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Any locality that desires to meet and have the "Farmers Society of Equity" explained to them, please, address the undersigned, who will be pleased to serve you in this line.
JOHN J. WALLACE
Organizer.
Oregon City Rt. 4. Home phone.

Will Have Business Agent

Be it resolved that the president be empowered to appoint two men to act with himself as a committee on business for this local and that the committee be authorized to employ a business agent who may or may not, be one of their number and whose duty it shall be, to buy and sell for the members, and to do any other business that in the judgement of the committee may seem profitable and beneficial to the members.

Be it further resolved that this committee be authorized to collect a commission for buying and selling sufficient to carry on the business, the same to be paid into the local treasury. The agent to be paid for his work a sum not to exceed the amount collected from the business.

Be it further resolved that at any regular or special meeting the members may by a majority vote instruct the committee or by the same vote overrule anything done by them.

Damascus Local

Editor Equity News of the Courier.
Oregon City, Oregon.

Damascus Local Union No. 6835 met in regular session in Mellien's hall May 15, 1913. All the officers were present and 15 members out of a total of 30 belonging to the local. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Applications were received for three new members. A vote was taken and all three were accepted. Communications were read from our county president and from the secretary of Maple Lane Local in regard to holding our Equity Fourth of July celebration. All members present were strongly in favor of the proposition under certain conditions.

As we have not been represented in our official paper for some time it will not be amiss to let our brothers know what we have been doing for the benefit of our members. Our local purchased a car of flour and feed and saved the members at least 20 per cent on this one purchase. We have also purchased other goods saving from 10 to as high as 37 per cent. We have not done much yet in the marketing line among our own members. We find our sales sheet a great help to dispose of any article we have for sale among our members and have made purchases and sales to members of other locals by this means.

At our meeting May 1st, we had our National organizer, Mr. Cutting come out and address a large meeting of neighbors. He spoke for nearly two hours strictly on Equity lines and was given very close attention. He certainly did justice to his subject. We hope he will come again for the farmers need educating. We are taking in a few members and expect to keep plodding along until we get them all.

Our sales sheet is as follows:
One 3-year old colt, draft; one 20-H. P. International Harvester Co. gasoline traction engine in first class condition; one Southwick H. P. hay baler; one No. 40 Oliver Chilled plow new; one 2 horse cultivator, good condition; one 4-year old draft horse; one fresh milk cow; one farm of 60 acres, 43 acres under cultivation, good buildings—a snap.

H. T. BURR,
Secretary and Treasurer.

Equity and Co-operation

Equity and co-operation for Aurora! Aurora is one of the best situated towns in the wonderful Willamette Valley. It is surrounded by the best land to be found anywhere. This section is an ideal place for diversified farming. The production of hops is one of the specialized industries, and our hops are equal to those of any other locality, if not better. For these there is a wide market.

But for other products grown here we need different methods. This brings us back to equity and co-operation. The dairy business is as yet in its infancy, but is wholly beyond the experimental stage and has proved to be one of the paying industries of the farm, yet we hear more or less complaint from those in the business, for there is room for unfairness in the present system of marketing the dairymen's products. One is in the testing, and still another in the sweet cream shipping. One is often satisfied that the cream is received sweet, but you get returns for sour cream.

Now what can be done in the interest of equity and co-operation? Why a Troest or a Jones either for that matter, to build an Aurora creamery or a cold storage plant? If the outsider builds one and we patronize him (which we will) we pay for the plant, and that in a short time, as the dairy business is but half what it will be in the near future.

The question may be asked, What of the equity and what is it doing? To accomplish results seventy or eighty per cent of the people of the community ought to co-operate. The Equity does not propose to eliminate the middle man, but rather to be the middleman, to a great extent at least.
G. C. CAROTHERS
Equity Member.

The foregoing was published in the "Aurora Observer" and expressed some good thought. We are therefore publishing Mr. Carother's letter. We should have more farmers like him.

We pay highest prices for spring chickens—Clackamas Hotel and Health Resort. Phone Main 3061, Route 2, Box 176.

EQUITY WILL CELEBRATE

Big Fourth of July Picnic and Sports at New Era

The ball is now rolling and every Equity member is going to stay behind it and keep it rolling until we all gather at New Era for the big Fourth of July picnic.

