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The Scientific Farmer.

Scientific farming is one of the great aims of the country. How to make one's farm produce the best results is the constant study of the farmer. And so he studies his soil and finds out for what crops it is best adapted and then what is the best method of raising that crop. And to many people that seems to be the end of his study.

But the scientific farmer, to thoroughly know his profession, must be a better educated man than those in most any other profession. He must be a business man, a chemist and an engineer, in addition to what we generally think of as a farmer. He must have a broader education than ninety per cent of the business men generally have, and yet has been thought of as a elod hopper and one who could not understand the intricate affairs of our country.

These old ideas are slowly falling into disrepute and the farmer is rapidly stepping into his place in the business world.

The prime requisite of a farmer is business ability. He must know the markets from alpha to omega. When the prices are highest, when the supply is smallest; when the supply can be furnished cheapest; in fact he must keep complete tab on every phase of the market question so as to know how, when and where to market his goods in the most profitable manner.

Then he has to order his farm to meet those markets. This means system, and the farmer that neglects this aspect of the work is like a stick in a dead eddy. He must organize his work so that it will not all come at the same time, he must plan the cultivation of every field to meet the demand for its product; his buildings, fences, etc., must be up to date and efficient, and built for specific purposes, and this does not tell half of what his system should embrace.

Another requirement of a successful farmer is that he knows his farm, every foot of it. A study of soil chemistry is practically a necessity. Adaptation of crops to certain kinds of soil and fertilization are the problems he must solve. The uneducated farmer blindly experiments, but the scientific one secures a soil analysis and then works accordingly. He conserves the fertility of his farm by the use of fertilizers and rotation of crops so that every field is a money maker every year.

Then he must know machinery, the best kind, how and when to use it. Not only that, but he must have the engineering ability, also, to know how to drain or irrigate his land in the best way, to take advantage and develop any natural power on his farm, such as water power, coal, etc. He must estimate waste of power as well as waste along all other lines.

In addition to this he must be a stockman, keeping and breeding the stock best adapted to his farm, a horticulturist, an agriculturist, a poultryman, a dairyman, etc. The truth is he is never through preparing himself for his work and every year new things develop which need careful study.

And last and most important of all he must be in love with his work. He must have an enthusiasm for farming and a great desire to succeed in it as he would in any other business and his success will be just in proportion to his enthusiasm. A real scientific farmer is one of the greatest, if not the greatest, product of education and experience, and farming is the oldest and noblest profession in the world.

More About the "Modern Colossus."

The affairs of Malheur county have reached that stage, where, in order to insure needed developments and future prosperity, thorough and sincere co-operation should be observed to the letter. Every citizen of Malheur county, who has the true welfare of the county at heart, should realize the time has arrived when he should forget, at least for the moment, any grievance, whether real or imagined, which he might have against his neighbor. Certainly this is not a time for muckraking. This is not a time for the exposure of a "Colossus," should any exist.

Webster defines a "Colossus" as "anything of gigantic size or overawing greatness." In the vocabulary of the modern newspaper world, a "Colossus" is known as one who has much power, either financial, mental or as a politician. Webster does not say anything about a "Colossus" being an object to fear, nor a power for evil. The term

"Colossus" has become a synonym for any great man. Men of power and influence, the country over, are termed "Modern Colossi," and the term does not imply that they are dishonest.

Thank goodness, there are many big men throughout this great land--men upon whom the term "Colossus" is well fitted. As a rule these men are not powers for evil. Their presence in a community is certainly not to be regretted. On the other hand, any community which can lay claim to having a really big man in it, is to be envied. True, when any man betrays a public trust, whether he be influential or not, and whether the trust be clearly defined or simply implied, that man becomes a menace to the community. But no such menace exists in Malheur county, nor in any locality of it, so far as can be discovered.

Ontario claims among her citizens a man who wields much personal influence. A man who is naturally equipped to be a leader. He has given much energy to a careful study of Malheur county, her needs and possibilities. He has formed a wide acquaintance among men of the Nation whose friendship is really worth while. And by his personality, he has compelled a recognition of the county which he represents. His worth to this county is not figured in dollars and cents. He is not a seeker after power, and neither is he afraid to serve his community when called upon to do so.

Cherishing no malice at a time and under conditions which would cause many to harbour past grudges, he has entered body and soul into a fight for the advancement of this county. He is throwing his every energy into an effort to secure government aid in the building of the Warm Springs Irrigation Project. This project cannot aid Ontario directly. It will directly aid Vale. It will aid Ontario, indirectly, and just as it will aid every other section of this county not in the immediate vicinity of the project. But it will boost Malheur county, as a whole. It will increase our population, as a county, and will turn some sixty thousand arid or semi-arid acres into valuable farm lands. It will cause the employment of hundreds of men, and will add many hundreds of homes to the community.

This is why Ontario is boosting for this project. This is why the influential men of the city have offered to work in harmony with men of other sections, that the unit might be perfected.

We are glad we have men who are an asset to the county organization. Men who can greatly aid in securing the coveted plum. And men who are broad-minded enough to overlook petty jealousies and work for the common good.

The New Governor.

