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A FIRST YEAR'S RECORD
At the annual meeting of the Farm Bureau held at Cairo last Saturday there were more than 300 farmers present. And to those who have not personally kept in touch with the work of the Bureau and its members during the past year, it would have been a revelation indeed to have heard the reports of the committees showing the results of the first year's activities.

For example it is but one indication of the Bureau's growth that in eight months it has become the largest organization in Malheur county. It has more active, really active men engaged in its various enterprises than any organization. It is safe to say that the men at the heads of the various departments have attended more meetings, exchanged views with more individuals, read more papers of a scientific nature than any other group of men collectively speaking, in the county. And this being true it must be admitted that it is becoming a force which will more and more be recognized as time passes, especially if it maintains the character of leadership which it so fortunately has selected in its inception.

The Farm Bureau is a force for good in the county. The primarily and essentially a farmers movement, the men at its head recognize and encourage co-operative activity with the men living in the urban communities of the county. They recognize, as the business men of the cities should recognize, and we believe, do recognize, that those things which make for prosperity for the rancher will ultimately be of as much benefit to the men of the cities as well.

There is no doubt but that this second year of Farm Bureau work is on that presents many difficult problems, problems of distribution and marketing, more perhaps than of production, but it is also true that whether they solve them or not, the Farm Bureau will succeed in bringing to the ranchers a clearer and fairer understanding of the difficulties they encounter than if no such organization exists.

And that alone will be of great benefit. There is nothing which so discourages, so dwarfs effort as that which is incomprehensible. Let the rancher realize the measure of his task and he has a start at least on the road towards its solution.

In its efforts for the advancement of the agricultural interests of Malheur County the Farm Bureau merits the support of every forward thinking farmer and every conscientious business man as well.

WHO ORDERED THEM?

In his address at the County Farm Bureau meeting at Cairo last Saturday President Mansfield of the State Farm Bureau told of an experience he had had with a banker in his home town, and used it as typical of all the bankers of the West.

If what Mr. Mansfield said is typical of the banking situation it is high time that something be done to change conditions. If it was but an isolated instance it should not be used as an illustration at all.

In brief Mr. Mansfield declared that the banker in his home town, Medford, made this statement to him last summer:

"Now is the time to get your affairs in shape, for we have been ordered to call in cattle loans."

"Who ordered you," asked Mr. Mansfield.

"The Eastern bankers," replied the banker.

The implication very plainly is, and we have no doubt the audience at the Farm Bureau meeting so took it, that the Eastern bankers definitely decided to bring about a reaction by calling in cattle loans; that the curtailment of credit was the result of gigantic conspiracy.

If that inference is correct, we say that it is high time for a show down.

We can readily understand that it might be purely local condition applicable in fact to only one bank, whose Eastern creditors wanted funds and instructed its correspondent banks to realize on their quickest asset, the cattle loans.

Or, perhaps, it is possible that the Eastern connections from which this Medford bank obtained money for long time loans saw a slump in the cattle and sheep business and decided it was time to get in its funds from country banks where such loans predominated.

The Eastern banker could see that with no credit being extended to the people of Europe, with the rate of

exchange running so fiercely against them, the people of Europe could not possibly buy out meat and that we would undoubtedly have a surplus, which in turn would depress the local market.

All of these things are possible, even probable; for the Eastern bankers were in a position to see what was bound to result when the exchange rate rose to a point making the purchase of goods here impossible for Europeans.

That is one fact which some of our local business men and ranchers do not take into account in their attempt to fathom the change which has taken place in business. And it is too big a factor to be overlooked. A sponge can absorb just so much water, then it refuses to take another drop. America can consume just so much of a given commodity, and when that point is reached, if it has no market in which to sell, the surplus becomes almost a liability for, until it is disposed of further production is useless, men are thrown out of work and a vicious circle is started whose effects are felt in every realm of business.

ONE OF THE REASONS

One of the reasons for the quandary in which the retiring city council finds itself is the fact that the general fund has been called upon to carry an unjust burden.

For example there is due to the general funds approximately \$10,000 which was taken from that fund to pay local improvements of various kinds. Some of the largest property owners have failed to pay for improvements in front of their property and forced the taxpayers as a whole to assume an unjust burden.

If this practice is to be permitted to continue indefinitely the city will always be in the predicament in which it now finds itself.

The practice must be stopped, the outstanding local improvement assessments must be collected, or the property taken to pay the bill. That is all there is to it.

Now the Council has ordered this very thing done, but for one reason or another the City Attorney has been too busy to start the necessary actions. For \$25 per month it is hardly to be expected that he be called upon to try the multiplicity of suits

necessary to bring about this result. We believe that special provision should be made to have these suits started at once, even if it be necessary to increase the attorney's salary or hire another attorney for this special purpose. Whatever the remedy it should be applied, and applied soon.

