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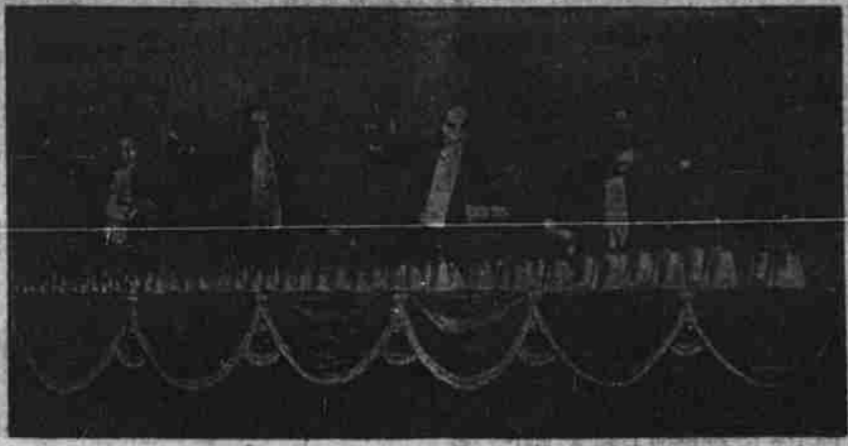
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FARMERS URGED TO CO-OPERATE

PRESIDENT BARRETT SENDS LETTER TO LOCAL UNIONS

Co-Operation Only Solution to Farmers' Troubles These Days

Co-operation is the only hope for the American farmer, according to President Charles S. Barrett, of the Farmers' Co-Operative and Educational Union, in a letter to members of the Eastern Oregon unions received recently. The letter follows:

To the officers and members of the Farmers' Union:—During my recent stay in Washington in connection with legislation demanded by the Farmers' union, it was my privilege to meet Sir Horace Plunkett, who is one of the most remarkable personalities in the old world.

He has done and is doing in Ireland the work that the Farmers' union is attempting to do in America. He has done and is doing in Ireland the work that the Farmers' union is attempting to do in America. He has done and is doing in Ireland the work that the Farmers' union is attempting to do in America.

In Ireland the conditions as regards tenancy are, of course, infinitely more discouraging than in this country. The poverty of the Irish peasant and the desperate struggle he has to keep his head fairly above water combine to form one of the epochs of history.

The harshness of conditions in the Emerald Isle do not need to be elaborated when we consider that it has operated to drive so large a proportion of the native population into other countries, notably into our own. In Ireland only one person in 79 is a land owner, and even that showing is considerably amended for the worse as one grows familiar with the restriction of land owning in that country.

Under Hard Conditions.
Sir Horace Plunkett began his task in most forbidding environments. He had to do in the first place with a people that had lost some of the most vital elements of its population to other countries. It was a people discouraged by the long, arduous and often hopeless battle with political circumstances.

We in America have almost infinite resources in the change of soil and climate. But within the narrow boundaries of Ireland the agricultural gamut is necessarily limited, and then limited again by the tightening cords of landlordism.

It was in the face of this unpromising condition and with the formidable job of combatting the customs and traditions of centuries, that Sir Horace commenced his first campaign to arouse, concentrate and organize the Irish farmer.

He has succeeded in a degree that challenges admiration. We do not mean to say, nor would he claim himself, to have been the savior of Ireland. Mountainous reforms, agricultural and industrial, remain yet to be accomplished. But he has sown scientific agriculture, business agriculture, co-operation, co-ordination and the gospel of hope and work and education, so indefatigably as to mitigate the lot of the Irish peasant and turn his face once more toward the east.

I knew these things when I met him in Washington a few weeks ago, and it was, therefore, with a lively interest that I listened to his conversation with myself and with the other members of your legislative committee.

The most striking feature of his statement was this: that he had experienced very largely the same

difficulties in working for the uplift of the Irish farmer that we have experienced in working for the uplift of the American farmer. He told us that even where inherited submission played a prominent part in the national temperament, it was a matter of tremendous difficulty to secure co-operation. The Irish farmer was loath to give up even the measure of fancied independence he possessed and pool his efforts for the common good. As in America, he was prone to criticizing his leadership. He was slow to see the absolute necessity of patronizing his own enterprises and of securing the right kind of men to run them in order to work his way out to genuine independence.

Conditions in America.

The most casual thinkers among our list of members will at once recognize the same obstacles in the pathway of organizing American farmers. Check off the items one by one and you will find very similar conditions prevailing in both cases. The situation is complicated by the fact that the American farmer is even more independent than the Irish farmer, and his greater isolation has operated to make him more suspicious than the other. I cite this parallel and these facts that we may fully realize the size of the task ahead of us if we are to achieve ultimate triumph. I have said again and again that in order to readjust the balance in this country and to win for the farmer what is his due, the individual must be prepared to forfeit a half of what he regards his rights to the common welfare. It is only as he pays this price that we shall realize the purpose of the organization.

The task in America is, of course, incomparably larger than that in Ireland by reason of the size of our country, the diversity of interests and the coat-of-many-colors population produced by the unrestricted American immigration.

We have made vast progress and will win in the long run. It is just as well not to underestimate the size of the undertaking and to realize that each man must contribute.

CHAS. S. BARRETT.

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style of Union Coal and Feed Co. was plaintiff and Jesse L. Smith, was defendant, said judgment being in favor of plaintiff as against said defendant, for the sum of \$144.33 with interest thereon at the rate of 6 per cent per annum, from May 31, 1910, and the further sum of \$10.80 for costs and disbursements, I will on Monday, the 20th day of March, 1911 at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, at the front door of the court house in the City of La Grande, Union County, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy said judgment, interest, costs, and disbursements and accruing costs, all the right, title and interest that said defendant had in and to Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, in Block 22 of the town of Imbler, Union County, Oregon.

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