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UNBALANCED STATE OF INDUSTRY.

Trade and industry have shown some further improvement during the month of April and fore part of May, but the fundamental difficulty, which is the disruption of the price level between raw and manufactured goods, is yet far from overcome.

According to government reports, the level of the principal farm products declined 5.6 per cent during the month of March, whereas the normal movement in March was upward, and over the last ten years the advance has averaged 3.4 per cent. On the other hand, manufactured products, freight charges and personal services generally, have made no corresponding decline.

It is evident on every hand that the depression which exists is due to the unbalanced state of industry. The first thing to consider is the position of the farmer, not as a matter of sympathetic interest, but to see how it relates to the general situation.

To be specific we might take the case of the cotton grower, who is now getting no more for his product than he did before the war.

His product is shipped from the farm over a railroad whose charges are 50 per cent more than before the war.

It is made into fabric in a mill whose employes probably receive 100 per cent higher wages than before the war, despite recent reductions.

Coal consumed in transportation and manufacture costs twice as much as before the war, because wages and mining expenses generally have increased 100 per cent. Finally, with various other expenses added, with a like percentage of inflation, the cotton garment comes back over the railroad, and is offered for sale to the cotton-grower, and the farming community generally, for consumption. The other farmers are in the same situation as to income as the cotton-grower; is it any wonder that the market for cotton goods has fallen off?

There has been no such dislocation of exchange relations, either between countries, or between industries within this country, in all the past. This dislocation must be corrected before trade can be restored to normal proportions. Either farm products and raw materials must rise to the level of manufactures and the common basis of wages, or the latter must come down to the level of the farmer, or they must meet on some intermediate level. The fundamental requisite is that they get together.

HARDING—COUNTRY EDITOR.

We print below a statement of Mr. Harding's journalistic creed, which it is said he gave to every reporter and writer on the "Marion Star" during his editorship of that journal. This creed seems to us an exceedingly good one for every country editor—and for every city editor, for that matter. It reads as follows:

- "Remember there are two sides to every question. Get them both.
- "Be truthful. Get the facts.
- "Mistakes are inevitable, but strive for accuracy. I would rather have one story exactly right than a hundred half wrong.
- "Be decent, be fair, be generous.
- "Boost—don't knock.
- "There's good in everybody. Bring out the good and never needlessly hurt the feelings of anybody.
- "In reporting a political gathering give the facts, tell the story as it is, not as you would like to have it. Treat all parties alike. If there is any politics to be played, we will play it in our editorial columns.
- "Treat all religious matters reverently.
- "If it can possibly be avoided, never bring ignominy to an innocent man or child in telling of the misdeeds or misfortunes of a relative.
- "Don't wait to be asked, but do it without the asking, and above all be clean and never let a dirty word or suggestive story get into type.
- "I want this paper so conducted that it can go into any home without destroying the innocence of any child.

FAMOUS LECTURER TO APPEAR IN BLACKFOOT, MAY 13TH.

The Blackfoot High School has been exceptionally fortunate in obtaining Edgar C. Raine to lecture in Blackfoot on Friday evening, May 13th, on the subject of Alaska, "The Frontier Wonderland of the World," or "The Land of the Midnight Sun."

Raine is said to know more of Alaska by actual contact with all parts of it than any other man in the world, having resided in and traveled extensively through the territory during the past twenty-two years, six of which as the representative of the United States Treasury Department, during which time he visited every town and village in Alaska once each year.

Raine packed an outfit over the famous Chilkoot Pass in 1897 during the stampede to Klondike, and built the first cabin in several of the early mining camps. He accompanied Stefansson on his latest trip into the Arctic, crossing over into Siberia on the ice, leaving Stefansson to continue his explorations, and returned over five hundred miles along the coast on foot.

This lecture will be accompanied with over two hundred illustrated colored views, many of which were taken when Alaska was a country of Hardship and Romance. Raine has seen Alaska evolve from a Land of Faro Banks to a Land of Savings

Banks. Mr. Raine takes his audience through every town in Alaska and several villages in Siberia, presenting the northland in all its wondrous beauties and scenic grandeur.

The beautiful "Inside Passes" terminating in the incomparable Lynn Canal, the lofty snow-capped mountains rising from the sea to dizzy heights, impressive glaciers and picturesque water falls, the northern lights, the midnight sun and the customs and history of an interesting country.

Blackfoot people will be able to hear Raine because of his having an open date between his lectures in the University of Utah, at Salt Lake City, and his lecture in the University of Montana, at Missoula. Raine has lectured in a large majority of the Universities, Colleges and Normal Schools within the United States, ninety per cent of his lectures being given in institutions of that type, hence it is extremely fortunate that Blackfoot people will be able to hear such an extremely noted lecturer. He is now on his way to the Alaskan fields for another trip, delivering his third lecture in the University of Montana and also his third lecture in the University of Washington, from thence he will go directly to Seattle to take passage for the Alaskan fields.

The proceeds of this lecture will be used to clear up the deficit in our lecture course for the past year. It

is necessary that we take in approximately seventy dollars to clear up this deficit and pay the expense of this lecturer, who, by the way, usually received the sum of one hundred dollars for a single number. The admission for this lecture is being placed at the small fee of twenty-five and thirty-five cents to enable everyone in Blackfoot to listen to so noted a man. This is an opportunity that no one should miss, for never again will the people of Blackfoot be able to listen to such a man as Raine.

