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#### "ON TO WASHINGTON."

Each member of the Farmers Union should think carefully over what Senator Pierce said in his speech last night at the L. D. S. tabernacle, for there is a world of truth in his utterances and a conclusion must be reached after due reflection that the Senator spoke from thorough study of the question before the people.

When Senator Pierce told the farmers that local victory in the way of cheapening commodities was only temporary relief, he was right; when he told them that the retail merchant was anything but their enemy—a fact the farmers already know, he was right; and many other statements he made met with the approval of this paper.

And when the senator in the plainest kind of English, urged the farmers that the only permanent relief is through politics, he struck the purple center of the whole matter.

"On to Washington" should be the slogan of the Farmers Union. No member should be content until he sees his organization electing to a great extent the election of proper men to office, and shaping in a large

degree the destiny of this nation not by advocating rainbow chasing laws, but by advocating substantial measure for the people that will dissolve the present system of gigantic capital combination. Strike at the huge concern that is a common enemy to hearthstone of the farmer and the retail merchant as well. Strike at the fountain head of trouble, and the only way to do it is to cease electing to office men who do not in any way represent the farmer and consumer.

The curse of Oregon has been her hair-brained public men. No state can show such a galaxy of nincompoops who have held office and are holding office. This does not mean that they are small, but it does mean that the highest offices have been filled to a great extent by petty larceny grafters. And today there is a herd of hairbrains riding this wave of reform in Oregon and holding office at good salaries, who doubtless could not earn \$100 per month if they were put on their own resources. It is up to the farmer to correct these ills. And he will save at his back the retail merchant and the country newspaper (not the metropolitan press), the country banker and the better element of all classes.

We say to the Farmers Union, follow the advice of Senator Pierce. He is a farmer and one of the kind who works. He knows what is needed, but to his discredit he said, he has sat by and let these conditions continue occasionally helping men into office whom he knew did not measure up. No one knows better than Senator Pierce what the shyster lawyer does the moment he gets the bit in his teeth, and this is not saying that all lawyers are shysters, but a number who aspire and get offices are.

However, if an organization like the Farmers Union should interest itself in the work such men as Senator Pierce would cease to be negli-

gent in public affairs. But the Union should bear in mind that the one thing to remember and while they are also achieving local victories in a business way.

#### WHY LIVING IS EXPENSIVE.

Mrs. Ellen H. Richards is the president of the American Home Economics Association, says the Oregonian. We take this opportunity to magnify her renown because she has published some instructive remarks upon the cost of living in the Ladies' Home Journal. In her opinion we owe our present difficulties in making both ends meet not nearly so much to the tariff or trusts as to our own folly and wastefulness. Out of every dollar of the family budget, she says, from 10 to 40 cents, upon the average goes to the garbage heap. It is lost because the average wife is too dignified to look after trifling items of expense. We have a National feeling that it is belittling to count the cost. Spending is in itself a glorious act even when we cannot afford it. The poor give themselves a comfortable feeling of being as good as the rich by wasting the little means they have.

Besides our wasteful habits, which have been enlarged upon before in these columns, Mrs. Richards points out two other causes of the high cost of living in these days. The first is the "combine of social opinion" which drives multitudes of women to buy what they do not want because their neighbors have bought it. She declares that American women are not educated nearly so well as their mothers were to know the true values of articles and therefore they are swindled not only in prices, but also, and much worse, in the senseless demand which is inspired in them for useless and silly things.

Next to this false economic demand which is created by social opinion, Mrs. Richards ranks "fastidiousness" as a cause of high prices. The plain and simple article falls to please, even if intrinsically it is better than the ornate and complicated one. We have strayed far from the solid realities and every step in the journey has cost money. Since these unpleasant conditions arise from ignorance, the plain remedy for them is better education. The cost of living will decrease in proportion as our housewives learn to understand common things and perform common duties.

#### THE WEBSTER GOOD ROADS BILL

During the past two days there have been discussions among themselves the Webster good roads bill now before the legislature, and from what the Evening Observer can learn we believe they are unanimously opposed to it. The farmers are not opposed to good roads, not at all, but they are opposed to the provisions of this bill and the legislators from Walla Walla, Union or Baker county

who votes for that measure is doing so when a large element of his constituency disapproves of it.

