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WAYS TO PLAY THE GAME TO WIN

SOME SENSE TO FARMERS BY A FARMER.

Team Work Wins Games, Individual Plays Lose.

All food comes from the soil and when the soil is exhausted man has migrated. He first builds a fort, then comes the middle man and from the surplus value of the farmers' crops he builds a trading post, then a town and then a city, but the farmer owns not the city or any part of it. The laborer has been forced to trade his wealth for all the poverty he can carry. We cannot migrate now, there is no place to go. We must organize and fight the battle of commercial supremacy. The Equity is calling for volunteers. Egypt, Assyria, Greece and Rome robbed the country of its wealth and brains and the cities finally fell with their own weight. The farmer now has a large population to feed and is absolutely sure of his market but unless you organize, Brother Farmer, you will always be poor, but organize as one man and that man can have the world for the asking. You have nothing to lose but your poverty and the wealth of the world to gain. Co-operate.

Our large cities are constantly within a few hours of starvation and the farmer holds the key to the situation. It is organization. All you have to do is to trust your brother farmer and co-operate, in fact just attend to your business in a modern business way. Be up to date, control, the product of your farm and let the other fellow control what he creates with his labor. He must co-operate with you or starve.

Most of the papers that reach the farmers now days are not printed for people who think it is so common for farmers to complain about our great dailies and even most of our agricultural journals, that they contain nothing of value. Society is facing a crisis; there are going to be changes of vast importance to humanity; the people who create the wealth are going to retain it and all this is equal to a social reconstruction and not a plausible remedy in all the big remedies in the big papers. Just suicide, crime, vice and base ball. I wonder who edits them. The hungry mind feeds on such papers as the Courier. Give us new thoughts with life in them.

How many more judges will the people have to pull from their benches before we get a plan to do without them? Who is afraid to trust the whole people? Why, the rogues! That's who. Had you rather the food supply of this country would be controlled by Morgan and his 17 bucaners, or the 12,000,000 farmers, who by the sweat of their brow produced it? Are you going to impeach Morgan? How? You will have to take his case before the whole people who are now ready with their decision. When rogues furnish the power behind the throne the people discover a plan to do away with the throne.

Did you farmers ever think how much it cost you or somebody to keep up the great army of salesmen going over the country like grasshoppers? Do they do any good? Did you ever see one selling postage stamps? If a man who has money and wants to buy something you can't prevent him not if you nail it down and guard it and if he don't want to buy anything, why, oh yes, I guess you would have to hire a salesman.

In this country the production of food-stuffs go on without what we call system, but when it comes to distribute the wealth of the labor of our country we have a system with a big S. And with this system one man gets an income of a hundred million and millions of other men less than enough to live properly.

The inventors of this system died long before slavery was abolished and the threads of its fabric are worn out. We should cease to wear this ancient garment and wear a new raiment that has equality and the golden rule for wool and the brotherhood of man for warp; cut it to fit modern conditions and trim it with happiness, peace and plenty. The Farmers' Society of Equity is weaving a net with large meshes, mind you, and a lot of other people are working on it too, and some bright day we are going to invite the merchants to go fishing with us. We want to rid the commercial waters of a few sharks that are destroying our supply and drowning every man and woman who dare approach them with less than a pound of flesh.

The Farmers' Society of Equity has a move on foot to unite Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana in a district-union as soon as the state organizations are formed. This is a move in the right direction and if the differ-

ent fruit unions would join us they would cease to compete with each other by having a national head to prevent it. There is no use of shipping Colorado apples here and our apples to Colorado, and compete with each other on both markets.

The Farmer's Society of Equity could insure their property against loss by fire and save thousands of dollars to Clackamas county and not cost over two or three dollars per thousand. Why not appoint a committee to investigate this and report to the county union? The writer belonged to a mutual that was some years, was as low as one dollar per thousand levied and that paid all expenses and left a surplus in our treasury.

The Clackamas County Union should prepare for a glorious Fourth of July out in the country where every one can go and enjoy nature and each other's society. City people would enjoy a Fourth like that. The farmers can find men and women in our own ranks to instruct, entertain and amuse us and if there should be a profit arise it could be turned into the County Union treasury, to be used everybody.

MEREDITH.

EDITORIALS.

We will soon witness another farce in the political machine in Congress, the franking through the mails of a lot of common garden seeds.

A farmer said of a certain congressman, "His arguments won't go down and his seeds won't come up." There are not enough farmers in Congress to give it sufficient backbone to stop this farce and a number of other farces that the people are well acquainted with.

