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THE FARM'S THE THING.

"National Wealth and the Farm" is the title of a recent address by James J. Hill, an appeal to those in charge of the wealth and industry of the country to exert their influence in the direction of better farming. Mr. Hill said in part:

"The farm is our main reliance. Every other activity depends upon that. The farms of this country are now adding annually over eight billion dollars to the total of our assets; a total which, unlike that of manufacturing and other industries, represents not value conferred by human labor upon some material already existing, but value actually created out of elemental things. This is the annual miracle of the earth; quite as wonderful as if a new planet should appear in space each twelvemonth. It is the mother of every other form of human industry. Our tillable area may be made to support millions of people greatly multiplied after the last bit of mineral has been extracted from the earth, the man's ingenuity in fashioning tools and fabrics has passed its limit. There is no comparison in volume, in value and in relation to human enterprise and the very continuance of human life between the cultivation of the soil and any other occupation.

"The situation, then, sums itself up thus: We have almost reached a point where, owing to increased population without increased production per acre, our home food supply will be insufficient for our own needs; within ten years, possibly less, we are likely to become a wheat-importing nation; the percentage of the population engaged in the agriculture and the wheat product per acre are both falling; at

PUBLIC SALE OF HORSES....

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- 3—Two-year-old Percherons, by Patchie.
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the same time the cost of living is raised everywhere by this relative scarcity of bread, by artificial increase in the price of all manufactured articles, and by a habit of extravagance which has enlarged the view of both rich and poor of what are to be considered the necessities of life. These plain facts should disturb and arouse not only the economic student, but the men who are most intimately related to the wealth of the nation and most concerned that it shall not suffer loss or decrease.

The Smaller Farm.

"What we must come to—and the signs of the times indicate that we cannot make head in that direction too rapidly—is the smaller farm, with a more intensive agriculture. We support, in round numbers, ninety millions of people on three million square miles of land. We should be able to support 150 per square mile as easily as 30; and then we should have but a fraction of the density of population of Denmark with 167 inhabitants per square mile, Holland with 448, or our own state of Rhode Island with 407 in 1900. But the education of a whole people in right methods of tillage is a stupendous task. If it should take us fifty years, we would by that time probably have doubled our population also, and barely kept pace with our necessities. But we have not yet accomplished the mere preliminaries of such a process.

Farmer Must Learn.

"What has to be taught is not abstruse. While highgrade farming can furnish employment for the best intelligence, instruction in a few simple subjects will enable the ordinary farmer to double his product. He needs to be taught how to prepare a field property for the seed; how to select and where to get the seed that will yield the best return; how to cultivate each crop; how to combine stock raising with tillage; and how to rotate his crops and preserve unimpaired the richness of his soil. On his own farm, with the material and the object lesson before him, under instructions that comes with the public authority and sanction, he will be a pupil apt to learn. It is on a par with the importance of the public school. We have not yet made a beginning; but every other interest and every other item of proposed legislation might wait until we do."

New fall dress goods at Kline's. 9-20-tf

Albany Democrat says that town has been retarded by holders of speculative tracts refusing to be annexed to the city. Get after the assessors to get after the land hogs.

All over Oregon many hundreds of families are settling every month. New railroads building and projected are attracting settlers and opening up the wilderness. Oregon communities wise enough to not permit the vacant lot speculator to block their development will receive growth that is theirs by right of natural advantages around them. The communities ruled by mossbacks and dogs-in-the-manger will remain stationary, or nearly so.

In widely separated portions of Oregon hopes are entertained of obtaining oil, and practical men are engaged in sinking wells. Difficulty is encountered in securing leases from owners of land on reasonable terms. It seems incredible that land owners, without capital or inclination to put money into a "hole in the ground" on the chances of finding natural gifts, will prevent capital and labor from developing what will be the source of great wealth and development. In older countries land owners are even more exacting.

COPY OF CIRCULAR LETTER BEING SENT TO COUNTY SCHOOL PATRONS BY SUPERINTENDENT H. L. MACK

Office of County School Superintendent, Benton County, Oregon.

To the School Officers of Benton County:

I am this day sending to the various school clerks of the county, warrants for the October apportionment. Receipts for same are made out with the exception of two blanks which they will fill before returning to this office.

Permit me to call your attention to the following items:

1st—Sec. 28, page 21, School Laws of 1909.

This provides that you must expend at least 85 per cent. of the amount received from the county school tax and the irreducible school fund on teachers' salaries. If this is not done the unexpended balance reverts to the county school fund. I have, therefore, been compelled to penalize the following districts for the amount set opposite their numbers, and this sum has been deducted from the October apportionment and warrants drawn accordingly:

No. 7	\$16.34	No. 59	\$28.88
" 16	1.40	" 72 Joint	27.19 —from Benton County
" 20	4.45	" 74	6.48
" 23	22.75	" 81 Joint	5.84 —from Benton County
" 34	34.30	" 93	18.72
" 43	27.41	" 97	19.76
" 45	5.68	" 5 Joint	17.88 —from Benton County

The state apportionment this year was \$1.85 per capita, and all districts under the Hawley act are guaranteed \$300.00 from the county fund, and required to maintain six months school. Thus it is possible for the small districts to tell within a dollar what they will receive. Illustration—Dist. No. 94 has 14 pupils and will receive (14 x \$1.85) plus \$300 equals \$325.90. Must expend for teacher's wages 85 per cent. of \$325.90 or \$277.02, which will secure a teacher at \$42.50 per month for six and a half months. The April apportionment for 1910 will probably be (as it was for 1909) \$3.50 per capita; hence, the larger districts can, after the next census is taken in November, tell how much money they will receive for this school year. Illustration—Dist. No. 74 received a warrant in October for \$384.12 and, we will suppose, enumerates 62 children, its present enrollment, in November, 1909. In April, 1910, they will receive 62 x \$3.50 or \$217, which added to \$384.12 makes a total of \$601.12. Of this sum 85 per cent. will employ a teacher at \$60.00 per month for eight and a half months. By all means, use your money; don't report any of it as unexpended.

