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BRAMWELL DECLARES QUICK HELP IS NEEDED

FARMERS MUST HAVE AID TO BRING PROSPERITY

Report of Bank Superintendent Shows Resources in State Increasing

Salem, Or., Dec. 30.—The farmer, who, because of uncertain markets, has been hard hit by the depression following the war, must have relief based upon unsecured obligations with a low rate of interest and maturities extending over a period sufficient to permit liquidation through profits derived from products of his labor.

This was the contention made here today by Frank C. Bramwell, state superintendent of banks, in a statement covering the operations of his department during the past year. The report will be filed with the governor, and later may receive consideration by the legislature which meets here January 8.

"On December 31, 1921," said Mr. Bramwell's report, "the aggregate resources of all banks was \$288,434,859.49. On September 15, 1922, the resources aggregated \$302,281,208.27, or an increase from January 1 to September 15, 1922, of \$13,746,348.78.

"The financial conditions during the year 1922 are anticipated with general optimism. There is every indication that business will be stimulated and that money will be available for general financing throughout the country.

"There are, however, many angles involved when we survey the general conditions which may develop in the future. One of the most essential requirements will involve relief for the farmers and the agricultural sections throughout the entire country. This relief from present indications must be made available through some convenient and active instrumentality of the government.

"During the past two years farmers have liquidated their obligations by obtaining relief through the federal loan bank and the joint stock land banks which have been organized for that purpose. Available funds through these sources, however, are not sufficient to meet the requirements. The farmer must have relief based upon unsecured obligations with a low rate of interest and maturities extending over a period sufficient to permit liquidation through profits derived from products of the farm.

Loans Are Made

"At the present time the farmer generally has secured their obligations by executing loans secured by real and personal property. No further security is available for future relief. His general obligation, therefore, must form a basis of his future credit.

"The farmer is the very nucleus of our existence, prosperity and business activity. If his operations are to be throttled or strangled for want of financial relief, there will be no substantial improvement in the general business conditions throughout the country. The livestock industry stands very largely in the same position. Oregon has a diversity of resources and products, but to stabilize our industries and to insure an equilibrium which will maintain a gradual and steady business we must use

FEDERATED CONGREGATION HOLDS BUSINESS MEETING

The regular annual business meeting of the Federated church was held yesterday afternoon when reports from all the different departments of the work were rendered. The reports all showed a gratifying condition, the congregational finances being in particularly good shape considering general conditions.

Total receipts and expenditures for the year amounted to about \$3,300. Following the business meeting a substantial supper was served in the church parlors and dining room to which between 80 and 100 persons did ample justice.

In the evening, at 7:30, a program was given consisting of musical selections, readings, etc., which drew a large and appreciative audience.

Altogether the work of the congregation seems to be in excellent condition.

the farmer and his products as the foundation. When this relief is available there will be a decided improvement throughout the country and business activity in general will be noticeable and decisive.

Farm Relief Needed

"I am firmly convinced that our government can extend no greater stimulant to the general welfare of our country than to provide immediate relief to our farmers. Our local financial institutions can go no further. They have extended practically all available credit. To give them relief the farmer must discharge a substantial portion of his obligations already created. In addition funds must be made available immediately to finance operations during the spring and harvest season of 1923.

"If provision is made for this relief through prompt and active machinery of our government, I predict successful business activity during the year 1923. There are other elements to be considered which are fundamental and necessary, but from the evidence based upon past experience, the relief to our agricultural sections is the first and most necessary essential to our future welfare."

BURGLARS LOOT LOCAL PASTIME CASH REGISTER

Burglars effected an entrance into the Curran & Barr pastime in the Elks building late Saturday night and rifled the cash register of its contents, amounting to about \$20.00. Several dollars' worth of pennies were not taken, dollars, halves, dimes and nickels being as small change as the thieves cared to bother with.

Entrance was effected by prying loose a small window into the toilet at the rear of the building and then forcing the back door from the inside. It is believed boys or youth were responsible for the job as no fair-sized man could squeeze through such a window easily.

Officers are working on the case with few clues to guide them.

FARMERS WILL PROFIT BY GRAIN BAG RULING

Eastern Oregon wheat growers will profit to the extent of about one-half cent each on their grain bags this year, according to information just received from Congressman N. J. Sinnott.

Some time ago the customs division of the treasury department ruled that all jute bags imported into the United States from India must be stamped showing the place of manufacture. A little investigation on the part of farm bureau officials revealed that the cost of such printing in India is so high that the order would increase the cost of bags at least one-half cent each. The matter was taken up with Mr. Sinnott and after some trouble he succeeded in having the ruling revoked.

A LITTLE UNUSUAL

A little unusual in these modern days is the line carried in the newspaper advertising of the social dances being given this winter at the pavilion: "Mothers and Dads invited." The young gentlemen who are giving these entertainments realize that young people should have proper chaperones on such occasions and who more proper than the mothers and dads? Young people must have some recreation and amusement. Better for the parents to accompany the youngsters on occasion and lend their influence towards proper associates and environment. Bootleggers and other undesirable have no place at social affairs where the young people, including high school boys and girls, seek their diversion and nothing will sooner rid such gatherings of the undesirable than the presence of parents who will voice their disapproval.

