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DROUGHT MAY BE BLESSING.

These stories about Kansas being burned up probably are a great deal like the stories that Kansas believe about the forests of Oregon being burned up every year. But if the crops in Kansas and the other grain states are being hit by the heat, that may be the very best thing that could happen to them. With half a crop they will get as much real money as they would for double the crop if every section had a good crop, and at the same time the great surplus would be greatly reduced, which is exactly what is needed to put the grain farmer on his feet.

In fact, the grain producer would be far better off during a period of several years if the country had a complete failure of the grain crops. In the years to follow the lean one of crop failure he would more than regain all that would be lost in the one year.

The trouble with the grain farmer is that he has himself, with power-driven machinery greatly increased his production, while the very vehicles that bring about the increased production have put out of the way the horses and mules that ate probably a third of the grain crop, and machinery has so reduced manual labor that humans have greatly reduced their consumption.

It is likely that the surplus of grain, great as it is, is not more than farmers themselves would have used for their work animals before the days of gasoline driven farm machinery.

The only way to bring back profitable prices for grain is to get rid of the surplus, and the only workable way of doing this seems to be through the elements, so a drought may be only a blessing in disguise.

Not long ago a story in Oregon Exchange said that the Yaquina Bay News at Newport probably was the only newspaper in the world that had backdoor fishing. Evidently this aroused the jealousy of Bob Davey of the Newport Journal, for he has now moved into a building which overhangs the bay and has a fishing dock directly connecting the editorial department with the piscatorial arrangements.

Officers of the state traffic force are to be equipped with white motorcycles. Mighty thoughtfulness of Secretary Hal. Now we will not have to slack up while we inspect every motorcycle ahead to see whether it carries a member of the traffic squad.

Don't sacrifice self for pelf.

Radio Ray Has This to Say:

HOWDY FOLKS!—When a man goes broke, it is some times hard to face the music because his notes are worthless.

A woman in Kansas was kicked by a mule, causing her to bite the end of her tongue off and now she cannot talk. It is reported that the farmer has refused several good offers for the mule.

And at this time may we offer you G. E. fans for this warm weather.

A newspaper headline says, "Contracting Firm Expands." Sherman Godard wants to know how it can be done.

A JUDGE BACK EAST HAS DECIDED THAT MOTORISTS MUST NOT RUN OVER DOGS IN THE ROAD. WOULDNT IT BE A GOOD PLAN TO EXTEND THE RULE TO INCLUDE FEDESTRIANS?

In a recent meeting of a woman's club it was decided that there wouldn't be any danger of forest fires in this country if the men had to build them.

We are building over the interior of our store and will have no radios in stock till about August 26.

Fome by Live Wire Hanes. Under the spreading chestnut tree.

The village smithy grieves, He's picking up the rubbish The picnic party leaves.

"Why is it doctor," said Sam Mackin to Dr. Axley the other day, "After I have stood behind the counter for a few hours I commence to have pains?"

"Oh, those are counter pains," answered the learned Doc.

Doctors are recognized as learned men and wise. Perhaps that's why the above mentioned doctor is a regular user of our G. E. Fans.

Send a city plan fan.

THE SPARK

It should be unnecessary to caution anyone in a state that depends upon the lumber business for 60 per cent of its payroll to be careful not to burn the forests. But the number of forest fires every year that result from carelessness prove that it is necessary to repeatedly warn about extinguishing every spark of a camp fire, not to smoke when moving through dry forests, not to throw down lighted cigar or cigarette stubs or dump live ashes from a pipe.

One carelessly thrown match or cigarette stub may start a conflagration of sufficient size to wipe out a payroll. If we have no consideration for the rights of others, we should at least be selfish enough to protect the resource that puts money into the pocket of each of us.

Do not leave a spark of any kind anywhere in a forest region, or where there is dry grass or inflammable material. This includes the saved highways of the state. Guardians of the forests and of the highways are getting a little peeved about carelessness, and those who can not be otherwise persuaded may have a chance to think it over while paying a stiff fine or spending a few days in jail.

THE PRICE OF GAS.

If grocers on the coast should sell flour at \$2 a sack on one day and at 30 cents the next another day, and then put it back to \$2 on the third day, there would be an uprising of mighty proportions and those who use flour would demand to know what it was all about.

