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EDITORIAL

One of the larger stores of Canby has recently erected a large and modern feed barn covering a half block for the free use of the farmers. This action is to be highly commended and is one of the causes of the good farming trade that this little city is enjoying.

Quite a contrast is exhibited in Oregon City by the Live Wires who are getting jolly a few of their more simple members who suggested that hitching posts be provided for those who happen to come to the city and are still driving common horses. And the city council seems to be made up of the same calibre of men and their actions for the past several years must be placed in the same class. It seems that horses are guilty creatures and shock the finer senses of these more highly bred gentlemen. Perhaps we can invent some new kind of horses that will meet their would-be regulations. It has been suggested that perhaps it would be well for the farmers to leave their teams along the wayside about one-half mile from the city and continue into the city as a pedestrian but for many times the farmer's shoes are muddy and perhaps he should stay with his team and look at the city from a distance.

Now it would not be honest or fair to make mention of this old time matter without adding that not all of Oregon City business men are of this kind. There are some that have just as red blood as any body and have tried and are now trying to close this breach that exists between the farmers and Oregon City. We commend these men highly but would be pleased to have the others read this little story with a magnifying glass.

According to the report of the mass meeting committee appointed to in-

vestigate County Court matters, the farmers or other citizens have been granted the use of the court house rooms for meetings. It seems that the County Judge has greatly changed his mind but no doubt it was policy for him to do so. We greatly appreciate this kind concession even if it was made after considerable persuasion. No doubt we will have occasion to use the county court room for a meeting place in the near future and will feel quite at home therein as we feel as though we own a shingle at least in this county structure.

In regard to our position as to the county court investigation and the recall petitions that are being circulated we wish to state that the Farmers' Society of Equity is taking no part officially but we must admit that some of our most prominent members are taking an active part in the matter and as far as we can ascertain, a great part of our membership is in sympathy with the recall. It might be added also that this same feeling seems to prevail among the farmers who are not members of the Equity.

It has been said that many of the professional and business men of Oregon City are refraining from taking a hand in the recall election preparations on account of policy sake. This may be true but there is one thing sure, the farmers of this county have nothing to lose and everything to gain, therefore it seems to be up to them to take the lead.

"The farmer who has nothing to sell is always the farthest away from market." How true this old saying is and while it is an undisputed fact that the farming class is getting a crooked deal as to sharing the profits of what they produce, at the same time, we must try again and in the mean time we will do our utmost to improve conditions. This is the time of the year that we all have great hopes. Hopes that our crops will be bountiful and that possibly some unusual thing will happen to cause the prices to be somewhere near reasonable. It seems the farmer has the horse beaten forty ways as to being a faithful creature. We have given others a chance now for nine hundred and thirteen more than a thousand years to come to the rescue but they have not. Therefore it has actually been decided by a great many farmers that if they are to be helped they will have to help themselves. Hence the FARMERS SOCIETY OF EQUITY is making rapid progress all over the United States and now even the United States Department of Agriculture says that something is going to happen.

Subscriptions for stock in the Equity Warehouse Company are now in order. Only five dollars per share and this is your company, organized and owned and even controlled by actual farmers. You will soon be shipping your produce to this warehouse so why not have an interest in the company? Make your subscriptions to either F. G. Buchanan, County Secretary, Oregon City or A. R. Lyman, Secretary Equity Warehouse Company, 330 Railway Exchange, Portland, Oregon.

We are receiving letters each week from our members and wish to assure them that they are appreciated and trust that others will do likewise. It is by this means that practical ideas are exchanged. Anyone having a thought that might possibly inaugurate some new feature for the Equity or be helpful to some fellow member, should not hesitate about sending it to us for publication.

It would be well for local secretaries to send in their meeting nights for publication as we wish to encourage members to visit other locals. This will stimulate an interest and present many new ideas.

Fourth of July Favored

The plan of the Society of Equity celebrating the Fourth of July is meeting with general favor among the members. Many suggestions have been made to the county officers, who will probably meet within a few days and appoint the proper committees and make other necessary arrangements.

