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EDITORIALS

COALS TO NEWCASTLE

Can you imagine the United States depending on wheat, corn or flax? This country has always supplied the major portion of the world's needs of these basic products of the farm. But today, partly through the effects of the AAA curtailment program, and partly through the intervention of Providence and the consequent terrible drought in what is known as the Corn Belt and the World's Bread Basket, we are witnessing such a shortage of these products that importation has started on a vast scale.

The following from a recent bulletin of the state Department of Agriculture gives a careful analysis of the situation:

Grain Imports

(Clipping from a Trade Journal)
BALTIMORE last week received 36,000 bushels of corn from South Africa.

BOSTON last week received 103,000 bushels of heavy white oats from Poland.

ARGENTINE CORN shipments to the United States in January totaled 1,000,000 bushels.

BOSTON last week unloaded a shipment of 150,000 bushels of bright red oats from Argentina.

LOW GRADE FRENCH WHEAT in parcel lots has recently reached the States Atlantic ports paying 10¢ as feed.

PORTLAND, OREGON, recently received a shipment of 1500 tons of Argentine corn on the steamer "Hesperus".

ARGENTINE shipments to the United States the week ending January 29 included 1,831,000 bushels of corn, 432,000 bushels of oats, and 1,000,000 bushels of wheat amounting to 3,263,000 bushels were received on January 29 at Houston, Texas, and over 3,000,000 bushels more have been contracted.

MEXICO shipped 3500 carloads of corn, or approximately 4,000,000 bushels, into the United States during the week ending January 29 according to customs officials at ports of entry.

STEAMER CULBERSON arrived at Central Point on Tuesday morning carrying 610,000 pounds and 560 bags of corn weighing 56,000 pounds. Both shipments were consigned to "order"—L. V. S.

RUSSIAN OATS that sold in New York recently below the Chicago parity weighed 42 pounds to the bushel, were clean and a little darker than domestic white oats. They have been offered in New York at 8 cents over Chicago May.

NEW YORK and other seaboard cities are getting Argentine bran at prices lower than can be quoted for the Western product. Low freight rates by water are making it possible for California feed wheat to undersell that from Canada at Buffalo.

BOSTON, MASS.—Importation of Argentine corn to Boston, direct, is being handled by the steamer "Carthage" from Danzig.

The steamer "Polyktor" arrived January 30 from Braila, Roumania with 240,000 bushels of corn, the first of that kind ever brought to Boston.—L. V. S.

IMPORTS into the United States during the six months prior to January 1, 1935, have included 98,989,000 pounds barley malt, 2,807,000 bushels of corn, 5,567,000 bushels of wheat, 31,939,000 pounds of flour, 1,000,000 bushels of oats, and 14,000,000 pounds of feed wheat.

The corresponding months of 1934 the imports of wheat and wheat

flour for consumption were 5,586,000 bushels as reported by the United States Department of Commerce.

Oregon Imports Corn and Flax
Imports of foreign grain into Portland during the past few months are as follows:

Manchuria corn	10,758
Argentine corn	393,623
China flax	90,875
Argentine flax	23,360
Manchuria flax	30,693

This makes a total of approximately 404,381 bushels of corn shipped into Portland, which at an average of 34 bushels to the acre would provide a job for 11,893 acres of Oregon farm land.

The acreage in Oregon for the years 1932, 1933, and 1934 was 32,000, 35,000 and 26,000 acres, respectively. It would have required 11,893 additional Oregon acres to produce the 404,381 bushels of corn imported into Portland.

While the Oregon acreage was reduced 9,000 acres during the past year, it is interesting to note that foreign corn, more than equal to Oregon's crop reduction, has been imported Oregon will use about 30 much corn, regardless of whether farmers get paid for raising it, or get paid for not raising it.

A careful reading of the above quotation will lead any thinking person to believe it is time to cry a halt to the experiments of our reckless government. If the farmers of the nation had been left alone; if there had been no monkeying with the old law of supply and demand, this debacle would never have happened. It is high time for Uncle Sam to cease trying to run all creation according to the fool ideas of some half-baked college professor and to stop this senseless waste.

Beagle

Mrs. Ruby Schultz and daughters were in Medford Thursday.

Mrs. Sater attended the Alpha Delta class party in Medford last week enjoying an afternoon of Irish games. She was one of the lucky Irishmen and was given a bit of Shamrock.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Wilson of Medford are with the Hines now.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Grant and son Donald attended the play given by the Meadows people at Sam's Valley.

The C. C. Sandersons went to the entertainment at Derby Saturday night.

Mrs. Alvin Greb and little daughter Gloria of Eagle Point, Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Hayser and Joyce of Sam's Valley were all day visitors at the M. R. Hayser home Sunday.

Ina Pearl Lucas spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of Lola Blackford at Willow Springs.

Mr. Joe King and Mr. Sater are repairing the fence on the Roger's place.

Mr. Brown has arrived from Los Angeles and is here with his family on the Anna Reed place.

The Townsend dance at Beagle hall Saturday night drew a good sized crowd. It has been reported

that this was the last dance to be given under the old management.

Chauncey Harper who is attending High School at Butte Falls spent Saturday here with his mother Mrs. M. R. Harper.

Mr. Fred Soilee has sub-leased the Hubbard place from the Housatons.

Mr. and Mrs. Sater and Derya Jeanne were dinner guests at the C. C. Sanderson home Sunday.

Ella, Marorie, Roberta, Dick and Raymond Mayfield of the Meadows called at the Sanderson place Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. M. R. Harper spent last week in Eagle Point as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Greb.

Mr. R. H. Siegmiller left for Utah March 25th for an extended visit. Mr. J. Bankhead is taking Mr. Siegmiller's place on the William-Siegmiller farm while the latter is away.

