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REVOLUTIONIZING FARMING

Farmer Smith's address to the business men and farmers at the Commercial Club last Wednesday evening was teemed with the fruits of observing years. His talk—for such was the conversational manner he employed—was a constant surprise, and his homely wisdom so patent that even the uninitiated were impressed.

Convinced, as everyone was with the wisdom of his advice, yet its realization calls for a revolution in the farming practices of Malheur County. Yet it must come. Unless it is achieved, permanent prosperity will not be the lot of the ranchers, or the business men of this fertile valley.

The question is how can it best be accomplished? What are the necessary elements to be brought into action?

First of all there must be a realization that a change is needed; that no longer can the rancher depend upon one crop—alfalfa.

In part this is done. It has been accomplished through two overpowering facts; the falling prices of the past year which attended over production or a reduced number of cattle and sheep, which amounts to the same thing; and secondly the coming of the alfalfa weevil into the valley.

To be convinced that alfalfa farming has passed its zenith, however, is not sufficient. The ranchers must go further than that. To simply declare that we will have diversified farming does not create it. Neither can it be done in a day, nor in a season.

The change must come and will come gradually; which is logical. The start has been made, with the introduction of cows, pigs and chickens a market will follow. Already through the activity of the Farm Bureau arrangements are being made for the marketing of poultry products; our milk and cream is in demand and the prices here are in line with those paid in the best dairy regions. Lack of market then need not be a cause for delay in producing either of these commodities.

With the pork problem, however,

there is much to be done. Few of the ranchers are equipped to raise enough hogs to sell in carload lots. Neither is there a sufficient number engaged in the industry to efficiently unite for pool shipment. Gradually this situation will right itself. Work to that end is necessary.

But all these are comparatively minor factors. The greatest problem is that which the farmers themselves must accomplish in themselves. Either this change will come, or the present ranchers will sell their holdings and seek other fields where there is still opportunities for hay growing as the sole industry.

This may seem a hard statement, but one is forced to this conclusion with the experience of similar regions as examples. Such a change is not due to the fact that the present ranchers are not successful producers. They are and have been successful. In fact they have produced more hay than they could sell. It is not in production that they have failed; but in marketing.

One often hears the statement; "you cannot make a dairyman out of a Malheur county hay grower." This is only relatively true. There is no doubt concerning the ability of the average hay grower to master the details of dairying; but he does not want to master it; that is the majority do not. And no one can blame those who do not, late in life; change their mode of living, revolutionize their well established habits; get into a new game. It is not a natural process. There is not a business man in any of the towns that would relish the thought of making so drastic a reversal in all his affairs.

Since this is true it is patent that the problem is essentially one for the farmers themselves to solve, with such cooperation and help as the business men can legitimately give them. Just the nature of assistance which the business men can give is the question they must settle.

THE BATTLE AGAINST BOOZE

When the 18th amendment was passed the American people, especially that portion who had long fought the liquor traffic, conceived the idea that John Barleycorn was down and out. But they have found that this is only relatively true.

John B. may be down, but decidedly he is not out. Nor is it apparent at this time that he ever will be completely out.

So long as there are men, or women who will buy the stuff and pay exorbitant prices for its seductive influence, so long will there be men, and women, who will take a chance to make the contraband and sell it. As a matter of fact, while the public generally does not so view it; the man who buys the booze is contributing to the odds against which the officers battle, as much as the boot legger himself.

Neither are the men who buy alone as allies of John B., he has a host of others, including the men and women called upon to do jury duty who persistently turn loose men of whose guilt, there is no doubt. This has been done so often that officers almost despair of getting a conviction. In fact the bootlegger has so great an advantage over the officers that if he goes to trial his chances of escape are almost two to one.

Here in Ontario it is said: "you

can't convict local men, but you can convict a stranger." There is evidence to sustain such a statement. That is the worst of it. It is a declaration that so far as Ontario is concerned we have one law for the home folks, another for strangers. That is putting it baldly. It is mightily unfair. It is emphatically un-American. But it is true.

But Ontario is not an exceptional place. It is just typical. What is true here is true in every town about us. If reports as they come to the local officials are correct, and we believe they are, there are no more boot-leggers in Ontario, in proportion to the population, than there are in any other main line town in this section; or branch line town either. In fact we are told that many of the bootleggers and moonshine manufacturers operate in the interior and come here to dispose of their product. It is patent that if Ontario men just quit buying they would find this a profitless market and would stop coming.

We don't look for this to happen. It is expecting more from human nature than experience warrants. But since this is not a probability and the boot-legger and his customers are still with us, Ontarians who would like to see the traffic stop should dissuade themselves that Ontario is any worse than its neighbors in this respect, for that is not the case.

BEING A GOOD FRONT DOOR

Ontario is the front door to Oregon. It is the first city travellers from the East will visit on their tour of the state. The state highway commission has recognized its strategic location and is building one of the great state highways to this city. Ontario not only will be the first city in Oregon that some of the tourists will see, but it will also be the last which others will visit who come from the west and are eastward bound.