It took but a few minutes for each and every one of the farmers to go to the heart of this bill that provides state aid for road building. They can readily see the joker in it, and they do not propose to have the state treasury further burdened by an expensive commission and the highway commissioner.

We all want good roads, but we want them just the way Judge Henry and the county court of Union county is getting them for this county. It is not a rapid process but it is a process that will not bankrupt either the state or the county, and it does not carry with it a bunch of high salaries, kid-gloved inspectors and commissions.

#### TOTING FAIRLY.

A prominent Portland newspaper says, "If the railroads will tote fair with Oregon, Oregon will tote fair with the railroads."

There is a sermon in this remark. It followed the address of W. W. Cotton, a railroad attorney, who gave forth a calamity howl at the laws of the state. All people who think a little bit know Mr. Cotton had ground for complaint against some of the laws just passed, and those laws must be corrected as soon as possible. But there is another side to the railroad question in Oregon—it is the "toting fair" side.

This state needs railroads worse than she needs anything else, but the earnings of what roads she has would indicate that there is plenty of business for mileage. To be frank, the earnings of Oregon railroads are apparently unfair to the producer of tonnage, unfair to the people who granted the right of eminent domain over the state, and decidedly unfair to the labor employed in operating the roads.

Yes, let the railroads "tote fair" with Oregon and we believe she will return the compliment.



The Housatonic Who Make the Second Number on the Local Lyceum Course. At the L. B. S. Tabernacle on the 18th.

#### Legal Notices.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Union County.  
Pearl Downs, plaintiff, vs. Fred Downs, Defendant.  
To Fred Downs, the above named defendant:  
In the name of the State of Oregon:

You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, and if you fail to so appear and answer, for want thereof the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for in her complaint to-wit, for the dissolution of the bonds of matrimony existing between the plaintiff and defendant, for the care and custody of the minor children of the plaintiff and defendant, Eunice Downs and Harold Downs, and for her costs and disbursements, and for such other and further relief as to the Court may seem proper.

This summons is published by order of the Hon. J. W. Knowles, Judge of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Union County, which order is dated the 14th day of Dec., 1910, and requires this said summons to be published in the La Grande Weekly Observer, once each week for six successive weeks.

The date of the first publication of this summons is the 16th day of Dec., 1910.

EUGENE ASHWILL,  
Attorney for Plaintiff,  
Dec. 16-23-30-Jan. 6-13-20

#### Notice for Publication.

Notice is hereby given that Henry O. Zwicker whose post office address is 25th and Lee streets, Salem, Oregon, did on the 16th day of June, 1910, file in this office sworn statement and application, No. 68265, to purchase the SW 1-4 NE 1-4, W 1-2 SE 1-4, Section 24, Township 3 South, Range 34 East, Willamette Meridian, and the timber thereon, under the provisions of the act of June 3, 1878, and acts amendatory, known as the "Timber and Stone Law," at such value as might be fixed by appraisement, and that, pursuant to such application, the land and timber thereon have been appraised at \$465.00, the timber estimated 375,000 board feet at \$1.00 per M. and the land \$30.00; that said applicant will offer final proof in support of this application and sworn statement on the 16th day of February, 1911, before the Register and Receiver, United States Land Office, at La Grande, Oregon.

Any person is at liberty to protest this purchase before entry or institute a contest at any time before patent issues, by filing a corroborated affidavit in this office, alleging facts which would defeat the entry.

F. C. BRAMWELL, Register.  
Nov. 26 Feb. 3.

#### Summons.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Union County.  
Geraldine Watt, Plaintiff,  
vs.

William Watt, Defendant.  
To William Watt, the above named defendant:

In the name of the state of Oregon: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before the 6th day of February, A. D. 1911, and if you fail to so appear and answer the plaintiff for want thereof will apply to the above entitled court for the relief prayed for in the com-

plaint herein, to-wit: for a decree of absolute divorce from you the defendant above named, annulling the marriage contract now existing between you and the plaintiff and for such other relief as to the Court may seem just and equitable. This summons is published in the La Grande Weekly Observer, a weekly newspaper published at La Grande in the above named county and state, for the period of six consecutive weeks of seven issues thereof, the first publication thereof being on the 23rd day of December, A. D. 1910, by order of Hon. J. W. Knowles, Judge of the above entitled court, made and dated the 16th day of December, A. D. 1910.  
J. B. MESSICK,  
Attorney for Plaintiff.  
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