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MORE LIBERAL CREDIT FOR LIVESTOCK MEN

PORTLAND BANKER RETURNS FROM CONFERENCE

Stockmen Must Have Financial Backing or Disaster to Industry Will Follow

One of the important announcements made recently by A. L. Mills, president of the First National bank, was that at the recent conference at Washington between the federal advisory council, the federal reserve board and representatives livestock producers and bankers, it was determined that a policy of extending more liberal credit to livestock growers must be followed to avert disaster to the country's livestock interests, says Portland Telegram. So many young breeding animals, sold at sacrifice prices, are slaughtered for food that the industry is receiving a setback from which it will take years to recover, and in the event of another war involving the United States there would be a real calamity the financial men at the conference were told.

As the members of the federal advisory council from the twelfth district Mr. Mills went to Washington the middle of this month to attend the quarterly session. What he learned concerning the country's financial and industrial condition was outlined by him as follows:

"There are many announcements of price cutting; the movement is general, is here to stay and is spreading through the country. How soon the consumer will benefit by this price slashing of commodities is problematical, but there is no doubt as to a general relief, probably this winter or next summer.

"But with these price reductions there has been no decline in the wage scale, nor should there be until these reductions are felt by the laborer in lowered cost of living.

"However, though wages have not come down, the same result has been obtained by the greater efficiency of labor. Case after case was mentioned where a 25 per cent reduction had been made in the number of employes in factories, and yet production was as great as before. The agitator and the man who worked three days a week and loafed the remainder have been it out.

"Money is still very tight, probably will remain so until the crop-maturing period has passed or perhaps until after New Year's, but there is a widespread feeling that the worst is past and money should be easier in the near future. The federal reserve banks have functioned well during the harvest period and there is no doubt but that they can handle any financial situation that may arise. The fear of foreign financiers that the federal reserve system would break down has proved groundless. We are well along with the harvests and the combined reserve of the federal reserve banks is stronger than it was in the spring. No further comment is necessary.

"Bond dealers in the East say there is a great demand for good securities and it is difficult to keep a sufficient supply on hand. There are not so many large buyers as of old, but the multitude of small investors more than make up the deficiency.

"I can see nothing in Eastern conditions that will affect Portland's prosperity adversely. Our farmers are receiving big prices for a bumper crop, our merchants are prospering, conditions are good the banks are in sound condition and the high cost of living is coming down."

REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGN OPENS IN HEPPNER

Star theatre was the scene of a monster political mass meeting last Friday evening when the playhouse was packed to the doors with an enthusiastic audience of political fans who showed evidence of being out for business.

The meeting was called by Harry Cummings, who is a recognized leader of local republicanism and he was the speaker of the evening.

Mr. Cummings had prepared an elaborate program for the evening, an important feature of which were

a number of violin solos to be rendered by Mr. Cummings himself. Another feature, in addition to the main political address, was a straw vote to determine whether Governor Cox or Senator Harding is the choice of Heppner voters for the office of president of the United States.

After calling the meeting to order and making a preliminary address in which the program of the evening was outlined and Mr. Cummings' campaign slogan, "Turn the Rascals Out," was sounded, two active young republicans were called to the platform to assist in the ceremonies of the evening.

Yielding to importunities from the audience to advance the straw vote to first place on the program, Mr. Cummings deferred the musical program and had his assistants distribute specially prepared ballots to all voters present upon which to record their votes. When the ballots were collected and the count began on the stage something of a surprise developed. Governor Cox at once stepped into first place and as the count proceeded his lead grew until it became painfully evident that even in Heppner, hitherto and always known as one of the rock-ribbed Republican strongholds of Oregon, Mr. Harding had not the ghost of a show. Cox ballots appeared in blocks of five, ten and twenty with only an occasional Harding vote floating sadly down as a sort of reminder of the big Republican majorities of years gone by. A vote on United States senator had also been requested and the result in that instance was even more discouraging to the Republican remnant in Heppner than the presidential contest. Chamberlain, as usual, received a cracking big vote while Bob Stanfield, Republican nominee, received two little lonesome tallies.

The result of the straw vote had a rather demoralizing effect on the meeting. No sooner was the result announced than the Cox supporters rushed outside, presumably to wire the news to Democratic national headquarters, and what few Harding people were present followed the crowd, perhaps to keep from being too conspicuously in the minority. The meeting was, therefore adjourned without date.

C. W. Shurte, who travels all over the coast in the interests of one of the big farm machinery companies, spent the weekend with his family in this city.

PIONEER WOMAN DIES AT RIPE OLD AGE

Former Lone Resident Passes At Home of Her Daughter in Twin Falls

Ione, Ore., Oct. 4.—(Special Correspondence)—Mrs. Rebekah C. Land, a former resident of this city, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 28, 1920, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Martha Johnson, of Twin Falls, Ida., at the age of 83 years, 10 months and 13 days.