Since the highway commission has built these roads leading to the city for the purpose of drawing the tourist this way and from here on through the state the least Ontario can do is to provide adequate means here for the care of the visitors.

Ashland, Medford, Roseburg, all the cities along the Pacific Highway have constructed autoparks that are a credit, not to themselves alone, but to the entire state. Pendleton, LaGrande and Baker have done the same on the Columbia River Highway. So too should Ontario. The city is overlooking a most important asset when it neglects the tourist, and is not playing fair with the rest of the state in not doing its part in making the impression which the tourist from the East favorable to Oregon at the outset, and leaving that same impression with those who come from the west and pass out of the state at this point.

Contraband liquor dealers paid \$450 in fines in one day; another is languishing in the county jail. Three in less than two weeks ought to aid in putting a damper on the traffic—but it will require a lot more for the man who does not get caught still thinks he is "smarter than the other fellow." He is until he gets caught.

Ontario's ball team showed its fighting spirit in that gruelling game at Caldwell. Any team that can stand under the attack of 14 innings is deserving the support of the community.

Respect for those who have passed beyond, and appreciation of the sacrifices of the honored dead who served their country will not fail so long as the G. A. R. still lives and the American Legion men carry on the traditions of the past. The services here and elsewhere last Monday were indeed a fitting testimonial to the purposes of these organizations.

AT ONTARIO HOTELS

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

MOORE—Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Robertson, Drewsey; Nelson B. Higgs, Wm. H. Craven, P. C. Stewart, F. C. Green, Crane; P. E. Joyce, Pete Murphy, Mike Gibbons, M. J. Stanton, Juntura; J. W. Beymer, Heppner; H. H. Clarke, Missoula, Mont.; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gess, Homedale; Norma Shelton, Garmal Lockett, J. E. Stephenson, Huntington; E. C. Powell and family, Valeda, Rose, Rex Marquis, Ivan Ingram, Joe Brosnan, L. H. Allen, Geo. E. Davis, Vale; Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Steffen, Portland; F. H. Smith, Edd Darling, Nampa; H. L. Hess, F. Hess, North Powder; Walter M. Glenn, Seattle; Wm. Hanley, Burns; Henry Dorman, Jr., Walter Griffiths, W. T. Rice, Caldwell; Etta Carter, Baker, F. E. George, John H. McGowan, Boise; Mrs. Wheaton, New Plymouth; J. R. Oliver, H. P. Oliver, La Grande; E. D. Ford, Weiser; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Pope, Jamieson; Wm. Connolly, Westfall; G. B. Parsons, Nampa; C. M. Redfield, Deschutes, Or.; Mrs. Sarah Shields, Pocatello; E. I. Johnston, Baker; H. F. Kelly and son, Prairie City; E. W. Minar, La

Grande; F. E. McDowell, Nyssa; Garnett L. Ayers, Emmett; W. Y. King, Burns; A. L. Church, Drummond, Mont.; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Graham, Vale; Homer Anderson, St. Paul; Henry Otthoff, Gypsum, Or.; W. H. James, Parma; Ed. Smith, Margaret Murphy, F. L. Hill, Baker; T. M. Barton, Vale; Mrs. M. Bell, Winchester, Ida.

CARTER: Henry C. Schroth, Crane; Andrew Graham, LaVerne; Zutz, Walt Rood, Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Hon, Scott Lindsay, Vale; R. M. Dinwiddie, Jordan Valley; G. W. Spangler, Weiser; Ira Piper, Bragan; Ed Baker, Emmett; Mike Gallagher, Crowley; J. R. McCain, Heppner; C. A. O'Neil, Huntington; Chas. E. Brewster, Homedale; J. L. Hammack, Bonita; James Ruth, Weiser; Mrs. A. L. Parker and mother, La Grande; J. B. Duncan, Jordan Valley; Tom Post, Crowley; Frank Casfield, Harper; Myrtle Owsley, Huntington; H. S. Argus, Phoenix, Ariz.; Jack Smith, Jordan Valley; Herman Carstens, Payette; W. B. Spaulding, Westfall; G. B. Parsons, Nampa; Pat Clancy, Vale; Opal Shortz, Crane; Mrs. John Snowball, American Falls; R. J. Barnall, Fruitland; Chas. F. Gray, Boise.

BONITA NEWS NOTES

Bonita Farm Bureau had a well attended monthly meeting, May 24. The teams and cars began to gather at about ten A. M. and before noon the fence in front of Phelan's house was well lined with them. The ladies of the district did not forget to bring a basket well filled with good things to eat, and at noon a nice spread was made and everyone eat and was merry.

After lunch the meeting was called to order by A. L. Bilyeu in the absence of chairman J. H. Hammack. For the good of the order, two new members were added to the roll. The report on roads was good and the dragging from Bonita to the top of the hill toward Westfall showed for itself. Then came the reports from the other community men who all had something good to say.

