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HIGH PRICES FROM WW I FALL IN 1920

The peak of high prices resulting from the war has apparently been reached or passed. In a few instances, as in that of paper, the figures are still rising, but they are exceptions.

Henry Ford has cut the price of automobiles from \$150 to \$200 each, and other makers have found it necessary to follow suit, though they had just announced that they would be "forced to raise prices again"-- the same bunk that all the profiteers have been giving the public.

Clothing manufacturers have announced a drop of 20 to 30 percent.

The big department stores say 10 to 25 percent off.

Potatoes are selling in New England at \$2 a barrel of three bushels. In Brownsville they retail at 4 cents a pound; and in Albany at nine pounds for a quarter.

In St. Louis a bumper crop has brought reductions of 25 to 30 per cent in the price of fruit....

Grain has fallen in price and so have hogs.

All along the line prices are falling. Government officials report an increase of unemployment and when the fall work on the farms is over and the mills slow down or stop working on account of the execrable condition of our roads there is likely to be unemployment and a reduction in wages and in cost of living here in Brownsville.

Rents are being reduced in Chicago.

Half a dozen Boston banks have failed.

Food prices are tumbling all over the country. Potatoes are from 1 1/2 to 2 cents a pound in the middle west.

Since the above was in type potatoes have retailed in Brownsville for three cents and Sterling offers them for \$12.50 a hundredweight.

--Brownsville (Oregon) Times, Oct 1, 1920. NWP

NWP QUOTABLE: "Hunting? I did my share. Everyone who wanted a deer wanted me to go with them. I shot them (the game) in the head...Kinda had a spooky feeling that I could feel when the deer were looking at me," said VINCE PADDOCK, of Sweet Home (Oregon) in 1979. Born in 1886, he began hunting wild game for the family table at age ten or eleven. NWP

1909 ALBANY WRITER TELLS OF HARD WINTERS

C.H. Walker, of Albany, has an article in Sunday's Oregonian on Hard Winters in Oregon. The first referred to was 1846-7, spent by Mr. Walker near Spokane, when there was four feet of snow. In 1849-50 he was at Forest Grove, when snow remained on the ground three weeks. In 1852-53 there was also three week of snow. The hardest of all he considers that of 1861-2 when the big flood occurred, the river being 36 feet at Albany, followed by a freeze and snow for several weeks. January 1868 was a hard time. December 1884 was one of the hardest, with snow on the ground for two weeks. February, 1889 was a cold one, but since then there has been little cold and no hard winters.

--The Brownsville (Oregon) Times, Jan. 15, 1909. NWP

LIPS BURNED WHEN HOME CATCHES FIRE

A spark from a hot fire caused the burning of several thicknesses of wall paper behind the stove in the Bert Blondell home at Agness last Tuesday. Mrs. Blondell, in trying to find out the extent of the fire, caught her head between a shelf behind the stove and the metal work on the top of the stove, burning her lips severely.

Mrs. Agnes Hulands extinguished the blaze with the aid of a garden hose, while Mrs. G.E. Edgerton administered first aid to Mrs. Blondell. No great damage was done to the house, and the patient is about fully recovered.

--Curry County Reporter, May 21, 1936. NWP

NEZ PERCE NATIONAL HISTORICAL TRAIL

Representatives of the National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, US Forest Service, and the states of Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Wyoming joined Nez Perce tribal authorities on July 19, 1991, to dedicate the new congressionally-designated Nez Perce Historic Trail. The ceremony took place adjacent to the Lolo Pass Visitor Center on Highway 12 just west of Idaho's boundary with Montana.

--Idaho Historical Society notice. NWP