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REMEDIES NAMED BY AGRICULTURAL CONGRESS AT WASH.

RECOMMENDATIONS ASK FOR EXTENSION OF FOREIGN CREDIT TO ASSIST IN CREATING MARKET FOR FARMER'S PRODUCE.

MINIMUM PRICES REJECTED

Representatives Vote Down Proposal of South Carolina Man—Favor Investigation of Retail Prices and Commend Harding and Wallace.

Washington, Jan. 26.—Immediate steps to reestablish the value of farm products on a parity with those of other commodities was asked of congress and President Harding tonight by the national agricultural conference. The resolution was contained in a report from the marketing committee.

The conference rejected a resolution of the national farmers' union, offered by J. S. Wannamaker of South Carolina, which would have called for a government minimum price guarantee on farm products.

In a conference with newspaper men Secretary Wallace expressed opposition to price fixing, which he said would prove ruinous to the farming industry. He declared he favored plans to restore the purchasing power of the farmer's dollar to a parity with that in other industries.

The conference took up committee recommendations and resolutions immediately after hearing addresses by R. A. Pearson, president of the Iowa State college of agriculture, and mechanical arts; Dr. E. D. Ball, director of scientific work of the department of agriculture; Richard E. Elly, professor of economics of the University of Wisconsin, and Clifford Pinshot.

The resolution offered by the committee on agriculture and price relations which included indorsement of the agricultural bloc in congress, coupled with this commendation of President Harding and Secretary Wallace for their action in making possible the calling of the conference. This resolution was adopted unanimously.

Recommendations Offered.

Other recommendations of this committee included:

That the government extend aid to Europe for economic rehabilitation.

Limitation of acreage of certain crops to balance production and restore the farmer's dollar to a nominal purchasing power.

Approval of the program of the American delegation to the armament conference.

Commendation of the investigations of retail prices by the departments of justice and commerce.

Investigation by congress of plans to stabilize the dollar.

Equalization of tariff protection.

Vigorous action to place agriculture on a parity with other industries.

The gathering and distribution of foreign market and production reports by the department of agriculture.

In adopting the report of its committee on foreign competition and demand, the conference went on record as favoring:

Financing of exports through credits authorized by congress.

Investigation by the interstate commerce commission to determine the feasibility of extending preferential export freight rates to agricultural commodities not now affected.

Extension of the provision of the Webb-Pomeroy act which provides for combination of concerns for export trade.

Tariff protection or agriculture equal to that afforded other industries.

Establishment of a tariff board to administer a permanent flexible tariff law with an anti-dumping provision.

Opposition to a tariff on potash.

Increased support of the international agricultural institute at Rome.

Assignment of agricultural attaches to American embassies in foreign countries.

Like New Ideas.

Adequate safeguarding of health, free circulating libraries and increased school facilities were recommended in the report of the committee on farm population and the home, which also was adopted. Other recommendations of this committee included study of rural problems, co-operative marketing, appointment of farm women on farm organizations and federal and state boards, encouragement of farm home ownership and an increase in the number of public extension workers.

CO. OFFICIALS CORRESPONDING WITH CONGRESSMEN ON TAXES

Hope to Get Permission to Assess Government Property for Its Prorated Amount of Bonded Indebtedness.

County officials state they are on the alert in an effort to obtain some means of assessing bonded indebtedness of the county against the property purchased by the Reclamation Service. Many important questions are arising, and it is becoming more evident, they claim, that the county will suffer considerably should there be no relief. Letters are being addressed to Representative Addison T. Smith asking him to investigate the means of assessing the city and county in the present circumstances.

IN PENROSE'S SEAT



George W. Pepper, Philadelphia lawyer, is the new senator from Pennsylvania, having been appointed by Governor Sprout to serve the unexpired term of Boies Penrose, Republican leader who died recently.

TO CLEAN HOUSE AT STATE ASYLUM

There are 330 patients in the asylum at Blackfoot, and among them are a good many people who are not insane. Some of them have been "railroaded" there and some are just old people who were in the way at home and whose duty it was to support and care for them have taken this means of getting rid of them. Most people have some hobbies and queer ways, and old people who have a good many of them can easily be proved insane and committed to the asylum if committing magistrates are not careful.

