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SOME "CRANK" IDEAS

Plain Talk from a Plain Farmer Who is There and Knows

Editor Courier:—

From what I read in our newspapers and periodicals one of the problems of the day is the education of the agricultural class. We naturally ask who is so much interested in us; and why and what the object of it is?

We notice from our census reports that the population of the country is increasing much faster in the cities than in the farming districts, and our economists seem to view with alarm this tendency, also that the young people leave the farm for the city, so now all those interests who farm the farmers and get all the cream, are crying "back to the farm." The question arises why are these things so? Our late president—Teddy, could not understand it, so perhaps it is presumptuous in me to try to discuss the subject, but as I have had opportunity to study it at close range I may venture an opinion.

Our strenuous president sent out a commission to look the field over. I considered it useless at the time and have had no reason to alter my opinion since, but those fellows had a fine trip at the expense of Uncle Sam and maybe the Taft reciprocity treaty was the result. They want cheaper food so they can pay smaller wages. But any of us who dig our living out of the earth by the sweat of our brow for fourteen or fifteen hours per day know what would help to keep us digging away better than anything else—better prices and shorter hours. Then perhaps we should have some time for recreation and time to beautify our homes as some of our city farmers recommend. We thank them for the advice.

Our educators seem to think that the solution is in raising larger crops, more per acre and more acres—two blades of grass where one grew before. More corn, cattle, hogs, sheep, apples, in fact more of everything, so we can glut the market and consequently get almost nothing for it. Oh, but they tell us that pork and beef is high. Of course I have been a farmer long enough so that I have seen every farm product both high and low.

When any farm product goes high we all rush at it till we get it down below what it can be produced for, a low pressure follows a high, so look out for storms.

For instance. Some years ago they used to assert that they could not raise enough prunes but dried prunes went down to one and a half cents. Apples are on the same road.

I have sold the finest kind of dressed pork at three and a half cents per pound, not the proverbial razor-back, but regular blue blood that they tell always pays. So I have made up my mind that the American farmer can, and will produce plenty for the need of the country without having a big lot of high salaried teachers to whom he pays for him. He will overstock the market in any thing just as soon as he finds any line pays. So why tease ourselves to the tune of hundreds of thousands of dollars to help us destroy our own prosperity?

Big crops won't encourage people to go to a farm, but good prices will. I have seen many go back to the farm with enthusiasm and raise a crop that they could get nothing for, so they concluded the city was the better place till they could get a competency.

Farming is fine if, like Mr. Young, we can live in the city and spend four thousand a year running a farm.

I have always been in favor of education but I want to see some good come from it. Very few young people go to our Agricultural College with the intention of becoming farmers, and if they do most of them change their minds when they get at the real thing. But if our educators will show us how to get a larger part of the dollar that the consumer pays for our products, for instance instead of forty-five per cent obtain seventy-five per cent. Then there would be a better excuse for their continued existence and prosperity. I should not object to paying for value received.

I have no grouse against anyone. It is a matter of business. Our crop report shows that a small crop brings the farmer more money than a large one and these are facts that leak out through the department of agriculture. And in my own personal experience I have never made anything from a bumper crop.

I am in favor of cutting down expenses and would make men and institutions justify their existence by their usefulness to the state and nation, or take away their salary.

This junketing trip abroad to study the European system of farmers' is absurd in the extreme. But I should like a trip over there but cannot spare the cash, so will let the subject drop with the remark that conditions are different over there. They will perhaps find the governments loaning money direct to the farmers. In fact I know they will if they don't overlook it.

Say, I just thought of it. But as our paternal government is in the banking business why not make loans to farmers as low as they turn it over to the bankers? Then Uncle Sam would have the security as well as the risk. I can't say that I like the idea of Uncle Sam coaxing the money from those poor, ignorant fellows who want trust the banks, and then just turning it over to those same banks. It looks as if they were in partnership for some cheap money for the banks. I suppose some of those fellows who are having such good times at the

public prosperity counter will say I should have labeled all this as nonsense, so I will close and try to feel prosperous to I.

