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PROTEST MEETING LACKS FIRE

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS.

HERE is the opening paragraph of a Chicago dispatch yesterday: "Forecasts of a cold wave led to late rallies in wheat prices today that suddenly hoisted the market about 2 1/2 cents a bushel."

WHY? Because the traders reasoned this way: "An extreme cold wave will be apt to freeze out winter wheat acreage. That will tend to reduce the available supply of wheat. Reducing the supply will cause the price to rise."

So the traders BUY in anticipation of the rise. Their buying sends the price up 2 1/2 cents per bushel.

For that one day, at least, there were more buyers than sellers.

AND HERE is the opening paragraph of a New York dispatch yesterday:

"Influenced by a rise of 2 cents to 2 1/2 cents a bushel in wheat, stocks rallied smartly in the last hour of trading on the stock exchange today."

THAT prompts this question: "Why should a rise in the price of wheat cause a rise in the price of stocks?"

Again we must go back to the traders for an answer. They probably reasoned like this: "A rise in the price of wheat will increase the buying power of wheat farmers. Increased buying power on the part of farmers will cause increased business activity, which will make the stocks of industrial concerns WORTH MORE."

So again, you see, the traders buy in anticipation of the rise.

THE interesting point is this: Any increase, even prospective, in the buying power of farmers inspires IMMEDIATE confidence in the future of business.

That is to say, just as soon as agriculture begins to improve business will get better.

SPeaking of improvement in business conditions, here is a rule quoted to this writer yesterday by D. E. Alexander, of Klamath Falls:

"The first sign of improvement in the lumber business is usually the appearance of new roofs, or repaired roofs. It is the roof that turns the water, so reshingling is about the first repair to buildings that people simply HAVE to make."

If you will note carefully as you drive around over the country, you will see a considerable number of new roofs, or repaired roofs, these days. Let us hope the sign is significant.

MR. ALEXANDER, who is a big farmer east of the mountains, hasn't much use for the farm board, or for the government's general policy in regard to farming. He says:

"The trouble with the wheat market is that too much wheat is being grown, causing supply constantly to exceed demand. Yet the government, as a part of its general farm relief policy, makes seed loans in order to enable more farmers to sow more wheat and thus add still more to the available supply and thus hold down the price."

In other words, government help to farmers is defeating its own purpose.

IN 1927, Mr. Alexander sold prime steers on the San Francisco market for 17 1/2 cents a pound. In 1928, the price in San Francisco was around 14 1/2 cents.

Now it takes a mighty good steer to bring 4 cents on the same market. The stock man has certainly been deflated, hasn't he?

IN ORDER to get an understanding of one of the great troubles now facing the country, and facing farmers in particular, let us suppose that back in 1927, when prime steers were selling on the San Francisco market for 17 1/2 cents, a stockman made a loan which he has not yet paid.

If he paid that loan now, it would take FOUR TIMES as many steers as were represented by the loan when he made it.

That is one of the sad effects of deflated prices.

Unemployed Meet At 7:30 Tonight

There will be a meeting tonight at 7:30 o'clock of the Medford Association of the Unemployed, Harry Moore, manager of the association, announced today. The meeting will be held in the auditorium of the county courthouse and important business will be transacted.

BANKS AND FEHL HARANGUE SMALL CROWD ON STEPS

Most of Listeners Present Out of Curiosity — Petitions Carry Fewer Signers Than Boasted Before Meet

Jackson county's highly publicized "protest demonstration" was staged on the courthouse lawn this morning. An estimated crowd of between 500 and 750 people were in attendance, though 3000 were expected by the promoters. Most of those on hand came through curiosity. Many from the rural areas were present. At times the speakers were interrupted by cries of supporters of County Judge Fehel demanding "justice," "lower taxes," "run him out of the state," "where is the Legion," and "show me a Legion button." A number of women were in the crowd and shouted demands. Amusement was caused when one woman shouted criticism of Commissioner Billings for a "curly-cue road up the mountain."

The bantering generally was good-natured, but at times was tinged with bitterness. For the most part, the session took on the aspect of a political meeting, and speakers resorted to familiar slogans in the last campaign. Demand Resignations.

