

# OREGON EQUITY NEWS

The farmer's one bright star is Equity.

Equity is reviving hope and burying fear for the agriculturist.

The Equity is four times as large as it was a year ago.

Co-operation is the foundation on which Equity is built.

Co-operation was taught 1900 years ago by a lone Galilean but in the present stage of society we adopt it through necessity.

\$238,000,000 difference in the price of eggs alone from what the consumer pays and what the producer gets in U. S. All the land in Oregon is not assessed at half that figure. Somebody gets it.

Co-operation has seized the American people like an epidemic. "Everybody's doing it." Society is just outgrowing its last century cloths.

A private letter from Cleveland, Ohio states that more people are cared for by charity than ever before. The mills are laying off men here in Oregon City, and all this while Brown is printing his booster edition. Nero fiddled while Rome burned.

Farmer Freytag believes in a liberal use of printer's ink and he seems to expose himself to a very liberal supply that revises his salary downward.

Down in Mexico they are confiscating the big estates that belonged to the millionaires and a crafty bunch of them here in this country are doing everything they can to have the same thing done to them.

What has become of that one hundred and fifty thousand dollars that our premium legislature gave to the World's Fair boosters? Do they want us farmers to work for them all summer to prepare an exhibit free of charge and get nothing out of it, not even an empty champagne bottle?

Politics in this state and county is getting so mixed up like a barrel of snakes and an Equity member starting in the game meets himself coming back and he will frequently catch himself electioneering against himself. Several Equity members now get up in the morning and run their feet down their coat sleeves.

Our county court is going to protect a mile of rock road with an asphalt surface at a cost of fifteen hundred dollars. This mile of road has cost now over \$20,000 to build in the last few years. It is like spending \$25 to protect a \$5,000 house with paint. But these figures are intended to remind you that first class roads don't sell six for a quarter.

No matter what kind of good roads are built or who builds them, or where they are built the farmer pays for them directly in taxes or indirectly in profits on his buys.

Give the farmers a profitable market and he will build good roads to them. Good markets are of more importance than good roads. Good markets will build good roads. Bonds will draw interest and that is all they can do.

Brother Spence's letter on good roads was about the best I ever read on the subject. It shows he has been a close observer and good student and made a specialty on that particular subject. The farmer is paying too much now toward good roads for other people and going without good things for his home and family. If he has to bond himself, do it for improving his home, for good clothes, music and libraries.

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I would like to ask G. T. Wats whether he considers the road work wasted that was put on the roads in the past twenty-five years? I think if he would have started out of Oregon City over the roads as they were in those days that he would not have gotten very far, even with \$600,000 bond issue. Mr. Wats has much to say about the money that has been wasted. I contend that we have some good roads for the funds that have been expended.

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I wish to thank "New Citizen" for his timely communication in last week's Courier, by urging the bond promoters to put the right label on the box so the taxpayers may know what to expect before taking the medicine.

Buying to Save Money

Buying Foley's Honey and Tar Compound saves money because just a few doses stop the cough and cold and one bottle lasts a long time. It quickly heals raw and inflamed surfaces, stops tickling throat, harsh, rasping coughs, croup, hoarseness, bronchial and la grippe coughs.—Huntley Bros. Co.

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for his family.

Mt. Pleasant has a commercial club composed mostly of farmers. Also an improvement club and with our Equity we are learning co-operation. W. S. U'Ren and B. T. McBain came out last Thursday evening and gave us good talks that were appreciated, and, considering the spirit in which they were given, strengthen our belief that mankind is a brotherhood.

Our Equity Warehouse at Mt. Pleasant has leased the lower floor of the Mt. Pleasant Commercial building and has done a \$500 dollar business the first month and increasing rapidly. We are saving our members quite a few dollars that will come handy in getting our tax receipts.

If the organized farmers of Oregon would all unite and use the Courier we could have the most influential as well as the best paper in Oregon. The Farmers' Union has no state paper as yet but the Grange issues the Bulletin, which might be consolidated with the Courier and save expense. Think about it.

