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## IN A SPIRIT OF FAIRNESS

By THOMAS SYKES

So much has been said pro and con on the matter of price regulation by the local merchants in relation to the lowering of wages of employes in the lumber industry that a comparison of prices when wages went to five dollars per day with prices now seems to me the way to determine whether the price of staple food articles has really lowered in proportion to the reduction in wages.

It is not intended to argue the point of whether the merchants are receiving a greater per cent of profit than they should or whether the men are receiving a greater or less wage than they should receive.

To argue the question of merchant's profits would of necessity bring out the wholesale as well as the retail prices and a lengthy discussion of necessary overhead expenses.

To argue the question of the amount of wages the men should receive would of necessity bring out the cost of production and each man's work in relation thereto which of itself is a very big subject.

In 1916 President Woodrow Wilson said: "America is nothing if it consists merely of each of us. It is something only if it consists of all of us, and it cannot consist of all of us unless our spirits are banded together in a common enterprise of Liberty and Justice and Right."

Let us apply this thought to our present conditions.

This American nation was born into the world to do mankind service and no man is a true American in whom the desire to do mankind service does not take precedence over the desire to serve himself.

We believe that the present question between the four L's and the merchants is the outgrowth of the economic conditions through which we are passing. Many of the men feel that some of the merchants have been profiteering off them during the past few years. Whether the retailer has had the opportunity to do much profiteering I very much doubt. True his stock on hand advanced slowly in price during the early days of the war until perhaps a \$3500 stock had required \$5000 to carry it. But the close competition and the desire of the retailers to keep prices from soaring too fast often operated to prevent the advance in retail price in proportion to the advance in wholesale.

But now that the slump in wages has come they demand that the merchants now, immediately cut the price of his merchandise in the same proportion that wages have been reduced.

Now this is only natural that he should ask a cut in merchandise and in the spirit of fairness the merchant should lower his prices, but let us see what he has been doing the past few months.

Let us make a comparison of prices when wages went to five dollars per day with the prices today:

Article	1919	1921
Sugar	20	10
Flour	3.70	2.90
Potatoes	2.50	1.50
Cereals	30	25
Rice	18	10
Prunes	25	16
Beans	12	08
Coffee	60	50
Lard	32	25
Compound	125	90
Bacon	55	45
Butter	80	60
Milk	20	15
Soap	25	25
Wash Powd.	25	35
Chesse	45	45
Mill Run	2.70	1.80
Scratch	5.00	3.65
Syrups	1.45	1.10
Graham	85	70
Meal	75	55
Ham	55	35
Cr. Corn	4.00	2.75
Canned Goods	25	25

\$27.48 = \$20.14 equals \$7.34

\$7.34 divide by \$27.48 equals 26 3/4%

## INTERESTING SUBJECTS AT BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAYS

The series of sermons being conducted at the Baptist Church of Springfield by Dr. Varney, who is the head of Public speaking of O. A. C., began last Sunday morning. His subject in the morning, "Courtship," was very ably discussed, and was very uplifting. It should be greatly appreciated by all people who have passed through this phase of life as well as those who are within its gates and those who are approaching.

Beautiful and spiritual thoughts were touched upon which young people should study and use as a foundation upon which to build their highest ideals.

The subject for the evening, "Is There a Hereafter?" proved to be a most wonderful foundation on which Dr. Varney built his sermon, in which he gave conclusive evidence of, and pointed out to the thinking man and woman proofs of the immortality of the soul. All who heard him and people who stand for truth and know that truth is one ideal in pure religion, should not fail to hear all these wonderful sermons every Sunday.

The people of Springfield and vicinity should consider it a rare opportunity to listen to an orator who has made these vital subjects a life's study.

## LUMBER CO. TO INSTALL SAW

The Booth-Kelly Lumber company will soon install a new sash gang saw, which is to replace the steam drive one in use at the present time. The new one will be electrically driven which will necessitate closing the mill for about thirty days to make the necessary changes. The mill will will close next Saturday night.

