

COMMISSION LAUDS SCHEME

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ties but if their credit facilities were improved it is reasonable to suppose that the strength of such societies would be thereby increased.

When thorough business co-operation is established in a farming community and the co-operative principle is accepted, it is almost certain that the farmers will fall into the habit of co-operating upon general social and civil lines. I believe chambers of agriculture organized in the country districts would be found of great value.

All of this organization work in European countries has been carried on through voluntary organizations. In some instances the governments for their own ends have attempted to control the movement, but the results of such control have not generally been regarded as satisfactory. A close study of the subject will show that the entire plan is based upon the idea of self help and public nursing is not calculated to give strength to such organizations.

Organization along co-operative lines has been demonstrated to be of great value to the farmers in European countries and well directed work of that kind ought not to be delayed or met with indifference in the United States.

The key to the Rosetta stone is the word "Co-operation."

Permit me to say further, individually, that in my judgment, our rural population needs a financial plan or system separate and distinct from a commercial banking system, to meet their requirements. They should have facilities for short time cash accommodations at reasonable rates which can be had by co-operative institutions and they should have a plan or means for obtaining long time loans at a low rate of interest with sinking fund or amortization feature.

A bill was introduced by me in the senate on August 9th, and I then discussed the subject, and also had printed a statement outlining and explaining the bill. I took the position that no commercial banking system could be made to suitably accommodate the farmer; that a distinct system adapted to his needs was necessary. I wish

it understood that I did this on my own responsibility and not as chairman of the American commission, or in any official relation whatever. I wish it further understood that I am not committed to the plan there set forth to such extent that I am not ready to yield it or any portion of it if a better scheme is presented. It provides for a definite, clearly defined national rural banking system. It touches the states at many points. Land title laws, foreclosure laws, laws regarding voluntary societies organized not for profit and other state laws existing or to be enacted should be amended, passed or delia with in order to perfect the proposed system and make it in the highest degree beneficial.

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LAVEY SENDS HIS REASONS

IN PUBLIC LETTER FROM JAIL EXPLAINS MOTIVE.

Former Secretary of La Grande Commercial Club Serves Term.

Refusing to accept the aid of friends to secure his pardon from a jail sentence in Portland for defrauding investors by use of the mails, Pat C. Lavey, formerly secretary-manager of the La Grande Commercial club, who has recently been located in Portland, writes an interesting letter from his cell to his friends, as follows:

Portland, Ore., Aug. 26.—(To the Editor).—The article in the Oregonian of July 29, relative to my refusal to permit my friends to proceed in the matter of securing executive clemency from the president in my case was true, but indefinite, and I would like to explain to your readers why a man confined in jail refuses to let his good friends help in his release. It is not because I do not want freedom, for I do want that as much as any man.

Several years ago, when I committed the offense against the postal laws which sent me to this jail, I was young in the ways of business and was not familiar with the methods of some business men. I was unaware of the traps that always lay wide open for the young, energetic and perhaps over-ambitious man who is willing to believe every word spoken by his associates in an enterprise to which they are anxious to lend their names. The enterprise to which I refer came to me uncollected.

From the day I realized I was "holding the sack", and that unless I earned and repaid some \$40,000, those who had invested in the enterprise must lose, I tried my best to meet the obligations personally and by my own efforts. My close friends know all about my struggles to "make good."

District Attorney McCourt and his assistant, Mr. Johnson, gave me a white man's fighting chance to accomplish this. Postal Inspector Durand was not at any time intolerant with me in my efforts, but the task was too great for me to accomplish in the short time. I met the inevitable as best I could before Judge Wolverton, who saved me the disgrace of wearing convict stripes. This leniency was recommended by Assistant District Attorney Johnson.

Sheriff Word and his jailers, Grafton Pratt and Pfeifer, have spared me every humiliation. They have treated me like a real human being. This treatment has had its good effect. It has made me more determined than ever to make a success of life; to go on through with the battle without malice against any man; to justify the confidence of my friends. I refused to permit my friends to proceed with the pardon plans because I could not let them do more for me. They went on my bonds, loaned me money, when I was embarrassed and have supplied me with what I have needed in the way of extras ever since my incarceration. I believe I have justified the confidence of my bondsmen.

I was not secretary of the state of Oklahoma. I was private secretary to Governor Haskell, throughout his campaigns for the constitutional convention and for governor. He would travel to Washington now and lay my case before the president, and perhaps secure my pardon, but I refuse to permit this. United States Senators Owen and Gore, of Oklahoma; Stone and Reed, of Missouri, also the Kansas senators, would help me, but I refuse. I made a mistake. I will now try my level best to be man enough to "face the music." I regret that my sentence does not expire until after New Year's and that I must pass that day and Christmas here. I will play Christmas tree with the other fellows here, and we who belong temporarily to the "down-and-outers" will make the best of it.

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Imbler, Aug. 27.—(Special)—The brick work on the new bank building is progressing nicely and the officers of the bank expect to be able to move before the cold weather comes.

The Imbler Fruit Growers' union endorses the action of the blight commission to get the state funds to aid in the fight against the destructive blight.

The mill is running steadily with the new motor of 75 horse power in place, and it is expected that the output this year will break all former records.

Miss Avis Vinacke of La Grande is visiting the Cleaver girls this week.

Imbler had a real circus, elephants, parade, clown and all, on Saturday. The friends of Miss Irby, formerly of Imbler, will be interested to learn of her marriage to Evans Replagle, of Red Oak, Iowa. The wedding took place at Garfield, Washington.

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