The following places have been suggested as suitable for holding the celebration: Maple Lane, Beaver Creek, Liberal, Molalla, Macksburg and New Era. So far, the greatest number seem to favor New Era, claiming this to be the most central place and best adapted for this kind of celebration.

President S. L. Casto and Secretary F. G. Buchanan are both enthusiastic over bringing all the Equity people and their friends together on the Fourth and have a big county picnic.

Among the events that are being planned for is a track meet between the various locals of the county and an automobile race. Further announcements will be made next week.

Health Factor in Success

The largest factor contributing to a man's success is undoubtedly health. It has been observed that a man is seldom sick when his bowels are regular. He is never well when they are constipated. For constipation you will find nothing quite so good as Chamberlain's Tablets. They not only move the bowels, but improve the appetite and strengthen the digestion. They

A man living at Auburn, New York had a severe attack of kidney and bladder trouble. Being a working man, not wanting to lose time, he cured himself completely by using Foley Kidney Pills. A year later he says: "It is a pleasure to report that the cure was permanent." His name is J. A. Farmer.

Carus Local

Carus Local No. 6882 met in regular session Saturday night May 3. Three officers and sixteen members were present. The making of the new laws and modifying some of the present ones for the benefit of the farmer, was the main topic of discussion. R. Schuebel was made the business agent for our local.

This was pay night for those members who have been shipping produce on market day. It was also order night and an order for sugar, groceries, amounting to \$40.00 was received.

It was moved and carried that all stock subscriptions to Union Sales be transferred to Equity Warehouse Co. The sales sheet was as follows:—
C. Pepka, Route 1, Canby, has team for sale, weight 3,100, age 8 years; R. Schuebel, Rt. 1, Canby, has oats; Mr. Bliss, Rt. 3, Oregon City, has colt and calf; R. B. Davis Rt. 3, Oregon City, 100 pounds dried prunes; S. L. Casto, has two shoats and one brood sow.

The next meeting will be held at the Eldorado schoolhouse Saturday evening June 7th.

S. L. CASTO,
Secretary.

He Wonders Why

Considering the amount of space some of our exchanges in adjoining counties are giving to the doings of the Farmers' Society of Equity, we are wondering why Marion county—or this end of it—hasn't been cultivated by the Equity people.—Woodburn Independent.

The foregoing from the Woodburn Independent expresses the sentiment of many districts. We wish to announce that we are at present arranging for an organization extension department and before very long the Society of Equity will be extended into all of the unorganized territory of the state.

Mt. Pleasant Local

The Mt. Pleasant Local will meet in regular session next Friday evening at the school house. Many matters of importance will be considered and President Meredith promises an interesting meeting.

A delegation from the Maple Lane Local will be present and will present plans for the disposal of the strawberry crop and a means of transporting same. The matter of a business committee and the establishing of a market day will be considered as well as making arrangements for Mt. Pleasant's part in the Fourth of July celebration.

Written notices have been sent to all of the members to be present as some special speakers and important business is on the program.

Brand Your Butter

The statutes regulating the manufacture and sale of butter provide for the branding of creamy butter, but not for the branding of dairy butter, except that each roll or square must be plainly marked 16 ounces full weight or 32 ounces full weight. We find some dairy butter that is not so marked and we also find some that is short weight.

We would be glad to hold the manufacturer responsible for the misbranding and also for the short weight, but in the absence of any name and address on the butter so as to positively identify the manufacturer we cannot do so. The following ruling is therefore made:

All dairy butter offered or exposed for sale will be considered misbranded if it does not have plainly marked on each roll or square, the words "Dairy Butter, 16 ounces full weight" or "32 ounces full weight," and the name and address of the manufacturer. Any person offering or exposing for sale dairy butter not branded in compliance with this ruling will be prosecuted under the statutes provided for the branding of food products. Signed,
J. D. MICKLE
Oregon Dairy & Food Commission.

