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Turning to the Soil

The turning of the masses toward the tilling of the soil is growing more evident and the natural occupation of mankind is fast getting more recruits.

There was never, says the Portland Journal, a better time than now to go to the country to reside. The story of agriculture as told in the latest census is the proof.

A significant feature of this story is the increase in the price of farm land. In Oregon it was more than 100 per cent. In Massachusetts it was 21 per cent, and in Connecticut 40. In Colorado it was 283 per cent, in Kansas 100, Missouri 104, and Indiana 98.

It was an upward movement in every part of the union. It was a period of agricultural prosperity greater than was ever known. The prices of farm products rose to figures that broke all records. The removal of mortgages was so great that the hypothecated farm is the exception instead of the rule that it was 30 years ago. The aggregate value of farm machinery and farm buildings is far above what it ever was before.

The growth of cities helped the upward movement. Greater cities with more population made more consumers of farm products and higher prices for the farm output. The supply of cheap land in the west was largely exhausted and the swiftly growing population had to turn and bid for occupied holdings. The upward movement of farm values and farm output was thus the inevitable result of natural economic processes.

They are processes that will continue. Except for unexpected economic disturbance the story of the coming decade on the farm should be a duplication of that just passed. Population will not diminish but increase. Expanding cities will make expanding demands for farm grown foodstuffs. The land will be called upon for its fruitage as never before in this country. The farms and farmers will be pressed for their offerings with a greater demand than they have ever known.

The call of the land is no longer a sentimental slogan. It has become an economic fact.

NORTHWEST NOTES

The market for Washington cedar lumber and cedar shingles is stiffening. The outlook for a prosperous summer is good. There is a steady demand at present; but excellent crop reports from all over insure a growing demand by fall, when farmers will be making many improvements. The campaign to enlarge the markets for Washington cedar is also making headway, which is encouraging. The export trade looks bright too, all of which makes the lumberman hopeful.

The latest to be added to the list of attractions for the Golden Petlatch week in Seattle is a visit of the fighting ships of several foreign countries which are now cruising in the Pacific Ocean. Through the efforts of Senator Wesley L. Jones, these ships will be ordered to pay their customary visit to Seattle simultaneously during this week instead of dropping in casually from time to time as is the usual custom. This will result in the presence of an international fleet in the harbor during the week of July 17-22, and will afford a splendid opportunity of comparing the men and ships of foreign powers with those of our own.

Of interest to all manufacturers in the Northwest is a recent discovery of why Eastern producers can undersell on government contracts. It develops that railroads having received land grants from the government years ago, agreed in return to carry government freight at a reduced rate, and in some cases for nothing. This applied only to westbound traffic. Such condition is not generally known; but a Seattle manufacturer in bidding on a government job made the discovery. Now, an effort is being made to line up all western congressmen against the discrimination, so as to get relief for the Pacific manufacturers. All he asks is a square deal.

Progress and Prosperity Day, which will be observed in Seattle on June first, means much to the entire Northwest. It controverts the general reports of the "knockers" that things are at a standstill. Its purpose is to focus the attention of all people for a day on the big projects finished and those in hand. Accordingly, Mayor Dilling proclaimed a municipal holiday. The arrival of the first through train from Chicago over the Milwaukee Railway is one of the big events. Then there is the resumption of work on Lake Washington canal, the clearing of the site for the 42-story Smith building, the highest west of New York, the starting of work on the Belt Railroad around Lake Union, and the opening of the Fisher Flouring Mills. These activities are sufficient answer to the croakers.

"The entire west will be affected by any change in the government's attitude toward the public land question—Alaska is not alone involved," said James E. Callbreath, jr., secretary of the American Mining Congress, who has gone to Alaska to investigate conditions at first hand. Half the area of the western states is still public domain, and to institute a leasing system or any other radical substitute for the present regulations will serve but to foster and promote the very monopolies that we now are seeking to check. Sturdy Americanism will not permit us to submit to a perpetual tribute and a system of espionage, such as a leasing system will bring. Agitation along the lines of a recent Seattle mass meeting should continue until the administration acts on the coal and oil claims so many years awaiting action, and then President Taft should cancel his withdrawals of the coal, oil, and certain of the forest lands in order that Alaska's development should be no longer retarded."

