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HIGH PRICE LEVEL PERMANENT

There is now little doubt that a new level of prices has been established. The failure to recognize this fact is a danger to our whole business structure.

Those who postpone buying or building in the hope of materially lower prices are only contributing to the further misfortune of the country.

Seventy-five per cent of the cost of most commodities is labor cost. There is nothing in present conditions to warrant the belief that wages will fall soon, for several reasons, viz:

Ever since 1914 the flow of laboring men from Europe has ceased. Workers are even now leaving America by the tens of thousands every month.

It will be many months before all the workers in the military service have returned to America. It will be 50 years before Europe's labor supply is as large as in 1914.

Newly created industries in America are absorbing hundreds of thousands of workmen.

Construction and building, held up since 1914, are creating an urgent demand for labor that will last for several years.

The world shortage of food will attract many into agricultural production. Instead of an anticipated shortage of jobs there is an unprecedented lack of labor. In fact the demand for both commodities and labor is world wide, and more keenly felt in Europe than here.

The higher level of prices established by war conditions will be maintained until labor's productive capacity is greatly increased. This seems possible only by through inventive genius by mechanical means, there being no possibility of increased production by longer hours of labor, as the whole trend of industrial life is toward a shorter labor day.

JUDGE BINGHAM ON NATURALIZATION

Judge George G. Bingham of Salem has some decided views upon the naturalization of aliens and the requirement for American citizenship. Judge Bingham believes that present requirements are not strict enough. Applicants for citizenship should have a better knowledge of our government and our community life in general. He believes that witnesses for an applicant should be fully familiar with the home life of the prospective citizen. Honest of purpose of the applicant, he regards of first importance. Under our present laws, the naturalization of the husband confers citizenship upon the wife and minor children. Judge Bingham holds, therefore, that she should understand the meaning of citizenship fully as much as her husband. He insists that good citizenship extends to the whole family—that the wife must be treated as an equal and that the children must be well clothed, sent to school, and trained properly.

He believes that to exercise the right to vote intelligently naturalized citizens should take and read English-language newspapers. He is also opposed to conferring citizenship upon ignorant and illiterate women who as the wives of aliens just admitted to citizenship have all the privileges of the best resident voters.

BIG BERRY INTERESTS FIGHT EACH OTHER

The Phez Company has filed its answer to the complaint of the Salem Fruit Union in the latter's suit to collect \$4065 alleged to be due the Union for loganberries delivered the Phez Company in 1918.

The answer takes the form of a suit against the Salem Fruit Union to compel it to deliver 1200 tons of loganberries this season to the Phez Company, in accordance with a contract between the two companies. The Phez Company asks the court for an injunction to prevent the Salem Fruit Union and its stockholders from selling their loganberries to other parties than the Phez Company.

The contract price for 1917 was \$60 per ton, and for 1918, 1919, 1920, and 1921, \$61.50 per ton.

The Phez Company acknowledges an unsettled account due the Fruit Union but sets up a counter claim. It asks for a judgment against the Union for the difference between the contract price of three cents and the market price of five cents.

The Phez Company recites that it has spent \$50,000 in erecting and equipping its jelly and jam plant in Salem to care for the berries under contract, and that the 1200 tons are but 50 per cent of the berries received annually.

It also declares that it has spent \$135,786.00 in 1917 advertising its products, \$112,480.00 in 1918, and that \$125,000 will be expended this year, and that it has 40 salesmen on the road now at a monthly expense of \$350 for each one.

It further alleges that the failure of Fruit Union to deliver the 1200 tons this year would entail a loss of \$100,000, render its advertising useless, and cause it to suffer a further loss of \$150,000 through loss of prestige.

It is reported that the Phez Company voluntarily offered to increase the old contract price from three to five cents a pound for this year, but this price was refused by the growers.

Since the foregoing was written Judge Bingham has declined to grant the injunction asked by the Phez Company, on the ground that the complaint in its present form does not disclose the exact nature of a certain modification of the original contract between the company and the Salem Fruit Union, but he granted leave to amend the complaint, so as to set forth the nature of this modification. Permission was also granted to renew the application for restraining order when the amendment has been made.

Fourth Woodburn

Dr. Daniel V. Poling of Corvallis, who has been in France, has consented to deliver the oration at Woodburn on July 4. The celebration will consist of a big parade in the morning, program and baseball, Woodburn vs. Gervais, in the afternoon, games, sports, grand ball and carnival in the evening. An immense crowd is expected. Music will be by the Mt. Angel Band. Cash prizes will be given on floats and decorated autos, also in the games and sports.

On the evening of the 3rd a home-welcome banquet will be served the boys of this section, the address to be by Mayor L. J. Adams of Silverton. Big preparations in the feed line are being made. All of the boys returned from service are expected from the surrounding country and towns and it will be a most interesting event. —Adv.

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In the Matter of the Last Will and Testament and Estate of FRITZ WEBER, Deceased.

CITATION

TO: BENEDICT WEBER AND TO ALL OTHERS UNKNOWN, AND TO ALL OTHER PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE:

WHEREAS, Application having been made in due form to the above named Court on the 24th day of May, 1919, by Joseph J. Keber, executor of the above named estate, for an order and license directing, authorizing and empowering him to sell the real estate belonging to the Estate of the above named decedent, and described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the center of Section Seven in Tp. 7 South, Range 2 East of the Willamette Meridian, in Marion County, in the State of Oregon; thence North 20.07 chains to the Northwest corner of S. W. 1/4 of the Northeast Quarter of said Section Seven; thence North 88 degrees 45 minutes East, Ten chains along the legal subdivision line; thence South Twenty chains to the line dividing the North and South Halves of said Section Seven; thence North 88 degrees 30 minutes West Ten chains along the said subdivision line to the place of beginning and containing Twenty acres of land.

And WHEREAS, Said Court fixed on Monday, the 30th day of June, 1917, at 10 o'clock A. M. in the Court Room of this Court in the Court House in Salem, Marion County, State of Oregon, as the time and place for hearing any and all objections to said petition and the granting of said order and license of sale, Therefore,

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON; You and each of you are hereby cited, directed and required to be and appear at said time and place then and there to show cause, if any you have or if any exist, why an order of sale should not be made as in the petition prayed for and why said petition should not be granted and said order and license should not issue.

WITNESS The Honorable W. M. Bushey, Judge of said Court with the seal of said Court affixed this 24th day of May, 1919.
(County Court Seal)

U. G. BOYER, Clerk.
By L. MCGEE, Deputy.

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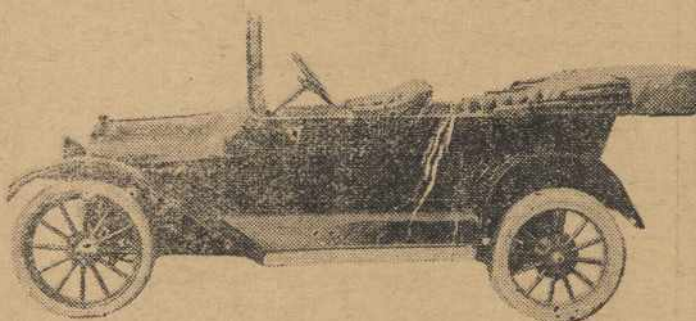
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