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Farming and Finance

(By P. F. BABSON.)

Farming has become big business during recent years and many of the farmers' difficulties may be traced directly to the fact that this change has not been appreciated by either the farmer or the general public. Similar transformation has happened before in many other lines of activity and has demanded a similar period of adjustment. A few years ago when land was cheap and labor was also cheap, farming could be carried on profitably under the heading of "arts and crafts" but today with high priced land and expensive help the old methods will not produce a satisfactory return. The farmer who still thinks along the old lines and runs his farm as he used to when his fixed charges were very low is doomed to be disappointed in his returns. It is as though the shoemaker, who had worked by hand and at home, bought a shoe factory with modern machinery and power equipment and then sat in the middle of it and worked by hand at his little bench just as he always had before. His personal output would perhaps be just as great but the overhead and costs of the new and larger plant and equipment would more than eat up his individual earnings and he would find himself in the hole no matter how hard he worked. A change no less unusual has taken place in farming.

Land values have climbed until the farmer's return on his "factory investment" has become one of the largest items in his budget. A wheat crop may be raised at a good profit on land that is worth fifty dollars an acre but if the same crop is raised on land that is valued at one thousand dollars an acre it fails to cover the rent on the capital invested. Manufacturers must earn a return on their plant investment and the farmer must do the same. Two chief difficulties have developed in this connection. During the speculative boom following the war much good farm property skyrocketed in price to a level far above practical investment values. The land was bought at an exorbitant price in the hope that it would sell at a still higher figure. The man who owned it when the crash came has been trying to raise a crop on it that will give him a return and has found that it cannot be done. The other difficulty lies in the fact that all plant investments are not alike. Wheat growing went from the east into Michigan years ago because the cheaper land there yielded a better profit, then it moved on to the northwest for the same reason, and lately the migration has carried it onto the cheap lands of Canada. The farmer on high priced land cannot compete successfully with the farmer who has cheap land any more than the manufacturer who has a million dollars invested in a factory can compete with the man who has practically the same factory at the cost of one hundred thousand. The cost of the land should be considered carefully and much disappointment will be avoided when the farmer recognizes this fixed overhead and plans definitely to earn an added return to cover it before he goes ahead.

The other important change has come in labor costs. Hand work could be done when hand labor was cheap but since wages have gone so high the farmer who continues with old methods is much like the shoemaker who sat in the middle of the well-equipped shoe factory and made shoes by hand. It is a principal in big business that any improvement or added equipment that will save more than the cost of the capital involved after proper depreciation should be adopted at once. Machinery that will do certain work cheaper than it can be done by hand, and machinery that will multiply the man power on the farm is not only desirable but will soon be absolutely necessary if the farmer is to succeed in working his high-priced factory to earn a good return on the investment and to earn an added profit for himself.

We are not pessimistic about the business of farming. It will forge ahead as all other industries have forged ahead after power methods and mass production have replaced hand work. It is only necessary that the farmer appreciate his large investment, his fixed overhead, his relative labor costs, and the fact that he must use every advantage that science and invention have devised to earn an adequate return on his larger investment.

Your home print shop—The Sentinel—should be always considered first. Usually it can handle any job of printing you may have.

MOTORCYCLIST IS INJURED

Raymond Gillispie Loses Control of Machine and Crash Follows.

Raymond Gillispie sustained painful injuries and narrowly escaped death in a motorcycle accident Saturday afternoon, when the machine which he was operating crashed at terrific speed into a pile of lumber alongside the highway just north of the city. The injured man was taken to a Eugene hospital after receiving first aid here. No internal injuries were found and it is believed that he will fully recover.

Gillispie was riding toward the city and was operating a machine belonging to a friend. It was said that he was not familiar with its operation and probably lost control. He failed to make the turn into the city and the crash followed. Gillispie's life probably was saved by the fact that the machine hit a ditch or pile of dirt before striking the lumber and the rider was thrown off before the machine crashed. The motorcycle was demolished and it was said that the speedometer was locked at over 70 miles.

POWER COMPANY OFFERS PARTNERSHIP

Local Money to Be Accepted for Local Investment.

Complete financial partnership with its customers is to be the aim of the Mountain States Power company, according to an announcement made by C. M. Brewer, vice president and general manager. In the past the company has sold its common gold notes to its service patrons, but for some time no securities of this kind have been available owing to over subscription of the last issue. The company has now decided to offer its 7% cumulative preferred stock to users of its service and thus to admit to full shareholding privileges in the organization all who wish to invest.