Mr. Thomas, in issue of the 24th has a good letter with some unanswerable points, and we are with him until he has us Equity people taken before the courts for violating the Sherman law. And as far as that is concerned there seems to be no penalty if we were convicted, except our stock would double in value. And when we get strong enough to have some influence we will use it to elevate one end of our judicial bench and elect honest men to take their places. And long before that you will have discovered that you have viewed us from the wrong end of your political telescope and you will do realize that we farmers are mired with a load of life up to the hubs in political corruption, you and men who can see the future of co-operation must put your shoulder to the wheel and blaze the trail ahead to where swords are beaten into pens and warships into libraries. Come, comrades, and lend a hand, keep plenty of oil in your lamp and your powder dry.

The American school system is the one paternal institution most beloved in the United States and is the foundation of national progress. Co-operation and mutual interest and progress depend on uniform non sectarian and non dissemination of truth. So called educators have "enriched" the "system" until two-thirds of our pupils fail; then they begin a "system" of "elimination" and all the time losing sight of the fact that we have not a "system" of scholars. Thank Dame Nature for that, we still have scholars with individuality, the priceless jewel of the race, and no set of biological Burbanks can ever hybridize them to conform to any "system" of intellectual unity. Recognize this individuality and compel the "system" to cultivate it for such is evolution, the savior of the race.

Why should the mills of Oregon City deny its workers an eight hour day? No man should work more than eight hours and we need no farther than our common school physiology and hygiene for all the arguments needed. Of course they would have to hire one-third more people wanting a means of livelihood. The mills may claim they cannot afford it, but we are from Missouri. I have read a good deal about the paper trust and believe the mills control the price of paper. If that is true should that not be enough for one corporation trust to control without sending men to Salem to try to control our State law makers?

How many laborers went down to Salem to convince our law-makers that we have elected men who did not understand the business they were authorized for?

It is an insult to the men we elected and they would be justified in making it six hours now and also in passing a law against lobbying, as it might lead to bribing.

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CLEARING HOUSE FOR FARMERS

EQUITY SOCIETY TO WEED OUT MIDDLEMEN.

Warehouse in Portland to Take Care of 1913 Crops.

The following article in the Portland Journal will be interesting reading for the farmers of Oregon. It shows that the Equity Society means something and that it is going to DO something besides organizing.

H. F. Cutting, national organizer of the Farmers' Society of Equity, is organizing a Portland clearing house for the four states of the Pacific northwest, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana, with a view of securing for the farmers better prices for their products. Mr. Cutting says that some 40 locals have already been established in Oregon and about the same number in Idaho and Montana.

Mr. Cutting says effort will be made to take care of the bulk of the 1913 crops, including orchard, dairy, livestock, poultry and general produce; in short, anything produced on the land. He believes it will be to the profit of the farmer and the elimination of middlemen, except to the extent of the actual retail distribution.

Indianapolis, Ind., is the headquarters of the society, but Mr. Cutting has been in Portland several years, and took up the work here last year, when, for the first time the system was introduced in the northwest.

"Our plan is this," explained Mr. Cutting: "We will establish warehouses, canneries, driers, preserving works, and so on to take care of produce that appears on the market without any waste, and get away from the practice of taking it to the dump to be burned."

"The clearing house will be in charge of a first-class produce man, who will take it from the farmer and get it to the market, whether local, coastwise, or foreign. The warehouses will take care of the stock on hand, and the canneries, driers and other establishments will take care of the surplus. The canneries will be located as much as possible in Portland, but this will be worked out as the demand will justify, as we believe in following nature's law—creep before we walk."

"The proposition will be financed by an inside stock company, and to begin with we will probably lease the necessary warehouses."

"Our purpose is to benefit the farmer. Government reports practically show that under existing conditions of marketing the farmer gets about 40 per cent of the price that the consumer pays for farm products. The middlemen get the balance. It is often that the farm product passes through five different hands before reaching the consumer."

"The natural inference is that this would reduce the cost of living, but we do not like to make any promises in that direction, because our object is ostensibly to benefit the farmer. However, we are always glad to meet the consumer and the nearer we can get to the consumer the better it will naturally be for consumer and producer."

"The great loss to the farmer in getting his produce on the market is the want of a brand or label, and in addition to this, produce should be properly graded. The society will stand for an absolutely uniform grade."

"The Farmers' Society of Equity is purely a market system, and seeks to bring about, through practical co-operation and national co-operation, the ultimate success of every individual farmer identified with it. It is national in scope, and strictly elective in government."

