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**ALONG EQUITY LINES**

Bankers organized and got rich.

Then Bankers all vote together for their own interests.

The Bankers command respect and get the laws made to suit them no matter what party is in power.

Will the farmer ever get to that state of progress where he can do the same thing in the same way?

Will the American people ever learn that the farmer will quit producing if it doesn't pay? And when he does we will have a famine and everything that goes with it.

Now there is not a crop that the farmer grows that pays a profit sufficient to justify a life of toil by he and his family.

There are six million farmers in the U. S. and the people are depending upon them for food. They are the only men who understand practical farming and if they should go on strike there will be no scabs to take their places. They could get profitable prices for everything if the consumer had the money.

The farmer is master of the situation right now if he was organized. He could get anything he wanted by the asking because the people would know he could get it himself without help or charity from any one but he must organize and work in conjunction with other farmers. There is a brighter day coming.

Our government has loaned to the sufferers of the flood at Dayton, Ohio, \$400,000, and the worst of it is they boycotted their own postal bank and gave a private banker a rake-off. We have a few useless middlemen that will have to go.

A few retail dealers have already gone just to please a panic. They will get their demit from the retail association and join the hoppers' union.

The government is the people and the people is the government, and just now the people cannot get the bankers to furnish a plan whereby the people can get their own money issued to themselves at a low rate of interest without paying a big rakeoff to some private banker.

A bill was introduced into the legislature of Wisconsin authorizing a commission composed of representatives of farmers and labor organizations to devise a plan for a state co-operative market under state supervision. This ought to teach the farmers how they can make the politicians make the law. Just organize.

The Kansas agricultural college marketed the Kansas farmers' apple crop last year with such success that they now propose to help the farmer market all his produce and they don't ask the farmer what his politics are but they know he is organized.

Congress has so many committees investigating so many different abuses in government that it is hard to keep up with all the graft that has been uncovered. Now they propose to show us how the trusts edit the press news sent out to our big papers to influence public sentiment.

Rumor has it that a friendly attorney to our county court was peddling news from the secret work of our grand jury and we wonder that a set of men who would be entrusted with the duty of investigating crime that would get so confidential with a certain lawyer. The farmers can now proceed to investigate the grand jury. Who are they?

Mrs. Griffith's lecture at New Era was grand—even more than that. It was an inspiration. She is a perfect master of the social problems and proposed remedy as propounded from her school of thought. She is an ardent exponent of National cooperat-

ion in the place of private ownership of the avenues to a livelihood.

Clatskanie local of Columbia County, are doing things these days. They have incorporated a produce company and will operate a canning factory in connection with their other enterprises. In this way they can secure better prices for their produce and it will not be necessary to pay dividends on the stock to get a profit.

The Farmers' Society of Equity is not a political party and never will be. We are cursed with too many political allies now. If we had less we would be better off. We have people of all parties in our Equity and we DEMAND JUSTICE from all political parties and we will soon be strong enough to get justice from any political party that may succeed to power.

If the farmers all over the U. S. will organize they will get all and every thing they ask for, no matter what political party is elected to power, and if there are necessary changes to be made in our system of production and distribution, we, as an organization, can make them independent of National or State politics like they did in Europe. No party will oppose the organized farmer and remain long in existence.

There is one lesson the Equity must learn and that is this. You must start your enterprises on a different system altogether from stock companies and dividends. Capital is something you have NOT and if you did have a little there is so much capital in opposition that the capitalists would freeze you out on their own plan easily.

If you can't use the necessity for your produce to raise the price you can not do it in any other way. And the only way to use your produce for a lever is through a strong organization strong enough to control your own business and take a few kinks out of the other fellows' schemes. Keep

Politicians have given thousands of reasons for the poverty of the working people and they have all proven false in time.

Have they told you how our millionaires got their big accumulations of the peoples' money? Have they told you how the bankers got hold of more money than our government has and how they have the power to charge 25 per cent now for money. If you are compelled to borrow a hundred dollars and they make out the papers and you sign everything except the pound of flesh nearest your heart and they hand you only \$80, instead of a hundred you see the other \$20 is the first interest paid in advance and so called other bonuses commissions hard labor and then they tell the farmer that the reason he doesn't get rich is because he is lazy. And when he has a big crop they tell us we worked too hard and the cause of our poverty is overproduction and so it goes. The farmer, if he is a fool, can do his own thinking with better reasoning than that.

**WILSONVILLE INTERESTED**  
Backing the Warehouse Prospect With \$16000 of Business

Equity Editor:—Several outside members have asked what we are doing at Wilsonville, so I take this opportunity to write to you in regard to the same.

At present we have twenty members and we believe in quality as well as quantity.

The aim of the members at present is to get the clearing house in Portland as soon as we can.

When Mr. Lyman made us a visit some time ago and asked how much business the members would give the Equity Warehouse. It took about five minutes for them to hand in a statement of the crops they would contract. When their value was summed up it amounted to over \$16,000. As several members were not there two or three reports were missed. Mr. Lyman said they would like to have \$200,000 signed up before they went ahead. If the other locals in the county and state would do half of \$16,000 he would have two or three times that much.

It seems to us here that the first and most important thing to do is to put the Clearing House in Portland on a business standing. We believe that all the locals should help and do it at once. Delay only means that it will take more money to get it started and create dissatisfaction among some of the members.

