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WHEAT PRICES DROP ON RUMOR OF AN EMBARGO

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—Wheat prices dropped today as if struck with a hammer. Opening prices were in some cases nearly 2 cents a bushel lower than last night.

Fear of the effects of talk of an embargo on the export of breadstuffs, as well as on arms and ammunition, had much to do with the sudden decline.

Despite the fact that buying on the part of exporters and domestic millers afterward rallied prices slightly, the market seemed to go to pieces in the final quarter hour of the session.

CARRANZA REPORTS ROUT OF ANGELES

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 9.—A battle evidently occurred yesterday at Ramos Arizpe, Coahuila. The official Carranza report received today stated that the troops of the first chief under Generals Villareal and Guiterrez utterly routed the Villa command under General Angeles, capturing all the Villa artillery.

The bulletin issued from the Villa consulate here declared that Angeles' forces defeated decisively the Carranza troops, capturing their artillery.

COMMUNICATION.

The Proposed City Charter

I have been reading it over carefully and I have failed to see anything in that lengthy document which would give the people of our delightful city of Medford any relief whatever instead of keeping the city expenditures at the present mark.

Are those seven of our very ablest men so unfit (even with three attorneys in the bunch) to understand their constituents' needs?

Would this manager know more about the city's needs than all the other seven?

Again, what great improvements are in the air to be pressed down upon our already overburdened taxpayers? Are we ready to pay our delinquent taxes and assessments? Are we ready to vote for more? Can we pay for them?

Let us stop and sift those questions to the bottom before we cast our ballot. Let us first recover from the effects of our wild rush and then we can stand more of it.

And again, it virtually takes nearly all the power away from the people. Now, Ben tells us we can use the recall on any officer at once.

Yours, etc. A. FRIEDGAR

THAT RENTERS' TICKET

A SUPPORTER of the Standstill ticket, or Independent ticket as it is labelled on the ballot, slurred the Progressive Business Men's ticket as a "Renters' ticket." Here's the truth:

Mr. Gates, candidate for mayor, owns his home and a tract of land outside the city. In addition, he owns a large business.

Mr. Mann, candidate for council from the first ward, owns his own home and a large store and is probably the largest taxpayers among the councilmanic candidates.

Mr. Schieffelin, candidate in the second ward, who, by the way, is a native son of Jackson county, rents his residence, but conducts a large business and is a heavy taxpayer.

Dr. Hargreave, candidate in the third ward, owns his home as well as a business.

All of these candidates are successful business men, conducting enterprises creditable to any sized city, despite unfavorable times. All are men of reputation, ability and integrity.

It is also true none of them own buildings rented as saloons, and none of them own brick blocks, whose upper floors are questionable "lodging houses" rented for immoral purposes, from which disorderly women have been frequently ejected.

ON WHICH SIDE ARE YOU?

AS election nears, the lines are more clearly drawn on the question of adopting the new charter. Most of the opposition is based upon ignorance or prejudice.

For the charter are the great majority of progressive, enterprising citizens and community builders.

Against the charter are the town knockers, the curbstone pessimists, the tightwads and the calamity howlers.

For the charter are the majority of the present council, most of the business men, the great majority of the professional men, and nearly all the broad-visioned men of the community.

Against the charter are the chronic grumblers, the mail order patrons and a certain type of landlord, beneficiaries of unearned increment.

For the charter are the clergymen, the Women's Christian Temperance Union and the moral influences of the community.

Against the charter are the saloons.

On which side are you?

In the January issue of The American City, the magazine of national reputation and ranking first as an authority on civic and municipal affairs, appears the following editorial statement: "The rapid spread of the city manager idea in charter drafting is the most hopeful tendency in American municipal government. The report of the committee of the National Municipal League containing the statement that the city manager plan 'is the most advanced and scientific form of municipal organization yet suggested' is very significant."

Business Should Now Go Forward

Business began to halt in the United States two years ago because of an impending change of administration at Washington; it continued to halt because of an impending change in the tariff; it kept on halting because of anti-trust legislation and an impending change in the banking and currency system; it actually stood still temporarily on the outbreak of the European war, because of the belief that the investing and creditor nations would make a raid on the gold reserve.

Business, are commanding high prices; foreign governments are pouring in orders that aggregate hundreds of millions; the president promises that there shall be no further legislation touching business, big or small, and, last, but not least, the railroads have been granted the advance in rates which they claimed would insure their prosperity.

One might go on reciting reasons why the United States, presently and prospectively, is on a much sounder footing financially, industrially and commercially than it has been at any time in, say, the last five, and perhaps in the last ten years. In common with the rest of the world, it has just felt a mighty shock, but, unlike some of its sister nations, it has recovered from it.

There is no good reason that we can see why the United States should not face the new year with all its promises of better things. The country is in the enjoyment of exceptional opportunities. By making proper use of them it can perform a good part for all the world.