This lecture will be doubly interesting because it will be given on one of our own outlying possessions, a land that when purchased by this country was called "America's Refrigerator," but which since that purchase and which at the present time brings in products worth over one hundred fifty million dollars annually, and is capable of furnishing pasturage for over ten million reindeer, which insures the meat supply of this country for years in the future.

Do not fail to hear Raine at the High School Auditorium.

SUM COAL VERSE.

The snow it am a fallin',
Fallin' with a twist,
Meet me you old coalman,
Let me slap you on the wrist.

The wind it am a blowin',
Freezin' all the crick,
Meet me you old coalman,
Let me hit you with a stick.

Old Jack Frost am callin',
Makes a feller cry,
Meet me you old coalman,
I's gonna soak you in the eye.

The coal it am a flyin',
Goin' awful quick,
Meet me you old coalman,
Bet Ah'll soak you with a brick.

The kids they am a bawlin',
Ain't it cold? O! Bub!
Meet me you old coalman,
Ah'll shu swat you with a club.

The bin it am most empty,
Kindlin's most gone too,
Run along old coalman,
Nuthin's bad enough fer you.

My pocketbook looks shrunken,
Winter am most through,
Lordy! Lordy! Coalman,
You has got me in a stew.

Meadow larks am a singin',
Crows begin to caw,
Hoopala old coalman,
Grounds begin to thaw.

Spring am shu'lly comin',
Sun am warm outside,
Ya! Ya! Mr. Coalman,
You'll soon have to hide.

Warmer! Warmer! Warmer!
In the shade ah'll sit,
Now then measy coalman,
You jes' hit the grit.

Seldom seen on Snake River, May 3, 1921.

LOWER PRESTO NEWS.

The showers of the last few days have been heartily welcomed by the farmers of Lower Presto, as moisture was badly needed for the grain and other crops that have been planted. The grain is coming up and after the rain the fields are taking on a beautiful green. Cropping is going on in dead earnest and the fellow who is not busy is a novelty.

Miss Edith Mackie is seriously ill with the measles. Her many friends are hoping for her speedy recovery and all will be glad to see the quarantine sign come down.

Peter Kalford made a trip to Firth on Monday to get his potato planter, which he has been having worked over by the blacksmith.

Mrs. M. A. Jensen was a Firth visitor Monday.

Our teacher, Mrs. Carpenter, spent the week-end at Shelley visiting relatives and friends.

We are glad to report that Gladys Stutznegger, who has been ill, is about again, after missing several days at school.

James Pratt made a trip to Blackfoot on Monday, where he had his eyes examined by Dr. Scarborough. Mr. Pratt's eyes have been troubling him for some time.

Mrs. Wm. Hall has been ill but is reported to be on the road to recovery.

Jack Jensen and family were visitors at the G. O. Jensen home on Tuesday.

Mrs. Lorrin Carpenter entertained the school girls' club on Tuesday after school. Refreshments were served and an enjoyable club hour spent by all those who were present.

Spuds asleep, spuds awake, and spuds with all eyes open, in fact, spuds have the center of the stage in this neighborhood at the present time, as almost all the farmers are up to their eyes in potato planing right now.

Fred Stutznegger purchased about forty sacks of seed spuds from Tony Bartausky and hauled them home on Friday. Mr. Stutznegger will plant them on the Bowen Curley place, which he has rented this year. He has also just finished planting seven acres of sugar beets.

Willis Higley spent Friday shear-

ing his sheep. He hopes that the wool market will at least be so wool can be sold this year, as last year the farmers who had a small amount of wool to dispose of were almost compelled to give it away.

Mrs. Emma 7J was a visitor at the school on Friday.

Jacob Stutznegger made a business trip to Firth on Friday.

M. A. Jensen was a business visitor in Blackfoot on Tuesday.

Several of the farmers of this neighborhood attended the potato meeting at Firth. Spuds were discussed. Seed selection, spud diseases, dealers and marketing were all brought up. Samples of potatoes grown in the Firth trade-area were exhibited, and lessons on the detection of disease in seed spuds given.

The Mrs. Geo. and Joseph Bithel have been at the Mackie home helping to nurse their sister, Edith, who has the measles.

Mr. Hubbel and family, of Blackfoot, motored out to this neighborhood on Sunday.

W. E. Hall went to the hills on Saturday and will remain there all of this week.

Harry Mackie, Frank and James Pratt were callers at the Hall home

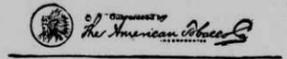
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A BLACKFOOT INTERVIEW

Mrs. Gertsch Tells Her Experience.

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Mrs. Fred Gertsch, 307 W. Judicial St., says, "I have used Doan's Kidney Pills a number of times when I have had attacks of backache and they have never failed to give me good relief. I had those attacks ever since I was a small child. Overwork or catching cold often brings on the trouble. The last attack I had, I got Doan's Kidney Pills and they brought good results. I always tell people about Doan's when I hear them complain of backache."

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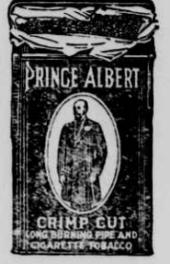
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