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SHORTAGE OF FARM LABOR MAY CUT CROPS ACREAGE

City Life and Industry Draw Workers Away from Field Work, Says Market Specialist.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, March 30.—Oregon farm crops acreage may be cut down this year by the scarcity and high cost of farm labor, says Paul Mehl, marketing specialist.

"Higher wages and shorter hours of work are drawing laborers to towns and cities," he observed. Shipyards, lumber mills and other big industries are speeding up production to meet increased demands. Employment was recently offered to thousands of shipyard workers in San Francisco through advertisements in all the Portland papers.

Returning soldiers usually drift to the cities, Mr. Mehl notes. After their war experiences they prefer work there where hours are shorter, wages higher, and conveniences and entertainment better. Their concentration in cities does not seem to create a labor surplus, as they are readily absorbed into the industries.

"Most of those who do return to the farms are young men working to own a farm, or are farmers' sons," declares Mr. Mehl. "The great increase in farm property values makes it possible for them to buy small tracts only, as very few laborers have capital.

"Should the government make more lands available a good many ex-service men would return to the farm. This is shown by the many inquiries reaching the college concerning the lands recently opened to settlement in southern Oregon. Long time loans for development are offered by the government with these tracts."

COMINGS AND GOINGS OF FRUITLANDERS FOR WEEK

Folks on Beach Entertain Friends—Sunday School Gathering Attracts Many—Other Fruitland News for the Week.

FRUITLAND, Id. Co., March 30.—P. M. Gardner, cashier Fruitland State Bank, and John Towne, were in Eagle and Boise Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. H. E. Robinson, who has been caring for Master H. R. Boomer, Jr., returned to Caldwell Saturday. Mrs. Boomer and little son and daughter, Lois, accompanied Mrs. Robinson home to remain a few days.

L. S. Pohst went to Baker Friday night to see his daughter, Mrs. Lubas.

Lewis Russell returned Saturday night to his school work at Corvallis, Oregon.

Jaw Lewis and John Lewis arrived Saturday to assume charge of the 40 acre ranch near the Santa Rosa, which Mr. Jay Lewis purchased of M. Puchert. John Lewis returned to Lostine, Oregon. They were guests Sunday to dinner of Mr. and Mrs. M. Puchert.

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Hezeltine and family were six o'clock dinner guests Sunday evening of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Kutch.

Bruce Smith has moved from the Hurst property to the Drysdale tract on the orchard tract this week and the M. M. Hurst family are moving to his ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wayne are the parents of a baby girl, born March 28th, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Newcome are the guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Stetler. They are on their way home, the Payette Lakes, from a trip to Portland. Mr. Newcome is manager of the Outdoor Camps at the Lakes.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Tood were out from Payette Sunday to spend the day with Mr. and Mrs. N. Puchert.

Ray and Cecil Rich arrived Saturday morning from Goodrich, North Dakota, to make an extended visit with their father, Frank Rich, and uncle, L. H. Rich.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Dana Jones and Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Swab were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. William Jones.

Mrs. W. A. Colwell has returned from a several weeks visit with her daughter, Mrs. O. W. Stout, in Seattle.

Mr. Tweede, of Boise, was in our community the past week on business connected with the building of homes.

The E. A. Nokes beautiful home is about completed and receiving the coat of paint.

Henry P. Solterbeck is recovering slowly from a long siege of sickness.

There were 136 present at the M. E. S. S. Sunday morning. Much interest is being taken and the past week representatives from all the Fruitland churches are out getting the people interested in the Sabbath school. Next Sunday morning

Easter exercises will be held at the M. E. Church and following Rev. Knight will preach an Easter sermon. All are cordially invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Colwell are the parents of an eight pound daughter, born Sunday, March 28, at the home of the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Griep.

Whitman College Glee Club will give a musical concert Thursday night at the High School Auditorium. They are exceptionally good from the reports of those who have heard them and it will be worth your while to attend. The Senior Class has taken the responsibility of having them come so come out and help make good their guarantee. You will also have an opportunity to see the new decoration of the assembly room by Prof. T. R. Neilson. Price for ticket 50c.

The Mothers' Circle will have an interesting session this Friday afternoon. The second grade furnishes the music and the question of a Public Health Association will be taken up.

The Fruitland Baseball Club goes to Weiser this Friday to have a game there.

Miss Gladys Boltman has registered in the High School. There are about 600 pupils now in the Fruitland schools.

James Attebury has returned from O. A. C., Corvallis, Oregon, and will farm the Van Alken ranch recently purchased by them.

O. K. Powell, who is a graduate of O. A. C., has been promoted until

now he is foreman of both two poultry ranches belonging to the noted western college. His Fruitland friends are glad he is making good.

The Rev. F. M. Burtch family, who were released from quarantine Saturday evening, still have sickness. The oldest son is in quite bad health from the effects of scarlet fever and Mrs. Burtch is ill now. As soon as the family are well they will move to New Plymouth, where Rev. Burtch will have charge of the Baptist pastorate there.

Miss Meme Brockway of Los Angeles is here in the interest of the New World movement and will meet Wednesday afternoon in the Baptist church other leaders from the state and Oregon and in the evening the people of the community are invited to hear her talk.

The Little Prude.

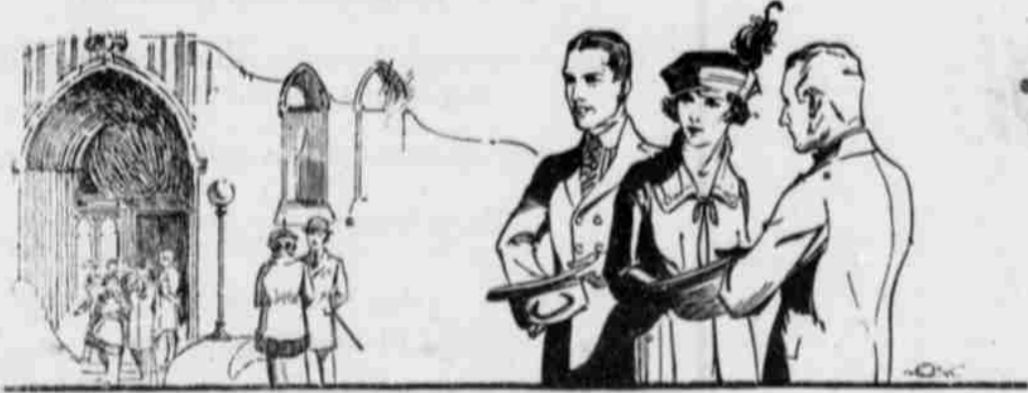
A New York literary agent was talking about Alfred Noyes, the English poet, who recently wrote an article to prove that many of his brother poets are humblest in their verse.

"Noyes," said the agent, "was always a bit of a prude. Yes, even in childhood the unhappy trait manifested itself.

"Once, when he was four years old, Noyes had just got out of his bath and his nurse was advancing on him with a bath towel when the door opened and his aunt entered.

"The youngster flew into a prudish rage.

"Get out!" he screamed. "Get out right away. What do you take this for—an art gallery?"



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