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LOAN MACHINERY GETS IN MOTION

Mahoney, Cox, Smouse on County Committee; Keen Interest Being Shown.

PARTICULARS GIVEN

Money to be Used to Buy Fuel for Tractors Here; \$2900 Limit; Covered by Crop Lien.

W. P. Mahoney and C. B. Cox of Heppner, and Henry Smouse of Ione compose the committee appointed by E. R. Jackman, extension specialist in farm crops at Oregon State college in charge of organization work in this state, to administer the federal drouth relief funds in Morrow county. Full particulars concerning the loans have been received by Chas. W. Smith, county agent, and a meeting was held this morning in his office by the Morrow and Gilliam county committees to go thoroughly into the matter. Gilliam county men invited to the meeting, including the county committee, are Roland Jackson and John Withycombe of Arlington, A. B. Robertson of Condon and James Hoag of Blalock.

Wide spread interest is being shown in the loans by farmers in this county who have found it difficult to obtain funds for carrying on their spring work. Mr. Smith reports. Application blanks have been forwarded to the county committee and county agents of the seven Oregon counties included in the drouth area, says Mr. Jackman, who advises that farmers wishing to make applications may obtain the blanks at either place at once.

Oregon is affected. While Oregon is never considered a strictly drouth state, there are areas in the dry-land counties where crops last year were as low as 30 to 40 per cent of normal because of an abnormally dry fall and winter," explains Jackman. "The factor coupled with the low price of grain has made financing the new crop difficult in some places.

In Oregon the money obtained will be used largely for buying fuel for tractors and other farm machinery. It is not known how much money will be allotted to Oregon but county agents are now estimating needs at the request of C. N. Warburton, head of the United States extension service, who is administering the federal fund.

Farmers to obtain the federal drouth relief loans must sign an affidavit that local funds are not available and that they will not use the money to increase acreage over last year. The loan is secured by a mortgage on the growing crop. Particulars concerning the loan are given as follows:

\$2.50 an Acre for Preparation.

Loans in this county can be made up to as high as \$2900 to any one landowner or tenant. The amount loaned will be based on the requirements of the applicant for seed, feed for work stock, or fuel and oil for tractors, and the acreage of crops on which he gives a crop lien to secure the payment of the loan made by him. In addition where the land is prepared by summer-fallowing an allowance not to exceed \$2.50 per acre will be granted for this purpose on an acreage not to exceed that summer-fallowed in 1930 and to be planted in 1931.

If the applicant for a loan is a tenant, or is farming land under contract for deed or so-called crop contract, or has given a prior mortgage on his 1931 crop, he must secure the waivers of the actual owners of the land, his landlord, and/or all prior mortgage holders in the space provided on the mortgage form for the purpose.

The application blank requires a statement of the amount of the loan desired, the number of acres for which seed is to be purchased, the amount desired for feed and/or fuel and oil for tractors, the number of animals to be fed, and a legal description of the land on which the crops are to be planted together with a statement of the acreage of these crops grown by the applicant in 1929 and 1930 and the yields obtained. It also requires an agreement to use the money loaned for the purchase of seed, feed and/or fuel and oil for tractors and to use the seed and feed and/or fuel and oil for tractors for the crop production on the land described. It requires a further statement to the effect that the applicant does not have seed, feed and/or fuel and oil and that he does not have and can not get funds from other sources for the purchase of such seed, feed and/or fuel and oil and that if he does not obtain a Government loan he will be unable to farm in 1931.

Procedure Told. After the application is completed it should be signed by the applicant with his usual business signature together with his mail address. The application need not be sworn to. The community committee certificate should then be filled in and signed by at least two members of the community committee. The application and other papers should then be sent to the county committee which should fill in and sign the county committee certificate and forward the application to the Farm-

New Equipment Will be Installed at Court House

For a great many years past the need of additional filing cabinets at the court house has been felt in both the offices of the county clerk and sheriff, states County Judge Campbell, and at the January session of the county court orders were given to procure the same, it having been ascertained that the budget requirements for the same had been made.

