

FERN HILL MEETING OF FARM BUREAU

President George Mansfield Tells of Work of Bureau and Farmers Pledge Their Aid in Continuing Work of Bureau.

A large and enthusiastic audience greeted George A. Mansfield, president of the Oregon State Farm Bureau at a meeting held last Sunday in the Fern Hill Grange hall. Members of the farm bureau and others all the way from Scappoose to Clatskanie were present.

This is the first of a series of meetings of the farm bureau that will be held throughout the county. The farmers will meet for the purpose of selecting projects for the ensuing year and to select leaders and helpers on such projects.

Excellent addresses were made by County Agent F. C. Hollibaugh, L. G. Smith, president of the Columbia County Farm Bureau, Mr. Woodrum, editor of the Oregon State Farm Bureau News, and John L. Storla, secretary, made a report of the activities of the organization for the past six months and called attention to the purpose for which the farm bureau is organized.

Mr. Mansfield gave the main address of the day, and he was listened to eagerly for two hours. Mr. Mansfield is a man of impressive appearance, earnest conviction, a born fighter, and has represented the farmers of Oregon through the state farm bureau at national conventions, before the Interstate Commerce commission on the question of freight rates, and before a monetary commission at Washington, D. C., with respect to securing better terms of loans to farmers. He appears to be constantly in some fight or movement connected with securing better and bigger things for the farmers.

Mr. Mansfield stated that the need was great for an effective organization through which the voice of the farmer could be heard in our state and national capitals, before railroad boards, bankers associations, and in fact, all the various activities in which the product of the farm enters into discussion. Heretofore, he stated, whenever a question of increase or reduction of freight rates came up before the Interstate Com-

merce commission the manufacturers would be represented by their able experts, the railroads through high-priced attorneys and traffic managers, the shippers by their associations, but the voice of the farmer was not heard in an effective manner. Recently Mr. Mansfield appeared before the Interstate Commerce commission and successfully opposed an increase in freight rates to the great benefit of the farmer.

Co-operation between farmers' organization is necessary, he further stated, to secure the best results. He cited various cases where farm bureau, the grange and the farmers' union had worked in unity toward a common goal. The main thing, he said, was to work together so that the voice of the farmer, heretofore quite weak would be heard so loudly and insistently that his demands would produce real results. He urged the farmers not to get discouraged and quit just because some one or more of their efforts in the past had failed and called to witness the large number of business men who fail but never quit. Whether the farm bureau or any other organization of a similar character is to fail rests with the farmer himself, and if he gets behind his organization like the business men boost their associations then he cannot but succeed.

Mr. Mansfield cited numerous cases in which the farm bureau had saved in actual dollars and cents for its members in purchasing through that organization, saving the price of the annual dues many times over, as well as the indirect benefit that comes through state and national legislation fostered by the farm bureau. It has been figured, he said, that in the way of national legislation alone backed by the American Farm Bureau a saving of over three hundred dollars had resulted to each farmer.

At the conclusion of Mr. Mansfield's address, the members present expressed themselves on various topics and voiced the sentiment that Fern Hill community would back the farm bureau program to their full strength. Many ladies were present and on inquiry it is found that there are several lady farm bureau members.

The Fern Hill women contributed much to the cause by serving a splendid chicken dinner.

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TOLD A WILD BULLFROG TALE

Oklahoma Scribbler Properly Rebuked by Man Who Knows Those of Calaveras County.

For 40 years after Mark Twain wrote his story of the celebrated jumping frog of Calaveras county, California, no writer had the temerity to suggest that there could be in any other part of the country bullfrogs comparable with those in the famous mother lode country.

Recently, comments the San Francisco Chronicle, some foolhardy scribe from Oklahoma broadcast a story to the effect that Oklahoma bullfrogs were capturing and devouring unwary chickens. The story was a palpable attempt to discredit the Calaveras bullfrogs and has brought forth a merited rebuke.

A modest and essentially veracious Tuolumne county miner, commenting on the Oklahoma story, brands it as a rank imitation of what really happened near Shawmut, Tuolumne county, just across the line from Calaveras county. He says a lot of Calaveras bullfrogs were washed down into a creek in Tuolumne county and that shortly thereafter young ducks began to disappear.

One duck, larger and wiser than the rest, permitted himself to be swallowed all but his tail and legs, whereupon he started paddling and brought the bullfrog ashore. Thereafter he made a regular business of catching bullfrogs in this manner. The miner says he sold 159 frogs caught in this way at \$1.50 a dozen. He is training other ducks to hunt bullfrogs and contemplates giving up mining. It's a great country.

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