

OREGON EQUITY NEWS P. W. Meredith Editor

The Equity Society is on the boom. Nebraska, Kansas, both Dakotas and others.

Farmers are studying the situation as never before.

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We mix a little fun and a little politics with our co-operative news and ideas to interest certain classes who prefer their information ground whole without bolting.

You farmers who expect your interest to be looked after by other business men will not be disappointed. They like the job and you pay the taxes. Better take hold and help do it yourself.

A. J. Lewis writes the best letter in favor of bonds and the Pacific Highway. His argument is splendid. He is open and above board. Frank James once asked the treasurer of a county fair about his strong box and Frank took to the brush, but he took the strong box with him.

The Prohibitionists of Oregon are very active this campaign and have convinced most of our voters as well as the candidates for office on other tickets, that they are a factor to be reckoned with this time. They can win a few victories this time if they play a good game of politics.

Senator Lane had a resolution passed by the U. S. Senate to investigate the charges that the Steel Trust has been receiving rebates from the railroads. And the railroads want us to put up more freight and passenger fare for them to give to the Steel Trust. "Best system on Earth."

Co-operative canneries have struck the Willamette Valley like a Texas hail storm. Salem is to have a \$50,000 outfit. Junction City, Estacada and numerous other points, smaller plants. If they would all organize and buy their cans at wholesale and sell the product together there would be a larger margin in it and a small cannery would fare as well as the larger ones. Under this system a small home canning outfit would be a boon to every fruit raising neighborhood in Oregon.

President Booth of the Multnomah Bar Association wants the lawyers' union to "exercise a vigorous censorship over the bills proposed at the coming Legislature and that a vigilance committee of the members be appointed to report promptly on all freak or dangerous legislation." You farmers know how hard these lawyers try to keep their union out of politics? The organized farmers of the state will do a little censoring this time on their own hook.

A local was organized at Prineville with 36 members of the Farmers' Union and there are a number of locals in that county and they have a county union. The reporter states that they are a power in commerce and politics in that county. Another association with no politics in it? The lawyers' union will be swamped with assistants in censoring legislative bills next winter and they may go away back and sit down.

Congress doesn't seem to be so swift about forming a banking system for the farmers as they were for the bankers. There is a reason. Congress is made up of lawyers and lawyers are not interested in farming. We farmers are to blame for a condition like this. Some day not far away we will have a banking system—a parcel post and a Congress where

SCHEUBEL SAYS HE CAN READ OREGON LAW And that is More than the Law's Framers Can Say

In a recent issue of the Aurora Observer there appeared an article stating that I could not read plain law, when I quoted a section of Oregon traction law. This comment was copied in both the Courier and the Enterprise.

Now I would like to refer the Aurora editor, or any other man who is interested and can spell out English words to Chapter 143, and part of Sec. 3, laws of 1909, where it states as plainly as words can make plain that a load SHALL NOT BE MADE LESS than 2,500 pounds nor MORE than 3,500 pounds.

This is LAW, anybody can read it who can read, and why does the Aurora editor in trying to make me ridiculous make himself doubly so, by taking someone's word in place of law? Why didn't he look it up and PRINT IT, and show where I read wrong?

I stated that under this law, which applies to all Oregon roads west of the Cascades, that a man if a farmer had a load of produce of 1500, he would have to load in 1,000 pounds of rock in order to be within the law, and I again assert this is true.

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agriculture is represented by farmers instead of lawyers.

A great many states have their counties divided into townships and each township elects its own officers. Each township makes the annual levy assesses the property and collects the tax and turns over to the state its share. Under this system every dollar collected in the township for road purposes is spent in that district, be it much or little. If this system was put in operation in Oregon the Courier would have space for letters on other subjects besides good roads.

If a farmer raises hogs or chickens they belong to him (if he can pay the taxes levied on them) but if the farmer raises pheasants, quail or other game they seem to belong to the dudes with trained dogs and pump guns. The farmers around Umatilla are having their grain crops destroyed to eat wild duck or protect their crops and our lawyers' government forgot to protect the farmer. Will "Billie" Grisenthwaite shove a few splinters under their hide that they can pick out in the next two years?

We propose that each road supervisor of Clackamas county make an estimate of the material needed in his district such as hardware, implements, etc., and have the County Court buy this stuff where they can buy it the cheapest, quality considered. We believe that buying and selling on the best market is good business and would correct some of the evils that we live under now.

