

# HOW GAMBLERS IN WHEAT MILK FARMER, PUBLIC

What Dealing in Futures Really Is and How It Effects Price of Bread You Eat—Farmers Are Paid Minimum and Every Bushel Sold a Hundred Times—Bear and Bull Market.

(The action of the Chicago board of trade and other exchanges in discontinuing trading in wheat futures "until further notice" has aroused much interest in "future trading"—what it is and how it affects the price of the bread you eat. Basil M. Manly, who is touring the vital food centers for the Mail Tribune to find out what is wrong, studied operations of the floor of the Chicago board of trade and the Minneapolis chamber of commerce in order to be able to answer those questions. The Minneapolis grain exchange is nearest the spring wheat states and next door to the largest flour mills in the world.—Editor.)

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(Staff Special.)

CHICAGO, May 29.—"Futures," or as they are more often called on the floor of the Minneapolis chamber of commerce and Chicago board of trade, "options," are verbal or written contracts to buy or sell at some future time.

For instance: July wheat. One man on the floor near the July wheat pit, or acting through his commission man, buys 1000 bushels of July wheat at, say \$2.41 per bushel. He pays a small portion of the purchase price, called a "margin." The seller contracts to deliver to him 1000 bushels of wheat in July. He can deliver on the first day or any time up to and including the last day of July. The buyer must take when delivered and pay the balance of the price over the margin he laid down at the beginning.

**Selling Ready Betting.**  
Or, a man may sell 1000 bushels of July wheat. That doesn't necessarily mean that he has even a single bushel to sell. This man is literally betting that wheat in July will be selling for less than the "future" price quoted today. If he guesses rightly he can buy 1000 bushels then at a lower price and sell at the higher price he contracted at. If wheat goes up by that time he, of course, loses the difference.

September wheat is that contracted for delivery in that month. At this time of the year speculators are dealing in May, July and September wheat. After June 1 May wheat is dropped and December wheat is added.

Dealing in futures, commission men say, is necessary to protect terminal elevator owners and flour millers; that it gives these men a chance to hedge on the market which is constantly fluctuating.

But this much of grain speculation, while it may or may not be necessary, is only a minute part of the speculation in futures. To every legitimate future trade there are 999 that are nothing but gambling or prearranged efforts to affect the market price of cash grain.

**Sold 100 Times.**  
The average bushel of wheat is sold at least 100 times on the Minneapolis chamber of commerce. Every morning there were up to May 16 more bushels of wheat sold in future trading on the Chicago board of trade than there are bushels received during the whole year!

One man sells hundreds of thousands of bushels of wheat he hasn't got and which he never expects to have, to another man who doesn't want that wheat and never expects to get it. That same mythical wheat is sold again and again, forcing the price up or down.

In the fall, when the farmers are hauling wheat to market, the price is low. Why? How?

**Milking the Farmer.**  
Look at September wheat today. It closed at \$1 a bushel lower than May wheat. Why? Because in September the farmer will have wheat to sell.

Today only millers and big warehouse men have any. Along toward the time when wheat is being threshed the milling trust and big grain buyers will begin selling September wheat. Then they don't buy. Continued selling of any commodity naturally brings down the price. Just how many of these sales are "wash" affairs no one but the "bears" (sellers, pulling down the price) know. A wash sale is no sale at all. It is made openly on the floor between certain members of a bear crowd and after the exchange closes it is washed off the slate. But wash sales have a large effect upon

# MEMORIAL DAY IN MEDFORD TO BE OBSERVED

Memorial Day will be fittingly observed in Medford tomorrow. Following a short parade exercises will be held in the Page theater in the forenoon. All the school children are invited to participate in the parade. The 7th company and Company 1, the G. A. R. and Woman's Relief Corps will be among the marchers.

At the theater the following is the program:

- Singing of America by audience.
- Invocation, Rev. J. C. Rollins.
- Reading of general orders by Adjutant Andros of Chester A. Arthur Post, G. A. R.
- Roll call of deceased members of past year. The five members of the post who died the past year are Rollin R. Hotchkiss, Jasper N. Hall, Hiram Bender, Jacob Klippe and Noah B. Bradbury.
- Reading, Mrs. Elizabeth Mc'holland.
- Memorial address, H. A. Canaday.
- Vocal solo, Mrs. Bertha Emerick.
- Violin solo, E. E. Root.
- Vocal solo, "Star Spangled Banner," Miss Geraldine Theiss.
- Benediction.

All organizations which will take part in the parade, and the school children, are requested to meet at the city park at 9:30 o'clock, as the parade will start for the Page theater at 10 o'clock sharp.