"Much is being said and done throughout the length and breadth of the land today in an effort to help the producer, and strange as it may seem, most of this effort is misplaced therefore bringing little or no result. The success of the farmer does not depend upon how much he raises per acre, but upon how much money he realizes upon the sale of the crop of that acre. Money and not large crops is the measure of success in farming. Make it profitable for the farmer to grow big crops of fine produce and he will grow them and take pride in it, and his children and his children's children will stay on the farm and be proud of the profession of farming, and many who are in the city today will cast their eyes upon the open country and follow the line of their gaze to take up the profession of farming, if it is made to pay, and the 'back to the farm' problem will be solved. The improvement of social and other conditions of rural life will also be solved."

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SIX VOCATIONS.

And How an Equity Farmer Classifies Them.

The farmer—Well, about the worst you can say of him is that he is industrious and poor and he does not knock about the "system."

Mr. Lawyer—Well, he is a well dressed fellow and charges us more for bad advice than we do him for good grub guaranteed under act of June 30.

The M. D.—He is O. K. He can look wise, belongs to his union and charges more for turning us over to the undertaker than we charge him for keeping him alive.

The Merchant—He deals in breakfast foods and not opinions. He is not interested in prices. He stands with his hand on the scales and sings "I got mine, boys."

The Banker—He can swell up with pride or view with alarm the results of his own making. He is a friend to interest and security and deals in oil that represents the fat of the land and lubricates the wheels of commerce, makes the best grafting wax and is too often used as a substitute for virtue, honesty, freedom, peace and the golden rule. He stands between the people and their treasury and abhors all warrants as often as possible and is the most respected of all middlemen.

The Editor—No one knows his origin or destiny, he is a specie all by himself. Editors are not made—they are just born. They are the best white washers and good at coloring. They know everything and everybody except Dunn and Bradstreet. They live on space and die on the town because they collect nothing but news, and distribute their bills. They believe in a free press but it is always mortgaged. They tell us of the prosperity of the world and try to keep their own poverty a secret. They are religious but always use the devil. They are intelligent but go hungry in the midst of pie. They love humanity and their subscribers; they love to see everybody well clothed and when they think of their own families it causes a big lump to come up into their throat and during hard times they live on that.

STATE UNION NEXT.

District Union of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, are Next.

Editor Courier:—The President of the County Union informs us that he has a copy of the by-laws of the Union Sales Co., as amended by the committee appointed to apply for incorporation papers. These by-laws will be discussed at our next meeting of the Co. Union, and will also be thoroughly gone over at the organization of a State Union to be created in the very near future. The Union Sales Co. will be the clearing house for a district union of the Farmers' Society of Equity. This district will probably include Oregon, Washington, Idaho and western Montana. It is located at Portland, Ore.

Locals Should Make Reports.

Editor Courier:—

Our County organizer, Mr. Brenner, has been confined to his home with a very painful sore upon his left heel. He came in Saturday, January 18, but being so energetic and enthusiastic over this movement we could not keep him down on last Saturday, and with the aid of a horse he found his way over to Twilight and held a joint meeting with the Twilight Community Club. Although there was a large audience so many of them were not of the class who naturally were interested in this subject. However he found a number of men who expressed their interest in the movement. Mr. Brenner will try to hold special meetings at this place sometime in the near future and as the farmers of Twilight are boosters, we are sure of a local there.

Mr. Brenner will probably be obliged to lay over for another week.

Now I think it would be a good plan for each local to report in this space the proceeding of each of its meetings. I think it will be productive of great good and I sincerely urge each secretary to make such a report.

S. L. CASTO.

Maple Lane Equity Meeting.

The Maple Lane local of the F. S. of E. will hold a special meeting in the Maple Lane Grange hall Wednesday evening, February 5, 1913. All members are expected to be present as there will be questions of importance before the meeting.

We expect delegations from several other locals to be with us at this meeting, and farmers of this community not belonging to the Farmers Society of Equity will, by attending this meeting, learn something to their advantage.

G. F. Mighella, Sec'y.

Hints for Housekeepers.

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Carus Meeting Feb. 1st.

Carus Local No. 6882 will hold its regular monthly meeting at Carus school house on Feb. 1st at 7:30 P. M.

At our last meeting we had the privilege of hearing a report from one of our members who was a representative at the meeting held in Portland to devise plans to present to the State Union, of a warehouse to be established there. The proceedings of this meeting were very interesting and productive of great good. At our meeting of Saturday night we will go over the by-laws of this incorporation.

