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GOVERNMENT MUST CONTROL FOOD PRICES

That the present food situation is serious goes without saying.

When thousands of men with families to support, and who draw a daily wage of \$2.00 and up are required to pay present outrageous prices for flour and sugar, potatoes and meat and all other necessities of living, there is something radically wrong in the body politic; there is "something rotten" in the United States.

It is no time, however, to allow fear to consume our souls and to eat the heart and courage out of us. It is no time to become hysterical and to paint black mental pictures of famine and woe.

It is no time to attempt to beg the real issue by piffling palaver about backyard gardening and the conservation of dandelion greens. To plant back yards to vegetables at a time like this is well; it will help many of us over the hard places until the real trouble is adjusted. To eat greens in lieu of something we like better but can't get, at present prices, is commendable; it beats going hungry.

But when we attempt to convince ourselves and others that such methods will solve the living problem we are showing about the same degree of intelligence that an ostrich shows when he hides his head in the sand to escape his pursuer.

The real cause of the present high cost of living is SPECULATION, and SPECULATION in Food stuffs at a time like this amounts to a GAMBLING GAME in which the lives and happiness of countless American citizens are used as chips and the welfare of a hundred million people is cast to the winds that a few dollar-marked speculators may wax richer.

The bulk of last year's wheat crop passed from the hands of the growers at around \$1.25 a bushel. Much of that wheat has been ground into flour and today the Morrow county farmer who produced the wheat and sold at that reasonable figure is required to pay \$13.00 for a barrel of flour. Why? Simply because the gentlemen who compose the Chicago Board of Trade can win and lose fortunes "playing the wheat market," and they find the game exciting and profitable.

They run wheat up to better than \$3.00 a bushel and the Portland market, sensitive—as all things connected with finance are sensitive—immediately goes up correspondingly and flour, made in Oregon, from Oregon grown wheat which cost the millers \$1.25 a bushel, jumps up in proportionate ratio and the people who grow the wheat and build the ships and carry on the commerce of the state and nation are impoverished and starved that the stock manipulators and other takers of unholy toll on industry may wax fat.

Alarmists are telling us that we are on the verge of famine and are preaching the gospel of slow starvation—telling us to eat less at home and ship more to mid-ocean to be sent to the bottom by German submarines. They tell us that our salvation lies in growing spuds in our back yards and making bread pudding of our bread crusts. These people do not tell us that every official investigation that has been made this year into the reputed food shortage has revealed count-

less warehouses and storage plants piled to the roofs with food being held for still higher prices. They do not tell us that the mayor of Portland, a few weeks ago, when potatoes had become a luxury in that city and the price prohibitive for ordinary people, found 80,000 sacks safely stored away awaiting real famine prices. They do not tell us that Hubert C. Hoover, the food expert, who has been named by the president as commissioner of food to act as soon as a dilatory congress gives him the authority, has stated that our only salvation lies in government control and the ending of all speculation and gambling in food products.

In view of the crisis the country is facing the talk of these alarmists is puerile, piffling. In many minds it raises doubts of their sincerity,—it causes wonder as to the source of their inspiration. Are they kicking up a dust in order to beg the real issue. Are they advocating a diet of dandelion greens for the people of Morrow county who produce so abundantly of wheat and beef and wool in order that the takers of profits on flour at the rate of seven or eight dollars a barrel can have terrapin and champagne and give \$100 tips to the head waiter?

The United States is now engaged in a war that may be prolonged through months or years and war always calls for sacrifice for most of the people of the nations engaged. For a few, including food speculators, it offers opportunity to amass much money at the expense of the rest of the nation. There is but one way to make patriots out of these plunderers and that is to put them out of business and to do this the government must stop gambling in food and take over the matter of price fixing and distribution and in doing this the government at Washington will have taken the greatest step towards national preparedness yet attempted.

The best preparedness any nation can have is a well nourished, vigorous, self-reliant people, and no half-ration program ever produced such. Sacrifices we make; every pound of food we can spare from our own needs—not our extravagances—should be sent to help feed our European allies. But when it comes to a question of food our first duty is not to them. Our first duty is to our own county and State; to our neighbors, our families and ourselves.

From Morrow county's abundant production but a fraction is needed to supply her own people with an abundance of wholesome food and Morrow county people, farmers, laborers, bankers, business men—everybody, should unite in seeing to it that sufficient of the coming season's crop should be kept here to feed our own people plentifully through the coming months. It is true preparedness; it is true patriotism; it is the doctrine of Holy Writ in which we are told that: 'He who provideth not for his own house is worse than an infidel.'

Sale on Hats

Beginning Saturday, May 12, Mrs. F. Luper will sell at a big reduction her entire line of Trimmed Hats and Hat Shapes. This sale will continue through the month of May.

Notice to the Public

I wish to announce to my patrons and friends and the public generally that I have changed my plans in regard to closing my business and leaving Heppner and that I have decided to remain here and conduct my business as before. I wish to take this opportunity of thanking my patrons for past business and courtesies and hope the same pleasant relations between us will be continued in the future. 52tf -PHIL COHN. Heppner, Oregon, May 1, 1917.

