

OREGON EQUITY NEWS

Money rules the world.

The farmer lacks the coin.

Better organization means better prices.

Better prices mean more money for the farmer.

It is awfully wrong for the farmer to send to some other town for his supplies. So say the merchants.

And we suppose it is just as wrong for the merchant, only he keeps the profit if he does the sending.

Even the little honey bee knows enough in hard times, to get rid of the drones.

We farmers want to buy at wholesale and save money. We do not pretend to work for the Retail Merchants Association.

We farmers want money as cheap as the bankers are getting it now, and we do not pretend to be working for the bankers.

We farmers can buy salt for less than one and one-half dollars per hundred. Then why should we pay ten cents per ounce because some doctor's trust call it chloride of sodium?

Why should a farmer's stomach be a total stranger to the good things he produces with his hands? Why should the people, who build the mansions, live in hovels? Why should the men who dig the coal, that is necessary to society, be shot down by the state militia?

A farmer has the right to set the price on the farm he owns and why not set the price on all the produce he raises from that farm? Of course he must organize to do that and many other things that he cannot do unorganized.

There is not a reader of these columns, but, if called on to do so, could give a great many reasons why the farmers should organize. Most any farmer could give many reasons. The bankers, lawyers, doctors, merchants and big capitalists could tell you the value of organizing.

Scientists tell us that telepathy is an established fact. Then this must be why so many thinkers get the same thought at the same time and the world becomes a field of mental battle, and the destiny of nations becomes the handmaid of men of genius. Put power behind your thots.

Truth is the most radical thing in the world. It pays no homage to prince or pope, president or peasant. It cares not for creeds or political platforms. It may be smothered for a time for a few to reap advantage from the many but "Truth, crushed to earth, will rise again."

Brother Farmers, we are inclined to worship a great many artificial things and pay for the privilege, and now while you are all alone just line up all these idols of your thought and ask them why you, who produce so much wealth, should be poor? "As a man thinketh, so is he." Depend on yourself and brother farmers.

Just now eggs are being sold by farmers in Kansas at 20 cents per dozen, and the people of Philadelphia are paying 75 cents. The Colorado farmer gets 20 cents and Portland people pay 50 cents. The middlemen are doing wrong by sending to some other town for supplies and pocketing all the profit.

Uncle Sam is going to keep us all better posted on markets hereafter, and you can go to your agent at the depot and he can wire the freight department for rates and if that does not happen to be correct they, the railroad, will collect the balance at the other end. Now if Uncle Sam would tell us the freight charges.

The merchants, who are agents for the wholesalers' trust, say they can sell us supplies cheaper than the mail order houses and the steel trust sells armor plate to Russia at half the price it charges your Uncle Sam. And we sold our spuds last year for less than it cost to raise them, but who is working for our interests?

Our agricultural colleges should tell the steel trust to put up more plants, hire more workmen and produce two steel rails where they now produce but one. They would answer that they get more profit from the one now, and aim to keep about six months behind with their orders. We farmers could learn a very big lesson from the steel trust, but not from the colleges.

Ohio has had an awful storm and they have not revived after the awful floods of last spring, and the awful drought during the summer, and lots of poor people in stringing circumstances. Will the farmers of Oregon want to donate car loads of spuds to be sold by the relief committee to the commission men of Cincinnati and have the Governor call out the militia to shoot anyone else caught stealing? My! I am radical.

Do you Equity farmers remember that at our first state meeting we voted down a resolution for Uncle Sam to loan the farmers' money direct and then after a good sound lecture by President Casto it was reconsidered and passed? Now the whole world is talking rural credits. My! but a man has to be awfully radical to keep two inches ahead of the progressive farmers.

The "Spoils system" in office has more friends in the office holding crowd than with the common herd, but when the reformers make a campaign and win they are compelled to adopt it or pass out the juicy plums to the same old gang of grafters and that discourages the reformers and perpetuates the grafting system.

Do you remember some time ago that Sec. MacAdoo sent us farmers about \$800,000.00? The last heard of it slipped into a big bank in Portland. Any one finding my share will please leave it with M. J. Brown or John F. Stark, as they understand how to get rid of it before the contaminating bacilli inoculates them with aristocrotitis. Reward.

A Missoury lady, after visiting Western Oregon, returned to the

"show me" state and reported that "the Willamette Valley was the Eden of America." Yes mam! Adam produces the apples and ships the goods to Missouri to buy Eve a winter x-ray, same as summer. The Equity when able, raises cane.

Two-legged farmers raise hops and the cities go dry during the rainy season.