But distributors of gasoline vary the price to service stations to such an extent that for several days it will sell for one-quarter of what it was selling for the day before, and within a few days it is back to the old price, and nothing is done about it, and very little said.

If gasoline can be sold at 6 cents, there certainly is something wrong when the motorist has to pay four times that much.

Either the reduction to six cents is a move to put someone out of business, which would be a reprehensible thing, or the producers of gasoline are making a profit that is out of all reason.

No city utility could fluctuate like gasoline fluctuates without stirring the national government to action. It's about time that it took a hand in the gasoline business.

The society editor of the Newark (N. J.) Evening News produced this one:

The bride carried a shower bouquet of roses, lilies-of-the-valley and gardenias, and wore as her only garment a pearl necklace.

In this case it would have, no doubt, been perfectly proper to speak of the blue of the bride. And it is to be hoped that the pearls were of sufficient magnitude to be the cynosure of all eyes.

Oregonians returning from the central states report men working on farms and on the highways at a dollar a day. And at the same time our national government admits importations of pulp wood which is the product of soviet convicts. Are we going to reduce American labor to the plane of serfs of Russia?

The reports are that "money is easy." That probably is the reason that it always happens that some idiot gets it before we have a chance at it.

Let Old Sol hit the bare skin, advises Mrs. Sarah Prentiss, specialist of the Oregon Agricultural college. Well, who's stopping him?

A real genius is a man who can answer the little boy's question in such a manner that there will be no more to follow.

Life is what you make it—for others.

MOUNT VIEW.

(Special to the Sentinel.)

Aug. 13.—Mr. and Mrs. Lestlin Downes of McLeod, Cal., visited for two weeks with Mr. Downes' brother, Walter Downes.

A picnic was held Sunday a short ways up Row river and those attending were friends of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Dear, who formerly lived in Douglas county. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Medley, Charles Medley Jr., Palma Hall and Gordon Miller of Oakland; Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Rice, Delmar and Wayne Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Strong, Byron Strong, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Warner, Mr. and Mrs. George Theil, Herman Theil, Mrs. Beulah Bovington, Minnie Gant and Mr. McCord of Rice Valley; Mr. and Mrs. Eric Stenseth, Marvin Stenseth, Mrs. Glover and Lucile, Maxine and Naomi Flover of Yoncalla, and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Umphrey, Donald Umphrey, Blanche Toner, E. C. Leum, J. E. Dear and Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Dear of Cottage Grove.

Mrs. Amanda Sears visited over night Saturday in Cottage Grove with Mrs. Kate Sears. She was accompanied home Sunday evening by Mrs. Kate Sears and the latter's sister-in-law, Mrs. Becca Bales of Kansas City, who remained until Monday evening.

Mrs. Louis Layng and children of Blue Mountain visited Tuesday with an aunt, Mrs. Bert Myers.

Miss Bernadine Schneider went to Portland Thursday for a week's visit with relatives.

Mrs. George Louder of Portland, accompanied by a girl friend, was an overnight guest Wednesday of a cousin, Miss Forest Schneider.

A number of the neighbors picnicked Sunday along the river. Two picnics were held, one up Mosby creek near Blue Mountain and another up Row river, both of which included most of the neighborhood.

Mrs. Roy Hands returned this week from a two weeks' visit in Reedsport with her mother, Mrs. Sherman. Her sister, Miss Ada Sherman, accompanied her home for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Dear went to Oakland Tuesday to attend the annual meeting of the Douglas county turkey growers association.

Virginia's "Fairy Stones"

The staurolites, better known as fairy stones, are found in a field of about fifty acres on top of Bull mountain, Patrick county, Virginia. They are twinned staurolite crystals simulating the Roman Maltese and St. Andrew's crosses. The original staurolite mineral has changed to a compact, softer material so that the stones can readily be prepared for the jewelry trade.

DAIRYING AND ITS RELATION TO GENERAL FARMING

By Edgar W. Cooley.

Agricultural Extension Department International Harvester Company.

There is no more certain way of making a failure of farming than to follow a one-crop system. It makes no difference whether the one-crop is cotton or corn or wheat or some other product of the soil, the result is always the same—poverty and hard times.

