# RATE INCREASE NECESSARY

PARMERS' UNION OFFICIALS THINK RAILROADS ARE EN-TITLED TO MORE REVENUE.

reducts of Plow and Farmer Who Lives at Home Should Be Exempt From Increase.

By Peter Radford. Lecturer National Farmers' Union.

The recent action of the Interstate commerce Commission in granting an increase in freight rates in the eastern blassification of territory; the application of the roads to state and interstate commissions for an increase in rates, and the utterances of President Wilson on the subject bring the farmers of this nation face to face with the problem of an increase in freight ates. It is the policy of the Farmers' Union to meet the issues affecting the welfare of the farmers squarely and we will do so in this instance.

The transportation facilities of the United States are inadequate to effectively meet the demands of commerce and particularly in the South and West additional railway mileage is needed to accommodate the movement of farm products. If in the wisom of our Railroad Commissions an percase in freight rates is necessary to bring about an improvement in our transportation service, and an extension of our mileage, then an increase should be granted, and the farmer is willing to share such proportion of the increase as justly belongs to him, but we have some suggestions to make as to the manner in which this increase shall be levied.

Rates Follow Lines of Least Resist-

The freight rates of the nation have een built up along lines of least re-The merchant, the manufacturer, the miner, the miller, the unberman and the cattleman have and their traffic bureaus thoroughly organized and in many instances they have pursued the railroad without mercy and with the power of organfred tonnage they have hammered the life out of the rates and with unrestrained greed they have eaten the vitals out of our transportation system and since we have had railroad commissions, these interests, with skill and cunning, are represented at every hearing in which their business is

The farmer is seldom represented at rate hearings, as his organizations bave never had the finances to employ counsel to develop his side of of the plow bear an unequal burden the case and, as a result, the products the freight expense. A glance at the freight tariffs abundantly proves this assertion. Cotton, the leading agricultural product of the Bouth, alpeady bears the highest freight rate of any necessary commodity in merce, and the rate on agricultural products as a whole is out of proportion with that of the products of the factory and the mine.

We offer no schedule of rates, but hope the commission will be able to give the railroad such an increase in rates as is necessary without levying the plow. The instance seems to precent an opportunity to the Railroad Commissions to equalize the rates as between agricultural and other classes f freight without disturbing the rates n staple farm products.

What is a Fair Rate?

We do not know what constitutes a basis for rate making and have never eard of anyone who did claim to know much about it, but if the prosperity of the farm is a factor to be considered and the railroad commission concludes that an increase in rates is necessary, we would prefer that it come to us through articles of consumption on their journey from the factory to the farm. We would, for example, prefer that the rate on hogs remain as at present and the rate on ment bear the increase, for any farmer can then avoid the burden by raising his own meat, and a farmer who will not try to raise his own meat ought to be penalized. We think the rate on coal and brick can much better bear an increase than the rate on cotton and flour. We would prefer that the rate on plows remain the same, and machinery, pianos and such articles as the poorer farmer cannot hope to possess bear the burden of increase.

The increase in rates should be so arranged that the farmer who lives at home will bear no part of the burden, but let the farmer who boards in other states and countries and who feeds his stock in foreign lands,

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## MARKETING WORLD'S **GREATEST PROBLEM**

WE ARE LONG ON PRODUCTION. SHORT ON DISTRIBUTION.

By Peter Radford

The economic distribution of farm roducts is today the world's greatest problem and the war, while it has brought its hardships, has clearly emchasiged the importance of distribuion as a factor in American agriculure and promises to give the farmers the co-operation of the government and the business men the

solution of their marketing problem. This result will, in a measure, comensate us for our war losses, for the ousiness interests and government lave been in the main assisting alnost exclusively on the production ide of agriculture. While the depart nent of agriculture has been dumping ons of literature on the farmer telling him how to produce, the farmer has een dumping tons of products in the ection's garbage can for want of a

The World Will Never Starve. At no time since Adam and Eve ere driven from the Garden of Edea ave the inhabitants of this world uffered from lack of production, but ome people have gone hungry from the day of creation to this good hour or the lack of proper distribution. slight variations in production have orced a change in diet and one localty has felt the pinch of want, while another surfeited, but the world as a thole has ever been a land of plenty We now have less than one-tenth of

he tillable land of the earth's surface inder cultivation, and we not only ave this surplus area to draw on bu is safe to estimate that in case of fire necessity one-half the earth's copulation could at the present time knock their living out of the trees if the forest, gather it from wild vines and draw it from streams. No abould become alarmed: the orld will never starve.

