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EDITORIAL

Sunnyside is a good, strong local and it is arranging to do considerable business this summer. We are always glad to hear from the various locals and would suggest that other secretaries make reports as often as possible.

It has been said "That Clackamas County is For Sale," and figuratively speaking, it is probably so at the prevailing values that are placed on land and the possible return from some under our present marketing system. Any school boy could figure out that farming is a failure from a business standpoint, therefore it is not surprising that nearly all of the farmers of this county have the "selling out bee" buzzing in their hats.

In a recent survey through an agricultural section it was found that but one farmer in ten was a reader of a farm journal. This is a deplorable condition and only reminds us again that the difficulty of organizing farmers is caused by them not reading more.

We are glad to know that, that a survey of Clackamas County would be altogether different. Oregon Equity News is read by 8,000 agricultural people weekly, the majority of whom are well posted on all lines.

As an example of agricultural trusts, their influence and control both of industry and commerce of a nation, the combined co-operative societies of Denmark stand out as a model of strength progress, and fairness for emulation worthy of careful consideration by the farmers of the United States. As part of a report upon co-operation and marketing, Mr. John F. Sinclair of Wisconsin has given a brief sketch in the form of a bulletin on "Co-Operation in Denmark." It is essentially an agricultural country, the people have risen from a condition of deep poverty about 60 years ago, until there is very little of that known today. It is a country of a little over 2,000,000 people and more than \$90,000,000 worth of butter, eggs and meats are exported by the farmers annually. The Danes average over \$100 per capita in saving banks and about 90 per cent own their own farms and homes.

The foregoing article from the Northwest Horticulturist states the success of organization in Denmark. If we cannot lead perhaps we can follow suit.

Cow Testing Associations

The great success of the cow testing associations of Washington county is another practical demonstration of what can be accomplished by organizations. At some later date "Oregon Equity News" will publish an article describing these associations in detail.

Berries at Snohomish

According to the Snohomish Tribune, 100,000 berry plants, mostly raspberries, blackberries and loganberries, have been set out by berry growers near Snohomish this spring with a view of supplying a cannery. This will also afford an opportunity to develop the commercial fruit juice industry.

Department of Agriculture

Ex-Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson emerged from the department after years of service with colors flying. The field work covering all lines of investigation has been well organized and efficiently carried out. Secretary David F. Houston enters the department service at an opportune time for the development of co-operative movements embodying the various farmers' organizations throughout the country. The work of uniting these forces on a substantial business basis is a matter of great importance. Watch The Creameries

It seems that Idaho is having similar experience to other states as regarding big concerns freezing out the smaller ones. The "Rural Spirit" makes mention as follows:

A law passed by the late legislature of Idaho makes it a misdemeanor for a creamery company to pay a higher price for butter fat in one locality than in another, after cost of transportation is deducted. A few of the big creameries were in the habit of offering fictitious prices when a local creamery was started, thereby attempting to control the butter fat market. When the new enterprise was killed prices would go below the normal. It is a righteous law.

Quarterly Meeting

The next quarterly meeting of Clackamas County will be held at Beaver Creek on the second Saturday of July. It promises to be very interesting from start to finish as the budget already contains several important matters that will be presented for consideration. All interested parties should attend whether delegates or not.

Discussion at Pomona Grange

At the last meeting of the Clackamas County Pomona Grange held at Milwaukie, the matter of other farmers' organizations was brought up in a general discussion. It was the consensus of opinion that all organizations should be encouraged and later they could work together. The Grange, the Farmers Society of Equity, the Farmers' Union and other similar organizations, are all working for the interests of the farming class and it was the opinion of such prominent grangers as Past State Master Austin T. Burton, that they could all be brought to an agreement for mutual protection.

Wool Pool

The following clipping from the Pacific Homestead is another example of what can be accomplished by co-operation:

A pool of over 10,000 pounds of mohair was sold at Riddle, Oregon, on Tuesday of this week, the consideration being 33 1/2 cents a pound. The purchaser claims that this price is the real market for mohair at present, notwithstanding the local war between some buyers who ran the price up to 35 cents. Goat owners should watch the trend of the market however, and aim to get all they possibly can for their fleeces.

