

OREGON EQUITY NEWS

The main topic now is federation. To federate buying and selling is universally felt. All rural organizations are unusually active just now.

January 17, will be the most important meeting ever held in Oregon. The Farmers' Union will be represented and possibly others. The leading men of all organizations are planning a united action toward better marketing, better buying and better farming. This ought to put new hope into the breast of Oregon Agriculture.

Other organized bodies of workers are anxious to work with our federated referendum association. What must be the awful condition of Oregon politically when the people are all clamoring for radical changes? Man- kind requires food, raiment and shelter, and Oregon naturally is the home of wealth for humanity. The Willamette Valley is a marvel of fertility for diversity of crops. There is no reasonable excuse for hunger and of poverty being in Oregon, except very poor management.

The question of caring for the unemployed is getting quite serious but not so serious as removing the cause of the unemployed. Land Labor and Machinery will produce food, clothes and shelter. Oregon could get all three together and produce in plenty. If Oregon was governed by people from the industries they would understand how to use the unemployed and idle land and machinery to grind out blessings instead of profit.

The U. S. farmers raised a fair crop in 1911, and sold it to the middleman for six billion dollars and the middleman sold it to the consumers for 13 billion dollars. There is more profit in selling a crop than there is producing it. Farmers should organize and do their own selling. Join the Equity and help yourself out of the ruts of poverty. Some things are coming our way now.

Our new currency law does away with the present National Banking System, and all National banks not in the new system within one year, will forfeit their charters. The United States Treasury is the great central head of the new system. The new system will be governed by a board of seven directors, including the Secretary and Controller of the U. S. treasury, and five others appointed by the President, with consent of the Senate. None of these must own bank stock or be an officer of any bank, and the five hold office for ten years.

Farmers must not get excited about Rural Credit Banks for they have had them in Germany for years and since 1882 the rural population has fallen over a million. Germany must import food for man and beast, so says Professor Rathgen of Hamburg. When farming pays a profit the people of our cities will join "back to the farm" movements and not before.

The new law provides for 8 to 12 National Reserve Banks, of not less than four million capital and of one hundred dollars per share subscribed by banks that are now established by subscribing one-sixth of their stock in stock of the reserve bank in their district. Shares in the new Federal Reserve banks must be paid for in gold or in gold certificates. These 8 or more Federal Reserve banks are to be governed by boards of directors, nine for each bank. Three are chosen by the stock-holding banks and three are taken from other occupation, but virtually chosen by the stock-holding banks and the other three by the National board of directors.

Local banks that join the system will be governed by seven directors. Four are chosen by the reserve bank in that district and three by the National Reserve Board. One of the three is to be manager. No property belonging to these banks is taxable, except what real estate they may own. All Postal Savings must be deposited with members of the new system. The whole scheme is based on the bonded debt of the U. S. and maintains the gold standard. There is nothing in the new law in regard to rural credits. Six months is the longest period any loan can run and mostly 90 days. There is absolutely nothing in it for the farmer. The farmer will have banks where he can borrow money from his own nation when he fills Congress so full of farmers that there is not room for any others to deny him his right. P. W. Meredith.

The farmers are getting interested in the next set of officers for Oregon and it is very evident that the farmers are strong enough with co-working organizations to control. It will be very amusing to watch the antics of our army of unemployed politicians. If any party nominates Brother Casto for County Clerk it will be because of his vote-getting power thru his allegiance to the farmer. There is quite a list of officers and more farmers. Brother Casto will not be the only farmer elected b'Gosh.

The president of the State Federation of Labor is T. H. Burchard, 829-E-11-N. Secretary E. J. Stack, Labor Temple, Portland. The new officers will be elected this month. When all the organized people of Oregon are anxious for federation it does not require much time to put the wheels in motion. At our State meeting at Oregon City January 17, we should get our association under way and we have assurances now that the State Union of the Farmers' Union will be represented by one or more of its officers and while they are with us we might federate our buying and selling in a more systematic and uniform plan. We can try.

This year is campaign year in Oregon and the people will have a chance to do away with the wrongs of our State Government. It is dangerous to keep working people unemployed and hungry. The universal discontent among farmers and all other workers makes a political explosion the prophecy of the thinkers. The high cost of living with markets manipulated and Legislature bribed and organized dollars controlling our courts, we are too far from a government of the people.

