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FARMERS MUST HAVE MARKET ORGANIZATION

WRITER CHARGES BIG NEWSPAPERS WITH TRICKERY

Says Present Wheat Situation Known to Market Reporters Before October 1

(By L. A. Hunt, County Agent)
The recent tardy revelations of the newspapers regarding the fact that the present wheat crop is oversold and that the crop of the southern hemisphere is not as before reported, is only another proof of the marketing propaganda with which farmers are deluged when they have anything to sell. An announcement in the Herald of last week was made of the facts concerning this, but which facts were available before the last of October. Of course, they were known to the wheat trade, and of course, they were known to the market reporters of our great papers, but the word had not gone forth to release the information to the general public until last week.

This is not written in a spirit of "I told you so," but simply to show up the "gang" and to prove the needs of a better marketing plan.

Many farmers may remember that these tactics were talked over last winter in the Farm Bureau meetings as likely to happen because they are the standard tricks used for years, and will be used as long as the opportunity offers.

The most unfortunate part of this last development is the fact that the banks, which the average farmer has a right to consider his best market advisor, have been drawn into the game.

Either they have not read the statistics which were theirs for the asking, or they were doped by the "slush of lies" released by the wheat gang.

The whole world knows now that the American farmer has been cheated out of his dearly earned harvest by the trickery of the great newspapers of the country, who played up two things. The false reports of the crops and market conditions and the necessity of returning to pre-war conditions, which, by the way, we will never see.

The farmer has been the lamb between two gangs of wolves. One trying to make a fortune out of speculating in the value of wheat, and the other speculating in the value of dollars. Each gang playing its own game and because each could help the other they played together, but that is another story.

No local banker is to be blamed for their part in the game. Banks have tried in the past to go against the rulings of the Regional Reserve Banks to their sorrow, and since the ability of any local bank to serve its patrons depends upon its ability to work as a dependable unit in the banking machinery of the country, the service of their patrons compels agreement to the policy of the Regional Reserve Bank with which they cooperate. The policy of the banks all over the Northwest has been practically the same.

The National Farm Bureau expects to introduce two amendments to the Federal Reserve law: one to give the Federal Reserve Board power to direct the policy of the Regional Banks regarding priority of loans, which they do not now possess, and another is to make warehouse receipts of wheat available for security for rediscount paper, as wool receipts are now.

As every farmer knows also, they will launch a national wheat marketing plan for the 1921 crop on January 1st. The president of the State Farm Bureau will call a meeting of wheat producers—not brokers this time—to see how this will meet Oregon conditions immediately thereafter.

Morrow county must be represented. We will send at least five of our best farmers. We will inaugurate our membership campaign immediately to get the funds to finance the work necessary to put these nefarious robbers out of business for good. It will mean \$5.00 from every man, but that will be cheap if we can only get their goat. Remember Iowa has 140,000 members and they were strong enough to change the policy of even the National Bank. Oregon has only 5,000, and could not. Iowa farmers know that F. B. organization pays. It will pay here. Help get ev-

Ladies' Hockey Team Going to England



The All-Philadelphia Ladies' Hockey team, which will soon sail for England to meet Britain's best lady hockey players.

ery farmer into the Farm Bureau so we can cut the gambler out of the production game. Do it now.

MAYOR-ELECT BORG TO LEAVE HEPPNER SOON

The announcement that Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Borg are soon to leave Heppner to become residents of Missoula, Mont., will come as a surprise to their many friends in Morrow county, but such is the exclusive information given the Herald Monday afternoon by Mr. Borg himself. Mr. Borg has purchased an interest in his brother Frank Borg's big jewelry house at Missoula and will leave as soon after the first of the new year as he can close out his business interests here.

The Borg jewelry store is a landmark in Heppner, having been established by P. O. Borg, father of the present owner, in 1881, practically 40 years ago, and has been continuously in the family all these years.

Oscar Borg is a native of Heppner, and has spent his entire life here, and he freely admits that it is not without the keenest regret that he is severing the social ties and business associations of a lifetime.

The opening at Missoula, Mr. Borg says, is extremely flattering, his brother's business having grown to such an extent since he opened it 12 years ago, that he finds the duties of management rather too much for one man.

Mr. and Mrs. Borg have a host of friends in this county who will deeply regret their leaving Heppner, but will doubtless join in best wishes for their continued prosperity.

GAMMELL HENS MAKE EXTRA GOOD SHOWING

A. W. Gammell, a prosperous young farmer of the Lexington country, makes something of a specialty of pure-bred S. C. Rhode Island Red chickens, and is rather proud of the egg laying record of the present year.

Mr. Gammell had 50 hens and pullets at the beginning of the present year, and for the first six months the flock laid eggs as follows: January, 484; February, 697; March, 578; April, 634; May, 520; June, 585; or a total of 291 5-6 dozen, or an average of 70 1/2 eggs per hen for the six months ending July 1st. During the latter part of March and the first part of April there were 20 hens setting at one time and several with young chickens. Chicken fanciers will find it worth while to look over Mr. Gammell's flock.