Silage Not Detrimental

Some of the dairy farmers of this county have a mistaken idea as to silage as a feed for dairy cows. They have arrived at the conclusion that the continued feeding of silage year after year to the cow will have a tendency to shorten her period of usefulness as a producer. This theory is shown to be erroneous by a communication addressed to "Oregon Equity News," from Professor F. L. Kent of the Oregon Agricultural College, in which he says in part as follows:—

"In the early days of the Oregon Agricultural College dairy work, silage was fed quite extensively and a number of cows reached rather advanced years with no apparent ill results. In fact, it seems to me that the cows used to do better on silage than they have been doing in more recent years with kale for their winter succulence. It is my opinion that a combination of kale and corn silage will make the ideal ration for our Western dairy conditions.

Lime The Soil

An analysis of a sample of soil taken from Oregon City, showed but sixteen one hundredth percentage of lime content. When it is considered that a ton of clover requires forty pounds of lime, it is not mysterious that some of the older farms of this county are not growing as good clover as previously.

A great part of the soil of this county is deficient in lime. This is nothing new to many of the progressive farmers but as the price of lime is too high at present, the application to the soil has been neglected. Not only certain plants require lime but it also neutralizes certain acids or sour conditions, making the soil sweeter and warmer. This condition will liberate other parts of the soil, that promote plant growth.

This is another chance for the Society of Equity to get together for the members' benefit. The lime must be purchased in large quantities in order to get a reasonable price.

Figure On Loss

When the farmer is figuring his profits, gains, percentage or investment etc., as he is told to do by business men, he should never forget to figure in the possible loss of livestock by disease as the following will confirm:

A disease, termed by veterinarians Infectious Vaginitis, has broken out among dairy herds in the Redland district of Clackamas County, Ore., east of Oregon City; about ten different herds are badly infected. J. D. Mickie, State Pure Food and Dairy Commissioner, accompanied by Dr. Foster, a Portland veterinarian, has just returned from a tour of inspection; he reports that the disease, while of mysterious origin, has assumed large proportions. The district will be quarantined at once, one of the cows will be killed, and a post-mortem examination made to determine the exact nature of the disease.

Copy of Resolutions

Whereas it has pleased our all wise Providence to remove from our midst one of our most earnest members, Jasper P. Davis, and whereas we feel that the community has lost a true, public spirited and loyal citizen. Therefore be it resolved that we, the members of the F. S. E. Local 6840, extend heartfelt sympathy to the mourning relatives of our deceased member.

Be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Society, a copy to be sent to the family of the deceased and a copy to be sent to the Oregon City Courier.

Sunnyside Local Union No. 6840, of the F. S. E.

The great calamity in Omaha was quickly overshadowed by the terribly disastrous floods in Ohio. Great suffering and sickness from colds and exposure resulted. L. Poole, 2217 California St., Omaha, writes: "My daughter had a very severe cough and cold, but Foley's Honey and Tar Compound knocked it out in no time." Refound substitutes. Huntley Bros. Co.

Equity Men Win

Prominent members of the "Equity" were in evidence as exhibitors at the recent stock show held in Oregon City.

Fourteen cows were entered in the milk test and all of the premium winners were equity men which only goes to show that progressive men not only have advanced ideas as to organization but also have good cattle.

Buy Bull Calf

R. L. Badger, a prominent member of Beaver Creek Local, recently purchased a fine bull calf at the sale of Harry West at Scappoose. Mr. Badger already has a fine herd of registered Jersey cattle, and was an enthusiastic supporter of the recent stock show held in Oregon City. His cow, "Betty," won the milk test with over two pounds of butter to her credit per day.

Strawberry Committee

John F. Stark, who is chairman of the strawberry committee, has been calling upon the growers of Maple Lane and Mt. Pleasant and states that he now has the matter well under way and is in a position to bring the strawberry crop of this section before the proper parties.

Mr. R. L. Holcomb of Clackamas and also a member of this committee has also been working upon the matter and it is expected that immediate action will be taken.

SUNNYSIDE LOCAL

The Sunnyside local union No. 6840 met in regular session April 26, 1913. The meeting was called to order by the president. Roll was called and ten members out of a total of twenty, four were present, and minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The report of two of the delegates from the county union meeting was heard. A committee of two was appointed by the president to draw up resolutions of the death of one of our members.

It was moved and carried to adjourn until the next regular meeting night. E. E. OEHLSCHLAGER, Sec.