Petitions, demanding the immediate resignation of District Attorney George A. Coddling, and Commissioner R. E. Nealon "unless you act in harmony with the county court" were presented. The text also expressed confidence in the "honesty and integrity" of County Judge Fehel and his ability to carry out his "policies and pledges." Blame for the deadlock in the county court was placed entirely upon the shoulders of Commissioners Billings and Nealon.

Check of the names on the petitions showed a total of 937, chiefly from the rural district. A goodly portion of the signers were from the Rogue River, Wimer and Evans Creek districts, with a fair representation from other parts of the county. Many signed the petitions later.

Fehl Made Speech. The opening speech of the demonstration was made by County Judge Fehl, who spoke in a characteristic manner, advancing many of the arguments he found so successful in the primary and general elections.

L. A. Banks, editor and orchardist, read a written and inflammatory address to the audience. He charged that "Jackson county is the largest of anarchy and chaos," and declared the county was "in the hands of the gang, who have fattened at the public purse for 15 years." He called the attention of his hearers to the Dahack case, the F. A. Bates case, the libel suits against the News, and his remarks were typical of the views expressed in his editorials. A small portion of the crowd clapped approval.

As the climax of the harangue, Banks demanded the "immediate resignation and indictment of District Attorney George A. Coddling." The editor fairly screamed his denunciation of the district attorney. The remainder of his remarks were spoken in a loud, but well-modulated voice. Banks blamed the district attorney's office for what he designated as "a break-

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NEWS LOSES PLEA TO HALT HEARING FOR FORECLOSURE

In the suit of the News Publishing company, former owners of the Daily News, against the Medford News Publishing company and L. A. Banks, owner, for foreclosure, the plea in abatement of the Medford News Publishing company was overruled by Judge L. G. Lewelling of Albany, according to decision received here today. Announcement of the present status of the case was made by Newbury and Newbury, attorneys for the plaintiff.

Claiming that the News Publishing company, L. E. Tuttle president, was a dead organization without power to file suit as a corporation, M. O. Wilkins, attorney for Banks and the Publishing company, filed the plea with Judge Lewelling.

Attorneys for the plaintiff at the same time filed a complaint showing that fees had been paid to the corporation commissioner. Judge Lewelling's decision, handed down today, places the case back in the same position as when it was first filed.

The defendants will be allowed until January 20 to make further plea.

Oregon Path. Fair east and partly cloudy with valley fog west portion tonight and tomorrow. Moderate temperature; general variable winds offshore.

Barnes Sales Tax Bill Will Be Introduced

FILIBUSTERING ON GLASS BILL MAY BRING REPRISAL

Threatening to Block All Legislation to Force Consideration Currency Inflation and Relief Measures

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—(AP)—The house tonight approved the Democratic emergency farm relief bill, embodying the domestic allotment plan, and sent it to the senate.

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Talk continued of plans to invoke the drastic cloture rule to break the filibuster against the Glass banking bill.

Senator Long (D. La.), who today entered his third day of delaying tactics to kill the Glass bill, joined Senators Wheeler (D. Mont.) and Thomas (D. Okla.), in efforts to force currency relief.

Invoking of cloture to limit debate, which requires a two-third vote, only reached the discussion stage. Those talking out it hesitated to start circulating a petition to obtain the necessary 18 signatures to bring it up, because sufficient votes were believed lacking.

Reports were circulated that Senator Fletcher (D. Fla.) was preparing a cloture petition, but he denied it. Wheeler interrupted Long's filibuster to say that unless legislation to inflate the currency is enacted he would be "perfectly willing to stop all legislation until congress wakes up to the necessity of doing something."

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JAPANESE KNOCK AT JEHOI GATES IN NEW ADVANCE

Planes Scouting Over Capital of Chinese Province—Sharp Fighting Predicted by Military Leaders

By Morris J. Harris. SHANGHAI, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Japanese airplanes were reported scouting today over Jehoi (Cheng-Te) former summer residence of the Manchurian emperor and now the capital of Jehoi province, and Choyang, near the Manchurian border. These are the two principal cities of Jehoi, about 140 miles apart.

Chinese newspapers, which reported the sighting of the planes, also announced receipt of dispatches from southern Jehoi and Manchuria stating that Japanese were engaged in feverish preparations for an invasion of Jehoi.

