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**THE WESTERN CONCERT**

President Harding and his cabinet are finding themselves in a quandary in their effort to solve the problem of controlling the importation of foreign agricultural products. The difficulty lies in the exercise of the presidential war time powers in time of peace. Such use was one of the things to which the Republicans objected during the campaign and cannot now consistently resort to them.

In the meantime, however, the situation has become acute. With a surplus of wool, meat and other ranch products in the country, the markets are being flooded with goods from abroad further reducing the value of the local products. The President and his cabinet must either set aside their antipathy to doing that which they objected to in the administration of their predecessors, or see the basic industry of America brought to the verge of ruin.

That the President and his cabinet have as the press declares, "sensed the growers' needs," is due to the activity of a group of Western Senators who have manifested a spirit of co-operation that is wholesome. For the first time in recent years, at least, we are reading of a united front being made by the members of the upper house from the Mountain and Pacific states, with the result that beneficial action is in prospect.

If the same degree of concerted action is followed by the western senators and their colleagues in the lower house the West may expect to see the reclamation legislation for which it has been in need for years, enacted into law. That however will take time, and in the interim, the solons can best serve their constituents by continuing their program of concerted action for temporary relief.

**THE PROPER COURSE**

In view of the provisions of the present health ordinance the City Council is apparently justified in mandating that a real effort to get results be made under it before passing further legislation.

In the city, as in the state and nation, there are too many laws enacted and ignored, with the result that the public is prone to observe only those laws which meet with its approval. Students of government have long recognized this to be the fact and inveighed against it, but the fond belief of the Amer-

can people that everything can be righted by law continues the practice.

Under our form of government and the statutes enacted there is no option given the administrative officials concerning which laws they shall enforce and which they may ignore. The presumption, and it is a justified presumption, is that they must enforce all of the laws and regulations of the government to which they are attached. That being true the Council has taken the right course in ordering enforcement of the health ordinance. If this ordinance is found defective, then it will be time to enact an ordinance that can be enforced, or admit that there is no power in the City government to protect the health and safety of the people.

**CAN CORRALS BE KEPT CLEAN?**

It is a debatable question, whether or not a cattle corral can be kept clean. Of course cleanliness varies, in degrees, and in the conception which different people have of what to be "clean" really means.

No one knows better than the man who keeps a corral how much work it would take to clean it of all the refuse of the animals every day. Yet that is exactly what would be necessary to stop the incubation of flies. That also is necessary if the ordinance which prescribes that such refuse be kept in fly-tight containers and removed from the premises every seven days.

The owners of cattle have by this time become thoroughly acquainted with the provisions of the ordinance, which requires that the refuse and manure be kept in fly-tight containers, and that it be removed from the premises every seven days. The regulations make no provision for dry weather or wet weather, so that no excuses on that ground are available. If therefore they can not keep the corrals clean they will have to abandon them. That is all there is to it. It is up to the owners themselves to declare what must be done. If they observe the regulations they can continue to use the corrals, if not, the other remedy alone is open to the officials.

**CONTROLLING THE GOPHER**

Over in the Willamette Valley the specialists of O. A. C. after years of investigation found that the pocket gophers annually levied a tribute of more than a million dollars on the ranchers of that region in field crops destroyed. No account was taken of damages and loss occasioned by their depredations upon irrigation districts, for there are few such ditches in that region for them to attack.

In all probability the gophers of the Malheur and Snake river valleys are as active and have as large appetites as do their brothers and sisters of the Mistland region, and beside they have miles upon miles of irrigation canals and ditches open for attack.

The loss which the ranchers of this region suffer each year from the depredations of these pests is probably double that of corresponding acreage in the Willamette, for the lack of water due to breakage in canals and ditches occasioned by the burrowing of the gophers destroys more crops than the gophers can eat.

A conservative estimate of a group of ranchers two years ago, when this question was discussed at a meeting of ranchers, was that through a lack of water for two days during the irrigating season, cost them at least a half ton per acre. This was not an unusual experience. It has been repeated here year after year, and if totaled would bring the gopher bill that the farmers have paid into millions of dol-

lars. To fight this pest the Owyhee Ditch company alone has spent several thousand dollars in bounties, with but partial success. But this shows that the ranchers appreciate that the gopher is a real menace, that must be fought collectively.

During the past year the Farm Bureau, on the petition of ranchers, who discussed the problem at numerous meetings, undertook to fight the gopher scientifically, using the best means which specialists of the Department of Agriculture have devised. On some ranches almost 100 per cent efficiency resulted. In others only a partial success was achieved because on these ranches the farmers had permitted weeds to cover portions of the ground making the discovery of runways difficult. Another reason for failure in some fields was that in stubble where the gophers had been well fed by the rancher he was not hungry enough to take the bait; while in still others the season was so far advanced that the gopher had his store of food for winter and was not an active rustler.

