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OREGON COULD TOO

The state of North Dakota has begun to put into operation a plan which should bring thousands of new settlers within the next year. The legislature has appropriated \$60,000 for the promotion of immigration in the next two years. R. F. Flint, commissioner of agriculture, has given an impetus to the plan by asking the cooperation of all the country newspapers in the state to induce their readers to write personal letters to friends "back home." Those farmers who are well situated and who have prospered are urged to write their friends and relatives in the older states, in the cities and in Europe too, telling them of their success, of the resources of the state, how they raise corn, clover, alfalfa cattle and hogs and in fact to try to induce these friends to break away from the cities and the older communities and settle in North Dakota.

The plan seems to be an excellent one and doubtless will result in a great gain in the population of that state. But what is good for them is good for Oregon, especially Central Oregon. Any prosperous community can benefit itself if its energetic men and women will help to spread the gospel of country life.

Almost every one of our readers can think of some friend or relative now struggling along in some town or city who if transplanted to a modest farm would be healthier, happier and more prosperous than they are at present. Let our readers try the North Dakota plan.

Write to your friends, tell them what you are doing and what you mean to do, point out to them that farming is not what it was 40, 30, or even ten years ago. Pass a good thing along. You will be doing your friends a favor and you will be helping the community.

GETTING CLOSER TOGETHER.

Meetings are being held in the towns of the Willamette Valley, in which the town acts as host and the rural people of the country are given royal entertainment which tends to create a more friendly feeling between the towns and the country residents. At a big meeting of this kind held in Salem last Saturday, the crowd was addressed by the Governor, who said among other things that if you are thinking of building a nice home in some city, I would advise you to erect the home, but not in a city. Build it on the old home place. Improve your farms. The Governor declared that it was necessary to have as large a diversity of crops as possible.

Harley O. White, Mayor of Salem welcomed the farmers and told them that the club expected to give many more such luncheons "It has proved such a success," declared the Mayor that we are simply amazed that we never thought of the plan before. We must get better acquainted with each other, for that will radound to our mutual benefit.

"I have been to several of these meetings this year," said the Governor, "but this one beats them all for attendance and enthusiasm. It will be a great thing for this state when the farmers and the city people arrive at a better understanding and co-operate more fully than at present."

There is food for much thought

in these words of the Governor, and action along these lines by Central Oregon towns would be a long step in the right direction.

THE LIVE ONES MOVE

If you live some distance from town, it is especially worth while to study up on advertised articles before making your purchases. Advertised goods are always the best class of goods. The merchants who advertise are the fellows who have reliable goods and want you to know it. If a merchant doesn't advertise it is sure that he is not very progressive. The merchant who advertises is less liable to sell you shelf worn articles, and besides he has less to say about the business depression. He is too busy to complain.

WHEAT IS MONEY

The present high price of wheat has greatly increased the profit to be derived from any process that will increase the yield per acre. It has been found, for example, that drilling wheat will increase the yield as much as 7 bushels per acre. With wheat at 70 cents per bushel the increased yield is worth \$5 per acre. Harrowing the ground will cause the yield to be doubled under some conditions. This year offers many opportunities for the farmer. He should grasp them all.

LOOK TO THE HARVEST NOW

The outlook for a shortage of all food products should induce the farmers to increase the output from the farm to the fullest extent. While prices are high at present, they will be higher, no doubt, because the warring nations must necessarily be short on production and long on consumption.

Every farmer should buy the best of seed, give his crops the best possible care, and raise all the meat animals possible for there is an opportunity that has never before been equaled for good prices and strong markets. There should be no idle acres, no loafing animals on the farm this year.

YET ANOTHER

Volume 1 number 1 of the Jefferson County Searchlight is on our desk. The home of the new sheet is Metolious, and the editor is Dr. Bailey Kay Leach. It is a breezy little sheet and one that will no doubt do things for the town.

THE SQUAWMAN

On Tuesday, April 27, the Lyric will present the stage success "The Squawman," with Dustin Farnum appearing in the leading role.

This motion picture production is in six parts, running about one and one half hours on the screen. Many thousand feet of sensational film were completed high in the Rocky Mountains in Wyoming, New Mexico, Colorado and Utah, the company numbering more than three score of actors producing the picture at an expense of more than \$50,000.

Reserved seats at 25 cents are now on sale for this attraction at the Lyric. This will be the last of the famous player productions to be shown at the Lyric for the present at least, the lack of patronage not warranting their continuance.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
—Isolated Tract—Public Land Sale.
Department of the Interior,
U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Ore.,
April 5th, 1915.

Notice is hereby given that, as directed by the commissioner of the General Land Office, under provisions of Sec. 2455, R. S., pursuant to the application of Seth L. Rodman, Serial No. 012872, we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, but at not less than \$3.50 per acre, at 9:30 o'clock a. m., on the 15th day of June, 1915, next, at this office, the following tract of land: sec 1 ne 1/4, e 1/2 sec 1, section 35, township 19 south, range 22 east; lot 1, section 2, township 20 south, range 22 east, W. M. (160.38 acres.) "This tract is ordered into the market on a showing that the greater portion thereof is mountainous or too rough for cultivation."

The sale will not be kept open, but will be declared closed when those present at the hour named have ceased bidding. The person making the highest bid will be required to immediately pay to the Receiver the amount thereof. Any persons claiming adversely the above described land are advised to file their claims, or objections, on or before the time designated for sale.

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