

YANKEE DUCHESS

Once Miss May Ogden Goelet of New York City.

FRIEND OF QUEEN MARY.

Could Not Be Appointed Mistress of the Robes Because She Was Not Born in England—Collects Jewels and Has a Marvelous Necklace of Turquoises.

It was recently reported in American newspapers that the Duchess of Roxburghe, who before her marriage was Miss May Ogden Goelet of New York



Duchess of Roxburghe, and Newport, had been offered the position of mistress of the robes to Queen Mary, vacated by the Duchess of Devonshire, consequent on the appointment of the duke to the governor-generalship of Canada.

The rules of the court require that the mistress of the robes should not be of lower rank than a duchess, and this rule considerably limits the number of ladies to whom the premier position in Queen Mary's household could be offered. But the rules also say she must be an Englishwoman by birth, so the Duchess of Roxburghe was barred.

Of the duchesses the two who stand most high in the regard of Queen Mary are the Duchess of Portland and the Duchess of Roxburghe. The Duchess of Portland is mistress of the robes to Queen Alexandra, otherwise it is more than possible that the position would have been offered to her. The Duchess of Roxburghe's friendship with Queen Mary is not of very long standing. Her grace was, of course, received at court after her marriage, and afterward, with her husband, was the guest on several occasions of the late King Edward VII. and Queen Alexandra.

The Duke of Roxburghe is one of the best all around sportsmen in England. He shoots, skates, rides to hounds and has half a dozen other strenuous pastimes, in all of which he excels. He took part in the South African war and won much praise. During a reconnaissance at Rensburg a private lost his mount. The duke, realizing the great danger the man was in, rode out under a heavy fire and effected his rescue, the private and peer riding into safety on the same horse.

The duchess has a wonderful collection of turquoises, which has attracted a great deal of interest in society. The chief item in the collection is a large ornament for the neck composed of hundreds of turquoises, all flawless and of great beauty and value. The duchess had a hundred pieces of jewelry broken up to form this wonderful thing.

Deposits of tungsten ore have been discovered in Korea and mines are being opened. A new scenic railway is provided with switches which turn its cars around and make the passengers ride backward until other switches are reached.

Our Want Ads bring results.

Farmers' Meeting for Union County

To be held at La Grande City Hall, at 10 a. m. the last Saturday of this month, to-wit, **Jan. 27, 1916**

To promote A NEW ERA of prosperity and thrift by enabling all people to enjoy fullest benefits possible under the FEDERAL FARM LOAN ACT.

A Personal Letter

American Farm Finance League

Minneapolis Chicago Atlanta New York Springfield, Mass.

The League's primary purpose is to focus public attention upon the benefits possible from fullest utilization of the federal farm loan system, to investors, also to borrowers.

HERBERT MYRICK, Chairman

To the Editor of The La Grande Observer:

Springfield, Mass., January 17, 1917.

My Dear Sir:

As editor of the oldest newspaper at your county seat, will you please take charge of the arrangements for the mass meeting of the people of your county at your county seat the last Saturday of this month—to wit, January 27, 1917? It is suggested that you invite a few of your leading citizens—including the directors and heads of local agricultural, business and labor organizations, also of any national farm loan associations in your county—to form themselves AT ONCE into a committee to arrange for hall, publicity and speakers.

Please accept, with the author's compliments, a complete copy (paper covers) of his book "The Federal Farm Loan System," which will reach you in a few days, postpaid. You also can get free on request to Federal Farm Loan Board, Washington, D. C., its leaflet "Farm Loan Primer."

This material together makes the subject so plain that you or any of the bright men or women in your community or county to whom you may assign different phases of the subject, doubtless will be able to present same adequately to your mass meeting January 27. By relying upon the talent available in your own community, the spread therein of correct information will be aided.

Please observe that the first and most important work now is to emphasize the attractiveness of Federal Farm Loan Bonds to small investors or large. Where can a better or safer investment be had for \$25, \$50, \$100, \$500 or \$1000, or any multiple thereof, than these bonds. The extent to which they sell must govern the number and total amount of loans that can be made. Kindly read carefully all that is said on this point.

It is not possible for us to send you a speaker from abroad. Possibly, however, you can get such assistance by addressing "Agricultural Extension Director" at your state agricultural college or state university. In several states said institution is doing most excellent work on this subject by disseminating literature or providing speakers or organizers.

However, it is not necessary to rely upon any outside assistance. The knowledge of the subject possessed by yourself and others in your community, amplified by the data you should receive as above stated, will enable you and your people to make a brilliant success of an enthusiastic "get together" of your people. To this end the practical suggestions below outlined may be of some service. They are politely tendered only for that purpose.

