

TRIP TO STOCK FARMS PLANNED

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9TH, IS THE DATE, SAYS TOWN

McKennon and Townley Will Be Visited by Interested Party.

On Wednesday of this week, April 9th, a party of business men and farmers will make a trip of inspection to farms whose owners have been getting results in the cattle raising business. The party will be conducted by Paul H. Spillman, county agriculturalist, and it is possible that Prof. E. L. Potter, of the O. A. C., will be here to accompany the party. Mr. Spillman has the following to say regarding the tour:

Early in January we held a very tour. At that time we visited a number of farms on which cattle were being prepared for market in various ways. Some were being fed heavy grain rations with a small amount of hay in addition. Others were being fed a number of combinations of various feeds common to this section including ensilage. At that time most of these cattle were just getting off feed.

In the meantime several of these lots have been marketed. If weather conditions would have made it possible we would have held another tour just before these cattle were shipped. However, there are still several lots in the valley that are worthy of inspection, and will give you some idea of the possibility of feeding. The Floyd McKennon calves, which have caused considerable interest and speculation as to how they would feed through the winter, will be shipped to Kansas City or some other eastern market on April 12th. W. J. Townley has some calves and yearlings at his Hot Lake ranch that have been receiving ensilage and hay, and a car of two-year-olds in Union that are receiving corn ensilage and hay. The experiment station has several lots of cattle of various ages that are being fed a variety of feed combinations in which ensilage is one of the leading feeds.

Without a doubt practically every farmer in Union county is interested in silos. We have been telling you about the good points of silos for several years. Last year we doubled the number of silos in the county, making a total of fifty-five. This year the number will again undoubtedly double. This tour will give you an opportunity to observe the results of ensilage as it applies to beef cattle and also to observe different types of silos.

The feeding of cattle for market will, without a doubt, become quite an extensive industry in this county as it naturally works in with the system of farming which we follow in this section, and we have an immediate source of feeder cattle of the best quality. Therefore, it will be well worth your time to attend this second beef cattle feeding and silo inspection tour. On Wednesday, April 9th, we will start at the Floyd McKennon ranch at Conley's siding on the Elch branch railroad promptly at 10 a. m. From there we will inspect the Townley cattle at Hot Lake and Union and from there go to the experiment station.

Professor E. L. Potter of Cortalis will probably accompany us on this tour. Business men as well as farmers are invited to make this tour.

800 UNION MEMBERS ARE REPRESENTED IN CENTRAL LABOR BODY

La Grande has a well organized Central Labor Council. It is not an organization of the few but one that reaches practically all organized labor in the city. At a recent meeting which was held to perfect organization over 800 Union members were represented. This means that 800 Union cards have joined together in a central council whose purpose it will be to better the conditions of those who work and to take part in civic affairs of city and county.

J. C. Murphy was elected president of the body, Jake Biever, vice president; Robert Cotner, secretary; treasurer; O. M. Holmes, conductor; C. H. Gassett, sentinel; Ben Holliday, O. W. Geisler and T. J. Ormond, trustees. The Central Labor Council will hereafter meet on the night of the fourth Thursday of each month in the K. of P. Hall.

Proceedings along lines that get results a legislative committee and an executive committee were named. Every local not antagonistic to the American Federation of Labor will be recognized by the Central Labor Council. This qualification bars the I. W. W. and the labor bodies of La Grande have nothing in common with the "Wobblies." In fact, well organized labor is thoroughly antagonistic to the I. W. W. in every way.

Will the Central Labor Council take part in politics? That is a question that is making local politicians and office holders more or less nervous. The Observer has it from very good authority that the council will take part in politics and take an active part, to the end that organized labor will not only be properly recognized, but also for the purpose of getting the best men in office, for nearly all union men in La Grande are property owners and taxpayers and are therefore very much interested in the political aspect of the city, county and state.

All Labor to Take Part. Return of President Compera of the American Federation of Labor, early in April, will mark the opening of an intensified campaign to elect pro-labor candidates to public office, according to Secretary Frank Morrison of the federation today.

Details of the drive, which will be non-partisan, are to be worked out, Morrison said, at a meeting of the executive council in Washington late in April or early in May. The purpose of the campaign is to carry through congress the reconstruction program of labor. It does not embrace the formation of a separate labor party. Marriage declared emphatically. It involves application of the acid test to all candidates in which every party they may be running, to assure support of labor programs.

Program Is Easy Reaching. The federation program includes: Advancement of trade union movement.

Elimination of unemployment by keeping up the standard of wages thereby giving each individual increased purchasing power to the end that there may be increased production.

The eight-hour day. The enactment of legislation excluding immigration for a period of at least two years.

Development of state colleges and universities and Education and Americanization of those of the states whose existence has been disclosed by operation of the draft law.

Elimination of employees' habits insurance companies operated for profit as well as the wiping out of private employment agencies. A fight against militarism, includ-

ing plans for the "reform" of the national guard system in order that the guard system be used to suppress strikes.

Curbs on Courts Sought. Government construction of model homes with establishment of a system whereby workers may borrow money at a low rate of interest to build or buy his own home.

Federal license and control of corporations doing business for profit.

Wiping out restrictions on the freedom of speech and of the press.