2nd—Your 15 per cent. fund.

In the weakest district this will aggregate \$48.00, and may be expended in properly equipping the school house. I believe that in four years' time the 15 per cent. fund will, if rightly managed, equip the average rural school something like it ought to be and keep up the incidental expenses also. Some districts are trying it, why not yours? Again, I am convinced that six months' school under improved conditions is more profitable than an eight or nine months term as now conducted. Meet me at the school house, when I am in your community, and let us work out this plan for your district.

3rd—Teachers' contracts. Section 71, page 36, Laws of 1909

This section makes it imperative on you to file a copy of the teacher's contract in this office. Much inconvenience would be avoided if the clerk would notify me immediately upon the election of a teacher.

4th—Compulsory Education. Chapter 10, Laws of 1909.

See that your teacher is provided with a copy of the last census and require her to do her part in securing good attendance. Last year the record was 93 7-10 per cent.; let us make it 95 per cent. this year.

5th—Farrell Act, page 52, Section 110, Laws of 1909.

This provides that all doors must swing out and makes the Board responsible for same. If your doors do not now swing out, make the change at once. This must be done.

6th—Outbuildings and grounds.

The out-buildings must be in a sanitary condition at all times and it is your duty to act with the teacher to see that they are always so kept.

Many school grounds are in poor condition. I would like to see all grounds cleaned, drained, and fenced, with some trees and flowers started on them. Make them a credit to the district and county. Many people are visiting our county at this time and are judging the community by the school maintained by the people.

7th—School Flag.

I find that some districts do not own a flag; others permit it to be unfurled in stormy weather. This is wrong. The law makes it mandatory on you to provide the flag and see that it is displayed during suitable weather.

8th—School Census.

A special appeal to the district clerks last year to see that all children in the districts be enumerated gave us an enrollment of 2935 in contrast with 2749 for 1907. It is to your interest to see that all children be enumerated. Each child will cause the district to receive approximately \$10.00. See that all between four and twenty years are enumerated, and let us pass the 3200 mark this year.

9th—District Boundaries.

Under date of May 31, 1909, I sent to your district a plat and description of the district boundaries as made by J. H. Wilson upon order of the County Court. As expected, many mistakes were found and most of these have been corrected, but several are yet to be acted upon. This should be done before the next census is taken in November, in order that the clerk may know definitely where the lines are when he begins to enumerate the children. If your district boundary lines have not been satisfactorily settled, I suggest that you have the matter taken up with me immediately.

I am glad to report that present conditions indicate a very successful school year.

H. L. MACK,

School Superintendent of Benton County.

Dated at Corvallis this 4th day of October, 1909.

GROUND MOVING.

Real Estate transfers for the week ending Sept. 18, were as follows:

- Robt. J. Hunter to J. E. Henkle, lot 143 bl. 33 Brown's Add., Philomath, \$10.
- Geo. L. Davis to F. H. Baillie, 160 acres southwest of Philomath, \$1000.
- S. J. Fleming to W. A. Wells, blocks 34 and 35 Wells & McElroy's Add., Corvallis, \$2000.
- H. Johnson et al to J. F. McDonough et al, land near Wren \$10,000.
- Nettie B. DeLay to M. E. Davidson, lots 1 and 2 bl. 10 Wilkin's Add., Corvallis, \$2000.
- Amanda B. Westbrook to L. C. Stover, 12 acres near Albany, \$1000.
- F. L. Holmes to J. F. Holmes, 100 acres near Albany, \$1000.
- Lavina S. Childs (by executor) 120 acres near Alsea, \$1800.
- John Calverley to C. D. Farrand, 160 acres southwest of Philomath, \$3000.
- Robt. Johnson to C. M. Vidito, 4 lots in Corvallis, \$10.
- P. C. Stewart to W. W. Ashby et al, lot 3 bl. "L" Avery's Add., Corvallis, \$25.

Night on Bald Mountain.

On a lonely night Alex. Benton, of Fort Edward, N. Y., climbed Bald Mountain to the home of a neighbor tortured by Asthma, bent on curing him with Dr. King's New Discovery, that had cured himself of asthma. This wonderful medicine soon relieved and quickly cured his neighbor. Later it cured his son's wife of a severe lung trouble. Millions believe it's the greatest Throat and Lung cure on Earth. Coughs, Colds, Croup, Hemorrhages and Sore Lungs are surely cured by it. Best for Hay Fever, Grip and Whooping Cough. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by all druggists.

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Sunday Excursions to Newport

The C. & E. Railroad will run regular excursions to Newport every Sunday until further notice, leaving Corvallis at the same time as heretofore. Fare for round trip, \$1.50. 9-9-tf R. C. LINVILLE, Agent.

It is said that increased prices asked for land around Coos Bay because of expected improvements from the \$700,000 bonds voted for the Port of Coos already exceed in total figures the amount of the bonds. This shows that all expenditure for public improvements are immediately added to the values of the land benefited. To any but the willfully blind it would clearly indicate where payment for public improvements should come from.

Portland Fair and Love Stock Show

For the Portland Fair and Live Stock Show held in Portland Sept. 20th. to 25, inclusive the C. & E. and S. P. will sell round trip tickets on Sept. 23rd. and 24th., only, good to return not later than Sept. 27th, for \$3.50. Children between 5 and 12 years old half fare. Passengers can go either via Albany or west sidh direct returning same way as going.

R. C. LINVILLE Agent. 9-18-7t

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