The Farmers' Society of Equity is not a political party as has been stated before, but is a trade union of farmers for the purpose of co-operation and in putting our co-operative enterprises in operation we find our way blocked by class laws and combinations of men whose purpose it is to reap large profits from both producer and consumer and it becomes necessary for us to become active in our own behalf politically. All political parties that have succeeded to power in our U. S. have levied taxes, both direct and indirect, on the farmer and the condition of the farmer grows worse from year to year. The farmer has now been recognized as a political power and never will be until farmers unite their political power and act for their benefit of themselves. It is their business to do so. It is good business too. Big Business relies on money buying legislation in Nation, State and Cities, and never counts on their votes as they would be too few. The farmer cannot cope with Big Business on a money base as the farmer has been humbugged out of the cash and will have to depend on his vote and all together could elect nearly all the officers of government, but he must cast his vote together where it does the most good.

The American Federation of Labor has maintained a lobby at Washington for many years at a great expense and has so far, beyond the "bum jolly" received the horse laugh for its reward. The money expended toward a lobby junket could be used much more effectively for organization purposes or in subsidizing country newspapers to prepare the field for organizers. If we want any power at headquarters let us take it ourselves. Have a definite program for your legislative member before he goes, and then send him there and save pernicious lobbying expenses. Stark.

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And then You Won't Need a Legislative Lobby to lead I see certain persons and societies of farmers are advocating the project of a "farmers' lobby" at the state capital during legislative sessions. The reasons they advance seem to justify the project. I, for one, propose an emphatic protest against such moves. If the farmers do not know enough to elect their own members in rural communities, they will not know enough to act intelligently upon the recommendation of this precious high-priced lobby, which report would reach some of us, unless they have quicker connection than I have, after the horse was far from the stable. If we elect our own members we will not need any lobby and will have the say so ourselves as to what we want in the form of legislation. If we cannot elect our own members our influence would be a subject of ridicule.

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STATE BOARD WILL ACT

Better Fruit Conditions Must be Observed in this State The State Board of Horticulture is planning to make a special effort during the year 1914 to better conditions of the fruit industry of the various counties, and to this end will begin a campaign to clean up the old neglected orchards and trees, the owners of which have promised repeatedly to prune and spray in the past years, but have either been negligent or have willfully disregarded their promise, and have allowed their infested orchards to remain a menace to orchards whose owners wish to produce clean, wholesome salable fruit.

Meetings have been called in various parts of Clackamas County by the County Fruit Inspector, at which the District Commissioner, Mr. A. C. Goodrich, and other members of the State Board of Horticulture were present. In years past these meetings have been held, and attendance by careful growers has been large, and the benefit they have derived has been great, but it is hoped this year to reach the owners of orchards who have not used zealous care in tending their orchards.

In order to familiarize the fruit growers and others interested in fruit the Horticultural Laws of Oregon are herewith outlined: It is the duty of the board and the county inspector under their direction, when deemed necessary, to cause an inspection to be made of orchards, nurseries, plants, vines, packing houses, etc., and if found infected, shall notify owners, and shall require them to eradicate same as a public nuisance, and if not complied with, it is the duty of the authorities to cause it to be abated, and the expense become a lien on the property.

It is the duty of any person to spray any orchard or nursery which is infected with any kind of disease or pest. All dealers selling any compound for spraying in quantities over one pound, and each dealer certifying the quality and per cent of purity, and a fine of from \$25 to \$100 is the penalty. It is unlawful to import or sell any infected or diseased fruit in Oregon, and it is a misdemeanor to ship or prepare for shipment within or without the state any fruits, fresh or cured, plants, shrubs, or vegetables infected with insect pests or diseases. Every person packing green fruit for market, for delivery without or outside the state, shall plainly mark each box with the name and post-office of the person packing it.

METROPOLITAN STORE IS MECCA FOR BUYERS

Bannon's Up-to-date Place of Business Brings Much Trade From Vicinity to Oregon City Not many communities of the size of Oregon City can boast of as modern a department store as Bannon's, which for the past two years and a half has brought to this city all the conveniences and elaborateness of stock of the largest of Portland stores. It is a proof of the steadfast trade of the city and vicinity that such a store can find the liberal support that it does, and it speaks well for the salesmanship of the store that so large a varied stock can be carried and disposed of here.