Notice of Annual Meeting

To the stockholders of the Farmers & Stockgrowers National Bank: The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers & Stockgrowers National Bank will be held at Heppner, Oregon, on Tuesday, the 11th day of January, 1921, 3:00 o'clock p. m., for the election of directors for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

S. W. SPENCE, Cashier.

It's a good time to buy things now when reduced price sales are on. The next invoice of new goods may cost more. Read the ads in the Herald and get a tip where to buy right.

Woolgrowers Hold Meeting

The first annual meeting of the Morrow County Wool Growers met in the I. O. O. F. hall Saturday afternoon at the call of the president and secretary. The president being unable to be present the meeting was called to order by L. A. Hunt, secretary, and John Kilkenny appointed chairman. A great deal of important business was transacted. Elmer Williams of the Biological Survey, who acts as inspector of field work for the government trappers, talked on the plan of cooperation with the stockmen and Federal government, and the new contract with the farmers endorsed. Mr. Lindgren, animal husbandry specialist of Corvallis, spoke on feeding sheep more economically, the kinds of sheep to raise, general problems affecting the sheepmen of eastern Oregon. His address was well received.

The next question taken up was the wage question, which had been referred from the fall meeting, and it was decided that no definite wage scales should be taken up, but left to the individual, but the opinion was prevalent that \$75 was the proper wage, a few stating that they were paying less. The secretary of the state association was unable to be present because of sickness, his report on state progress being made by letter. The plans of the National Farm Bureau Federation relating to wool and the advisability of cooperating with this organization were discussed and a motion made that the Morrow County Wool Growers go on record as favoring the election of a delegate to cooperate with this organization; this motion was carried unanimously. Under the head of resolutions a resolution was introduced endorsing the French-Capper Truth in Fabric Bill, which was carried unanimously; another resolution relating to the Payne-Aldrich tariff schedule K, called forth considerable discussion, and it was unanimously decided that no action should be taken on this schedule at the present time. The resolution calling upon the state convention to go on record as endorsing an effort to obtain better railroad rates to the grazing grounds carried unanimously.

Under the head of election of officers John Kilkenny was elected president; John Kelly vice president; Ed. Neill, treasurer; L. A. Hunt, secretary; and Jack Hynd, Ed Rugg, and R. W. Turner, associate directors.

No other business of importance coming before the meeting, the meeting adjourned at the call of the president. L. A. HUNT, Secretary.

SHORT WHEAT DEALERS LOSE THEIR BET ON LOWER WHEAT

Hyman H. Cohen, market editor of the Oregon Journal, gives the following resume of the wheat situation at Portland last Saturday:

Wheat short sellers are facing staggering losses today in the place of profits which they had nicely figured on paper.

The wheat grower is elated at the new turn of affairs and while it is too early to state definitely how far the advance in wheat will be forced, the fact remains that the trade in general openly expresses the opinion that wheat prices have not only gone low enough, but too low.

Two cargoes of wheat were recently sold in Portland by an export house here at an extremely low price to go forward to England. This sale is said to have been made "short," or without the wheat on hand. The sellers hoped or gambled that the market would go still lower.

They have lost their bet; the farmers are winning and the situation which appeared to be undermining the American wheat trade is gradually changing.

In order to "cover," or deliver their short sales of wheat to England, the exporters who forced the extreme price here have been forced to go into the country for actual wheat. Wheat they had figured on paper as being able to secure at very low prices was not available for real loading. Real wheat was held by the farmers and they have their backs up against the wall and are holding for dear life.

The short sellers in a panic were forced to go into the interior and pay from 10 to 15 cents a bushel more for the wheat than they sold it to England. Reports indicate that even off-grade wheat has been sold in the

BROTHERHOOD OF ELKS HOLD SORROW LODGE

MEMORY OF DEPARTED BROTHERS HONORED LAST SUNDAY

Barnett Goldstein, of Portland, Delivers Oration—Splendid Musical Program by Local Talent

"Their faults we write upon the sand. Their virtues upon the tablets of ivory and memory," is Elkdom's loving tribute to the honored memory of departed brothers. And this is no formal tribute to be remembered only once a year at the annual Lodge of Sorrow, but every night in the year wherever Elks may chance to gather, whether in lodge room or banquet hall, mid social scenes or in business place, when the first chime of the hour of eleven strikes all other interests are set aside while a loving thought is given to the memory of those who have passed across the Great Divide to that mystic place which lies beyond the sunset of life; and as the last stroke sounds every Elk rises to his feet and with bowed head and in hushed voice repeats the words, "To our departed brothers."

Heppner Lodge, No. 358, observed the occasion of Elks' Memorial day last Sunday afternoon, in common with every other lodge of the order in the United States.

An added interest attached to the occasion because of the fact that this was the first public lodge ceremony held in the new Elks' building. The big lodge room was filled to capacity with members of the order, their families and friends, and the entire program commanded the closest attention from the audience.