The committee composed of John Wallace, H. T. Burr, A. J. Kelnhofer, George Ogleby and M. J. Lazelle who have the picnic in charge met in the Commercial Club rooms in Oregon City last Tuesday and made preliminary arrangements for the first big gathering of all the Equity people ever held in the state of Oregon. After due consideration it was decided that the New Era Camp grounds are the most beautiful in the county and are known to thousands who attend the Camp Meetings every summer. The fir grove, well kept picnic grounds, convenient place for horses and autos, open air speaking platform and seating facilities all combined with the central location, were strong factors in causing the committee to decide upon New Era. The Clackamas Local on the north and the Needy local on the south are about equally distanced but none are so far away but what they can come and they all will come. All the Equity people will be on hand and all of their friends and then there will be other people come too, all to join in and have a big basket dinner in the grove, hear some good speaking and music, watch the automobile race or the tug of war contests among the strong men of Clackamas County, or perhaps they will care to take part in the dancing in the afternoon or the grand ball in the evening.

The committee has been divided into committees of one with the power of calling on any member of the county for assistance. The sub-committees are as follows: M. J. Lazelle, who seemed to be the youngest member of the committee was placed in charge of the dancing pavilion and immediately assured the committee that this part of the program would be well cared for. John Wallace who is an ex-athlete and performer was placed in charge of the amusements and after much discussion and pleading on the part of Mr. Wallace, he was also given the management of the baby show. Mr. Kelnhofer who is noted for his literary ability will arrange for the speakers and other features of the program. Mr. George Ogleby will be grand marshal of the day and will personally meet every one and welcome them to the Equity gala day.

The committees were instructed to get busy and they all will. If any one has a suggestion to offer, they should also get busy and send the same to the project committee. The various locals are instructed to take the matter up and plan some special feature of amusement or advertisement of their own to put on at the picnic.

Mr. Lindahl's letter is as follows:
The Farmers Society of Equity,
Oregon City, Oregon.
Gentlemen:—

It has been mentioned by our honorable vice president, Geo. Lazelle, of your city, that you desire to hold your Fourth of July picnic on the New Era Spiritualist Camp Grounds, and will state that you are perfectly welcome to the use of the camp for that day and I shall be glad to come and celebrate with you.

Very truly yours,
M. J. LINDAHL,
President New Era Camp Assn.

The committee's acceptance addressed to Mr. Lindahl is as follows:
Mr. M. J. Lindahl, President,
F. S. R. A. C. C.
Woodburn Oregon.

Dear Sir:—

We have received your kind invitation to hold our Equity Fourth Picnic on your grounds. We wish to extend to you our sincerest thanks and assure you that we greatly appreciate your co-operation.

We will endeavor to have a most enjoyable occasion and trust that many of your people will be with us.

Very sincerely,
M. J. LAZELLE,
Secretary Committee

Mt. Pleasant Local
The Mt. Pleasant Local convened in regular session last Friday night with practically all members present.

Probably the most important business transacted was the arrangement inaugurated by which the business of the local will be done through a business committee. The committee is composed of P. W. Meredith, F. G. Buchanan and A. H. Harvey.

A motion prevailed endorsing New Era as an ideal location for the 4th of July picnic and all members were enthusiastic over the event.

P. W. Rose and J. Lowering were added to membership. At every meeting some new converts are added. A delegation from Maple Lane was present, composed of F. E. Parker, S. D. Barney, John Stark, G. F. Mighels and August Splinter. They had many good ideas and plans were laid for the two locals working together in various matters.

The matter of hauling produce to market with an auto truck was discussed but many thought the plan premature but eventually this would be quite practical.
A. A. Pease advocated the use of wagons and the delivering of the farmers produce direct to the consumers and the plan received much support. The wagon plan will be tried out with the initial trip this week. The success of this plan will be published from time to time to give the other locals the benefit of the experience.

PERSONAL OPINION

SPLINTERS

Farmers to the front in all things. 96 senators in U. S. Senate, 74 are lawyers.

434 U. S. Representatives and 290 are lawyers.
This is why laws favoring the farmer are unconstitutional. Too many E. B.'s in our alphabet.

This is why money is protected and the people are not.
This is why our produce is forced through the many grafting machines to find the consumer.

Our millionaires have gained control of everything by organizing and setting the price.

If you successfully combat this machine you will have to adopt their methods.

If you don't combat the machine they will skin you a little deeper every year.

They are making their boasts now that we farmers will take less for our produce this year than ever before.

