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BUSINESS METHODS ON FARMS.

One of the most hopeful signs of the times is the increased application of business methods by farmers to the conduct of their own affairs. The time is not long past when it was charged, and with much truth, that the average farmer seemed to think that his only salvation lay in hard and unremitting toil. If the farm proved unprofitable one year, he tried to make up for it by working harder the next year. Long hours left no time for planning, and too often there was little disposition to study methods. The work was not systematized. Accounts were not kept. Markets were not watched. Quality of product was not considered. Adaptability of soil and surroundings to certain products was not studied.

But all this is changed now by the more intelligent class of the farmers, and that means the greater number of them. The rural free delivery of mail makes it possible for the farmer in most localities to watch the markets day by day, and thus be prepared to take advantage of the best conditions. Soils are analyzed, and devoted to the crops for which they are best suited. Accounts are kept, so that it is easily seen what method produces the greatest profit.

As an illustration of the development of business methods among farmers, mutual insurance may be mentioned. It is evident that the old-line companies make farm property bear a share of the payment of premiums that is out of proportion to the risks. In this the old-line companies are but following good business methods, as the risks on city property would call for a very high rate if a farm property did not bear a portion of the burden. On the other hand, it is but good business policy of the farmer to insure in a company that is not burdened by these extra risks. In such a company the pays for the risks insured—nothing more. Such a company does not need any great surplus, does not require high-salaried officers nor expensive quarters.

There are in various parts of the country such organizations, composed of resident farmers and business men. The managers are personally known in the territory where they operate; the books of the company are easily accessible; no assessments are made except in case of actual loss; and, what is of great importance, the policyholders not only pay less for their insurance, but the money they do pay remains in the community and is not sent to some distant state.

Another plan that is being used of recent years among farmers is the pooling of products. While this is not always successful, it is on the right line and will prove of great benefit as soon as experience gives the ability to handle such affairs properly.

Many other illustrations might be given showing that there is not only opportunity on the farm for the exercise of the broadest and best business judgment, but that many are improving the opportunity.

THE TRUE INTERESTS OF A NATION.

It is needless to state that no nation has yet fully realized a correct answer to the question, "What are the true interests of the country?" Whenever the question is correctly answered, instead of social degeneration and economic disputes and armed conflicts, we shall have moral development, material progress, and universal peace. The government of such a country will grow more and more responsive to the wishes of the people, and constantly less autocratic. The machinery of government will not be used to further the interests of grasping corporations or the selfish ambitions of the designing politicians.

This condition is not Utopian, but can be realized. "There is no force in nature that can long withhold from a nation the liberty which it deserves." These are the words of a statesman. They are true; but note

that the reform must begin with the people "the liberty which (the nation) deserves." Ignorance, selfishness, brutality, do not deserve liberty. A nation possesses these characteristics if the individuals composing that nation are ignorant selfish, or brutal. To endow the nation with the opposite qualities, it is necessary to develop those qualities in the individual citizens. The question then resolves itself into one of improvement of the individual.

One of the most powerful influences in the development of character is our public school system. The influence may not always be good, but it is always vast. If the teacher is not a potent factor in the development of her pupils, the pupils will influence each other and ordinarily this influence will not be for the best; for the reason that the vicious and depraved are more active in the propagation of evil than the better element is in the inculcation of good.

It is of the utmost importance, then, that our public school teachers should be men and women of broad views and thorough training; and not only this, but, they should be in sympathy with children, able to enter into their joys and sorrows and thus obtain a mastery over them that will lead to the upbuilding of a useful and orderly citizenship.

The sight of children starving for want of bread is pitiful indeed; but the sight of children starving in mid heart for want of moral food, is far more pitiful. If the prime object of the schools is to fit children for becoming worthy citizens, how can we expect this result when a majority of teachers are themselves unacquainted with even the simplest political problems of the age. Mere boys and girls just out of the grammar or high schools, are placed in charge of embryo citizens and, though ignorant of political economy or sociology, though without experience in the business world, and whose characters are but in the process of formation, are expected to fit our children for statecraft, for business, for all the higher relation of life.

Begin at the beginning. Give our schools the right kind of teachers, and in a few generations we shall have a nation that will be able to see its true interests.

THE CAMPAIGN AS A COLLEGE.

(From New York World.) The World finds it necessary to differ with Secretary Shaw on so many questions of policy and principle that it is a pleasure to be in accord with him on the general issue of political campaigns.

In his speech at College Point Saturday, opening the Republican campaign, Mr. Shaw said: I believe in political campaigns and am glad we are now about to enter upon one. Make no mistake; we cannot have too many campaigns. Politics is not and must not be a squabble for office, but it is a contest of policies. Taking the spirit rather than the letter of Mr. Shaw's statement, it is unquestionably true that more danger to good government and republican institutions is to apprehended from too few political campaigns than from too many.