If every rancher kept his own lands clear of the gopher this pest would not be a community problem; but it is patent to anyone that it is useless for one rancher to clean his farm and have his neighbor maintain a breeding ground for these active rodents. The result of this practice is that when the man who breeds the gophers irrigates his land they promptly vacate the premises and board for a while on his neighbor who has kept his land clean.

Either the ranchers must all keep their ranches clear or the properly designated officials must act for the general good, and that costs money. The question then resolves itself into the proposition of whether it is cheaper for the ranchers to do the work themselves or to have it done for them by the specialist.

**ONTARIO HOTELS**

Following are some of those registered at Ontario hotels the past week:

MOORE—Louis Pitts, Huntington M. J. Stanton, Adeline Mcbey, F. D. Kauphusman, Juntura; Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Brown, Diamond, Or.; Mr. and Mrs. Moltham, Ironside; F. C. Oxman, Baker; C. H. Oxman, Jamieson; Mrs. Mathews, Emma Hudson, Brogan; H. F. Kelley, Prairie City; Y. L. Gray, Nyasa; Mrs. Arthur Karr, Des Moines, Ia.; Wm. Hanley, Burns Joseph Varley, Boise; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hilton, LaGrande; C. P. Ragsdale, Baker; H. E. Case, Portland; A. C. Cherry, Weiser; David Laurence, Vale; R. McGree, Rupert; Margaret Murphy, Beulah; Marjory Cowan, Portland; Berle Thorpe, Boise; C. L. Forbes, La Grande; G. H. Ward, Baker; L. C. Bowers, Nampa; Mrs. E. M. Crall, Vale; M. W. Scott, Beulah; Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Gould, Drewsey; E. R. Boyd and wife, Nampa; Inez Gates, Vale; J. W. Harrison, La Grande; Della L. Scott, Tacoma; Z. Fay Fowler, Boise; D. A. Decime, Nampa; Phillip Coyne, Kingman Ranch; Manley Brizendine, Weiser; W. L. Anderson, Weiser; R. E. Shaw, Emmett; J. W. Beymer, Heppner; C. M. Acton, Juntura; Bailey Warner, Pendleton; Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Allen; Jas. P. Tyl, Mountain Home; Joe Harrington, Denver

CARTER—Scott B. Lindsey, Ontario; R. Farrell, Vale; E. W. Oliver, Malheur; A. M. Lyon, Caldwell; Dell Waters, Brogan; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pinkham, Halfway; W. M. Powers, Caldwell; George Foon, Crane; Wren McEwen, Kingman Colony; W. E. Hart, Owyhee; J. M. Powell, J. H. Powell, Gooding; Albert C. Vincent, Burns; T. J. Brogan, Vale; M. V. Newton, Minodoka; Carroll Mansur, American Falls; B. H. Carson, Weiser; Mrs. A. L. Clark, Pendleton; W. R. Gekelee, La Grande Wm. Riach, Beulah; Hugh Wilson, Joseph; J. J. Janes, Nampa; Jas. Fifer, Vale; Teddy M. How, Vale; M. R. Devine, Roseburg; Jesse Tudor, Pendleton; O. S. Applegate, Weiser; Mrs. Joseph Morcom, Corvallis; Monte McKinney, Jamieson.

**BULLY CREEK NEWS**

Arthur Claypool has transferred his cattle from the B. C. Struthers ranch to that of J. J. Dickson, where they are being fed by Bill Sperry.

Malcolm Corrigan, who is feeding about thirteen hundred sheep at the George Dickerson ranch, is preparing to take his sheep to the hills for summer range soon.

The following pupils were neither tardy nor absent during the past month: Vera Struthers, Ruth Struthers, Elmo Dickerson, Alvin Struthers, Mervin Dickerson, Anita Dickerson, Walter and Ralph Struthers and Lealand Highely.

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"The Resurrection and its Proof."  
Junior Endeavor, 2:30 P. M.  
Senior Endeavor, 6:30 P. M.  
Preaching, 7:30 P. M. Subject:

**"Five Great Facts."**

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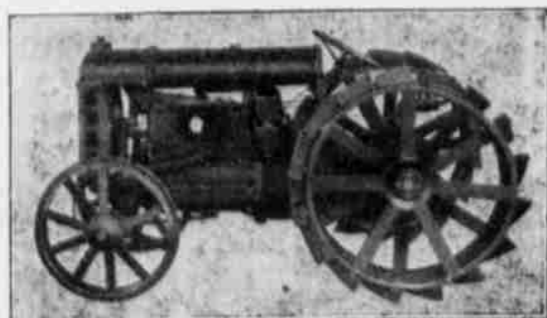
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