Heppner observed New Year's day yesterday by refraining from much visible worldly occupation and enjoying the novelty of a real quiet town. Most of the stores remained closed all day while the merchants improved the idle hours by starting the annual invoice. Pastimes, printing offices and other purveyors of the necessities of life kept on doing business as usual, which it might be added, was not so much.

An Ode to the Pioneers

By C. A. MINOR

(The following verses, written by Mr. Minor in memory of Morrow county's sturdy pioneer citizens, was printed on an artistic calendar alongside a reproduction of the well known pioneer picture that hangs in the corridor of the court house, and which was mentioned in this paper last week.—Editor.)

On yonder wall there hangs a picture, somewhat faded by the passing of the years,
Called "Morrow County Stockmen, Morrow County Pioneer and Pioneers." Oft when the day of toil was over, I have looked at it and thought and thought: Who would be the one to tell that story, though I was much the younger of the lot.

Those pioneers who left their fathers' homes; their native sod; from man have lived apart;
They blazed the way to a land untrod, and there with nature lived heart to heart
In a little cabin built of logs, chinked in, and with sod and dirt covered o'er;
A fireplace for a stove, one sliding window; and oft they used the earth for a floor.

There amongst those hills and valleys where surveyors' stakes were never stuck or known;
Where the owl did hoot and the coyote wailed; that's where the pioneer built his home.
A home it was, though of the rudest sort, built from nature's rough unfinished store;
But no man was a stranger there—the latch string always hung outside the door.

Gone is the bunch grass that bowed and bent like fields of grain before the northern wind;
Gone are the Indian caravans and their ponies—that is, the pinto and spotted kind;
Gone are the prairie schooners—the oxen that so slowly trailed them from east to west.
Gone are the flint locks, the powder horn, and all those things our fathers loved best.

Oh, how those pioneers they would weep; the life blood quicken in their veins,
Could they see those bleak and barren hillsides; Oh, those grainless, barren, barren plains.
Weep not for things past and gone, but bid the cowboy and things of his day adieu.
For when the latch string it was severed, the West and the spirit of the West went too.

God, remember those pioneers when they come—those men that wore the blue, the gray;
They numbered three score and ten then; but with less than twenty here today;
And in a few more years, they who shaped the way whereby others reached wealth and fame,
Will be known here no more, but be stilled like their pictures in the frame.

Those bodies once so supple are stiffer now—their train is backing on the track.
It will not be long till they will all be gone, and they are not a coming back.
And at night when the woods grow dim and the owl does hoot and the coyote wails,
Think! Did the golden moments ever come to those that cleared the way and made the trails?

ARBUCKLE FILMS ARE BARRED AT STAR THEATRE

General approval is expressed at Manager Sigbee's announcement flashed on the screen at the Star Sunday evening to the effect that the Arbuckle pictures will not be shown at the Star. The announcement read as follows:

"Yankee fashion, answering the question asked by many friends, we ask: Why, by heck! should we show Roscoe's pictures when we can get such good comedies as are made by Will Rogers, Buster Keaton, Harold Lloyd, Larry Semon, and Felix? We stand pat and let the publicists have their little jokes."

The announcement not only shows that Manager Sigbee has a proper appreciation of the proprieties in picture business but it also puts Heppner on the right side in this Arbuckle matter.

"Let 'Fatty' go to work, by all means," is the general opinion, but not at making pictures. There are always other lines of endeavor open. Digging ditches is good exercise for an overly fat man.

BOXING MATCH DREW GOOD CROWD

The boxing match at the pavilion yesterday afternoon drew a good crowd of fans and all were well pleased with the entertainment.

A number of lively preliminaries whetted the interest of the fans, chief of which was the bout between Turner and Bauman in which the latter scored. Wright and Mead, Bucknum and White, Conner and McAllister, Hall and Matteson and Gammell and Mead all contributed to the hilarity of the occasion.

The main event between Ahalt, of Ione, and Joe Marcus, of the Multnomah Athletic Club, Portland, went to a draw in four lively 2-minute rounds, both men showing fine form.
Fans declared this was the best entertainment of the kind put on in Heppner in many moons.

FRED H. HALEY NEW LOCAL MANAGER FOR STANDARD OIL

Fred H. Haley, who has had charge of the Standard Oil station at Ione for several years, has been placed in charge of the Heppner plant, with the Ione plant operated as an auxiliary to Heppner, both being under his management.

Mr. Haley and his family will make their home in Heppner as soon as they can find a suitable house.

Captain J. F. Cook, who has been in charge of the Heppner plant for the past two years, left this morning for Tennessee where he expects to engage in business with his brother who is operating a box factory.

Mrs. C. C. Patterson received the sad news Christmas day that her mother, Mrs. Andrew Baird, had passed away that morning at her home in Pennsylvania, near Pittsburgh. Mrs. J. O. Hager, another daughter, went east several weeks ago to be with her mother and has not yet returned. Mrs. Patterson was arranging to go east in a few days when the message was received Tuesday.