The new equipment will consist of a table and section of filing cabinets of steel for the vault in the clerk's office. The wooden table now used in that place will be taken out, and with the new equipment much additional room for filing papers and documents will be provided. For the sheriff, a large steel, fireproof safe for the care of tax rolls and receipts will be placed in his office, thus overcoming a hazard to valuable records that has always been recognized.

Judge Campbell further states that it was the original intention when the money was voted in the budget, to have additional vault space built, but this did not appeal to the officials when they came to getting down to business, so the plan of putting in this new steel equipment was adopted in stead, it being estimated that the filing cabinets and safe would amply serve the needs of the county for at least 12 years to come.

CARE IN HANDLING AID TO WOOLMEN

Practices That May be Profitably Followed Cited by National Cooperative Association.

Wool growers will find that it pays well to take personal pride in sending out a high quality clip, properly prepared and packed, suggests the National Wool Marketing corporation. Following are some suggestions which the national cooperative feels growers should keep in mind when preparing their wools for market:

Wool should be shorn only in a clean place. Avoid picking dirt, chaff or dung locks with the clean wool. The flesh side of the fleeces should be out. Wool so tied is much more attractive—a very important factor in salability.

Use only paper twine—never sisal or binder twine. Fibres from cotton twine do not take wool dyes and often pieces of finished fabric are made defective.

Do not pack black fleeces with the rest of the clip. It reduces the value of the entire lot, for parts of the black wool, which do not dye the same as white, become detached and mixed with the rest. Wool should be packed in bags sewed with red thread, which makes it easier to detect the presence of fragments in the wool fibres. Pack tags separately or in the bag with the black fleeces. Large clips should pack backs, ewes and yearlings separately, designating the type of wool in each.

Protect wool from the elements. Wool frequently is stained as a result of the urine-saturated locks being water-soaked.

For branding use only paints manufactured for that purpose. Wool manufacturers expect the brands to come off in the scouring. Tar or bituminous paints never should be used. If for some reason it is impracticable to use soluble paints minimum quantities of oil paint should be used. When the brands do not dissolve they must be clipped off by hand shears. This is a slow and expensive process and naturally the manufacturer holds it against the price of the wool.

Woolmen of County Meet Here Tomorrow

Having for its principal object the establishment of the Morrow County Wool Growers association to work in conjunction with the state and national wool growers organizations, a meeting has been called in Heppner tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock in American Legion hall. C. W. Smith, county agent, who has charge of the arrangements, urges all sheep growers to attend.

Discussion of important problems now facing local growers will also be had, with outside speakers taking the lead in discussing diseases and their control, and feeding problems.

POISONING WEEKS SET.

Granges of Morrow county have set the week February 16-21 inclusive as squirrel poisoning week, when their members are urged to cooperate in setting out poison. Alpine farm bureau set the week February 9-14 for the purpose. Supplies of poison have been stationed by the county agent at the Doherty farm at Alpine, postoffices at Eight Mile and Hardman, Karl Beach store at Lexington, Bert Mason store at Ione, and the stores at Morgan and Cecil. It may also be obtained at his office in Heppner.

CERTIFICATES AWARDED.

Awarded certificates were presented to the Eight Mile poultry, Boardman club, sewing and organizing 4-H clubs this week by C. W. Smith, county agent, and Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers, school superintendent. These certificates are given only to clubs having 100 per cent completion of projects by all members enrolled.

LIONS PUT DRIVE OVER TOP WITH \$72

Tree Planting, Oleo Bills Backed; Telegrams Sent Solons.

COACH GIVES TALK

Mental and Social Aspects of Training Stressed by School Director; Sex Controlled by Exercise.