Mrs. Land had been an invalid for the past few years but was taken with a severe cold about two weeks ago and gradually grew worse until the end came. Mrs. Land was born at Newton county, Georgia, in 1836. Her maiden name was Rebekah C. Holmwood. She was married to James H. Land in 1852 and to this union twelve children were born, ten of whom are now living. Six sons and four daughters, William Lewis, of Jackson, Wash., Henry Larkin, of Alexandria, B. C., John D. of Ione, James P. and George, address unknown, Roy Sherwood, Oregon, Mrs. Louisa C. Burch of Mesa, Ida., Mrs. Jane Stricker, Riggsrock, Alberta, Mrs. Martha A. Johnson, Twin Falls, Ida., and Mrs. Rosa Pitcher of Spaulding, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Land crossed the plains with an ox team in 1872 and came to Idaho and took up a claim where the city of Moscow now stands. They moved from there to the Willamette valley where they resided for a number of years. About twenty years ago they moved to Morrow county, where they were well and favorably known. Mrs. Land was a devoted life-long Christian, having been converted in childhood and was a member of the Baptist church.

Too much praise cannot be said of

The Highway Situation

MORROW county taxpayers who some time ago voted to bond the county to the limit for the purpose of securing funds with which to co-operate with the state in the construction of modern highways, will be able to extract but little comfort or encouragement from the result of the conference between members of the Morrow county court and the state highway commission at Portland last Tuesday.

The purpose of the visit of Morrow county officials at the meeting of the highway commission at that time was to urge the imperative importance of the state fulfilling its part of the contract on that portion of the Oregon-Washington highway now graded between the Gilliam county line and Lexington by putting on a surface of macadam or gravel in order to protect the new grade from being blown away during the coming winter and spring and also that the new road may be rendered fit for travel at the earliest possible time.

When the matter was brought to the attention of the highway commissioners last Tuesday that body, after considerable argument, agreed to take the matter "under advisement," a term of expression which might mean many things except one, that one exception being the early completion of the road and the protection of the work that has already been done at county expense. Later, through the efforts of the eastern Oregon member of the commission, the two western Oregon members finally agreed to place the Morrow county matter "at the head of the waiting list." A "waiting list" is no doubt some improvement over a pigeon-hole but what is needed in this case—and needed badly—is an active list that will insure the immediate completion of this section of road before the new grade is completely destroyed by flood and storm.

All who are familiar with the character of soil and the velocity of the wind in the lower Willow creek valley through which the grade in question has been built, know that without the protection of a proper surface of gravel or crushed rock, the work already done will be practically ruined within the next year and if the western Oregon members of the highway commission are not familiar with these conditions the people of Morrow county will be glad to have them visit the county and personally investigate the conditions herein pointed out.

Morrow county people are aware of the condition as regards the present bond market which confronts the highway commission. Road bonds are selling at a considerable discount and for that reason the commission seems to have adopted a policy of retrenchment in road building and are, just now disposed to sell only such an amount of bonds as may be needed for the completion of what are known as the main highways.

It should be borne in mind, however, that when the construction of the Willow creek section of Oregon-Washington highway was undertaken the State of Oregon and Morrow county entered into an agreement to the effect that as soon as the county with its own funds, completed the grade and drainage of the proposed road to meet the requirements of the state highway commission, the state would proceed at once to lay a hard surface pavement on the grade. In fact a member of the commission, so the Herald is informed, advised a Morrow county official to the effect that as soon as the county had completed its part of the work that the state is compelled by statute, to proceed with its part of the contract and complete the work.

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Mrs. Land's noble character. She was always ready and willing to help the needy. She will be greatly mourned by her children besides a host of friends. Her remains were shipped to Ione and the funeral services held Friday morning at the Baptist church and conducted by Rev. Hall who gave a very impressive talk, and laid to rest in the I. O. O. F. cemetery by the side of her husband who passed away Sept. 18, 1920.

Odie Ferguson will hold a big public sale of horses, cattle and farming implements at the Jay Devins ranch in Blackhorse, Saturday, October 16. F. A. McMenamin will make the talk that gets the money and F. J. Brown will keep the score card.

TENDER RECEPTION TO LOCAL SCHOOL TEACHERS

A pleasant social affair was that held at the school building last Wednesday evening when members of the Patron-Teacher association tendered a reception to the teachers of the public schools.

The affair was held in the girl's recreation room and was attended by many patrons of the school.

The program committee, of which Mrs. Phill Cohn was chairman, had prepared an excellent program of musical numbers, etc., as follows: Instrumental solo, Mrs. Taylor. Vocal solo, Dorothy Pattison. Piano solo, Bernice Woodson. Reading, Mary Van Vaeter. Vocal solo, Mrs. Frank Turner.

Following the program a social hour was spent when all present enjoyed the opportunity of meeting and becoming acquainted with the new teachers.

Light refreshments were served during the evening.

NO REDUCTION IN PRICE OF DODGE AUTOMOBILES

Official confirmation of press dispatches from Detroit, announcing there would be no reduction in the price of Dodge Brothers Motor Cars, has been received by Cohn Auto Co., the Dodge Brothers dealer, in this city. A telegram from C. W. Matheson, acting sales manager to the local dealer, reads:

"Dodge Brothers policy has ever been to give full value for the price asked. There will be no reduction in the present prices of Dodge Brothers motor cars. Newspaper reports to the contrary are absolutely untrue."