Is farming a profitable business? Our National Agricultural Department made an investigation in the richest farm sections of Indiana, Illinois and Iowa. It was found that tenants had an income from their labor of \$870, owners, \$408, and land lords make three and one half percent on their investments. Farms of less than 100 acres do not pay. The average labor income of the crop farms was \$28; of the live stock raiser, \$755. You see they will have little left when the high cost of living is paid. Bankers make a better showing.

If the agricultural department should investigate Clackamas County they would find conditions no better and I wonder if they would recommend as a remedy Pacific Highways and game warden? And we must not forget to raise lots of strawberries and potatoes and if we have our timber cruised again then join the holy rollers.

We farmers can ship our produce by water from Oregon to London, England cheaper than we can ship it by rail to Chicago.

Even Kansas City can get potatoes from Ireland and Scotland cheaper than from Oregon. Will we farmers have to build a railroad for our own use or devise some way to use the ones we already have built? We need a free canal from Portland to Chicago so we could trade canned produce for sorghum molasses.

Farmers must keep one eye open in regard to their schools as we have a tip from the inside that a few grafters are going to try to get a law passed by our next legislature to take from the directors the power to hire teachers and put it into the hands of the superintendent and supervisors. Then, if that is done, they should go ahead and have the Superintendent appointed by the State Board of Health and you farmers could have more time to raise spuds and strawberries and not be bothered all at taxpaying time.

Back in Iowa and Missouri the farmers ship their stock to market as stockers and feeders, as well as the fat cattle for slaughter. Now it frequently happens that these stockers are brought and shipped back to the same station and maybe to a neighbor. This is expensive that could be saved and added to the cost of producing meat. When these farmers are organized into Equity societies some of this expense can be saved. We organized farmers here in Oregon are going to learn how to save more and more as we go along paddling our own canoe.

There is big money in co-operation if the farmer has the sand to stick until the machinery is in operation. For proof of this see the millionaires that spring up around us like mushrooms on a summer's night. They make this money in business

that we have overlooked. The wool growers should weave the wool into cloth; the cane growers should make sugar; wheat growers should have flour and feed for sale. Some day we will sell to the consumer instead of the trust. Now there is no competitor in the buying of our produce by the trust.

The Clackamas county farmer has low prices to contend with, big appropriations to colleges to dig up, salaries to a lot of professional men on state commissions to pay, and all the while market conditions are getting worse and worse. When are our colleges going to teach the farmer the marketing end of his business? If they never do we can depend on the Equity pegging away at it without any big appropriations.

When we read of 40 below zero in Dakota, 20 below in Ohio and other states, which are suffering from imported temperature from the North Pole, we here in the Willamette Valley should not kick on our taxes if the politicians would make us believe it was for our climate and a sort of occupation tax for living here in a land of plenty and perpetual flowers. Taxes can be changed somewhat, but climate goes on forever like interest on road bonds.

Mexico has killed an Englishman. People seem to forget that we here in the United States, his not our part, that way and from 1776 to 1813 we did little else. We have acquired billions of dollars worth of real estate just that way. Our history, like the history of other world powers, has been written in blood. Take organized murder from the history of man and it is like taking grass from politics—there is little left worth talking about. Mexico will soon be great enough to send missionaries to the more peaceful nations.

Report of Clackamas Local F. S. E. Clackamas Local Union F. S. E. met in closed session in the Grange Hall, Clackamas, March 6, 1914. Sixteen members were present, and Secretary E. Oehlenschlaeger of Sunnyside Local, was also present. One new member was admitted to the local and one member paid dues.

After the regular session of the local, J. Schmitke, Pres. of Mountaindale Local, and also director of the Equity Warehouse Co., gave us a very interesting paper on organization, and warehouse business. Mr. Schmitke is a fine talker and knows Equity from first to the finish.

Four members took stock in the warehouse. It was apparent to the members that they did not understand the warehouse proposition, but they seemed to grasp the ideas advanced by Mr. Schmitke, and gave him a vote of thanks.

It was moved and seconded that Clackamas unite with Sunnyside in a joint entertainment. It was carried. R. B. Holcomb was appointed a committee of one to investigate the strategy proposition, and report as soon as possible.

