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New York has a law—a new one—which empowers the commissioner of agriculture to appoint an assistant commissioner whose duty it is to encourage co-operation and to help organize cooperative enterprises.

Here is a great big opportunity for some man who will put enthusiasm and good sense ahead of the salary (\$3,000) and sacrifice his personal ambitions for the good of the state. Three thousand dollar men did not build the great corporation of today. The man who will succeed in this new job must be much more than a \$3000 man. The state usually requires services far in excess of the compensation. Many patriotic men accept the condition and perform a worthy work. Here's hoping that the new man in this important job will be of that class.

It has been the habit in some sections for the bankers and business men in the towns to make a protest because the farmers were buying autos. All sorts of dire calamities would follow such foolish waste of money. Statistics were compiled which were intended to show how it took the money out of the country. Speculations were indulged in which were to show how the farmer would neglect his business by spending his time joy riding and other suggestions just as foolish.

As a matter of fact the auto is an economic proposition for the farmer. It widens his experience, enlarges his associations and saves him time and horse flesh. If any body on earth is entitled to own an auto it is the farmer. May the prosperity of the farmers continue until autos are as common as buggies.

State Meeting July 18, Portland, Oregon; county meeting July 12th, at Beaver Creek.

When the farmers are driven to the wall, they will undoubtedly fight for their rights. They are now mighty near the wall. Perhaps it is best, for they will be forced to organize.

The action of the Maple Lane and Mt. Pleasant Locals arranging for a business agent is very commendable. This is the true Equity plan and good results are quite certain. The business of the entire membership, both buying and selling, will be done by the agent.

All Locals convenient to Oregon City, will take part in this arrangement.

Prospects look more favorable for the complete organization of the farmers. Newspapers, as well as farm journals are encouraging the idea and it is also receiving the support of many of the state leaders. The organization of the farmers is becoming an all important question and is being advocated in as many ways as possible. Considering the support back of the movement and the great need for organization of this kind, it is very probable that great results will be realized.

The last Congress added an item of \$50,000 to the Agricultural Department appropriation bill for the purpose of establishing an office to investigate the question of farm organizations and the marketing of farm crops.

It is pleasing to learn that Secretary Houston has appointed Dr. J. N. Carver, professor of political economy of Harvard University to head these investigations.

Dr. Carver is noted for his work in economics. He is the author of "Principles of Rural Economy" which is a standard work on this subject. He is also the author of numerous articles and addresses on the subject of rural economics.

In the establishment of this office the federal government enters a field in which there is a large opportunity for constructive work. They must not, however, become discontented if the work seems to go slow. The changes, if any, that may be expected in the future of marketing and in a better or more thorough organization of the farmers is the work of a lifetime rather than of a day.

GETTING TO BUSINESS

Equity Names County Business Agent and Organization will Start

The Committees representing Maple Lane and Mt. Pleasant have arranged for a business agent to be located at Oregon City. Mr. Robert Schuebel has been elected to the position and will immediately take charge of the business. The action of the joint committee was unanimously endorsed at special meetings at Mt. Pleasant and Maple Lane Friday evening.

Mr. Schuebel states that he is arranging for the sale of the strawberry crop and asks the growers to communicate with him or call upon him at the Courier office. A permanent place of business will soon be established where the agent may be found at any time.

EQUITY FOURTH

Growing Society will Have Fine Time at New Era Camp Grounds

The plans for the Equity Fourth Picnic is meeting with general approval among the member and it is very probable that the gathering will be quite large.

There will not be any dare-devil exhibitions or gambling games to relieve the farmers of their extra change, but the Equity people simply propose to have a good old fashioned picnic in the grove with a big basket dinner at noon. Of course there will be some foot races and several tag of war contests and even an automobile race. And those that like to dance will have a very best kind of an opportunity to take part in this pleasure, either in the afternoon or attend the grand ball in the evening, or both. For the more sober minded who are not interested in contests, a complete program is being arranged for by the committee which will include addresses upon Equity matters as well as a patriotic address, and also several musical selections will be rendered.