Why This City Needs Newspaper

(Editor's Note—The following letter was received this week in response to our offer of a year's free subscription for the best letter giving reasons Why Central Point Needs a Newspaper. Other letters will be printed next week.)

"You don't miss the water until the well runs dry" neither do we realize the usefulness or conveniences of many of our businesses or services until we are compelled to do without them.

First let us consider whether or not a newspaper is a liability or an asset to the town and community. If our returns in pleasure, knowledge, improvements, or cold cash equals or exceeds the amount invested we would consider it an asset otherwise a liability. If it is an asset we need it, if not it is a liability. Well you answer that. But let us see why we think it is an asset and if so let us support it. First through it we get the local news and happenings of our community or the knowledge of what is going on around us.

From a monetary standpoint this may not be absolutely essential but it gives us a feeling of satisfaction to be informed. In other words, the fact that you know the name of the President of the United States will not net you a penny, but you would hate to admit that you were not that well informed.

Second. It boosts for the community and is continually bringing before us the things we should do to make this a better place in which to live. One thing that is fresh in my mind now is the Central Point Clean-up campaign or Prize Contest for home surrounding improvement.

If this can be put over and is the result of one progressive family moving into town for their future home, it is worth the price of many subscriptions. And remember progressive people are naturally attracted to places where others appear to be progressive. If you were selecting a town for a location would you be more likely to choose one in which the yards and houses were well kept or one that looked like "Nigger

Town" down south? I'll bet I can guess.

Third the paper gives us a medium of advertising what we have to sell or wish to buy. You might say that could be done in some other paper, and it could. There is hardly anything that we desire or need that cannot be duplicated or substituted. We think we can't do without flour but we did during war time.

Fourth a newspaper here gives us access to a printshop for job printing which is very convenient.

As mentioned in the first sentence, "you don't miss the water until the well runs dry" has been exemplified in Central Point in the case of the bank. It was a matter of fact while it was here but we wish we had not lost it when we have to go to Medford to get a \$20 bill cashed. (Name on file.)

Agate School

Written by the School Children
Mr. D. O. Garrison and children Delma and Delia were visitors in Medford Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hasler and children, Mary and Rose were visitors in Medford Sunday.

Mary Knoph was a visitor at the D. O. Garrison home on Sunday afternoon.

Robert Fredricks was absent from school Friday on account of illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Backbun of Klamath Falls were visitors at the W. E. Mann home Sunday.

The Morava family went to town Sunday.

John Morava was visiting his home here over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Garrett and Billy, Marie and Milton went to Ashland yesterday to visit Mr. and Mrs. McCormick and Mrs. Decker and daughter.

Georgetta and George McClane attended a pleasant meeting at the Christian church in Medford Sunday evening.

Bernice White, Jane Marie Mann and Theoda Glass got 100% in spelling last week.

The Snyder family were visitors at the Millard home Sunday.

Ruth Morava ran a large nail in her foot. Although she has been at school, she can't walk very well.

An eight pound baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Stewart last week.

The fifth grade have been making wall hangings for art work this week.

Mr. O. P. Jones was a visitor at the D. W. Beebe home Thursday of last week.

Ore. Women Depend On Extension Service

Oregon women, always interested in making their homes more comfortable and attractive, and in having their families better fed, clothed and cared for, are coming more and

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more rely on the home economics staff of the Oregon Extension service for information and assistance in making these things possible.

A total of 30,367 homemakers were given assistance during the past year through individual letters, office calls, telephone calls or personal home visits, while thousands more have been reached through circular letters, news articles, bulletins, radio programs, meetings and other contacts, the annual report filed by Miss Claribel Nye, state leader of home economics extension, shows.

An increasing desire on the part of women throughout the state to help extend the home economics extension program by acting as local leaders for definite projects in their communities is also reported by Miss Nye. In addition to increasing the effectiveness of the work in those counties having home demonstration agents, it has been possible this year for the first time to provide one or more projects for every county in the state, largely through the voluntary cooperation of these local leaders, Miss Nye says.

Among the projects available during the year have been child care and parent education, home food preservation, meal planning and table service, vegetable cookery, low cost meals, use of eggs, milk and cheese products, bread making, recreation leadership training, renovating and remodeling, economy buying, economy dressmaking, garment finishing, care and use of sewing machines, coat making and home crafts. An unusually large number of requests for help with housing problems were also handled.

In addition, the report shows that homemakers' vacation camps were conducted in eight counties with 291 women attending; county-wide

homemakers' conferences were held in 14 counties without home demonstration agents; 1900 women from 116 communities participated in the annual program planning days in the six counties having agents; and 3239 homemakers attended the annual home interests conference at the state college.

State and county extension workers also directed the county relief canning projects in which 636,565 cans were filled, conducted the rural housing survey of 5473 farm homes in six counties, and assisted in other emergency relief projects.

Summary of Oregon AAA Funds Is Made

Every Oregon county has shared in the distribution of \$4,246,515.29 in rental and benefit payments returned to this state under the provisions of the agricultural adjustment act, according to a report as of January 1 recently received by the Oregon Extension service, Jackson county's total is \$18,080.17.

Total expenditures in this state from processing taxes amounted at that time to \$10,439,466.90, but this amount included \$6,079,407.57 for "surplus removal", most of which was used in financing the wheat subsidy at Portland. Only \$113,544.04 is listed as general administrative expense in this state.

Wheat benefits have accounted for the bulk of AAA payments in Oregon, the total at the first of the year being \$3,880,348.65, compared with \$366,166.64 for the corn-hog program. The latter represents only the first payments on the 1934 contracts however.

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