When we grow only one crop year after year, we are doing three things which ordinary business judgment should show us are foolish:

We are gambling on the weather and the market.

We are giving the best encouragement possible to insect enemies and plant diseases.

We are constantly taking plant food out of our soil and putting nothing back to take its place.

When we grow but one crop, and that crop is a failure because of growing conditions, we are brought face to face with the greatest tragedy in all human experience. The one crop to which we devoted our entire year's work; the crop upon which we depended for our prosperity—for our existence—has failed. We have little or nothing to sell. We have no money. We have no other resources. We are not even able to feed ourselves. We are "up against it."

Even when we win in our gamble on the weather and grow a big crop, it often happens that there is no market for our produce or prices drop below the cost of production and again we see our whole season's work go for nothing.

If we are lucky, we may go on for several years raising good crops and getting good prices for them, but all the time we are playing a losing game, for we are doing all we can to help insect enemies to increase and multiply. The boll weevil gets into our cotton or the Hessian fly ruins our wheat or the corn root worm plays havoc with our corn.

If we escape these pests, we find after a few years that our land isn't producing as much as it used to, even under favorable conditions. We have been taking the fertility out of the soil and not putting any of it back and our land is getting poorer and poorer every year.

There is just one sure remedy for all these troubles, and that is crop rotation. We must stop growing the same crop year after year on the same land. And the only true system of rotation includes some legumes.

Every acre that has grown cotton or grain for two or three years should be planted to alfalfa or soy beans or clover or some other legume for a year or two and then plowed under.

Planting these acres to clover will go far towards getting rid of the insect enemies to grain or cotton by starving them out. Plowing under the clovers, will add humus to the soil, thus putting back some of the fertility the grain or cotton has taken away.

We will get from two to four cuttings of clover off the land and we will find it is one of the best paying crops we ever raised.

Clover or alfalfa means good pasture and good hay, and clover and hay mean livestock. We can get a good cash price for the hay, but we can get more for it by feeding it to hogs, or beef cattle. We can get a still bigger price for it by converting it into dairy products.

There is good money in beef cattle or hogs. Every farmer should raise at least a few hogs. But beef cattle and hogs must be grown and fattened before they can be sold. They can be marketed at only certain seasons of the year. Sometimes the price drops just when we have our animals ready to market and we lose money on them or, at best, make very little.

When we have a few milk cows, we have milk or cream or butter to sell every day of the year. Then we can put the manure back on the land and this, with the humus from the clover we plow under, will keep the soil fertile and productive.

Dairy products are sold the day after they are produced. There is small chance of our having to sell them for less than it costs to produce them.

No plan of general farming can be entirely successful unless we feed ourselves and have something to sell every day of the year. We should have a garden, some chickens, and a few hogs. More than anything else, we should have some good dairy cows. They must not be scrubs and they need not be pure breeds. They should be cows that pay for their keep and give us a good margin of profit.

No farmer can really prosper unless he has these things.

Alaska's Status

Alaska became a territory by act of August 24, 1912. This act gave it a legislature elected by direct vote and a governor appointed for four years by the President. Congress reserves the right to legislate on certain subjects.

Sale of Power Plant Would Benefit County

(Editorial Springfield, Ore., News, July 18, 1936.)

While it probably would be "poor business" on Eugene's part to sell her electric power system just after investing two millions of dollars in the Leaburg extension, private ownership of the property would put it on the tax rolls and result in lower tax rates in the rest of Lane county.

It is a question whether or not a city is entitled to exemption on its property when it enters business or industry in competition with private capital. Certainly it cannot be defended on any grounds of fairness or equality, or by the same reasons governmental, educational or charitable property is exempted. The Eugene electrical system probably would pay somewhere between \$50,000 and \$100,000 taxes every year if it had a value anything like its cost. Because of the fact this property is exempted, state and county taxes fall harder on the rest of the county that does not profit by the use of cheaper electricity developed by the municipal ownership of the power plant. The question: "How cheap would this electricity be if the power system paid taxes?"

A Lane county farmer paying \$100 a year in taxes once figured for us that he paid somewhere between \$2 and \$4 of this amount in order that Eugene residents could have a little lower light bills. He failed to see the justice in this and we must admit we have the same viewpoint.