After the main head is established in Portland we can soon put up places to business in the smaller towns, but until then the warehouses in these towns will be working at disadvantage.

At the last county meeting most of the time was spent in talking of subjects that would be helpful to a few locals back of Oregon City. We have no objection to this at local meetings but we believe the county meetings should not be taken up entirely without local propositions.

Wilsonville will be there and their object will be the establishment of a Clearing House in Portland.

**Damascus Local News**  
Damascus Local Union No. 6835, met in regular session at Mellien's hall with 12 members out of a total of 31 belonging to the Local.

Several communications were read, including a call for delegates to the County Union July 12th, and one delegate to State Union July 18th. J. C. Royer was elected to the State Union meeting, and the following were elected to the County Union meeting: J. C. Royer, H. T. Burr, J. W. Shattuck, Frank Mellien and J. W. Bowerman. A special assessment of 25c was levied to pay hall rent and other expenses. Our sales sheet shows the following for sale: 14 head of young horses, broken and un-broken, at very reasonable prices; 1 6-acre farm with 43 acres under cultivation.

The meeting adjourned to meet in two weeks.

H. T. Burr, Sec. and Treas.

"Doan's Ointment cured me of Eczema that had annoyed me for a long time. The result was lasting."—Hon. S. W. Mathews, Commissioner, Labor Statistics, Augusta, Me.

The county meeting will be held at Beaver Creek next Saturday and will be the most important that has ever been held in the county. Many matters of interest to the society will be presented. All delegates are urged to come early so as to give time for a long morning session.

It has been mentioned by the various members that resolutions will be presented upon the matter of county organization and organizers, Equity Warehouse Company and other warehouses, county business manager and the Clackamas county recall matter.

**Equity Celebrates at New Era**  
One of the largest crowds that ever was seen at New Era gathered on the Fourth of July to take part in the Equity Fourth picnic. The first delegation arrived early in the morning and represented the Mackburg Local and members and friends from all parts of the county soon followed. Some came in wagons and some in autos and the Wilsonville people came down the river on a steam boat fifty strong. This was probably the largest delegation from any one local. The program started promptly at 10:00 o'clock and was presided over by Louis Kelnhofer, president of the Carus Local. Among the prominent speakers of the day were Honorable Robert Schuebel, S. L. Casto, County President, and Mrs. Griffith of Oregon City.

It was very lamentable that National Organizer, Cutting failed to appear as a great many were disappointed but other speakers filled the program equally as well and every one seemed to be happy all day.

The dance in the afternoon was largely attended and the young folks made merry with this popular pastime. The music was furnished by a Portland Union orchestra and all were pleased by the catchy airs provided by the musicians.

Mr. John Wallace was chairman of the committee on arrangements and deserves great credit for his untiring efforts to make the day a success that it was. He has worked constantly up on the affair for the past three weeks and was on hand early in the day and carried out his part of general supervision during the entire day.

This is the first picnic that the Equity has given and it will undoubtedly not be the last one. Since the plan meets with such general approval, it has been suggested by many that another picnic be held some time this fall.

**Dr. Withycombe July 18**  
Dr. Withycombe of the state agricultural college, and one of the best agricultural talkers in the state will be at the state convention in Portland July 18 and address the Equity delegates on the subject of marketing Farm Produce. This lecture will be well worth attending the convention for.

**Make Your Wants Known**  
If there is any locality that wants to organize a local, or any individual that wants any information regarding Equity work, State Secretary F. G. Buchanan of Oregon City will gladly give any and all information he may have. Spread the locals, and write him for any information.

**A Good Investment**  
W. D. Magli, a well known merchant of Whitewater, Wis., bought a stock of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy so as to be able to supply them to his customers. After receiving them he himself was taken sick and says that one small bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy was worth more to him than the cost of his entire stock of these medicines. For sale by Huntley Bros. Co.

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Wilsonville—Pres. M. C. Young; Sec. R. B. Seely, Sherwood, R. 5.

## BAGGAGE SMASHING.

In Russia Customs Officials Make It a Maddening Reality.

In the Railway Magazine Robert Weatherburn says the Russian customs officers for the manner in which they abuse passengers' baggage in their "smacking" examination. Describing his arrival at St. Petersburg, Mr. Weatherburn says:

"Amid vociferations and hoarse shouting we at length moored along side the quay of Washill Ostroff (one of the islands on which St. Petersburg is built). The babel of tongues in various languages had almost a bewildering effect. From this I was aroused by the customs officials, who, seizing my trunks and boxes and demanding my passport, led me to their superior. The examination was pretty "stiff" and it included the smelling and tasting by a lot of dirty huffed persons of certain jars of preserves and plum cakes which I had taken in my baggage and it was not exactly amusing to see the hasty and indeterminate manner adopted in repacking those innocent articles.

"Heavy bottles and plum cakes, preserves, writing paper and ink, well ironed white shirts and collars, neckties crammed into coat sleeves—all that had taken weeks to carefully pack and stow away—were thrown in a mass in a box or trunk, the gaping lids of which, falling to reach the lock by some inches, seemed to remain open monthed in silent protest against such ill usage.

"Afterward the dirty hands were held out for 'match', or tea money, an institution of which I knew more. The quarrelling of the lavostehiks, or cabmen, who, like sharks, had already scented their prey, would at any

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