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**STOPPING DEVELOPMENT**

If the people of the state of Oregon want to stop development; if they want to drive all active capital from the confines of the state; if they want to make conditions impossible for the laboring man, the farmer, the small merchant and all those who have not reached a stage of wealth where they do not need to seek funds to carry on their affairs; then the measure known as the five per cent interest bill should prevail.

If however the people of Oregon want to develop the state; if they want it to be possible that the wage earner can borrow money for his needs; that the small merchant may have funds to develop his business; that the rancher may borrow money to harvest his crop or develop his farm, then this piece of political monstrosity will be voted down emphatically.

The danger of such measures as the five per cent bill lies in their misleading character. The authors rely on the natural desire of the public for cheap money, and the fact that many of the voters make no serious effort to inform themselves on the merits of the various measures that they pass upon at the polls.

They know that such measures involving many intricate economic conditions may be made to appear harmless while in reality they are loaded with dynamite for legitimate business. Acting on the belief that any measure designed to injure business men directly will win favor with a per centage of the people, who will not stop to think how this will react on the people themselves, they continue to abuse the initiative provisions of the state constitution to ply their nefarious trade.

It is a fact that out of the operation of the initiative has grown a regular business of initiating measures by men who profit directly by the agitation that results. These men are hired propagandists and can only be met with a campaign of education.

It is to be regretted that with the many development problems which Oregon has before it, its brains and its energy must every two years be devoted to fighting against the destructive efforts of these men.

**BEATING THEM TO IT**

The success of the Non Partisan League as an organized effort of protest against economic conditions is based solely upon the premise that the league is the only organization that is the friend of the farmer.

So long as the league can with a show of justice maintain that position, so long will it continue to gather to its ranks farmers who have felt the effects of the inequalities which every citizen who has considered the matter at all knows exist.

The Non Partisan League is not a cause. It is an effect. It is the

effect of conditions that have often prevailed in new states where the demand for development called for more capital than could be easily secured and resulted in what now appears to be extortion, but which in view of the conditions then existing was not as bad as it appears today, perhaps.

Then the Non Partisan league was formed in a state that has but one crop, practically speaking, a crop that cannot be marketed in the state, not economically finished where it is produced, so that to seek an outlet it has to compete with the grain raisers of the world.

The conditions that gave rise to the Non Partisan league in North Dakota do not to any marked degree exist in Oregon. There are a number of problems concerning the marketing of Oregon products that do call for the best efforts of Oregonians to solve. The Argus would like to see them solved by Oregonians and not by imported agitators from North Dakota, Minnesota, Montana, Kansas, New Zealand, Canada or any other country.

We have a problem right here in Malheur County to which the business men of the county should address themselves; namely the marketing of the hay crop of the county. There is no use denying the fact that this is a problem, that the stock man has been hard hit and has a real problem to solve this winter if he is to continue to exist and that the same is true of the hay growers.

If the business men right here and now do not bestir themselves and take a real and sincere interest in the rancher's problem, and do not really and honestly endeavor to work with the farmer for the solution of this problem, then the Argus is perfectly free to say that the business man will have no just ground for complaint if the ranchers turn to the Non Partisan league or any other organization which claims to do what the business men of the community should have done.

**HITTING THE FARMERS**

Perhaps it has not occurred to the farmers of Oregon who hope to take advantage of the Federal Farm Loan and borrow money from this fund to develop their ranches, that this will be absolutely impossible if the five per cent interest measure carries this fall.

The federal farm loan rate is five and one half, while under the proposed measure absolutely places the limit of interest at five per cent.

The absurdity of the proposed measure alone should condemn it to defeat, but there is an active association behind the measure and this organization is spending real money to "put this measure across."

This organization will not tell the people of Oregon that U. S. Government bonds are being sold now at prices that produce more than six per cent, that the best industrial companies with millions upon millions of assets are borrowing money at eight per cent today, and therefore it will be impossible to secure money in Oregon if this measure passes.

Had the bill been less radical, say had it named eight per cent as the maximum rate The Argus would have been in favor of its passage, but with the rate named at a point where it will drive money from the state entirely it is only a matter of common sense for any man or any paper that wants to see Oregon's

prosperity continue to exist to oppose this vicious measure.

**WILL INVESTIGATE CROWS**

E. R. Kaimbac, an economic ornithologist from the U. S. Biological Survey has arrived to assist the farm bureau in trying to find a way to rid the country of the crows which flock in here in the fall and remain over winter. Reports have already been coming in about damage done to fruit and field crops by the first of the birds to arrive.

Mr. Kaimbac has established headquarters at the D. H. Brown farm near the island where the birds roost. He will make a study of their habits there with a view toward working out a practical way to attack them on a wholesale plan, and will experiment with different poisons and other methods of killing them. While he does not feel certain that any method can be devised for ridding the country of this pest, an attempt will be made to devise something sufficiently practical to justify an attempt in case sufficient funds can be secured.