We do not believe any city should be curbed in its municipal ownership rights but we do say that city owned utilities should be subjected to the same laws as all other manufacturing and business enterprises.

SAGINAW.

Aug. 12.—Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Koch and son Monty and Mrs. E. H. Rooh spent Wednesday and Thursday at Salem, visiting at the home of Mrs. E. H. Koch's son, Ivan Koch. Mrs. E. H. Koch enjoyed her first airplane ride while there.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Keene and son Robert motored to Salem Saturday night with Frances Keene and Claud Willey and visited friends and relatives there Sunday.

A daughter was born August 3 to Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Gray of Marshfield. The child has been named Verna May. Mrs. Gray was formerly Esther Sharon of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Beniston and Delmer and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Harpole and son Howard spent the week end at Florence and Hecla beach.

Jesse Tucker, who is working near Reedsport, was a visitor at the Murray Shampang home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Paul of Silk creek visited at the E. H. Koch home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Montiel and children were visitors Sunday at the Fred Kinsland home in Lynx Hollow.

Church News

CHURCH NEWS

Presbyterian Church—Rev. Duncan P. Cameron will preach at the 11 o'clock Sunday service on "The Healing Power of Shadows." A union service will be held at the 8 o'clock evening hour in the Baptist church and Rev. I. G. Shaw of the Christian church will be the speaker. Sunday school with classes for all ages will meet at 10 o'clock. The young people's organization will meet at 7 o'clock in a union service at the Baptist church.

First Methodist Episcopal Church, Ira R. Aldrich, pastor.—The pastor's theme for the 11 o'clock service Sunday will be "Walk Worthily of God." First Thess. II, 12. Church school, with its three departments with classes for all ages, will meet at 9:45. An orchestra and other attractive features have been arranged. Sunday school attendance has increased steadily the last four weeks. Miss Helen Aldrich will lead the Epworth League at 7 o'clock.

Church of the Nazarene, Adams avenue and Eleventh street, Rev. T. J. Orr, pastor.—Sunday school will meet at 9:45. The pastor's subject for the 11 o'clock Sunday service will be "David Bringing Home the Ark." At the 8 o'clock evening service Pastor Orr will preach on "God's Attitude Toward Sin." A mid-week prayer service will be held at 8 o'clock Wednesday night.

The church will join with the other cooperating churches in a union service at 8 o'clock in the Baptist church. Prayer meeting will be held at 8 o'clock Thursday night and young people's mid-week devotional meeting Wednesday night. Plans are being made for a big Sunday school rally day September 14.

The Highway Baptist Church, Louis Henry Randie, pastor.—Church school, 9:45, W. L. Leonard, superintendent; morning worship, 11, sermon by the pastor; union meeting of young people's organization, 7, in this church; evening worship, a union service at 8 in this church, Rev. I. G. Shaw of the Christian church to preach.

Seventh Day Adventist Church—West Main street, Saturday, Sabbath school at 9:45 a. m., church service at 11 a. m., prayer meeting at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday. Any one welcome.

Free Methodist Church—Corner of Monroe avenue and south Fifth street—O. O. Crow, pastor, Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.; services at 10:45 a. m.; young people's meeting at 7 p. m.; evangelistic services at 8 p. m.; meetings Bible study, Wednesday; prayer meeting Thursday; services with young people in charge, Friday; street meeting, Saturday at 7:30 p. m.

Lutheran Mission—Adventist church, west Main street; Martin P. Simon, pastor.

Divine service at 2:30 the first and third Sundays of each month. All Lutherans, irrespective of nationality, are cordially invited as well as those who are without a church home.

Church of Christ—(London, 12 miles south of Cottage Grove.)—Sunday services; Bible study 10 a. m., worship 11 a. m., scripture study 7:30 p. m.

Where 'Coon Makes Home

Home to the raccoon is a hollow tree, usually an elm. The 'coon enters by an opening in one of the big limbs or high up in the trunk. The hollow sometimes extends down to the roots, and when the tree is felled the animals are found in the stump at the level of the ground. Three or four of the roly poly animals sometimes live together in the same tree.

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