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AMUSEMENTS.

MARQUAM GRAND (Morrison, between Sixth and Seventh)—T. Daniel Frawley and Pantages' players in "The Spollers," tonight at 8:15.

GRAND THEATER (Washington, between Park and Seventh)—Vaudeville de Luke, 2:30, 7:30 and 9 P. M.

THE OAKS—Herr Lind and orchestra of "White and Gold," concerts 2:30 P. M.; Allen Curtis Musical Comedy Company, in "A Night in Venice," in Airdome, at 8:15.

LYRIC THEATER (Seventh and Alder)—Blunkall-Atwood Stock Company in "The Tide of Life." Tonight, 8:15. Matinee Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday at 2:15.

WATER SERVICE IMPROVED.—Foreman Gray reported Saturday that he had completed laying of the new water main on the Base Line road, from Francis avenue, to furnish water to the people north of the Base Line road at Mount Tabor. A large number of residents had been receiving hardly enough water for drinking purposes. The water was turned in the new main Saturday night, and the people are now well supplied. Several other reinforcing mains have been laid at Mount Tabor, and many districts have been changed from the low to the high service, connecting with the upper reservoir at Mount Tabor. The draw from the lower reservoir had become so great that people living on the higher ground were constantly short of water. An eight-inch main is being laid on East Forty-fourth street, between Hawthorne avenue and the Base Line, and also on Hawthorne avenue. In a short time the old service pipes at Mount Tabor and Montavilla and Center addition will have to be replaced with new and larger mains.

MAY WIDEN UNION AVENUE.—If Union avenue is to be widened to Morris street, as is proposed, it would be cheaper to have it done at once while there are few buildings to be moved. A two-story brick is being built on Union avenue north of Russell street, which will have to be moved if the street is widened. So far there are but two brick structures that will have to be moved, the telephone exchange and a saloon further south. All other buildings are of frame. Steps have also been taken to pave Union avenue, between Holladay and Highland, with hard-surface pavement. Many of the property-owners have expressed themselves as favorable to widening Union avenue if it be done before all these improvements are made and the cost increased. Union avenue at present is 60 feet wide from East Burnside to Morris, 70 feet from Morris to Highland, and 80 feet from Highland to Dekum.

PAVE EAST SIDE STREETS.—D. L. Povey, president of the Holladay-Irvington Improvement Association, is having prepared a circular which will be sent to every property-owner in the district bounded by Holladay avenue, Union avenue, Thompson and East Twenty-eighth street, calling attention to plans for improving all streets in that district with hard-surface pavement. The improvement of Tillamook street, between East Fourteenth and Twenty-fourth, has already been ordered. Hancock and Schuyler streets will come next, and the others will follow as fast as the preliminaries can be started. The water committee will replace the present small main on Tillamook at once, and water pipe will be laid on all streets before the pavement is put down.

CITY SUPPLIES WORTHLESS HOSE.—The volunteer fire company, which has quarters in a small building on Albina avenue, in North Albina, complains that the city has supplied it with worthless hose, which bursts even under light pressure. Of the 300 feet supplied the volunteers only 200 feet of hose is now left for use, and even this is not considered safe. As the volunteers are giving their time and money to maintain a fire company for protection of property in that growing district they feel that they are entitled to more consideration, and at least should be supplied with hose that can be used effectively at fires. The building in which the apparatus is kept was built by the citizens and the volunteers without cost to the city.

NOT CONNECTED WITH CASE.—Through an error the name of Dr. J. A. Pettit has been mentioned in the divorce proceedings of Leonora Smith against William E. Smith. Dr. Pettit was in no wise connected with the case, and the mention of his name was wholly unwarranted. The divorce prayed for by Mrs. Smith was granted. The evidence showed that she married Smith in February last. Two months later she learned that he had another wife from whom he had never been divorced. Fearing that he would be arrested for bigamy, he fled, and has not been seen in Portland since.

LENTS FARMER TAKES ACID.—The funeral of Christopher Schuman, who was found dead a mile east of Lents Saturday morning, was held yesterday from his late home, and the interment was in Multnomah Cemetery. He was the son of Mrs. E. Schuman, and brother of L. L. and Albert Schuman, Mrs. Weston, Mrs. Frank Snuffin, of Lents, and Miss P. Schuman, of Nevada. Mr. Schuman was a well-known farmer in the Mount Scott district. His death was caused by carbolic acid, and it is not known whether it was taken by mistake or with suicidal intent.

SERMON BY VETERAN BISHOP.—Bishop N. Castle, of Philomath, spent yesterday in Portland and preached in the morning in the First United Brethren Church, East Morrison and East Fifteenth streets. Bishop Castle retired from active work some time ago, after more than 60 years service, first in the East and then in Oregon, coming to this state over 30 years ago. Although nearly 80 years old he speaks with remarkable vigor.

RETURNS TO PORTLAND.—William Biers, a former resident of the East Side, after spending 15 years in New York, has returned to Portland to remain. Mr. Biers was a plumber in East Portland in early days.

OUR STORE will be closed all day Wednesday, July 15, on account of grocers' picnic. Kindly arrange orders Tuesday. Dressers, Inc., Fifth and Stark streets. *

WILL HOLD LAWN SOCIAL.—A lawn social will be given by the women of the St. Andrews Parish next Wednesday evening at Highland.