The Mountain States Power company is one of the many utilities supervised by the Byllesby Engineering and Management corporation and it is to the latter organization that a great deal of credit has been given for the customer ownership movement throughout the United States. The Byllesby people started to make shareholders out of their electric and gas customers ten years ago. Now they have more than 70,000 home shareholders receiving in dividends not less than \$4,200,000 annually. These dividends, instead of going to investors in far off places, remain in the 85 communities served by the Byllesby companies and contribute to local prosperity and upbuilding. Even the capital which the 70,000 home shareholders have supplied has been kept at home and invested in utility plants and distributing systems.

ALL MUST GET PERMITS

Record to Be Kept of All Who Go Into Forests.

All those going into the national forests will be required to have camp fire permits, even though they carry gasoline stoves, according to a recent order issued from the district forester's office in Portland. Heretofore only those who wished to build wood fires were required to secure permits. It is pointed out that many of those who carry gasoline stoves often resort to wood fires. Also it is desired to have a record of those who enter the national forests and requiring permits from all who enter provides such a record.

Margaret Wilson, seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Wilson, underwent an operation for the removal of her tonsils Friday at the office of a local physician.

First with Cottage Grove news—The Sentinel.

OIL MEETING TUESDAY

Officers Ready to State When Oil Is Going to Be Struck.

A meeting of stockholders of the Guaranty Oil company will be held Tuesday evening in the high school auditorium. The call for the meeting states that it is to be one of vital importance to those interested in the development of an oil field in this section. An announcement of importance from the company is promised.

Olson Brothers and the Guaranty Oil company of Oregon have consistently conducted oil well drilling operations in Lane county for a period of about two years. They are now down deep enough with both wells so that they are ready for a definite report as to the condition of these wells. They are also ready to make a definite statement as to the latest developments and the outlook for the future and to make a positive statement as to the time when oil is going to be struck in these two wells.

A full financial report will be given.

Louise Evelyn Schroeder Dies.

Louise Evelyn Schroeder, seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Schroeder, died July 8 at the family home at Walden. The child had suffered with paralysis since birth. Funeral services were held Friday afternoon from the home, J. H. Ebert, pastor of the Methodist church, officiating. Interment was in the A. F. & A. M. I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Louise was Born December 33, 1918, at Colorado Springs, Colo., and came to Cottage Grove with her parents four years ago. The parents and another child survive.

Mrs. George J. Shafer Dies.

Mrs. George J. Shafer died July 9 in a Eugene hospital, where she had undergone an operation for gall bladder trouble. The funeral was held Saturday forenoon from the chapel, Pastor A. J. Adams, of the Christian church, officiating. Interment was in the A. F. & A. M. I. O. O. F. cemetery. Mrs. Shafer was born in Ohio and was 56 years of age. She and her husband came here from California several months ago and made their home at the Woodson auto camp. There are no children.

Opens Potato Chip Factory.

Al Elledge has been treating his friends during the past week to samples of the product of his potato chip factory which he has opened in the I. B. Morris building. Mr. Elledge has made arrangements for the distribution of his product through the stores of the city and expects also to develop a large trade in nearby communities. He has installed the latest in equipment for the manufacture of the chips.

S. P. Agents Change.

T. M. Boyd is again local agent for the Southern Pacific company and Robert McNeil, who filled the position for several months, has been transferred to Medford. Boyd came here from Drain. He was agent here two years ago and in the early days of this section was agent at Sagi-naw, which has had no agent for many years.

Rubber stamps. The Sentinel. x

Solution of Puzzle No. 53.

PASS EROS
DENOTE SLICES
PANTHER CENTAUR
ARS OARLOCK SPA
REID MOULT POET
ANVIL RID GEMRE
TEPID S FLOSS
LARK MOON
STORY K PAIRS
SEEMS KIN MEATS
ANNA VALOR SMEW
PAD EARLIER PEA
STRATUM SEAQIRT
EIDOLA ELDERS
LENT SEME

EARNINGS INCREASE BUT TAX PAID DECREASE

Oregonians Earn More Than Ever Before But Are Helped by Lower Schedules.

The total number of federal income tax returns filed throughout the United States by individuals in 1924, showing income received during the calendar year 1923 was 7,698,321. The aggregate net income reported in these returns was \$26,336,337,843 and the tax \$703,962,165. This was the greatest number of returns filed and the largest aggregate net income reported for any year.

For the state of Oregon the number filed was 69,123, which showed net income amounting to \$190,493,824 and tax \$2,899,388. The number of returns was the largest for any year.