"Dodge Brothers announcement was no surprise to us," said Harold Cohn, yesterday noon. "In fact it is only a substantiation of Dodge Brothers business principles. At no time have they ever demanded an excess amount for their product. As in the past, they will continue in the future to demand a fair return for their efforts."

"The mere fact that the demand for Dodge Brothers motor cars is still greater than the supply, does not justify the great expansion program at the factory, has absolutely nothing to do with the decision to continue the present prices. In marketing their car Dodge Brothers have never made a point of price and will never sacrifice the quality of their product to enter price competition."

HEPPNER BOY MAKES SUCCESS IN MOVIES

"Junior" Divilbiss Stars in Booth Tarkington's "Jonah Day" Picture

Heppner movie fans will be interested in knowing that a former Heppner boy took a leading part in the Booth Tarkington picture, "Jonah Day," produced at the Star on the night of the opening of the new theatre a short time ago. The young actor is known in movieland as Robert Divilbiss, but his name in real life is Robert C. Divilbiss, Jr., and he is a grandson of C. W. Shurte, of this city. Robert visited in Heppner several months in the spring of 1914 when only three years old and was a general favorite. He was generally known here as "Junior."

The home of the Divilbiss family is at Culver, California, a suburb of Los Angeles, and since he was three years old "Junior" has been taking part in the production of screen pictures at several of the big Los Angeles studios.

In the Tarkington story picture the other child "Junior" was the little chaver who his brother tried to snare at home while he went to the merry-go-round and who dragged his anchor and fell in the deep ditch from which Jonah, the cod, and all the other women of the neighborhood had such a time trying to extricate him. Junior has taken part in the production of several big pictures having taken the leading child's part in "The Heart of Humanity." He is now working in the production of "The Forbidden Thing," and "Man, Woman and Child," the latter being one of the greatest pictures ever filmed, it is said. He isn't six years old yet but he draws down his \$50 a week and expects to have some bank account by the time he is old enough to vote.

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MADE DESERT BLOOM WITHIN ONE YEAR

LARSEN TELLS HOW BOARDMAN HOMESTEAD WAS CONQUERED

Would Not Have Believed Story Himself If Told By Others Year Ago.

The following most wonderful story of accomplishment on a raw, sagebrush homestead on Boardman project, made within one year, was written for the Herald by Mr. Arthur L. Larsen, a teacher in the Boardman schools last year, in answer to the inquiry at the recent Boardman fair: "How did you do it?"

Readers of the Herald are no doubt familiar with the wonderful display of agricultural products made by Mr. Larsen at the Boardman fair, the list having been published in this paper last week.

The story is of particular interest at this time when the big John Day project is receiving so much attention from Morrow county people.

After reading Mr. Larsen's story it will do no harm for the reader to give his fancy free rein for a little while and picture what the John Day district would look like if divided into 7,500 40-acre homesteads such as Mr. Larsen's. Allowing five to a family it would mean a population of more than 35,000 people on the 300,000 acres or about six times as many people as are now in all of Morrow county, while the amount and value of products is simply beyond all reckoning.

The John Day project is worth boasting for neighbors. Let's all boast:

"You ask me how we did it. Well it all started in a hay field up at Stanfield last summer when E. C. Bean asked me if I had ever used my homestead right. I hadn't. I considered that right vouchsafed to all good Americans by our benevolent Uncle S. to rank along with privilege of running for the presidency. I would have with the small boy taken a "quarter for my chaney." Well the following day, the sixth of June, we boarded a train for Alexander where we were met by a car that took us over the winding "rock-a-by" road out into the wide stretch of sage brush and we disembarked from our Detroit life boat by a 12x14 shack and Jack said this is the place. There it lay, forty acres of perfectly good sage brush, unusually level and sloping toward the Columbia, two miles away. Well, we weren't long in taking up a deal the result of which Mr. Bean became the possessor of forty eight acres of land a little west of Stanfield and the following day I found myself an outyman on one of the West Extension Homesteads.

In July I came down and started the homestead. By September it was almost completed and we were comfortably ensconced therein. Then began the planning for the following year. Wife and I spent many happy evenings going over the seed catalogs and deciding what we would plant. From a remark made by our county agent I decided that I would try to secure better alfalfa than that commonly planted. Green was suggested but the seed was eighty-five cents a pound. We finally decided to try the Larson as it is supposed to have the same rooting system as the Grimm and is far less resistant to the shallow soils. This I secured in the middle west at a cost of 60 cents per pound plus the freight. It secured an awful price to pay but so soon as it arrived I was more than pleased as it was the cleanest, brightest looking seed I ever saw.

"I was teaching school in Boardman so hired some bedding done. This was done during the month of February and March. The first work was to level and prepare a lawn, then about fourteen acres for pasture, garden and alfalfa. After that had the workmen clear off the brush on the balance of the place and as it was reasonably level we decided to list it up as it was and plant it to corn.

"This work exhausted my supply of cash, costing something over \$400. To get the seed corn I made deal with Farmer Smith. I agreed to (Continued on Eighth Page)