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#### NATURE WILL REGULATE PRICES.

It seems to The Sentinel that natural conditions are going to right the discrepancy between the price the farmer gets for his products and the price he has to pay for what he has to buy much more rapidly and much more satisfactorily than any law of man can right the condition.

In 1900, 60 of every 100 people lived on the farms. Today 60 of every 100 people live in the cities and the trend to the cities continues. The result is bound to be a decrease in the production of the farms and a corresponding increase in the production of the industries of the cities. The result of that will be an increase in the price of products where there has been a decreased production (the products of the farms) and a decrease in price where there has been an overproduction (the products of the cities).

These natural conditions will take care of the situation where the man-made attempt to control prices by legislation will have failed. Demand and supply are the only things that ever have effectively affected prices and it is likely to ever be thus. It may be argued that prices have been regulated by those who have manipulated the market. That again has been a case of supply and demand—even though the condition may have been artificially created. Farm products could be forced to much higher levels if each producer would hold from market only a small part of his products. To bring this about has been found to be an unwieldy movement, which probably is the only reason that prices have not been controlled by the producers themselves.

The overproduction of wheat may be traced partially to the fact that the number of persons on the land has decreased. With fewer hands to do the work the natural tendency is to grow the crop requiring the fewest number of hands.

Farm prices of the past two years have indicated that the cry of back to the land was based upon the false promise that we were going to starve to death if the trend to the city did not cease. The overproduction of the present indicates that 40 per cent of the people have been able to actually produce much more from the land than was produced by the 60 per cent who formerly were on the land.

Man often gets into trouble when he attempts to change natural conditions and it is likely that the attempt to regulate prices by legislation, regardless of how necessary such an expedient may be, will hardly commence to operate before natural conditions will have brought about a somewhat permanent adjustment.

#### BOOST ONE WHO IS HELPING OREGON.

Despite the fact that the Oregon delegation at the republican convention four years ago was one of the smallest from any state in the union, that delegation took a more prominent part than many larger delegations. The prominence was not due entirely, either, to the fact that the delegates did not stick to the presidential candidate to whom they had pledged by a minority of the voters of the state. Outstanding among the achievements, of course, was the fact that Wallace McCamant nominated for the vice presidency the man who now sits in the white house.

Of more importance in a substantial way to Oregon, however, was the work of E. J. Adams, of Eugene, who wrote into the republican platform a plank pledging the

party to more adequate support of roads in states where there is a large amount of non-taxable public land. A plank in a national platform means something. The president is yet named under the old convention system and the party which nominates him, as well as the nominee himself, is pledged to carry out the platform, which is a great deal different than in the case of the election of a state or county officer under the primary system, under which each candidate writes his own platform and uses his own judgment about whether he will carry out the planks which he himself put there.

That was the first step toward getting more federal money for Oregon roads. Fortunately Mr. Adams was named by Senator Stanfield to serve him as his secretary. Having in mind the greatest good for Oregon, rather than the amount of credit he might claim for himself, the senator has permitted his secretary almost free rein in appearing before department officials and congressional committees in his effort to see that the party carries out the plank to which it is pledged. It may be stated definitely that but for the fact that the party was so pledged, and but for the fact that the man who wrote the plank was in a position to force its consideration, the state would have been treated much more shabbily in federal appropriations for its roads.

Mr. Adams is again a candidate for delegate, to which position no salary or expense account is attached, and the interests of the state demand that he be among those selected at the May primaries.

#### KENDALL FOR JUDGE.

Holding down a judicial position is a nice thing until it comes around to election time. As a general rule the people have respect for their courts and their judicial officials and that makes things nice, but a judicial official usually wishes an endorsement through reelection, and his position is such that he can't make a scramble for the office. His campaign for office must be dignified—somewhat judicial in character. All of which is by way of mentioning casually and with dignity that John C. Kendall has announced his candidacy to succeed himself as a circuit judge of this district. Mr. Kendall's residence is at Marshfield, which reminds us that a judicial district in Oregon is as large as several eastern states. Mr. Kendall was appointed to fill the unexpired term of John S. Coke. To fill Mr. Coke's shoes was in itself enough to test the ability of an ordinary man, but Judge Kendall seems to have succeeded, which is as good a reason as we can think of why he should be continued in office.

The Sentinel is waiting patiently, but not very expectantly, for the county commissioners to point out one single outstanding activity in which they kept their promise to reduce the expense of county government. The Sentinel would be willing to give a searchlight to any statement pointing out a single county activity of any magnitude, over which the commissioners had control, which was conducted as cheaply as under preceding county courts.

