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### MEREDITH'S OBSERVATIONS

July 4th is always on time.

County union meeting July 18 Multnomah County courthouse.  
State Union July 18 Multnomah county courthouse.

The men we sell to and the men we buy from are all organized.

A gallant band of 500 sturdy farmers of Clackamas Co. are organized and they stick and they grow and they see the benefits and are more feared by the enemies of the people than all the rest of the unorganized farmers in the state.

Praying for society does no good as long as so many are preying on it.

The city man who went back to the farm has disposed of his potatoes and strawberries and gone back to the city a poorer but wiser man.

With the second short prune crop and prices low, knocks the over-production theory out on the first round.

The over-production theory scientifically accounts for hungry and starving people to the low prices of farm produce. A modern politician is very easily changed into a disguised scientist on a diet of public pie.

Once upon a time a king levied a tax of 3 cents per pound on tea and it caused an eight year war and gave to the world a new nation without a king. He should have cornered the tea market and gone to crumbing timber.

Baseball players, coming to New Era the 4th and bring your suits and don't forget the ball and bat. Games can be arranged for after you get there.

The American Can Co. owns the patent on sanitary cans and they now charge \$22 per thousand for No. 2 and a half cans. No wonder canned goods are to be higher. It may be a good trust.

The big papers tell us canned fruit is to be higher this coming winter. They do not state the cause but we ought to know it is because we raised too many strawberries. A poultry dentist ought to see that.

At our next county union meeting there will be introduced a plan to push our Equity over the rest of the state. We all ought to know where every cent of the \$2.00 goes.

Reports come from our leading agricultural states in the east, of grasshoppers, floods, drought, potato bugs, cold weather, frosts and locusts, but Oregon moves over the calendar with its usual sunshine and showers and is no wise responsible for the disappointments caused by machine made low prices on good crops.

The Equity has three states organized and organizers working in many others and the benefits will come in proportion to our strength. By the time we have completed our organization we will have established good prices, good markets and good systems of producing and distributing. We will have good farmers, good laws and a good, contented people. Worth sticking for.

The money question is the most important question before the American people and I think I am safe in saying the least understood question of politics today.

The report of the Pujo committee is the most important document and most instructive to the farmer and business man. Those who would like to be informed on the causes of financial depression and how a few colossal fortunes have been taken from the working people and are being used to perpetuate these conditions, read this report.

Write to your congressman. You have already paid for it and it will pay you to read it.

Meredith

The Farmers' Society of Equity is a cooperative organization and cooperation means, do yourselves what is costing you so much to buy what the other fellow does, and put the profit in your pocket instead of his.

The people of Clackamas county own millions of dollars in water power that is going to waste. All it requires is labor to build the dam; labor to build the machinery and labor to install it and not as much labor as it takes to prepare the wood that is consumed.

Stop cruising the other fellow's timber and build yourselves a dam, heat and light your homes with electricity.

We have a money trust that begins to assume serious proportions. Numerous labor troubles in every state, and all foreign countries. The Bank of England has a discount rate of four and a half per cent for exchange the highest for this time of year for 23 years.

Paris is 4 per cent in other than gold; Germany has a six per cent rate.

It has all the indications of a conspiracy of the big banks of the world to force a panic. We hope President Wilson will be able to wrest the control of our money from the banks.

The American people could be independent if they would.

Congress, through a committee of the House, has investigated the shipping trust. They say all foreign and coastwise vessels are in the trust and rates to all foreign points have doubled in the last seven years.

The German government seems to own a controlling interest in the trust.

This is a trust over which the American courts seem to have no control. The Brazilian government with a few American millionaires, forms the coffee trust.

Congress cannot make a law regulating other governments and enforce it by constables. About the only remedy in sight is for Congress to furnish national competition.

An exchange says: "Farmers cooperatives are gaining strength in America at a speed that will some day astonish the world." You see here in Clackamas county we do not get all the news about farmer societies because the papers owned by millionaires will not print it. This paper says we will cut out the middle man by the thousands and it wants to know what is going to become of the middle man. I do not know, do you? If he cannot find employment at good wages he cannot buy our produce at good prices and we have a tendency to lower prices both of produce and labor. Those who like to solve knotty political puzzles can have this one and we would like to have your solution.

