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TELLS OF AGRICULTURAL PROGRESS OF NORTHWEST

Agricultural Inspector, in Chicago, Speaks on Land Development in Last Few Years.

E. H. Paville of Spokane, Wash., editor of the Western Farmer, published at Spokane and Portland, Oregon, is in Chicago for a few days for the purpose of inspecting the work and exhibits of the Chicago Herald Land and Industrial Bureau and Exhibition, looking toward representation for the Pacific Northwest. Mr. Paville, who is markedly enthusiastic regarding the bureau and exhibition, and anxiously eager to have the State of Washington enrolled among active exhibitors and beneficiaries, has interesting things to say of the recent upward progress and development of Washington and Oregon.

"The rapidity with which these states have adopted a system of diversified farming and live stock raising has been wonderful," in Mr. Paville's opinion. "Especially has there been a marked increase in the growing of alfalfa and other forage crops—an initial step toward crop rotation and essential to the maintenance of soil fertility.

"The original impetus resulting in this economic advancement was imparted in 1913, when Professor P. G. Holden, prominent in agricultural extension work, conducted 950 meetings in a territory embracing 225 square miles.

"At that time the Pacific Northwest was a buying region. Now it has an annual surplus of food and feeds to sell, and the importation of butter and dairy products has entirely ceased. In the last five years Oregon has increased the number of her dairy cattle 50 per cent, with the Washington increase showing 40 per cent. The increase in other cattle has been much more marked, 120 per cent in Oregon and 370 per cent in Washington. Among the many other promising improvements may be mentioned a system of great terminal warehouses for the handling of the largely increased grain harvests and a better method of handling grain on the farms.

"Other fine movements have been set going also, as, for example, that of better roads and the rural credit system just now receiving united attention from farmers and business men alike. As a result of all this intelligent effort, the earning power per farm in the Pacific Northwest has been increased to \$4,000—the highest in the country.

"Since better farming always leads to better homes and a better people, a splendid school system in which agricultural education plays an important part, has been built up. The percentage of illiteracy in Oregon and Washington is lower than in any other state."

Mr. Paville knows whereof he speaks when he commends the Chicago Herald Land and Industrial Bureau and Exhibition. And he knows whereof he speaks, also, when he talks of the Pacific Northwest's remarkable gains.—Chicago Herald.

THE NEW VALLANDIGHAM.

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phenism for cowardice, in the public ear. After the Nation has taken ample time to deliberate and to form its resolve, and when nothing remains but to carry out that resolve, he calls for further debate. He proposes that the people vote whether they shall carry out their decision, this referendum to be preceded by a political campaign in which he and his coadjutors would do their utmost to weaken the Nation's will and to divide it into two opposing camps.

Mr. Bryan is not content with these efforts to divide the Nation at a time

when all Americans should unite in support of their Government. He secretly aids an unofficial agent of Germany in an attempt to induce this Government to recede from its decision to defend the rights for which we fought a century ago and for which we have always stood firm. At the solicitation of George W. Kirchwes he gave Dr. Bartholme, correspondent of the Cologne Gazette, a letter to Secretary Daniels, in order that Mr. Daniels might permit the sending of a dispatch stating that America was most anxious to avoid war. As censor of the wireless, Mr. Daniels eliminated quotations from Mr. Bryan's speeches and mention of Mr. Bryan's name, but he permitted to pass an opening paragraph concerning "high sources whose identity cannot be disclosed." The natural inference was that these "high sources" were the President or others high in authority, and that the President might be induced to recede from the position which he had taken.

Events proved that this pretended news dispatch was taken as an invitation to Germany to reopen negotiations which had been closed by the rupture of diplomatic relations. It was sent between February 4 and 6, but had not been published in the Cologne Gazette up to February 13. A few days after it was sent, however, an offer to reopen negotiations came from Germany through Dr. Ritter, the Swiss Minister, the Cologne Gazette having been used as a means of communication with the German government. Semi-official denials that the offer originated in Berlin were made in German newspapers, but when shown these denials, Dr. Ritter said, "Do you think I am an ass?" resenting the imputation that he would have made the move without a request from Germany, for which he is acting.

Of course the President is anxious to avoid war, but he has given Germany to understand that only on terms which he has laid down will he refrain from giving that protection to American seamen and ships which will almost certainly bring war. The entire effect of Mr. Bryan's meddling aid to Dr. Bartholme is to create the impression in the German mind that Mr. Wilson's determination is not "unshakable," to use one of the Kaiser's favorite adjectives. Hence, it strengthens Germany's determination to persist in the course which the President has condemned and causes Germany to believe that either Germany may extort concessions or that the President will not adhere to his announced purpose. The tendency is to thwart the purpose to maintain American rights without war if possible, and to make necessary either warlike action or abandonment of those rights.

As Representative Gardner said in denouncing Mr. Bryan to the House of Representatives, there have been Bryans in every great crisis of American history, who appealed to cowardice in the name of peace and humanity. During the Revolution they were called Tories, being secret supporters of the British cause. During the Civil War they were called Copperheads, and their leader, Vallandigham, was sentenced to prison for making incendiary speeches, but the great Lincoln most fully changed the sentence to deportation to the Confederate lines, where he belonged.

Mr. Bryan is the Vallandigham of the present day. Not a single true American now defends the whisperings of peace which would have led the patriots of the Revolution or of the war on secession to stop short of the complete triumph which they won; all condemn the men who stirred up discussion while the Nation was battling for life or for unity. Like condemnation should now be visited on the new Vallandigham from Nebraska, who by raising doubt of the President's firmness of purpose gives aid and comfort to a possible enemy.—Oregonian.

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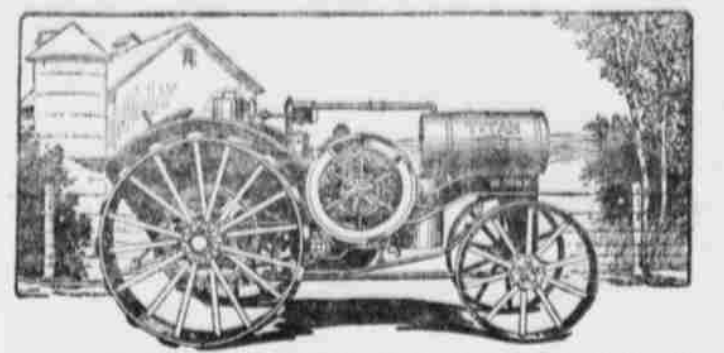
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