Sunnyside Local

Sunnyside Local Union No. 6840 of the F. S. E. met May 10, 1913. The meeting was called to order by the President and the roll was called and nine members out of a total of 24 were present. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Freytag, County Fruit Inspector, gave a good talk on fruit growing; when to spray and what to spray with. He made arrangements to meet with the members at Mr. Sabstrand's farm Saturday May 24, 1913, to explain fruit growing and spraying more fully. Everyone is invited to attend the meeting.

All communications were read. W. W. Sumner listed one hay tedder to sell. Just used for one season. One member paid local and county assessment. Four members made payments on their shares of stock.

It was moved and carried to adjourn until Saturday, May 24th, 1913.
E. E. OEHLISCHLAGER
Sec.

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PERSONAL OPINION

MR. KELNHOFER'S VIEWS

A Letter Every Farmer Should Read and then Act Upon

Equity Editor:—

It has now been nearly six months since the F. S. E. was started in Clackamas County and while there has been a good deal of progress made in the way of organization there has been very little done along business lines. Now I wish to say that the Farmers Society of Equity is not a social, but a business organization and its value consists in the mounting system of marketing. There are now about 20 locals in the county and each one hold their monthly meetings and discuss all kinds of matter and as a rule go home after the meeting to meet again within another month. As far as I know there are only 3 or 4 locals that are really doing anything along the lines advocated by National Headquarters. All of the rest seem to be waiting for something. Probably its clearing house in Portland they are waiting for. Well, we all want a clearing house in Portland, but what good will a clearing house do us unless we co-operate in the shipping of the produce that the average farmer of Clackamas county has to sell?

There probably are a majority of farmers here that have many kinds of little trucks to sell in small lots to the clearing house. The thing for them to do is to co-operate with their neighbors, or, in other words, with their local; bunch up their wares and make one shipment out of it and save expense.

The Carus Local introduced a weekly "Market Day," which is being held every Thursday at a central point, where those little things that the farmers have to sell, are brought and made ready for shipment and one wagon then takes the whole load to Oregon City to ship to Portland, thus eliminating the necessity of each farmer to make the trip individually and economize in time. At the same time orders are sent for supplies to a wholesale house in Portland, for what the farmers need and which is brought out to be distributed the following market day.

The members of the Carus local ship from 15 to 20 cases of eggs every week on which they save that 1c per dozen that the merchants of Oregon City are entitled to if we would call upon them to market the eggs. Figuring this to the saving they make in their purchases, makes a handsome total.

We are now dealing with Front street and everybody knows we can't get what we are entitled to yet we are doing better than by marketing individually, and are getting considerable experience, which alone is well worth the effort. We are practicing to play ball so that when the time comes, when the clearinghouse will command the attention of the Pacific Northwest we will be in first class trim to do business with it in a business like way and when that time comes we will be in a position to extend a cordial invitation to most of the business men in Oregon City to join our ranks in the production of farm produce, producer and be happier than in this present position.

To eliminate expense and economize in time, not only in the production of crops but also in the marketing of them is the problem that every farmer MUST learn if he ever wishes to put his farm on a business basis that will bring the profits he is entitled to.

A. J. KELNHOFER

Let the Equity Celebrate

The proposition for the celebration of Fourth of July by Equities has been raised by several people. I most heartily endorse the idea. Let as many locals as possible meet at some convenient point and handle that memorable day in purely human fashion, devoid of commercialism. Let these farmers furnish their own speakers and not rely on a lot of divorce lawyers or others whose only trade is talking, to blow a lot of smoke in their eyes and it will be a sensation worth a while.

I care more for present day problems than dusty history and it is the workers who must solve them. Even the battles of Acton and Lexington were not fought by the jawsmiths, but it was "By the rude bridge that arched the flood; with their flag to the April breeze unfurled. Here once the embattled farmers stood and fired the shot heard 'round the world."

STARK

Colton Local

Colton F. S. E. No. 6959 met in the school house at 8 P. M. with Mr. Anderson in the chair. We have agreed to meet at Old Colton and the James school house alternately. Our next meeting will be at the James schoolhouse May 17th at 8 P. M. Everybody is cordially invited.