The various local presidents will be called upon for short remarks as well as other prominent county members. It will be a great get together meeting and all should plan to attend. New Era is the place and the Fourth of July the time.

Chicks Make Chickens

The proper heating of the brooder is an important item and the heat should come from above. Under the hover, the temperature should be fully 95 to 100 degrees for the first week, 85 to 90 degrees for the second week, and reduce to 70 degrees when the chicks become stronger. The chicks themselves are the best thermometers. When they cry and huddle together they are too cold, and when they won't go under the hover, and try to get as far from the heat as they can, they are too warm.

Farmers, mechanics, railroaders, laborers, rely on Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. Fine for cuts, burns, bruises. Should be kept in every home. 25 and 50c.

The grass grows green in Oregon. The dairy cow will turn grass into money. She must be a wizard.

Clover seed will probably be cheap this fall but why not keep it. It is like whiskey, it improves with age.

Ten dollars per month per cow is not unusual for those who milk cows. But before you get the ten dollars you must have the cow.

New Era is a city of a very few inhabitants but can boast of the best picnic grounds in the county. Come on the Fourth of July and find out for yourself.

Who knows the correct name for a certain kind of grass that has decided to make its future home in Clackamas county? Sometimes termed poverty, June, Quack, wire or Johnston grass?

He that does not plant his corn can not fill his silo this fall. Is the coddling moth dead? Any way this cold late spring must certainly have hindered him in his usual spring work.

Even in this advanced age many people prefer the horse to the automobile and later, they will prefer the auto to the air-ship and so on, while the incubator and brooder have come to the front, the old hen is not altogether put out of business. Many prefer her yet to any wooden mother, in spite of her old fashioned notions. The incubator is ready for business any time, while the hen is ready when she is good and ready.

June hatched chicks in the North are lucky birds. They pop out of the shell when Nature serves her finest bill of fare, and all the delicacies of the season can be had for the chasing. Bugs and beetles are in full bloom, with all varieties of savory salads on the side. Another good point is this—June chicks begin to lay eggs just when eggs are eggs. They are Nature's own chickens, on time and up to the minute. Given June, the proper season, and other favorable circumstances, the incubator has never yet been mailed together than can out-hatch the hen in quantity, quality and qualifications generally, and she has at that season, the basswood brooder warped ninety ways as a nurse and care-taker, exercise and trainer, for her lusty brood. Her motherly cluck is the chick's inspiration for hustle, and the watchword for good living and the battle cry against disease and failure.

137 PASS, 267 FAIL

Two-Thirds of Clackamas County Students Fail in Exams

Whether the examinations were too hard or whether the county's schools are not what they should be, are the questions, but the results of the examinations last month show that 267 students who hoped to enter high school failed to pass, out of 394 who took the examinations. However 154 of these who failed only in one or two studies will be given another chance to make good before the fall high school opens.

Following is the list of those who made good and may enter high school the coming fall. The list is by school districts:

- No. 1—Minnie Spring and William Miller; No. 2—Earl Kunze, Ben Bukert, Roy Tweedie; No. 3—Armen Grossenbacher, Earle Paddock, Carnton Spencer; No. 7—Lloyd Saling, Vella Coop, Ruth Ginther; No. 15—Erma Blukh, Genevieve Jones; No. 18—Clarence Rupp; No. 20—Bruno Kraxberger; No. 22—Gladys Wagner Paul Jaeger; No. 25—Will Feysler, Robert Elkins, Roberta Elkins; No. 29—Olga Peterson; No. 30—Norman Holcomb; No. 34—Charles Howell, Ralph Armstrong, Frank Foty, Leonard Baird; No. 35—Mabel Marsh, Earl Shoemaker, Marion Toliver, Duane Robbins, Elmer Damours, Leonard Vick; No. 41—George Yeomans; No. 43—Glenna Andrews, Gladys McDowell, Hazel Camp, Pierson Hartney, Opal Camp; No. 46—Safra Deaton, George Hennessey, Lillian TenEyck, Eva Edwards; No. 47—William Jackson, Claude Roycroft, Lloyd Tomlin, Lillian Zaffer, Leona Tomlin, Adam Worthington, Iva Haines; No. 48—Dewey Kruger, Robert Barnett, Geo. Lannigan, Lillian Peterson, Catherine Jones; No. 49—Olive Bottin, Scott Otty; No. 63—Emma Stachel, Allen Rutherford; No. 64—Harold Dedman, Anna Kelly; No. 67—George Moser; No. 68—Elvy Beebe; No. 76—Elva Maser, Harry Melby, Marguerita Kersting, Velma Sylvester; No. 82—John M. Say, Anna Parker; No. 85—Ethel Henrick; No. 86—Maymie Combs, Blaine Long, Chester Douglas, Norman Saltmarsh, George Nast, Rudolph Samuelson, Clarence Carlson, Bennie Hopwood, George Hewitt, Eunice Dedge, Aaron Nast, George Smith, Harry Rhodes, Agnes Hills, Sophia Meeks, Veda Brown, Harold Vinyard, Ralph Hein; No. 89—Earl Gibson, Cora Harding; No. 90—Lydia Klingner, Wayne Wright, Helen Reynolds, Harold Dimick; No. 94—Seth Peterson, Esther Anderson, Willie Bartlemay, LaVerne Burdick; No. 99—Henry Brashear; No. 103—Ernest Griffiths, Claude Buckner, Margaret Sadengasser, John Wells; No. 105—Fred Jimper, John Logsdon, Walter Larson, Merritt Wilson, Wilbur Ross, Audrey Tour; No. 106—Cathleen Judge, Clarence Krause; No. 108—George Jicks, Grace Denney, Nettie Woodie, Dorothy Miller, Gladys Townsend, Joseph DeMoy, George Mathews, Paul Frazer, Mary Barr, Sam Barr, Dora Currin; No. 115—Dale Olds, Louis Rottger, Lura Leete; No. 120—Ole Lien; No. 121—Lela Traylor; No. 306—Albert Schmid; No. 309—Edith Fleming; No. 312—Eugene Traylor.

Our state union meets next month. Our county union will soon meet again.

The directors of the Equity Warehouse have met or will meet soon.

The directors of our state union will meet at same time.

We wish to see a large, sociable gathering of the Equity July 4th.

If we had a state paper we could read about the Equity in other counties and other counties could read of our efforts here in Clackamas.

President Schulmerick of our State Union, has left the U. S. and migrated north into the land of our British neighbor and will return about July 1st.

Vice-President Grisenthwaite has taken hold of the work and will prove his executive ability by preserving the record of Clackamas county Equity. A little practice may come in handy.

What local will come to our county union with a business proposition of benefit to all? We must have something to throw hot or cold water onto until it is time to adjourn.

Can Clackamas county go to the state meeting with a proposition that will start a sort of revival and spread the organization over these other counties that are clammering for organizers? We ought to have the Willamette valley well organized within a year. A good plan for our directors is what we want.

Don't tell me farmers won't stick. They have stuck to the most expensive marketing system ever devised by an organized gang of profit takers for a score of years.

They have stuck to a system of distributing farm products and credits until the system has decayed.

Our State Secretary has done a great deal of work in his local and a great deal more in his county union without pay and now is doing the state work without a salary and it is his kind of man that constitutes the Equity. In each local we find such men and we look forward to the day when they will be rewarded by seeing the Equity on a successful footing.

The day is not far off, we hope, when the Equity will be in the big markets of the world both as a seller and a buyer and not until then will the farmer come in direct contact with the big questions of interstate trade, tariffs, credits, money, transportation, banking, price-making, pure-food and many others of vital interest to all.

