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**FARMERS ON THE SHORT END**

The Argus has been taken to task by a few of its readers for a recent news story indicating its belief that the contract offered by some of the commission firms for seed potatoes was unfair to the farmer. The Argus was not changed its opinion.

It is true that the commission men had two contracts, one not quite so unfair as the other. We understand, too, that there is still a third contract extant which is even less repugnant to the ordinary sense of fairness. We have not seen that contract as yet, nor has the offer made by the Argus to a representative of Denny & Co. to consider any statement he might have to make been accepted. We presume then that this alliance is sufficient warrant for the belief that he does not care for a careful examination of his contract.

In the parlance of the race track the man who bets other than even money is said to be placing a "long shot." The man who gives long odds is said to be "on the short end" of the bet. That is the position of the farmer in one of the crop contracts which the commission men are, or were offering. We refer to the "half the crop plan."

It is a fair assumption, we are reliably informed, that one sack of seed will produce approximately 15 sacks at digging time, and under this contract the commission man who furnishes the seed would have half of it or eight sacks. That is not all, he would have ten per cent commissions on the sale of the other ten sacks, or another sack. His would be a one to nine bet. He takes no chance under that contract for even under the most adverse conditions, under the greatest possible drop in prices at the digging time, and the shortest crop probable, still the commission man would win decidedly. And there would be no chance for the farmer to secure any profit.

If it be answered that the commission men be not condemned in wholesale for the action of one, that must be admitted, but until other contracts are offered discussion must be confined to that offered and in fairness it can be considered as representative of the commission men's attitude, until the contrary is proven.

Again it is said that the commission firm ought not be censured broadcast for one contract when it has others. Granted, but why then does the company keep the most objectionable contract? Is it for the purpose of catching the unwary, the inexperienced, and those in such desperate financial straits that they must become of the victims of the business commission sharks?

The good name and ultimately the business of the commission men in this section is at stake. They should clean their house of the pirates who would prey upon the men who produce what they must sell. Let them come before the bar of public opinion with a fair and just contract and not with a multiplicity of contracts designed to catch men in varying stages of business dependency. Let them be fair. Let them give the rancher a fair price for his money. Let them make

the bets even, or at least let them secure at the most three sacks of potatoes at picking time for their seed. This we are told is a fair return by those who should know. It would so appear to us.

**LEGION TO INITIATE ANTI-JAP BILL**

Ranchers around Nyssa who are planning on colonizing that section apparently have overlooked one proposition; namely: The attitude of the American Legion.

They would do well to consider the initiative bill which the legion is going to initiate and which will undoubtedly carry before the people.

The proposed law is declared by the legion to be the most drastic ever considered on the Pacific coast. It will head off the invasion of the Nipponese in Oregon.

**LIBRARY NOTES**

Happy Hunting Grounds by Kermit Roosevelt is another bit added to the biography of his father, Theodore Roosevelt.

The author has chosen his incidents with a view to throwing new light on his father's characteristics. Their hunting days together are followed by the son's own trips into Africa for antelope, into Mexico for mountain sheep, into New Brunswick for moose, and into South America for books. The last chapter is an appreciation of Seth Bullock of the Black Hills country. It will interest the lover of Roosevelt and the hunter enthusiast.

The author of Advertising and Selling is Harry Hollingworth, a lecturer in business psychology in Columbia University, New York City. The book, published for the Advertising Men's League of that city, is an interesting discussion of the laws of appeal and response in selling and advertising goods and an investigation for the discovery of new facts of practical value. Methods and devices that have already proven successful or unsuccessful are examined. The book is intended primarily for the general reader and for the student with practical rather than theoretical interests.

**OREGON TO BE CANVASSED FOR DATA ON BONUS PLAN**

Legion Men to Learn Exactly What The Ex-Service Men Will Need and What Bonus Would Cost Government—Data to be Exact

Portland, Ore., Feb. 14.—Thru personal canvass in which the Legion auxiliary units are expected to take an important part a questionnaire will be placed in the hands of every veteran and soldier whether or not a member of the American Legion by the Oregon Department, within the next twenty days.