According to the figures of President Yukum of Frisco the railroads make one billion dollars every year and now they are all begging the Interstate Commerce Commission for an increase in rates. The commission said that if the roads would obey the rebate law they would save millions of money and the question arises why don't the Department of Justice of the United States see to it that the railroads obey the law? There are a few commissions in the state of Oregon that draw big salaries and do us farmers more harm than good. The organized farmers must learn to make politics part of their business and attend to these matters as business should be.

Uncle Sam is going to spend a lot of money dredging the rivers in Oregon and Uncle Samuel is going to appropriate twenty five million for good roads. Now put these two sums together and we could have millions of tons of river gravel elevated on river banks and the different counties along the Columbia and Willamette rivers could buy a good traction engine and a few regular dump wagons and run a tram of gravel wagons out to the different road districts the whole year round at very little expense.

I believe river gravel is the cheapest hard surface material we could use and the best for horses.

A few farmers have paid their taxes. The money that county treasurer receives is deposited in the bank so the bank can loan it to other farmers to pay their taxes with so it can be deposited in the bank again, so some other farmer can pay more interest on the same money. Best system on earth?

If the farmers should start a movement for a bank in Oregon City or Portland it would go and be a success from the top of the drum. We need it too in connection with our Equity Warehouse Co. I believe the Federation of Labor of Portland would help us. Let us hear from you.

All material wealth and happiness of the human family depends on food, clothes, and shelter. When we are well supplied with these we then have time for education and entertainment, which we call civilization.

Our grand state of Oregon as well as our nation is suffering from money, men and machinery being idle. Put these three things to work and we have prosperity.

This can be done by a few regulations made and enforced by society.

The old school politician does not understand what is wrong, but few

Last week two of the bond promoters were sizing up the situation on the court steps when one made the remark that "There is not much show for us here, the south end of the county is inhabited by a set of the ignoramuses. You couldn't beat anything into them with a triphammer." Right you are. It will take more than a triphammer to beat that bond steel into this end of the county or I miss my guess. J. S. Yoder

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lawyers understand it. Even that Portland Telegram says it is time to cut out the lawyer in politics. Sometimes we find a lawyer who is a leader in the new school of government.

The Equity has started out to change the old market system and is ready to adopt better ways.

Mt. Pleasant needs a railroad, because there is business there for one and would make a lot more for itself. We have about everything else for a first class town except a blind pig and a dog pound.

An Oklahoma farmer shipped a carload of melons to St. Paul, numbering about one thousand melons. The farmer got five cents apiece; the freight was \$75, or 7 1/2 cents each. The consumer had to pay from 50 to 70 cents each. This shows who gets the big slices of the farmer's melons.

The consumer thinks the farmer gets it; the farmer thinks the railroad gets it; but when the producers organize and do their own selling everybody will know that the middleman gets it.

The high cost of living in the cities is not fierce enough to drive people back to the farm and 5 cent melons, strawberries and other things. Even now the farmers' egg and spud market doesn't know what ticket to announce itself on. If the consumer got the benefit it wouldn't be so bad.

Here are a few questions we want answered:—

Of what use is a Senate? What good do we get from our Postal Savings Banks?

Has the consumer been benefited by free beef and farm produce coming here from foreign countries?

What good will the people get out of a government built railroad if it is turned over to private individuals to operate for profit?

If you were governor what would you do with the unemployed?

If all wealth is created by labor why should Oregon object to laborers coming here?

Should a merchant or farmer get money from the government as cheap as a banker if they have the same security?

Should politics be a business or just a graft?

The Crime of a Nation

With millions suffering for clothes, food and shelter and millions of men out of employment and willing and ready to produce these things and with the price of produce to the producer so low that it does not pay one dollar per day to the farmer, our nation withholds from the channels of commerce the money so necessary under our system, to life, happiness, peace and plenty.

I read some time ago of four hundred million dollars in gold locked up in the mint at Denver. Now I read in "What to Do" a Sunday School paper, the following: "Eight hundred and forty TONS of GOLD in the United States sub-treasury in WALL STREET was counted recently by nine men."

Nearly three thousand tons of silver was also counted, as well as several millions of dollars in bills and a few tons of nickels and coppers.

Do you students of American finance remember back when Grover Cleveland issued two hundred and sixty-two million of bonds with seven hundred and eighty million of dollars locked up in the United States Treasury?

