

OREGON EQUITY NEWS

Agitation causes organization. Organization causes reform and federation. Federation causes evolution or commercial revolution.

Evolution is a growth or evidence of progress. Progress is sometimes retarded by mild reforms.

Real progression comes from radical changes.

A noted New York doctor wants to kill off all the fools. That is radical.

And it might result in giving a few doctors employment and starve out most respectable citizens. A slam to the hayseed.

The State of Oregon has made a mistake and now wants only \$154,000 from Clackamas county. Our Assessor says Clackamas county has less than \$30,000 in notes and money carbimbed. Now are we taxpayers going to make these two accounts balance? Must be another mistake somewhere.

According to the politicians we had the best banking system on Earth, and now I wonder why they had to change it.

It may be that the bankers had rather draw three per cent on government bonds than only two per cent like it used to be. Bankers, as a rule, seem to be very particular about little things like that and now they are satisfied with the new currency law.

United States senators are to be nominated by the people at the primaries. The farmers of Oregon should call a conference and elect a man whom they want to vote for and if you don't you will have to vote for whoever the bankers want you to, or not vote at all.

The farmers are not the only class suffering from the present panic. Many a workman in lumber and railroad camps, and belonging to the Union, made a tour of the camps in Washington and Oregon. About the best he was offered was \$1.55 per day and nothing furnished. Board was \$5.25 per week and one would not be able to get back to await the advent of a little prosperity for workers.

There are some grand men in this farmers' movement of the Farmers' Union, Grange and Equity, also the trades in Portland and Men when you converse with them, in their earnestness you see the deep lines of thought from hard struggles and it carries convictions and logic hard from the ordinary speech in congress. It endows the future with both hope and fear.

The Clackamas County Union has a committee to look up markets for our strawberries. Also to report on the best varieties for shipping, canning and home market.

It is generally the case with fruit of this kind that they have to be marketed in northern cities to secure a profitable price. The Washington growers of Kenewick, Strawberry are making co-operation pay in good profits. Southern Missouri has a very successful strawberry grower's association.

In fact if farmer's unions are a success all over Europe and are proving so in America, it is only a question of time until all crops will be produced by a co-operative system. In all the enterprises it is the farmer that must get the money and put it to use in operation. Too many farmers are waiting for the other fellow when his business put in the pool would help.

Our Referendum Federation committee, which will have the most important work of all the organizations to look after. They will be the great executive head of all the organizations.

It will be their duty to guide organized farmers and others into successful co-operation in business and politics. We will look to them to guide all this organized power in the same channel as much as possible.

They must shoulder this responsibility as a great honor and a great duty with great victories to gain and not nothing but poverty to lose. Their work will begin immediately and they should be paid for their time.

There are so many people willing and very anxious to help the farmer out of the rut and they all have such excellent schemes and plans all mapped out on paper and backed by many figures, with such glorious futures all painted in brilliant hues and all is left to be done for the farmer to dig up a sum of money for them to spend and prosperity will arise out of the land like toad stools.

Some of these people are honest in their convictions, but these people with soft hands have never dug deep in the soil of society as at present organized, to discover the nature of the roots of these weeds of depression. When you destroy them for the farmer you are taking away the very life and prosperity of hundreds of the Chambers of Commerce and the united prosperity of the aristocracy. Why! my friends, one great book says "Thou shalt not kill." Now don't come to me and tell me that is why we build navies.

Whenever a man or company of men come to town and build a \$100,000 building and put in another \$100,000 stock of goods, hires a lot of clerks, pays taxes and quite a sum to the churches and charity you see it requires a lot of money and business must pay or go into bankruptcy, and now you pays for all of this? You do! and you have too many such institutions to keep up. The farmers and city consumers have too much of a burden to carry and our markets must be simplified and not have too many buildings, stocks, clerks and salaries to pay. This is one cause of the high cost of living and our federation should champion state markets in order to protect the producer and the consumer too. If anyone can devise a better plan let us read it in the Courier.