THE SHADOW GRIPPED HIM

Like Banquo's ghost, the shadow on the waters of the Owyhee river haunted George W. Howard the youthful murderer of George R. Sweeney. Tho he visited the scene of the burial every day to assure himself that the apparition was not real his guilty conscience gave him no rest.

"He should pay for his crime," folks say now. Yes, he should, to the utmost. He has been making payment every since the deed was committed. Tho he could throw the body into the waters of the Owyhee Howard could not thus remove his stricken conscience. It did not let him rest, and fear, that child of the evil deed rose to plague him.

In this Howard is no exception. The role of criminals could it be called from Cain, the first recorded murdered down to the last they would, with but few exceptions reveal this elemental truth, "thus conscience doth make cowards of us all."

THE SWEENEY MURDER

That the county was shocked at the horrible details of the murder of George R. Sweeney by George W. Howard goes without saying. At Vale, in particular, where the murdered man was so well known and liked were the people depressed by the gruesome tragedy.

In view of these facts the self control exercised is to their credit. No mob action was discussed, or thought of, while every assistance has been given the officers of the law in their effort to locate the body of the murdered man.

The people of Vale were justified and are right in permitting the law to take its course, for in the case of Dave Brichoux justice was speedy and the guilty man was given all the law permitted, and speedily. The same will be true of Howard.

Classified Advertisements

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—10 H. P. Fairbanks-Morse Gas Engine, like new. 1-4 inch Parma Water Lifter with discharge pipe. O. A. Kratz.

FOR SALE—12 room modern house, close in, on Oregon Street. Can be rented as apartments if desired. Easy terms—See Mrs. T. B. Fisher. Phone 93-W. —48—52

FOR SALE—Buick Roadster, \$500 first class condition, will consider bankable note. J. H. Test, phone 114-W, Ontario, Oregon. —17

FOR SALE—Good eating apples. L. G. Hooley, Fruitland, Phone 46-2, 823—52-1-2 pd.

FOR SALE—Small victrola and records. Phone 42-W. Mrs. Blanche Anderson. 52-1-2 pd.

LOST AND FOUND.

Came to my place seven miles west of Weiser, one bay mare, weight about 1500 lbs. no visible brand. Owner please come take mare, pay charges and for this ad. Chas. M. Van Buren. R. 1, Weiser, Idaho. 49—71.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. A. T. Christensen, teacher of piano, Phone 170-W. 51 tf.

WORK WANTED—by man and wife on ranch by the year. Box 142. 41. pd.

ESTRAY—Came to my place 1 mile east of Ontario 2 year old heifer. Tin plate on right ear, with Samuel Smith, Ontario, Oregon, stamped on it. Owner can have heifer by paying for ad and feed bill. 51-61 Pd.

The Argus want ads will sell your farm produce or your second hand machinery.

Nice fresh cut flowers for sale at Osborn Millinery. 1.

FOR SALE—Ford touring car as good as new, Bargain. See W. Kelso at Davidson Grocery or address c/o Box 641, Ontario.—\$20-1-2



Another Week and Then---

Christmas—just six more shopping days! Think of it—then act All along—these many weeks now, we have urged early selection of Christmas gifts. But, knowing human nature as we do—we have arranged for this last minute rush in the arrival of many new shipments.

Our last word of warning—**SHOP EARLY** in the day and **EARLY** in the week.



For the mantle in the den the buffet Candle Sticks

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How long have mother and dad wished for a new mantle clock?

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Select a set at a time here—our lines are continued

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Jewelry Store The Christmas Store



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We are headquarters for Santa Claus. Make your selection of gifts now, while our stock is complete and avoid the rush.

For the Kiddies: We have what you want for the kiddies. Dolls, picture books, toys, games, stationery, music rolls, candy, tree decorations, kodaks, kewpiés, in fact most everything the little heart desires.

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For Him: Cigars, cigarettes, pipes, tobacco, stationery, fountain pens, ever-sharp pencils, traveling cases, military brushes, books, kodaks, cigar and cigarette holders, poker chip sets, fancy playing cards, collar and cuff cases, phonographs.

ONTARIO PHARMACY



Memories

Even old Santa has them. They reach back across the year—recalling old scenes—once familiar faces.

The family album has its place—and photographs of friends of other days are cherished in every household.

Exchange portraits Christmas time. Make an early appointment for a sitting.

Mother will appreciate it—Dad will be proud. Better still—why not Mother and Dad pose for "the children's sake."

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