As compared with the preceding year, the figures for the United States show an increase of 910,840 or 13.42 per cent in the number of returns filed and an increase in the total net income reported amounting to \$5,000,125,131 or 23.43 per cent, but a decrease of \$157,095,143 or 18.24 per cent in the total tax.

For the state of Oregon the increase in the number of returns was 7,244 or 11.71 per cent. The increase in the total net income amounted to \$29,267,592 or 18.15 per cent, and the decrease in the tax was \$1,340,401 or 31.61 per cent.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hill, newlyweds, have returned from their honeymoon trip to Washington and Portland, and are with Mrs. Hill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Plaster.

Fords Play Billiards

On Main Street

Four Fords, two trucks and two sedans, participated in what resembled a carom billiard game on a recent forenoon, using Cottage Grove's main street as a billiard table, and all escaped without serious injury.

The game started when a truck driven by Mrs. Lee Dugan, while pulling away from the curb in front of the Basket Grocerier, was struck by a truck driven by Mr. Hollister, of Creswell, which at that moment turned onto Main street from south Sixth street.

From the force of the impact the Dugan truck caromed against the E. C. Lockwood sedan parked at the curb and the Lockwood sedan moved forward against the A. W. Kime sedan also parked at the curb. The injuries were a bent fender for the Dugan truck, a broken hub cap for the Hollister truck and a blowout for the Lockwood sedan. The Kime sedan sustained no injury.

Child Burned Eating Electric Cord

Roseburg, Ore., July 9.—The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Thomas, of this city, was painfully burned this morning when she placed an electric iron cord in her mouth. Her mother was ironing and had let the cord fall within reach of the youngster, who, child-like, placed it in her mouth. The insulation was thin, allowing the electricity to shoot through into the baby's mouth, inflicting deep and very painful burns.

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CROSS-WORD PUZZLE No. 52

Horizontal.
1—Gleason
2—Close to
3—Tailless leaping amphibian
4—Related
5—Exerts
6—Couple
7—Long narrow inlet
8—Toward
9—Ghost
10—Trap
11—Swirled
12—Instrumentality
13—Symbol for rubidium
14—Furious
15—Note of musical scale
16—Vase
17—Like
18—Swine's nose
19—Nekoid
20—Blow
21—Cuts
22—Attain
23—Move sidewise
24—Preposition
25—Pedal extremity
26—And so forth
27—Every (abbr.)
28—Earth's satellite
29—Intend
30—Hinglet
31—Small mass of liquid

Vertical.
1—Preposition
2—Yuccalike plant of southwestern United States
3—Feddler
4—Humored
5—African antelope
6—Commercial announcement (abbr.)
7—Impediment of speech
8—Perform
9—Initials of a United States President
10—Verse
11—Urge on
12—Keel
13—Eye (postle)
14—Song
15—Discourage
16—Less
17—Blood relative (abbr.)
18—So be it
19—Fashionable watering place
20—Institution of learning
21—Tried
22—Conducted
23—A bearing in the form of a gilet round the shield
24—Flower
25—Performer
26—In England, an incumbent of a parish who is not a rector
27—Bench
28—Printing measure
29—Twice 45 vertical
30—Greek letter
31—Negative

Solution will appear in next issue.

Lawyer Should Not Pick Cherries

Injuries from which Attorney H. J. Shinn is recovering did not result from some legal entanglement. Had Shinn stuck to his profession he would not have been injured, but when he essayed to pick cherries from a ladder he got into trouble. The ladder folded and fell to the ground, Shinn going to the ground with it. The fall was for a distance of about 15 feet. Dislocation of the right arm at the shoulder was the most serious injury. Mr. Shinn has not returned to his office.

SHUT-INS ENTERTAINED

Mrs. Melvina Willis, Aged 99 Years, Is Oldest Guest.

The elderly people and shut-ins of the city were entertained Friday afternoon by the W. C. T. U. at the H. W. Titus home. The rooms were artistically decorated with marigolds and a variety of other flowers. Cars were provided for the guests by Mrs. J. R. Hendricks and Mrs. J. H. Chambers, conveyance committee. The following program was enjoyed: Two vocal numbers, "Love's Old Sweet Song" and "The Sunshine of Your Smile," by Miss Flossie Mathes, who was accompanied by Miss Nellie Stewart at the piano; two violin numbers by Miss Ramona Spriggs, accompanied on the piano by Miss Helen Ostrander; and short talks by J. C. Orr and J. H. Ebert. The guests sang a number of old favorite songs. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served. Mrs. George Newell and Mrs. Wilson Hubbell were the refreshment committee. A corsage bouquet was given to each guest. Those who were invited and were unable to attend were remembered with bouquets and with refreshments.

