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FARMERS AND FARMERS.

Editor Chapman of the Oregon Voter thinks he is farming. He has a ranch down near Amity where he raises goats, pot pigs, etc., and in following this recreation Chapman thinks he is farming. Far be it from us to awaken him, but when we asked him to come to Eastern Oregon and with us visit fifty farmers, we did not mean potato patch farmers. We did not mean the Willamette valley size farmers, for they are truck gardeners, but we did mean the real genuine farmer of the big Eastern Oregon country, which produces farmers of bigness.

We expected him to see Floyd McKennon, Charlie Playle, Albert Hunter, W. R. Ledbetter, Frank Conley and men of that type. But Chapman comes back at us just as the Willamette valley always comes back at Eastern Oregon, saying he, too, is a farmer.

Rather than argue the point, rather than insist that Chapman is a goat farmer and a pig fancier, we will let it stand and consider him in the future at just what he claims to be, a "farmer." The invitation still holds good, and we want him to come, but when he does come we hope he will not humiliate us when some of the above-named ranchers begin talking about combines and headers and bands of a thousand cattle by making for explanation as to what they mean.

Here is the way Chapman defines himself as a farmer and let no one injure his feelings by taking issue with him:

Our special friend, Bruce Dennis editor of the La Grande Observer, passes a few remarks on The Voter and suggests that "it would do Chapman good to get out in the broad, open country and eat rye bread with the farmers; it would do him good to mix with the men and women who toil on the ranches of Oregon. We hereby tender him an invitation to come into the Eastern Oregon country as our guest and we will together visit fifty farmers."

Bruce, your invitation warms the cockles of our heart. We will accept it at the first possible opportunity. To visit fifty Union county farmers in such delightful company is a privilege indeed. Our month waters with anticipation of the good meals, and we're so used to war bread that a change to good old rye will be exceedingly acceptable. We have forgotten what the straight article tastes like.

Our only trouble will be to get away from our own farm for a long enough time to make the trip possible. We spend the greater part of our time in manual labor on our own farm. We had three hired men on the place last spring, but before midsummer the last of the three was gone, and since that time it has been a case of struggle from dawn till dark to get the work done.

True, we have had some opportunity to mix with our own farmer neighbors, who have very definite ideas on the war, taxation, prices and weather—the four subjects of engrossing interest to the farmer—and from them we get most of the inspiration for our Voter articles. Each week we manage to

squeeze in enough time for our editorial labors, and about every other week we manage to steal away long enough for a trip to Salem and Portland. Incidentally we managed to get to the state press convention in Coos county, and paid for the trip by the purchase of a pure bred pig on the way back, bringing him in triumph in the tonneau of our touring car all the way from Drain to the farm, 125 miles. He is growing splendidly.

But all the pigs, cattle, sheep, goats and chickens need daily work; we had to build a new granary to hold the winter's feed; there's a lot of fixing needed all over the place; the corn crop has not been gotten in yet; the kale must be cultivated; the plowing season comes soon, with its seeding of winter crops; the immediate outlook is strenuous, with hired help practically out of existence. So don't know when we can get away. Brute, but we'll be up to see you, and the farming time, and know we will have a happy time and will get a lot of practical pointers on farming and editing.

CHURCHILL TELLS WHY.

The establishing of normal schools is a question that many do not put on the face of the argument see much reason for, but that there is ample reason, in fact a powerful reason for the establishment of such schools is given by Superintendent Churchill, as follows:

First: That there is a dearth of teachers, a considerable number of schools in rural districts having failed to open this fall for want of teachers.

Second: That about 20,000 pupils in this state fall each year to make their grade. As it costs \$50 per pupil each year to educate a child in the elementary schools, Oregon is thus compelled to spend annually, under present conditions, the sum of \$1,000,000 in re-instructing pupils in its elementary schools. About 40 per cent of this cost, or \$400,000 is ascribed to incompetent teachers who have not been trained for their work.

Third: That additional normal schools are a vital war necessity, as the present boys and girls who are being educated will be called upon for leadership in the adjustment period to follow the war. The allied countries allow their educational safeguards to drop at the beginning of the war with disastrous results, and America should profit by their mistake and see that the work of education is maintained.

The measure provides for the location of one of the schools at Ashland and the other in an Eastern Oregon town, to be chosen by the normal school board. The millage tax provided for the maintenance of the two schools totals about \$75,000 yearly and by establishing them the state would save the difference between this sum and \$400,000, the amount that it now costs each year to re-instruct pupils because of incompetent teachers.

TEACHING ENGLISH.

English is being taught to French girls in France under the auspices of the Y.W.C.A. It is proving extremely popular.

SOLDIERS STUDYING.

The American Library Association has purchased 600,000 books on mechanical, technical and scientific subjects for the American soldier.