The consumer has always feared hat the producer would not supply him and his fright has found expresion on the statute books of our states and nations and the farmer has been urged to produce recklessly and withut reference to a market, and regard ess of the demands of the consumer

Back to the Soil, The city people have been urging ach other to move back to the farm, out very few of them have moved We welcome our city cousins back to the soil and this earth's surface con ains 16,092,160,000 idle acres of tillble land where they can make a living by tickling the earth with s orked stick, but we do not need them o far as increasing production is conerned; we now have all the producers ve can use. The city man has very rroneous ideas of agricultural condi-The commonly accepted theory hat we are short on production is all rong. Our annual increase in proection far exceeds that of our to-

The World as a Farm.

Taking the world as one big farm. e find two billion acres of land in ultivation. Of this amount there is pproximately 750,000,000 acres on the estern and 1,260,000,000 acres on the astern bemisphere, in cultivation. his estimate, of course, does not inlude grazing lands, forests, etc., where large quantities of meat are roduced

The world's annual crop approxinates fifteen billion bushels of ce reals, thirteen billion pounds of fibre and sixty-five million tons of meat The average annual world crop for he past five years, compared with the previous five years, is as follows:

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The world shows an average in rease in cereal production of 13 per ent during the past decade, compared with the previous five years, while the orld's population shows an increase of only three per cent.

The gain in production far exceeds that of our increase in population, and it is safe to estimate that the farmer can easily increase production 25 per cent if a remunerative market can be ound for the products. In textile fibres the world shows an increase furing the past half decade in producion of 15 per cent against a populaion increase of three per cent. The people of this nation should ddress themselves to the subject of mproved facilities for distribution.

Over-production and crop mortgage orce the farmers into ruinous cometition with each other. The remedy ies in organization and in co-operation in marketing.

### Proposals for Street Work

Scaled proposals will be received at ne office of the recorder of the city of . Johns until March 2nd, 1915, at 7:30 o'clock p. m. for the improvement of Tyler St. from the north line of Dawson treet to the south line of Fessenden treet, in the manner provided by ordinance No. 640, subject to the provis-ons of the charter and ordinances of the ity of St. Johns, and the estimate of the ty engineer, on file.

The engineer's estimate is \$6,009.62 Bids must be strictly in accordance with srinted blanks which will be furn-shed on application at the office of the recorder of the city of St. Johns. And said improvement must be completed on or before 60 days from the date of the last publication of this notice.

Remonstrance against said apportionment may be made in writing and filed with the undersigned until 5 o'clock last publication of this notice.

ast publication of this notice.

No proposals or bids will be considered unless accompanied by a certified check payable to the mayor of the city of St. Johns, certified by a responsible bank or an amount equal to ten per cent. of he aggregate proposal.

The right to reject any and all bids is hereby reserved By order of the city council.

A. E. DUNSMORE, City Recorder. A 435 VALEACIA SI., SAN PHANCISCO, CAL | Published in the St. Johns Review | Elically Mall this to come one with CANCER | February 12, 19, and 26, 1915.

# THE COUNTY FAIR

By Peter Radford Lecturer National Farmers' Union

The farmer gets more out of the fair than anyone else. The fair to a city man is an entertainment; to a farmer it is education. Let us take a stroll through the fair grounds and linger a moment at a few of the points of greatest interest. We will first visit the mechanical department and hold communion with the world's greatest thinkers.

