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ANOTHER FARMER AID BILL IS SENT TO CONGRESS

McNARY-HAUGEN MEASURE
WOULD GIVE EXPORT AID

Cost of Marketing Surplus to Be
Borne By an Excise Tax
on Wheat

Washington, D. C., Jan. 18.—Final draft of a bill incorporating the American Wheat Growers' plan for increasing the domestic price of wheat was completed and introduced in both houses of congress on Wednesday. The measure will hereafter be known as the McNary-Haugen bill, Senator McNary of Oregon and Representative Haugen of Iowa, chairman of the house committee on agriculture, being its joint sponsors. The bill provides for the establishment of an export commission with power to market the exportable portion of farm commodities, wheat, livestock, cotton, etc. The corporation would have the power to deal through present trade establishment or to do actual marketing, and it is not the thought back of those drafting the bill to destroy or injure existing marketing agents except where unavoidable.

The federal establishment would be empowered to determine a "fair exchange value" for wheat or other products, basing the price so that the commodity value would equal in purchasing power the value of the price paid to farmers during the pre-war years of 1905 to 1914. In cases where the world price for the commodity is less than the determined "fair exchange value" the export corporation would be empowered to deduct a sum from the sales price of the total domestic production of the commodity and apply the fund so accrued as a premium to the portion sold for export. In the case of wheat, for example, a total of approximately 800,000,000 bushels is produced, of which less than 200,000,000 bushels is exported. So every cent per bushel collected as an excise tax would be applied at the rate of four cents a bushel as bounty to the export price.

The total cost of this bounty under the operation of the export corporation will be paid from the excise tax collected on the production, so that no portion of the expense will fall upon the government to be paid by general taxation.

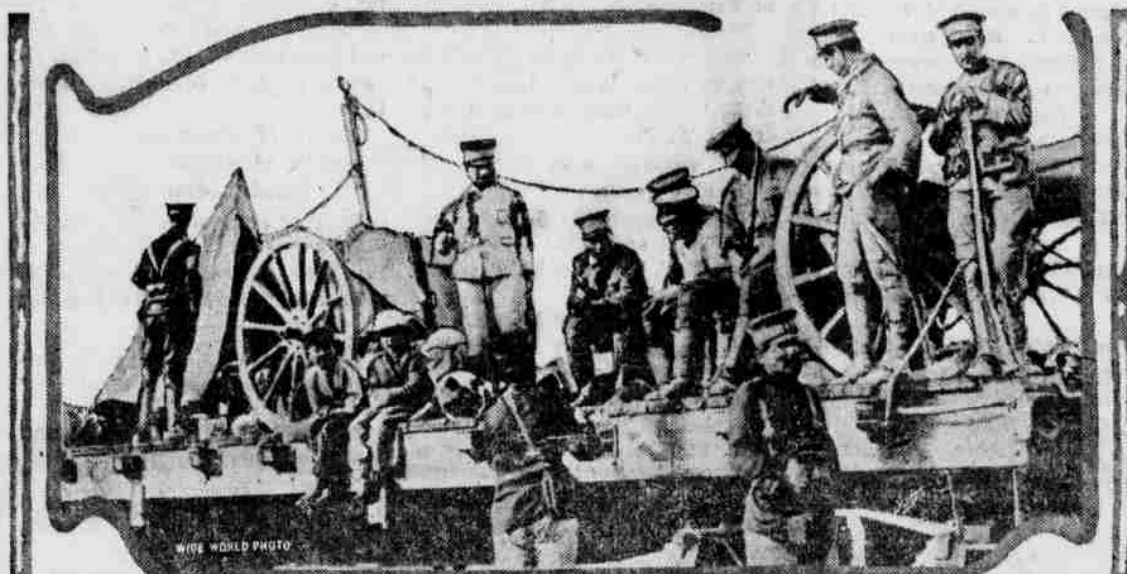
Under present conditions the American manufacturer and all labor employed by him enjoy the benefits of a protective tariff. Agriculture, whenever connected with the production of a product of which we have an exportable surplus, is forced to compete with the peasant classes of Europe in the marketing of their product and receive the same price as the European peasant receives, less the cost of transportation to Europe.

Under the tariff protection contemplated by the authors of this plan agriculture would be placed in the same position and enjoy the same benefits of the protective tariff enjoyed by the manufacturing industries, for the bounty on the exportable portion of agriculture products would result in comparable increase in domestic prices, thus bringing the total price level of the commodity to a point determined by the commission to be fair.

