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HELPING THE WOOL BUYERS

The Pendleton Daily East Oregonian, which is published in the woolgrowing section, and ought to know what it is talking about, has the following to say regarding the Oregonian's statements on the condition of the market at the present time:

How much the Portland Oregonian knows about the wool business is shown by the following display of editorial wisdom regarding the present market:

"Prices are low, except for the choicest lots and they are not high enough for the finest grades to excite any great enthusiasm among the growers.

"Last year the market was good—so good indeed that the heavy imports of raw wool from Australia and elsewhere appeared for a time not to be having a serious effect."

The cold facts are that prices paid for mixed and coarse wool this season have been approximately 50 per cent higher than the prices paid for the same wool a year ago. One large eastern Oregon clip that sold at 19 cents last year was recently sold at 27 cents.

This same advance has generally prevailed wherever coarse wool has been sold. Advertisements recently received here from Salt Lake showed a million pounds of Utah and Idaho wool had been sold at prices ranging from 26 to 28 cents. Last year it brought from 17 to 19 cents.

Fine wool which the Oregonian ignorantly presumes to be the most expensive brings much less per pound than coarse wool. The same was true last year. Prices for fine wool now range approximately the same as a year ago though some growers have been offered more for their fine wool than they were given last season.

The deadlock over wool is not due to the fact prices are low but because they are not as high as the growers believe they should receive under world market conditions. In other words they fear the buyers are going to take the most of the cream and leave the growers less than their just share.

If this is the purpose of the woolbuyers they have a valuable ally in the Oregonian. If they can get that paper to continue its pessimistic falsehoods they may be able to bear the market and thus reap further profits at the expense of the grower.

THE TIPPING NUISANCE

Many attempts have been made to abolish the "tip", but it remains and flourishes.

The fact is that people who give tips like to give them. They think the tip gets them better service, or at least impresses upon the tipped servitor the tipper's superiority. Many hotel guests could not feel superior to the waiters who serve them but for the tip. And even the tip does not always make them really superior.

The Illinois legislature has attacked the evil with a bill providing that any organization for the purpose of gleaning tips shall be fined in any sum not exceeding \$10,000 for each and every offense and that a jail sentence of from three months to a year may be added.

It is not a law against tipping in itself; indeed, there can be no law against that. The Illinois bill is designed to prohibit the leasing of cloak rooms, shoe-shining stands, wash rooms and other public places for the obtaining of gratuities.

It is the custom for concerns to lease these privileges in leading hotels, put salaried attendants in charge in uniforms without pockets or other place of secreting coins, and while the attendants get nothing but their meager salary, the lessee goes about from place to place in his automobile, gathering up bushels of tips. It is this leasing privilege which the Illinois law attacks.

There are going to be three big events in Salem next month—the Cherry fair, Fourth of July celebration and Chautauqua. From July 2nd to the 11th there will be something doing all the while.

The Ford Motor Company has declared a dividend of \$48,000,000. And there are people who pretend to think that the Ford is a joke!

SELECT THE RIGHT MEN

After having gone through the preliminary stages in the reorganization of the Commercial Club, prepared and accepted a form of organization exceedingly well suited to the needs of Salem and well designed for securing the needed results, and having secured under this plan the necessary memberships to give a fine working body and ample funds to conduct the activities outlined, the members are now about to form the permanent organization by the selection of the officers.

It is therefore needful that interest in the organization should not be permitted to lag on the part of a single member. Each should appreciate the fact that his duty to the organization is by no means ended, and that one of his first activities is awaiting his attention.

Reference is here made to the selection of the officers in whose hands the administration of affairs for the ensuing term will be placed. The bureaus will in a few days begin holding their sessions for the election of the directors in whose hands the special interests of the respective departments will be placed. It is the duty of those assigned to these bureaus to attend the meeting and participate in the election. It is still more incumbent upon each, as a part of the organization and responsible to that extent for its proper conduct, to do all in his power to have elected to office as directors the men who will render to the organization and to Salem the efficient service expected of the organization.

In making the selections for director every consideration should be cast aside save the one of fitness for the duties which he will be called upon to perform, and the ability and willingness to give to the discharge of such duties the necessary time and attention for their full performance.

The membership of the organization is so large that there will be no valid excuse for the selection of unsuitable men to fill the offices. The members have as never before a consciousness of their duty to the community and they see also that personal service counts and is essential to the success of public enterprises such as that of conducting a Commercial Club.

Every member is therefore urged to participate in each step of the work of organization, and to stand ready to perform each and every duty which may fall to him as a worker for the Greater Salem.

AN IMAGINARY CASE OF GRAFT

A nondescript weekly paper printed somewhere in this city has discovered that Salem's daily newspapers are robbing the taxpayers in printing the list of claims allowed by the county court each month. It says:

"These proceedings are printed monthly only, each month calling for five insertions of the proceedings at a rate of 32 cents an inch, the proceedings being published in both the Capital Journal and the Oregon Statesman. The average total cost for publication of these proceedings is about \$656 per month to the county."

The only trouble about this wonderful discovery of graft is that it is purely imaginary statement. The law provides for the publication of the list but one time, instead of five as stated, and the average amount of money paid the two papers monthly is less than \$100 (not \$656 as stated), and probably pays the papers a little more than the cost of publication.

All of which shows that statements printed in irresponsible, gutter-snipe publications should be verified before they are allowed to become a matter of concern or worry.

A federal district court has decided that the United States Steel Corporation is not a monopoly. This information will probably come as a surprise to the stockholders.