Our rates and wants are as follows: For sale by H. Klinker, fresh cow; for sale by R. B. Holcomb, fresh cow; Frank Haberlach wants pigs; Geo. Reynolds, 5 bu. guaranteed spring wheat; Adolph Clackamas Rt. 1. Adjourned to meet in regular session at East Clackamas on Friday, April 3. W. S. Daywalt, Sec.

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SOCIALISTS' DEPARTMENT C. W. BARZEE, Editor

Ten minutes' talk on "Why you should register as a Socialist" by C. W. Barzee, read by Miss Nettie Mae Rankin, in the absence of the speaker, at the Registration Rally held in the Portland Public Library, Fellow Citizen Electors—no longer ladies and fellow citizens: Two fundamental principles exist in Republican form of government. Do not understand me to mean the Grand Old Party for they differ nothing from all other parties; the Socialist party excepted. I mean there are two principles that go to make up and perpetuate a Republic, as compared with any other form of government; and these two principles are franchise and representation. Franchise means that you have a voice in the government, and representation means that you are represented in that government.

to the government, all monopolized industries of this and other highly civilized nations. This act will be consummated while yet the capitalists have the reins of government. This is only the beginning of the end. When the Socialists come into power—and the time is not far distant when they will find the job of government ownership by passing a non-inheritance law, like that exercised in the days of the Judges of old Israel, when the land and the utilities of life, which "shall not be sold forever" will revert to the collective people.

We are living in a machine age. The machine revolutionizes industry and causes unemployment. This is a natural evolution else we would not use the machine; we would discard it and go back to the method of hand industry. The machine is here to stay. And it should stay and aid us in getting more and not less out of life.

The machine driven by water power, carried mile to any given point, by electricity, operated by one man—more often a woman or child—produces enough for ten persons to use and we have the present condition of unemployment, that overtakes society just as soon as the machine is completed and set to work.

Wages and unemployment—wages for labor are always a relative thing; they are never above the cost of subsistence. That is the market value of labor; hence as soon as the machine is builded, and the man, woman or child, sets it in motion, enough is produced for ten persons, and because the nine have nothing where to go, the machine must stop; notwithstanding the fact that we are in want and need, we have a surplus all about us. Thus an unemployed problem is enforced upon society as often as production overtakes consumption, and this is the cause of our panics.

Now my Prohibition friend will say I am mistaken when I say that there are no vital differences in these parties. Let me cite you to the facts and prove what I say. When the Socialists come near to, or do win in an election, in a mixed or three-cornered contest, always at the next election following, the prohibitionists forget their fight for the perpetuation of the profit-graft system.

Socialists have the true, scientific plan for the abolition of the evils of the liquor problem. They will remove the profit from the traffic and the curse, as it truly is, will die for the want of a man or woman to run it. As long as there is 8 cents profit in a 10 cent drink, the evil will continue to exist.

Now to registration—I stood at the doorway of the registration room and viewed with wonder and inward mental anguish, the scene before me. Here came men and women from the various vocation of life, registering themselves against the other: Republicans, Democrats, Progressives, Prohibitionists and Socialists; each individual more of them, had exactly like interests in the ballot. Men from the same shop, handling the same tools, getting the same wage, having families living in the same block or flat, with exactly the same needs.

Women similarly situated, with their children attending the same school, learning from the same teacher, attending the same church, learning from the same preacher. Women buying from the same grocer their family supplies, cooking it in the same manner, serving it at the same hour, and yet they register differently and vote to disfranchise one another.

What were my thoughts on this occasion? What would be your thoughts, intelligently looking at this picture? Shall I say they are crazy? Let me prove out this possibility.

If I were to sit in judgement and pass sentence on the business men of this city; if I were to say to Mr. Merchant, I sentence you to do the very thing you are now doing, for your natural mortal life-time. You shall rise early, work late and have but a short vacation; a vacation in one, three, or ten years, as the case may fit. You shall lay by your money, when you succeed in beating the market and saving it, and shall not use it only as you are now using it; that is you shall not get any more out of life than you are now getting. Then I proceed to sentence this whole town to do the very same thing they are doing. What would be the result of such a procedure under a recall? And yet this is what you register, if you vote, it is what the old parties have given you and will continue to give you as long as you support them. You thus sit in judgement and pass sentence upon your selves by registering and voting for the capitalist parties.