The bill is an evolution of the plan of George M. Peek and H. S. Johnson of the Moline Plow Co., Secretary of Agriculture Henry C. Wallace, and other leading economists of the United States. It is being actively supported by organizations of the export commission league in the states of Washington, Idaho, Montana and Mississippi Valley states. A meeting was held Saturday at Pendleton at which formation of the Oregon export commission league was formed under the leadership of leading Umatilla county farmers and business men. They propose to immediately carry the organization to all portions of the state of Oregon.

Price Stability Favored
Sana, Jan. 19.—A favorable re-

President Obregon's Artillery Going to Battle



Artillery of the federal Mexican army entraining for the successful attack on the revolutionists at Puebla.

port to congress of the Norris-Sinclair bill to stabilize the price of grain was forecast here today by United States Senator John B. Kendrick, democrat, Wyoming, in an address before the annual convention of the National Live Stock association. Agricultural districts in the northwest, Mr. Kendrick asserted, were painted as bad as the conditions in Russia by witnesses who appeared before the senate agricultural committee which is holding hearings on the Norris-Sinclair measure.

"A bill is certain to be brought in by the interstate commerce committee looking to the repeal of section 15-A of the Esch-Cummins act and also to abrogate the excess Pullman fare," Senator Kendrick declared.

"There will be opposition to that bill, of course, but I think it will go through just the same.

"I want the livestock and agricultural interests to know this—that any relief that is to come to them must come from within. Congress is anxious to help in every possible way, but the real help will come from the master minds of the industry, not from the outside. You must work out your own problems just as every other industry but the agricultural interests has already worked out its own problems.

"There must be local organizations and through them general organizations. These organizations will finally solve your problems.

"Some people have talked about the livestock industry going to pieces. Remember this: The livestock industry is not going to pieces. It is going to continue. Some men who are in the livestock business may go to pieces. But the business is going on just the same. It is going to be saved."

On the packer control act, Senator Kendrick said it took congress three years to pass the present bill, but that if the packers succeeded in having declared unconstitutional the section giving the government access to their books, congress would pass another bill in one-tenth of the time which would provide a remedy and would place the books before the public.

"And the packers will lose, even if they win," the senator told the meeting. "They may win the lawsuit, but they will lose in public opinion more than they gain."

La Follette Resolution Endorsed
Washington, D. C., January 19.—The general principle of the LaFollette resolution, directing the interstate commerce commission to reduce substantially freight rates on farm products, was endorsed today by Senator Smith of South Carolina, democratic chairman of the senate interstate commerce committee. The resolution has been referred to that committee. Chairman Smith said consideration should be given also to a horizontal freight rate decrease.

CALL FOR COUNTY WARRANTS

All General Fund Warrants of Morrow County, Oregon, registered prior to August 31st, 1923, will be paid on presentation at the office of the County Treasurer on or after January 22nd, 1924, on which date interest on said warrants will cease.

Dated at Heppner, Oregon, January 10th, 1924.

LEON W. BRIGGS,
County Treasurer.

It pays to advertise in the Herald

LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL TO GIVE OPERETTA NEXT THURSDAY

OTHER INTERESTING NOTES
FROM KNOWLEDGE FACTORY

Students Will Also Present "Clarence," a Popular Play, Next Month

(By Our High School Reporter)

"Cynthia's Strategy," a one-act comic operetta, will be presented at the Star Theater Thursday, Jan. 24, along with the regular show.

The girls' and boys' basketball teams played one at Ione Friday.

The girls' game was an exceptionally good one. It was played fast and skillfully. The result was a 10-2 score in Heppner's favor.

The boys' teams were quite evenly matched, but the slippery floor proved a handicap to the Heppner team. Just as Doherty had the ball in his hands before making a basket the whistle blew, making the basket of no account. This left the score 13-14 in Ione's favor.

The next game played will be with Lexington next Friday at the Heppner hall. Everything is auspicious for a good game. Turn out and see it.

"Clarence" will be presented by the high school about the middle of February. This is one of the best modern plays and has been successfully put on the stage and also the screen.

Semester exams were given Thursday and Friday of last week.

The group pictures for the Hehisch are being taken this week by Mr. Sigsbee.

The finals in the interclass debate on "Resolved: That the government should establish and maintain a minimum price for wheat" will be held Wednesday, Jan. 23.

Three classes, the freshmen, sophomores and juniors, are competing for the cup offered by the P. T. A. Mr. Finch coached the Freshmen, Mr. Livingstone the sophomores and Mrs. Livingstone the juniors.