Exalted Ruler Charles B. Cox presided at the ceremonies, being assisted in ritualistic portion of the exercises by Esteemed Leading Knight B. P. Stone, Esteemed Lecturing Knight B. B. Kelly and Esteemed Loyal Knight L. E. Mikesell.

Rev. Stephen Phelps, D. D., venerable pastor of the Federated church, acted as chaplain for the occasion in prayer and benediction.

Barnett Goldstein, former assistant federal prosecuting attorney, and a member of Portland lodge of Elks, No. 142, was the orator, his address being a triumph of eloquent utterance, touching tribute and beautiful sentiment.

Mrs. Paul Gammell, former instructor in Heppner high school, gave the beautiful reading, "Thanatopsis," most effectively.

The musical numbers consisted of the opening march by Mrs. Walter Moore as the members entered the lodge room; the quartet, "There is no death," by Mrs. Darbee, Miss Lane, Mr. Goodman and Mr. Morrison; Vocal solo, "Sunset and Evening Star," by Mrs. Barbee; duet, "Ever at Rest," Miss Lane and Mr. Goodman; vocal solo, "Our Yesterdays," by Miss Engelman; and the piano solo, "The Swamp Angel," by Mrs. Moore.

The interesting exercises were closed with the closing ode of the lodge, sung by the members, followed with the benediction by Rev. Dr. Phelps.

WHEAT MARKET FLUCTUATES

The past week has been marked by considerable unexpected activity in the wheat market, due, according to press reports, to light crops and unfavorable weather conditions in South American countries and Australia. Speculators who had sold short were sent scurrying to cover, and it is said two cargoes now loading at Portland were finally bought at country points at some ten cents advance over the price the speculators had sold at.

Heppner dealers reported strictly No. 1 Bluestem worth \$1.50-\$1.55 here Monday, but Tuesday noon dealers were advised by their principals at Portland of a nine cent drop. But little credence is given press reports about the wheat situation here by either sellers, buyers or bankers, and the question of which way the market will go within the next month or at what mark it will settle is considered a sort of Chinese puzzle.

There is going to be a fine opening for some public spirited citizen to get appointed mayor of this town early in January if he plays his cards right. Now men, don't all speak at once for the job.

William Haverson of Unity, Saskatchewan, Canada, is here visiting his sister, Mrs. M. W. Haunover.

CITY COUNCIL HOLDS ITS REGULAR SESSION

ENGINEER'S FINAL REPORT ON WATER SYSTEM ACCEPTED

System Reported in Good Shape Except Poor Construction on Ditch Creek Line

City council held their regular meeting Monday evening when routine business was transacted and current bills audited and allowed.

The most important business of the evening was the final report of Clarence Hickey, who represented the engineering firm of Burns & McDonnell, of Kansas City, in charge of construction of the water system.

Mr. Hickey's report, which was comprehensive, going into the subject at considerable length, was to the effect that, generally speaking, the system is a good one and has been turned over to the city in good condition.

With the exception of minor leaks in the concrete and redwood portions of the pipe line, which are to be expected in all new work, the only criticism offered in the report was in connection with the Ditch creek diversion line on which Mr. Hickey stated the construction was faulty, and in many cases not in harmony with his survey. The pipe, which on that line is of light iron, was not properly laid, and there are many bad leaks at present. The report stated, however, that the sum of some \$400 which, according to the terms of the contract with Geist Bros., who built the line, is yet due them, should be retained by the city as damages and the contract cancelled. This amount, Mr. Hickey's report stated, will be ample to make necessary repairs on the line and put it in good condition.

The report also went into the matter of the development of springs along the upper end of the line by which a very considerable amount of pure water may be added to the present flow, thereby guarding against possible shortage during the summer months and also lessening the amount of impurities the creek water may contain.

The present method of chlorination should also be improved, the report stated, in order that the amount of chemical used be regulated to correspond with the flow of water.

Mr. Hickey's report was accepted and placed on file, and his connection with the water system terminated.

AMERICAN LEGION PUTS AN ENJOYABLE SMOKEE

About 100 ex-service men and their friends were present at a smoker given by Heppner Post, American Legion, last Saturday evening, and the occasion was one of the best of its kind ever given in Heppner. One visitor remarked that he never saw 100 men together before who seemed to be having such a good time. An excellent program of athletic events was put on, and the fact that the contestants were all home boys added to the interest.

The Legion boys are working on a plan to secure suitable quarters for a gymnasium and club rooms not only for the use of their members but also as a place where the young boys of the town can spend their evenings amid proper surroundings. The idea is a good one and should meet with general favor. Our boys would be better off in such a place than on the streets.

STAR THEATER INSTALLS NEW PROJECTING MACHINES

B. G. Sigbee, sole owner and manager of the new Star theater, gives frequent proof that nothing is too good for the patrons of his place in the way of modern equipment, his latest effort being the installation of two Powers 6B motion picture projectors for use in his house.

The Powers machines are recognized as the best in modern motion picture equipment, and Heppner patrons of the Star should take some satisfaction from the knowledge that the equipment of their picture show is the best of any in the large cities.

Do your Christmas shopping early and save time, trouble and money.