Heppner Lions, who Monday saw the emergency Red Cross drouth relief drive in the county "over the top" by individual contributions at the meeting totalling \$72, endorsed the Washington Bi-Centennial Tree Planting campaign, and unanimously favored passage of legislation regulating the manufacture and sale of oleomargarine in the state. Neil Shurman, athletic director and coach of the Heppner schools, gave a talk on "Physical Education in Relation to General Education" as the feature of the special program arranged by Albert Adkins and John Wightman, committee in charge. O. B. Spaulding of Arlington sang a solo, and the high school boys' glee club, John Franz, Gay Anderson, Joe Swindig and Earl Thomson, appeared in a number, accompanied by Miss Charlotte Woods, director.

Many Trees Planned.

Lucy E. Rodgers, county school superintendent, presented the purpose and aims of the Washington bicentennial observance through the planting of trees, in behalf of the Heppner Woman's club, local sponsors. The object is to have at least 10,000,000 new trees planted and growing in the United States by February 22, 1932, the 200th anniversary of the birth of the "Father of His Country," as a growing tribute to his memory. Besides the Woman's club and Lions the American Legion and Auxiliary have also endorsed the campaign locally.

Among prospective projects named by Mrs. Rodgers are the planting of trees and building of a fountain on the city lot at the corner of Gale and Willow streets, an avenue of trees planted on the road to the cemetery, replanting of trees in the court house grove, planting of trees on golf course and road leading to it, and beautification of the school house grounds.

Cost of Planting Small.

C. W. Smith, Gay M. Anderson and W. R. Poulson were appointed by President Sweek on the Lions committee to assist in the campaign. By taking action immediately, Mr. Smith said trees could be obtained from the nursery at the state college at Corvallis for a quarter of a cent apiece plus express. Granges of the county have already ordered 2000 trees from this source for planting by individual members, he said. Many species of trees suitable for planting in this section may be obtained there.

On presentation of the matter by W. Claude Cox, manager of Morrow

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Lexington Athletic Club Has Successful Season

Winning six of nine basketball games played this season, the Lexington Athletic club reports nearing the end of a fairly successful season. A challenge to play Heppner one more game was not answered, and they desire to arrange a two-game series before the season closes, one at Heppner and one at Lexington.

They report defeating Heppner twice by scores of 28-16 and 27-14; Ione twice, 29-24 and 33-22; Arlington once, 34-16; Hermiston once, 42-13. They were defeated once by Irigon, 30-31; once by Condon, 35-39 and once by Arlington, 23-28. Burckell, center, is season's high point man with 104. Warner, Lane and Nichols were runner-ups with 56, 33 and 28 respectively.

CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY.

Tuesday was the 45th anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Leon W. Briggs. While the event was not made the occasion for a large celebration on the part of the family, it was nevertheless remembered by a special dinner prepared by Mrs. Briggs, and they had as their guests Rev. and Mrs. Glen P. White and Rev. Bob Brymer, evangelist, who is now engaged in holiday series of meetings at the Methodist church. Mr. and Mrs. Briggs (Hannah French) were married on February 10, 1886, at the home of her parents on Hinton creek.

Regular meeting of Heppner Post No. 87, American Legion, will be held Monday evening, February 16, at Legion hall.

Methodist ladies missionary society will meet at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday, February 17, at the church parlors.

Helen Twelvetrees in HER MAN, Star Theater Sunday and Monday.

Wanted—to borrow \$500 or \$600 on good security. Inquire this office. Situation wanted as housekeeper or cook. Inquire this office. tf.

Grand Chancellor Coming To Doric Lodge Meeting

H. E. Dixon, grand chancellor for the domain of Oregon, Knights of Pythias, will be guest of honor at the big open meeting of Doric lodge No. 20 of Heppner next Tuesday evening. One of the main features of the meeting will be the presentation of 25-year membership jewels to Chas. Thomson, D. T. Collier, Herman Neilson and Oscar Davis. Acceptance of the invitation was received this week from Mr. Dixon, whose home is in La Grande. J. W. Maloney of Pendleton, veteran master of exchequer for Oregon domain, will also be present.