With the inauguration, this week, of Oregon's new Governor, comes the much looked-for change in the handling of the State affairs. The long heralded "safe and sane" administration is now an accomplished fact. Governor Withycombe is one of the strong and substantial statesmen of Oregon, and the gubernatorial affairs are in safe hands.

At this time it is well to carefully consider the vast change that has come about in recent years in our form of government. Our government is slowly but surely drifting away from the democratic principle upon which it was founded, absolute freedom for all, with no official aristocracy imposing regulations upon the people. The office holders of the early days were the servants of the people, whose sole duty was to administer the laws of the land and not to make new ones.

Today, neither you or I can enter a business of the simplest character without getting permits and making reports and being inspected, regulated and controlled at every turn. This is especially true of any man who wishes to enter the manufacturing business or any business employing labor. Governor Withycombe was elected on a platform which declared for simplification and consolidation of the many commissions and state bureaus that have been organized, many with little other purpose than to create fat jobs for political henchmen and favorites.

We will admit that conditions change and that new laws are required to meet them, but these laws should be few and simple and easy of enforcement. Practically every state in the Union today is overriden with bureaus and commissions of forty different kinds, and how many of them are really necessary? mighty few. Taken as a whole, what have they really brought us? Practically nothing but unheard of high taxes and an army of office holders. They have driven capital away from our coast states and held us back at a time when we should be going ahead. Former U. S. Senator Jonathan Browne, Jr., hits the nail on the head when he says, "The desideratum of all government should be the protection of its citizens and only such restraint of individual action as is absolutely necessary to insure the desired protection of all its citizens."

In natural resources, Oregon ranks among the highest of the western states. But today these resources are practically in their virgin state. There is room for almost unlimited capital in the exploitation of this, Nature's own endowment.

May our new Governor attain the highest success in his efforts to bring about a change of policies and administration which will tend toward starting the wheels of industry, and toward placing this State among the first rank as a wealth producer.

Better Schools.

It is interesting to note the difference of policies between the educators of today and those of former years. A pure elemental

and classical education was the aim in the course of study in former years and the work was done entirely in the school room. Every pupil, no matter what his vocation in life might be, was required to take these studies. But today a radical change has so ordered it that the pupil has a considerable choice in his studies, excepting, of course, the essential ones, and the school aims to help the pupil in his life work. For this reason more things are taught in the modern school, more teachers required, and more equipment necessary. Not only that, but the work is not all done in the school room and is not all done during the school term. Farms, factories, homes, hospitals, etc., are alike utilized as places of study in this great age of practical education. Right here at home this work is done by corn clubs, hog clubs, tomato club, garden truck clubs, the county fair, etc. This is not half the work that ought to be done. Every farm should be equipped with a wood working and blacksmith shop where the boy should be encouraged to work. The girls should be given an opportunity to develop their talents along such lines as floriculture, greenhouse work, dairying and poultry raising. A small plot of ground given to the boy or girl for their very own will tend to develop their enthusiasm and increase their love for the farm while they are learning to do things in a business-like way. If farm work is made interesting and educational there will be no trouble about keeping the young folks on the farm.

Opportunity Knocking.

Opportunity is knocking at the door of the boys and girls of this community in the offer of the Portland Union Stockyards, which is given in this issue. This is the result of the work of educators who are advising more practical courses of study in our schools. It is a benefit to all parties concerned and a great chance for the young people to get a practical education in hog breeding and marketing. Not only that, but this county being especially adapted to hog raising because of its alfalfa and corn, affords a great opportunity to development along that line and this offer of the Portland Union Stockyards is the key to that opportunity. May there be a number of young people from this community grasp the opportunity.

JURY FINDS ROY FARNUM IS GUILTY

(Special to The Argus.)

Roseburg.—Roy Farnum was convicted of a statutory crime after five hours' deliberation. This is the third trial on the charge. Farnum still has a murder charge to face, in which he is accused of killing and burning the body of Edna Morgan, a 15-year-old girl, near Glendale two weeks ago.

HEAD OF ASYLUM IS EXHONERATED

Idaho Insane Asylum at Orofino Has Been Under Investigation.

(Special to The Argus.)

Orofino.—An investigation of the North Idaho sanitarium is being made by Edward Hofstede, an Orofino attorney, during the meeting of the board of directors now in session. The board is composed of W. B. Kinne of Orofino, Mark Means of Lewiston and J. Rosensteln of Genesee.

The charges in general against Dr. J. W. Givens, medical superintendent of the asylum, are neglect of duty, failure to make an intelligent effort to cure patients, mismanagement of business affairs of the institution and cruelty to patients through subordinates. Affidavits were filed alleging extreme cruelty to patients by the attendants, instances purporting to be specific being cited by a former employe of the place.

Mrs. W. R. Shinn went to Vale Monday morning to spend the week with relatives.

GHAPIN GETS PARDON FROM GOVERNOR WEST

Man Convicted of Larceny by Bailee is Given His Liberty.

(Special to The Argus.)

Salem.—W. H. Chapin, convicted of larceny by bailee in Portland for appropriation to his own use of \$3500 belonging to Marion Annie Grace, was given a full pardon by Governor West, who executed the instrument upon receiving a bond, signed by Chapin's friends, guaranteeing that he would make restitution.

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