The cities live off the country and the country lives off the real estate men, and the real estate men live off the suckers from Missouri. Land is so high potatoes drop to 15 cents at digging time. We dam our rivers and stone our roads and make trouble for allopaths and send our Lane to the Senate.

The hills furnish springs and the river falls. July, August umbrellas, that's all. It is up South and down North, and West is down and up again, because we ran and U'Ren and we flop our political wings with the Oregon System with just as much graft per cubic centimeter.

Here in Clackamas County we have a Jack for Assessor and a Campbell for Judge. Our constable is Jack Frost and our Editor is not infallible. We have the finest climate on earth but won't work on the absent treatment plan.

Hood River County has fixed the valuations and completed the roll and if you think our State Government is not a farce read the figures: Bank stock \$158,575.00 Money 22,819.00 Notes 2,500.00 The question arises how do the

banks pay the high cost of living if there is only \$2,500 worth of notes to draw interest on, and only \$22,819 for the people of a county worth at least twenty millions of dollars to transact business with. Read this report and tell me how that bank stock is going to pay a dividend. It is a farce.

This state government of ours does not guarantee a single price on anything the farmer produces. It does not guarantee a single profit but it compels you to pay high taxes to guarantee profits and salaries to others. It has a law that compels you to spray your trees and does not even furnish the spray at cost, and if the spray is adulterated and worthless the pure food and drug act fails to act. If the state is going to compel the farmer to be at so much expense it should guarantee a profit. Are our representatives trying to legislate us out of existence?

Our state and national governments are spending millions of our taxes to teach us how to produce the very finest grub for our duds to eat and they want us to raise lots of it so it will be cheap.

What we want is not the two blades of grass to make extra labor and expense, but the two dollars' profit in our pockets, where there is none now. We think if we organize we can look out for our interests better than they have been in the past. P. W. Meredith.

MUST DO IT OURSELVES

I have before me the speech of Secretary of Agriculture, Houston, before the National Grange, and will give you a few anagrams to think about.

"There are evidences that Providence is ceasing its protective superiors of fools and Americans."

"The story that comes from every section is substantially the same; it is a story of increasing tenancy and absolute ownership." How is that for a prosperous farmers', and in particular, and the country in general, passes the lie to the stereotyped Thanksgiving proclamation.

After speaking on "Chaotic Marketing and distribution," he calls special attention to the poor schools in farming communities, which by the way is the reason some of us voted against the University proposition, believing it better to expend the money on the common schools.

Speaking of farm credit schemes he says "for a generation economists have known the facts about European conditions, but few have investigated the conditions at home." Then, as formerly stated in the columns of the junket by the Commission, was a plain steal.

Further he says: "But he does ask to be assisted in creating conditions and machinery which shall enable him, on a similar credit foundation, to secure his money at the same rates as any other class in the community." Precisely that, Mr. Secretary. Just the same as the banks. Now go tell that to your chief, the guy who could think of no one but the business men and gamblers in his message. He has noticed that co-operation is necessary, he says, "It is absolutely clear that before the problems of rural credit and of marketing the individual farmer, acting alone, is helpless.

Nothing less than concerted action will suffice. Co-operation is absolutely essential."

"It goes without saying that the members of the co-operative society must be those who are bona fide producers, and that every approach of the exploiter must be aggressively repelled." No lawyers or political farmers or "eminent business men" with soft hands and hard hearts, can be tolerated if we are to get any benefit. We must do it ourselves. John Stark.

A NEW SUGGESTION

President of Clackamas Local Presents Matter to Consider

Clackamas, Ore., Nov. 24, 1913. The contents of this letter will be read by a great many Equity members, and I hope will do good, but it is particularly addressed to the members of those locals tributary to Clackamas Station, viz., Sunnyside, Logan, Damascus, Clackamas and Stone.

My idea is to form a district organization, with proper officers and representatives from the different locals. As it is now, each local shuffles along and gets nowhere, whereby in having a district organization with business representatives from each local they will get down to BUSINESS and DO BUSINESS.

Already Big Business is sitting up and taking notice, and figuring out schemes to break us up. Before we organized at all we were not worth noticing, and now we are. So let's organize still stronger, and tell Big Business to go to thunder. We might just as well have a warehouse at the station so we could store potatoes and things there, and ship when we feel like it, and not have to flounder all around in the mud and rain, to load a

car when the other fellow feels like it.

The Locals around Oregon City have a union, and I think we can too. By having sub-warehouses we can act in better harmony with the Equity Warehouse. I think and believe, that they will endorse the plan. I would like to hear from them anyway. Our local, (Clackamas) will take this subject up at its next meeting, Dec. 5, and any communications in regard to this will be thankfully received by the Secretary, W. S. Daywalt, Clackamas, Rt. 1.