INTEREST CONTINUES IN PLAYGROUNDS

Keen Rivalry Develops Between Several Baseball Teams.

Interest upon the part of the children in the children's playgrounds continues to grow. Seventy-two were present at the opening of a recent afternoon session. Thirty little girls were on hand for the starting of the Swedish and Danish folk dancing classes. The average morning attendance is 37 and the average afternoon attendance is 61.

Keen rivalry has developed between the baseball teams, which have taken names and colors as follows: Regular Fellows (boys), Arnold Bakright, captain, black and white; Bloodhounds (boys), Robert Forbes, captain, red and yellow; Eagles (girls), Beth Bode, captain, pink and green; Greyhounds (girls), Gertrude Cochran, captain, gray and blue.

The Regular Fellows won last week's series of the boys' games but the Bloodhounds rated higher for sportsmanship. The Greyhounds won the series of the girls' games and also rated higher for sportsmanship.

Two Men Are Injured On Same Job

Lester Harrington sustained a painful injury to his back Wednesday while employed on one of Charles Cochran's trucks which is used to haul lumber to the city from the Ellsworth mill. Ralph Salsman took Harrington's place and a short time later he too sustained injury. Harrington was handling a pickeroon which slipped and a wrench of Harrington's back resulted. A tie fell onto Salsman's foot, mashing the great toe.

Mrs. Verne Owens and children, of El Paso, Tex., who were visiting Mrs. Owens' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Wells, have returned home.

Dog With Pail On Head Is Thief

Occupants of the John Nokes house were aroused one night recently by a racket which led them to believe that a noisy thief was at work. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Nokes, of Albany, were spending the night there and Mr. Nokes suspected that someone might be trying to get away with his car. He hurried outdoors in his night clothes, probably thinking his appearance would frighten away any ordinary thief, but the racket continued.

It was discovered that a marauding dog, in appropriating some table scraps that had been left in a pail, had gotten the pail fastened over his head and was going through every imaginable contortion in an effort to extricate himself from his predicament and from the pail.

A dog that had either eaten poison or had gone mad was killed recently by Officer McFarland. West side residents who were frightened by seeing the dog running about frothing at the mouth summoned the officer and he dispatched the animal with a bullet from his trusty gat.

WHAT'S THE USE

MATTHEW SPEYER, THE HOTEL DETECTIVE WHOM FELIX THINKS IS GOING TO PUT A MILLION IN HIS INVENTION, HAS DROT A COUPLE OF FRIENDS UP TO MEET FELIX FEATHERHEAD. FELIX DOESN'T KNOW THAT MR. SPEYER IS THE HOTEL DETECTIVE.



By L. F. Van Zelm

Improvement is Seen in Lumber Market

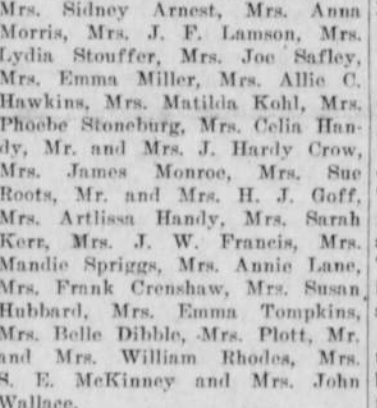
Last Week Stronger Than Any Time This Year and Outlook for Fall is Bright.

(C. C. Crow in The Oregonian.)
The lumber market has manifested more strength during the last week than at any time since the first of the year.

A number of things are contributing to the improvement and they come from so many angles that the outlook has more stability than anyone had anticipated it would have this early in the month. The most potent immediate influence is the withdrawal from the market of many large mills that are down for repairs over the Fourth of July vacation period and the reluctance of practically every one to take on business other than what they can ship from stock on hand. While this has not had sufficient time to bring about any general increase in prices, it has caused the buyers to be apprehensive, and many sales have been made where a premium was paid on upper grade items to get prompt shipment.

It is not surprising that the curtailment has affected the market so quickly. Stocks at the mills are either low or badly broken, as they have been all through the year. When they shut down there is no surplus to permit of making more than a limited amount of sales. The outlook for fall business is very bright in a majority of the domestic fields, and should the present trend of the market hold for a few weeks and the dealers decide to bring their yard stocks up to what has always been considered normal in the past, there would be a flood of orders that would inundate the mills.

Making an Impression



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