

ALLOTMENT MAIN PLAN FOR WHEAT GROWERS RELIEF

Weather Big Factor in Forthcoming Crop—Several Courses Open to Secretary Wallace Under Bill

By ROY F. HENDRICKSON Associated Press Staff Writer. WASHINGTON, May 15.—(AP)—More than 2,000,000 farmers grow wheat in the United States.

Wallace can seek better prices by trade agreements with millers and dealers, under which he could enforce agreements to pay minimum prices for wheat and to charge minimum prices for flour.

He can use proceeds from processing taxes to pay the farmer an additional sum for each bushel marketed without requiring any cut in production.

But because Wallace is convinced that a reduction of output and higher prices must go hand in hand if the price is to be permanently improved, his approach is expected to center about the use of the voluntary domestic allotment plan.

This plan has been worked out in detail by two men, Professor M. L. Wilson of Montana State college and W. R. Ronald, Mitchell, South Dakota, newspaper editor.

In its detailed form the plan has many ramifications. In essence, it is aimed at rewarding the grower who reduces his output of wheat from former years by paying him a "benefit" on that portion of his crop needed for domestic consumption.

The rest of his crop would be sold at the world price, as would all the wheat of farmers who do not participate. The benefit would be paid from the proceeds of processing taxes, which would be levied on all wheat used for flour and other products required for domestic consumption.

Wallace does not intend to "dictate" the use of this or any other method. He intends that the plan employed for wheat shall be worked out by representatives of processors, growers, handlers and others and to be a plan on which a majority of interests will agree.

distance from San Francisco and did not consider it prudent of sufficient importance to consult his seismograph before the usual hour.

Old-time residents in Oakland and San Francisco, however, termed the quake "the worst in years."

The shocks, each of several seconds' duration, came in quick succession. The second, by far the stronger, awakened sleepers to the sound of the rattle of the earth, rattling windows, and creaking furniture.

In some sections of San Francisco people ran from their houses. Hundreds of students poured out of dormitories on the Stanford university campus.

Sacramento, 125 miles northeast of here, Stockton, 75 miles to the east, and Peninsula towns to the south reported feeling the tremor. It was not felt in southern California.

SALEM HOPS BRING 75 CENTS A POUND

SALTM. May 15.—(AP)—The hop market did a high handstand at 75 cents a pound when sale of 370 bales at that figure was confirmed yesterday. Slightly more than 3000 bales of hops are left in Oregon growers' hands.

Figures tabulated by the Ray company show that April of 1933 set a record for spring business in the western hop world. This was 14,443 bales were sold in April as compared to 2899 last year.

Flys Upside Down Hour For Record

ROME, May 15.—(AP)—Flying upside-down for an hour and five minutes, Lieutenant Guglielmo Goceola broke a world's record at Centocelle airport yesterday. A military doctor, who examined him afterward, said his condition was normal. The previous record was 41 minutes, also held by an Italian, Captain Raffaele Colacicchi.

Fehl Evasive on Stand While Testifying About Leak From Grand Jury

EUGENE, May 15.—The following is official stenographic report of the cross-examination of Earl H. Fehl, on the grand jury leak revelations of the Banks trial:

Q. Now you have been very friendly with Mr. Banks haven't you?

A. In a business way, yes.

Q. And you are communicating to him all the information you can obtain?

A. I did not.

Q. You are taking him information that leaks from the grand jury?

A. No I am not.

Q. Do you know that Mr. Banks testified upon the stand that you did?

(Defense objection.)

A. No, I didn't know it.

Q. Then as a matter of fact you never gave Mr. Banks any information that you got from the foreman of the grand jury?

A. That wasn't the question.

Q. I am asking you a new question. A. I don't know how he testified.

Q. Well did you ever give to Mr. Banks any information that you did receive from the foreman of the grand jury?

A. I gave Mr. Banks some information that I had received from the foreman of the grand jury, but not any leaks from the grand jury.