Restaurant Men Organized

The restaurant people of Portland are organized and intend to buy their supplies together. The hotel keepers are arranging to do likewise. The consumers' league is a reality and a decided success. All of these organizations intend to buy direct from the farmers. Therefore the farmers must be organized in order to meet them on a business basis. It is such cases as this where the Farmers Society of Equity will come into play. It would be impossible for these organizations to buy individually from the farmers but how very practical it would be to buy in large lots through the Equity Society.

In an address before the state meeting of the Farmers Society of Equity, the president of the Restaurants Association advanced the idea that when they were paying 25 cents for eggs and the farmers were receiving 17 cents, that the difference could be divided with a mutual financial benefit.

Lyman's Letter

In a recent communication addressed to the local societies of the state from A. R. Lyman, Secretary of the Equity Warehouse Co., he states in part as follows, regarding the progress of the new company:

"The first meeting of subscribers to the stock of the Equity Warehouse Co., was held on Saturday April 26, 1913, as per notice sent to the Secretaries of all locals which had made subscriptions, all proxy holders which this office had a record of and all subscribers whom it was thought might not get notice any other way. Special care was taken to secure a representation of every subscriber either in person or by proxy. A very large percentage of the stock was represented and the Company was completed. The following directors were elected and qualified: T. A. Harper, President; William Grisenthwaite, Vice-President; A. R. Lyman, Secretary; Wm. Schulmerich and H. E. Crowell.

The by-laws, which had been drafted by the original committee of incorporation, were adopted with a few slight changes. At a meeting of the above board committees were appointed to bring certain matters regarding the future policy of the Company before the next Board meeting, which will be held in a few days. Many applications have already been received for the position of general manager and it is hoped that the directors will be able to place the company on a business footing within a month or so.

Mt Pleasant Meeting

The Mt Pleasant Local met last Friday evening with good attendance. Reports from the delegates who attended the county meeting, and the Equity Warehouse meeting, were received and acted upon. The matter of selling strawberries received the most of attention. An agent was elected to co-operate with the other locals and sell the entire crop of the local. It is probable that the crop will be contracted to a Portland firm, who applied for same. A gentleman attended the meeting and asked for the privilege of circulating the recall petition for Judge Beattie and Commissioner Blair. The privilege was granted by the president and in a few minutes time every person in attendance had signed this petition.

The next meeting will be held the third Friday of this month.

I suffered habitually from constipation. Doan's Regulets relieved and strengthened the bowels so they have been regular ever since.—E. Davis, Grocer, Sulphur Springs, Texas.

PERSONAL OPINION

OPINIONS BACKED UP

What Pulling Together Can do, and the Proof of It

Highland, Apr. 28

Courier:— Is it possible for the farmer to cooperate? This question is asked because many farmers, who have gotten into the rut, say that it is impossible to successfully unite the agriculturalist for a concentrated effort. It is also asked because in the beginning of any thing it is reasonable to form conclusions as to reaching the desired end. In a few paragraphs to follow I shall explain to you why I believe it is possible to cooperate.

In the United States in 1908 there were two thousand (2,000) fire association companies, which were operated by the farmers and for the farmers. These companies had two million members, who have received the benefits of securing insurance at a low cost. Their safety might be questioned but I refer you to the farmers' Mutual Fire Relief Association of Portland, Oregon, which insures in this vicinity.

It has stood the test of time since nineteen hundred and four, and it has had as many buildings burned in proportion to its number of policies as any private company. Has it failed? No.

Again, the farmers of the United States now and operate three hundred and fifty stores, where cooperative buying is carried on. Here business management makes it possible for the country people to buy much cheaper. Furthermore in the great grain states of the East the farmers put their money together and build grain elevators so as to make it possible to get higher prices for their products.

Statistics show that there is seventy-five thousand economic associations in the United States, with a membership of three million. These are milk, cream, cheese, ice-cream, and butter are the chief products of the dairy, there is a great possibility of success for a cooperation for the selling of these products. As the organization grew heavier in greater factories then cheese, factories could be built where skilled help could be hired and the best possible product turned out. This high grade product would be sure to bring the best prices.