Sharp Fighting Looms. Military leaders predicted sharp fighting if a Japanese expedition party in the ancient Chinese province continued an advance toward Lingyuan, about 100 miles northeast of Jehoi city.

(Lingyuan is about 90 miles northwest of Shanaiwan and the section of the great wall of China where Sino-Japanese fighting has occurred)

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LEHMAN TAKES ROOSEVELT'S JOB



Col. Herbert H. Lehman (center) was congratulated on his inauguration as New York state's new governor by two of his predecessors, President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt and former Governor Alfred E. Smith. (Associated Press Photo)

EX-TROJAN CAPTAIN HELD IN PLOT TO MURDER WIFE

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 12.—(AP)—As the result of what police charge was his plot to have his wife slain, Gerald A. Craig, 39, captain of the 1916 University of Southern California football team, was held in the city jail today on a police charge of attempted murder.

Chief of detectives Joseph F. Taylor accused Craig of planning to pay a killer \$300 to beat Mrs. Ethel Craig, his 40-year-old wife, to death with a steel bar in their home in order he might gain control of a joint estate estimated at \$90,000.

Chief Taylor charged he was approached a week ago by a former friend of Craig, who revealed that Craig was seeking some one to kill his wife. The former friend, Chief Taylor charged, had been approached by Craig with the proposition to kill Mrs. Craig, but had asked for time to consider the proposal, and in the meantime had notified police.

Detective Lieutenant Thomas B. Bryan, member of the police homicide squad, disguised and posing as "Buckeye" Bryan, an eastern gangster, said he approached Craig, saying he had learned he had "a killing job." Bryan alleged Craig offered him \$100 to kill his wife, but later agreed to give \$300. Craig, Bryan said, made all arrangements for the officer to enter the home and supplied the piece of steel with which he was to kill Mrs. Craig. Bryan was to obtain a ring from Mrs. Craig and deliver it to Craig as proof he had killed the woman, the officer stated.

Mrs. Craig was informed of the alleged plot against her yesterday. She was taken to the police station, where she gave the officer one of her rings. Craig, however, failed to appear. When he drove up in front of his home. Police on searching the house, found the piece of steel in a closet where Bryan said Craig told him it would be placed.

Craig denied any knowledge of the plot. Mrs. Craig said the only intimations she had of an entanglement between herself and her husband came several weeks ago, when she "suspected him of being interested in another woman."

"The incident passed off, however, and I had thought nothing of it in recent days," Mrs. Craig told police. "I am horrified."

Craig, for the past several years, has been superintendent of a truck garage. Mrs. Craig is the former Ethel Morley of Los Angeles, and is prominent in club circles.

Hearing of a motion to quash in the recount petition of former Sheriff Ralph Jennings against Sheriff Gordon L. Schermerhorn will be heard tomorrow morning in circuit court, before Circuit Judge G. F. Skipworth of Lane county. Judge Skipworth telephoned late Wednesday afternoon that he would not be able to come until then. The arguments were scheduled first to be heard this morning.

The present matter before the court is of a routine nature, and will be chiefly concerned with legal arguments. There will be no recount, if any, until a decision on the motion to quash is handed down. There is considerable legal red tape to unravel before the actual counting of the ballots starts, lawyers say.

RECOUNT HEARING FRIDAY MORNING

RENO, Nev., Jan. 12.—(AP)—Josephine (Fifi) Widener, Philadelphia heiress, whose elopement at the age of 17 launched her first matrimonial venture, was a bride today for the third time as a result of her marriage here to Axel C. P. Wichfeld, former Washington, D. C., Danish legation attaché.

The marriage performed last night at the home of William Woodburn, Reno attorney, followed by a few hours Wichfeld's divorce from the former Mabelle Swift on the ground of cruelty. The ceremony was performed by District Judge Clark J. Guild who granted the divorce.

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GOVERNOR VEToes TAX MEASURES OF SPECIAL SESSION

Message Calls Attention Financial Condition of State — 'Spending Debauch' Is Blamed for Predicament

SALISBURY, Jan. 12.—(AP)—A three per cent general sales tax with a homestead exemption feature, will be introduced in the house later today by the Jackson county delegation, it was announced by Representative E. C. Kelly of Medford. One-third of the revenue from the sales tax until 1936 will go to the state and the remainder to the county, to be deposited in the county homestead exemption fund. After 1936 all proceeds will revert to the county fund.