The keynote of the success of Bannon's has been the store's firm rule to sell only for cash. No accounts are carried, and as profits are realized at every sale made, the management is able to price goods at the lowest possible figure. Allowance is made for the interest charges on accounts are given to the customer at Bannon's; and thus it is that the buyer can get goods there of standard quality at prices lower than elsewhere. All stock carried at Bannon's is new, and to assure this supplies are entirely cleaned out twice each year. The coming clearance sale, starting January 8th, will see every article that has been in the store throughout the fall and winter season disposed of, and at the completion of the sale spring and summer goods will alone be on the shelves and in the warehouse. This constant changing of stock assures the buyer at Bannon's of having the best and latest styles, and of complete satisfaction.

Bannon's leads Oregon City stores in another way, as well. It is the most advanced in the consideration shown the clerical force. All employees are treated with a thoughtfulness that makes them loyal boosters of the store, and aside from this hours are short and their wages liberal. Bannon's is closed on every holiday that is observed in Oregon City—in fact it led in the adoption of this custom here.

Bannon's is connected with similar department stores in Minnesota cities, and is thus enabled to share the purchases of large stocks of goods in the bulk, thus getting lower prices than if buying was conducted for a single store. The benefit thus obtained is passed on to the customer in lower prices and in better goods for the same prices as charged elsewhere. The policies of the Bannon store, outlined above, have in fact, assured its success here, and made it the favorite shopping center for Clackamas county people, all of whom know that in buying there they are assured of satisfaction or their money back.

Report of Clackamas Local F. S. E. Clackamas Local Union of the F. S. E met at the Grange Hall, Clackamas, Ore. January 2, 1914. As this was the date for annual election of officers, all unfinished business was disposed of, and two new members, L. M. Harwood, and E. P. Dedman, were admitted to membership, after which the following officers were elected for the year: Pres. G. H. Brukman; Vice-Pres. J. A. Sieben; Sec.-Treas. W. S. Daywalt. The local passed a resolution in favor of having the Pacific Highway go thru Clackamas. Mr. L. Jones of the Grange, addressed the members, and assured them of the hearty support and good will of the Grange. Our sales sheet is as follows: W. Mundhenk 35 tons mixed hay; J. A. Sieben, 30 tons hay; Frank Haberiach, 4 horse, sweep-power jack; T. Schoppert, 9 months old Jersey bull. Wanted to buy—Frank Haberiach Holstein cows; W. Mundhenk, horse, 1,200 lbs., or over. Address Clackamas. Adjoined to meet at East Clackamas Schoolhouse, Friday, Feb. 6. W. S. Daywalt, Sec.-Treas.

COMMENTS FROM TWILIGHT

A Column of Interesting Items and Caustic Comments Last year we spent approximately thirty-five thousand dollars on a re-cruise of our timber area, with the understanding that the increased valuation, which it developed, would in a few years repay the county for the expenditure. With this added valuation to our taxable wealth, we this year find our general tax increased over last, some forty-two thousand dollars. Should the people be satisfied with such financing, and calmly continue their trust in the powers which control us, or begin the utilization of their own better judgement by concerted action? We have a county court in full accord with the middle classes, needful of our combined support and enthusiasm. Can we imbue them with our earnestness by calmly resting, placing the entire burden on their shoulders, leaving it all to them, without even an earnest showing of our sympathy and moral support, only to later on censure them for their failure to meet our expectations? Should not some manner of organization be effected regardless of politics, and the lawyers, to back up our county court thus giving to them the courage to fully express their convictions, that nothing else can impart?

The absence of trades people at the Tax Budget gathering was painfully noticeable, while increased taxation affords an opportunity for increased profits, why should he worry? The consumer pays the bill. Organization with him makes it easy. A little cooperation with the farmer would probably make it equally unnecessary for him to be there. The teaching of eugenics and dancing in our public schools is a mistake. The former might find a proper place above the eighth grade, but the latter should be sufficient to remove the kinks from the average boy or girl's arms and legs. If not, its up to parents to make them saw wood, or perform other household duties, or ride the consequence.