OFFER SUBSTITUTE FOR SHIP MEASURE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—A substitute to the ship purchase bill authorizing the president to acquire vessels suitable for naval auxiliaries at a cost not exceeding \$30,000,000, for which Panama bonds would be sold, was introduced today by Senator Cummins.

BRANDEIS ARGUES TO LEGALIZE PRICE FIXING

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Arguments in support of the bill to legalize price-fixing, were made before the house commerce committee today by Louis D. Brandeis of Boston and others.

A Good Resolution. To help build up Medford payrolls by smoking Governor Johnson or Mt. Pitt cigars.

REAL LADY NICOTINE COMES FROM FRANCE AS ANGEL OF MAN AT FRONT



Mrs. Clara Washington Lopp

That tobacco is an incentive in battle is the firm conviction of Mrs. Clara Washington Lopp, the French wife of an American, who has come to America to collect smoking supplies for "her boys," as she puts it, at the front in the great European conflict.

In her pretty French way this charming matron of France said: "Deprive a smoker of the solace of a cigar, a cigarette or his pipe, and you make a disinterested, irritable man. And such men never win battles. They don't make good soldiers in a fight."

And Mrs. Washington Lopp knows. She has been at the front as a nurse. She has heard the pleas of the boys in the muddy trenches for something to smoke. She has listened to the moans of the wounded in the hospitals.

As one of the nurses connected with the American Hospital in Paris she is enthusiastic in her praise of that institution—especially its attitude toward tobacco.

The Open Fires of the Soul

(From Minneapolis Journal.) When the weather is half winter and the other half late in September, and the fires are inclined to run low, the open fireplace resumes some of its last century functions in the household, and the cheerful flickering of the light on the walls and curtains tells a story of home and hearth still far from forgotten, no matter what the "best-sellers" sometimes seem to try to make out.

Philosophers and friends of the race may take a note of cheer from the return of the old fireplace to the American home. It may well be that it is fully as expensive as the most elaborate "gas grate," with its sadly artificial burning log that is never consumed, but of that nothing can be made for an argument.

What moving picture so moving as the gentle lapping of the flame on the hearth where harmony reigns and where nothing can disturb or destroy. The chill corners and drafty hallways do not need to depend on this small sacred flame to mitigate their harshness now, for the radiators and registers may be depended on to care for their malady of cold.

The mission of the open fire is not so much to the body as to the soul. Reflection, some degree of solitude, has been one of the greater needs of the people of the new race. Before the open fire, who can resist the charm of reflection, or escape the solitude of himself, no matter who shares the generous half circle of the large room, the real shrine of the contemplative soul?

From Everlasting to Everlasting

(Charles H. Shinn in the Public) In the times of doubt, of change, of upheaval, when the fountains of the deeps are broken up, and primitive passions run loose among men one has to consider the verdicts of other days, in the calm, after war, when the whirlwinds were dead.

Suppose, if you like, that it is written upon the unrolling scroll of "present politics; future history" (to use "Norman Conquest" Freeman's phrase) that one long-prepared warrior nation conquers Europe, both hemispheres, and all the sea-islands, the oceans, the last fastnesses of the mountains, the uttermost oases of the deserts.

Suppose that we, for our blindness, our laziness, our stupidity, our selfishness, our materialism, or inveterate habit of stoning (or neglecting) our prophets, are to pass through these deep waters, are to sound uncharted seas of disaster, are to lose this our civilization and once more live in huts, by campfires, in the waste places of the outlands.

PUG COLLAPSES IN PRIZE RING STILL UNCONSCIOUS

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 9.—L. Anderson, a light heavyweight prize-fighter, known in the ring as Jack Newton, who collapsed last night after being beaten by the Cohen in a boxing bout before the Pacific Athletic club, an organization composed of city policemen and firemen, died today without regaining consciousness.

Cohen and F. M. Mitchell, a second in the fight, are in the city jail in default of bail. Louie Austin, referee; Dan Salt, master of ceremonies, and Sammy Good and J. J. McGinley, seconds, were arrested after the fight and released on \$100 bail pending the outcome of Anderson's injuries.

The unfortunate man showed poor form in the fight, and in the third round went down from a right swing on the jaw. He staggered to his feet after nine had been counted, and Cohen stepped forward to knock out his helpless antagonist, but the referee interfered and saved Anderson by declaring Cohen the winner.

DR REDDY AGAIN BREAKS TRAVEL RECORDS

GRANTS PASS, A. J. 9.—The record made by Dr. Reddy in his travels during 1913 had the perambulations of William Jennings Bryan crowded to the edge of the map, but a tabulation of figures at the Reddy office shows that in 1914 the doctor out-traveled himself.

John A. Perl UNDERTAKER

Advertisement for Hotel Manx, located at Powell St., at O'Farrell San Francisco. Features include running distilled ice water in every room, commodious lobby, fine service, and homelike restaurant.

the year, and 36 nights of the 365 were passed at his home in Medford. Mayor Simpson of North Bend proposes that the federal government take over all Coos Bay improvements in future.

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