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WOULD SHIFT THE BURDEN

A movement has been started in San Francisco to perfect and forward to congress mammoth petitions demanding that an embargo be laid on wheat and foodstuffs. In other words to compel the wheat growers to take a less price for their product than conditions and demand cause them to receive. There are two sides to every question, and in this case it is simply the conflicting desires of the seller and the consumer. It is a dangerous thing to attempt to set aside the natural law of supply and demand, for when this is done, the precedent generally comes back in such a shape that those responsible are sorry.

If it is right to prevent the wheat grower getting a high price for his product following short crops, or conditions causing extra demand, then it is also right to do something toward fixing a minimum price for the same products when conditions and demand cause prices to fall to, or below, the cost of production. If it is right to limit the price of the farmers' products, then it is right to limit them against low prices as well as high ones.

Looked at in another light, the crop of wheat this year was about 640,000,000 bushels as against 1,050,000,000 bushels last year. In other words the crop was less than two-thirds as large. That two-thirds of a crop is worth not a great deal more than the crop last year. It cost just as much to grow and harvest it as it did the full crop, so the farmer is getting but little increase over his receipts of last year.

The conditions work a hardship on the consumer, but the remedy proposed would simply remove the hardship from him and place it on the farmer. When prices are low and conditions cause the markets to be glutted the hardship is on the farmer. Would it be right under such conditions for the government by some law to remove this hardship from the farmer and place it on the consumers? Its a poor rule if it will not work both ways. Then again if this principle is once adopted where will it end? From the fortunes being made by auto makers it is evident there is a great profit in the business; would these same advocates of an embargo insist the auto makers be forced to accept a smaller price for their wares? Should old John D. be compelled to take less for his gasoline? Should the wood dealers here in Salem be forced to charge no more for wood this year than they did last?

The fact is that prices can never be made to suit everyone. Naturally the grower wants high prices and just as naturally the consumer wants low ones. It is self evident that both cannot be satisfied. It is a safe plan to let all products be governed by the laws of supply and demand. In doing so, however, the artificial interference with this law by cold storage trusts and other systems should be regulated so that what should be a blessing and a boon to mankind, the art of storing products when they are cheap and abundant and keeping them until periods of scarcity, would not be turned into an injury.

A law compelling cold storage plants to make a statement every month as to what their plants contained would help the situation some, and the time will come when the government will perhaps be forced to take over all such plants and operate them in the interest of the people. Then a law forbidding the sale of anything which the seller could not deliver would stop gambling in foodstuffs, and with these two things assured the matter of prices for all foodstuffs could safely be left to the old laws of supply and demand and none would need to worry.

Canada will import 10,000 war widows after the war ends. In New York there is an abundance of war babies now, especially on Wall street. If the widows should prove as profitable as the babies Canada should import a half million of them and get in the Rockefeller class.

City Commissioner Daly, of Portland, has set aside the action of the city council in stopping the jitneys running, and with his aid they are operating as wide open as ever. Perhaps the reason for this is that while he is a daily the balance of the council are only weaklings.

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NOT AN ACCEPTABLE REASON

The Oregonian takes certain persons in Portland to task for saying at a meeting of the civic league that the vote on negro suffrage was due to principle rather than ignorance, and asserts that ignorance alone was the cause, and that the voters were not intelligent enough to understand the proposition. It may be right but we cannot admit it, for to do so would be to acknowledge the voters of Multnomah county were more intelligent than those here in Marion county. Multnomah voted to remove the objectionable clause by a majority of 12,771, the vote being 38,915 yes and 26,144 no. According to this Multnomah had a handsome majority in favor of intelligence. Here in Marion county the vote was yes, 5,500, no 5,907 or a majority in favor of ignorance of 407. The comparison is bad for Marion county and the capital of the state where intelligence is supposed to have its headquarters. It makes a bad showing in other ways for the proposition lost in the state by the close margin of 143 votes. This shows that so far as ignorance and intelligence go, the good old state of Oregon splits 50, 50. This places Marion county and Salem considerably below the average in intelligence, a thing the Capital Journal will never admit. It has abundance of evidence to the contrary in the fact that the voters take the Capital Journal in preference to any other paper, and do it in ever increasing numbers which is evidence of intelligence of a high order and also of appreciation of the Journal's reliability in all lines. No, some other explanation than ignorance will have to be found to explain the reason for the proposition being turned down in the state and especially in Marion county.