In the afternoon the memorial services will be held at the cemetery, leaving from the Knights of Pythias hall at 2 o'clock. All who have promised automobiles will please be at K. of P. hall at 2 o'clock sharp.

the price. To outward signs they are real sales.

**Manipulating Market.**  
After the price is down and most farmers have marketed their wheat the flour millers and grain cornerers, who have stored away millions of bushels in elevators, begin boosting the price upward. They have something to sell which they bought cheap and want to sell as dear as possible for a profit. They become "bills," and buy December and May wheat.

Again wash sales are used, this time to help increase the price. Rumors of crop failures are spread; dire predictions are made, to give the impression of a decreased supply, and the continual buying from one another goes on.

Slowly the price is boosted. Then the terminal elevator owner, who holds the actual wheat, lifts the price to the flour miller and the miller can point to the high price of December wheat and raise the price of flour. And they do that very thing.

**Futures Affect Cash Prices.**  
Raising or lowering the price of future wheat affects the price of cash wheat, and flour prices are based upon the price of cash wheat, that is, wheat actually sold.

Nor is it alone in wheat that future deliveries are gambled in. There is May pork and July pork; May lard and July lard; May ribs and July ribs; July corn and September corn; July oats and September oats; May flax and July flax.

By future trading one man can get millions of bushels by putting up a small portion of the price. With only cash sales no grain gambler could sell "short" every sale of wheat would mean the transfer of that much grain. No one could increase the price by buying what he won't take, nor decrease it to the producer by selling what he hasn't got.

**LEMONS BRING OUT THE HIDDEN BEAUTY**  
Make this lotion for very little cost and just see for yourself.

What girl or woman hasn't heard of lemon juice to remove complexion blemishes; to bleach the skin and to bring out the roses, the freshness and the hidden beauty? Lemon juice alone is acid, therefore, irritating, and should be mixed with orchard white this way. Strain through a fine cloth the juice of two fresh lemons into a bottle containing about three ounces of orchard white, then shake well and you have a whole quarter pint of skin complexion lotion at about the cost one usually pays for a small jar of ordinary cold cream. Be sure to strain the lemon juice so no pulp gets into the bottle, then this lotion will remain pure and fresh for months. When applied daily to the face, neck, arms and hands it should help to bleach, clear, smoothen and beautify the skin.  
Any druggist will supply three ounces of orchard white at very little cost and the grocer has the lemons.

# 'ROSEY' INJURED WHEN SPEEDER STRIKES A ROCK

A. S. Rosenbaum, general claim agent of the Southern Pacific company, of Portland, former company agent at Medford, sustained a compound fracture of a leg when a speeder on which he was riding was wrecked Monday afternoon, while he was on his way to Canby on the Marshfield-Eugene branch for the purpose of viewing the site of a speeder accident which cost the life of William J. Franheim, a telegraph lineman, whose heirs have sued the company for \$50,000. Coy Burnett, general trial attorney for the company, also of Portland, was severely bruised. Two men operating the speeder es-



A. S. Rosenbaum.

aped unhurt. The car was derailed when it struck a rock that had rolled down from the hill above. They were picked up a few minutes later by a passenger train coming from the opposite direction.

Mr. Rosenbaum was hurled many feet in the air and picked up unconscious. His body was a mass of bruises, the left side of his face being badly swollen and discolored, his left arm was badly wrenched and both bones of his left leg broken below the knee. He passed through Medford Tuesday morning en route to the Southern Pacific hospital at San Francisco, where he will be laid up for the next two months or more.

Many friends greeted Mr. Rosenbaum aboard the train, where propped up in his berth he held an informal reception.

# DECLARE CHARGE AGAINST DALEY IS CASE OF BLACKMAIL

One of the John Doe indictments returned by the grand jury was against William C. Daley of Lake creek, who is one of the best and most favorably known ranchers of Jackson county. The indictment charges assault against Anna Dorn, 21 years old, who resides in the Wellen district.

Mr. Daley, who is 74 years old, married, and has a family of grown children, earnestly asserts that the charge brought against him is an attempt at blackmail. And so does his attorney, Gus Newbury, who has known him for 30 years intimately. "I am not only going to defend Mr. Daley, but I am going to acquit him," said Mr. Newbury today.

Following the indictment Mr. Daley was taken into custody and arraigned before Judge Calkins. He pleaded not guilty and was released on bond. The case will probably be the last one tried at the present term of court.

The Dorn woman, who is the mother of a child, claims that she was attacked by Daley while passing over a lonely road.