Mount Lassen is only smoking today, but that fact was good for a few lines in the press dispatches.

LOOMIS MUST PAY PENALTY.

Sacramento, Cal., June 5.—Earl Loomis, the Sacramento youth who murdered Mrs. Marie Holcroft while attempting to rob an ice cream and delicatessen store on Seventeenth street, last summer, must pay the death penalty.

Loomis has been in the dungeon at Folsom prison for several months. The case will now revert to the Sacramento county superior court for setting of the date of execution. Wearing in each hand, and holding a revolver in each, he walked into the store and ordered Mrs. Holcroft, wife of the proprietor, to put her "hands up." Instead of complying with the order the woman drew a revolver and both fired simultaneously.

The woman and Loomis were both struck by bullets, the former being almost instantly killed and the latter receiving a wound that resulted in the loss of his right eye.

HUGH OTIS INSANE.

Washington, June 5.—Hugh Otis, who was detained by secret service men recently when he tried to force his way into the White House to see the president, was found insane today at the Washington asylum hospital and was ordered to the government hospital for treatment.

When detained he said he was a distant relative of General Harrison G. Otis, of Los Angeles, and that he lived in San Francisco.

MT. LASSEN SMOKING.

Redding, Cal., June 5.—Another eruption of Mount Lassen forecasted early today when the main crater of the volcano began to smoke in lively fashion. At 9:15 o'clock there was no distinction in the smoke column, which was then several hundred feet high.

FINE GROCERY STORE.

Los Angeles, Cal., June 5.—What is said to be the most luxurious grocery store in the world opened here today. An orchestra played all day long while customers strolled in marble alleys, inspecting groceries in plate glass and German silver show cases. Cigars were distributed free to all male customers, while punch was served to men and women alike.

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STATE NEWS

Lebanon Express: R. F. Simpson, who is in the business of raising Mongolian pheasants, now has something different in the form of baby wild grouse. He found 10 eggs and placed them under a hen and all hatched out. A bantam hen is mothering the little grouse.

Myrtle Creek Mail: If your paper should fail to come up to its usual standard this week, don't blame the proprietor, as he is quarantined at home with the smallpox, and the best that could be done was to get a carpenter for an editor and a blacksmith for a printer for this issue.

Portland Telegram: A box of red raspberries, said to be fully ripe and to have all the flavor of mid-season berries, was picked at the home of Mrs. A. C. Baker, 932 East Eleventh street north, yesterday morning. The berries were picked by Pearl Pinker, who had picked a few ripe ones the previous day. The Pinkers have only a few bushes on an ordinary city lot and have not given them any special cultivation this year. These are said to be the first raspberries to ripen this year.

Ashland Tidings: The value of advertising is certainly appreciated by a certain tobacco salesman who was in Ashland Friday. While the moving picture men from Medford were taking pictures at the entrance to the park he drove his car, which has a big tobacco sign emblazoned on the side, in front of the picture machine. He then simulated an amateur driver having trouble and managed to jolt around in front of the machine for several seconds, keeping his sign in a prominent place. It was a little overdone, however, and this part of the film is to be cut out.

La Grande Observer: And the old boys in blue turned out yesterday as they have not in years before in La Grande. Along with them was the largest crowd of citizens that has taken part in Memorial services for some time. It is well.

Journalistic estimate of a legislature's work, as per the Bend Bulletin: "Copies of the 1915 session laws are now procurable for \$1.25. There are 265 new measures. That brings the cost of each law to a trifle over half a cent. A number of them are worth more than that."

"Whenever a safe is cracked in Umatilla county," says the East Oregonian, "it means a new face will soon be seen in the county bastle; our sheriff can smelt a yeggman 100 miles away."

W. C. Conner has again "permanently retired" from the management of the Cottage Grove Lumber. W. H. Tveroll, of Waverly, Iowa, a publisher of 25 years' experience, has bought the Lumber this time, and is now in charge.

Occasion for general rejoicing noted by the Grants Pass Courier: "This seems to be a year of celebrations, and now the farmers down the valley are preparing to celebrate the turning of water into the ditches of the community project."

SHIPPING ORDERS ISSUED.

San Francisco, June 5.—Congestion of freight at Pacific and Oriental ports on account of the European war, and the fluctuation of freight rates, is responsible for the orders issued to the agents of the Pacific Mail Steamship company at Hongkong, Shanghai, Manila, Yokohama, Kobe and Nankai to book no shipping farther than one vessel ahead, according to announcement made today by the San Francisco office. At this port bookings are being made as late as July 31. All bookings are made subject to the right to cancel voyages.



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C. F. LITTLEFIELD IS DEAD.

Eugene, Ore., June 5.—Charles F. Littlefield, for years a prominent resident of Eugene, died suddenly on his farm near McCoy, Polk county, last evening, according to a telephone message received here by his brother-in-law, Darwin Bristol, assistant cashier of the First National bank.

DIVED AFTER A FISH.

Redondo Beach, Cal., June 5.—R. C. Ingalls, qualified for a fisherman's plaque by rushing into the surf, snoring a 25-pound yellow tail by the fin and hauling it high and dry upon the sand.

The man who drinks like a fish does not take kindly to water.

The Bridegroom, As Well As The Bride,



should have proper clothes. I have just received a new shipment of fine imported serges in blue and black that will make beautiful wedding suits. Owing to the conditions brought on by the war I can sell these for from \$27.50 to \$30.00 for a short time only.

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