The Farmers Society is a school for farmers. It is a business organization in which he learns to put his produce in big piles to sell it and buys in large lots to make and save money. As we do this we learn conditions of trade markets, money and other things as they are forced before us in every day affairs.

The Beaver Creek Way  
The Beaver Creek Local received twenty-five sacks of sugar in their last order and saved from 45 to 95 cents per sack. This is just some of the business that Beaver Creek is doing. There are some good live Equity men in this local and they are setting the pace. Others should arrange to save money as does Beaver Creek.

The individual locals should not be buying sugar by the 25 sack order from mail order houses, but the combined locals of the county should buy by the wholesaler or better from the refinery if possible. Just wait awhile and this will be the way it will be done.

Molalla Organized  
Organizer H. C. Wolfson reports that Molalla has been organized and is one of the strongest locals in the county. Having a large membership and fine prospects for many more members of the right kind we predict a great future for this Local. Molalla

I was just writing about what the poor people do. The rich hire this done for about one-fifth. That is why we sell wool at 20c per pound and buy an all wool suit that is half cotton at three or more dollars per lb. And when we run out of dollars before we get another wool crop it leaves the rich with a lot of clothes on hand that they can't sell and we call that a panic because it is no picnic.

TAXES  
Our national government is a champion money spender as it manages to get rid of about a billion dollars every year and the big bulk of this goes to the God of War that has been of no benefit to the farmer. The farmer has no fears of the people of any Christian nation doing him any harm and if they did they had better trade some of their Christianity off for a little paganism. There have been modern wars but the farmer carried the musket in defense of his flag while the gold gamblers bonded him and his family and farm to cheat him out of his liberty so dearly won. Our liberty would be better guarded without an army and navy.

There is the big internal revenue tax that is only partially paid when the stamps go on the original package. We also have the court costs to pay in convicting the criminals. It is in convicting the penitentiaries to build and maintain and we would be better off to legislate all the profit out of the liquor business and then see who would spend time with it.

Our national agricultural department gets a part of what is left and spends it in teaching the farmer how to produce more and has never spent a cent in trying to make farming profitable. So the farmer has received more injury than help from his taxes. Now comes his state tax, which must be paid in money direct. It makes no difference how cheap produce is on the market, our state tax must be paid in money.

And now our legislature has paid out a big sum for a big show in San Francisco and we farmers will have to stay at home and work while others view the samples of things produced for the rich.

How many farmers educate their

children in our state institutions? Yet all farmers are taxed alike to keep them up.

Our agricultural college is turning out a horde of professional men but no farmers, only those who live off of the farmer.

The legislature always tries to make a lot of commissions with fat salaries instead of doing away with useless pie hunters.

It is the county tax that got so heavy that the man with the hoe was forced to lay down his proverbial weapon and investigate his burden.

He sees no benefit in cruising timber the 17th time for the fellow who could give in his property for taxes the same as the farmer.

He sees no benefit in bridges that no one can use. He sees no benefit in hiring professional school visitors and long as the nation, state and county compel him to furnish so much money he proposes to demand protection and benefits in accordance and a man or two who understands the situation to administer the affairs and all he demands is justice and who are the men who would deny that to him? Who unto them?

The farmer has not lost his self respect far enough to ask the grafter for charity but he now demands justice.

### Good Roads

Good roads benefit the rich and poor alike and everybody seems to be harping on good roads. The best plan the writer has is to bond the state and cut the bonds up into 1-2-5-10-20-50 and 100 dollar pieces and use them the same as bank notes. Have the state receive them for taxes and make them legal holdings for state banks and good roads.

Pay for all labor, bit cement and all that has to be purchased or build the plants with these bonds to be owned by the state.

When we have all roads good ones, the bonds can be received by the state and cancelled and no high taxes to be paid in money that is locked up in Wall street.

