

PLAN FOR STATE AID TO FARMERS

A Proposal To Prepare Small Tracts and Sell To Settlers at Actual Cost

The press and thinking men and women of the country have been giving much attention to a solution of the great economic question of inducing rural settlement, and perfecting some plan for farm credits. That some method must be devised by which the farming population may be increased and farm life made more attractive and profitable, is universally conceded. President Wilson and his three predecessors have appointed commissions to investigate but, as yet, no method has been presented.

Hon. John Manning, of Portland, in a recent speech before the Arleta Social Center, presented a plan for inducing the settlement and cultivation of rural lands from which, as a basis, he hopes to evolve a perfect plan which will result in great good to the people of the State. To promote this he invites every man and woman, to send him a card or letter approving or disapproving the plan and offering criticism and advice.

After enumerating the necessity for some action and the importance of properly solving this question, Mr. Manning tells of the operation of the English Land Act in Ireland. Governmental aid to the farmer in Canada, and recites the wondrous success of James J. Hill in inducing the settlement of lands along the lines of the Great Northern. He cites the fact that the head of a family with \$1,000 or \$1,500 capital cannot undertake the assumption of such a load as high



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farm land prices compel. Their capital does not hold out if they attempt to make a farm from the cheaper logged-off or burnt over lands, neither can they prepare to irrigate the fertile lands of Eastern Oregon.

Mr. Manning proposes the passage of such legislation as will enable the State to put all the tillable state lands into a condition ready for cultivation and occupancy—the clearing of logged-off or wild lands, irrigating or draining where necessary. The State to dispose of these lands in from 20 to 100 acre tracts to the actual bona fide settler at a price not to exceed the actual cost to the State in addition to a fair valuation for the land, the State to loan such settler enough money to build a suitable house, barn, fences, etc., and to purchase implements and stock, taking as security therefor a mortgage for 15 or 18 years, payable in small yearly payments at the same rate of interest the State pays for the money, say 4 or 5 per cent.

Mr. Manning also favors extending the privilege of borrowing this State money, or money from the help fund at this low rate of interest to all farmers and rural owners with the necessary safeguard that the money would be used for farm development; the State to issue 20-year bonds to be sold as the work of reclaiming the land progresses and the money is needed.

The State by this plan, would get a return of every dollar invested, with the interest thereon, in 15 or 18 years and would be able to meet the bonds thus issued when due, and without the loss of a single dollar to the State.

Mr. Manning also has a plan for a simpler method of marketing **stump** and farm produce. The gentleman cites instances under the present method of where the actual consumer has paid as high as 500 per cent more than was paid to the farmer or producer. He firmly believes that his "Back to the Soil" plan would make Oregon a State which could boast of a people of wealth producers and not slave of wage earners.

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