ADD PIE TO MENU.

The Salvation Army has added pie to its coffee and doughnut menu close to the front line trenches. It's an American institution for American soldiers.

FROM ABROAD

IN THE STATE

INJURIES RESULT IN DEATH.
 Baker—Leo Crawford, 30, employe of a local mill, succumbed Sunday to injuries received some time ago, when he was crushed beneath falling timbers.

PROMINENT MASON PASSES.
 Baker—Isaac H. McCord 53, died Sunday, following a paralytic stroke, suffered several weeks ago. Mr. McCord had been both the sheriff and recorder of Baker county during his residence there. He was prominent in Masonic circles, at one time Master of Baker lodge. At the time of his death he was engaged in the development of his mining property in Mormon Basin. A wife, two daughters and four brothers survive him.

FALLING LIMB COSTS LIFE.
 Albany—Mrs. Maude Taylor was instantly killed and Harry C. Curran, seriously injured, when the limb of a pine tree fell on a sleeping party of campers early Sunday morning.

DOUGLAS SHERIFF'S HAUL.
 George J. Lewis, claiming to be proprietor of East Burnside Garage, Portland, was arrested at Shady Point near Roseburg, Sunday morning, by Deputy Sheriff Rafterly. About 150 quarts of whiskey were found upon search of the automobile in which Lewis was travelling through the state.

STUDENTS HELP IN HARVESTS.
 Hood River—The 165 students of the Hood River schools and the 400 students of valley schools who assisted in harvesting the valley apple crop, returned to work Monday after earning more than \$18,000 in wages.

CLUB FEDERATION LAUNCHED.
 North Bend—Federation of the women's clubs of the city and affiliation of the newly-formed organization with the State and National Federated Clubs of America, was effected at a representative meeting of club members here here Saturday.

KLAMATH ELECTION CALLED.
 Klamath Falls—Notwithstanding the controversy existing regarding its legality, a city election will be held at Klamath Falls next month.

NO SOCIALIST CANDIDATE.
 Albany—At the close of the time in which nominating petitions may be filed, no socialist candidate had appeared for Linn county offices.

AGED SALEM WOMAN PASSES.
 Salem—Mrs. Josephine Martha Ford died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. J. Schuldornman.

WEALTHY OREGONIAN DEAD.
 Portland—Simon B. Backer, rancher, banker and business man, and one of the wealthiest men in Oregon, died of pneumonia in Chicago Saturday night, after an illness of three weeks.

Mr. Backer owned thousands of acres of land in Gilliam County, was president of the First National Bank of Condon, treasurer of the Philian-Barker Shoe Company in Portland, and owned large blocks of property in various parts of the city, including the Barker Apartments at 685 Irving Street.

Mr. Backer went to Chicago three weeks ago with a shipment of sheep purchased on a trip through Montana, Wyoming and the Dakotas. He was ill with typhoid fever, contracted from drinking impure water when he reached Chicago, pneumonia followed.

CIGARETTE SHOWER.
 Marlin V. Merle, a K. of C. war work secretary at the front evolved a scheme to bombard the advancing American troops with cigarettes and carried it out successfully on the Chateau Thierry front.

D. Armstrong's Ladies' Shoes

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The newest shoe you can buy, Taupe Grey, All Kid, Leather, Louis Heel. This is a high grade shoe and we have all sizes, triple-A to D widths. This will be the last season that we will be able to get colored shoes. We have the latest colors in our stock—the new Golden Brown, all leather, Dark Brown, Cloth Top, Taupe Grey, Cloth Top, all widths, Louis heels. If you have trouble getting a fit, give us a chance.

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PARADISE OF THE PACIFIC

Palm-Clothed Islands That Have All of the Riches Man Has Any Need to Covet.

The little-known Trobriand group of islands is a cluster of palm-clothed gems that stud the emerald Pacific a hundred-odd miles northeast of Samar (Papua). They are the real thing in coral romance. The natives are of the Melanesian type, happy people with a fondness (especially on the part of the star-eyed maidens) for Europeans, who have exploited the rich pearl fishery. They are advanced in arts and crafts, and produce a tremendous quantity of carved weapons and ornaments, which are eagerly bought by tourists from curio-dealers in Sydney and Melbourne.

Before competition set in the Islanders did not get much for their pearls. Gems worth \$50 and \$75 were freely bought for as many pence. The group is flat, but is richly clothed in jungle, and produces vast quantities of excellent yams, which are traded. Good climate, gorgeous scenery, blue seas like billowing silk, diamond-dusted beaches and splendid fishing and shooting!

Bluff That Failed.

General Plumer, who has recently been recalled to France from Italy, can be very ironical when he chooses, as the following story proves:

Shortly before the war, when he held the Irish command, a regiment was being maneuvered before him on a field day, and the colonel in charge succeeded in getting his men mixed up pretty thoroughly.

