

SEVEN BANKS HANDLE COIN OF UNION COUNTY

Union county has a total of seven banks, each the center of a fertile belt, and catering to, and meeting the needs of its patrons. Four of the seven are national banking houses and three are state banks. Each has a desirable clientele, each has a peculiarly local field to operate in. The men who direct the destinies of these seven banks as cashiers are: La Grande National, Fred. L. Meyers; United States National (La Grande) T. J. Scroggin; Cove State Bank, Hugh McCall; Imbler State Bank, Sherwood Williams; First National of Elgin, R. L. Shoemaker; Farmers' State Bank of

BANKING HOUSES:	Discounts Loans	Deposits	Capital Surplus	Reserve Stock in	Banking House Fix't.	Total Resources
U. S. National, La Grande	\$ 617,135	\$ 690,828	\$ 118,000	\$ 3,400	\$ 30,488	\$ 873,558
La Grande National	841,776	1,040,290	240,000	7,500	61,113	1,351,119
First National, Elgin	147,259	232,152	57,500	1,800	13,305	303,735
First National, Union	239,069	288,398	60,000	1,800	9,300	398,042
Cove State	56,780	84,358	16,650	...	5,109	103,288
Imbler State	100,232	97,780	27,500	...	11,258	132,803
Farmers State, North Powder	99,341	109,722	18,000	...	3,500	129,344
Totals	\$2,101,592	\$2,545,328	\$537,650	\$14,500	\$134,064	\$3,291,889

GRANGES AND FARMERS' UNION HAVE ACCOMPLISHED MUCH GOOD

Aftermath of Post-War Chaos Remains Potent Factor for Uplifting the Farmers' Social and Intellectual Life

BY C. D. HUFFMAN
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In 1866 at the close of the war the commissioner of agriculture was instructed to make an effort to bring order out of the chaos caused by the devastation of war.

Accordingly he appointed O. S. Kelley to go among the agricultural classes, study conditions and report.

He recommended the forming of an organization strictly non-partisan where farmers might meet on a common level and consider conditions. The result was the organization of the Grange.

At that time there was no secretary of agriculture as we now have, and for many years agriculture was not considered among the sciences. Now we have agricultural colleges in all the state—agriculture taught even in our public and rural schools.

We have 32 states now organized with approximately 15 million members.

The National Grange just now closed at Washington, D. C., celebrated our 50th anniversary with appropriate ceremonies. We are justly proud of our order—founded on the principle of justice and equity—one of our basic principles being partisan politics and religion shall not be discussed at our meetings. The prestige we now hold is largely due to this fact.

As a business organization we have not been a success, but socially, educationally and legislatively we think we have. Our meeting together twice a month naturally develops a system of sociability otherwise not acquired. At these meetings we discuss ways and means of best managing our farms and stock, home making and all the varied subjects and problems that come to our notice. Through our organization and schools we are enabled to get the very best information available. Our colleges with their animal husbandry experiment stations, domestic science and art, are always ready to furnish us with the very best of everything, making our order very closely allied to our great agricultural educational system.

On questions of a public nature, legislative and otherwise, we work in harmony with The Farmers Union. Each organization has a national and state legislative committee whose duty it is to attend the session of the law making bodies, and assist in securing good legislation and preventing the bad.

Following are some of the laws we have been instrumental in securing.

- Rural Mail.
- Parcel Post.
- Postal Savings Banks.
- Denatured Alcohol duty free.
- Oleomargarine law.
- Pure food law.
- Electing U. S. senators by direct vote and etc.
- Prohibition, Woman Suffrage.

In our state we have the initiative and referendum by means of which we are enabled to defeat many bad measures and secure good ones. For this system of law making, etc., we owe a debt of gratitude to The Farmers' Alliance, a farm organization that originated about 1890—went into politics and shared the fall of all other organizations that went that way.

In our state we have succeeded in securing much remedial legislation, and saved many thousands of dollars to the taxpayers by preventing the passage of bad laws—especially have we prevented the passage of many excessive bonding schemes for building service highways at extortionate prices in the interest of the few at the expense of the many.

Grange and Farmers' Union stands first, last and all the time for a square deal.

Our grand business is not to see what lies dimly at a distance, but to do what lies clearly at hand.—Carlyle.

There is nothing in which men more deceive themselves than in what they call zeal.—Addison.

Withstand the beginnings, for an after remedy comes too late.—Thomas a Kempis.

Even when the bird walks we see that it has wings.—Lemierre.

BY FRANK WRIGHT
(Secretary Farmers' Union)
The Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union of America is a fraternal beneficiary association of farmers or producers of the soil, originating among cotton producers of the south, where conditions became almost unbearable, and to better their condition, one, Newt. Gresham, organized what is now commonly known as the Farmers' Union.

Its object: First, Educational.

The farmer has three duties to perform: He must know how to farm, he must know how to market his crops, and he must know how to get legislation in his interest. And along these lines the Union, through bureaus connected with the organization, lectures, county agents, agricultural colleges and the federal government are seeking to elevate the farmer to a higher position than he has hitherto enjoyed by placing before him information which leads to better farming and to his best interests.