It would not be hard to figure the cost of the lawyers to Clackamas County, but the hardest job would be to figure out any benefit they are to the taxpayers.

Some day we will not have it said in our faces that they have better government in Australia, New Zealand, and Canada than they have in Oregon. But the farmer will have to let loose of the plow handles long enough to rebuild what his fathers built years ago.

In some counties in the middle west they have farm advisors or county agents. Sears, Roebuck & Co. put up one million dollars to pay these salaries.

The Harvester Trust did the same and now the farmers have discovered that these agents are organized with the State Agricultural Department. These agents are not allowed to use the county papers to advise the farmers without it being censored by the state and Wash., D. C. It seems to be a tight organization for the trusts and of no value to the farmer. This is like most of the jokers our lawyers invent for our benefit. The next move will be to get some E. B.'s to investigate and report.

When wheat goes down and flour goes up some organization is driving a wedge that does not benefit the producer or consumer.

The Fruit Grower and Farmer, printed at St. Joseph, Mo., says that for a month or more Bermuda onions could not be obtained at any price and at the same time they were selling by the car load in Philadelphia for less than the freight charges from the Texan farmers. When the farmer gets organized and builds his own market machine these things will be adjusted to benefit both the producer and the consumer.

Railroads spend a good deal of money every year running demonstration trains for the farmers to teach them how to raise more stuff. Now to some farmers this looks like the railroads were running benevolent institutions, but they add the cost to the freight rate and make the farmers pay it. And if they find out that the farmer is making a profit they raise the rate and even now they are charging more for short hauls than long ones and discriminating against many localities.

We have an Interstate Commerce Commission, but they have permitted the railroads to favor the trusts against the farmers and the writer believes that the railroads have made a sort of national organization of clearing house out of our commerce commission for their own benefit. I wonder if their big salaried organizers are prohibited from mixing in politics?

MEREDITH

Equity Warehouse Company

In a recent communication addressed to the business committee of the Mt. Pleasant Local, Mr. A. R. Lyman secretary of the Equity Warehouse Company, states that it will probably not be in a position to handle this year's crop of berries, as the new concern is just getting started, therefore he suggests that other arrangements be made.

The Warehouse Company will soon be operating though, and then it will be that the Equity Society will grow. Much depends upon this part of the business as a clearing house in Portland is indispensable.

Suggests Cooperative Bank

A letter from Mr. George Watchman of Needy and addressed to our editor, contains some very practical ideas, so we are therefore taking the liberty of publishing the same which is as follows:

Dear Sir:—

Please find enclosed a clipping from Farm and Fireside, of May 10th 1913. This tells of better market system and of farm credits. You will notice that the Jew farmers have 17 cooperative banks in the U. S. A.

Now then let us start an Equity cooperative bank at Portland. To my notion a bank of this kind will be the thing in connection with our Equity warehouse company. Our equity warehouse will be in operation pretty soon so let us have a co-operative bank by all means.

It looks bad to see the Jews ahead of us, so let us Equity farmers of Oregon have a cooperative bank in the U. S. A. What do you think about it?

Yours truly,
GEORGE WATCHMAN

P. S. The farmers around Hubbard are talking about a farmers' creamery. I would like to see an equity organized at Hubbard.

We would like to say, Mr. Watchman, that the farmers in the vicinity of Hubbard should not hesitate with

WHERE THE FARMER LOSES

Consumers' Prices Increase, Producers' Prices Fall, and Farmer is to Blame

Statistics show us that the average price of farm products in the United States increased six tenths of one per cent during February 1913, compared to three and two tenths per cent one year ago. On March first staple farm products averaged twenty-one and seven-tenths per cent lower than on like date a year ago, nearly four per cent less than 1911, nineteen per cent less than on like date a year ago and nearly four per cent less than 1911, nineteen per cent less than in 1910, ten per cent lower than 1909 with a like decrease for the previous year. A continual depreciation during the past five years.

As I figure it out the consumers' prices on the necessity of life for the past five years has as a whole, steadily increased while the producers' values have as steadily decreased. But slight investigation is necessary to enable us to locate the leak, the middleman. As a class the farmer is familiar with the conditions, but is slow to adopt measures to overcome this trouble. Could fifty per cent of the produce producers be prevailed upon to withhold the sale of their products for ninety days, possibly a less time, commercial interests would be in quest of it with the inquiry: "what's your price?"

But there's the pinch. You can't just yet control the farmer.