Discussing the railroads, the program says that public or semi-public utilities should be owned, operated or regulated by the government in the interest of the public.

Government ownership of all wharves and docks is declared for, as is the encouragement and development of the American merchant marine under government control.

A curb on the power of the courts to declare legislation unconstitutional is also sought.

WALLOWA COUNTY'S FIRST MAIL SERVICE

The means by which Wallowa county is now served with mail and the service that was in effect forty years ago is quite different. Now there is a regular mail train and railway postoffice clerks to handle the mail for the Wallowa county towns and localities and the mail service is daily. About forty years ago the mail for the Wallowa section of country which then was a part of Union county was carried on horseback, the first mail carrier being a young man by the name of Byron Norman.

He made two round trips a week and the starting point was not from La Grande, but from Union. He traveled through the valley to Summerville and then through the country east of Elgin to a postoffice known as Elk Flat. This office was located near the William Ezell home and the postmaster was a man named Tucker.

The only postoffice in the Wallowa region was in the Lower Valley at the homestead of F. C. Bramlet, who was the postmaster. This place was located about a mile and a half from the mouth of the canyon and north of the Wallowa river.

During the Indian trouble of 1878 the most of the few residents of Wallowa moved out and Mr. Bramlet and his family were among them. Among the effects taken was a certain soap box hurriedly thrown in the wagon.

It is related that while ascending the hill the canyon road was not then in existence and the travel was over the Smith Mountain route—the soap box rolled from the rear of the wagon. Mr. Bramlet, who was following ahead in the rear, excitedly exclaimed, "Hold on! You have lost the postoffice!"

The longer route from Union was soon discontinued and La Grande was designated as the starting point and the mail was carried by stage from La Grande for many years and as business increased an unheard-of schedule was introduced, that of making by relays of teams the trip all the way from La Grande to Joseph in a day.

GREAT PROJECT IN SOUTHERN IDAHO

POCATELLO, Idaho, April 5.—Recently a movement was started in Pocatello, in which twenty-one companies participated, to float a boat,

revolving band, in the sum of \$100,000, for the reclamation of about two and a half million acres of land in eastern and southern Idaho.

Secretary of the Interior Franklin E. Lane will aid in the work by the reclamation of his bill in the next congress. It was defeated by the Young Democratic Club last year required by the officers of the Idaho Reclamation association are to the effect that Secretary Lane has very much at heart the irrigation projects of the dry areas of the west. It is said, there is every prospect that the deal will culminate in a favorable manner.

In the meantime, the various counties of the irrigated and farming sections are reinforcing the proposal,

and are organizing local units from each county.

Major Fred E. Reed, has been appointed by the executive board as secretary to the party body of Idaho association. He is an experienced man in reclamation service, and is considered more familiar with such projects than any man in the west. He was for many years the reclamation agent of the Taino projects, and later agent for the Idaho. He recently declined an opportunity to take charge of one of the commission recently created by the department consolidation plan of Governor Davis, which passed both branches of the legislature, to take the secretaryship of the new plan to irrigate the west. He will, however, to Pocatello to manage, partly the work without further delay.

The president of the association, S. E. Brady, also makes his home in Pocatello, this being the recognized distributing point for eastern Idaho—and in fact the north-west.

a perfect working organization is being organized. Plans are under way for an intensive public campaign to be conducted on the charge of Major Reed.

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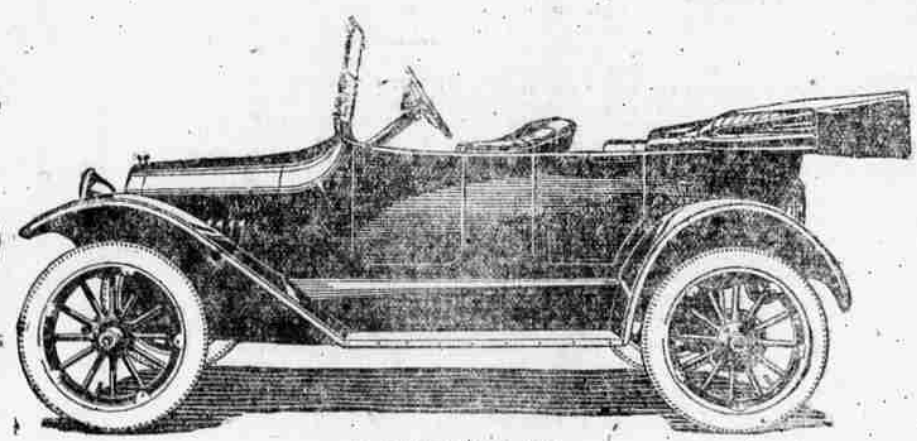
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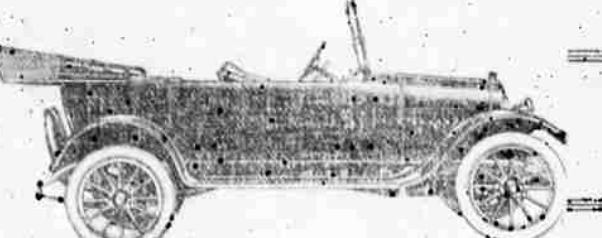
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