But there is going to be an investigation and a clearing out of those who should not be there. Arrangements are now being made to have a clinic, an assembly of experts to examine every patient in the institution and see what is really the matter and it is possible to effect a cure by using the modern equipment recently installed in the new receiving hospital built last summer. Those who are not insane will be sent home and steps will be taken to see that they are cared for by those whose duty it is to do so.

People who are insane are so because of something that has gone wrong in their bodies or brains, and in many cases there is a remedy if taken in time. In some cases the remedy can be successfully applied even though it is done tardily, and the management of the Blackfoot asylum is now going about it to find and apply the remedies.

The new receiving hospital is equipped with all the varieties of hot and cold baths, and these are powerful restoratives of wrecked nerves when applied by experts on insanity. It is supplied with x-ray and dental outfits for revealing what is wrong with bones and teeth. It has solariums for applying the sun baths and giving the comforts of the sun parlor. Some of the people of Blackfoot are listing their cars for use in giving free auto rides to those who need them in the process of restoration, and it is expected that in the next few months there will be a thinning out of inmates.

In the past history of the institution, more attention has been given to keeping them than to curing them, and now the best brains of the state will be devoted to their cure where cure seems possible.

INCREASED VOTING OF LAST YEAR ADDS TO CONVENTION NUMBERS

Power County Will Send Two Republicans and One Democrat.

Power county will have two delegates in attendance at the state republican convention and one from the county in attendance at the democratic state convention, according to figures recently compiled by the secretary of state.

In 1920 the count had two republican delegates and two democratic. The state increase based on the vote cast in the state at the last election will give the republican party a total of 202 and the democratic party a total of 110. An increase of 54 for the republican party and an increase of four for the democratic party.

Ada county will have the biggest delegation with 20 republicans and 10 democrats. Twin Falls is next with 13 republicans and 6 democrats; Bannock and Canyon each have 12 republicans and 7 democrats.

The respective state committees of the two parties are to meet and arrange for state conventions, fixing the date and place of meeting.

MT. VIEW DISTRICT HEARD FROM.

School District No. 9, Mt. View of Roy, wish to state that they now have a new flag pole and have their flag flying on all clear days. They also have a new door which locks properly and have their floors well oiled.

INVESTMENT HERE EXCEEDS \$500,000

No Indication Given Regarding Future Policy of Reclamation Service in American Falls—Depends on Irrigation Companies.

Rumors that the force of reclamation officials and engineers at American Falls are to be withdrawn by March first are not based on any information from the Reclamation Service, it was learned yesterday. There is sufficient work here to keep the present corps of engineers busy for several months and it is believed there will be no announcement of a change until accurate evidence is submitted regarding the ability of the Irrigation Companies to meet their payments or the failure or success of the Smith-McNary bill in congress.

Reclamation officials point out that the Reclamation Service has invested over \$500,000 in American Falls and the right-of-way for the proposed dam. This sum includes purchased property in the city and up the river within the right of way, equipment, drilling for the location of the dam structure, and surveys. With this sum invested it is not going to be easy or feasible for the government to adopt a policy of abandonment unless in extreme circumstances.

There seems to be little chance for the companies of the valley to meet their initial payments on water contracts with the Reclamation Service, according to engineers. The New Sweden and Murtaugh projects are believed to be the only ones that have actually voted bonds. These districts will hesitate to sell them until the remaining companies show some evidence of their ability to arise their prorated share of the money. The bonding of one or two companies would be an expense without any tangible reward whatever.

Opinions differ regarding the future of the Smith-McNary bill in congress. Many profess the belief that the skids have already been greased for this bill and that there is little likelihood of its passing congress. Others maintain that strength is gaining every day in support of it and that its passage is only a matter of time.

CHARITY BALL FOR HOSPITAL

A. F. T. Club of Women Plan Event For February Eleventh At Odeon Hall—Proceeds to Aid Deserving Institution.

The Bethany Deaconess Hospital is to be the beneficiary of a charity ball to be given at the Odeon hall Saturday evening, February 11th, according to the announcement of Mrs. W. L. Oliver yesterday, chairman of a Charity Ball committee representing the A. F. T. sewing club.