Bids For Wood

Bids for wood for Pine Grove School will be received by the undersigned as follows:

30 cords of 4 ft fir wood, cut from live trees and of first class quality for fire wood, the same to be delivered and piled in the basement of Pine Grove School house, between July 29th and Sept. 1st, 1911.

R. H. WAUGH, Dist. Clerk.*

Gave Firemen \$25

The members of the Hood River Fire Department, through the columns of the News, wish to thank the Bridal Veil Lumbering Company for a donation of \$25 for their services during the recent fire. The money has been applied to a benefit fund which the department is accumulating for the relief of members who may become injured.

New Books at Pifer's

The circulating library at Pifer's Book Store now contains 629 volumes of the latest and most popular fiction.

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Sunset Magazine for May

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Notice of Sale of Bonds

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Hood River County, Oregon, will sell the bonds of said district in the sum of \$70,000.00, on Monday, the 31st of July, 1911, at 2 p. m., at the office of the Board of Directors, at the residence of R. W. Kelly, in said district, and that sealed proposals for said bonds will be received at said Board at said place for the purchase of said bonds until the day and hour above mentioned, at which time the Board will open the proposals and award the purchase of the bonds to the highest responsible bidder, the Board reserving the right to reject any and all bids.

Said bonds shall be issued and dated July 1, 1911, and shall be payable in United States gold coin in ten series, to-wit:

At the expiration of eleven years, five per cent of the whole number of said bonds; twelve years, six per cent; thirteen years, seven per cent; fourteen years, eight per cent; fifteen years, nine per cent; sixteen years, ten per cent; seventeen years, eleven per cent; eighteen years, twelve per cent; nineteen years, thirteen per cent; and at the expiration of twenty years, fourteen per cent; and shall bear interest at the rate of six per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, on the first day of January and July of each year. The principal and interest shall be payable at the place designated in the bonds, and bidders are given the option of having said bonds payable at Portland, Oregon, Chicago, Ill., or New York, N. Y., and said bonds will be issued in accordance with the election of the successful bidder. Said bonds shall be each of the denomination of not less than \$100.00 and not more than \$1,000.00, at the option of the purchaser, and shall be negotiable in form, and coupons for the interest shall be attached to each and signed by said secretary.

By order of the Board of Directors,
May 31-Jun 28-51
R. W. KELLY.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Hood River County.

G. H. Barton, Plaintiff, vs. Elsie L. Barton, Defendant.

To Elsie L. Barton, defendant herein, in the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons hereinafter stated, and if you fail to so appear and answer said complaint, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief prayed for in his complaint, namely, for a divorce from the defendant upon the ground of desertion.

You are notified that this summons is served upon you, by publication for six weeks in the Hood River News, by order of W. L. Bradshaw, judge of the Circuit Court of the state of Oregon, for Hood River county, made April 11th, 1911, directing said summons to be so published for a period of six weeks, requiring you to appear and answer said complaint on or before six weeks from the date of the first publication thereof. The date of the first publication of this summons is April 19, 1911.

W. L. BRADSHAW, Attorney for Plaintiff.

Apr. 19-May 31-71

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Hood River County, to be administrator of the estate of Frederick DeForest Johnson, deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same duly itemized and legally verified at the law office of S. W. Stark in Hood River, Oregon, within six months of the date of this notice, viz, March 20th, 1911.

Date of first publication, December 14th, 1910.
M. H. MOODY, Administrator.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed Administrator of the estate of Philip Spangler, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same duly itemized and legally verified at the law office of S. W. Stark in Hood River, Oregon, within six months of the date of this notice, viz, March 20th, 1911.

IDA M. SPANGLER, Administrator of the estate of Philip Spangler, deceased.

March 22-29 May 12-19-26

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of Martha W. Rigby, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same duly itemized and legally verified at the law office of S. W. Stark in Hood River, Oregon, within six months of the date of this notice, viz, May 10, 1911.

JESSE W. RIGBY.

May 10-17-24-31-June 7.

Administrator's Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned has been appointed, by the County Court of Hood River County, Oregon, as administrator of the estate of Edward Moe, deceased, and all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased must present them duly verified, at my office at Third street, Hood River, Oregon, within six (6) months from the date of this notice, to-wit: May 21st, 1911.

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