As it is now, is not our ice-cream miserable, adulterated stuff? If the farmers could get together and produce pure cream it would be sure to be easily saleable. But if cooperative work were carried out to its extreme limit, the profit of the middleman would be passed to the dairyman. If producers have organized control of their product is lost as there is a demand they are sure to receive the highest for their commodities. For instance take the history of the farmer's cream.

First the dairyman sells it to the creamery man, second he makes it into butter and sells it at a profit to the grocery man, third the grocer sells it to the consumer at a profit. Now if the farmer had direct control of his product it could be sold directly to the consumer and thereby save the middleman's profit.

One of the great boons of cooperative work is the manufacture of a uniform product. The rules and regulations of a successful association make it impossible for a member who does not line up to the rules to partake of the organization. For instance if Mr. Smith does not produce his milk under sanitary conditions his butter will be sold as second grade and receive a second grade price. Their effort to keep even with your neighbor has the effect to standardize the product.

If the plan of the two former paragraphs is carried out it would be necessary to have a great organizing place for the raw product to be brought, and there made into a saleable product. That is the exact thing that helps to make united effort successful.

Mr. Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture, says that in cooperation the farmers in order to succeed, must have an apple packing house or a creamery or some other central place where they may bring these products. If only the better grade of dairy products are sold at a profit, the incentive will be clean up and get the benefits of this advantage. From this it may be seen that not only the dairymen will be helped, but also the consumer. It will be an instrument to prevent the thousands of baby deaths which are caused by impure milk.

I may say that the dairyman's pocket book is not the only thing that would be helped, but also his brains. In cooperative work the farmer must use his business ability. Also, to any organization there must be a president and helper.

Mr. Wilson, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, says: It is more difficult to direct a cooperative association than a stock company. Therefore there is ample chance to develop brain cells.

Finally, I may ask you why it is so difficult for the president of farmers' institution to maintain unity? The main reason is that the farmers have never learned to work in unison. Most of them lived on their farms all their lives, each a little dominion of its own. This very lack of practice and narrow mindedness makes the agriculturalist lose faith in the organization. Then is the time when he withdraws his loyalty and support.

This lack of faith is what the president has to face. In order to conquer it there must be immediate and continuing good results.

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The consumers of Portland cannot induce Mayor Ruskight to do anything in opposition to Front Street.

The Oregon City Council think they have discovered a process by which they can make a fair to good lawyer out of Stone.

Main street while it is the only street in town, is not a safe place to parade primary humanity just to put a few nickels in the coffers of its merchants. Your next parade might be headed by the hearse.

The Consumers League, of Portland got a law manufactured at our Salem mill prohibiting a girl or woman from working for less than it costs to live and the only bad feature with this law is it does not prevent a few from drawing so much more than they are worth. This question is like a poker, one end is too hot to handle.

It is the consumer who pays the highest price for the farmers' labor, but the farmer doesn't get it unless he sells to the consumer. The consumer is organizing to get the result of the farmers' labor a little cheaper and the farmer is organized to get more for what his labor has produced. They are both finding out that the middleman is standing in with the politician.

Every other business man except the farmer has quit competing with each other and the only way for the farmer to quit competing with his brother farmer is to organize and buy and sell through the same man and quit producing too much and produce less in quantity and put on the market a better quality in better shape and ask more money and sell as direct to the consumer as possible.

Hey! You hay-seed! You are working too hard and thinking too little. You are producing bushels when it is dollars you want. Can't you see the mistake?

Your life is not worth living if drudgery and poverty are all you are going to get out of it.

Let's organize and do business on a modern business method.

In these days of machines of all kinds even Congress has but little to do. Wall street controls the money and regulates rates, also the railroad and freight rates. The boards of trade set the price on the farmers' produce and all he has to do is to raise it and deliver it in first class condition and gets 40 cents on the dollar, so he is relieved of all responsibility political or commercially. Our government is almost perfection.

You might just as well turn a lot of hungry horses in a green pasture and tell them not to eat grass as to organize the farmers and forbid them to use their political power.

The farmers constitute the largest class and are the hardest worked class and the poorest paid class and if this condition is ever changed, the farmers themselves have got to do it and when he is organized and sticks to his union it will be a short period of time, until he will know what it is to be an AMERICAN CITIZEN.

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While we have good organizations we have one that has complete marketing machines to secure profitable prices for all products of the farm, garden and orchard. If knowledge is power we know that we need this marketing machine. There are no arguments against it.

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