The entertainment committee, Dr. C. W. Barr, John Hlatt and R. C. Wightman, announce a full evening's entertainment, including supper at 7 o'clock, that is expected to provide much enjoyment for all Knights and invited guests who attend.

Members who have been requested to prepare cakes and salads are asked by the committee to have them ready by three o'clock in the afternoon, and a special car will visit those living in town to pick up this part of the evening's "feed." The program announced by the entertainment committee, to follow the 7 o'clock supper, follows: Call to order and introductory remarks by the chairman; singing of America; piano solo, Mrs. A. E. Gray; address, H. E. Dixon, grand chancellor; trio, Merle Venable, Crockett Sprouts, Doris Hlatt; reading, Miss Montgomery; talk, J. W. Maloney, G. M. E.; solo, Miss Charlotte Woods; presentation of jewels, J. W. Gwinn, past grand chancellor; solo, Harvey Miller.

WAR VETERAN PASSES AT IONE

C. A. Low Funeral Services Today; Was Under Fire With Blue Army of Invasion.

By MRS. ELMER GRIFFITH. Ione, Feb. 12.—Funeral services will be held here today for Clinton A. Low, aged Civil war veteran, at the Congregational church at 1:30 p. m., under auspices of Ione Masonic lodge assisted by Ione post American Legion, with Rev. W. W. Head officiating. Interment will be in I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Mr. Low died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Jennie E. McMurray, at 6 p. m. Tuesday evening, after an illness of five days. He was 85 years, six months and 29 days of age.

Clinton A. Low was born in Gouverneur, St. Lawrence county, New York, July 12, 1841, and was the last survivor of a family of five children. He was reared in St. Lawrence county, New York, where he attended the public schools and learned the carpenter trade.

August 9, 1862, he enlisted in Company A, 142nd N. Y. Volunteers and served for three years. He was under fire in South Carolina, near Charleston, and in the battles at Bermuda Hundred, Cold Harbor, below Richmond, before Petersburg, and at Fort Fisher and Raleigh, N. C. At the latter place he was discharged, and returned to New York. During the next few years he lived for short periods of time in New York, Illinois and Michigan, and was for a time a sailor on the Great Lakes. He finally located in Iowa and engaged in farming. For the last twenty years Mr. and Mrs. Low have lived in Ione and for the last four years have made their home with their daughter, Mrs. McMurray.

Mr. Low was first married in 1866 to Sarah Jane Cooper, who died 20 years later. In 1870 he was married to Elizabeth Emanson, in Newark, Illinois. Two children were born to them, Jennie E., wife of Laxton McMurray, and Julia, wife of Charles Howe. Mrs. Howe died January 12, 1927. Besides his widow and daughter Jennie, Mr. Low is survived by the following grandchildren: Vera Moen, Ione; Nolan Page, Iowa City, Iowa; David Charles Howe, Rutland, Iowa, and an adopted grand daughter, Mabel Howe Fanning, Sac City, Iowa.

Mr. Low was a member of the G. A. R. post of Heppner until the charter was surrendered, and was an honorary member of Ione Post No. 95, American Legion. He was an honorary member of Ione Lodge No. 120, A. F. & A. M., having been a Mason for more than 62 years. He held the fifty-year jewel, presented by the Grand Lodge of Oregon. Mr. Low was a man of sterling character and particularly lovable nature.

THE DALLES DEFEATED.

Heppner's town basketball hoopers journeyed to The Dalles Monday evening where they engaged the national guard team of that place, and won 34-21. "Bus" Neel led the scoring for the locals with 12 points, Shurman gleaned 9 and Correll 9, while Blekman and Robertson made 2 each. Ferguson rounded out the squad. Playing for The Dalles were Borchstoff, Bennett, Egbert, Gibbith, Williams and Randall. Sorweid, captain of The Dalles high team, refereed. A return game between the two teams is scheduled to be played at Heppner on the 21st.