Q. The foreman of the grand jury then, told you what was transpiring in the grand jury room?

A. He did on a couple of occasions, yes.

Q. And who was that foreman?

A. Mr. William Grieve.

Q. Yes, and you communicated that information to Mr. Banks?

A. Oh, I communicated it to a lot of people, and Mr. Banks, too.

Q. That's all right, you answer my question.

A. Yes sir.

Q. You are the county judge of Jackson county?

A. I am, yes.

Q. And you were county judge and gave to an individual the information as to what was transpiring in the grand jury room.

A. It was no secret.

Q. Answer my question.

A. Yes, I told him.

Q. And you thought that was a proper thing for you to do?

A. I didn't see anything wrong with it.

Q. You know that the transactions in a grand jury room are supposed under the law to be secret don't you?

A. Their deliberations is, yes.

Q. Yes, and here was the foreman of the grand jury that was talking to you as county judge.

A. Talking to me as county judge, yes.

pers folded up about that high, (indicating) on the table which the secretary said was indictments that had been presented there as against Mr. Banks.

Q. For what?

A. Various charges they were trying to prefer against him. I didn't read them or see them other than that.

Q. What right had you in the grand jury room?

A. They would call me in.

Q. As a witness?

A. Called me in as county judge to ask me some questions.

Q. And then you, being called into the grand jury room of your county to ask questions, communicated that fact to the individual who was being investigated?

A. I did not—not at that time.

Q. Did you draw a line of demarcation between what the foreman told you and what you saw?

A. Absolutely.

Q. And you only reported to Mr. Banks the mere information that the foreman of the grand jury gave you?

A. It wasn't secret—he told me right in an open room.

Q. Now where was Mr. Grieve stopping when he was in Medford acting as foreman of that grand jury?

A. Oh about three blocks, I guess, out on West Main street further than Mr. Banks.—I don't know the number of the house.

Q. Wasn't he living at the Medford Hotel?

A. I don't think so—I didn't see him there.

Q. Is it not a fact that practically every night while that grand jury was in session that you were in conference with Mr. Grieve, the foreman of the grand jury, in the Medford Hotel?

A. I was not.

Q. Is it not a fact that you were in conference pretty near every day when that grand jury was in session, at some place, with Mr. Grieve, the foreman of that grand jury?

A. It is not.

Q. Well, how frequently did you have conferences with him?

A. Oh, I don't—can't tell you the exact number—probably four or five different times.

Q. Yes?

A. He came in my office in the county court room, I think two or three times, and I was at his home out on West Main street where he lived, I think twice.

Q. What did you go out to his home for?

A. He asked me to come out and eat lunch with him one evening, and the other night I went out of other business pertaining to some timber land, after the grand jury had adjourned.

Q. The main purpose—the main subject of your conversation with Mr. Grieve during the period of the time that he was the foreman of the grand jury was with reference to the transactions that took place in the grand jury room, was it not?

A. Not particularly, no.

Q. Well, it was, to a greater or less extent?

A. Yes, because there was many matters pertaining to county business that the grand jury was investigating and of course they called me into the grand jury room many times regarding those matters.

C. Carey Very Ill At Highway Home

One of the first to make his home in the Rogue River valley, O. Carey, a pioneer who crossed the plains in '52, is very ill at his home on the South Pacific highway. Mr. Carey is past 82 years of age and has been in poor health for the last year. He has the sincere wishes of many friends for an early recovery.

LYLE THURMAN WINS PEERLESS TURKEY

Herb Meusel announced today that Lyle Thurman of Medford won the turkey given away Saturday night to the person guessing nearest to the weight of the dressed steer on display in the Peerless Market Saturday. Mr. Thurman's guess was 787 pounds, and the steer weighed 786 1/2 pounds.

CENTRAL PT. GRANGE MEETING THURSDAY

The Central Point Grange will meet Thursday night of this week instead of Friday, as was previously announced. The Phoenix Grange team will initiate new members at the meeting.

EYE WITNESSES WAVER ON MAIN FACTS OF CRIME

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on the porch of the Banks home, as they passed by on the sidewalk. A few steps further, she said she saw Prescott, with his shoulder against the door, and heard Prescott swear, and say: "I'll get you, you—"

a few seconds before the witness said she heard a voice from inside, but could not distinguish it. She said she saw Prescott crumple and fall, and a pistol fall to the floor. The other man, she testified grabbed the pistol and ran down the steps.