Notoriety is easily received, as witness the result of Rhoda's made-to-order fit, in the Oregon City telephone exchange. Her story is too silly for even police officials, with any stamina, to take cognizance of. A married man out for a time with another man's wife is just as apt to be advertised arson. While our townsmen adorn their persons with starched collars and patent leather shoes; subsist on the contents of tin cans and paper sacks, the lowly soil stirrer contends himself with a flannel shirt, numerous varieties of green vegetables, a pork barrel, dairy, poultry yard and a fruit cellar, minus the grocer's gentile reminder enjoyed by our friends, the cement walk pressers, just after the holiday season.

About the only encouragement given for the clearing of Oregon land, is found in the fact that your taxes will be doubled. It is true to be found everywhere is that the man who works extra and more than the man who don't, and seldom wears as good clothes. Now that Oregon City is dry we have wondered where the old drunks will loaf when in the city. A good soldier relishes the smell of smoke, while the farmer of stump powder sends others to the Hospital. W. A. Dodds, who suffered a very badly sprained ankle several weeks ago, is much improved, to the gratification of his many friends. Miss Lela Smith of Mackburg and Mr. and Mrs. Meindl of Portland enjoyed New Year's day with the Lazelles.

A New Year's party given by Miss Elsie Swick and her brother, Eldon, was largely attended by the younger set with enjoyable results. A general preference for liver on Christmas, would quickly lower turkey prices. Millinery bills cut a much greater figure in the high cost of living than the bread shop. Fashions are as difficult to keep space with as are the rulers of Mexico.

G. M. Lazelle has just undergone an acute attack of rheumatism. A birthday party was enjoyed by Master Earl Bentley at the home of his parents Monday evening. Mrs. Tom Kelland passed New Year's with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Bullard at Oak Grove. J. F. Spiger and family are now located in their new Portland home, which it is hoped may prove both pleasant and profitable. G. W. Smith of Mulino, recently referred a Tom cat fight, when all established rules of the ring were broken by the cats alighting on the referee's head from the hay mow in which the stunt was pulled off, escaping from the enclosure before the prize ring official regained his usual composure, or announced the decision. Ask him about it.

Bert L. Harvey, our statistician, is now figuring out the possibilities of the lately discovered comet, striking some of the established planets, causing a loss of equilibrium, resulting in the general mixup of various spheres to the discomfiture of their many people. A later report is promised.

MILWAUKIE FAVORS HIGHWAY

Asks County Court to Aid and Promotes Assistance The following resolutions were adopted by the Commercial Club of Milwaukie, Oregon, at a regular meeting held on the 16th day of December, 1913. "Whereas, at the last session of the State Legislature, an act was passed authorizing the levying of a tax for the purpose of aiding in the building of a highway across the State of Oregon from the Washington State line on the North to the California State line on the south, the same to connect with highways in the land named states, and the whole highway so formed to extend from Mexico to British Columbia, and to be known as the Pacific Highway; and Whereas, such highway, to be of the greatest benefit, should be laid in the most direct line consistent with easy and practicable grades through and between the most populous sections and trade centers of the state; and Whereas, we believe that the best and most feasible line for such highway between Portland and Salem would be along the East side of the Willamette River, for the following reasons, among others: (1.) Said highway could be built along said route at the lowest cost because of easy grades and because a large part of the distance would need to be further improved to make a first-class highway, the town of Milwaukie having, for example, already completed at a cost of \$45,000.00 the paving of certain of its streets along which the said highway could run, and there having already been constructed a good macadam road between the stations of Island and Jennings Lodge south of Milwaukie; (2.) That by constructing said highway along the East bank of the Willamette River the steep grade on the West bank would be avoided. (3.) The section of territory between the city limits of Portland and Oregon City on the East side of the Willamette River already has numerous thriving towns on the direct line of said proposed highway and many improved tracts and farms and is growing at a rapid rate so that there is every reason to believe that in the near future the whole section between said cities will be one continuous residence section improved with fine residences and orchard tracts; THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Commercial Club of Milwaukie, hereby request the county court of Clackamas county, to take promptly whatever action is within its jurisdiction, looking toward the construction of said highway over the route aforesaid, such as running preliminary surveys and doing whatever other acts the law contemplates towards the permanent location of the highway above designated; and that we pledge ourselves to aid in every possible way the State Highway Commission in carrying out the

purposes of said acts of the Legislature, and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Club and that a copy be forwarded to the Oregon State Highway Commission, the County Court of Clackamas County and to the press.

