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**UNTIL THE FARMER PROSPERS**

Well meaning efforts to induce settlers to come to this section of the country for the purpose of engaging in agricultural efforts will avail little, until the farmers who are here now become prosperous. Then it will be impossible to keep settlers away.

So many times, it has appeared, the men engaged in the promotion of development have looked on one side of the problem only. They have figured out the story of a few prosperous ranchers and have with advertising folders set forth the facts concerning these individual cases, using them as bait to bring others to the field.

In normal times that method is, perhaps, justifiable. It has been used effectively and many people have been brought to sparsely settled regions who made good and aided in the upbuilding of the country. But now we are in a different condition. Few of the ranchers in the west engaged in one crop production are prosperous. All agriculture needs concentrated effort and improved marketing conditions, as well as better production methods.

The need of the hour is a well conceived plan for bettering the conditions of the farmers who are here now. A wider variety of crop production will in part solve the problem. Means must be secured of preparing the crops raised so that they can stand shipment to the distant consuming market.

Herein lies the great benefit possible from the introduction on a broader scope of the dairy industry. It is both a principal industry as well as an auxiliary to field crop production. It reduces the forage raised into a concentrated form which at a low cost, comparatively, can be transported to distant cities. It can be held for a time in storage and thus has another advantage. It is the means of a steady income; one of the greatest of all needs of the farmer.

The offer which J. L. Kraft of the Kraft Brothers Company of Chicago, made to take the output of cheese from Idaho and Eastern Oregon up to two hundred million pounds per year, at the same price as that paid in Wisconsin, brings the market to the dairy rancher of this section. It is the most significant offer ever made to the people of any section.

There are today, in Wisconsin 3000 creameries and cheese factories. There are not one hundred in the Snake River valley today. The limit of forage production in Wisconsin has been reached. Here it has only been scratched. Wisconsin ranchers are prosperous. Here the ranchers are not. No banks have failed in the Badger state; alas several have failed in this region. Butter fat can be produced here at a lower cost than in Wisconsin—what then does the future in dairying hold for the rancher here? What does it mean for the business men, the bankers, the professional men of this region—prosperity along with the ranchers.

And when the ranchers here are prosperous this land will be as inviting to the men of the east and middle west who are seeking new fields, as all America has been for the ambitious citizens of Europe. Our fathers came to America from Europe because they knew that in these United States the opportunity for bettering their condition was present because Americans were prosperous. Residents of the crowded sections of our land today will follow the same impulse to move westward to this valley when our ranchers are prosperous. It should then be the constant and ever pressing purpose of the business men of this region to promote the prosperity of the farmer here now, and let his prosperity be the magnet which will draw others and thus add to the growth and development of the entire region. We need not look for development until our farmers are prosperous.

**FRUITLAND BENCH**

Patheal-Beehley

Chas. Miller, ...-9afidd... e b Last Wednesday, at the home of Supt. and Mrs. Charles Miller, Caldwell, occurred the marriage of A. C. C. Patheal and Miss Magge Beehley, both well known Fruitland people. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. Hankins of the M. E. church at Caldwell, and was witnessed by a few of the immediate friends of the bride and groom. They will reside on the Patheal ranch south of Fruitland.

Joe Browning of Fruitland, was bitten by a dog near Brogan a week ago. He thought little of it and went deer hunting. Upon returning he found that the dog, which had been kicked by a mule previous to this, had bitten three other persons, and had killed some sheep and chickens. State authorities upon examining the head of the dog, thought perhaps the animal had been suffering from rabies. Mr. Browning, who is receiving medical attention, at Vale, however seems to be improving.

Miss Nellie Heckes underwent an operation for appendicitis last Friday. Last Saturday her condition seemed critical, but later reports indicate she is recovering nicely.

W. F. Shearer, manager of the Cheerylanes Lettuce company, was near Fruitland Monday inspecting the twenty-five acre lettuce field operated by Denny & Company.

Miss Mary Hollenbeck was in the Holy Rosary hospital this week having undergone an operation for the removal of a bone in the nose.

**BIG DEALS IN SCOTCH LANDS**

Many Millions of Acres Have Changed Hands Since the Signing of the Armistice.

Since the armistice almost 4,500,000 acres of Scottish land has changed hands, or practically a quarter of the country, reports the London Times correspondent at Glasgow.

During 1921 over 600,000 acres were sold, against 800,000 in 1920. Although prices have fallen, fully \$5,000,000 (\$25,000,000) must have been involved in last year's sales, and the total turnover since the armistice is estimated at \$52,600,000 (\$262,500,000).

The decrease in estate sales last year shows that the "boom" is on the wane, for the people who made war fortunes and who were the estate agents' best clients now find their wealth diminishing as quickly as it grew. Trade depression has, of course, left its mark on the estate market, with the result that prices for estates are nothing like what they were a few years ago.

Estate agents, however, hold out a hopeful prospect for this year. It is expected that the cessation of large buying will continue for several months, probably until the next budget proposals are known, but that this will be followed by a revival. Improved conditions in the industrial world would give a fillip to the estate market, but agents are confident that even without the impetus, good business will be done next year in the buying of land.

**EYESIGHT NO BOON TO HIM**

Blind Beggar Refused What Most People Would Consider Most Precious of Life's Gifts.

"Buy a pencil, please." This was the monotonous sing-song plaint of a ragged blind man on a prominent downtown corner. A Detroit millionaire heard it. It gripped at his heart-strings. He decided to help cure the poor victim.

A specialist of international repute was summoned. He said he could restore the pencil peddler's sight by a delicate and expensive operation. The millionaire told him to go ahead. Then the blind man amazed the philanthropist and the physician by refusing to be cured.