Mrs. Murray testified on cross-examination, that she and her daughter went to Columbia street, afterwards, gave no alarm, and when they returned a crowd had gathered. They returned to their home, and made but casual mention to their kin of the shooting.

Mrs. Murray became very confused, in some of the main details of her testimony. She said she told the story to Attorney Enright several days after Banks was indicted.

Rehearsed Testimony

Under close questioning Mrs. Murray divulged that she had rehearsed her testimony five times—once in Medford, and four times in this city, since her arrival—the last times last Sunday night.

Effie Lewis, the daughter, corroborated her mother's testimony, but further said, the voice inside said: "Get away from there." Mrs. Lewis was very positive in her testimony, but contradicted herself under cross-examination. She told her story first to Attorney Enright, a considerable period of time after the shooting, she said.

B. A. Boyce, a farmer of the Toledo district testified that the day before the murder, he met Constable Prescott, near Nandie's cafe in Medford. He had known the slain officer for many years, he said.

The witness said he saw Prescott looking at a new auto, parked on Main street, and jokingly said: "If you want that car, George, I'll buy it for you!"

Prescott, the witness said, replied: "I'll have to buy a truck for all the warrants I've got for 'Congress' men and Banks."

Said Banks Crazy

"Banks is crazy," the witness said Prescott volunteered later. "I told him," Boyce said, "if Banks is liable, you better go easy, or he is liable to get you."

"Don't worry! I intend to get him first," Boyce swore Constable Prescott then replied. They then went their ways.

Under cross examination, Boyce said he did not believe Banks was crazy, and then the remark, "everybody seems to be picking on him!" was ordered stricken from the records.

Attorney Moody made much under cross-examination of his warning to Prescott that Banks was "liable to get you."

Walter J. Jones, mayor of Rogue River, testified that while he was a prisoner in the city jail, on his first arrest for ballot theft, he heard a purported conversation between Constable Prescott and Officer Joe Cave. Mayor Jones said while he was listening at an iron wicket in the jail door he heard Joe Cave say:

"Banks knows too much, and must be gotten out of the way," and Prescott replied, "if they had given me the warrant instead of Schermerhorn, I would have gotten him, or he would have resisted. Then Officer Cave replied, and the witness said: "If I don't quit howling about me on that Danack case, I will get him myself!"

Jones said he then knocked at the wicket for a blanket, and when opened recognized them.

Jones said that later he was transferred to the woman's ward of the city jail, and the next morning when Prescott awakened him, he said, "if you heard anything you better keep your mouth shut."

Jones admitted that on the night the ballots were stolen, he was an "outside guard," as "the word had come there was going to be a disturbance." Under cross-examination, he testified that he was sick in Portland when the officers were seeking him for ballot-theft warrants, and that when he was arrested by Constable Prescott, and the state police, he was "treated uncivil." He also testified that Constable Prescott was "cranky at times."

Mae Powell on Stand

Mae Powell, of Talent, who said she was in the English Bed Cross during the World war, testified that

she went into Nandie's cafe for lunch about three o'clock March 13, the day before the murder, and heard Constable Prescott say to a man she did not know, in a booth next to hers, "The only way to get rid of Banks is to take him to the morgue."

She said the "stranger" was "dark and tall."

The witness was subjected to a long cross-examination by the state, and admitted she joined the "Good Government congress." She testified she had telephoned Banks, and gone to his home, and told him of the purported threat the evening before "this thing happened."

Jouett P. Bray of Medford, who described himself as a minister and chiropractor, a well known resident, testified that he engaged Constable Prescott in conversation shortly after the ballot theft arrests started and remarked:

Bray Hanks Witness

"It's strange Banks is not mixed up in this," Constable Prescott had replied, "he will be in due time, and further, 'I guess I'll have to arrest him, and if I do I'll bring him out,'"

at the same time uttering a "file oath." Bray said, under cross-examination he had known Prescott for many years, and was "a personal friend, a fine man, and mild-mannered, as a rule. George was always cool and calm and never flustered," Bray concluded.

