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BANKERS' COMMITTEE TO AID MARKETING NAMED

W. L. THOMPSON IS NAMED AS CHAIRMAN

Eastern Oregon Wheat Counties Are Given Four Members on Body

Portland, Oct. 22.—W. L. Thompson, vice-president of the First National Bank of Portland and president of the American National Bank of Pendleton, will head the bankers' committee which will take the lead in working out the question of co-operative wheat marketing in Oregon.

The committee was appointed yesterday by Edgar H. Sensenich, president of the Oregon Bankers' association, who was authorized to name the group through a resolution adopted Thursday following a hearing before Eugene Meyer Jr., managing director of the war finance corporation.

The other members of the group are Keith Powell, vice-president of the Bank of Woodburn and chairman of the Oregon Bankers' association agricultural committee; Charles H. Stewart, vice-president of the Northwestern National bank and director of the Portland Chamber of Commerce; W. H. Ragsdale, president of the Farmers' State Bank of Moro, Ore.; G. M. Rice, president of the First National Bank of Pendleton; H. F. Shilling, cashier of the First National Bank of Condon, and L. Barnum, vice-president of the First National Bank of The Dalles.

A meeting to confer with co-operative marketing agencies and any farm organizations or groups which are interested in the wheat problem is to be held this week.

HEPPNER ELEVEN WINS OVER ARLINGTON 6-0 SCORE

A big crowd turned out at Gentry Field Saturday to witness the Arlington-Heppner football game and the home boys lacked not in support.

The game was hard fought from start to finish and several players were temporarily put out of business but no permanent harm was done.

Arlington has a good team and but for several fumbles the score might have been different.

Heppner Hi has a strong team this year and the boys are out to make a record this year and seem to have made a mighty good start in that direction. Saturday's score was 6-0 in favor of the home team.

The next game is scheduled with Ione, and will be played at Gentry Field Saturday, Oct. 27.

ATLANTIC CITY ELKS TO BAR KLANSMEN

Atlantic City, N. J., Oct. 19.—The Atlantic City lodge of Elks has adopted a resolution authorizing the expulsion of members of the Ku Klux Klan, it was stated today. This was said to be the first action of the kind ever taken by a fraternal organization.

The resolution is the forerunner of a national campaign in this direction, according to Eugene C. Schwinghammer, exalted ruler, who said the principles and practices of the Klan "are in direct variance with the precepts on which the order of Elks was founded."

Watertown, N. Y., Oct. 19.—Action of the Elks' lodge of Atlantic City in expelling members who are also members of the Ku Klux Klan does not have the approval for the president of the grand lodge officers, J. G. McFarland, grand exalted ruler, said today.

"I am not now prepared to say what action will be taken ultimately," said Mr. McFarland, "because until we know whether the oaths and obligations taken by Klan members are at variance with Elk precepts no decision will be made. I can say, however, that so far as I know, no consideration is being given to a national campaign designed to bring about action similar to that taken by the Elks' lodge at Atlantic City."

SHE SUES FOR A MILLION



Demanding that her name be cleared by the "last of her defamers," Mrs. Helen Elwood Stokes brought suit for \$1,000,000 damages against her stepson, W. E. D. Stokes, Jr., son of W. E. D. Stokes, the New York hotel owner. Young Stokes, called "Weddie" by his father, named as one of several co-respondents in Stokes' New York suit to divorce Mrs. Stokes, has lived for some time in Chicago.

AMERICAN LEGION REBUKES KU KLUX KLAN ORGANIZATION

After a bitter fight on the floor of the convention the American Legion in session at San Francisco last week adopted a resolution denouncing the Klan without naming it by an overwhelming vote.

The resolution adopted is known as the Michigan measure and is as follows:

"Resolved, by the American Legion in national convention assembled, That we consider any individual, group of individuals or organizations, which create or foster racial, religious or class strife among our people, or which take into their own hands the enforcement of law, determination of guilt or infliction of punishment, to be un-American, a menace to our fundamental law, and be it further

Resolved, That we consider such action by any individual, groups of individuals, to be inconsistent with the ideals and purposes of the American Legion."

