

GENERAL BUSINESS

CONDITIONS GOOD IN TWELFTH DISTRICT

Although lack of rain in Washington, Oregon and Idaho is causing some anxiety as to grain production, general business and agricultural conditions are flourishing in the twelfth federal reserve district, composed of Arizona, Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Alaska and Hawaii.

This announcement is contained in a bulletin made public today by the federal reserve bank of San Francisco. The grain harvest has begun in California and according to estimates made June 1 by the United States bureau of crop estimates, this year's wheat crop in that state will be the biggest since 1907.

For Washington, Oregon, and Idaho the greatest wheat crop in history is predicted, with an estimated 53 per cent total increase over the 1918 crop for the four states.

Early barley and winter wheat have ripened well but late sown crops are in poor condition and some have been out for hay. Dry winds during the first week in June shriveled some wheat and barley in the Sacramento valley, but no general damage was done.

The California lemon crop is the largest in the state's history, being estimated at 4,500,000 boxes, or nearly 1,500,000 in excess of the bumper crop of two years ago. The novel orange crop within the state is estimated at 4,000,000 boxes as compared with a 3,000,000 boxes last season.

Deciduous fruits throughout the district are doing well, save for the Oregon prunes which have been dropping heavily. Walnuts and grapes are making favorable progress.

Arizona is putting her second crop of alfalfa along with southern Nevada and California. Utah, northern Nevada, Idaho and Oregon are cutting their first crop. Idaho during the first week in June have greatly benefited the progress. Livestock generally is improving in condition and food on the summer ranges continues good.

Unemployment as a problem has disappeared, the report continues, and supply and demand within the district are now approximately equal. During the last month the number of unemployed in Utah has been reduced from 2,669 to 2,060, and in California from 2,899 to 2,060. There is a shortage of labor in the lumber camps and some of the shipyards and a shortage is anticipated in the orchards, berry fields and canneries.

Wholesale and retail collections are good, reports from 20 wholesalers in six of the biggest cities showing that May sales for this year were 32.4 per cent in excess of those for May, 1918, and 18.5 per cent greater in April of this year than last.

KANSAS PROBES CEMENT TRUST

TOPEKA, June 25.—The preliminary proceedings in a scheduled sweeping investigation of charges that road material men are in a combine to control prices and regulate production and output of materials for the purpose of making excessive profits, have been started here by Richard J. Hopkins, attorney general.

Cement manufacturers in Kansas are appearing before Mr. Hopkins to explain that they are not operating their business in violation of the Kansas statutes to prevent "discrimination or unfair trade."

This preliminary proceeding, if the cement men are unable to convince the attorney general that there is open competition in their business, may be followed by proceedings charging the manufacturers with violating the "discrimination statute." It is believed probable, however, that if today's session is unsatisfactory to the state Mr. Hopkins will resort to the inquisitorial powers of his office to pry into the inner secrets of the alleged combine. That is the same remedy Kansas applied to lick "boose" joints.

Cement Man Denies Discrimination. F. H. Patterson, president and general manager of the Fredonia Portland Cement company, was the first manufacturer to appear in today's investigation. He denied there was any discrimination in his business and also denied that he charged "loia factory price" plus freight from Topeka to Fredonia for cement at his plants. As further questioning, however, he admitted that he sold only slightly under "loia plus freight rate price."

Recently when Wyandotte county attempted to purchase cement, dealers and representatives of a large manufacturing company admitted frankly the "freight rate" plan of fixing prices in districts. Mr. Hopkins has the full information concerning statements made in Wyandotte county before cement men became wary of talking.

From Mr. Patterson the attorney general also unscrutinized a fixed charge on every barrel of cement sold to the public in addition to a "local dealer's commission." That charge is for three mills for cement at his plants. As the "Noverosa Audit and Statistical Company of Kansas City."

Reports to Audit Company. Mr. Patterson said he made detailed reports to the audit company of his plant and also in connection therewith received reports from the American Association about all cement business throughout the United States.

It appears that everything about the cement business that adds cost to the consumer is fixed and certain and that everything that would explain just what purpose a fixed charge serves, that apparently does not add cost, but keeps a check on distribution and prices through reports, is one of those things that comes under the general statement "that is the way we run our business." So far that mysterious process by which cement manufacturers arrive at the same price for their products, although one ship several hundred miles and the other none, has not been explained.

It developed this morning that the cement manufacturers are relying on the federal government to put a stop to the Kansas investigation into the alleged "cement combine." A. W. Shulthis, president of the Western Portland Cement company, in a letter to Mr. Hopkins, declined to appear at Topeka, and stated that United States inspectors have given us a "clear bill of health." Others repeat the same statement to the attorney general.

HEADS CO-OPERATIVE HOUSEKEEPING CLUB



Mrs. James Riggs, Quincy, Ill., is president of a unique club which the women in her neighborhood started for the purpose of making their work easier. The name of the club is the Co-operative House-keeping Club of Quincy. Regular meetings are held by the club every week at the homes of the various members. Each member arranges to have some special work for the club to do for her when it is her turn.

Sometimes they do the hostess's canning, or her ironing, her mending and such things. Mrs. Riggs claims the club is a great success, but that such a club must have a membership of no more than fifteen.

ing about the young lady next door, and said: "She hardly says a word; so quiet. I can't understand why so many men propose to her."

"Tom had his chance at a 'comeback.' 'I can,' he hissed, making a bee-line for the stairs.

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handing men were more salient characteristics. Mr. Drinkwater, whether for a moral or a political object we cannot know, has selected the earnings and the tenacity and suppressed the humor and the quaintness. Mr. Rea, who acts Lincoln and who is made up like the late Lord Peel after an all night sitting, does nothing but sordid and harangue. All Americans tell yarns, the most wearisome habit we know; but of a nation of yarn tellers Lincoln was the most indefatigable. On all occasions, afoot or a travler, he told stories and cracked jokes, some of them clownish, others serious. He was as great a bore in this way as Charles II, and when a man is a king or a president his virtues are obliged to listen to "the oft repeated tale."

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Olivia was rehearsing a play her club is to put on some time soon.

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