

EQUITY EDITORIALS

Pointed Comments and Observations by P. W. Meredith

The organized farmer is in the saddle.

The future of the farmer in Oregon will be just what he makes it.

There will be no more jokers in the Oregon law to rob the farmers.

If the farmer pays his tax next spring it will be the last case of the State robbing the farmer to pay salaries to politicians.

What legal right had the legislature to levy a road tax on us farmers to build the automobile owners a Pacific Highway? That is highway robbery.

The County Assessors had a state meeting and among other things said that hardly any tax was being collected on money notes, bonds, mortgages, etc., and said we might as well exempt them. Yes! that is their way of giving us a single land tax.

The County Assessors belong to the old fashioned class of politicians that are always ready to do what organized dollars want done, and that is the reason their day is done, and now the commonwealth of Oregon has come under the control of altogether different people and a different class.

The farmer will begin to see the advantage of having \$1500 of his assessment exempt from taxes next spring when he walks up to our County Treasurer to pay his annual "rent." He will then see the need and usefulness of our Referendum Association.

Did you farmers know that the market is being manipulated by a gang of middlemen? And did it ever occur to you that these same fellows manipulated our politics too? Well, their time is up and you are going to take their places. Now don't stand back, walk up and take hold.

There is quite a shortage in food stuff in the U. S. and prices are low, but just as soon as the supply is all in the hands of the middlemen, prices will go up and the consumer will have to pay a great deal more than they should. Couldn't they organize?

The great big question about rural credit is why does the farmer who feeds and clothes the world, have to borrow money? Think this over, up and down, and you will have a better grasp on American political economy.

The Democratic administration has passed a tariff law, intended to lower the cost of living, but so far has failed on account of the trusts. The currency law will fail to bring relief for the same reason. A rural credit banking system to be of any value to the organized farmer, will have to be operated independently of our present

banking system or money trust.

As a member of the Equity Warehouse Co., I would recommend that the Farmers Union and Grange be allowed the same privileges in the use of our clearing house as members of the Equity. This would soon necessitate a larger establishment to take care of the increased business and that is just what we want.

Brother F. A. Sikes of the Farmers' Union, is in favor of calling a conference in February of all farmers' organizations, for the purpose of federating our business in buying and selling. This I am in favor of as it will lead to less competition and more co-operation, which is necessary before we can set the price on what we sell.

In every community where there is a farmers' organization there are some crops that could be grown by the farmers and packed and marketed by the Union at a good profit where, if each farmer packed and sold his crop it would result in a loss just like it always has done in the past.

This question of marketing crops by your co-operative organizations should be taken up and discussed at your next regular meeting. Dealers always prefer buying of associations rather than private growers as they get a more uniform pack and are more confident of a sufficient supply.

The railroads are more apt to grant concessions to associations than to individuals and it frequently happens that buyers come on the ground and pay cash in hand for all produce delivered on board cars at the shipping point.

The Wisconsin Equity is to erect a quarter million dollar packing plant for meats and other produce. It is my opinion that they will get about four million dollars' worth of experience before they get the beef trust dehorned, hamstrung, corralled and into the hand of a receiver.

General Villa and President Huerta with their standard oil moving picture show down in Mexico, have failed to attract much attention of late since that new body of insurers have become so busy out in road district No. 28.

The I double W ought to go out to road district No. 28 and see if they couldn't get those farmers to use sabotage or their labor power in the place of so much free speech. Send Col. Roosevelt or W. J. Bryan out to be overseer there and then have Dr. van Brakle quarantine them until April.

Judge Campbell's decision in regard to our recent election has been taken up to the supreme court and it is stated that Judge Galloway's decision, which was in direct opposition to Judge Campbell's, will also go before the supreme court. The only way to put a stop to all this farce is to make

the law making body the sole judge of constitutionality.

Oregon an now boast of a troupe of cavalry but what use we have for them I do not know. They might be used to fight forest fires or work the roads out in district 28.

Mayor Albee might use them in breaking up the gambling dens of his police force and the U. S. senate might need their services in securing a quorum.

With our Postal Banks there can be no failure but Congress has made provision under our new currency law for failures and has set aside a portion equal to the Government tax for a fund to protect depositors and the Government has provided for a six per cent dividend on stock. Why not provide for a six per cent profit on farms for the farmers?

Dr. Turner, who contributes such good letters in our Courier may have graduated from all the great schools of therapeutics in Europe and America, but when he tells us there is no such thing as hydrophobia we draw the line right there. We sometimes find stones in the stomachs of wild deer and we all (?) believe they are mad stones—they must be there to cure hydrophobia, and when one of these stones sees a mad dog bite it makes a rush for it and sticks very tight and all the king's horses couldn't pull it loose. It draws all the hydrophobia out and then you soak the stone in sweet milk and that draws the hydrophobia out of the stone. I suppose they make green cheese of the milk and that is what our moon is made of.

The next thing Dr. Turner will be telling us that burying the dishrag will not take warts off. No! Doc you can't fool us.

Our County Court has made two appointments to official positions out of the ordinary, viz., our health officer and deputy inspector of weights and measures. Ordinarily these offices go to the "ring," and someone of the hangers on draw the salary and the good these offices could do has been left undone. From now on the government of Oregon is to be in the interest of the people.

Next fall Oregon will choose a new set of officers and they will not be the same set of grafters but come from the industrial commonwealth and should be governed by the people of the industries.

There is no question but what our bankers are back of our new currency law and they will form all bills for rural credit banks and the farmer will receive no benefit. If we farmers could find a profitable market for what we produce we would not be forced to borrow money and under present conditions if we borrowed money we could not make enough from our farms and labor to pay the

loan when it came due.

The greatest question with the farmer is the market question and the only remedy is co-operation and that must come by organization.

ELECTRIC HOTEL PLEASES

Constant Patronage of Local Hotel-ries is Proof that the Public Approves Management

A hotel in which comfort and homelike conveniences are the chief points is one of the blessings of Oregon City—a blessing because such a combination is rare in hotels in many communities far larger than this. The Electric Hotel and The Electric Hotel Annex, both run under the personal management of J. J. Tobin, afford the permanent guest, the tourist and the commercial man just what is required for a stay in Oregon City, whether the stay be of one day or one year's duration.

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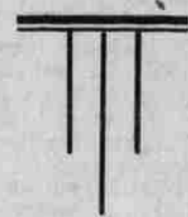
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