The campaign of politics is also a campaign of education. It keeps the voter in touch with the machinery of government. It enlarges the sum total of his information, stimulates the habit of thought and makes him a better citizen. It is his political college in which he learns how to rule and what policies are best for him to uphold.

A presidential campaign in its broadest sense is a contest of policies, not a squabble for office, as Mr. Shaw says, and contests of policies are the very breath of life of republican institutions.

Many business men, who look upon the slight unsettlement of trade which a political campaign generally produces as an unmitigated nuisance, regard a presidential election every four years as wholly unnecessary evil. There is something to be said on their side of the cause but, after all, the most important business is honest, responsible, representative government. Without it the republic cannot live.

BUSINESS FOR THE STATE LEAGUE.

(From Oregon Journal.) The State League meeting must not be permitted to degenerate into a gabfest, a mutual admiration society or a "hot air" aggregation of fine spun theorists. Theories, advertising exploitations and essays upon what has been done, have their proper and appropriate places in the program and will be listened to with respectful attention, but after all it is a condition and not a theory which confronts us and the people who come here to attend the convention ask for bread and will not be satisfied with a stone. They want something concrete, not something theoretical. They realize, more keenly than do most of the people of Portland, though the latter have at least an equal interest in the outcome, that the key to everything back of Portland, to the whole inland

Empire, is the "open river." They may be told what has been done in the past in the way of development and what may be done to attract here new settlers, and to all of this they will give a willing ear, but they will say in return, and with every appearance of reason, that what has been done will be as nothing compared with what may be done in the event that the river is opened to unimpeded commerce clear to Lewiston. They will prove to you that because 8 miles of portage road remains unbuild from above The Dalles to Celilo the whole eastern part of the state and the continuous territory is practically paralyzed in its development; that because of the closed river, railroad combinations to maintain unreasonably high rates are rendered possible; that for the same reason legitimate and much needed railway extensions are not made and the contiguous country, which might and should be teeming with population, lies practically in its virgin state and without immediate hope of being put to good use.

If you are a believer in Oregon, if you wish to see it take the place which nature intended it to take, if you wish to see Portland get the advantage of a water haul instead of having its tributary resources moved under enormous difficulties to the far Northwest, you will be interested in all these things. If you are interested you will investigate for yourself and then feel and express unbounded surprise, as do these people, that conditions have been permitted to degenerate and, being realized, it is not possible for any one to view them perfunctorily or rest satisfied with anything short of complete solution of the very apparent difficulties which confront while they paralyze the state.

The time for action is now here. All the people of the state should enlist under the "open river" banner for the whole campaign. There will be opposition to the movement but wherever the fight carries the people, they should go willingly and, shoulder to shoulder, meeting war if need be, with reprisals, neither halt nor rest until the "open river" has been achieved. That once accomplished absolutely, the greatest development agency ever set to work in Oregon will have been inaugurated. Then for the first time the state will be in a way to come into its own and to take the place which nature assigned to it, but from which it is being thrust aside by the combination of artificially produced conditions which are rapidly growing intolerable.

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The Dragon in America.

(In the August "Arena".)

One of the grave questions that the next Congress will have to meet is the new treaty arrangements with the Chinese government, as the period of the Exclusion Act terminates in December. The powerful Chinese Six Companies is already at work in the interests of its vastly lucrative traffic in Chinese labor, and there is every reason to believe that the same lavish expenditure of wealth will be made during the fall that has marked the policy of this powerful and dangerous body in past years. In view of this fact, Dr. Charles Frederick Holder's brilliant, exhaustive and fascinating historical sketch of the Chinese Six Companies entitled "The Dragon in America," which occupies the space of honor in "The Arena" for August will command general attention, and to citizens of California, Oregon and Washington it will occasion particular satisfaction. Hitherto there has been much heated controversy on the Chinese question, but seldom if ever has the true insidiousness of this issue been so ably and so judiciously presented as has been done by Dr. Holder in this remarkable paper. Certainly never before has the un-American character of the traffic in Chinese Labor been so clearly pointed out. "The Arena" has again taken the foremost place among the reviews of opinion which discuss live questions ably and in conformity with the principles of Democratic institutions. At no time in its history has it been stronger or more representative of the best progressive and liberal thought of the hour than at the present time.

Agnes Silvers commenced action for divorce from her husband, George L. Silvers, in the Circuit Court last Saturday. Both are well known Oregon City people, living across the river. They were married here September 17, 1897. There are two minor children that the plaintiff asks the Court to grant her the custody of. She alleges that she was treated cruelly by her husband and asks the Court for alimony.

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