## THE 4-L COMMUNITY CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. SMITSON

The 4-L Community Club held their regular monthly meeting Wednesday at home of Mrs. Jess Smitson, where they were delightfully entertained with a luncheon and social hour followed by the election of the following officers: President, Mrs. Marion Harpole; vice-president, Mrs. Bert Doane; secretary, Mrs. Clay Whitaker; treasurer and assistant secretary, Mrs. Jess Smitson. The next meeting will be held with the 4-L's January 24th.

## EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS AT METHODIST CHURCH

Mr. Robert F. Brymer, evangelist for the southern district of Oregon, will hold a number of revival meetings at the Methodist Church, (starting last Sat. evening). The meetings will be held every afternoon at 2:30 and evenings at 7:30 for two weeks or more. Special music every evening. Evangelist Brymer is a man of note and it will be to everyone's interest to attend as often as possible. Bishop Wm. O. Shepard of the Portland district, Ore., Wash. and Idaho will hold services Saturday evening, Jan. 15.

## SCOUTS HOLD A UNIQUE HIKE

Instead of the regular scout meeting Tuesday night, a unique hike was planned. Arriving at the place of meeting, the boys found a placard directing them to the home of Scoutmaster McFarland. From there they were given instructions to go to a bonfire on the hill, where they found further directions. After meeting with various vicissitudes and experiences, the troop finally met up at the farm home of Ralph Cline. Around a huge bonfire, the boys roasted "waffles" and were served hot coffee and cookies by their host. Games were played and the boys went home at an early hour, glad to be scouts.

George Pardee, who has been at Ellensburg, Wash., for several months, has returned to Springfield.

I have carefully investigated local prices and I know from years of dealing with the working men of Springfield that none of them with average intelligence but can be made to see that the retailers in Springfield are not exorbitant in their retail prices. To be continued next week.

## TOWN AND VICINITY

Sunday about noon, fire was discovered on A street, between Fourth and Fifth, in one of John Edwards' houses. An over-heated stovepipe, caused the paper surrounding the flue to catch fire. No damage excepting to the wall paper, was done.

Dr. S. Ralph Dippel, dentist, Springfield, Oregon.

Owing to the fact that two of the councilmen were absent, there was no meeting of the city fathers called on Monday night.

Eggmann's bread—made clean, wrapped clean, and sold clean.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McDowell, and daughter, Mrs. Callison, spent Sunday in Wendling visiting at the home of their daughter, Mrs. C. O. Eaton.

Mrs. Pegies returned to her home at Walton after spending a few days here.

Mrs. George Barnes is reported as being quite ill at her home on Emerald Heights.

Dull Cars—dull season. But a bright idea—let us brighten up—Chapman and Devore.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Berry went to Albany on a business trip Monday.

Miss Ruby Senseney, of Springfield, daughter of A. E. Senseney, of this city was married to Mr. Kirkpatrick, of Breckenridge, Texas, Jan. 11, 1921.

Dance at Goshen next Saturday night. Good music and supper.

Miss Lydie Ketton Rainey, a graduate of a Seattle medical college, and sister of Mrs. Ida Holland, who lives on the corner of First and K streets, was united in marriage by Rev. C. R. Lamar, Dec. 6, to Mr. T. Clinton May, a prosperous farmer of Lane county.

Little Carol Adams, a son of John Adams of Danna was brought to town this afternoon with a broken arm. The accident occurred at school while a group of children were playing with a foot ball.

Mr. O. H. Wilson has moved his jewelry business and variety store into the location formerly occupied by L. C. Helmer's shoe repair shop and Mr. Helmer has moved his business into the building vacated by Mr. Wilson.

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Mr. and Mrs. Longcoy of Coburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Haggert of Eugene visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Harpole last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brumette returned last Thursday after a visit of two months in Portland with relatives.