This is following in line with action of the Legion officials at the recent National Legion conference held in Indianapolis, Ind., at which time, decision was made for such a nation-wide campaign. By the information the veteran will give in answering the questions, the policy of the Legion on many problems affecting the veterans will be formulated. The Legion will ascertain the number of wounded or otherwise disabled veterans needing government attention or vocational training. The campaign will be thorough and of immense benefit to the country, particularly in planning for an organization to handle payment of adjusted compensation. The Legion census will show, almost exactly how many men prefer the various options of the five-fold compensation bill. This census will enable the medical

experts to calculate how many men will need treatment and hospitalization in the coming years. The veterans bureau will learn how many men need, are entitled to, and desire to be trained vocationally. The Treasury and Navy departments will be able to clear up a mass of unfinished business relating to allotments, discharge bonuses, liberty bonds and reservist pay.

The American Legion auxiliary in the various districts is expected to play an important role in assisting in the canvass through which questionnaires will be distributed and collected. The State Executive Committee of Oregon will have charge of each district, the state being divided into five districts, and each post commander and adjutant having charge of the committee for their post area.

George R. Wilbur of Hood River will have charge of Crook, Deschutes, Gilliam, Hood River, Jefferson, Morrow and Sherman, Wasco and Wheeler counties; B. F. Pound of Salem of Benton, Lane, Lincoln, Marion, Linn and Polk counties; George A. Coddling of Medford, Vice Commander of Coos, Curry Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath and Lake counties; Oliver B. Huston of Portland of Multnomah, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook, Washington and Yamhill counties and Fred E. Kiddle of LaGrande of Baker, Grant, Harney, Malheur, Umatilla, Union and Wallowa counties.

**ARCADIA ITEMS**

A large crowd attended the Farm Bureau meeting here Friday evening. Some of the pleasures of the evening were singing and music, a reading by E. B. Conklin, a story by Thomas Claggett, a Kangaroo Kort was held held in Judge Smits court and old man agriculture tried and found guilty. Chester Lackey and L. R. Brethaupt were attorneys for the prosecution, and E. B. Conklin and Thomas Claggett, attorneys for the defense. Mark Penney acted as the clerk. Several new members were secured at the meeting. Mr. Conklin reported that out of 14 men that he was able to call on during the day he was able to secure 13 of them as Farm Bureau members, this report was greeted by loud applause.

Miss Batha Dall is suffering with bloodpoisoning caused by a slight cut on the side of her foot. Bill Beck and children have chicken pox and it is that which is the cause of several children being absent from school.

Clyde Long has sold his hay to Elbert Butler, Jr., for \$5 per ton.

Mr. Johnson has moved his sheep to the Dean ranch at Valley View where he has bought more hay.

John Hunt is bringing his sheep in from the hills in preparation for lambing.

A party was given for the young people Friday night at the Chas. Bullard home. The evening was pleasantly spent in games and music.

Misses Mary Lillian Dale and Lizzie Zittercoeb were visitors at the school Friday afternoon.

There will be a meeting of the P. T. A. at the school house Friday evening. The fore part of the evening will be devoted to business, after which a social hour will be enjoyed and refreshments served.

Dave Duggar is home from the hills where he has been trapping all winter.

Miss Poole gave a party Saturday evening at the school house, for the 7th grade which won in a contest between the various grades as to which received the most 100 marks during the month. The 5th, 6th and 8th grades were obliged to serve the refreshments. Miss Poole, Miss Dearborn and Mrs. Holden Clement acted as chaperons.

Ontario visitors from here Monday were Chester Lackey Sam Henry and Mrs. C. W. Barrett.