Wedding Bells

Mr. Russell L. Anderson and Miss Ethel Haverland, both of Heppner, were married last Saturday afternoon at the Methodist parsonage, Rev. F. R. Spaulding officiating.

Mr. Anderson is employed at the Cohn garage and Mrs. Anderson is an employee of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. Both are recent arrivals from Nebraska.

William H. Norcross and Miss Hazel Smith, both of Irrigon, were married here yesterday, the ceremony being performed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McNamer. Rev. F. R. Spaulding performed the ceremony. It is understood the young couple will reside at Irrigon.

WAR FINANCE PEOPLE PROFFER FARMER AID

MEYER AND MONDELL MEET WITH OREGON GROWERS

Co-Operative Marketing Needed to Meet Present Conditions, Is Opinion of Many

Eugene Meyer Jr., managing director of the war finance corporation and Frank W. Mondell, another director, met with Oregon wheat growers and bankers at Portland last Thursday to discuss the present plight of the farmer in the wheat-growing states and to hear and discuss suggested remedies. Messrs. Meyer and Mondell are touring the country at the instance of President Coolidge to investigate the agricultural situation.

More than 100 men representing the farming, banking, co-operative, business and civic interests of the state were present at the meeting and discussion of various plans to solve the farmer's problem was general.

Mr. Meyer, who was the first and principal speaker at the meeting, declared that orderly co-operative marketing is the one and only means at the wheat growers' problem.

"The European countries, due to the existing economic conditions, cannot, as in the past, hold enormous stocks of wheat," Mr. Meyer explained, telling of the results of a three months' trip throughout Europe last spring.

Demand Now Spread Out

"Under the former condition, when the crop was placed on the market in about a three-month period, it was bought in Europe and held. Now the European demand is spread out over an entire year. There is no arrangement for the holding of this surplus. Europe, the consuming country, cannot do it any more. England last year held only 15 per cent of the stocks that were held before the war. In other countries variation of foreign exchange makes the purchase of futures impossible.

The only solution is for the United States, the producing country, to take care of this surplus. Some system must be created whereby the three-month supply can be translated into a year's demand on the market without a dumping of a sudden surplus during the harvest period.

Co-operative Marketing Urged

"The one system which is capable of this control is that of co-operative marketing, properly developed. It is an engineering problem to regulate the volume of the flow and the time in which that volume must flow.

"What has held off buying is the fear of the dumping of a large quantity, and consequent break in the market. The restoration of confidence by the establishment of a marketing system which will control the surplus over a period of time, applicable to the existing demand, will make possible an even market with consequent adjustment of prices to a fair scale viewed from the cost of production."

Mr. Meyer pointed out that while only 25 per cent of the wheat in the country was exported, this portion fixed the price even of the domestic supply, and that the readjustment of this portion through co-operative handling would have its effect on the entire situation.

Larger Scale Necessary

"Co-operative marketing, however," the managing director declared, "must be developed on a larger scale, so that a greater proportion of the wheat is controlled by these associations."

Numerous plans for relief were proposed by speakers from the wheat growing counties and out of all the discussion came a resolution presented by W. L. Thompson, banker of Portland and Pendleton, that a committee of five bankers be appointed by the president of the state bankers' association to act as a medium for united action among the farmers, bankers and business men of the state in perfecting the co-operative marketing plan and making it a success. The committee will be appointed within a few days. Mr. Sensenich, president of the Oregon State Bankers, announced.

A. R. Shumway, president of the

Free State's Martyrs Honored



While hundreds looked on, President Cosgrave of the Irish Free State unveiled this cenotaph in Dublin, Ireland, erected to the memory of Michael Collins and Arthur Griffith.

How Deflation Affected Farmers and Stockmen

(C. E. Spence, State Market Agent, 723 Court House, Portland.)

Here are five stable products of the land that have so declined in price that producers get only cost of production for them, and on some less than cost: (These figures are from the Department of Agriculture for last year, showing the deflation from 1919.)

Hogs have declined 44 per cent, beef cattle 35, hay 31, eggs 29, wheat 21, and yet for the same period prices of all commodities advanced 38 per cent.

The result of this condition is two standard of values, two price levels. Under it the farmer's dollar is deflated to 53 cents, as everything he has to sell to obtain the dollar has been set back on an average of 32 per cent.