Some of us find it very hard to give George Washington unlimited credit for having gone through life without telling a fib. Recently we remarked that George, when a boy, never had to tell a street conductor his age and, also, George never had a chance to brag to his neighbor about how many miles he got out of a gallon of gas.—Watts What. But he was married. That left him plenty of opportunity.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION AT CRESWELL SUNDAY

The annual convention of the Creswell district Sunday School association will be held at Pleasant Hill March 30. The following program has been arranged for the meeting:

- 10:00—Song service.
- 10:10—Devotional service, W. A. Elkans.
- 10:20—Address.
- 10:50—Departmental classwork: Primary, Miss Houston. Junior boys, Ernest Wheeler. Junior girls, Mrs. A. C. Miller. Intermediate, Miss Gibson.
- 11:05—Special music, Cloverdale Sunday school.
- 11:10—Pioneer demonstration.
- 11:30—Vocal duet, Creswell M. E. Sunday school.
- 11:35—Observance of the Lord's Supper.
- 11:50—Appointment of committees.
- 12:00—Basket lunch.
- 1:15—Song service.
- 1:25—Devotional service, Rev. Grissom.
- 1:35—Primary class exercise, Mrs. W. L. Wheeler.
- 1:40—Address, Mrs. V. C. Ivie.
- 1:50—Special music, Creswell Presbyterian Sunday school.
- 2:00—Address.
- 2:15—Special feature, Pleasant Hill Sunday school.
- 2:20—Junior church: Business session. Reports of Sunday schools.
- 2:35—Special music, Enterprise Sunday school.
- 2:30—Address, "The Supreme End of the Sunday School," L. D. Harvey.
- 3:00—Special feature, Hebron Sunday school.
- 3:05—Vocal solo, Miss Gilfillen.
- 3:10—Address, W. L. Wheeler, county president.
- 3:15—Chorus, Creswell Christian Sunday school.
- 3:20—Special features, Goshen and other Creswell district Sunday schools.

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#### MARY WANTS TO KNOW

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the former county roadmaster? If he must be employed to step in and do road work for them in a pinch, why not give him a permanent job?"

"Now what are you talking about?" "Didn't the county commissioners hire Jack McKy to finish the Coburg road when the contractor fell down on the job, as the county engineer had told the commissioners he would? And that wasn't the first time they had hired Jack to get them out of a muddle?"

"I didn't know about that." "Well, you should get around where you will hear what is going on. Didn't you know that this road cost the county \$20,000 more than the contract price?"

"I hadn't heard of that." "Well, that \$20,000 represents some more sympathy for the poor, underpaid contractor as I see it. There is money that would pay salaries for county commissioners, or for a road superintendent for some time. Did you know that the original contractor on the road was given a job under Jack McKy when the former county roadmaster was given the job finishing the road?"

"I'll confess that I can't see why that should be." "Have you endeavored to learn why nearly the entire contract price for 14 miles of the Mohawk road has been spent in completing four miles of the road, indicating that the road, when completed, will cost three times the contract price?"

"No, I do not, but I imagine the commissioners could explain." "What puzzles me is why they do not attempt to explain any of these peculiar transactions and yet are peeved because some people ask embarrassing questions as to the reason for this unusual sympathy for the poor road contractors."

"Well, we're going to have the timber cruise anyway and we will get enough additional taxes out of the timber to make up all these losses." "John, if I were you I wouldn't say anything again about the way a woman argues. In the first place it seems to me we would have the timber cruise anyway and it seems like poor argument to me to attempt to justify extravagant expenditures by saying we're going to raise a lot of money on the other fellow. If we have wasted a hundred thousand dollars on our roads, it seems to me that this money is lost to the road districts where the extravagant expenditures were made and that little money from the timber cruise will go back into the districts where the money was wasted."

"Well, no one could build roads under present conditions at prices for which they were built a year ago." "How about the Turnbow road built for \$5800 the mile and the Delight Valley road built for \$4622 the mile. These roads were built at prices that prevailed the year before."

"There must be something wrong with these roads." "Then you think Commissioner Sharp was only joking when he hectored former Commissioner Harlow and Judge Barnard by saying he could build roads at half the price for which the contract for the Goshen-Lowell road was let by the state?"

"For goodness' sake shut up. I've got to read about the Tenpot Dome scandal!"

(To be continued.)

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**Taxes Are Turned Over.**  
More than \$37,000 in 1922 taxes collected at the office of Sheriff Stickels recently was turned over yesterday to County Treasurer Edna Ward. The amount was segregated as follows:

State and county	\$22,854.53
Cities	2,436.25
School districts	6,693.84
County high school tuition	782.08
Union high schools	1,904.54
Road districts	794.83
Port of Siuslaw	1,969.04
Forest fire patrol	199.16
Total	\$37,644.35

**To Rush McKenzie Highway.**  
The opening of the McKenzie highway over the lava beds will be rushed to completion as soon as weather conditions will permit, according to word received by Nelson F. McDuff, supervisor of the Cascade national forest, from the district office in Portland. It is believed the snow will be gone by the middle of April and that work will be so far advanced by June 1 that a detour can be provided. This road, one of the most scenic in the state, was closed the larger part of last season.

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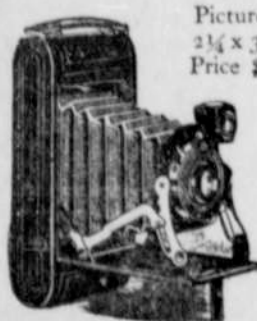
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