LIVELY SESSIONS AT THE ELKS' LODGE THIS YEAR

Heppner Elks are enjoying some lively sessions this winter and the attendance at regular meetings is growing rapidly. A floor mat for wrestling bouts is the latest innovation and that new article of equipment was tried out for the first time last Thursday evening with most excellent results. Nobody was barred from the contests and much rivalry is said to have developed about who would get the next bout. Sam Turner, a comparatively new member, packed off most of the honors by taking on two husky members at once and throwing both of them to a fair final finish. Sam's brother, Frank, and Pete, the barber, were his victims and Sam said he sort of had to treat his brother that way but I just couldn't help it.

A movement is also on foot to install a first-class billiard table in the billiard room which has been unoccupied since the new building was opened.

Members of the order, either local or visiting, who do not attend lodge regularly, may depend upon it that they are missing a lot of good, clean sport.

FREE GARDEN SEEDS

Congressman N. J. Sinnott has notified the Herald that he will make distribution of government seeds allotted to him this year through the papers in his district, as this method has proved successful for several years in getting same into the hands of those who most desire them. Congressman Sinnott will also send seeds to any constituent writing directly, him at Washington, after they are ready for distribution after the first of the year. There will also be few hundred flower seeds available for distribution.

"FOUR HORSEMEN" STIRS EMOTIONS, SAYS MAYOR

That Metro's presentation of "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse," the Rex Ingram production adapted for the screen by June Mathis, rivals the greatest theatrical offerings of the legitimate stage, was the opinion of John Galvin, Mayor of Cincinnati, after twice viewing the picture in New York. This masterpiece is showing at the Star theatre Wednesday and Thursday.

"It is the greatest picture I have ever seen," declared Mr. Galvin. "Its dramatic power is something wonderful and it affected me just as much as though I were witnessing a spoken performance. It stirs the emotions and I am not ashamed to say that parts of the picture brought a lump to my throat and tears to my eyes.

"Pictures like 'The Four Horsemen' are the greatest kind of advertisement to show that the movies are capable of just as wonderful dramatic effects as the speaking stage. It shows what tremendous things the big companies of the motion picture industries are doing to advance the standard of pictures."

MORTGAGED WHEAT TO GO IN WASHINGTON POOL

PLANS BEING PERFECTED TO HELP ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

State Supreme Court Upholds Co-operative Marketing Contract

"Handle every bushel of signed wheat during the 1923 selling season."

This, briefly, is the instruction given the officers of the Washington-Idaho Wheat Growers' association at the boards of directors meeting in the Spokane headquarters last week. The Washington and Idaho boards met simultaneously, and their action on several matters was identical.

During the last two years in cases where pooled wheat has been heavily mortgaged there has been a tacit understanding between the boards and the growers that outside sales would not be contract violations. But considerable objection to this custom has developed among the membership and the organizations now are taking steps to handle all of the pooled grain in the future, whether or not mortgaged.

In this connection the question of direct sales of mortgaged wheat, to afford the member the total price of his crop as soon as it is marketed, came up for discussion. The boards also considered the advisability of the establishment of a fall pool during the 1923 season to care for mortgaged wheat, on the order of the seasonal or spring pool which was operated successfully by the Montana association in 1921, and which again may be adopted by that state for the present year.

Supreme Court Case Supports Contract

While the boards were making arrangements to sell all of the pooled wheat next year, they also had before them offers to settle out of court on the part of growers who had violated the contracts, and against whom suits had been instituted. One offer from the attorney of a man who had made outside sales suggested settlement on the basis of 5 cents a bushel damages, with the stipulation that hereafter the member's wheat would be placed in the pool.

The boards of directors, however, decided to continue the cases through the court. They also authorized the association attorneys to bring suit against several more members who had been reported as having violated their contracts. Attorneys brought before the directors the recent decision of the supreme court of the state of Washington, in favor of the Egg and Poultry Producers, an organization operating under a contract practically identical with that used by the wheat growers' association.

In this case the court allowed heavy damages to the association because the defendant, a member, had sold outside in violation of his contract.

HARTH COMPANIONS INQUIRY OF PRICES

A resolution introduced by Senator McNary of Oregon after consultation with C. A. Harth, director of the Oregon Co-operative Grain Growers, in Washington, would empower the senate committee on agriculture to investigate conditions influencing the prices of farm products and to make recommendations for remedies.

If adopted, the resolution would provide for a report and recommendations before next March.

"Under existing conditions the prices of agricultural products do not afford a fair and reasonable return upon the capital, labor and expenses of the farmer, and in many instances do not meet the cost of production," declares the resolution, "the agricultural interests of the country will be confronted with disastrous losses if the present conditions continue and unless a readjustment is brought about between the prices of their products and the prices of other commodities."

"It is of utmost importance that the essential facts be ascertained as soon as possible in order that the many problems may be adequately analyzed and a sound, economic, and proper solution provided."