There can't be permanent prosperous conditions under this double system. It is not based on permanency. High wholesale commodity values are largely forced by combination might, while low prices for land products are forced onto the farmer by the defenseless condition of agriculture. Demand and supply have little to do with either the high or low prices.

So long as the present system of fixing prices prevails, the farmer simply must get in the game and pull his industry up to the level of other business—he must make his dollar worth as much as the other dollar—for the other industries are not going to voluntarily lower their standards to the present agricultural level.

Group action, compact organization, is the means. Farmers must run their industry just as the manufacturing concerns operate theirs. They must pool their products, do their own selling and distributing, control their production, fix their own selling prices. The cotton growers are doing this; the tobacco growers have pulled their industry out of the mud into a profitable and prosperous basis by joint action; the fruit industry of California has changed disaster to prosperous con-

ditions by producers standing shoulder to shoulder.

Governor Pierce, in his recent speech in Portland, stated that of farm products which the consumer paid \$3.00, the grower received but \$1.00, and that there could not be generally prosperous conditions under such an unjust and unbalanced system.

Co-operation by producers, retailers and consumers can reduce this excessive middle-profit and middle expense. It must be done if agricultural states are to prosper. A more direct system of distribution and less middle interests must be established. Products must be brought to the working class consumers at prices they will pay, in order that there may be normal demand, yet the grower must receive a living profit for his work and investment to have normal production.

There is room enough in the "spread" between the dollar the grower gets and the three dollars the family pays, to bring both of these conditions, but it will take efficient organization. It is hard to understand that both consumers and producers will permit middle interests to add twice the first cost of products to the ultimate consumer.

Entertain at Bridge

Mrs. P. A. Anderson and Mrs. Hanson Hughes entertained a large party of ladies at a bridge party at the Hughes home last Wednesday afternoon. More than 30 guests were present and the afternoon is described by those present as a most delightful one. Honors went to Mrs. Anna Spencer and Mrs. L. E. Blasee. Dainty refreshments were served after the games.

ASSOCIATION AFTER ALL CONTRACTED WHEAT

MORROW, GILLIAM, SHERMAN MEMBERS ARE SUED

Tardy Members Are Being Asked for More Prompt Delivery of Grain

Members of the Oregon Co-operative Grain Growers who have not yet delivered wheat were reminded of their obligations to the association by A. H. Lea, manager, in a letter sent to all those whose tickets have not yet been received.

"A survey of the association records," wrote Mr. Lea, "indicates that up to October 8, we did not receive deliveries from you on your 1923 wheat crop.

"The sales department is at this time arranging plans for the distribution of the grain on the world's markets in accordance with the orderly marketing plan upon which the association was founded, and we would like to have your warehouse tickets sent in to this office at once, or have a letter from you stating about how much wheat you expect to deliver and about when you expect to send the warehouse ticket.

"As you probably know the membership has instructed the directors to insist on full deliveries in accordance with the terms of the contract which each member has with the other members, and failure to deliver wheat or to report to the association will cause your organization the expense of an investigation in each case. Suit for enforcement of the contract and the collection of damages will follow all violations.

"Attorneys for the association are proceeding at this time to either secure settlement from, or file suit against seven members in Sherman county, two members in Morrow county and two members in Gilliam county, and additional cases will be started just as fast as information can be secured on which to begin the actions. According to association officials the total amount of wheat already delivered to the Oregon association is two and one-half million bushels, which is practically as much as was received during the whole of last season."—The Producer.

FOUND GOLD IN GREENHORN DISTRICT

George A. Patterson returned to Heppner Saturday from the Greenhorn mountains where he has been prospecting during the summer. He spent most of the summer pocket hunting and says he made about \$460 since the middle of June. Other prospectors in that section report still greater returns for their labor during the summer, he said, and there is much territory to work on.

Mr. Patterson came through 18 inches of snow on Old Baldy mountain on his way out.

M. E. Conference to Meet Here

Rev. D. H. Leech, D. D., presiding elder of this district, will hold the first quarterly conference in the Methodist church of Heppner next Monday evening, October 29, at the church.

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