In the way of national legislation the Union has asked for a strict immigration law, a law to prevent dealing in future on margins, a law for the physical valuation of railroads, telegraph, telephone and express companies, as an essential feature of proper regulation, a law providing for crop distribution operated in connection with the department of commerce and labor. The bureau to collect information to be circulated free as the consular reports are now circulated. The National committee worked for a rural credit law, parcel post and reserve banking law.

Second: Co-operation.
By this is meant the proper exchange of products, direct to the consumer, which keeps the middle man from speculating on products he does not help to produce. Its scope is unlimited.

Organization in the Northwest:

Two locals were organized near Sherwood, Ore., prior to 1907, but were of short duration. In April, 1907, C. S. Barret organized at Waitsburg, Wash., Local No. 1 and Prescott No. 2. The movement spread rapidly and on June 15, 1908, they held their first state meeting.

During the summer of 1907, A. A. Ellmore, organized several locals in Umatilla county and elsewhere. In 1908 F. A. Sikes took charge of the Oregon organization and in 1910 elected J. W. McAlister (now deceased) as its first state president.

Membership:

Jurisdiction of Oregon and southern Idaho in 1915 increased 21 per cent, having a total of 3431 members in good standing.

There are innumerable farmers' warehouses in the interior and a tri-state terminal at Portland and Seattle. Also co-operative stores and telephone companies, creameries and etc. Also a social feature is given prominence, to detract the mind from the dullness of the routine of business, and serve sumptuous dinners which would tempt the most delicate appetite, and can only be partaken of to be appreciated. The farmer has been reluctant to change his methods, but by education and co-operation the problem of distribution will be solved.

Wallowa County Rich In Agricultural Lines

Wonderful Country Has Only Been Scratched by Developers of Her Potential Possibilities—Hogs, Stock, Hay, Grain, Lumber, Among Industries.

Wallowa county is a theme for volume. Possessed of such natural wonders as Wallowa Lake, the gorges of the Snake river and her fertile plains and pastures she deserves a book some day by a man of vision and ability to write what he sees. Enterprise is its county seat, doing a big sawmill and general business. Enterprise is growing as probably no other small city in Oregon. Joseph, near the shores of the wonderful Wallowa Lake, which only in recent years has come to the notice of "See-America-

First, is another thriving community, and Wallowa is a third. Lumbering is the chief enterprise there. Flora is the center of a domain off to the north from whence come hogs and grain, but principally hogs. The country tributary to Flora, many miles remote from a railroad track, is the greatest pork producer in Oregon. Cattle and sheep roam and feed upon the ranges and hills making all Wallowa county a wealthy area, with grain, hay and lumber really only secondary separately to stock. The scenic attractions of that grand country draw thousands to the county annually and countless thousands will continue to come when these features become more widely known.

During the eight or nine years Wallowa county has been tapped by a railroad from La Grande, she has come into her own rapidly, and today is ranked as one of the wealthiest in Oregon. The climate is four-seasoned and healthful.

When other counties of Oregon have reached the zenith of their attainments and can go but little higher, there will still be cattle raising and hog raising, milling, hay, grain and mines possibilities to develop in Wallowa county, for her capacity has only been scratched here and there. Wallowa county is a wonderful country, wonderful indeed.

Holiday Season Plants.
Among the red berried plants the most beautiful of all are the holly trees and aucubas from Holland; shapely ardisias, brilliant fruited Christmas peppers, the old time favorite Jerusalem cherry trees, otahelte orange, ponderosa lemon trees, with their larger fruits of dark and light yellow, and those pretty little trailing plants, the partridge berries, grown in glass berry bowls, raised in America.

Wrapping the Gifts
Are you among the fortunate number who have completed their Christmas purchases and have them all neatly and daintily wrapped and labeled and placed in a large box or a drawer to await the proper moment when they are to be started on their way by mail, messenger or, perchance, personal delivery? If you are not, what are you doing with the little gift which you purchase or complete each day and add to the growing pile? Are you carefully wrapping each one after inclosing a pretty Christmas greeting card with soft white or gayly decorated Christmas paper? One cannot help but feel that those little remembrances which are received, all thoughtfully and artistically wrapped with a bit of holly or poinsettia paper and bound with red, green, white or holly ribbon and choicely labeled and sealed with the numerous attractive little stickers which come for this purpose, mean more in their detail of taste and care than all the handsome and wonderful gifts which time and money can produce without these final touches. Then make the offering as simple and inexpensive as you choose, but if you would convey to your friend an atmosphere of thought and remembrance take a little time each day to complete the arrangement for each friend before laying it aside with the other gifts. Not only will the preparation of the gifts take on additional interest to you, but it will make the last days of bustle and excitement less arduous, and then, too, you will not be piling into the postoffice or the express office all your various bundles at one time, but will be prepared to start many of them on their way in advance of the last rush and thus avoid the often inevitable delay which means belated greetings and, worse than all, packages which give the appearance of hasty arrangement and lack of thought.

Xmas Gifts That Please BUY HIM A FINE BOX OF CHOICE

Doubloons
Van Dykes
Roi Tans
Gatos
Reios
Flor De Moss
Coral Keys
Carabanos
Elsidelos
Palos

If these do not suit we have a Choice line of Tobaccos, Cigarettes and Cigars, including

HIGH CLASS HOME-MADE CIGARS

THE CLUB

CIGAR STORE

Arch Bacon - - - Manager

BUY HER A BOX OF JOHNSON'S CHOCOLATES

Xmas Gifts That Please