We read in our big dailies that the navy bean crop is a failure in California and if that is true why doesn't the National Agricultural Department or our O. A. C. tell us about it? We could afford to pay them a good commission instead of a straight salary. We don't know about the beans.

A thought is a dynamic force and goes where it is sent and always finds a mind to receive it. The whole world is facing a crisis. The great common mass of people in all countries are agitating the questions of Equity. We are in the beginning of a great commercial change. Farmers are receiving the thought.

The railroads want the farmers to organize. Now comes the state of New York and puts an organizer in the field. How about Oregon?

When a farmer buys a binder he can get detailed instructions how to put it together.

Where can we find the men to go to the other counties of Oregon and give detailed instructions of how to set up an Equity system and get our state machine running? It is up to our directors.

MEREDITH

Lost—May 31 between Oregon City and Maple Lane, a sack of carpet rag balls. Finder notify W. M. Rumery, Rt. 3, or leave at Courier office.

New Laws

Here are a trio of little, unnoticed ones that are laws this week:

Chapter 186. To prohibit sale or giving away of intoxicating liquor in any railway, interurban or street railway depot or under the same roof within any building physically connected with such depot and providing penalty.

Chapter 286. Requiring local agents of railway companies to bulletin promptly the arrival and departure of trains, according to actual information received, and providing a penalty.

Failing to support a wife is now a serious offense in Oregon. Under the new law non-support is made a felony and a man who fails to observe their marriage vows in this respect will be subject to punishment wherever they go, for they can be extradited from other states. The new law provides that men failing to observe the law shall be taken before the grand jury for indictment and shall be tried before a jury. Under the old law the crime was a misdemeanor and was heard by the county court without a jury.

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TWILIGHT

Mrs. Meindle and children of Portland are out for a ten days' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Lazelle.

The "Look Pleasant" Club is to be re-organized. Mr. W. M. C. Dodes, Tom Kelland and L. E. Postau have this far announced their anxiety for re-organization, and much rivalry is cropping out. We boys, occupying rear seats, anticipate a lively campaign.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Jack are entertaining the latter's mother and sister from Now Castle, Pa., during the Rose Festival season.

Mrs. A. H. Harvey spent Sunday and Monday last with Portland friends.

Mrs. E. Bishop of Spokane is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Spiger. Mrs. Bishop, on a former visit, made many friends in this community and will be met with a hearty welcome by them.

Unless property owners cut the grass bordering the sidewalk abutting their property, pedestrians will soon have reason for complaint.

The merry chipper of the gray digger indicates his exuberance over the approaching harvest.

L. E. Bentley's father and brother-in-law, Mr. Jack, of Marquam, are guests at the Bentley home this week. How much longer are we to be confronted with the cost of the hill portion of the south end road? The mere mention of light repairs brings the county court, road supervisor and all these living in the district, off the particular piece of highway to their feet, with the overworked expression of this expensive roadway.

Lem Merky, a profligate character of this community, says gossip was responsible for his present condition in life.

Eliminate the unsavory stories told by some men and there remains a fairly decent individual.

Dr. Ford of Oregon City addressed a fair sized audience at the hall last Wednesday night.

No Guessing Out a Man

There is no accounting for the strange freaks men do and the queer ways they have. Wouldn't there be a roar when they went home to their meals if they had to climb up a high stool in front of a table on which there was no cloth and eat their meals in that fashion. Yet the majority of men, when they go to a restaurant, will pick out the high stool and feed board with no cloth on it in preference to a comfortable chair with a cloth-covered table. A man will borrow a chew of tobacco, and most of them will set their teeth into the plug where some other man has gnawed off a chew. Offer him a piece of pie at home which his own wife or one of the children had taken a bite and he would holler his head off. At home he will not drink out of a glass cup from which one of the family has been drinking from. Call him into stall of a livery barn, pull out a bottle and he will stick it half way down his throat in order to get a swig, after half a dozen fellows have had the neck of the bottle in their mouths. Truly a man is a queer duck.

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