volunteer fire department issued a paper of eight pages, setting out the reasons for fire prevention week, and all homes were supplied with copies. The custom has been followed for several years.

Rogue river valley pears shipped from Medford this season total 2074 cars. Although the major portion of the pear shipping is completed, about 200 cars of fruit still are leaving the city for eastern markets each week.

Douglas county has 800 miles of road to maintain out of the general fund, in addition to 1000 bridges, representing an investment of practically \$1,000,000. The county court budgets the sum of \$22,500 for bridges, but has been spending nearly \$50,000 annually.

John Holombo, 21, leader for the Benson Timber company, was killed when he stumbled and fell under the wheels of a logging locomotive near Clatskanie. He had thrown a switch and was attempting to jump on the running board when he lost his footing.

Plans for collecting wearing apparel for the relief of the Navajo Indians, who are said to be suffering from the present business depression because of the lack of sale of their rugs, were discussed at a recent meeting of the Baptist missionary society of Springfield.

Mrs. O. W. Frum now has a winter banana apple tree on her town property in Halsey which has both apples and blossoms on it. During the summer Mrs. M. C. Bond had a pink zinnia with five distinct and perfect centers, each having pistils and stamens in them.

Loans of the Multnomah county veterans for the first nine months of 1929 totaled \$273,900, according to figures released by Frank Moore, secretary of the commission. During September this year, 21 loans totaling \$51,700 were approved by Moore for county veterans.

Ashland granite may be used for the trim on a new apartment house in Klamath Falls, the builder of which became interested in the Ashland granite following publicity given the material as a trim for the new federal building to be constructed in Klamath Falls.

Hood River Post, American Legion, has again decided to sponsor a big Halloween party for the kiddies of Hood River county. The previous party relieved business men of much of the work entailed in preceding Halloween parties in the cleaning of store fronts and windows.

Two hundred and ninety-eight pictures of the Hebo district of the Siuslaw national forest have been taken from airplane to aid in the forest resource survey now under way in the northwest. When the survey is completed in the area the entire forest will have been photographed.

The Klamath county court has authorized placing of a levy of 1.4 mills on the November ballot for the county's proportionate share in the construction of an armory in Klamath Falls. The city council authorized a bond issue of \$45,000 to be placed on the ballot, for the city's share.

Contrary to general impression, the automobile and not the motorcycle is the most generally used by state traffic officers in patrolling Oregon's highways. At present there are 46 automobiles and 17 motorcycles used for patrol duty. There usually are from two to four traffic officers incapacitated for duty or in a hospital due to injuries on motorcycles.

Fires in Oregon during 1929 either partially or totally destroyed 3388 homes, entailing losses aggregating \$2,049,521, according to posters being sent broadcast over the state by Clare A. Lee, state fire marshal. Ninety per cent of these fires, Lee declares, were due to carelessness and home owners are urged to check up on the fire hazards existing around their premises and to clean up.

A coast guard patrol encountered a whale in the Columbia river near Astoria. The last whale of this kind that was seen in the river went aground and had to be rescued because he threatened to tear up a log raft.

Ira Hull, who is employed by the Apple Growers' association, now holds what is perhaps the state record for lidding apple boxes. Mr. Hull lidded by hand 2253 boxes of apples in a single day. This is in excess of machine work.

The cold weather of the past few days in the Hood River district has set the spray on the fruit to the degree that it is necessary to install heaters in the acid-bath solution in order to remove the spray residue from the apples.

The Roseburg chamber of commerce will ask of the Oregon delegation in congress that a bill be introduced setting aside a strip of timber one mile deep on each side of the North Umpqua highway to be preserved in its natural state, for its scenic value.

Forecasting political races is like forecasting the weather; when it happens its an accident.

Doing work ahead of time is one of the hardest things that the average man or woman undertakes, but it is an effort that pays rewards.



Save Oregon

from being sold for Taxes!

Vote against Power Districts Constitutional Amendment

"Oregon cannot afford a new class of uncontrolled tax-spending political bodies, operating tax-exempt property in a hazardous business enterprise, at the risk of the already burdened tax-payers of the state."

(Statement of 191 Oregon citizens in official Voters' Pamphlet)

SIX JOKERS IN THE AMENDMENT

- 1 District can be pieced together like a crazy quilt, out of patches of "territory, contiguous or otherwise, in one or more counties."
- 2 Districts can "levy taxes upon the taxable property of such districts," with no limit on the amount of taxes that may be levied.
- 3 Districts can "issue, sell and assume evidences of indebtedness," with no limit on the amount or kind of debts to be "issued" or "assumed."
- 4 Districts can take over and "assume" defaulted bonds of insolvent irrigation districts, and load these debts on to other property.
- 5 Districts can and must make up all losses in higher taxes, in higher water and electric rates, or both, without check or limitation.
- 6 Five directors can exercise all these autocratic powers, with all bars against extravagance and oppressive burdens removed.

YOU KNOW HOW THESE THINGS WORK

"The people know by bitter experience that no power to create new debt and levy new taxes has ever been left unexercised. No opportunity to enlarge the public payrolls by political organization, or no chance to raise and expend public money, has ever been neglected.

This is a Constitutional Amendment

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(Paid Adv.—Utility Taxpayers' Committee, H. L. Walther, Manager, 206 Sixth Street, Portland)

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