Now boys, think it over. Take it up with your locals, and if you consider it a good thing let's hear from you. Let's get together and push the thing along. It makes me feel kind of cheap when I hear about Mountaineer Local, but we can be just as strong and I believe stronger, so here's for success anyway. W. S. Daywalt.

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Dolls, Toys and Christmas Goods are now on Display at this Store.

The CC Store

TENTH AND MAIN

Dolls, Toys and Christmas Goods are Now on Display at This Store

Here Today - Presto! There Tomorrow. The crowded condition of our store has made it necessary for us to make some RADICAL CHANGES. For the past ten days saws have been buzzing, hammers have been tapping and goods have been shifted from one end of the store to the other. As soon as the last nail was down the carpenter who drove it jumped out of the way and before you could say "Jack Robinson," the shelves were piled full to overflowing. We are doing our level best to get the store in shape for the CHRISTMAS GOODS which have been pouring in on us. To make room for all these new Holiday Gifts we are going to offer a lot of the very best Seasonable Goods at

GREATLY REDUCED PRICES

These goods will remain on sale at these prices for ten days only

Outing Flannel

...ever have we shown better outing flannels for the money. White, pink, blue and fancy colors. All splendid values at

5c and 8 3/4c

MONEY SAVED ON SMALL ITEMS!

Childrens' Handkerchiefs, each	1c	Mens' Canvas Gloves	5c
Hooks and Eyes, card	2c	Safety Pins, dozen	4c
Black Thread, 30, 40, 50, spool	3c	Crep Paper, all colors, roll	4c
Pearl Buttons doz.	3c	Ladies' side and back combs	5c
Needles, paper	4c	Mens' fine black cotton socks	9c
Coat Hangers, each	4c	Soft Barber towels pair,	10c
Pants Hangers each	4c	Mens' silk Four-in-Hand Ties	12 1/2c
Envelopes, Package of 25	4c	Childrens' All Wool knit Caps	15c
Vaseline, Jar	4c	Mens' Jersey Gloves, Fleece Lined	18c

Dress Goods

We have selected a dozen pieces of our 65c broadhead dress goods. These will sell for TEN DAYS ONLY at per yard

49c

Flannelette Gowns

Ladies 50c flannelette gowns, special 43c
Ladies 75c flannelette gowns, exceptionally good for 63c

Outing Flannel Petticoats

Ladies' short length outing flannel Petticoats, light and dark colors 39c
Ladies' long outing flannel Petticoats, 65c values, reduced to 49c

Duckling Fleece

Just the kind the children like. Designs of rabbits, dogs, cats and little chicks, among some of the patterns. Just the thing for childrens' bath robes and "nighties," 20c values per yard 11c

Blankets

Buyers of blankets will find our stock complete and the prices extremely low. Cotton blankets are particularly desirable at this season of the year. Let us show you the values we are offering. White and gray cotton blankets at 44c, 63c, 98c and \$1.48.

Imported China

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED A SHIPMENT OF RICHLY DECORATED CHINA WARE SUITABLE FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS. DURING THIS SALE WE WILL OFFER A FEW NUMBERS OF THIS WARE AT THE FOLLOWING PRICES:

"Old Dutch" Blue Tea Cup and Saucer	10c
Tea Cup and Saucer, Floral decoration	10c
Beautiful Floral Decorated 5 in. Plates, each	10c
Fine decorated plate, perforated sides for running ribbon through, while they last	15c
Dainty Cream Pitcher, gold handled, beautiful rose decorations on sides, each	10c
Salad Dish 9 inches in diameter, embossed, beautiful rose medallion decorations, while they last	15c
Decorated Fruit Dish 7 in. diameter,	10c

UNDERWEAR

Ladies' Medium Weight Vests and Pants	25c
Ladies' Heavy Fleece Vests and Pants	48c
Ladies' Union Suits worth 50c to 75c this Sale	45c
Childrens' Fleece Vests and Pants. Sold according to size	18c to 75c
Childrens' Fleece Union Suits	25c to 75c
Mens' heavy Fleece and Ribbed Shirts and Drawers, gray or brown	45c
Mens' Wool and Mixed Shirts and Drawers.	
Sale Price	48c to \$1.25
Suits	98c
Boys' Heavy Fleece Shirts and Drawers Sale Price	25c to 35c

ANNOUNCEMENT

This store begs to announce that it will soon open a new CANDY DEPARTMENT. Only candies of ABSOLUTE PURITY will be sold. Don't buy your Christmas Candies until you have seen ours.

WHY PAY MORE THAN WE ASK?