Col. C. E. S. Wood is a versatile gentleman and the range of his accomplishments runs from lawyer to anarchist, or what some folks call that, poet, painter, politician, author, public speaker, and so many other things that they cannot all be recalled. Here is a new one given him by a Salem young lady on reading that the prisoners wanted him as warden at the penitentiary. Who is this "Col. Wood?" asked one of Salem's bright girls of another still brighter. "Oh, he is the painter whose pictures you saw at the state fair last year. He is a fine looking man with curly hair and you saw his picture at the art gallery, don't you remember?" "Oh, yes, is that the man? Why I thought he was a colonel in the salvation army." Such is Fame.

The appointment of Captain Murphy, to the position of warden of the prison, it is hoped will prove satisfactory to the prisoners. It is also hoped it will put an end to the conditions existing there so long. The new warden comes to a hard task, for insubordination and ill feeling have reached a stage where it will take tact, patience and firmness to get things running smoothly again. The Capital Journal believes that Tom Word would be an ideal man for the place, but politics which really have no business entering into the matter, forbid small minded officials appointing outside the party. It is hoped though that Captain Murphy will make good, for after all that is all that is needed, no matter who has the job.

The county courts of Marion and Polk counties should lose no time in getting together and completing the details for the new bridge at Salem. It will necessarily require considerable time to reach a full agreement as to the site, type of bridge and plans for the structure, and if these are all arranged in time to build the structure next year no time should be lost now. If the bridge is not built within the next year the present one will no doubt have to be abandoned and a ferry substituted for it.

Portland market advices are to the effect that New Zealand is bidding for butter in the Pacific coast market, owing to a shortage in output there. The next thing we know the Chinese will be wanting to buy eggs over here.

In a Russian town in the salt fields many houses are said to be built of salt. If a fellow got tired of his old house would it be possible for him to get a fresh one?



THE BEGGAR

The snow will soon be flying, the snow we love so well; in drifts it will be lying along the hazel dell. The brawling winds will grip us, and give our ears a biff, the morning frost will nip us, and make our whiskers stiff. But we who toiled and panted preparing for this time, are cheerful and enchanted to see the snow and rime. And now there is a comer to every worker's door--the man who loafed all summer, and dodged the useful chore. The man who lounged and idled, hard by the village kirk, and who in anger bridled, when he was asked to work. In ancient, chestnut phrasin's, he asks for things to chaw, for liver-wurst and raisins, for pumpkin pies and slaw. His kids, in countless numbers, are suffering for bread; his aunts are robbed of slumbers because they have no bed. The same old whiskered story, you've heard for years and years, told by a sinner hoary, with alligator tears! He profits by your bounty, you give him tripe and tea, and wonder why the county won't feed such skates as he.

Stayton News

(Capital Journal Special Service.)

Stayton, Ore., Nov. 21.—The city election is now getting some place in the thoughts of the people. It will be held early next month. Mrs. J. F. Wilbur and Charles D. Stayton are the council members whose terms expire, while there will be the position of city marshal and recorder to be filled. These positions are now filled by J. B. Grier and John Downing, respectively.

Mrs. Horace Lilly went to Portland last Thursday for a visit to extend over Sunday.

Miss Bassett, who a few weeks ago became one of the teachers in the schools here, received the sad news Thursday night of the accidental death of her father at Newberg. He was manager of the Spaulding company's work there, was standing nearby and was struck and killed by some logs while they were being unloaded from a car. Miss Bassett is expected to return to her school today, Tuesday.

Mrs. Carl Fryer, of Shaw, has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gaudner, preparatory to moving this week to Harrisburg, where her husband has purchased a drug store. They left Monday for their new home.

Mrs. E. V. Ferguson, of South Salem, was a recent visitor here. Mr. Ferguson will soon make a trip to California when Mrs. Ferguson will visit her son, Ray, who goes to California, until the return of her husband.

Jack Spindel spent last Wednesday at Aumsville.

D. L. Parker, of Eugene, was a Stayton visitor last week for several days.

Mrs. Caruth, of University Park, Portland, was a recent visitor in the interest of a lyceum course.

J. R. Lake was in Stayton from Fox Valley on election day.

The W. J. Hewitt family visited at the home of Mrs. S. Lake on the Melan road, Sunday before last.

Rev. Mr. Horn, of Eugene, preached in the Christian church Sunday, this being the first preaching service in this church for some months.

On Tuesday night the Progressive party will meet in the M. E. church to make nominations for the city offices to be filled at the forthcoming election. The citizens party will meet the following night at the city hall for the same purpose.

Mrs. Mabel Mack went to Salem to spend Sunday with her husband, who is employed there.

R. P. Hutton, the anti-saloon man of Portland, who spoke in the Methodist church Sunday night, said that if the nation was not dry in four years leadership of the world would pass to the yellow race. He said that the drys of Oregon would urge the legislature at the coming session to memorialize congress to put the matter of a dry nation up to the states and would also urge the legislature to memorialize congress to pass a law barring the use of the mails to newspapers and magazines carrying liquor advertisements.