**LOCAL PERSONALS**

Miss Elsie Elliott arrived last week from her home at Gresham, Ore., and will spend some time here visiting with her sister, Mrs. L. R. Briethaupt.

Miss Vella Cronin was here last week from Cheney, Wash., where she has been attending Normal school, to visit her mother. She returned to Cheney Sunday.

M. Bachman, an aged Civil war veteran, was taken to the hospital Saturday, suffering from injuries he received a week ago Friday by falling on the ice while getting a bucket of coal. It is reported that the bone of his left thigh near the hip joint has been cracked or broken and his condition is quite serious. J. A. Lakness returned Saturday from a business trip to Juntura.

The annual silver tea given by the Woman's club Saturday at the home of Mrs. H. L. Cockrum for the benefit of the scholarship fund, while not as largely attended as such occasions in previous years, was never the less a decided success. The house was beautifully decorated in the national colors in honor of Lincoln's birthday and with evergreens sent from Portland for the occasion. The regular study meeting of the club will be held this week at the home of Mrs. O. H. Test.

H. L. Patten returned Tuesday after having spent the week end in Boise on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Cody Butler are down from Boise visiting relatives for a few days.

Miss Margery Peterson spent the week end visiting folks in Nampa. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Patten and Mrs. L. H. Patten visited at the L. M. Capron home Saturday.

Mrs. E. B. Threlkel and two sons left Sunday for Eagle where Mr. Threlkel has been improving the ranch recently purchased.

Mrs. Kitty Walker returned from Payette Saturday after a few days visit with her friend Mrs. Smith. Wm. Slick of the firm of Slick Bros. contractors was an Ontario visitor from Payette Thursday. Miss Ann Carlson returned home from Nampa Monday after a few days visit with home folks.

**CLUB NOTES**

Because of the illness of the reporter for the Girls' Club, no notice was published last week of the meeting at the home of Mrs. D. M. Taggart on the 7th. A long and very interesting letter had been received and was read from Miss Gertrude Moore, detailing her experience on her recent trip to Los Angeles by Ford.

A pretty and novel playette was put on by the entertaining committee and the usual dainty refreshments were served.

Tuesday the 14th the Club celebrated Valentine Day with a typical valentine party at the home of Mrs. G. H. Gilliam which was attended by 35 members and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The house was prettily decorated with valentine colors.

Next Tuesday, the 21st the Girls Club will meet at the home of Mrs. E. M. Greig. Plans for producing a play about March 17th are well under way, the proceeds of which are to be used in helping to finish and furnish the new basement hall at the Library.

The Royal Neighbors followed their regular meeting last Monday night with a taffy pull which was enjoyed by the Neighbors and Woodmen.

**UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Sabbath School, 10:00 a. m.  
Morning Service, 11:00 a. m.  
The subject for next Sunday will be "The Meat of the Master." John 4:34.

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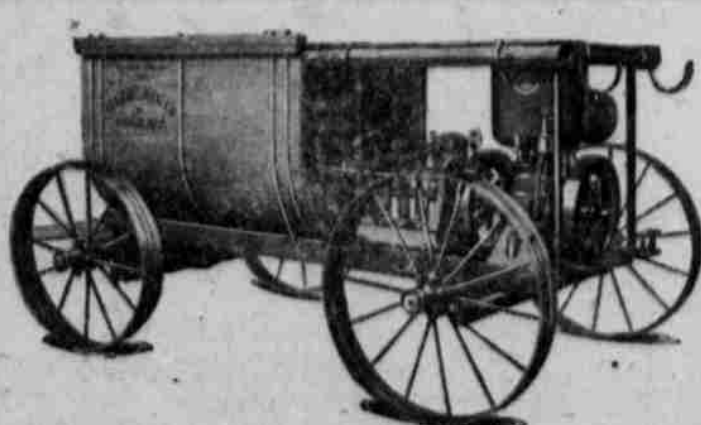
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