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FARMER TAKES SHOT AT McNARY BILL CRITIC

(Much has been spoken and written within the past few weeks in defense of the McNary-Haugen export wheat bill by bankers, business men, college professors and politicians, but no clearer, more logical set of arguments for the measure has come to our attention than the following letter, written by a Sherman county farmer to the Oregonian in reply to a letter previously published in that paper criticizing the plan.—Ed.)

In a letter appearing in The Oregonian March 12, by S. C. Draper, the correspondent launches forth with a fluent flow of figures to prove that the farmer will not be benefited by the increased prices that the McNary-Haugen bill provides for. It would take the provincial Philadelphia lawyer to understand these figures, but there is something wrong either with his figures or his logic. He asks your readers to use their imaginations and visualize a wheat crop of almost a billion bushels under the stimulus of the McNary-Haugen bill after he has just proved (?) by figures that the wheat farmer will not be benefited by the bill.

According to the government's figures, it costs, on the average, approximately \$1.23 a bushel to raise wheat in the United States. For the 1922 crop the wheat farmer will not have received more than 85 cents a bushel f. o. b. shipping stations. Assuming, then, that the McNary-Haugen bill will not benefit the wheat farmer, one certainly will have to draw on the imagination to get a vision of increased production under it.

The correspondent cites the huge crop of 967,000,000 bushels produced during the world war. This crop was produced under the stimulating influence of the \$2.20 minimum price. Also the government asked all farmers everywhere to convert every available acre to wheat as a patriotic duty, which they did. The public was asked as a patriotic duty at the same time to "Hooverize" on wheat products, and it responded nobly to this request. More wheat produced—less wheat used. The inevitable result was over-production. Deflation was started and hit the wheat farmer first and hardest, because at the government's virtual command he had an over-production; all available land had been put in wheat, and it would take a term of years to get back to normal production. Now the wheat farmer has had three years of panic prices, and unless the McNary-Haugen bill comes to his rescue there are others to follow. Hundreds of banks have failed in the wheat districts, and thousands of farmers have failed. Others are facing inevitable bankruptcy if present and prospective prices prevail. Those who do not live in the wheat countries can have little conception of the plight of most of the wheat producers. Their land, machinery, horses, cattle, chickens and everything of value are mortgaged to the limit.

All the bills now under consideration by congress seem to imply, except the McNary-Haugen bill, that the farmer must remain forever in debt. As a general rule the wheat farmer has all the credit now that he has security for. What the farmer needs and is asking for in this bill is a profitable price for his product. More credit only prolongs his agony and enables him to hold onto a losing game a little longer.

Secretary Wallace and a great number of experts have endorsed the McNary-Haugen bill as being economically sound, and they say it will bring relief to the wheat farmer. All the farmer asks for in the bill is that his dollar, which is now worth about 65 cents, be restored to its pre-war worth—no more. During the ten-year period before the war the prevailing price of wheat did not stimulate over-production, then why should a relative price do so now?

Our friend's suggestion that production be curbed is sound and sensible. Production should be curbed, and I understand that it is being curbed in a number of states where such a thing is possible. But there are huge areas where wheat is the only possible crop. The only way to limit production here would be to leave the land idle. This cannot be done because the land is mortgaged, and to leave it idle would mean the interest on the mortgage could not be paid. The wheat farmer is not free to curb production or to cooperate because of the great handicap of debt he is under. Even if it were possible to cooperate and limit the crop to a small exportable surplus, the fact still remains that this exportable surplus under present conditions controls the price of the entire domestic used.

The McNary-Haugen bill provides that the exportable surplus may be sold on the world market in competition with the other wheat-producing countries at a lower price than it will bring here, just as the protective tariff allows the manufacturing interests to sell their products in foreign countries cheaper than they are sold at home. The farmer claims that he is entitled to the same degree of protection from the government that is now being accorded to manufacture by the tariff, to labor by restricted immigration and to transportation by a guarantee. He claims that if it is uneconomical to restrict production, then it is equally uneconomical to protect other

right along for the protection of all the other interests when the same degree of protection is denied them, and when the protection of the other interests makes the farmer's machinery, labor, transportation—and everything he buys—cost him from 33 1-3 per cent to more than 100 per cent more than it otherwise would. Let our friend use his influence to put the teeth of lowered production into an amendment to the bill in question and he will have our co-operation and backing.