For the past forty years Mr. Daley has lived on Butte creek, during which time he has always borne a splendid reputation morally and every other way. His ranch is one of the finest in Jackson county, and he is reputed to be very well to do.

# COMMENCEMENT THURSDAY EVENING

The commencement exercise of the high school will be held at the Page theatre on Thursday evening beginning at 8 o'clock. The following is the program:

- High school orchestra, American Patrol.
- Invocation, Rev. A. J. J. Hogg.
- Vocal solo Eclogue-Delibes, Adele Braut.
- Address, Dean W. D. Marlin, University of Oregon.
- Orchestra, Charge of the Lancers.
- Presentation of diplomas, Dr. E. R. Seely, president of the board of education.
- Benediction, Dr. J. Lawrence Hill.
- Orchestra, Three Rings March.

# NEUTRALITY DECLARATION OF BRAZIL IS REVOKED

RIO JANEIRO, May 29.—The Brazilian chamber today passed the first reading of the government measure revoking Brazil's neutrality in the war between Germany and the United States. The vote was 135 to 3.

The measure under consideration by the committee on foreign relations. It recommended the cancellation of the decree of April 25, 1917, which declared the neutrality of Brazil in the war between Germany and the United States.

Under this bill President Braz is authorized to take the necessary steps to make the measure effective.

# Defense Council Gives \$5,000.

SALEM, Ore., May 29.—The state emergency board today placed \$5000 to the credit of Governor James Withycombe for prosecution of the work of the state council of defense.

# COMPANY SEVEN PLAYS WOODBURN DECORATION DAY

Medford people will have their last opportunity to see Bobby Pelouze and Rudy Scholtz, the California college baseball stars, in action at the Woodburn-Medford national guard baseball game at the ball park Decoration day afternoon.

Woodburn has twice beaten the local Seventh company and the Medford company has strengthened its lineup in several places. Bobby Pelouze is one of the all-star baseball players of Stanford university, while Rudy Scholtz is probably the best known player in the Santa Clara nine which for many years has been the pennant winner of all the Pacific coast college in baseball. Proceeds are to be divided equally for the sick benefit funds of the contesting com-



# Stomach Germs Routed

One Dose of Myr's Wonderful Remedy Drives Them Out—Ends Torture. Stomach poisons breed millions of germs that eat into your vitals, causing Gas Pressure, Indigestion, Constipation, Torpid Liver, Auto-intoxication, Yellow Jaundice, Gall Stones, Appendicitis, Cancer and Ulcers of the Stomach and Intestines, etc. Thousands of sufferers have been restored by Myr's Wonderful Remedy, among them Justice of the Supreme Court, Congressmen, Doctors, Lawyers, Bankers, Ministers, Nurses, Farmers, Mechanics—persons of every class—probably your own neighbors. Stomach troubles are due mostly to catarrhal poison. Myr's Wonderful Remedy removes that poison, thoroughly cleanses the system, drives out the disease breeding germs, allays inflammation and ends suffering. Unlike any other remedy. No alcohol—nothing to injure you. One dose convinces. Free book on Stomach Ailments. Write Geo. H. Myr, Mfg. Chemist, Chicago, or obtain a bottle of Myr's Wonderful Remedy from Leon B. Haskins or any reliable druggist, who will return your money if it fails.

panies. The game will be called at 2:30 p. m. sharp. Bobby Pelouze will shortly leave for France where he will serve in the Red Cross ambulance service in one of the American units just organized.

In commemoration of the gallantry of the men who gave their life's blood for an "undivided nation," we observe Decoration Day. It is a fitting tribute to the country's heroes.

Make your appearance worthy of the day. You will find selection easy in these pre-eminent Clothes—models for all young men and men who stay young. A representative array of the smartest styles and desirable patterns and wear-worthy fabrics.

Home of Hart, Schaffner & Marx Clothes, \$20.00, \$25.00 and \$30.00. Other dependable Suits, \$12.50, \$15.00 and \$18.50.

**The Toggery (OF COURSE)**

# SPECIAL SESSION OF GRAND JURY HELD

A special session of the grand jury which body was just dismissed last week, was being held at Jacksonville this afternoon. The purpose of the special session is being carefully guarded. County Prosecutor Roberts refused Tuesday noon to give any information beyond the fact that the business before the jury would be completed within an hour.

The jury went into session at 1 o'clock and was still in session at 3 o'clock. No word leaked out from the jury room as to the nature of the matter being considered.

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**IN MEMORIAL**

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Under the sod and the dew,  
Waiting the Judgment Day—  
Love and tears for the Blue,  
Tears and love for the Gray.

**THE MAY CO.**  
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