

FUTURE OF COUNTRY IS MUCH SAFER

William H. Johnston Speaks at Opening of Conference for Progressive Political Action.

(By Associated Press.) CLEVELAND, Dec. 11.—"Farmers and Labor have discovered their joint power through the primary and there is now hope that our political and industrial future is safer than it ever was before," William H. Johnston, international president of the machinists union declared here today at the opening of the conference for progressive political action over which he presided.

Labor, farmer labor, nonpartisan league, progressive and socialist groups attended the conference to plan political action.

BORAH MOVES TO LIMIT THE BANK PROFITS

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aid, the like of which has never been granted to another enterprise under the Stars and Stripes."

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A sharp business rivalry has developed between the Federal Land Banks and the Joint Stock Land Banks. The federals are co-operative organizations of which the borrowing farmers are the stockholders while the joint stocks are organized by capitalists for private profit.

Secretary of the Treasury Houston, during President Wilson's administration recommended amending the law to tax the income from joint stock land bank bonds. He said that such a subsidy ought not to be granted to privately owned corporations organized for private gain.

Senator Granger, a leader of the farmer senators, introduced a bill two or three years ago to abolish joint stock land banks and other bills were introduced to require their bondholders to pay federal income taxes. Both measures found much support, but during the hard times of 1921 when farm loan bonds were hard to sell, they were permitted to lapse.

The Borah bill is considered to be fair measure. It gives the banks a free field to do business at a good profit. It does not in any way interfere with their management or benefits to agriculture and it is likely to discourage the creation of an unreasonable number of new subsidized money-making corporations. It will also remove the incentive to take on unsafe loans in the hope of making twelve per cent profit. It does not in any way affect Federal Land Banks.

Ten Banks in Iowa.

The records of the Federal Farm Loan Board show that ten joint stock banks have been chartered to loan in Iowa and ten to loan in Illinois while only one is loaning in North Dakota, one in Montana and not any in New Mexico and several other states. The tendency of these banks is toward congestion in states where they are least needed and to stay out of states where farmers need financial aid. There is no limit on the number of joint stock banks that may be organized in one state.

The Federal Land Banks are con-



THE SWAMP AUGER

The great woods of the North are criss-crossed with tracks, calling cards dropped by the animals for the knowledge of the trapper to read. On the edge of the swamps, where the ground sucks greedily at the feet of the hunter as though it would swallow him up for daring to intrude, these marks are often placed.

To the tenderfoot the tracks are bewildering. The mark left by a skunk rabbit may suggest to his mind anything from a sliding silver fox to a majestic moose. The golden grin broadly as they watch a new-comer excitedly studying tracks.

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OLD CRIME IS CHRONICLED

Ed. E. Cates, of Richland, Oregon, in a letter to the Union Republican, divulges some interesting facts. His letter reads as follows:

The older class of citizens of your county no doubt remember a shooting that took place at Hot Lake some thirty odd years ago, in which Clay Miller was killed and Henry Green was shot through the face, from the effects of which he died some years later at Cornucopia.

W. J. Gabriel was arrested for the crime and sent to the penitentiary, died before his term expired. Frank Cotner, a witness, was placed under bonds at the preliminary examination of Gabriel, which he forfeited by skipping out, and upon being pursued by his bondsmen into Idaho, killed Walter Coffin, a deputy sheriff from Boise.

He made good his escape, although a large reward was offered for his apprehension. I am now in possession of reliable information that Cotner was killed in Mexico by the Villa raiders. He had secured considerable land and was raising cattle. Villa's men had stolen some of his stock and he was pursuing them and coming onto them, opened fire, which was returned, with the result that his horse was shot from under him, of which he made a breast work and continued the fight until he was killed.

BUSY MONTH FOR COUNTY NURSE

November was a busy month for Juliet A. Whitaker, Union county nurse, as the following report for the month which she made to the county court shows:

Twelve schools visited, 149 pupils inspected, 69 pupils found not defective. Poor vision 13, disease of eyes 3, poor hearing 2, bad tonsil condition 44, cases of bad teeth 31, enlarged glands 5, skin cases 3, nervousness 1, mental deficiency 2. Pupils weighed, 205—it was found

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