After the regular business was over Mr. Welman, county club leader, gave an interesting talk on club work. Mr. Welman found a fine club worker in A. L. Bilyeu and before adjournment they enrolled ten in the Pig Club, as follows, with one pig to each boy or girl as a market hog; Cora Lewellen, Elwood Lees, Gorman Smith, John Phelan, Fred Hammack, Doris Lees, Martha Lees, Edgar Fanning, Orval Fanning. The Cooking Club members are; Doris Lees, Martha Lees, Orval Fanning and Matilda Lewellen.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned until next meeting day, June 22. Remember the date. We are glad to see all of our neighbors come whether a member or not. Meeting place is Phelan's ranch.

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JUNE 1ST TO
AUGUST 15TH

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or
Milwaukee 11.00

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St. Paul or
Minneapolis 11.00

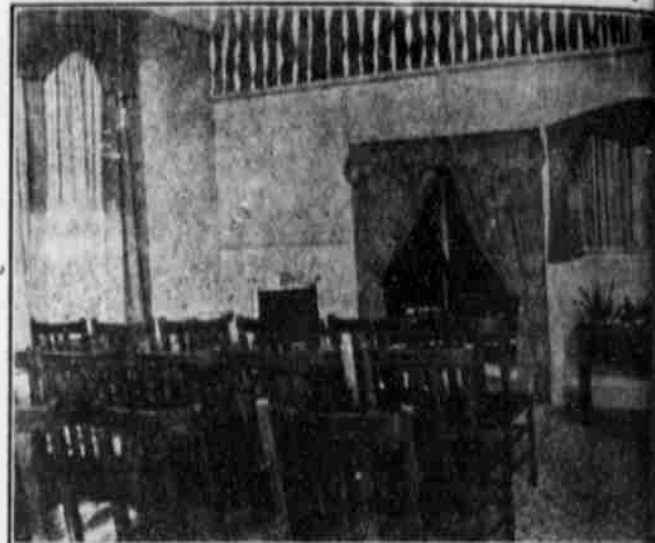
Memphis 11.00

Ft. Worth,
Dallas or
Houston 10.00

Tickets good three months but
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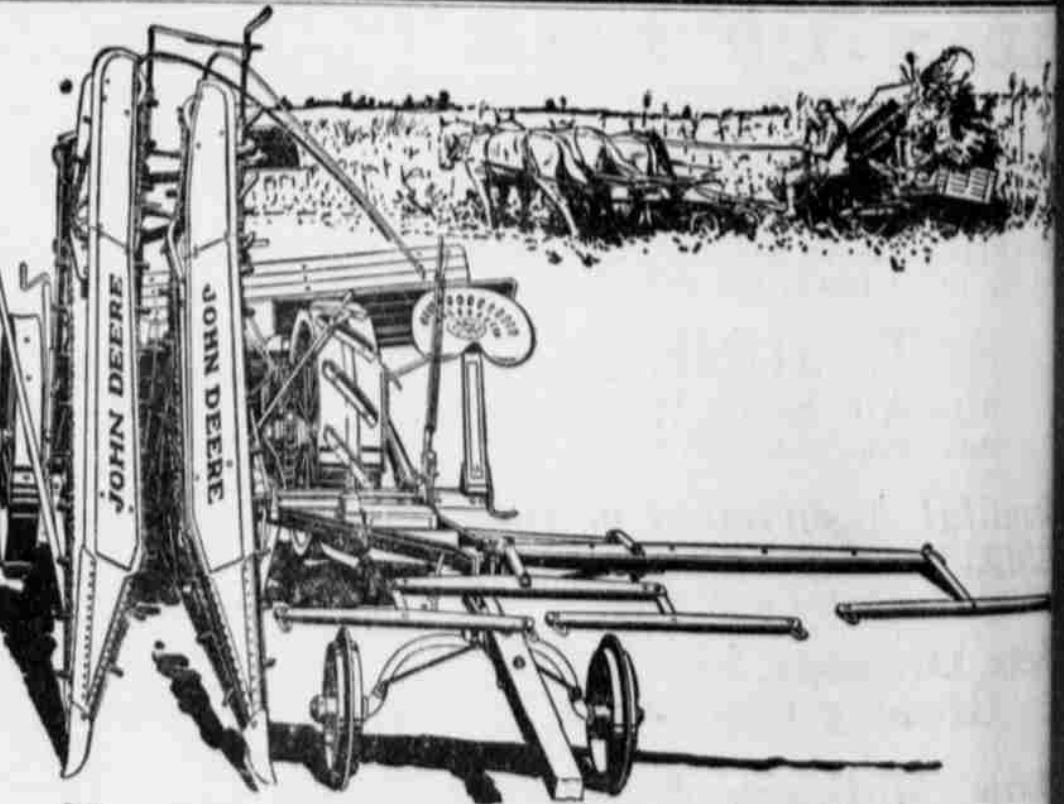
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