B. F. Yoakum at the head of the great Frisco railway system figures that the manufacturer of farm machinery works three hours to earn one dollar; wagon and harness makers three and a half; railroad employees engaged in hauling farm produce to market two and one-half hours, while the farmer works ten hours to accomplish the same results and asks the question: "Is such a division of the product of labor fair? Have the men whom these six and one-half million farm owners elected to represent them in Congress given them due consideration?"

W. A. Doods represented Warner Grange at the State Convention held at Albany last week.

G. M. Lazelle journeyed to Woodburn Sunday last.

Carl Schmiedcke, of Portland, visited friends in this vicinity Sunday.

J. M. C. Doods, employed in Portland, is for the present living at his home, going in and out each morning and evening.

The ladies' surprise party on Mrs. Tom Kelland last Saturday afternoon was a social success, notwithstanding the continual rainfall. Mrs. Spigord, McCord, Thompson, Lazelle, Bentley, Harvey, Jack, Dods, Reed and Kline, with Miss Ruby McCord and Alta Ramsly of this community, Mrs. Clinton Black and Mrs. Robecker of Oregon City composed the party. Refreshments were served, while conversation and fancy needlework contributed to the other pleasures of the occasion.

George Lazelle did shopping in Portland Saturday.

Friendship is an asset too often lightly considered.

The ladies are contemplating the organization of a club to be known as the Thimble Club and we hasten to assure them that it meets with our hearty applause.

L. E. Bentley's mother died at her home in Marquam at ten o'clock Tuesday morning after a lingering illness of many months' duration. Mrs. Bentley was 69 years of age and had been a resident of Oregon for 40 years. She was one of those old fashioned women, endowed with the faculty of enduring herself to her acquaintances and as a result left many warm friends surrounding her during her last days. Mr. Bentley and family have the sympathy of a host of friends in this vicinity, in their bereavement.

The first church service of the season was conducted at the hall last Sabbath by Mr. Purcell of Oregon City with an attendance of possibly fifty. Mr. Bentley deserves credit for the inauguration of the much needed service, which will continue through the summer.

regards to organizing a co-operative creamery, for example we wish to point with pride to the Clear Creek Co-operative Creamery.

As to a local being organized at Hubbard, I will say that we are arranging for an organized campaign that will be started in the near future and this field will undoubtedly be worked first.

Equity Warehouse Co.
This company is being organized for the purpose of establishing a clearing house and warehouse in the City of Portland with such branch connection as are desirable and necessary to collect and market the crops of the members of the FARMERS SOCIETY OF EQUITY; to establish canneries, driers, pickle and kraut factories and such other concerns as may be necessary and expedient to care for, preserve, grade and market the farmers' crops as direct as practicable to the consumer.

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GRANGE WILL CELEBRATE

Editor Courier:—

I suppose some of your many readers would like to know something about Highland Grange No. 281. I take this method of informing them that Highland Grange is situated about fourteen miles south-east of Oregon City at what is known as Clarkes. We have been like deep water—moving right along—but it is time the outside world should know about us.

We have been increasing in membership to quite an extent by both initiative and reinstating.

Our next grange day which is the first Saturday in June, will be Children's Day, when we will do what we can to interest the little folks.

In a few days after Children's Day we intend to begin remodeling our hall by adding twenty feet to its present length, making it sixty feet long, then raising it about nine feet, and building a basement below to be used as a dining room and kitchen. When we have this completed we will have the best hall in this part of the county, and on the Fourth of July we intend to give a celebration that will make the old pioneers feel like boys again, and we'll wind up with a big dance in our hall at night.

The committee on management will give due notice of programme when all will have a very cordial invitation to meet with us and find out how good we can treat you. This will be our first attempt at giving a celebration and we expect to make it a howling success. We have a brass band organized in our grange which is being instructed by a competent teacher, and we expect to furnish us with up to date music on the Fourth of July, so everybody come and hear the booming of the big drum.

The time is not yet set but this fall we are to have a Highland Grange fair for the members and their children. The children's exhibit will be the main feature of this fair and already some of the little tots have planted vegetables and are feeding

Macksburg defeated Eldorado Sunday 5 to 2 at Macksburg. The winning run came in the 8th inning when 3 scores were made. Cis Gumm and Bill Reynolds were catcher and pitcher for Macksburg. Sidney Smith and Johnie Evans for Eldorado.

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