Invitations for the affair will be mailed the first of the week to over three hundred invited guests, according to Mrs. Oliver. Many will be sent to the friends of the Hospital in Aberdeen and Rockland and the committee expresses the hope that a large attendance will yield to the invitation to help so worthy a cause.

The A. F. T. Club was organized several months ago and is composed of a membership of twelve local women, their names as follows: Mrs. H. C. Allen, Mrs. A. Rowberry, Mrs. W. L. Oliver, Mrs. G. M. Oliver, Mrs. H. O. Whitney, Mrs. P. G. Hanson, Mrs. Ed. Jacobs, Mrs. C. Lee French, Mrs. W. W. Beckstead, Mrs. L. L. Evans, Jr., Mrs. W. J. Hanson and Mrs. W. S. Sparks, Sr.

GHOLSON DECISIONED.

Glenn Gholson who scrapped Toughy O'Dowd at Pocatello Wednesday night was decisioned, but earned the unstinted commendation of all the fans for the good fight he made against his larger and much more experienced opponent. He is coming along fast and will probably appear on the program here in two or three weeks.

HENRY FORD WANTS TO SCRAP OUR GOLD



Henry Ford wants our money readjusted on a basis of productive energy, instead of gold as at present. He announced at Washington, while negotiating with Secretary of War Weeks for the purchase of Muscle Shoals, Ala., as shown here, that the fight for a readjustment of American money was to be his battle this year. Ford insists that he will give the American farmer the cheapest fertilizer they have ever had if the Muscle Shoals project goes through.

OLD RESIDENT, J. GISH SUCCEUMBS

Dies At Bethany Deaconess Hospital Following Operation for Appendicitis—Lived in American Falls Twenty Years.

Joe Gish, for twenty years a resident of American Falls, and owner of various property here, died this morning at 7:20 at the Bethany Deaconess hospital, following an operation for acute appendicitis and complications. Mr. Gish was 48 years old last October 16. He leaves his wife, four sisters and three brothers in his immediate family to mourn his loss. He is also the uncle of Albert and Burl Gish of American Falls and is the brother-in-law of Lee Warf.

Funeral services will be held at the L. D. S. church at 2 p. m. Monday. Pall bearers will be Lee Warf, Burl, Albert and Will Gish, Robert Gish and a sixth not yet selected. Interment will be made in Falls View Cemetery. Mr. Gish called his wife to his bedside last evening and told her of his dying condition. His last requests were for an attorney to take his will, and interment here under the auspices of the Eagles Lodge. Mr. Gish was a charter member of the Eagle Lodge in Pocatello. These requests will be complied with.

Mr. Gish was the son of Michael and Jane Davis Gish who did not survive their son. He was born in Iowa and later moved to Soda Springs where his first wife and two sons are buried. He later moved to Pocatello and then to American Falls where he has lived for 20 years. Surviving him besides his wife are four sisters, Mrs. Anna Edmondson, Mrs. Bertha Eaton and Mrs. Julia Austin, in the east, and Mrs. Alice Dempster of Los Angeles. Surviving brothers are Will Gish of American Falls who was present at the passing of his brother, Vernon Gish of Weeping Water, Nebraska and Robert Gish in Montana.

BLACKFOOT-VS. FALLS TONIGHT.

American Falls High basketball team left this morning for Blackfoot where it expects to play the hardest game thus far played this season. Coach Gibson is hopeful of victory.

DISTRICT ONE HAS \$26,000 FOR 1922

Five Miles New Road and Fourteen Miles of Surfaced Road Constructed in 1921—Complete Report Published in This Issue.

Highway District Number One, Independent, has received \$20,000 from the state for road construction and still has a balance of approximately \$4,800 coming according to highway district officials. The balance will be forthcoming following the session of the next legislature according to these officials.

