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SOLVING A BIG PROBLEM.

It has been made plain by the high cost of living that the consumers of the nation have come and are coming to outnumber the producers; that agriculture and its products are not keeping pace with the demand for food products and that measures should be taken to encourage agriculture in its best sense, i. e., in the sense that it provides in return for intelligent application of its principles to the soil, the comforts of home for the masses and a surplus whereby the demand for food products in manufacturing and business sections may be met with a reasonable profit to the producer, leaving the consumer some chance to save of his earnings for the traditional rainy day. It is plain that a balance must be struck between agricultural, trade and industrial means and profits, whereby the lopsided conditions of which complaint continually arises may be corrected, thus enabling the country to get on an even keel, remarks the Oregonian.

Looking to this end, experimental work in agriculture has been undertaken in various sections of the Rocky Mountains and Pacific Northwest that will not only increase through applied intelligence the products of the soil, but will give hope and cheer to farmer-folk who are struggling with adverse conditions. Oregon is to come in for its share in this line of effort. Experiment stations will be established in the near future in each of the several sections of the state, as the diversity of soil, moisture and other climatic conditions demand. For example it is proposed to establish a station in Harney valley where the problems of dry farming may be worked out; a station in the Willamette valley where the problems of Summer irrigation will receive consideration, and one in Southern Oregon where the climate and other conditions as applied to agriculture may be investigated.

The Willamette Valley has been called the garden spot of Oregon. A dry garden spot, covered with shriveled herbage, it is in July and August of each year, as we all know. And we are coming to know that this is not a necessary condition, since properly devised irrigation would keep the greater part, or at least a large part, of this area green with a succession of vegetables and grasses throughout

the driest of seasons.

We may well believe that this awakening to the needs and possibilities of soil production in the Willamette valley will mark the beginning of a new era in rural life and its activities in Oregon. With thousands of fertile acres in a state of primeval wilderness, hundreds of people are huddling together and leading a hand-to-mouth existence in our towns and cities, while all classes and conditions are crying aloud against the cost of living, the increase in which has extended to vegetables, meat, poultry dairy and orchard products, foodstuffs and forage crops.

Increased production and revised transportation schedules would certainly correct these conditions. Experiment stations from which knowledge of conditions that govern production can be obtained, and an influx of farmer folk who are sufficiently persistent, industrious and teachable to profit by the results which such experiments show are the agencies through which these ends will be, in due time, realized. The contemplated step is a long one in the right direction. Supervised by the State Agricultural College and aided by the Federal Department of Agriculture, it can hardly fail to produce gratifying results within the next five years.

RESULTS PROVED HER GREATNESS.

Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, who has just passed away, was a great woman. Her idea of religion may not have appealed to you but think of what she accomplished in organization. She was the mother of the Christian Science teaching and kept constantly at its preaching until in her brief lifetime she saw it grow into two hemispheres; saw stately churches erected in almost every city and died fully realizing that her teaching was being practiced in thousands upon thousands of good American homes.

Even if she was all wrong in her ideas of the Bible it must be admitted that there was a mysterious something that bound people closely to her and caused them to stick.

Christian Science may not be along the old lines of thinking; it may be a spasm only to pass away, and again it may not be. To judge such an important thing is a serious matter, and especially so when the large number who have accepted it cling to it with a tenacity as great as do members of any other creed.

It is an admitted fact that Christian Science can do no one any harm in this world. In fact some of the model lives today are led by those who followed Mary Baker Eddy. Whether model lives have any thing to do with the spiritual being in question for the ministers to decide, but in this world Christian Science has done much for it has taught its believers to learn and to govern themselves.

The world lost one of its most prominent and influential women when Mrs. Eddy died.

DRIFTING TO ONE END.

And now comes the news that a gigantic apple combine is to be organized. Trust? Yes, it is to be an apple trust with Oregon as the center piece. No

one holds up his hands in holy horror at this because it is to benefit home people, just as the tariff schedule benefits people of different localities. Yet the trust principle of the act is no less apparent, for the intention is to raise the price of apples.

It is in keeping with modern times, however, for almost everything consumed today is under the trust ban. The disposition of today is to concentrate; to take away individual effort and put all commerce under supervision of the different captains of industry.

This may be right, but it is a debatable question, and the bulk of evidence is against it. If the apple combine is successful and begins to show signs of success who will grab it? Why, Standard Oil of course. It will pay an enormous sum to get control of this industry just as it has in hundreds of other industries. It is an institution with large money at command and goes upon the theory that every man and every company has its price. This price Standard Oil is perfectly willing to pay if it can look into the future and see a steady revenue for years to come.