Now the Socialist party says we shall have more of leisure, more of a supply for our needs, for those that do useful work, and that we shall have less of leisure and idle pleasure, and more of useful work for those that do nothing. That grafting cease and that co-operation take its place.

Now there is another suppose party registering, called the Independents. That is another myth, as all these are Socialists, with few, very few, exceptions (this does not reflect on Mr. U'Ren) and you must add to the Socialists, all the Independents. This accounts for the Prohibitionists out-registering the Socialists. This fact is verified by consulting the books for the registrations. I found that I have had occasion to do. It takes every one of the Socialists, all the Independents and then some, to make up the vote against Eugene V. Debs at the 1912 election. I managed a socialist paper since that election, and copied the registration of some ten counties, including Multnomah, for the registrations. I found but one Independent that denied he had leanings toward the Socialists, and he was, probably afraid of his job.

You know many Socialists register Republican to please their boss. They have to do so to hold their jobs. Recently, I had occasion to speak before a red card Socialist on party affairs, when he was registered Republican, at a time when he was at work; and he, noticing the boss or some of his political flunkies near, remarked to detract, "it's a fine day." Mental political prostitutes, are very common among the job hunting class. Then, again, some register Republican to be able to get a party in, other "cake." This accounts for their large registration and small vote.

socialistic principles. Evidently it was given to deceive the woman voter, who made the query. It is a case with the Socialist of registering and voting for what he wants, even though he does not get it; rather than registering and voting for what he does not want and getting it where the chicken got the axe. Sometimes a poem appeals to thinkers and for these people allow me to recite a poem—

Who is a Socialist? (By Ella Wheeler Wilcox) A Socialist is a man who tries to formulate, or aid, a plan to better Earth's condition.

It is he, who having ears to hear, and eyes to see, is neither deaf nor blind, when might, rough shod, treads down the privileges and rights of all men. The privileges to toil, to breathe the pure air and till the fertile soil; the right to live, to love, to woo, to wed, to earn for hungry mouths their needed bread. The Socialist is he who asks no more than his own share of nature's generous store; and that he asks. He asks too that no other claim the share of any weaker brother and brand him beggar, in his domain to glut a mad and inordinate lust for gain. The Socialist claims that of all God's gifts, the best is toil; the second is rest. He asks that all shall learn the sweets of labour, and that no idler fatten on his neighbor; that each shall have his share of leisure, nor thousands slave that one may seek his pleasure. We on the Golden Rule dare insist; behold in him the modern Socialist.

LOGAN Everybody is busy sowing grain. A voting poster meeting was held in the Grand Hall Monday. Gustav Friedrich of Parkville is visiting his son Adolph for a week. A. A. Allen, the new Viola road supervisor, is bound to make good. No playing hooky with him. It would be well to take a vote on stock running at large in this district at the March primaries. What do you think about it? That meat inspection ordinance passed by the Portland City Council is going to hurt us farmers, and will not help Portland any. It is for the benefit of the Union Meat Co., and the crafters.

Philosophy Ven I am mit myself alone, Unden, Gott sei dank, I schmoke; Und ven dot pipe made von bone, Ich weiss she don'd gid broke. I vill her mit der tobac, tight, Und feth mein flasch goot kummel I strik der tobac to git der light, Und, Gott sei dank, dot's himmel. —Thomas Emmet Moore.

Worth While Trying in Oregon City There is a worth while competition manifest and active out in Dodge City, Kan., where the boys and girls engaged in the warmest kind of a contest. The girls started the fuss when they organized a "Good Habits Club." As we understand the matter, each member took a blood-curdling oath and crossed her heart seven times, promising, never to have anything to do with any young man who drank, smoked, gambled and used profane or naughty words. That was all right, and it is a wise young woman who stands by that bill of moral requirement. But the boys that the girls were a bit previous and somewhat exacting, not to say arrogant and braggity, and some other things, so they—the aforesaid boys—retaliated by instituting a secret organization in which they pledged themselves on a skull and cross-bones, or some other dreadful and binding emblem that they would never, here or hereafter, have anything to do with any girl who wears "rats" in her hair, or who buys her complexion at the drug store, or who goes with her lungs exposed to cold weather, or who doesn't help her mother do the washing, etc. etc. —Ex.

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