The report published on another page of this issue certifies that there will be available for highway work this year approximately \$26,000. Receipts from the road and bridge tax last year amounted to \$41,518.03. This sum together with the money received from other sources amounted to a total of \$61,951.53. Total expenditures for the year amounted to \$47,386.27 leaving a balance for this year of \$12,149.47. The largest item in this expense was \$16,749.02 required to meet the interest on bonded indebtedness. State highway construction cost the district \$8,882.71, other road construction cost \$4,420.96 and maintenance cost \$9,678.45. Administrative expense cost \$8,839.55. The balance of the items of expense included insurance, maintenance of plant and tools rights of way, bridge work, etc.

The total assessed valuation of property in the district is \$6,851,096. The report states that there are in the county limits, 410 miles of main traveled roads, 200 miles of graded roads and sixty one miles of surfaced roads. Five miles of new road and 14.2 miles of surfaced road were constructed during the last year.

ANTI-CIGARETTE LEAGUE ASKS 10,000,000 RECRUITS



CHICAGO.—The National Anti-Cigarette League announces a drive, to begin next week for 10,000,000 recruits to the clean life movement of the league. Dr. D. H. Kress, of Washington, is president of the organization. An educational and law enforcement campaign is planned.

FAST BOUTS KEEP CROWD ON EDGE

Gibson, All But Knocked Out in the Second, Comes Back and Wins Third With Isaac and Draws in Four Round Go Last Night.

Coach Gibson, groggy from head blows in the second round, clinged and hung on to Isaac until the gong sounded saving him from taking the count on the canvas in latter part of the second round of his four round match with Billy last night at the American Falls Athletic Club. He was visibly weakened and many thought the third round would be only a matter of seconds. However the coach came back and with three well directed blows to the wind, had Isaac completely on the defensive, taking the round by a wide margin. The fourth was hard fought to a draw, ending one of the prettiest battles seen in the squared ring in American Falls. This is the third time the two have mixed, the last scrap going to Isaac after Coach had unintentionally fouled.

If Pat Vassallo ever enters the ring against a stranger look out. He hates to knock out a friend, which explains why Fred Hunt stayed through the third round with the little Italian boy last night. Fred seemed to be the cleverer of the two and timed his blows nicely. He was a shade the best un-til Vassallo put over a sleep producer in the third. Fred stood up to take his medicine but Pat didn't have the heart. He asked the referee to give him only a draw.

Elwood Meadows and George Stitt gave the nicest clean boxing exhibition of the evening. Stitt fights nice and clean and stands up to it like a veteran. He seems to have no fear and will gladly receive a blow for the privilege of giving one. Meadows fought in and out and kept well out of the reach of Stitt most of the time. The boys received due credit for a good clean scrap that was a real draw.

Red Bowen and Cleo Brooks mixed in their usual curtain raiser fashion, winning the applause of the unusually large crowd. Stanger and Frosty Hunt boxed a pretty draw and were popular numbers on the program. Following them were Willard Davis and Wayne Gholson. Gholson seemed considerably the better boxer but was reluctant to mix it with his taller opponent. Both boys carried a vicious wallop but neither landed with great effect. They fought a draw.

Sixteen rounds of boxing last night was probably the best program yet seen though the bouts of two weeks ago were exceptionally good. The local boys are all rounding into good condition and present an interesting program as is to be seen in any town in the valley.

ONE HUNDRED FIFTY TESTIFY TO GOOD WORK OF REV. FORD

Popular Pastor and Wife Leave Wednesday For New Home at Dayton, Washington.

One hundred fifty friends and members of the Bethany Baptist Church, tendered a delightful farewell party to Rev. and Mrs. James A. Ford Monday evening in the church. Elaborate plans were made to make the program interesting and truly representative of the sentiment of all friends of the departing workers. Several short addresses were made, a male quartette sang and Mrs. F. E. Eichelberger soloed in an appropriate Scotch ballad that was a tribute to Rev. and Mrs. Ford. Lunch and coffee were served in the basement of the church following the upstairs program. A beautiful copper and silver electric percolator and grill with two lovely pieces of silver were presented to the pastor and his wife as parting gifts.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL TO MEET.

