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"THUS SAITH THE LORD, Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not. . . . Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them, and will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth.—Jeremiah 33:2, 3, 6.

Another objection to the hasty marriage is that both people concerned usually conclude before the honeymoon is over that love is all moonshine.

We feel sure that whatever is found in that newly discovered tomb of another Egyptian king we cannot get fashions more grotesque than those King Tut bequeathed a few seasons ago.

ON THE RIGHT COURSE.

Chamber of Commerce activity, in addition to numerous other benefits, serves as a very necessary protection against an over-supply of both labor and business firms. The policy of the La Grande Chamber is especially commendable in that regard since it operates on the correct theory that the community can best be served by activities that will help absorb our present surplus labor and build up our existing businesses. No other program can aid community progress. In some cities the civic organizations seem to work with the idea that outside labor brought in and new business firms secured for the community will work a rapid readjustment and permit spectacular growth. Fortunately that is not true in La Grande and never has been. Outside capital for farming or industrial development is quickly welcomed, but outside labor and business firms that will duplicate our present facilities jeopardize the heart of the community.

A QUESTION OF SERVICE.

The closing of the government land office here in La Grande is not only poor economy but it's poor government policy as well. The action has been taken by virtue of an old statute which provides for closing when the revenue from the office fails to measure up to certain standards. That policy and the executive action that has carried it into effect on the La Grande territory cannot be backed by sound judgment.

Government land offices, while they are generally self-supporting, and should be over a considerable period of time, were created for the service they may render citizens and not for any revenue the government may or may not receive from them. To transfer the work of the local land office to The Dalles and consolidate the work of the two offices is supposed to be an economy. Actually it will result in greater expense to those doing business with the land office because their fees, which support the office, will not be reduced and the time and expense necessary to visit The Dalles is greater. And the office exists for public service. Theoretically the business can be done by mail, the government states, but actually this is not true, otherwise one land office at Washington, D. C., would be sufficient for the country.

Whether or not the land office can be re-established in La Grande remains to be seen, but the government policy of service should make that action possible. If a strict policy of economy, and that only, is to supersede one of service, the government faces a program of eliminating half of the small post offices of the country, all rural routes, and most city free delivery. Obviously such action would be absurd and contrary to the wishes of the public to whose service our nation's officials are pledged. The same rule should apply to government offices which control a large amount of public lands.

Yesterday In Washington

(By the Associated Press)
Luther C. White of Massachusetts was appointed superintendent of Federal prisons.

The navy announced the presidency on Angeles would make trips to Bermuda and Porto Rico to Cuba.

Thomas F. Woodcock of New York was given a recess appointment as a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The Baltimore conference of the Methodist Episcopal church south, voted against unification with the northern church.

Charges of "seducing" by children in Tacoma-Artis were made in dispatches made public by the Peruvian embassy.

Immigration experts begin a study to determine the effect of the law on immigration of South Americans of Italian blood.

President Coolidge and Chairman Board of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee discussed the project of a new arms conference.

Sixteen senators asked the Federal Trade Commission for information as to trade embargoes being formed abroad by American interests.

American diplomatic representatives were asked for data on trade in arms which might be helpful in the forthcoming conference dealing with the subject.

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By Stanley



so careful they leave the motors of their cars running for fear the self-starter won't work.

A new gooseberry as large as a plum has been found in Florida. Won't that make California mad?

The hand the wields the stick, seldom wields the broom stick.

One million dollars reward for the man who finds prohibition.

The Love Affairs of Genl. Filled Five Thick Volumes.

LONDON (AP)—The first volume of an ancient Japanese novel, written by a woman named Murasaki in A. D. 1004, has just been translated by Arthur Waley, of the British Museum prints and drawing department. The novel consists of 500,000 words and is said to be one of the great novels of the world, and the earliest long novel in any language. It has 500 characters, who have passed into legend, and the story tells of the love affairs of Genl. a son of the emperor.

Mr. Waley commenced the first volume last March and hopes to finish translating a volume a year for the next five years, when the work will be complete.

BEND, Ore.—The central Oregon highway between the Gays and Bend, Ore., will be re-routed by the state highway department and built through cooperation between Deschutes and Harney counties, although most of it is really in Lake county.

Since it merely passes through a corner of Lake and touches no settlement there, that county cannot be expected to improve the road.

Agreement to re-route and improve this stretch was reached at a meeting of Harney and Deschutes county commissioners and Bend and Burns commercial club representatives, with C. W. Wainwright, division engineer of the highway commission, Sunday at Brookings.

Salmon Chamber Gains Members.

SALMON, Ore.—Fifty-four new members were enrolled in Salmon chamber of commerce here last week, according to a report prepared by the secretary. The drive for new members started a week ago and will continue. Salmon has one of the most influential commercial organizations in the state, with a membership exceeding that of any organization of its kind in Oregon with the exception of Portland.

Radio Domingo scientist says frogs draw back like dogs. Well, maybe, Santo Domingo frogs lead a dog's life.

Fortune Gone—Now Salesman



Mr. and Mrs. Ward Burgess of Omaha, Neb., once had millions. He worked himself up from newbroy to the head of a large clothing concern. She had confidence in him and staked him thousands of dollars in a real-estate venture. Bad luck came along and forced Burgess into bankruptcy, wiping out his fortune, even to the taking of his home. Now Burgess is employed as a bond salesman for a New York firm.

Theater to Develop Native Dramatists Welcomed in Rome

ROME (AP)—The opening in Rome this month of the Teatro dell'Arte under the direction of Italy's famous dramatist, Luigi Pirandello who is known to American audiences by "Six Characters in Search of an Author," "Henry IV," and several other productions, is considered in theatrical circles here an event of considerable importance for the Italian drama in general, but of incalculable consequence to the theatrical life of the Italian capital.