There were 14 members present and no report of anything to sell, except cream and eggs. We are trying to get a wagon together, as there are quite a number that have no team to get their products to market. We are putting forth every effort to get more members to help us.

G. A. Gotberg wants to buy one ton of oats. Crop prospects are good at present but a little slow.

G. E. RODGERS,
Corresponding Sec.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

Calls for organizers are swamping us.

We are shaping up our selling and buying departments now.

We will soon have a complete machine to offer new members.

If there are any bouquets to offer individuals give them to those who have started from nothing and built the machine.

Those who are organized against us say prices for farm produce are to be lower this year than last. Are you ready to join us to prevent it?

What we want is an agent in every market town and let the food dealer get his stuff and price from our agent and have them overbid each other in order to get it. They have to have it like everybody else.

When the farmer gets enough sand in his crop to stand by his neighbor through thick and thin he will soon have enough money in his pocket to own the whole market machine.

It will be a hot fight to get rid of our present expensive market system grafters and all, as they seem to have the government backing them, but if we don't get them, they will get us.

Locals away from shipping stations seem to be at a disadvantage when it comes to buying and selling. Carus is pooling all their small shipments and selling direct to the organized consumer in Portland. Now can you find the middleman in this deal? If so the prize is a copy of Stone's Oregon City Law.

Our fathers used to tell us it was supply and demand that made the market and competition was the life of trade.

Now the largest or strongest organization sets the price and destroys all the competition that bobs up. The only salvation or remedy for the farmer is organization and co-operation.

The farmers must employ a salesman and do away with the competition and set the price so as to leave some profit in the farmers' pocket. And what about his wife and family?

The railroads hire all their work done and pay good wages and have enough profit left to pay dividends on watered stock. Now the farmer should be able to do the same thing or his investment is not receiving the protection we have used to need. We can get it by joining together and buying and selling like the railroads do.

MEREDITH

FROM OUR SUBURB

Lively Twilight Comments and News Matters

Mr. B. F. Yoakum, before the national congress on markets and farm credits, held in Chicago, April 9th, made the statement that the housewives of this country paid out thirteen billion dollars for farm produce, of this amount the producers received 46 per cent, the railroads 4 per cent, the middle men 38 per cent, and that the other 12 per cent represented waste by decay in transit. Comment is unnecessary.

There was born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schmeidecke at their home in Portland, a son, April 10th. This will be pleasant news to the many friends in this community.

"The way of the transgressor is hard," as witness the predicament of our county court. An attentive ear, at the taxpayers' meeting last Saturday, did not discern one single word spoken by that body of men in their favor.

Tom Kolland has commenced work on his new barn, which will add much to the appearance of his property.

Our item in last week's notes, relative to the Ladies' inactivity along social lines, has already given evidence of its leaven, in the whispered conversation over an early "shower" to be given one of our young matrons.

Miss Rose Spiger has accepted employment in the office of the Daily Enterprise.

The old saying that: "it never rains but it pours," is to be early verified in this community, and our next census as a result will make Mt. Pleasant feel like a village in comparison.

Enough said.

Any fairly well educated man with mature judgement and a careful reader of the public press, is capable of framing laws meting out justice and equitably to his fellow men. Then why should we, the great majority, continue to be herded into conventions and primaries, for the purpose of sending lawyers to our state senate and legislature. Did you ever stop to consider that the practice is equally as ridiculous as it would be to send a creamery man to a convention for the purpose of establishing cream prices in the interest of the dairyman? The law is the lawyers' business, and the professions' interests are invariably well looked after, before the common peoples' welfare is considered. Why not mix in more farmers, merchants and laboring men among our law-making bodies?

Mr. and Mrs. Jack entertained friends over Sunday.

There will be preaching services held at the hall next Sabbath immediately after Sunday School, to be conducted by a minister from Oregon City.

The law prohibiting livestock from running at large, which carried by a large majority at our last election, both county and district, has been declared void, on account of peculiar wording of this clause of the ticket.

The carelessness of a county official in preparing the ballot is responsible. Mrs. Bently is entertaining her mother this week.



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