Carus Local is contemplating the purchase of a car-load of corn from some of the corn growing states. We believe by buying through some of our Equity clearing houses in those states that we will be able to secure corn much cheaper than through our

local merchant. Any other Local wishing to join us in this undertaking are perfectly welcome. We have a good live program for our next meeting.

S. L. CASTO.

THIS IS BUSINESS.

A Writer Shows What the Farmers are and Can Do.

The Courier with a large letter-head, is voluntarily set aside a portion of its paper for the discussion of the different phases of this society of equity, it stands in hand to make use of it as a medium of interchange of opinion and to carry on a campaign of agitation and education of the general public in this co-operative method.

The possibilities of an organization for co-operation are vast, and there never was a time in history when the great masses of the co-operative people had not been ready to join together for their common good in providing practical methods with sound business principles, can be established with proper management.

All great reforms and progressive movements have been produced by the common people but not until some capable leader took it upon himself to give his time and money in educating the masses to a realization of their power and influence and realize that in co-operative unions we can create a power that politicians and corporations will respect. The grange is a power which, by its united body and influences has secured many beneficial laws and reforms, which only as a united body they could have done.

This Society of Equity while it is organized especially for one object, yet it will be in a position to become a greater power when every school district becomes a local union, and every school house a social center to meet together and discuss the political issues of the day, and united, they will be in a position to compel any of their demands to be recognized. While this society is in its infancy in the northwest, it is no united wildcat proposition. It has been in operation for some time a success in the middle west, where there is not a shipping point of any consequence, and where the farmers do not own their own elevators and many places have their own stores and banks in large cities, and are establishing a system of distribution of their produce to the consumer, more direct, so that they are getting them at less cost and at the same time benefitting the producer.

Since this society has organized it has demonstrated that by uniting they can benefit each other. At Gresham several unions have joined together, bought an auto truck to gather the farmers' produce, and arranged with parking to sell their produce, bought their supplies at reduced rates, and took a load back, and in consequence the electric lines cut freight from 15c per 100 to 8c per hundred. The merchants and bankers are becoming alarmed. They have already agreed to make Thursday of each week a bargain day for farmers. The feed barns agreed to give reduced rates for that day two weeks ago, and the bankers invited the farmers to a luncheon where 179 gathered and were given a free lunch, there to Maple Lane and Mount Pleasant have been buying alfalfa, hay, shorts, flour, and other feed, to get, and on purchases of \$275 made an saving of \$75.

These are a few instances to begin with but the greatest problem before us is getting the producer and consumer closer together, so that the consumer may get a part of the 60c on every dollar's worth which is consumed by our present distributing system, leaving the producer only 10 cents of the dollar.

There is no reason why each shipping point, where there are sufficient unions tributary to that point, should not have a local agent to act as purchasing agent and selling agent, and there is no point in the Willamette Valley outside of Portland where the producer and consumer could not form a co-operative union. There is not another town outside of Portland that has a larger payroll and there is no reason why the consumer cannot be supplied more direct than by the present method.

The Mutualist Society now has two stores in Portland and are opening up others. The co-operative store at Albina, whose members are all wage earners, are paying a monthly dividend. Montavilla district is now organizing to open one.

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Mr. Farmer, look into this fact. From whom are the bankers and merchants making their enormous profits? Who pays the loan sharks? Could not the farmers make some of this immense profit themselves? English farmers have made a great success of this co-operative scheme, and now have their own banks, it is not possible for us to do the same?

Another article on co-operation will appear at an early issue.

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SCORES MAIL ORDER HOUSES.

Merchants' Federation Head Says They Sell Convict Made Goods.

At the convention of the National Federation of Retail Merchants in St. Louis, the president, Martin J. Maloney, declared the mail order houses were responsible in large measure for the sale and distribution of convict made goods, thereby entering into unfair competition with retail merchants and union labor.

He also asserted that the mail order houses were not satisfied with the zone system of parcel post, which is looked on as a menace to the retail trade, and will not halt in their efforts to have the system extended until a general parcel post is enacted. He urged the federation to oppose such legislation.

PUBLICITY AIDS CITIES.

Russell Sage Foundation Has a New Plan For Municipal Reform.

A new agency which aims at the betterment of municipal government in American cities has been established in New York. It takes the form of a new department of surveys and exhibits of the Russell Sage foundation. Cities all over the country have begun to realize the commercial and advertising value of good city government and have asked outside help in studying their local problems and prescribing remedies. To meet this demand the Sage foundation has organized this department, which will assist communities in applying scientific methods and effective publicity toward city betterment.

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