When business men are frantically struggling to prevent their own bankruptcy and the whole world of commerce suffering for money and this hoarding of fabulous sums of money by a few government officials, conniving with Wall Street bankers, is what I call the crime of a Nation.

COLTON

The basket school which was given by the new Colton school was well attended and a fine program was rendered. Nineteen baskets were sold. Mr. Herman Schindgreen being auctioneer. The proceeds will be spent for books for the library.

The upper Colton school will render a program Friday afternoon at the schoolhouse, all are welcome to attend.

W. E. Bonney purchased a new grain chopper and has been doing some chopping for the neighbors.

Carl Stromgren called on Mrs. Kleng Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Dix and son, U. S. Dix, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman and family Sunday.

W. S. Gorbett was summoned to Oregon City Sunday evening, where his mother was very ill.

W. E. Bonney and son made a trip to Timbergrove for a load of oats Friday.

Messrs. Alfred Wall, and Oscar Johnson were home from Molalla on Sunday visiting their folks at Colton.

I. Elliott from Pendleton, Oregon, is out on his place, to stay for a couple of weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Gorbett and daughters were guests of Mr. John Erickson and family last Sunday.

P. Putz and son transacted business at Oregon City Saturday.

The house of N. S. Gorbett is rapidly nearing completion.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stromgren of this place, were business visitors in Oregon City Saturday.

## A REFRESHING CHANGE IN ROAD LETTERS

A. J. Lewis is Humorous, Sensible and Makes you Think

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FOR REPRESENTATIVE

E. D. Olds Announces his Candidacy and Platform

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The people of Clackamas county ought to know by this time where I stand on their rights for good and economical government for the laboring class. By this I do not mean that the moneyed man should not have his rights along with the rest of us, for I do not believe in class legislation for either rich or poor, for the rich should not monopolize it all, nor should the poor not be allowed to share in the benefits of the state's wealth for every man should live off of the sweat of his brow.

In regard to taxation I believe if a man owns 100 acres of land equal in valuation along side of his poor neighbor owning 10 acres, he should pay 10 times the tax for maintaining the government for those that have can, and those that have not cannot. If nominated and elected I will at all times use that thought for my motto in legislation.

I am also bitterly opposed to the manufacture and sale of intoxicant, spirituous or malt liquors except for medicinal purposes, and will do everything in my power to bring about such a condition in the State.

I believe in the repeal of the present 1 per cent penalty on the tax law in all appropriations, and at all times I will work for the betterment of conditions for the people at large and will not let any private interest interfere with my public duty, and will represent the people at all times, and I still believe in the abolishment of the fish commission for the canneries are the only ones deriving any benefit from it and it is a constant drain on the taxpayers.

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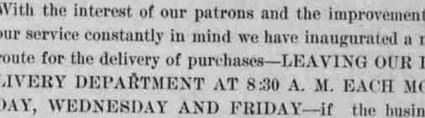
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2. CHARLOTTE, N. C.—"I was in bad health for two years, with pains in both sides and was very nervous. I had a growth which the doctor said was a tumor, and I never would get well unless I had an operation. A friend advised me to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and I gladly say that I am now enjoying fine health."—Mrs. ROSA STMS, 16 Winona St., Charlotte, N. C.

3. HANOVER, PA.—"The doctor advised a severe operation, but my husband got me Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and I experienced great relief in a short time. Now I feel like a new person and can do a hard day's work and not mind it."—Mrs. ANA WILZ, 196 Stock St., Hanover, Pa.

4. DECATUR, ILL.—"I was sick in bed three of the best physicians said I would have to be taken to the hospital for an operation and I had something growing in my left side. I refused to submit to the operation and took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound—and it worked a miracle in my case, and I tell other women what it has done for me."—Mrs. LAURA A. GRISWOLD, 2300 Blk. East William Street, Decatur, Ill.

5. CLEVELAND, OHIO.—"I was very irregular and for several years my side pained me so that I expected to have to undergo an operation. Doctors said they knew of nothing that would help me. I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and I became regular and free from pain. I am thankful for such a good medicine and will always give it the highest praise."—Mrs. C. H. GRIFFITH, 7306 Madison Av., Cleveland, O.

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