Maggie A. Johnson, Secretary. B. J. Skulason, P. King, C. B. Hanson, Committee.

EQUITY GETS IN

Clackamas Local Favors Pacific Highway in its Resolutions Whereas the last Legislature passed a one-fourth mill tax levy for state highway purposes, and which will amount to about \$238,000 collectible in 1914, and Whereas the Pacific Highway, a public traffic highway, is to be built from Alaska, south through Washington, Oregon and California on the most feasible, practical and lowest graded route and Whereas we consider the route from Interstate bridge across Columbia River to Oregon City, passing thru the village of Clackamas, the most direct, most scenic, most easily drained, and consequently most cheaply and durably hard-surfaced and Whereas as loyal and respectable farmers and taxpayers of this county of Clackamas, we desire a hard surfaced road that will benefit the farmer as well as the townspeople. Therefore be it resolved that we, the Clackamas Local Union, of the Farmers Society of Equity, respectfully ask our County Court to apply to the State Highway commission for a portion of the \$238,000 and that the same be expended on the Pacific Highway thru Clackamas County, and Be it further resolved that this Equity Union express to the County Court our greatest interest and sympathy in this great undertaking, and we assure them of our hearty support, and Be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the County Court and one to our official paper, the Oregon City Courier. G. H. Brukman, Pres. W. S. Daywalt, Secy.

Wedding at Logan

A happy marriage was solemnized by the Rev. Jos. Hepp, on New Year's day at the home of the Mozer family at Logan. The contracting parties were Eva Lina Moser and Edward C. Buel of Clarks. All the relatives of the families were present, and after the happy couple were united, the guests were invited to a sumptuous dinner. Everyone seemed to enjoy not only the dinner, but the happy occasion in general. The bride and groom departed on the same day on their wedding trip to Clarks, their future home.

LOGAN

Harding Grange made a good beginning for the New Year last Saturday. There was a good attendance and an interesting meeting. Mrs. L. Funk was elected Lecturer in place of Effie Kirchem, who declined to serve. Louis Funk was installing officer and was assisted by H. L. Hagemann. The work was done in an impressive manner. A short program was given and Henry Babler, Louis Funk and H. W. Hagemann were elected as members of the executive committee. Preparations were made to entertain Pomona Grange January 14th. Miss Eva Moser and F. Buhl were married at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Moser, New Year's day. May happiness attend them through this and each succeeding New Year. Arthur L. Funk, the O. A. C. student, attended the grange meeting Saturday. The old plastering was removed from the interior of the church last week and a supply of sand and material was hauled. This week the new plaster will be put on. H. F. Cutton, Equity organizer, gave an address at the hall last week, mostly on the subject of organizing a farmers potato pool through the success of the Equity warehouse Co., was explained on all lines. We hear complaints of poor telephone service, but several successful messages have been sent through between the Clear Creek central and Centralia, Wash.

Abernethy Grange Officers

At a meeting of Abernethy Grange No. 346, held at Parkplace, Oregon, Dec. 27th, 1913, the following were elected to serve for the ensuing year: L. D. Jones, Master, Clackamas, Oregon; Mrs. Henry Clyde, Overseer; Mrs. Emma Jones, Lecturer; Mrs. Christina Rivers, Steward; Gussie Rivers, Assistant Steward; Mrs. A. M. Brayton Chaplain; Rev. J. L. Jones, Treasurer; Prof. M. J. Clapp, Secy.; Faxon Hayford, Gate-keeper; Mrs. Faxon Hayford, Ceres; Miss Marie Holmes, Pomona; Mrs. E. D. Felder, Flora; Mrs. Hattie Robinson, Lady Assistant Steward; Mrs. M. D. Jones, Musician. E. C. Hackett, Secy.

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