Why don't we send ten thousand men to the State University to study medicine? We have enough teachers already on good salaries to do the job and we voted enough money to educate all the politicians in the next general election. These people, in a few months, would be tearing up our good roads with automobiles and

making lots of money and be our most influential citizens.

We farmers would no doubt furnish the saws and slippery elm bark too.

This is the time Big Business starts out trapping. He oils up his traps (Standard Oil) and watches the runs of organized farmers. He secures a few of the best specimens for decoys and sets his trap near the polls and election day we all walk in and the next day our hides are foot rugs for politicians.

It is the duty of every farmer to join some organization of farmers and not only join but pitch right in and help. Do all his buying and selling is the duty of the officers of the unions to devise plans to put this to put his into operation as soon as possible.

In member of a farmers' organization in order to help and keep up the work must attend every meeting of his local. Too many members are staying away. They are present, encourage others.

In order to gain back our lost power that has been stolen from us by the politicians and the men of the markets, while we were asleep. We must wake up, not a few of us, but all of us and go to the market and help sell and get some prosperity that belongs to those who work and produce it.

P. W. Meredith.

COUNTY EQUITY MEETING

Large Attendance and Enthusiasm Showed Society is here to Stay

The County Equity Society met in the O. W. O. hall last Saturday for a general meeting for the election of officers and other important business, and there was a large attendance.

The house was called to order by President S. L. Casto; committees on credentials and resolutions appointed. The committee on credentials reported almost a full delegation from all old locals and also some new ones.

It was evident that the Equity was on a solid foundation and has come to stay. The question of federation was discussed thoroughly and the sentiment was unanimous for federation. From the numerous and far reaching resolutions that carried unanimously, was a mirror that reflected the true feeling among the different locals for future work.

The convention was addressed by Mr. Starkweather on his European tour of inspection of rural co-operative organizations for credit and other commercial purposes. Mr. Starkweather also addressed the convention on questions of helpful legislation for the organized farmer. The society extended a vote of thanks to both.

All the officers were re-elected for the ensuing year.

The Society has gained strength and wisdom and now has taken a firmer grasp on things commercial and political and the future promises well for the organized farmer in Clackamas County.

STATE MARKET LAW

W. S. U'Ren Outlines Legislation Needed for General Relief

Before the county Equity Society meeting last Saturday W. S. U'Ren made a short address to the farmers along needed lines of legislation, a part of which follows:

It is very difficult to frame a law that will force the commission man to be as honest in making his returns as we know the farmer ought to be in making his shipments. When you add to this the proposal to cut out all unnecessary middlemen it makes the task much harder. The very best plan yet put in practice is the one the United States government uses in the Canal Zone at Panama. The official reports as well as the reports of travellers, seem to all agree that you can feed and clothe a family much cheaper and much better by buying from Uncle Sam's stores in the Canal Zone than you can anywhere in the United States buying from the competitive stores. But it is not worth while to discuss that now, because it is clearly beyond the power of Oregon.

The law passed by the legislature last year was enough to make the commission men very angry, and not enough to do the farmers and other shippers very much good. I believe its enforcement is still under an injunction order awaiting a decision by the Supreme Court.

It seems to me we might get some relief by a state law requiring every town and city to designate one block to be paved all around and the sidewalk and pavement kept clean by the city. Then permit anyone who has anything to sell to bring it to that block on a market day, at least as often as twice a week, and occupy the street and sidewalks as the market. Let the police duty be simply to preserve order. There should be no charge against either the buyer or the seller. I believe this would be an advantage both to the producer and to the consumer, and especially in the handling of farm produce.

In addition to this I believe we could safely require the governor to appoint a State Agent in any city in Oregon, and in other states, where such appointment might be demanded by the producers and shippers. Require the approval of this agent to town and city to produce or goods having arrived in bad order, and to all claims for losses. Also grant discretion to the governor, on the recommendation of a committee appointed by the State Grange, the Farmers' Society of Equity, the Farmers' Union and the Commission Men's organization to prosecute both civilly and criminally the failure of any commission man to deal honestly with his customers and to prosecute any transportation company, both civilly and criminally, for negligence in carrying the goods, if it results in loss.