TREE SHIPMENT COMES.

C. W. Smith, county agent, has received a shipment of trees from the nurseries at the state college for distribution among farmers who made application for them. These trees are obtained at a quarter cent apiece plus transportation cost from the nurseries.

FURTHER CONTROL ASKED BY FARMERS

Cooperatives in Meet at Walla Walla Name Two Ways to Proceed.

OWN HANDLING AIM

Freight Rate Fight Continues; Smut and Other Wheat Matters Considered; Local to Meet.

"The Farmers National Grain corporation is purely a farmer-owned and farmer-controlled organization," George N. Peck emphasized this statement in reporting a meeting of wheat cooperative directors and managers in conjunction with officers of the North Pacific Grain growers, regional branch of the national corporation, at Walla Walla last Friday and Saturday. Henry Smouse, president, R. B. Rice, secretary, and Emil Swanson, manager, of the Morrow County Grain Growers association, were also in attendance. Fifty-two of the 59 local wheat marketing cooperatives operating in the region were represented.

Main attention of the meeting was given to the recommendations of the national corporation that locals obtain their own warehouse and wheat-handling facilities as soon as possible. Two plans of procedure were given for doing this. One is to have the locals acquire their own facilities, with 40 percent of the capital furnished by the local and 60 percent by the national organization. The second plan that may be followed in event locals are unable to furnish their proportion of the capital, is for the national to acquire the facilities and sell or lease them to the locals, but these to remain under control of the national until locals obtain full ownership.

Reports made by locals at the meeting showed a strong spirit of optimism existing within the organization, Mr. Peck said. A resolution was adopted asking that the price differential existing between different wheat grades be revised in proportion to the reduced price of wheat, the present standards set when wheat sold for \$1.50 being held inapplicable at the present low price. It was also recommended that a federal hearing be held on smut charges.

The Dayton control plan for voluntary reduction of acreage was read and discussed. Ninety percent of the farmers of Columbia county, Wash., have signed contracts under this plan, it was reported. A unanimous vote was recorded to continue the fight to prevent further postponement after April 1st of the interstate Commerce commission order for lower freight rates on wheat from Columbia river basin points.

A meeting will be scheduled in Morrow county some time this month, to be addressed by an outside speaker, to bring complete information concerning plans of the national organization to local farmers, Mr. Peck announced.

Double Header Game Taken by Ione Teams

Both the boys' and girls' teams from Ione high school won their games from the Heppner teams, played in the Heppner gym Friday evening by long-sided scores. The girls' score was 18-8; boys 20-12. An enthusiastic crowd of spectators witnessed the games.

The line-up of the teams, with points made by individual players follows: Boys, Ione, N. Swanson 2, Mason 4, Clark 4, Ely 8, McCabe 2, Heppner: C. Thomson 2, Becket, Farley 5, Hottman, Ayers, E. Thomson 3, Furlong, Green, Gentry 2, Girls, Ione: Gladys Brashears 13, Veda Eubanks 5, Ruth Keene, Helen Smouse, Margaret Crawford, Patterson, Geneva Pettyjohn, Elizabeth Head, Ely, Normoye; Heppner: A. McDuffee 5, J. Allen 3, L. Beymer, M. McDuffee, Anderson, Nickerson, H. Beymer, Hall, Brown, Cox.

P. T. A. MEETS.

The Heppner Parent-Teacher association met Tuesday afternoon in the school auditorium. Featuring the program was the talk by W. R. Poulson, superintendent, who reviewed Cameron Beck's address on character education given at the recent convention of the Oregon State Teachers association in Portland. The fifth grade pupils presented a style show.

PLAN VISITING DAY.

For the benefit of those unable to visit school during the daytime, W. R. Poulson, superintendent, announces that plans are being made to hold a visiting day in the evening some day soon, when regular high school and grades classes will be held in addition to a special entertainment.

LEAVE FOR EXPOSITION.