Mrs. F. E. Eichelberger announces that the American Falls Community Council will meet Monday evening February 6th at 7:30 in the Hotel Remington. All members of the council are requested to be present for the transaction of important business.

SECRETARY FALL REFUSES TO SIGN POWER CONTRACT

FAILURE OF ENTIRE SNAKE RIVER VALLEY IRRIGATION PROGRAM MAY RESULT UNLESS SOLUTION IS FOUND FOR FINANCING.

MONEY NOT AVAILABLE

Committee From State Makes Strong Plea But Is Unable to Alter Attitude of Department—Extension of Sixty Days Asked.

Washington, Jan. 30.—Secretary of Interior Albert B. Fall today declined, on behalf of the government, to sign a contract for the purchase from the Idaho Power company of its two power plants and other property at American Falls, solely on the ground that there is no money available with which to make the necessary payment. The reclamation fund is depleted and, therefore, the government has no cash on hand to make the first payment of \$250,000, and the irrigation companies of the Snake River valley have fallen down on their promised payments. Therefore, the secretary held he could not in good faith sign the contract, notwithstanding that options given by the power company expire tomorrow. Secretary Fall, however, is hopeful the matter may be worked out, and he will ask for a renewal of the option for another sixty days. Whether or not this extension can be obtained depends largely upon the attitude of the Guarantee Trust company of New York, which holds the bonds of the power company.

Before announcing his decision, he gave an extended hearing to Senators Borah and Gooding, Irrigation Director Swendsen of the state of Idaho, W. E. Sheppard of Twin Falls and L. L. Evans of American Falls, Director Davis of the reclamation service and Assistant Secretary Finney also being present. The importance of the American Falls project was fully set forth by the various members of the Idaho delegation, and the bearing of this project on the ultimate development of Snake River valley was emphasized.

Merits Were Stressed.

The secretary was told that the carrying through of this undertaking would result ultimately in the utilization of every bit of water of Snake river, and so successful has irrigation been in southern Idaho that the merits of the project were stressed.

Secretary Fall stated frankly that he regarded the project with the utmost favor; he had visited the project last summer; he was ready to admit the merits of the proposal; he wanted to aid in every proper way, but he explained the depleted condition of the reclamation fund, and said that under existing law there is no new money in sight for that fund above what is required for projects well under way. He also pointed out that the private irrigation companies of Snake River valley which have subscribed for water have not made their initial payments, and therefore no money whatever is on hand with which to make even the first payment to the power company. The contract, as it stands, calls for a payment of \$250,000 at the time the contract is signed, and a like amount for three successive years thereafter, \$1,000,000 in all. With absolutely no funds on hand or in sight, the secretary said he could not obligate the government to make the purchase.

Contract Is Favored.

Secretary Fall intimated, however, that if congress shall pass the Smith-McNary bill, or a bonus bill carrying reclamation funds, or shall provide funds in any other way for irrigation expansion, he would then gladly take up the American Falls contract again, provided the option can be renewed, or if the private companies, which are now in default, should come forward with their payments, he would be glad to approve the contract.

The Idaho delegation was disappointed at the refusal of Secretary Fall to sign, but admitted that, under the circumstances, he could hardly be expected to take any other than the stand he did. There is considerable optimism among the men who called on the secretary that the Smith-McNary bill may be passed by congress, and if that comes about, they feel confident the American Falls project will go forward, and the contract with the Idaho Power company will be closed. Meanwhile, efforts will be made to bring about payments by the private irrigation companies which have made contracts, in the hope that money from that source may be raised within the next sixty days.

WHEAT MARKET IS STRONGEST SINCE OCTOBER

Turkey Red wheat was commanding \$1.50 a hundred in American Falls yesterday and is holding firm today with a strong demand back of it. The raise came Tuesday and has encouraged several large holders to sell. One large holding of choice red wheat is reported to have sold at a premium for carload lots. The market declined below \$1.50 a hundred September 28th and this is the first time since that it has regained the mark.

Messrs. F. A. Banks, Barry Dibble, Ferd Schlapkohl, F. C. Bohlsen and R. M. Patrick spent Wednesday in Burley.