**LIVESTOCK IMPROVEMENT TOUR VERY SUCCESSFUL**  
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on the depleted ranges, and both emphasized the need for better stock.

P. R. Cammack, Dairy Specialist for Idaho, spoke on Dairying and the Dairy Cow. His speech was well received by the audience for he pointed out many things to show that dairying is a desirable industry to foster in this section and gave much practical advice about the kind of livestock that should be kept and how to improve and care for the dairy animals.

O. M. Nelson, livestock specialist for Oregon gave a splendid talk on farm sheep in which he pointed out that sheep are always a profitable form of livestock to keep for cleaning up feed that would otherwise go to waste, weeds, etc. He said that the farm flock offered a chance to many men who were disinclined to keep dairy cows or were unable to do so because of other factors in their business, to keep livestock because of the small amount of equipment needed and the ease which they can be cared for. He explained the value of sheep in connection with a rotation of crops in keeping up fertility and gave valuable suggestions about caring for and improving the farm flock.

At the conclusion of the program Mr. Williams and F. L. Ballard, county agent leaders in Idaho and Oregon respectively gave those present an outline of the extension work in agriculture which is being carried out in the various counties in cooperation with the farm bureaus. Mr. Ballard ventured the prediction that it would not be many years before it would be unnecessary to travel forty or fifty miles to see a few herds of good livestock in this section of the country.

The first stop after lunch was made at the Welser Institute where a fine herd of registered Holstein cattle were seen and the modern equipment there inspected. Superintendent Evans guided the party through the barns and explained the merits of the different animals as shown by the records of test. Then the pure bred sheep on the Butterfield ranch were visited, but on account of most of the best sheep having been taken away to various fairs, the ranch did not supply the treat it would have at an earlier date.

The party then crossed over into Oregon and proceeded to the Gutteridge ranch on Oregon Slope where lemonade was served by a committee from that community and the calf club Jersey heifer owned by Dewitt Kincaid viewed. Dewitt gave a talk on club work and his experience with different kinds of pure bred livestock. Raymond Gutteridge's corn club corn was also seen here.

Then the Northrop Farm was visited and the farm flocks of grade Hampshires inspected. Mr. Northrop gave a talk on his experience with sheep on the farm and the grazing of sheep on alfalfa pasture. After two years experience, during which time he has gone through considerable of an experimental nature, Northrop is still of the opinion that the farm flock is good business. He emphasized the necessity of shipping the lambs east for market and explained the need for more cooperative shipping in order to handle small consignments.

Meanwhile, rumors had been cir-

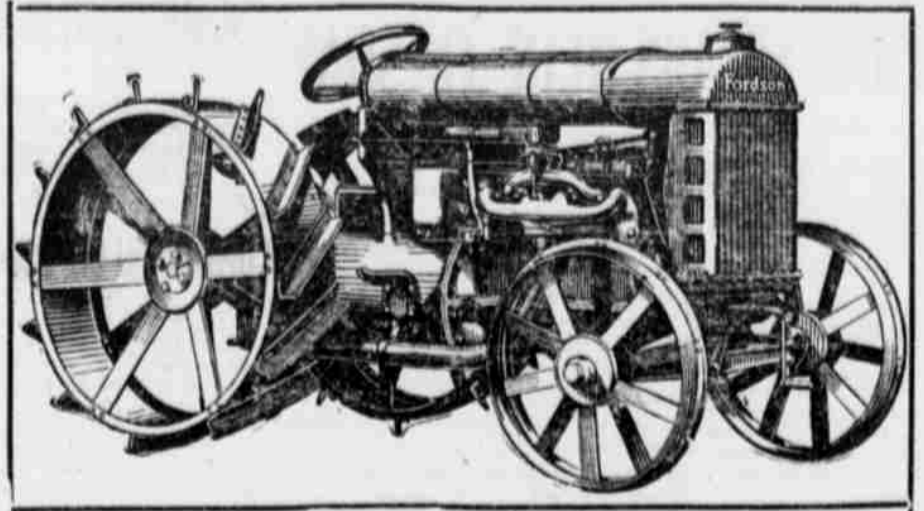
cling about watermelons ahead and sure enough, when the Miller & Culberson lawn was reached the melons were there—forty big ones, and ripe. It was surprising how quick the whole assemblage got into action. The attention was good and everyone was in on it. Then the pair of big pit silos on this farm were

examined and the large herd of grade dairy cows inspected. The dairy business as viewed from the practical angle as a market for feed through the kind of cows that can be obtained by the average man, was discussed by Mr. Culberson, and the junket was over, everyone voting it a complete success.

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