Very respectfully,

AMERICAN FARM FINANCE LEAGUE.

Signed by Herbert Myrick, Chairman.

Arrangements for the Mass Meeting at La Grande January 27, at The City Hall, 10 A. M.

At a conference of the Agricultural Council of Union County it was decided to issue a call for a mass meeting of farmers of Union County, Saturday, January 27, at 10 a. m. at the City Hall. Besides farmers who are directly interested in joining the National Farm Loan Association of Union County, the editors of the newspapers of the county, the members of the commercial association and business organizations of La Grande and all interested in the subject of rural credits are respectfully invited to attend.

It is believed that this will be the first time in American history that all the people in all the counties have had a chance to come together at the same time to consider the same subject!

THE FEDERAL FARM LAND BANKS.

The United States land bank for this district will be in Spokane. It may be open for business in April or earlier. It does not lend money. The farmer who wants to borrow for five to 40 years time, at reasonable interest and easy terms of repayment, joins (or forms with nine or more other farmers) a national farm loan association, with which he does all his business. When this local makes a loan, it cashes the mortgage note at its land bank. Against such security the land bank issues bonds, the sale of which furnishes more money to loan. The borrowers repay principal by small installments or more, and the bonds are gradually paid off from such proceeds. Already over 50,000 farmers have applied for loans aggregating \$150,000,000, but the total sum available for loans from the capital of the 12 land banks will be less than \$9,000,000. The balance can be obtained to lend only from sale of federal farm loan bonds.

The bonds will yield a fair rate of interest, are tax free, and should prove a most desirable investment. Being in denominations from \$25 up, every person, even children, may earn and save until by owning a bond they have at least that much stake in the land. For larger investors, institutions and trustees, federal farm loan bonds may be ideal. Only as the bonds are sold, will there be money to lend, after the \$750,000 capital of each land bank is loaned out. Free buying of bonds by local public, free lending by the system; no sale for bonds, no loans. Land bank shares ought to be a good investment also.

MASS MEETINGS OF ALL THE PEOPLE JANUARY 27.

In each county in the United States are to be held at the county seat at 10 a. m. January 27, being the last Saturday in this month, to consider how they may derive the fullest benefit in the shortest possible time from the operations of the federal farm loan act.

The official call is issued by the American Farm Finance League, composed of representatives of national farm loan associations and

others interested. Its chairman is Herbert Myrick, the president of Farm and Home. The official call reads:

The hour has struck for the American people to realize their new opportunity. A new era of thrift and prosperity is at hand.

It is rich in promise of progress—economic, social, spiritual. It enables the poorest and richest to acquire "stake in the land" by buying land bonds.

It helps the farmer to own his own farm—to become proprietor instead of tenant, independent instead of dependent.

It safely and profitably employs the people's savings, no matter how small or large, in building up their own community by putting their savings into federal farm loan bonds.

It is the ripe fruition of America's century of co-operative thrift, and of 200 years of associated finance in Europe.

These brilliant possibilities are within the reach of every person and of each community. These possibilities are afforded by the federal farm loan act of 1916. As a means of help to self-help, it is the Great Charter of Rural Credits, Popular Savings and Thrift Investment. The new system is now about to go into effect.

Therefore, by virtue of the universal interest in and benefits possible from the federal farm loan system, the American Farm Finance League hereby calls upon

the people to gather in mass meeting at the county seat of La Grande, at 10 A. M. on January 27, 1917, being the last Saturday in January, for the purpose of considering the Federal Farm Loan Act.

At such time and places, the people are urged to take such action as their wisdom may approve whereby both would-be investors and would-be borrowers may be enabled to enjoy fullest advantages of the new system. Each meeting also is invited to form a county branch of this league.

To facilitate the movement the editor of the oldest newspaper at each county seat hereby has been respectfully requested forthwith to ask a few citizens in the county—including the editors and heads of local or county agricultural, business and labor organizations, also any national farm loan associations to form themselves at once into a committee to arrange for hall, publicity and speaker.

NON-POLITICAL, NON-PARTISAN.

Please observe that federal farm loan system is absolutely free of politics. It is non-partisan. All parties championed it in congress. Indeed, only five votes were cast against it in U. S. Senate and none on final passage. In House, only 11 voted against it. Of no great reform can it be said that legislative opinion was so nearly unanimous, regardless of party. The same is believed to be true of public opinion in general.

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- DR. J. L. INGLE—Osteopathic physician.
 - DR. MARGARET INGLE—Osteopathic physician. Diseases of women and children. Third floor New Foley Bldg. Hours 10-12 a. m.; 2-5 and 7-8 p. m., and by appointment. Office phone, Red 1761; residence Red 881.
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