P. W. Meredith

### Go to New Era July 4

Gladstone will have a Fourth of July celebration at the Chautauqua grounds and all those who receive a complimentary ticket are welcome! Another picnic will be enjoyed in the Carenah Park by the Willamette Paper Mill employees, but everybody is invited to come to New Era and will be welcomed by the farmers who have the picnic in charge.

There will be many places to spend the Fourth of July, but none will have as beautiful a grove to celebrate in as will the Equity Society. Basket dinners will be in order but those who so desire may take advantage of the best of hotel accommodations right on the grounds. Also refreshments will be served from the confectionery stands.

The gates will be open to all on July Fourth and arrange to come.

is a great agricultural country and raises produce of all kinds in large quantities, it is very probable that this will be the location of one of the Equity Warehouses as soon as the Clackamas Southern Railroad is completed.

### ALL READY FOR NEW ERA

Arrangements for the Equity 4th at New Era are progressing nicely. The posters have been sent all over the county and have been posted by the members and now the whole county is talking about New Era, the place of the picnic.

Louis Kelnhofer of the Carus Local who has direct charge of the program is very much pleased over the prospects of a good crowd of not only members but of others who are coming to enjoy the day. He states that the program will start promptly at 10:00 A. M., and will begin with the "Star Spangled Banner," led by a selected chorus and the Declaration of Independence by Mrs. Griffith, followed by the address of welcome by A. J. Kelnhofer. County President S. L. Casto will deliver the opening address and will be followed by many prominent speakers among whom will be Manager Robert Schuebel, State Organizer Wolfson, and National Organizer Cutting. Among the features of the day will be an Equity composed and rendered by a prominent member of Clackamas county.

The Baby Show will be held at 1:30 P. M., and will be in charge of John Wallace, after which will be the athletic events including the auto races, horse races, foot races, tug of war contests etc. A special time will be set apart for the big tug of war contest between Mt. Pleasant Local and the Carus Local. It has been said for years that the men grew bigger and stronger at Mt. Pleasant than at any other place in the county, at least they have a team of nine men that weigh 1800 pounds but Carus has taken upon itself to pull them down off of their high horse and as it is said that whoever wins will have free lemonade the rest of the day.

### Business Committee Meets

The business committee of the Equity Locals met in the Court House last Saturday and considered many matters of business. Manager Schuebel was present and reported much progress in the work. "Prospects are good for future business," said Mr. Schuebel, "and we are now arranging to sell potatoes this fall. Colorado and California will have a short crop of potatoes and we expect to receive a good price."

Any local in the county is invited to take part in the business operations at Oregon City. Although the plan of a business manager was fostered by the Maple Lane and Mt. Pleasant locals and with support from the other locals that are convenient.

### WANTED, AN INSPECTOR

Stand a Guard over Rich Wood Hauler who is Cheating Poor People

We notice a quarter column article in the Morning Enterprise a few days ago that cries for the need of an official inspector to see to it that the wood haulers do not cheat the poor helpless city people. It is claimed that these peculiar creatures that have to eek out an existence by this money making life of luxury and ease are only cutting their wood three ft. long and giving short measure and that there are holes through the piles. It might be admitted that such stuff will fill the column but that is the extent of the credit that can be allowed.

Have any of you, who may chance to read this article, ever hauled wood over a fence and pile it at a certain angle behind the wood shed and not trample the grass or molest the flowers; he must endure the taunts

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of some woman who has not enough sense in her head to direct her in the house when it rains. She says that the wood evidently must have been cut from trees with limbs on for the wood seems to have knots in it and this same awful wood hauler must smile and say that most trees have limbs; and then the wood is rotten and worst of all the wood hauler is making big holes in the pile on purpose and the wood is short and the pile is low, but perhaps she will over look all this and you can just wait until pay day and you may get your money (and you may not) but probably there are many of you that have still got that pay day coming.

Yes, the woodhauler has a snap and is getting rich according to some peoples' notions and should be persecuted.

But just let them try it and see who works the hardest and gets paid the least and gets beaten out of payment the most. We certainly do need an inspector, but not to protect the city people. They are quite capable, but to adjust matters so that honest labor will be rewarded.

Such suggestions as referred to at the beginning of this article do not set well with those who have had the experience of being the down dog and then getting kicked.

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