The sales tax proposal follows the general plan of the bill defeated by the special session, with the exceptions of increasing the tax from two to three per cent. The act will become effective May 1, 1933, and will be continuous.

All homesteads within the state, the bill provides, shall be exempt from all property taxes up to an assessed valuation of \$1500. The exemption not only includes any state tax on property but for county and school purposes as well.

Further provisions of the bill state that any soldiers already receiving a property tax exemption from the state shall not be entitled to homestead exemption under the act, but he may come under the exemption by foregoing other exemptions allowed by reason of military service.

Other exemptions from the act, as outlined in the general sales tax proposal previously defeated include gasoline, sales of dealers for resale, insurance premiums and bank now subject to the excise tax.

SALESMEN, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Governor Julius L. Meier today vetoed the 3-mill property tax repeal measure and the bill placing the state on a warrant basis. Both were enacted by the special session. Messages accompanying the governor's vetoes were read at a recessed meeting of the house this noon.

In returning the veto of the tax repeal, the governor issued a long statement in which he stated he "would take this opportunity to lay before you certain facts regarding the financial condition of the state."

"In common with other states, Oregon for the last 20 years has been on a spending debauch," the governor declared.

"In our orgy of extravagance we have considered the public purse bottomless and public credit inexhaustible.

"A year or so ago the combined annual tax collections of the federal, state and local governments in Oregon approximated \$100,000,000."

"Fifty odd millions were collected annually in Oregon in taxes on real property, of which some forty-three millions represented local taxes levied by the state's 1753 local tax-raising bodies."

"In addition, the state had a net bonded and warrant indebtedness of around \$155,000,000, the second greatest per capita indebtedness in the United States."

"During the past 13 years the state of Oregon has paid interest totaling \$25,000,000 on this indebtedness, and it is estimated that before our bonds are matured and retired the state will pay an additional \$27,000,000 in interest."

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DEMOCRATS DOING SOME PHENAGLING ON BUDGET VOTE

House Leaders Return From New York Set Against Increase in Normal Taxes—Stock Quiz Looks Queer

By PAUL MALLON. Copyrighted by Medford Newspaper Syndicate.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—The Democrats are doing a little phenagling of their own on this budget balancing business.

That New York meeting was not as harmonious as it appeared. House Democratic leaders came back swearing privately they would never vote for the increase in normal taxes. It would hit nearly forty million people now employed. Their burden would be unprecedented. That means 40,000,000 voters.

The sole purpose now is to maintain confidence in government bonds. That purpose is being accomplished.

Speaker Garner and House Leader Rainey were two who were not exactly satisfied with the tax increase program. Garner's friends had the idea that the obnoxious proposal would lead the boys around to his sales tax before the end of this thing. Rainey was holding sincerely about socking the people with incomes between \$2000 and \$5000 a year.

The feelings of the house boys were almost disclosed in the inertia of Chairman Collier of the ways and means committee. He speaks only upon prompting from Garner. Returning from New York, he announced he did not know when his committee would get around to holding hearings on the income tax feature.

If this stock market investigation collapse was not a deal, it was the most powerful coincidence since Noah built the Ark and the animals came in out of the rain.

One day last week Chairman Norbeck let the word seep out that his threatened sensational inquiry probably would not be held.

The same day it was announced in New York that the bankers had decided to front a 7 per cent loan for the city. They had been refusing to do it for months.

That very day also, the Glass banking bill came up in the senate and there were no moans of anguish from New York bankers who are opposed to it.

So much harmony hardly seems right.

Apart from definite maturities three large Liberty Loan issues become callable this year and there is talk of converting them if conditions are right. The issues include 500 million dollars of first 4 1/2, one billion four hundred million of first 3 1/2 and the huge six billion dollar issue of fourth 4 1/2.

What the bond market thinks of the possibility of going off the gold standard is shown by quotations on Consolidated Railway debentures 4s. A series due in 1935 and payable in gold is selling around 40. A series

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Coolidge Will Up For Probate

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