However, he went grimly on, and at last, calling a halt, rode up to Plumer with an air of importance.

"I flatter myself that was extremely well done, sir," he said, evidently with the idea of trying to bluff that nothing had gone wrong.

"Oh, excellent," was General Plumer's suave reply. "But may I ask what on earth you were trying to do?"—Pearson's Weekly.

SERVE INDIAN TROOPS.

Y. M. C. A. huts where Indian troops are served now number 75, as follows: France 15, India 13, Mesopotamia 35, Egypt 9, East Africa 4.

WANTED—Clean White Cotton Rags at the Observer Office; 3c per lb.

PRESS COMMENT

Secretary Daniels doesn't want any conscientious objectors on his ships. Don't be stubborn, Mr. Secretary. Let the fellows take a ride on the boats until they reach the middle of the pond and then—you know.—Knoxville Journal and Tribune.

Salem Journal—Public Service Commissioner Corey returned today from holding a number of hearings in Eastern Oregon. While in Wallowa county he held a conference with the officials of the Eastern Oregon Lumber Company, which has a logging railroad running into Enterprise and the farmers along the road who are anxious to ship their wheat over the railroad. The railroad agreed to haul the grain for nine cents a bushel, whereas it has been costing the farmers 30 cents a bushel to get their wheat to Enterprise.

A building feat comparable to that of the Vancouver cut-up mill has been accomplished at Marshfield with the completion of a bridge 1500 feet long in seven days with a force of 125 soldier laborers. This bridge is part of a spur to a railroad being built to the Boutin tract of spruce.

Minor Scales.

There are two forms of the minor scale, viz., the melodic and harmonic. The former is sometimes called the vocal minor scale, because it is easier to sing than the harmonic. The latter has an augmented second between the sixth and seventh degree, and this is difficult to sing until one has acquired a certain degree of proficiency. The harmonic minor scale is more used in instrumental than in vocal music.

Beggar Made Good Money.

A lucrative profession was the description applied to begging in Edinburgh, Scotland, by a magistrate the other day. A man who was brought before him on the charge of begging was found to have collected in one morning nearly two dollars in half-pennies, about two dollars and a quarter in pennies, and just a little less than three dollars in silver. He was sent to prison for 20 days.

A WANT AD will do it.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Harriet Ann Newkirk Scott was born at Shopier, Wisconsin, February 6, 1850, and died at her home, 2614 N Fourth Street, Tuesday evening, at the age of 68 years 8 months and 9 days, succumbing to heart trouble with which she had suffered since last fall, although never seriously until the past month.

Mrs. Scott had been a member of the Rebecca lodge and Women of Woodcraft as well as a faithful and conscientious worker in the Christian Science church for a number of years.

A husband, John Scott; a daughter, and two sons by a former marriage—Mrs. Frank Ross, La Grande, Lewis Ansell of Hazelton, Idaho, and John Ansell, of Astoria; two granddaughters, Mrs. M. C. Combs and Mrs. Grant Lyman, both of La Grande, and one great grandchild, Dale Combs, survive her.

Definite funeral arrangements have not yet been made save that the obsequies will be held from the home.

Lewis Ansell, of Hazelton, Mrs. Frank L. Jones, of Westfall, M. W. and R. L. Scott, of Beulah, Malheur county, and Mrs. Z. T. Smith are expected to attend the funeral services from outside points.

BOOKS IN TRENCHES.

Books of the American Library Association are being taken into the front line trenches for the soldiers through the aid of the Y.M.C.A., K. of C., and Salvation Army workers.

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WASH THE KIDNEYS!

All the blood in the body passes thru the kidneys every few minutes. This is why the kidneys play such an important role in health or disease. By some mysterious process the kidney selects what ought to come out of the blood and takes it out. If the kidneys are not good-workmen and become congested—poisons accumulate and we suffer from backache, headache, lumbago, rheumatism or gout. The urine is often cloudy, full of sediment; channels often get sore and sleep is disturbed at night. So it is that Dr. Pierce, of the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute in Buffalo, N. Y., advises "Washing the Kidneys," by drinking six to eight glasses of water between meals and then if you want to take a harmless medicine that will clear the channels and cure the annoying symptoms, go to your nearest drug-gist and obtain Anurio (double strength). This "Anurio," which is so many times more potent than lithia—will drive out the uric acid poisons and cleanse the kidneys and channels in a soothing liquid. If you desire, write for free medical advice and send sample of water for free examination. Experience has taught Dr. Pierce that "Anurio" is a most powerful agent in dissolving uric acid, as hot water melts sugar. "Anurio" is a regular insurance and life-saver for all.

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