Harold Gentry, Earl Thomson, Alice Cason and Jeanette Turner, Heppner high school students, left this morning to attend the educational exposition at Oregon State college tomorrow and Saturday. They were accompanied by W. R. Poulson, superintendent, and Miss Jessie Palmyer, faculty escort. The party expected to return Sunday.

Episcopal Young People Win Audience With Play

Members of the Young People's Fellowship of the Episcopal church completely won their audience last evening with presentation of the play, "Tea Toper Tavern," at the school auditorium. The three-act, fast moving, comedy skit, in which the culmination of many love affairs came from situations centering around a tea tavern opened for the summer by three college girls to raise money for the school endowment fund, lent itself admirably to the talents of the cast, each member of which portrayed his part creditably.

Those taking part, with the character played by each, follow: Mary McDuffee as Marion Day, a canny chaperon; Francis White as Rosamond Reid, her niece, just out of college; Annie Crump as Sally Lee Dixon, Dixie from the sunny south; Mary White as Ann Ainsley, a social service fiend; Frances Nickerson as Barry Reid, Rosamond's freshman brother; June Anderson as Harriet Ainsley, Ann's younger sister; Alva McDuffee as Tess, Ann's protegee from the city; Ted McMurdock as Mike Ryan, a susceptible policeman; Gay Anderson as Brian Pierpont, a brilliant young lawyer; Harry Wells as Rev. Archibald Perry, pastor of the village flock; Theodore Thomson as Dallas Thorne, owner of the "Tavern;" Claude Hill as John Sedgwick, an old flame of Miss Day; Adele Nickerson as Gloria Sherwood Jerome, a fascinating young widow; Ella Fell as Celeste, Gloria's maid.

WOMEN'S STYLES REVERT TO WOOL

Trend in Wearing Apparel Favorable to Sheep Industry; New Materials Gain Favor.

One of the genuinely encouraging developments in the woolen goods' field is to be found in current fashion reports. The country's authorities on styles in women's wear point out that 1931 spring styles will see a continued strong trend toward woolens and worsteds and particularly knit goods. This news will be welcomed by members of the National Wool Marketing corporation, which has endeavored to cooperate with wool manufacturers and others interested in broadening market demand for wool.

The trend toward more wool in women's wear has been gathering momentum the last two years. Just how far it will continue isn't known, but woolen manufacturers have been giving a considerable amount of study and research toward the development of fabrics capable of holding their own with the principal competitors in women's wear—rayon and silk.

About ten years ago women's goods were a major factor in the woolen business. Then came the invasion by rayon and silk. Women's tastes turned sharply toward lighter fabrics, principally around 5 ounce weights. Demand for the type of woolen women's wear then made dropped sharply.

The competition of rayon and silk developed so constantly, that manufacturers of woolen women's wear were unable to meet it. The result was that many women's goods' manufacturers shifted over to the men's wear field. That branch of the industry soon was overcrowded.

During the last two years Paris stylists have looked with favor upon the lighter fabrics which the woolen industry has perfected. These fabrics have been appearing more regularly at the shows which set standards for most of the women of the world. The fashion experts also point to longer dresses as the prevailing style, which will mean a few inches more cloth for each garment. Woolen mills featuring women's wear are now able to offer the ladies fine five and six ounce fabrics with an occasional four ounce one which can compete with the finest garments from rayon and silk.

The rising trend in woolen women's wear is making itself apparent now judging from the progress of the large eastern department stores. The possibilities of these new woolen fabrics impresses them very favorably and they are being extensively promoted.

Quite naturally, any increase in the use of wool in women's goods will be extremely beneficial to all branches of the industry, from grower to manufacturer.

Heppner Gazette Times Receives Trophy Cup

The Sigma Delta Chi silver loving cup won by the Heppner Gazette Times at the state press conference recently in competition with leading weekly papers of the state was received Monday morning. It carries the inscription "Sigma Delta Chi, University of Oregon Chapter, annual award to best weekly newspaper in Oregon." The names of two newspapers have so far been engraved on it: Hillsboro Argus 1930 and Heppner Gazette Times 1931, as the award was made for the second time this year.