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A Fore Word

The installation of this department, which has been granted on terms agreed, by the manager of this paper, is in keeping with the forward movement of all progressive papers.

Farmers, who are largely the patrons of this paper, are the backbone of any nation and should be at the fore front with all that goes to make up civilization; therefore they should read and understand any subject of so great importance as SOCIALISM.

Socialism as a scientific principle of government has a following of more than twenty millions of people, being the most enlightened portion of the globe. They come with state might, asking the same question, speaking on the same issue and voting the same principle of government demanding: "To the worker the full product of his toil." This declaration with its great aggregation of devoted intelligent people should do more than attract the attention of the citizen. It should make him study and think of that which speaks as never before in the history of all civilization being uttered—the solidarity of the working class, from which all things emanate and to which all things belong and to which the demand for this change is at hand. Socialists declare the change amounts to nothing less than a revolution. A revolution of conditions that stops the products of labor from going to those that labor not and gives it, in total, to those who do the useful work of the world.

It is not intended that this be any other than a political, social revolution. A revolution ordered by the ballot and demanded by the solidarity of the working class. It can be accomplished by electing those who understand the cause and cure of our present ills; selected from the workers themselves, whose officialdom shall be guarded by the initiative referendum and the recall.

Capitalism, the name given to the system now in use, because of its accumulation of surplus value, creating great aggregation of wealth in the hands of the few who do no useful work, who by their manipulation of the affairs of mankind have evolved a new condition, have dug their own grave and ordered the end of the present system.

This capitalism must now give up, indeed, as it has in fact, the law of competition and adopt the new law of the evolved condition of co-operation; whereby the workers are to be organized into an industrial party for themselves and not for profit, to be taken by others.

The Farmers Union, the Grange, the Equity League, and all other Unions, testify to the demand for the solidarity of the working class; politically and socially, and industrially. At this end will this department be devoted and any questions relating to the plan, program and adaptability of the socialist party to this end will be cheerfully answered in this department by the manager.

FROM TWILIGHT

News and Comments from our Neighboring Suburb

It has been decided by the "Look Pleasant Club" that with eggs at forty cents a dozen the intrusion of your hen coop by a neighbor's dog, is just cause for severing all club obligations.

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W. W. MYERS' IDEAS

How he Would Dispose of Bond Issues and Labor Questions

Editor Courier:— Why should the people issue bonds to build roads, sell them to the banker and then the banker goes to the controller of the U. S., gets the full amount of National bank currency issued on these, bring back the money, loan it out at 8 and 10 per cent to the same people that gave them the bonds.

Why is not the county or state just as foolish as the man that would go on depositing his money in the bank and if he wanted to use any part of it, to go to the bank and borrow his own money any pay interest on the note. Are we never going to become wise and do business for ourselves, not for the bankers? If hereafter, give notice that I will never vote for another issue of bonds until the U. S. government will give the people the same rights to borrow money as the bankers have now. If all farm organizations and labor unions would get busy we could get vote in two years or less. Refuse to vote for any member of Congress or U. S. Senator who would not subscribe to the pledge.

Yes, we all want good roads, but pray how can we get them any other way without bankruptcy? Oh yes, we will hear the howl go up from big business straw stack money, but you don't hear the smooth guys howl when the benefit goes their way.

If we had \$600,000 legal tender greenbacks issued on the State bonds could we settle the question? Is there another way? Yes, just make 8 hours a legal work day, put the extra shift to work and that would settle the work part, but as labor is all in the end the employers would change it back by increasing the price of the product, so we would have to have them employed all the time by having more parasites to eat up what labor produces. But we have them, what are we to do?

Some say "run them out." Where can they go? Others say "run them into the river." Others say "shoot or beat them up." This would be an error. Others say to feed them and pass them on by kind treatment. This would be Christianity.

Others say "why don't you go to the country and work for your board?" I myself have said this. But is this not what capital wants? If this rule was followed up wages would go to the bottom therefore they would become poisoned Americans. Let us at least be fair and look at both sides of the question.

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