Abner Cox, 32, a fruit worker, who said he had lived in Medford about three years, and "hung around the News," and "loafed around the court house" last winter, testified that on the morning of the murder, about ten o'clock, he started up West Main street, from the court house and when opposite the Banks home, he saw Prescott and "another man" on the front porch. He then declared he heard a shot, and saw a pistol drop from Prescott's hand, as he fell,

and "the other pick it up" and walk down the steps.

Cox Hushful Witness

Cox under cross-examination admitted that he told the story first to Attorney Enright, ten days before the trial started. He became confused and spoke in a low voice throughout his testimony. Once Attorney Loneragan told him, "You look hushful enough to talk loud enough for the jurors to hear," and then the court said: "Speak up, nothing will bite you."

Cox admitted further that he had been engaged in county relief work last winter, and had been at the Banks home four or five times.

John Wheeler, a Spring street gardener was the first witness of the day, as the defense opened. He said he had "worked for Banks six summers."

Three or four days after the sale of the News, Wheeler testified, he saw Constable Prescott talking with "a tall man, in a light suit and a light hat, at the Medford National bank corner." Wheeler said he listened to the conversation, and the stranger said:

"I guess we have got Banks silenced now," and Prescott replied: "The only way to silence Banks is to shoot him." He said he reported this to Banks. The News was sold March 15, the murder occurred the next day.

Wheeler testified that on the day of the murder, he had gone to the courthouse to see about procuring a deed and crop loan, and then went to the Banks home, to see about getting some work. He said as he got opposite the Banks home on the south side of Main street, he saw Prescott and a man he did not know walk up on the Banks porch.

Wheeler said he watched them, saw the door open a trifle, saw some letters drop on the porch, heard a shot,

and saw Prescott fall, "and pistol drop from his right hand."

On cross-examination the witness was vague as to the time and names, but clung to his main story.

The final defense witness of the day was E. L. Jones, a war veteran who testified as an expert upon guns and bullets.

SARAH C. REEDER PASSES, AGED 94

Sarah C. Reeder, a resident of Medford and southern Oregon of 14 years, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lillie Rogers, on Maple drive, Monday evening, at the age of 94, suffering only three weeks' illness.

Sarah C. West was born at Fayetteville, Ark. July 19, 1838, and in August, 1864, was united in marriage to Noah W. Reeder, who preceded her in death 38 years ago. To this union were born 12 children, seven of whom survive: Belle Elkin, Coleman, Texas; Viola Roberts, Grapevine, Texas; Jessie Kimmel, Ranger, Texas; Lillie Rogers, Medford; F. A. Reeder, Clinton, Okla.; E. R. Reeder, Briscoe, Texas; and Rev. O. R. Reeder, Halfway, Ore.

She also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Ruth Jones, Coleman, Texas, and Mrs. Margaret West, Gravette, Ark., besides 39 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren and a host of friends.

She was a devoted Christian, and was a member of the Nazarene church of Medford.

Funeral services will be held from the Conger funeral parlors, Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. Burial will be in the Phoenix cemetery.

FEHL HAS HECTIC TIME AS WITNESS; REVEALS HIDEOUT

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Fehl questioned the authority of the circuit court to issue the process, and at another point said, Circuit Judge Duncan "performed as a circuit judge."

On Banks' testimony of last Friday that Fehl had transmitted him grand jury information given him by William E. Grieve, foreman, Fehl was evasive, but was reluctantly pinned to the main points.

Attorney Loneragan objected, with the denial that Banks had made the charge.

The court replied: "He most certainly did, Mr. Loneragan, and I recall it distinctly. Check the records, I will be glad to be corrected, if I am wrong."

Under the quizzing of Attorney Moody, Fehl gave a brief sketch of his life. He testified he was born in Ohio, and spent his early life on a farm in Kenton county, Ohio. He said he came west in 1899, from Iowa, and had worked at Tacoma, Wash., for the Pacific Mattress Co., and the Carmen Manufacturing Co., for seven or eight years. He was employed as a handy man and as a shipping clerk. Before coming to Medford 26 years ago, he said he had lived for a short time in Kalama, and Seattle, Wash.

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