"I want to be blind," he said. "If I got my sight back I'd have to go back to hard work. Please don't give me back my sight. I'm happy this way. I make a lot of money through my blindness. It's easy work. I'm happy and I want to stay this way."

The millionaire then had a watch set on the happy victim. He found that every evening at the end of the peddler's day's work, a handsomely gowned, pretty young woman drove up to his corner in an expensive motor-car, bundled the peddler into the car, and whisked him off to one of those jazz places of song and dance. The blind man was having a high old time of it every night.

When he tried later to have his license renewed, the millionaire prevented it.

**Pineapples Have Strange Cousins.**

The pineapple belongs to a very interesting family of plants, called the Bromeliads, all of which are purely American, and none of which were known in the old world until imported from the new. Most of these are natives of Brazil.

The pineapple is the only member of the family that produces a large fruit formed by thickening its flower axis and by inclosing its seeds in fleshy bracts. It is also peculiar in the fact that it grows on the earth, instead of up in the branches of trees or on rocks, as do nearly all its relatives. These are like the orchids in many respects; they draw no sustenance from the earth through their roots but live on rain. This they catch in their leaves, which are rolled into perfectly water-tight reservoirs.—New York Herald.

**Facts About Cyclones.**

From the study of clouds an official of the weather bureau concludes that the ordinary cyclones that traverse our country from west to east are not more than two or three miles in depth, although their diameter is many hundreds of miles. In other words, their motion does not affect the upper regions of the atmosphere. In the case of hurricanes he finds that the depth is greater, amounting to as much as five or six miles. But higher currents blow directly across the cyclonic and anti-cyclonic areas which produce storms and fair weather at the surface of the earth. Some of this investigator's conclusions upset former ideas concerning the circulation of the atmosphere.—New York Herald.

**Plant That Sneezes?**

The recent discovery of a coughing plant has been reported. The *Vulgarisation Scientifique* mentions still another species which sneezes.

The former grows in certain tropical countries and bears a bean-like fruit. It appears to have a decided distaste for dust, and when a little is placed on one of its leaves the respiratory organs of the plant inflate and the dust is expelled with a curious noise, for all the world like a child with the whooping cough.

We are not told the name of either plant and doubtless they are closely related, if not identical.—Kansas City Star.

**No Leeway.**

"How about this hunting with the camera?" "Takes a man of blameless character to stand it. You gotta stick to the truth."—Judge.

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When folks drive into the Interior they always try to make Beulah in Agency valley the objective point for lunch or dinner, where Mrs. Barney Tillotson presides over the destinies of one of the best places to eat anywhere, and there is a big cool porch upon which to rest before making the drive over Ben Deir of Agency mountain, as the case may be, depending on the direction of the trip. Agency valley gets the name

from the fact that it is the location of the Agency ranch from which the supervision of the P. L. S. ranches in this section is given. Beulah and Agency were represented in Ontario during the past week by Mrs. Tillotson and Mrs. William Nance, whose husband is the foreman for the P. S. L. properties in this region. Both the visitors declared that it is cooler at their homes than it is down here.

Miss Freda Wallbrecht of Vale, was a guest Sunday of Miss Blanche McDonald.

From Caldwell on Sunday came Messrs. Henry and Peter Quast, father and brothers of Al. Quast of this city, for a short visit.

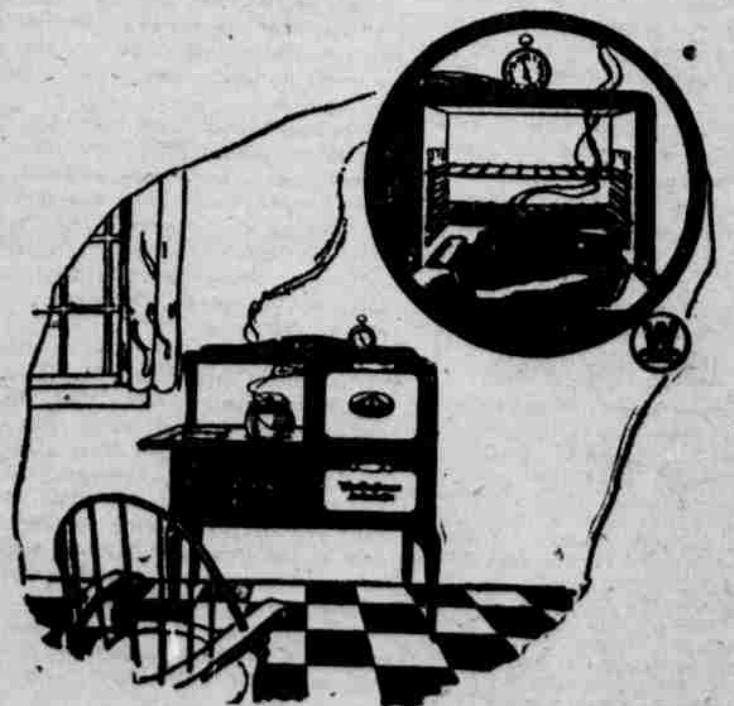
After an extended stay in the cool breezes of the Willamette valley, Mrs. William Jones and her daughter, Miss Katherine, returned home on Saturday.

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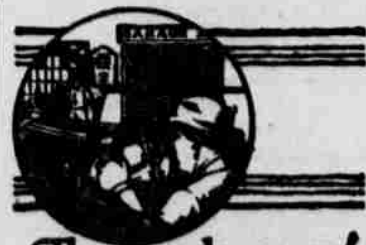
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