You are now attending a congress of the mental giants in mechanical science of all ages. They are addressing you in tongues of iron and steel and in language mute and powerful tell an eloquent story of the world's progress. The inventive geniuses are the most valuable farm hands we have and they perform an enduring service to mankind. We can all help others for a brief period while we live, but it takes a master mind to tower into the realm of science and light a torch of progress that will flluminate the pathway of civilization for future generations. The men who gave us the sickle, the binder, the cotton gin and hundreds of other valuable inventions work in every field on earth and will continue their labors as long as time Their bright intellects have conquered death and they will live and serve mankind on and on forever, without money and without price. They have shown us how grand and noble it is to work for others; they have also taught us lessons in economy and efficiency, how to make one hour do the work of two or more; have lengthened our lives, multiplied our opportunities and taken toil off the back of humanity.

They are the most practical men the world ever produced. Their inventions have stood the acid test of utility and efficiency. Like all useful men, they do not seek publicity, yet millions of machines sing their praises from every harvest field on earth and as many plows turn the soil in mute applause of their marvelous achieve-

#### FARMER RADFORD ON WOMAN SUFFRAGE

The home is the greatest contribution of women to the world, and the hearthstone is her throne. Our social structure is built around her, and social righteousness is in her charge. Her beautiful life lights the skies of hope and her refinement is the charm of twentieth century civilization. Her graces and her power are the cumulative products of generations of queenly conquest, and her crown of exalted womanhood is jeweled with the wisdom of saintly mothers. She has been a great factor in the glory of our country, and her noble achievements should not be marred or her hallowed influence blighted by the coarser duties of citizenship. American chivalry should never permit her to bear the burdens of defending and maintaining government, but should preserve her unsulfied from the allied influences of politics, and protect her from the weighty responsibilities of the sordid affairs of life that will crush her ideals and lower her stand-The motherhood of the farm ards. is our inspiration, she is the guardian of our domestic welfare and a guide to a higher life, but directing the affairs of government is not within woman's sphere, and political gossip would cause her to neglect the home, forget to mend our clothes and burn the biscults.

### RURAL SOCIAL CENTERS

We need social centers where our young people can be entertained, amused and instructed under the direction of cultured, clean and competent leadership, where aesthetic surroundings stir the love for the beautiful, where art charges the atmosphere with inspiration and power, and innocent amusements instruct and brighten their lives.

To hold our young people on the farm we must make farm life more attractive as well as the business of farming more remunerative. school house should be the social unit. properly equipped for nourishing and building character, so that the lives of our people can properly function around it and become supplied with the necessary elements of human thought and activity.

Education is a developing of the mind, not a stuffing of the memory. Digest what you read.

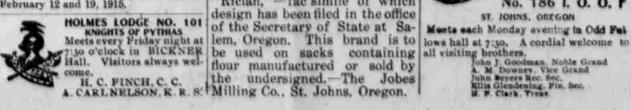
Old men have visions, young men have dreams. Successful farmers plow deep while sluggards sleep.

The growing of legumes will retard soil depletion and greatly add to it power to produce.

### NOTICE OF **Proposed Assessment**

Notice is hereby given that apportion-ment of the cost of improvement of Stanford street, from the east line of Bu-chanan street to the west line of Burr street, total cost of which is \$740.94 has been apportioned and is on file in the office of the undersigned, subject to ex-

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Never get jealous of another woman who attracts your hus-band; it's the last thing on earth to do, if you really want to keep your husband, according to Mrs. Havelock Ellis, English militant, who is in Chicago to lecture on eugenics, votes for women and sex question. Here are some of the eugenic epigrams coined by Mrs. Ellis: Jealousy, the most awful force in the world, is largely fear; a woman who is jealous of her husband is merely afraid of losing him. Defy any woman to steal your husband; study your rival's good pointsthe reasons why your husband is attracted to her and copy them. Utter and complete frankness between husband and wife in the prime essential to married happiness, complete divorce of love and money is a prime

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One City Recorder. One City Treasurer. One City Attorney. Two Councilmen First Ward.

Two Councilmen Second Ward. Three Councilmen at Large. Said election will be held at 8 o'clock a. m. and will continue until 8 o'clock in the afternoon

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