Use Jaspers Breakfast Wheat. Nutricious and Delicious. Try it. Henry Minterman, who recently bought the Dan Gore property on 7th street between J and K is remodeling same.

Floyd Thompson was a Portland visitor last week end.

Springfield Taxi Service, Phone 2.

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Mrs. B. A. Washburne is visiting her son Claud at Junction City.

Mrs. L. E. Meyer has returned to her home after having undergone a major operation at the local hospital last week.

Dr. S. Ralph Dippel, dentist, Springfield, Oregon.

Mrs. H. P. Freeland is visiting at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Freeland.

A son weighing 9 pounds was born to Mr. and Mrs. Myron Craig, of Camp Creek, at Eugene last Sunday.

Mrs. Geo. Orr is very ill at her home on A street between 6th and 7th.

It is your business whether you paint your car—it is our business to paint cars—Chapman and Devore.

Mrs. Geo. B. Kintzley is very ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lee Pridmore, near the hospital.

Mrs. C. F. Eggmann went to Albany last Saturday to attend the joint installation of officers of the Fair Oaks Circle and the Albany Post of the G. A. R. Mrs. Eggmann is State Secretary of the Ladies of the G. A. R.

There were several other State officers present at the meeting. At a banquet given Saturday evening the candidacy of Mrs. Eggmann for State President was announced.

W. H. Horne, who has been making his home with Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Lenhart for the past nine months left

## MOONSHINE MASH FOUND BURIED ON GAME FARM

Fifteen gallons of moonshine mash emptied from a keg and buried in the ground was found at the edge of the state game farm yesterday by Deputy Sheriff George Croner. Some of the stuff was scooped up and brought to the office of the sheriff and Lawrence Demagalski, an employe at the farm, has been cited by Sheriff Stickels to appear before District Attorney Johnston, when that official returns from Portland, and explain its appearance there.

Sheriff Stickels for some time suspected that moonshine was being made by someone on the game farm and he and Deputy Croner went over there yesterday morning to investigate. Croner says he smelled liquor from the road and they entered the house where Demagalski and the other employes live. They found nothing, but Croner, noticing the tracks of a wheelbarrow leading toward the rear part of the farm, followed them. They led to a chicken house near the further end of the pheasant pens. In walking about the shed, Croner's feet suddenly sank into a soft mess through a covering of straw and the odor emitted was evidence enough for him that he was on the right track.

Removing the straw, the deputy found where the moonshine mash had been dumped into a trench, a thin layer of dirt thrown over it and the dirt covered with straw. Some of the mash was taken back to the house in a pan and although mixed with dirt and straw, it was plain to see that it had been made of raisins and perhaps corn meal. A 15-gallon keg, which also emitted the pungent odor, was taken by the officers.—Eugene Register.

Wednesday for his home at Pleasant Unity, Pennsylvania. Mr. Horne has been working at the E. C. Simmons garage in Eugene.

Springfield Taxi Service, Phone 2. N. L. Howard and F. E. Lenhart report a bag of six geese as the result of their hunting trip to the slash below Coburg last Sunday.

The Springfield Mill and Grain company has purchased a two-ton Federal truck from the Pacific Auto company, Eugene distributors.

Mr. and Mrs. William Donaldson, of this city, and Mrs. Donaldson's brother, J. C. Reese, of Green Bay, Wis., spent Sunday at Junction City at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Thom.

Mr. and Mrs. William Darling and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Peterson motored to Thurston Saturday evening to attend the dance given there.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Winters, of Goshen, spent Sunday in Springfield.

Verdon May, bookkeeper for the Booth-Kelly mill at Wendling, came down Saturday evening to spend the week-end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. May, of this city.

Mrs. Linden Leavitt and small son left for California to visit with Mrs. Leavitt's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Jacobson, of this city left for Portland Sunday evening, to be gone a few days on business.

Mr. E. E. Morrison and two children, Vernita and Carl, returned from Portland where they have been since Mrs. Morrison underwent an operation. Mrs. Morrison is greatly improved and will soon be able to return to her home in this city.