The announced plan of Signor Pirandello to give Rome a theatrical playhouse worthy of the best traditions of the capital of the caesars, in which native talent will be fostered and foreign works of quality welcomed, is heartily commended here in artistic circles, especially because of the noticeable absence at present of such an institution.

In fact, Rome is perhaps one of the few great centers of European culture where stage productivity has not kept pace with dramatic development, and where the theater has not been stimulated by the post-war wave of interest in the drama. While scores of theaters and many artistic and experimental companies are busy in Paris, Berlin, Prague, Budapest, Bucharest, Vienna and London, the Italian capital has but an approximate ten playhouses, and of these only a few devote themselves to important native talent.

The Romans have been fed-in, theatrical fare. At one playhouse a Viennese light opera has had a long run and is still playing. At several other theaters translations of light French plays have held the boards, while at another a famous French company has just closed an engagement.

The most active company is directed by a Russian actress who has produced with varying success pieces by Wilde, Shaw, Chekhov, Pierre-Louis, W. Somerset Maugham and works by other foreigners.

MAIRFIELD GETS AGENT

MAIRFIELD, Ore.—An agent for several lumber importing firms of Japan, K. Saito has located in Mairfield and is registered for the reconstruction of the Japanese cities destroyed by the earthquake. Mr. Saito says that the actual permanent construction has not started and has been awaiting surveys which will finally establish every owner's property.

While here Mr. Saito will conduct an art store as a sideline. He believes Japan will be buying freely on 'em here, and he represents buyers of fur and white cedar. Mr. Saito is arranging to import Japanese art goods through this port and distribute to other dealers on the coast.

Crop Forecasts Prove Valuable to Farmers

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It is universally recognized, official crop statistics prove to the farmer by showing the effect of misleading private reports. They help to stabilize prices and reduce speculative margins by furnishing increased certainty as to supplies. They aid in financing crop movements, and in facilitating transportation and distribution. Important as this service is, however, it is overshadowed by the direct benefit to the farmer by means of the newer activities of the department, particularly its efforts to help in adjusting agricultural production to the probable demand.

Inaugurate Surveys.

These newer activities include surveys of livestock and field crop production plans and field crop production for a year, on June 1 and December 1. The department makes a pig survey, as a result of which it forecasts the number of hogs that will be marketed the following autumn and winter. The forecasts, which were started three years ago, have been very close to the actual receipts at the principal markets. Farmers have profited from the advance price system. An example of benefit to the farmer from the pig survey was furnished two years ago, when the survey showed farmers intended to breed an increase of 41 per cent in the number of sows for fall litters. Warnings were sent out and the actual increase was only about 25 per cent.

The pig survey have tended to stabilize hog prices. Hog production in 1922 and 1924, as a result of summer crops, was the largest ever known. This development was forecast by the department. Farmers accordingly reduced their breeding operations so that the tendency to over-production was somewhat checked, and packers stored less pork than usual so that in the period of heaviest marketings prices had not to sustain the additional weight of large accumulated supplies. The result was lessened price fluctuation. In other words, the forecast of over-production enabled farmers and packers to deal intelligently with the problem that the large supply created.

Value is Moved

Another illustration of the practical value of the Government's forecasts of forthcoming hog supplies has been furnished in the last few months. A pig survey made last June indicated the farmers were probably going too far in their efforts to correct the condition brought about by the previous period of large production. They were curtailing their breeding operations too much. In consequence a heavy reduction in hog production was forecast, and this prediction was made that the price of hogs would probably go to \$14 a hundred pounds this summer. This prediction has already been fulfilled in spite of the fact that the winter saw record marketing of hogs. The forecast of a short-

President



Lauri Relander has been elected as president of Finland by the Agrarian party. His term will run for six years.

age was so confidently relied on that prices advanced notwithstanding runs of hogs far in excess of current consumption needs.

Spud Forecast Helpful

Forecasters of potato production give the intelligent farmer information that he can turn into money. When the department forecasts a large crop, the growers of early potatoes know their best policy is to sell their crop as soon as possible, so as to avoid coming into competition with the growers of the late-maturing varieties. If a short late crop is forecast, the producers of early potatoes can hold their supplies for better prices or can augment the supply by delayed harvesting. Similar aids to intelligent marketing are to be given by surveys of dairying, which will forecast butter and cheese production and estimate the number of dairy cows there will be on farms at a certain date. Poultry surveys are planned to indicate early in the winter how many hens and pullets are being kept for laying, and throw light on the probable spring egg crop.

In the case of many crops the farmer has to think in terms of world production. This is true of wheat, pork, wool, sugar, flax, peanuts, cotton, and other commodities. Prices for some of these crops are mainly determined by the foreign market situation. A great deal of information about foreign crops and markets has been obtained and distributed in recent years. Such information is an invaluable guide to farmers as to how much of a given commodity they should aim to produce. While crop yields per acre can not be forecast very far in advance, acreage can be controlled and average in the case of many crops is an important as changes in yields in determining the final output. Farmers who regulate their acreage in the light of advance information as to the probable demand for any crop are therefore showing sound practicality.

About Fluctuations

Adjustment of production, says the Department of Agriculture, is the surest way to prevent disastrous ups and downs in market prices. No control of the marketing process can accomplish this result unless production is based on an estimate of the probable demand. It is better to adjust production to demand, than to rely too much on efficiency in marketing to undo the bad effect of mistakes in production. Adjusting farm production, however, is only possible before the crops are

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