A. CRANK.

PULL TOGETHER

Equity Society Can Work Big Benefits by Unity and Organization

It looks to me as if we farmers are where my parents were in the 60's—out on the emigrant trail just blazed out—just the time to get busy. The farmer has made this country the land of milk and honey. We are producers and consumers with professions and organizations all against us.

If we have made this country what it is, we surely can establish a marketing system under the P. S. E. system. The hardest part, without a doubt, will be completed on the 18th, and then we will work to all pull together on the national marketing and buying system.

This county seems to be ahead in organizing, but if other counties can turn over 100 members in one night, I for one, stand ready to step out and help organize. This move is beneficial to mankind and we must keep in the lead.

One of the outsiders the other day swamped me by showing me in figure so many farmers, how much we buy and how much we have to sell, and on one cent commission would make \$60,000 a year. By adding a little we could pay President Wilson one year's salary.

Now then, if we only had \$5,000 a year, we could run a good clearing house in Portland. Yes, but what are we going to do with this \$45,000? I think good to me.

Organization should be our motto, and we should be careful not to rob a locality of members to help a large local and spoil two small ones, and leave scattered people who will not go long distance to the large local.

I think it would be a good move for each locality to look over its territory and divide it up into as large locals as convenient with not less than 10. It only costs \$2.00 the first year; second year \$1.50 including the Up-to-Date Farmer, and part stays in your own local.

All in favor of the produce talk it over; get your number and then we will be pleased to read your name and ad. on this page stating you want an organizer to help to get organized so much quicker.

WALLACE.

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THE LOCAL UNIONS.

With Officers and Postoffice Addresses in Clackamas County.

Alberta Local—Pres. Jess Mayfield; Sec. Ferris Mayfield, Springfield Rt. 1.

Beaver Creek Local—Pres. Fred Kamerath; Sec. W. W. Harris, Oregon City Rt. 3.

Canby Local—Pres. Geo. Koehler; Sec. R. C. Brodie, Canby Rt. 2.

Carus Local—Pres. A. J. Keinhof; Sec. S. L. Casto, Oregon City Rt. 3.

Clackamas Local—Pres. J. A. Sieben; Sec. Frank Haberlach, Clackamas.

Clarks Local—Pres. Albert Gasser; Sec. John S. Gard, Oregon City Rt. 4.

Colton Local—Pres. J. E. Sandall; Sec. W. S. Gorbett, Colton.

West Butteville—Pres. James Parrott, Sec. J. R. Woolworth.

Wilsonville—Pres. M. C. Young, Sec. R. B. Seely.

Needy—Pres. J. D. Ridder, Sec. E. R. Werner.

EAGLE CREEK LOCAL.

Pres. W. G. Glover, Sec. C. C. Longwell, Barton, Oregon.

Damascus Local—Pres. J. E. Royer, Sec. H. T. Burr, Clackamas Rt. 1.

Logan Local—Pres. W. E. Cromer; Sec. P. M. Kirchem, Oregon City Rt. 2.

Mackburg Local—Pres. C. D. Keeling; Sec. J. W. Smith, Aurora, Rt. 1.

Maple Lane Local—Pres. H. M. Robbins; Sec. G. F. Mighells, Oregon City Rt. 3.

Mt. Pleasant Local—Pres. P. W. Meredith, Sec. F. G. Buchanan, Oregon City.

New Era Local—Pres. Aug. Staehely; Sec. C. B. Reverman, Oregon City, Rt. 1.

Shubel Local—Pres. Chas. A. Menke; Sec. Elmer Swope, Oregon City Rt. 4.

Stone Local—Pres. T. E. Brown; Sec. M. J. Byers, Clackamas, Rt. 1.

Sunnyside Local—Pres. R. P. Grady; Sec. E. Ochslaeager, Clackamas, Rt. 1.