Anyone wishing to hear the debates will be more than welcome.

The Hehisch of 1924 is going to be a "peach." A handsome binding of Cadiz blue velumet has been selected for the book. A high school directory, a scandal section, and a "Say" column are some of the new features which are going to be used. It will be a larger book than the 1923 issue and will be sold at a lower price.

Dr. Fred A. Farrior and Dr. A. H. Johnston are getting settled in their new offices in the Odd Fellows building where they have taken a suite of four rooms, one of which will be used as a joint reception room for the two offices. Dr. Farrior has built up a fine practice in dentistry since coming to Heppner and he is more than pleased to be more comfortably situated than heretofore. Dr. Johnson, who succeeds Dr. Chick here, is also well situated to take care of the practice which he has succeeded.

FARM BUREAU EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MET SATURDAY

A regular meeting of the executive committee of the Morrow County Farm Bureau was held last Saturday afternoon in the offices of the county agricultural agent when a considerable amount of important business pertaining to the organization was attended to.

The matter of sending delegates to the economic conference to be held at Corvallis this week was discussed by members and the object of the conference was explained by Mr. Morse. It was decided to send two delegates. R. B. Wilcox, president of the bureau, was urged to go as one of the delegates, but as his private affairs would not permit his absence at this time, R. W. Turner was selected to represent the farming interests and Garnett Barratt was chosen to represent the stock interests of the county.

In regard to continuing the publication of the Farm Bureau News it was decided to reduce the size of the publication to a two-page sheet, one side to be used by the bureau and one side by the county agent, the cost to be split 50-50. It was also decided to cut out all commercial advertising from the paper.

It was decided to hold the county convention at Lexington this year on Saturday, February 9. Committees appointed to arrange for the convention were:

General committee—The executive board.

Local committee—Roy Campbell, Fred Lucas, Karl Beach, all of Lexington.

Regarding the matter of printing and publishing, it was ordered that the secretary be given authority in the matter and that the work be divided among the different printing establishments in the county.

Under the head of new business President Wilcox urged the importance of establishing more locals in the county, his idea being that the Farm Bureau should be built from the bottom up rather than from the top down, as seemed to be the idea when the state bureau of unhappy memory was established.

Mr. Wilcox also spoke at some length on the subject of the county unit system in administering the elementary schools of the county. Mr. Wilcox, who has been extensively engaged in educational work in the state, pointed out that Klamath and Crook counties have already adopted the county unit system in handling their school affairs with very excellent results in economy and efficiency.

The harvest labor question was discussed and it was decided to get in touch with the Farm Bureaus in all of the wheat counties in the Columbia river basin with the view to coming to an agreement as to a fair wage scale for the coming season. A report on this matter will be made at the Lexington convention, it is expected.

Mrs. Devine has returned from Genesee, Idaho, where she spent some time visiting her son, who is in business in that city. Mrs. Devine has leased the building formerly occupied by the Bowers Shoe shop and is having it renovated preparatory to opening a novelty shop.

FREIGHT RATES CUT ON GRAIN AND PRODUCTS

Public Service Commission Orders
10 to 40 Per Cent

Salem, Ore., Jan. 19.—The Oregon Public Service Commission today issued an order prescribing freight rate reductions ranging from ten to forty per cent on grain, and grain products, potatoes and onions, on the lines of the principal carriers throughout the state.

This order is the result of a general investigation initiated by the commission in May of last year, after hundreds of notices had been sent to commercial organizations, granges and other farm organizations, throughout the state.

The hearings before the commission extended over a period of weeks, the last of which ended in October. At these hearings all the principal farm organizations of the state were represented.

The order of the commission prescribes maximum, reasonable distance scales to apply jointly and locally on the lines of the carriers involved. By reason of the generally higher rates on these commodities in the Willamette Valley, the reductions made in that territory are most noticeable, in some instances being as great as forty per cent. This order is a part of the general investigation which resulted in an order of the commission last month requiring substantial reductions in hay rates.

An important feature of the commission's order is that it eliminates the differential existing on branch lines and makes one scale or rates apply on all lines. Heretofore as many as three scales have been in effect on the lines of a single railroad company. The order also establishes joint rates, whereas shippers have heretofore been subjected to the application of a combination of local rates on shipments moving from the lines of one carrier to another.