M. H. Titus is in Portland.

A little niece of Miss Ida Williams is visiting here from Portland.

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A LONELY SUPPER

CHAPTER LXXXI.

I waited a moment, then asked: "Aren't you going down with me while I have some dinner?"

"No, I am not going down with you while you have some dinner," he repeated with a sneer. "If you want any dinner you'll either go down alone or have it up here. I am going to bed."

Was it ever going to be possible for me to please him? I wondered, was there another man who would be so unjust? Then, too, I was a bit puzzled at his attitude toward Burns Mayson, in spite of what he had told me of his reasons for cultivating him. Mr. Mayson was a very entertaining, attractive man, and instead of showing any jealousy at his very evident admiration for me, Clifford wanted me to encourage it.

Father would not like it, I knew. But he was old-fashioned, and of course Clifford knew he could trust me. At first I thought I wouldn't eat anything, but I was young and healthy, and soon felt hungry. So about 11 o'clock I called the waiter and ordered a broiled lobster and some other things, and in spite of my loneliness, and my disappointment over Clifford's not remaining up with me, I enjoyed it. Why should I punish myself by going to bed hungry? Clifford never did such foolish things.

Thoughts.

Clifford was snoring in the next room, and I couldn't help feeling that he had been right when he called me a "fool." I had dressed for him, and had anticipated our evening together. But so long as he did not care to be with me, and hadn't even telephoned, I might have passed a pleasant evening with Burns Mayson, instead of sitting all alone until Clifford came in, and then been scolded because I had failed to do so. Yes, I decided, I HAD been a fool.

Strangely I had almost gotten over my feeling of embarrassment with Mr. Mayson. I had seen so much of him, Mayson, I had all but forgotten the episode of his attempt to become acquainted with me so unconventionally. And I found myself thinking longingly of him; and regretting I had not accepted his invitation.

Then I thought of home, of Edith, and late as it was I wrote her a tiny letter all for herself, and another to Muriel. As I finished her letter I remembered what she had said about Leonard Brooke, and added a postscript:

"Remember me to Mr. Brooke, and tell him I shall be as anxious to resume our musical evenings as he can possibly be." Then thought, "He is interested in me, too, why is it I cannot please or interest my husband?"

Shopping With Mrs. Curtis. It was a lovely afternoon when Mrs. Curtis called for me to lunch and shop with her. Clifford was most generous as regarded money, and after a delightful luncheon we browsed among the shops until almost dinner time.

I bought a lovely new hat, some gloves and slippers for myself, a few things to send Edith, and a remembrance for Muriel. Then as we passed a counter in Field's where men's neckwear was displayed, I bought Clifford two ties. It was the first time I had ever ventured to purchase anything for him, and I doubt if I should have had the courage but for Mrs. Curtis.

"Stop a minute, please," she said as we were passing the neckwear display. "I always buy Mr. Curtis's ties. He gets outrageous ones if I allow him to run short," and she laughed gaily.

I had no such reason for buying Clifford anything, but I felt I would love to buy him something, so selected two rather quiet, rich-looking ties, and took them with me.

Mrs. Curtis left me about 5 o'clock. We had had a very enjoyable afternoon together, and I had promised to dine with them the following night if Clifford had no engagement.

"Mr. Mayson will be with us," she told me.

Roy Bremner, of Salem, was a guest this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Beggs.

Cloverdale Items

(Capital Journal Special Service.)

Cloverdale Nov. 21.—Herman Teets and his daughters, Helen and Sybil Teets, and Walter Woods accompanied Carl Woods on a motor trip to Portland, leaving here Saturday and returning Sunday.

Mrs. Hadley's niece and family from Aumsville motored over Sunday and spent the day with Mrs. Hadley.

Dr. Staples and family were in Salem Saturday visiting their son, Wayne who is still in the hospital there.

W. J. Hadley is busy hauling elder apples these days.

Carl Woods motored to Turner Saturday evening taking the high school students down to the school party.

John Farris of Salem has moved out on the Booth farm.

G. W. Ferris and wife and Mrs. J. Farris were in Salem Wednesday.

Once in a while a lady man looks for work out of idle curiosity.

They were run down. How often we hear it said of a man or woman that "they were run down in health" which accounts for their present sickness. For that reason it is important that when you find you tire easily, when your nerves are troublesome or your work is irksome, you should strengthen your system immediately with the blood-enriching, tissue-building food in Scott's Emulsion which contains pure Norwegian cod liver oil and is free from alcohol.

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