Maple Lane Entertainment

The Ladies' Improvement Club of Maple Lane and several other patrons of the school, came to the school-house Arbor Day at 11 A. M. and gave the children, teacher and our supervisor, Mrs. Curran, a splendid dinner with genuine cocoa cooked on the cook stove, for drink. It was the kind of dinner that has made the cooks of Maple Lane famous. After dinner was over and everything cleared, the pupils rendered the following programme:

Song—"The Oregon Grape"....School Rec. "Mighell's Example"....2d Grade Concert Rec "My Show"....2d Grade Dialogue "An Illustrated Story"....Lars Barney, George Rodgers, Lois Pagenkopf.

Rec. "Arbor Day"....George Barney Marion Ginter.

Rec. "How to Bake a Loaf of Bread" Thekla Roemer.

Rec. "A Favorite Color"....Allie Dodge Dialogue "Poor Work Don't Pay"....Wendell Ginter, Gladys Horton, Annie Parker, Ferrell Heater.

Instrumental music.

Concert Rec. "The Clovers"....2nd Grade.

Rec. "The English Sparrow"....Leslie Kunzman

Dialogue "Two Let" (colored)....Henry Rodgers, Walter Gage.

Rec. "Time Enough"....Ferrell Heater

Concert Rec. "Suppose"....3rd Grade

Rec. "House Cleaning Time"....Eugene Schmidt.

Dialogue "Mr. Cleveland on Lawyers" (colored)....George Barney

Best Organized in Oregon

Clackamas County is the best organized in Oregon in the Equity work and has the largest membership in the state. The farmers of this county are keenly interested in the Equity and there is no doubt but what the organization will become a factor in county matters.

Itching provokes profanity but profanity won't remove them. Doan's Ointment is recommended for itching, bleeding or protruding piles. 50c at any drug store.

Most disgusting skin eruptions, scrofula, pimples, rashes, etc., are due to impure blood. Burdock Blood Purifiers as a cleansing blood tonic is well recommended. \$1.00 at all stores.

Equity Cannery at Clatskanie

At Clatskanie last week the Equity Society took its first steps toward the organization of the inside company to manage the affairs of the contemplated cannery says the Clatskanie Chief. A committee was appointed to draft constitution and by-laws, also to solicit subscriptions for stock. It was decided to capitalize the company at \$5,000.00, half of which must be subscribed in order to effect the corporation. A special meeting has been called for Saturday April 19, to complete details and effect the organization.

The cannery will be in readiness in ample time to care for this season's crop of farm produce and small fruit. It is planned to build in such a manner as to easily admit of enlargement from year to year as the acreage of produce to be taken care of increases.

Those who anticipated the building of a cannery in Clatskanie and began to prepare for it a year or two ago can now congratulate themselves upon their forethought. Needless to say the cannery being assured the acreage of produce will increase much more rapidly from now on.

F. MAYFIELD Secretary.

MOOSE FIRST BALL

Splendid Affair Being Arranged for Next Week Friday Night

The Degree Team of the Loyal Order of Moose of this city, has completed arrangements for the first annual ball to be given at Busch's hall Friday evening April 25, and from all indications will be a most delightful affair. Lucas orchestra of Portland has been engaged to furnish the music for the dancing, which will commence at 8:30 o'clock. The hall will be beautified with decorations of the colors of the order and combined with evergreens.

A special invitation has been extended to the lodges of Portland, No. 291, and Salem, and members of these two organizations are anticipating attending. A late car has been arranged for to take the people back to Portland after the ball.