Corresponding reductions on each commodity between all points within the state have been made, the order, in part, reading as follows:

"The rate for a distance of five miles and under shall be four cents per one hundred pounds. For each succeeding five miles the rate shall increase not to exceed one half cent per one hundred pounds for each five miles for hauls up to and including one hundred miles; the rate thereafter shall increase not to exceed one half cent per one hundred pounds for each ten miles for hauls up to and including four hundred miles, and the rate thereafter shall increase not to exceed one half cent for each twenty miles up to and including six hundred miles."

D. M. STUART OF PORTLAND BUYS THE MATLOCK RANCH

Mrs. T. J. Matlock has disposed of her fine stock ranch on Hinton creek to Mr. D. M. Stuart of Portland. The place is one of the finest stock ranches in the county and is well improved. It is understood that Mrs. Matlock takes some residence property in Portland as a part of the consideration which is understood to have been between \$20,000 and \$25,000. Mrs. Matlock will probably go to Portland to reside.

Mr. Stuart will make extensive improvement at the ranch, and will stock it with pure-bred cattle. He will make his summer home there.

MRS. IVY NOLAN IS VICTIM OF APOPLEXY

Mrs. Ivy Nolan, wife of W. E. Nolan, of Rhes creek, died suddenly yesterday morning, death resulting from an attack of apoplexy. Mrs. Nolan was a sister of Mrs. H. J. Biddle, of Ione. Besides her husband she is survived by six children. The family came here from Idaho about two years ago and resided on the Biddle ranch. The funeral will be held Wednesday afternoon, interment being in the King cemetery south of Ione.

Everett Pattison, of Portland, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Pattison, returning to the city Monday.

WHEAT GROWERS OF OREGON FORM EXPORTING LEAGUE

TWO HEPPIER MEN ARE
CHOSEN AS STATE OFFICERS

Pendleton Holds Greatest Farmers'
Meeting Ever Gathered in
State Saturday

What was declared the greatest meeting in the interest of the agricultural interests of Oregon ever held in the state convened in the big lodge room of the Elks' building at Pendleton last Saturday when the Oregon Export League was formed by 500 farmers and business men gathered from the five big wheat-producing counties of the state—Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Morrow and Union.

A temporary organization was formed for the state and delegates pledged themselves to form local organizations in every wheat county to work for the success of the Wallace plan of marketing as set forth in the McNary-Haugen bill now before congress.

The resolution adopted by the meeting, which sets forth the object reads: Resolved, that the Oregon Export Commission League unanimously endorse the plan for stabilizing the price of wheat as embodied in the McNary-Haugen bill introduced in congress. Be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

W. L. Thompson, well known Portland banker, who has been prominent in moves for the financial relief of farmers, was the principal speaker at the meeting, pointing out that the tariff plan for wheat was as effective as it could be for steel or any other commodity and that the plan is economically sound, provided the tariff is economically sound and that under the plan the farmer would be enabled to sell his wheat at a profit.

Continuing, Mr. Thompson explained how the plan will be worked about as follows:

"After the general amount of the tax and premium has been determined by the export commission, government script would be placed on sale at postoffices or elsewhere throughout the country. The wheat buyer buying direct from the producer would purchase this script, say, at 15 cents a bushel, when he purchased wheat from farmers at, for example, \$1.50 a bushel, he would pay \$1.35 in cash and 15 cents in script for each bushel. He would make his own sales to exporters, mills and otherwise in accordance with the \$1.50 price of the wheat.

"The 15 cents a bushel paid by the dealers for script would go directly to the export corporation and would be used in whatever part became necessary as a premium on export sales to keep the domestic prices at the proper level throughout the year.

"Then, at the close of the marketing season, if it were found that only 7 cents a bushel had been used in this way, the remainder, or 8 cents a bushel, would be paid by the government at the close of the season to the farmers holding the script."

The speaker said that the plan will not encourage overproduction, since the tax represented in the operation of the plan will tend to discourage the growing of an excessive surplus. It will not be class legislation since it is a method to remove class legislation now applying in the present tariff and it will not entail government price fixing since it is merely a reverse application of the tariff principle making that principle apply to what the farmer has to sell as well as to what he has to buy.

Temporary officers for the state organization elected were: S. K. Thompson, Pendleton, president; R. W. Rittner, Pendleton, secretary-treasurer; W. S. Powell of Moro, and Jeff Jones of Heppner, vice-presidents. Directors in addition to the officers include P. B. Ingles, Dufur; A. R. Hunter, La Grande; C. B. Cox, Heppner; H. B. Davidizer, Joseph; W. L. Thompson, Portland.

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