Jess Wycoff, of Marcola, came down to spend the week-end at the home of his family.

Mrs. Willis Birstch, of Thurston, was admitted to the local hospital for treatment Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Carney, of Waverly, were in town on business Monday.

Sylvester Snook, and son Bert drove to Jasper Saturday to attend a meeting of the stockholders of the 2-7 telephone line. New officers were elected for the following year: Gainey Jacoby, Pres.; Wm. Glaspey, Vice-Pres.; Emery Callison, Finance.

## REGISTERED HOGS ARE SHIPPED EAST

Kenneth Ables and Son Ship Two Registered Gilts To Missouri

Kenneth Ables, a local swine raiser, shipped two registered gilts, Poland China large type hogs East. Mr. Ables made the shipment Tuesday, January 11 to Frank Winn, of Randolph, Mo. Mr. Winn's hogs won prizes as Grand Champion Boar and Junior Champion Sow at the National Swine Show last November at Des Moines, Ia. The hogs were of the Poland China large type. Mr. Ables' hogs are the first to be shipped east for purposes other than meat. Mr. Ables is planning on taking a carload of hogs to Idaho, Wash. and Oregon state fairs next fall for exhibition purposes.

## TRAPPERS HAVE GOOD LUCK AT RIGDON RANCH

W. M. Clark and C. E. Anway, whose through Springfield last week on their way to Portland with 112 hides as the result of 60 days trapping on the Rigdon ranch above Oakridge.

The catch included three cougar hides, two coyotes, one wolf, twenty-two bobcat hides, several Fisher and Martin hides and the balance skunk, coon and mink.

While on the trip the men report seeing several herds of deer crowded down from the higher regions on account of the snow.

The bounty paid Clark and Anway by the county amounted to \$86.50.

## STOLEN SUIT CASE FOUND UNDER LOG

S. H. Lyons, residing near Springfield, recently stumbled upon a weather-beaten water-soaked suit-case, hidden under a log at a point about two miles up the river from Springfield. It contained nothing of value, but is believed to be part of the plunder of some thief who operated within the past few years. Among other articles was an ordinary bill-book, containing a letter written by Leroy F. Weston, of Osgood, Missouri, and addressed to S. L. Weisner, and dated in 1910. Along with this was a number of receipts for membership fees made out by the Odd Fellows lodge at Williams, California.—Eugene Register.

## REBEKAH LODGE INSTALL OFFICERS MONDAY NIGHT

Last Monday night was the occasion of installation of officers for Juanita Rebekah Lodge No. 85. Following is a list of the officers installed and their respective offices: Cora Hinson, N. G.; Orceila Cyr, V. G.; Leda Freeland, Recording Secretary; Vina McLean, Financial Secretary; Bernice Van Valzah, Treasurer; Gladys Lopley, Warden; Alice Kester, Conducoor; Kathryn Horton, O. G.; Stella Eaton, I. G.; Rosa Montgomery, L. S. N. G.; Minnie Gerard, R. S. V. G.; Pearl Clark, Chaplain; Marjorie Moshier, Musician; Jennie Barnard, Hannah Hill and Bernice Van Valzah, Trustees. District Deputy President Nellie Richmond and Acting District Deputy Marshall Clara Snodgrass were the installing officers.

## CHURCH NEWS

### BAPTIST CHURCH

Geo. R. Varney, Pastor

Sunday School at 10 A. M. Sermon for next Sunday, 11 A. M. "Marriage." 7:30 P. M. "Is There a Hell." A cordial invitation extended to all.

### CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Rev. Earl Childers, Pastor

Sunday School at 9:45 at which time a report of workers conference will be read. Preaching at 11 A. M. Endeavor at 6:30 in the evening and preaching again at 7:30. Prayer meeting Thursday evening as usual. Interesting and helpful services for everyone. You are welcome.