The following are the committees having charge of the affair:

Managing—Major C. S. Noble, Louis Miller, and A. A. Price; reception, Donald F. Skene, Ralph L. Shepard, H. F. May, Dr. M. C. Strickland; floor, Louis Miller, F. McGahuey, J. B. Osborne, Ralph E. Green, T. B. Davenport; decorations, George Young, Arthur J. McAnulty, J. E. Downey, T. B. Davenport, Wm. Reynolds, Miss McGahuey, Mrs. C. S. Noble, Miss Kruger, Mrs. T. B. Davenport, Mrs. Agnes Silver, Mrs. A. A. Price; refreshments, Edward L. McFarland, H. H. Bower and S. Shelby.

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The Alberta Local met at the Alberta schoolhouse April 9, 1913, and the majority of the members were present. Communications were read by the secretary.

The work of the society is progressing with great interest and selling was a topic of much interest. The society unanimously decided to buy and sell collectively as much as possible.

We expect to have many more members soon, since the farmers began to see that it will really aid them.

The sale list is as follows:

One brood mare, weight 1,450 lbs.; one driving mare, weight 1,150 lbs.; one young driving horse weight 1,100 lbs. and one fresh cow.

F. MAYFIELD Secretary.

Summons

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Clackamas.

Lewis Pitts and Jennie Pitts his wife, Plaintiffs.

vs.

Josiah Laney, Defendants.

To Josiah Laney the above named defendant:

In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint in the above entitled suit on or before six weeks after the first publication of this summons to-wit: On the 31st day of May, 1913, and if you fail to so appear and answer, for want thereof the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint, as follows, to-wit:

That defendant be debarred from claiming any interest in the following described tract of land situated in Clackamas Co., Ore. described as commencing in Oregon City to Molalla River, thence South to South or left bank of Parrot Creek thence down said left of Parrot Creek with its meanders to the west boundary of said section twenty-five thence north along said section line to the place of beginning.

This summons is published pursuant to an order made by the Honorable J. U. Campbell, judge of the Circuit court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Clackamas on the 9th being May 30, 1913.

The date of the first publication of this summons being April 18th, 1913, and the date of the last publication being May 23, 1913.

JOHN W. LODER
E. F. YOGGART
Attorneys for Plaintiff

OREGON CITY MARKETS.

Prices for Produce as Quoted by Local Dealers.

During the past week there has been very little change in the market report.

The first mohair pool sale of the season was held at Riddle, Oregon Tuesday of this week. The pool contained about 10,000 pounds and was bought by Herman Metzger of Portland, at 33 and one-fourth cents per pound.

During the past few days strawberries from the southern states were received by a few of the grocers, most of them being from Louisiana. There was a slight demand for them.

Eggs are retailing at two dozen for 35 cents.

Butter remains at the same price. Vegetables are plentiful in the market.

HIDES—(buying); Green hides 60 to 70; salted 70; dry hides 12c to 14c; sheep pelts 30c to 65c ea. h.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 15c.

FEED—(Selling) Shorts \$26; bran \$23½; process barley \$28 per ton.

FLOUR—\$4.40 to \$5.20.

HAY—(buying). Clover at \$9 and \$10; oat hay, best \$13 mixed \$10 and \$12; alfalfa, OATS—\$26½ at \$45; wheat \$1.00 bush, oil meal selling about \$45; Shay Brook Dairy feed \$1.30 per hundred pounds.

Live Stock—Meats

Beef—(live wt.) Steers 6 and 6½; cows 5 and 5 1-2; bulks 4-1-2.

MUTTON—Sheep three to five cents.

Veal—Fancy, 13½c to 14c; medium 12½ and 13 cents.

Pork—10c and 10½c.

Poultry—(buying) Hens 15½ springs 17½ and 19c; roosters 8c, ducks 15½c; geese 12½c and 13c; turkeys 18c.

MOHAIR—33c to 35c

Sheep pelts—40 to 90c.

Hides—10 and 9c.

Fruits

Apples—60c to 90c.

DRIED FRUITS—(buying) Oregon prunes on basis 66 to 8c.

Dried pears .97c.

Butter

Butter—(Buying) Oregon country butter 30c and 40c; fancy dairy 80c per roll.

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