And that is what is known as business in the present material age. Oregon apple growers are merely joining the huge procession when they organized a trust, for all lines are drifting to one end—centralization, and probably to one ownership—Standard Oil.

WHY DELAY!

Congress says it is doubtful if it gets to the tariff question at this session.

Why not?

Can it be possible these newly elected democrats and insurgents find it hard to accomplish things in a minute at Washington?

Now, let's see them make good. Let us see them take the bit in their teeth and crush the octopus. Yes, the octopus with its many tentacles reaching into every corner of the nation. Crush it, ye congressmen fresh from the people. Busy thyself at once and bring back no excuse for having failed. The whole nation is watching you, so, make good.

Elsewhere in this issue of The Observer will be found a communication from the pen of Mayor Meyers on the bond issue to be voted upon at the next election. We respectfully ask that this be read carefully for it is important. When a man of Mayor Meyer's ability and standing in the community addresses the voters in a business letter, as this one is, it is apparent that attention to the points he mentions is essential.

When the maidens at Stockton, California issued an edict that false curls must go, they scarcely realized what they were doing. But they might do without the curls if the "rats" are permitted to remain.

Kansas says her baby crop is getting short. The game law on storks in that state must have run out.

TELEPHONE MAN HERE FROM EAST

DIRECTOR IN HOME TELEPHONE COMPANY VISITING HERE.

Presence Here May Foreshadow Sale of Pacific Company Plant Here.

W. S. Crowe, a prominent capitalist, of Manistique, Mich., is in the city today visiting his brother, S. D. Crowe. Mr. Crowe is heavily interested in the Home Independent Telephone company and is looking after the interests managed by his brother.

The presence here of Mr. Crowe foreshadows a speedy settlement of the proposed purchase of the Pacific Telephone company plant by the Home Independent people of this city and Walla county. The deal has been hanging fire the past several weeks, and will promptly come to some agreement or disagreement since the arrival of the Michigan man.

False War Scare.

San Diego, Dec. 6.—Another war scare was thrown into the police department when a shipment of iron balls which looked like cannon balls was received here today. The rumor spread they were for the Mexican

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revolutionists. Later it was found that the balls were used to crush rock for the manufacture of cement.

WHEAT IS ON THE MOVE

ANOTHER RAISE IN PRICE WILL LIKELY CLEAN UP SUPPLY.

Late Sales Indicate Ranchers are Willing to Let Go for Good Price.

According to men who have lived in this valley for many years and who are not only familiar with the crops, but also with the men who raise them, another advance in wheat will cause most of the farmers to sell the wheat supply that has been held for several months.

The late sales which now amount to over 30,000 bushels brought a price around seventy cents and it has caused the selling habit to spread. Several are on the brink of closing good big deals at the present time and with a few cents more advance, there is little doubt that minds of nearly all the ranchers in the valley will be in the same frame and as a result a large tonnage of the cereal will be placed on the world's market from the Grande Ronde.

Already the local depression in the money market is being relieved and there is better feeling commercially from Union to Joseph.

Farmers have already experienced the immense benefit derived from the Farmers Union warehouses and not one of them would think of departing from the organization and not having the privilege of using the places of storage. While it has been possible once or twice to sell at prices in advance of what are now being offered, there has also been long periods when to have sold would have meant severe sacrifice to the grower.

Notice of Street Improvement.

To whom it may Concern: Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a resolution adopted by the Common Council of the City of Grande, Oregon, on the 15th day December, 1909, creating Improvement district No. 13, and designating N. Fir street, as such district, and

pursuance of a resolution adopted by said Common Council on the 2nd day of November, 1910, whereby said Council determined and declared its intention to improve all that portion of N. Fir street, in said improvement district as hereinafter described, by laying thereon Bitulithic Pavement, the Council will, ten days after the service of this notice upon the owners of the property affected and benefited by such improvement, order that said above described improvement be made; that boundaries of said district to be so improved are as follows:

All that portion of N. Fir street, from the South Curb Line of Monroe Avenue to the North Line of S. avenue. Notice is hereby further given that the Council will levy a special assessment on all the property affected and benefited by such improvement for the purpose of paying for such improvement. That the estimated cost of such improvement is the sum of \$2529.40. That the Council will on the 7th day of December, 1910, meet at the Council chamber at the hour of 8 o'clock P. M., to consider said estimated cost, and the levy of said assessment, when a hearing will be granted to any person feeling aggrieved by such assessment.

La Grande, Oregon, November 23, 1910.

City Council of La Grande, Oregon.

By D. E. COX,

Recorder of the City of La Grande.

Nov. 26th 1910.

KEEP THE KIDNEYS WELL.

Health is Worth Saying, and Some La Grande People Know How to Save It.

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