Professional Column

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Isolated Tract, Public Land Sale, Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at LaGrande, Oregon, April 6, 1917. Notice is hereby given that, as directed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under provisions of Sec. 2410, U. S. Statutes, to the application of Fred Buchanan, of Echo, Oregon, Serial No. 91294, we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, but at not less than \$2.00 per acre, at 10 o'clock A. M., on the 6th day of June, 1917, next, at this office, the following tract of land: SW 1-4 NW 1-4, Sec. 25, Tp. 3 S., R. 27 E., W. M. The sale will not be kept open, but will be declared closed, when those present at the hour named have ceased bidding. The person making the highest bid will be required to immediately pay to the Receiver the amount thereof. Any persons claiming adversely the above-described land are advised to file their claims, or objections, on or before the time designated for sale. C. S. DAVIS, Register. NOLAN SKIFF, Receiver.

Notice to Water Users

All charges for irrigation will be made by the square foot irrigated as follows: One dollar twenty-five cents, (\$1 25) for the first 1000 square feet irrigated and \$1.00 for each additional 1000 square feet, 5241 Heppner Light & Water Co.

Cramps!

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Cardui

The Woman's Tonic

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All Druggists

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The Ultimate. He-Do you know what I am going to say to you? Drop it! Nju-Drop what? He-Everything—happiness and love and work and God knows what else! It is all so provincial. Even our dreams, let them be what they will, are provincial—yes, even our sufferings. Nju-And what is there that isn't provincial? He-What! Art and death? No; art is too! Only death. Nju-Yes; I understand. He-You don't love me, Nju. Nju-I love you very much. Really I do love you, only there is something that is more than love—something still higher. He-What's that—life? Nju-I don't know. He-Or—death? Nju-No; there is something still higher. He-Than life, death and love? Nju-Than all combined. There must surely be something; otherwise the whole thing would be so meaningless. —From the Russian Play "Nju."

Grass on the Lawn.

Grass seeds germinate in from fourteen to eighteen days. A quart of seeds is sufficient to cover 300 square feet—15 by 20 feet. Five to six bushels are required per acre. Do not sow grass seeds in hot, dry weather, particularly in July or August.

Poa trivialis is good for shady lawns under trees. Festuca rubra is most suitable for hard wear and for dry or sandy soils. Sharp sea sand applied lightly over lawns in the autumn—that is, over lawns on clay or loam—encourages the growth of fine grasses. Lawns that are frequently watered need more fertilizers than those that are not, as the water washes away much plant food.—New York Sun.

Glengarry's "Treason."

How startling was the difference in the customs of the English and the Scots even less than a century ago is shown in the story of the way in which the famous highland chief, Alastir Macdonell, of Glengarry frightened George IV, out of his wits. In 1822 Glengarry was one of a party of Scottish nobles and gentlemen who banqueted "the first gentleman of Europe" in Holyrood palace. Colonel Macdonell was the last chief to wear the full highland costume, and when the company sat down to dinner he, according to custom, placed a brace of loaded pistols by his plate. The king started up in alarm and was persuaded to remain in the room only on the assurance that Glengarry meant no treason.—London Spectator.

Stevenson's Wife.

A half caste sailor once said, "Mr Stevenson is good to me, like my father, and his wife is the same kind of man."

King Tembinoke said of Mrs. Stevenson, "She good; look pretty plenty chench" (sense). Perhaps they both meant what the poet Edmund Gosse so well expressed when he wrote of her as being "so dark and rich hearted, like some wonderful wine-red jewel."

But the best tribute in Mrs. Stevenson's praise came from the pen of her husband.—Critic.

Our Coal Supply.

The United States coal supply is nearly one-half that of the entire world. Estimates put the available coal supply of the United States at 3,538,500,000 tons out of a world total estimated at 7,297,533,000,000 tons. China ranks next to the United States in available supply, estimated at 1,500,000,000 tons; Great Britain, 180,000,000,000; Germany, 164,000,000,000, and Canada, 100,000,000,000 tons.

Too Pushing.

"I had an idea I'd grow up and own this business some day," said the discharged office boy. "That's just why you were fired," said the boss. "Ever since you started to work here you've been acting as if you already owned the business."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Forgiveness.

Walter—Beg pardon, sir, but—ahem—the gents here usually remember my services. Guest (pocketing all the change)—Do they? They ought to be more charitable and forget them!

Clever Sheep Shearers.

Averaging everything, from young wethers, which are hard, to old ewes, which are easy, experts in Australia will shear about 90 or 100 sheep a day.

PRACTICAL HEALTH HINT.

- Diet For the Aged. The aged should have food at frequent intervals—little and often should be the rule—food every three or four hours. The appetite is not as keen in old age as it is in youth, nor is the digestion so good. Fresh vegetables are needed and relished by elderly persons, and they are a valuable addition to the dietary if they are troubled with constipation, as they contain fibrous tissue, which gives bulk to the contents of the intestinal canal and supplies something for the inelasticity to contract upon. Stewed or raw fruits are useful, as well as vegetables, and one or the other should be eaten two or three times a day.

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