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### THE OBSERVER BRUCE DENNIS Editor and Owner.

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#### FARMERS AS A BALANCE WHEEL

Indications are now that it is up to the Farmers Union of Oregon to enter politics and save the credit and the name of this fair state. If Oregon does not have a balance wheel in operation very soon the momentum of her present course will cause her to fly to pieces like a joint snake.

Someone will say—"such a statement means opposition to the people's measures." Not true, Oregon wants all of the present measures that bring legislation close to the people, but she must have a balance wheel to guide such legislation. Recent laws enacted are already beginning to befuddle the entire commonwealth. The supreme court is at sea and is calling on all attorneys in the state for opinions.

When politics get in a chaotic condition who is the country at large always calls upon? The farmers, every time, because as a rule a farmer's personal benefit means a benefit to the entire people. His life is such that he is free to look upon public questions without bias and prejudice.

Now, Oregon is right close up against a brick wall in a public way. Shall the farmers organize and take

a hand in the state's affairs. By all means, yes. Send farmers to the legislature and to congress. By all means yes. Send farmers to the legislature and to congress. Discard this idea of election no one but an attorney to office. It is a dangerous precedent. And it is up to the Farmers Union and the kindred organizations to begin the work of cutting out useless commissions and cutting down a state pay roll that promises to bankrupt the commonwealth if permitted to increase the way it has been going.

We would like to see the Farmers Union now in session in La Grande pass resolutions of a political nature setting forth needs reforms in the state and instead of putting legislation up to the people as a whole put it up to the taxpaying public.

#### PROSPERITY STILL WITH US.

Profit taking in the New York stock market yesterday caused a loss of some of the heavy gains made Monday but the action of the market is, on the whole, much improved when compared with the sluggishness that was so pronounced during the closing days of 1910. The general financial and commercial situation, in spite of the wall of the pessimist, is rapidly improving and indications for even a more prosperous year than 1910 are plentiful. Money is easier and foreign lenders are again inquiring for American securities, although the uncertainty regarding legislation is handicapping the sale of railroad bonds and stocks. There is, however, a large amount of idle money in this country. Numerous millions and billions of this money are represented in our immense crops of agricultural products, and there are more millions that have been stored away through fear that the recovery from the panic of 1907 had been too rapid.

Wall street's regular disbursement of January dividends this year amounted to more than \$200,000,000, and as

the owners of this money can neither eat it or drink it, they will promptly put it back in the channels of trade where it will earn more interest. The high prices commanded by our leading cereals for several years have had a tendency to restrict a free-selling movement now that there has been a decline in prices, and the exports are not at all in keeping with the crop figures compiled by the government. This would indicate that the farmers are holding back pretty heavy stocks throughout the country, a policy that could not be pursued unless the financial condition of the holders was of the best.

For the past two years on the Pacific coast there has been a steady flow of new capital for use in railroad and other industrial enterprises. New capital has been brought here, also by the thousands of new settlers who are opening up long neglected localities in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. The presence of this money, which in the aggregate reaches an immense total, has worked wonders in maintaining the financial equilibrium for the Pacific northwest. With new development in all lines of industry proceeding on a greater scale than ever, nothing short of a world-wide financial cataclysm can check the prosperity of this region. There are so many powerful influences working for the continued prosperity of this city and state, and the adverse influences are so insignificant and few, that the opportunity for the pessimist in this field is sadly lacking.—Oregonian.

#### LITTLE DRAWBACKS EVERYWHERE.

If the average person thinks he is going to find the perfect community on this earth he is mistaken. No more is it possible than it is to find the perfect man. No matter how good a section of the country may look, no matter how well it may stand close investigation, you can be sure that with long acquaintance it will develop its faults.

This was forcefully brought to mind when George L. Cleaver returned from Colorado a few days ago and handed the editor of the Observer a printed invitation and program for a "grasshopper meeting" which was held in Greeley, Colorado about a year ago. The cause for calling this meeting was the damage done growing crops the year preceding by grasshoppers and other pests. The situation was a serious one and it became necessary to take concerted action.

Colorado people were too wise to publish these faults to the wide world. They viewed them as unfortunate things that sometimes happen in the family and worked inwardly to correct them. And while it was pests in Colorado, it is something else in other localities. No place exactly safe.

And the moral to this little illustration is this: If there is a man in this Grande Fondo valley who is prone to kick against the country,

who believes that elsewhere things are better, that the sun shines brighter in California or that the wheat grows better in Canada, for goodness sake let him move at once. This valley is not wholly perfect, but to the misguided people who think there are so much better localities let us say, you are mistaken. There is not a place on God's footstool where a man can make his living so easily, there is not a place where merit counts for more than right here in this valley.

Think over the Colorado pests, the Montana blizzards, the Nebraska drouths, the California floods and then either repent for your knocking or sell off your belongings and move to the country of your choice.

#### No. 20 Report of the Condition of THE COVE STATE BANK, at Cove, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, January 7, 1911.

Resources.	
Loans and discounts	\$41,551.30
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	20.07
Bonds, securities, etc	920.54
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	2,075.00
Due from banks (not reserve banks)	1,201.63
Due from approved reserve banks	5,300.64
Checks and other cash items	5.00
Cash on hand	2,776.88
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$53,851.06</b>

Liabilities	
Capital stock paid in	\$15,000.00
Surplus fund	350.00
Undivided Profits, less expenses and taxes paid	1,165.82
Individual deposits subject to check	26,491.53
Demand certificates of deposit	368.65
Time certificates of deposit	5,475.06
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed	5,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$53,851.06</b>

State of Oregon, county of Union, ss: I, G. A. STOCK, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
G. A. STOCK, Cashier.  
Correct—Attest:  
M. J. DUFFEY,  
S. G. REES,  
Directors.

### FOX HILL DOG A VICTIM OF RABBIES

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It is believed that did the dog die of rabbies, he did not inoculate any animal or people while thus afflicted. Whether or not the canine spread the disease to any of the dogs in the

community is the chief question, but it is not believed it did. The animal died with distinct symptoms of rabbies later in the evening.

This is the first case to come to the attention of the public in Union county and may be the forerunner of a gradual spread from the Wallowa districts where coyotes and dogs have been afflicted with hydrophobia for several weeks and where government forces are now at work trying to stamp out a spread of this terrible affliction. Mr. Brill feels confident that while he does not know where his dog was inflicted, the animal did not come in contact with other dogs or animals that might carry the virus.

"I had been troubled with constipation for two years and tried all of the best physicians in Bristol, Tenn., and they could do nothing for me," writes Thos. E. Williams, Middleboro, Ky. "Two packages of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets cured me." *Keep a box in your medicine chest.*



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