Discrimination Shown.

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ASK 10-CENT RAISE FOR OREGON WHEAT

Pegged Price Here Said Out of Line With That Existing Before.

MILNOR GIVEN BRIEF

Stabilization Corporation Head While Receptive, Says Nothing of Chance for Better Price.

An increase of 10 cents a bushel in the price of Pacific Northwest wheat is being sought as set out in a brief prepared for the Eastern Oregon Wheat league and presented to George S. Milnor, general manager of the United States Grain Stabilization corporation, at Portland recently. The brief, a copy of which was received in Heppner this week, makes the showing that the Pacific Northwest was unjustly discriminated against by the stabilization corporation when it established the "pegged price," which increased the spread between Portland and Chicago prices 10 cents more than normally existed before the pegged prices were set. The spread before is given at 3 cents, while after the pegged price Portland was 13½ cents below Chicago.

In justice to wheatgrowers of the Pacific Northwest, the brief asks immediate revision of the Portland price to the position it normally holds in relation to the Chicago price. This district, the brief maintains, is the only wheatgrowing section of the United States which was not given such consideration.

The brief was prepared following a meeting recently of the Umatilla Wheatgrowers association held in Pendleton which Mr. Milnor attended. At that time Mr. Milnor said he would give the matter more thorough consideration if a brief stating the case were prepared and mailed to him at Chicago. The brief committee, however, finished their work in time to put the document in Mr. Milnor's hands at Portland before he returned to Chicago.

Unfair to Millers.

Mr. Milnor was noncommittal as to the chances of the price being raised, his interviewers say. He pointed out some of the difficulty in raising the price, notably the disastrous effect which it would have upon certain mills which are now milling wheat and sending it around to the Atlantic coast. However, he stated that this really had nothing to do with the justice of the situation, and that he would go over the arguments fairly and also certain other material which he had gathered on his trip, and if it appeared to him the arguments were better than those which the other folks have advanced for not raising the price, then he would try and convince the Federal Farm Board that this would be the thing to do.

The introduction to the brief which sets out an analysis of Portland and Chicago wheat quotations over a period of years, states: "While it is difficult to get at the exact relation between Pacific Coast prices and Chicago prices due to the different classes of wheat involved and the different methods of reporting prices, a comparison made on any basis at all shows that the normal spread between Portland and Chicago is not nearly as great as the spread now existing."

Panic Averted.

The brief recognizes the service given by the stabilization corporation by the statement, "The Pacific Northwest realizes acutely that any advance in price in this region is apt to result in losses to the Stabilization Corporation. We believe that the Corporation has prevented untold misery and financial hardship, not only to farmers, but to all classes of business and professional men. We believe the 'pegged price' of wheat prevented a panic in this country worse than any panic the nation has ever experienced and that the loss of a few millions of dollars is a small price to pay. "We do not believe, however, that it is fair for the Corporation to put the price here about 10 cents lower in comparison with Chicago than is customarily the case."

Summarizing its arguments, the brief states: "Except in abnormal times, when the Chicago price occasionally approaches a domestic basis, the Pacific Northwest price is nearly on an equal basis with it. Even averaging in such abnormal occasions, the Portland cash price has averaged 5.6¢ under Chicago. The futures markets have averaged 4.6¢ under Chicago. "Discrimination Shown. "In setting the pegged price at the various points, the Stabilization Corporation set them at about the normal price relationships with Chicago at all points except the Pacific Northwest. "The fact that the Corporation may lose money on wheat bought here does not justify making an exception in this district, thus withdrawing these states from part of the benefits of the Agricultural Marketing Act. This course was not followed in the Southwest where part of the wheat must also be exported. "The few weeks' delay in applying the stabilization on measures here

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