CECIL

E. Hamlin of Arlington, roadmaster for the O. W. R. & N., was doing business in Cecil on Saturday. Frank Connor and party of friends from Cecil took in the dance at Eightmile on Saturday and had a fine time.

Hermann Haverest of The Willows was visiting at the home of Leon Logan at Fourmile on Sunday. H. J. Sheeler and Arthur Turner are busy these days running a caterpillar for J. W. Osborn. They are ploughing a seven hundred acre tract for summer fallow.

Mrs. W. H. Chandler of Willow Creek ranch, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Madden of Portland and Mr. Elvin Schaffer of Ione were visiting at Butterby Flats on Sunday.

Mrs. Geo. A. Miller and son Elvin of Highview were calling in Cecil on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Cline of Cecil spent Sunday with Mr. J. W. Osborn and Mrs. Weltha Combest at Fairview ranch.

J. J. McIntire and children of Killarney were calling in Cecil on Sunday.

W. A. Thomas of Dotheboys Hill spent several hours in Cecil on Sunday discussing the topics of the day. Don't forget the dance to be held in Cecil Hall on April 5th. Everybody come. Good music. Supper supplied by Mrs. T. H. Lowe as usual.

We are pleased to learn that T. W. May of The Lone Star ranch, who has been in The Dalles hospital for several weeks, has been able to be taken to his daughter's home in Hood River. We sincerely wish Mr. May a speedy recovery from his recent illness.

On March 29 a slight covering of snow and very bitter cold winds were the portions allotted to Cecil by "Mac" the weather man. No blessings were wished on "Mac." Swear words, etc., was his lot.

Mrs. Clyde E. Franklin and daughter, Miss Juanita, arrived in Cecil on Wednesday from Herrington and will visit at Butterby Flats for a short time before they join Clyde for their return journey to their home in Nevada.

W. Pope of Cecil left for pastures new somewhere in the lone district where we hear the cooks are all widows.

E. Fletcher and Billie Logan of Fourmile were busy men around Cecil vicinity during the week.

Howard Lane, butcher from Lexington, was calling on "The Mayor" at Butterby Flats on Monday.

T. H. Lowe, postmaster, storekeeper, etc., of Cecil made a trip to the county seat on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Krebs and twin sons of The Last Camp were visiting friends in Heppner on Tuesday.

Harold Ahalt, government trapper, was working around the Cecil district on Wednesday.

W. G. Palmateer of Windybrook while traveling between Morgan and Cecil on Saturday found a rolling pin. W. G. is very anxious to find the owner, but as yet no "Margie" has turned up to claim the missing rolling pin and the pin rests in peace at Windybrook.

Miss Minnie Reis, teacher of Fourmile school, spent the week end in Arlington.

R. Wels, who has been spending a short vacation in Heppner, returned to his work at Cecil on Monday.

Mrs. Archie Ball of Heppner accompanied Miss Willetta Barratt, who is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Barratt of Heppner during her spring vacation from Williamette College, Salem, were calling on their friends in Cecil on Thursday.

W. Lowe arrived from Pendleton on Friday feeling much better after spending a week under the care of Dr. Boyden of that city. W. L. has been ordered to retire from work for at least a month.

"The Mayor" and his wife left for their town house in Heppner on Thursday and will take in the doings of the city.

NOTICE OF TAKING UP AND SALE OF HORSE

Notice is hereby given that I, the undersigned, under the laws of the state of Oregon, have taken up the animal hereinafter described, while running at large on my premises in Morrow county, Oregon, about 5 miles east of Lena, Oregon, to-wit:

1 bay horse about 10 years old, white spots on sides, white face, weight about 1050, shows saddle marks, no visible brands.

That I will on

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 1924,

at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A. M., unless the same shall have been redeemed, at my ranch 5 miles east of Lena, Oregon, sell said animal for cash in hand to the highest bidder for the purpose of paying charges incident to taking up, holding and selling such animal together with reasonable charge for injury caused by said animal running at large on said premises.

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