FOR RENT.—Stores and offices in the Beck building, corner Seventh and Oak streets. Inquire of superintendent. *

FOR ADOPTION.—A baby boy, 5 months old. No claims on child. For particulars inquire 612 Oregonian building. *

FOR RENT.—A few nice offices in The Oregonian building. See Superintendent, room 201. *

SURE SHOT for mosquito bites. For sale at Rowe & Martin. *

DR. J. C. TWITCHELL removed to 706-707 Swetland building. *

DR. KIRKPATRICK has returned, 511 Dekum building. *

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DR. E. C. BROWN, ETC, EAR; Marquam.*

ARRESTS FOR LIFTING LID.—In a raid conducted by Detectives Kay and Kienlen at Second and Clay streets yesterday, where liquor was being disposed of in violation of the law, six persons, including Lois Clark and Rose Hatfield, proprietors of the house, and M. Rooney, a saloon keeper, were arrested shortly before 6 o'clock last night. The other three arrested were visitors to the house. The bail of the two women and the saloon keeper was placed at $100 each, in default of which they spent the night in jail. The bail of the visitors was placed at $25 each.

CAMPMEETING NEAR WOODMERE.—The annual campmeeting of the Holiness Association will open next Wednesday on the grounds near Woodmere on the Mount Scott railway, to continue until July 27. The big pavilion tent has been set up on the ground and about 50 tents have been set up for the use of people who will remain during the campmeeting. Several prominent speakers will be in charge. L. M. Baldwin is president of the association. Services were held on the grounds yesterday.

NOTICE. — Improvements being made, Moffett Springs not open this year. *

FOR RENT OR LEASE.—285 Salmon street, Pallett, Fenton building. *

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PERSONAL MENTION.

Lewis A. McArthur left Friday night for Central Point, where he goes to engage in the apple-raising business. Mr. McArthur recently finished a course in horticulture at the University of California and, after looking over the best apple-raising sections in the state, decided to locate in the famous Rogue River Valley.

George Cohn, president of the First National Bank, of Tillamook, is visiting his brother, A. J. Cohn, at 767 Wasco street. Mr. Cohn will travel in California for a few months sight-seeing and visiting relatives and then expects to return to Portland, where he will make his home. He declares Portland's importance as the chief city on the North Pacific Coast is becoming more widely recognized every day.

CHICAGO, July 12.—(Special.)—The following from Oregon registered at local hotels today: Auditorium Annex—W. A. Felton, H. C. Harmon, C. A. Walker, Portland. Great Northern—Lem Goodman, Portland.

CHICAGO, July 12.—(Special.)—Oregon people registered at Chicago hotels today as follows:

From Portland—E. R. Heilig and N. N. Cockerline, at the Great Northern.

Send Lad to Reform School.

ALBANY, Or., July 12.—(Special.)—George Ballard, the 11-year-old lad who stole a horse and buggy here on the night of July 4, drove it 25 miles and turned the outfit loose near Blodgett, Benton County, will be committed to the State Reform School. County Judge Duncan this morning made an order of commitment, but agreed to withhold the order until next Tuesday, to give the boy's father a chance to prove a claim he now makes that a hobo persuaded the boy to take the outfit and drive him to Corvallis. Officers place little credence in this claim.

FLY FROM CITY TO ESCAPE HEAT

Sultry Day Drives Thousands to Country and to Rivers.

EXCURSIONS THE THING

Trains and Boats Chartered to Get Away From Torrid Weather in Town—Cooler, With Possible Showers Today.

As soon as Portland people awoke yesterday morning, they began to plan an escape from the humid atmosphere which has enveloped the city for several days. And no sooner had Portlanders begun to plan than they began to carry the plans out.

Most of the schemes called for an excursion and as a result city folk became country-mad and a wild scramble for the grass and woods ensued. Out-going trains were loaded, steamers and other river craft were burdened to their capacity, teams and automobiles were in such demand that many orders could not be filled, and many even braved the tortures of a torrid sun and walked to the shadiest place they could find.

It was one of the biggest excursion days of the season. Thousands left the city and throughout the day the streets were deserted. The few who remained in town sought what shelter they could from the sultry heat of the day and remained there until night.

General Exodus From Town.

Trains to the beach in the early morning were packed; Eastbound trains to points on the Columbia were heavily loaded with excursionists, while the Estacada, Cazadero and other trains to nearby points were crowded until late in the day.

During the afternoon the city park was the resting place for thousands, while the hills back of the city were lined with excursion parties. Many sought comfort on the river at night heedless of the snickersnees of mosquitoes.

The exodus from Portland taxed the capacity of all craft plying on the river. Steamers were compelled to leave large numbers on the docks and every gasoline craft on the river was pressed into service and picnic parties dotted the river banks between Oregon City and the mouth of the Willamette River.

The Plumbers' Union had an excursion and chartered the steamer J. N. Teal. The vessel has a passenger license for 300 people and there was nearly double that number on hand to participate in the annual festivities of the union. When 300 persons had boarded the ship, the customs officials ordered the gang plank raised. At that time there was fully 300 people clamboring for places on the boat. The mate was compelled to use a little force to clear the gang plank. This excited the ire of the crowd on shore and if ancient eggs had been handy there is no telling what the result would have been. "Kill the Mate" was the shout from shore Many other soothing remarks were passed but the Teal pulled out without the shedding of gore.

Many Go Up Columbia.

The steamer Bailey Gatzert carried close to the limit of passengers to the Cascade Locks and return. From Portland she took 600 persons and at Vancouver 30 more people took passage. The passenger license of the Gatzert has a limit of 625 people.

The boats of the Oregon City Transportation Company carried full loads between Portland and the city by the Falls. The launches on the river were nearly all chartered before hand and took private parties to various points on the Willamette and Columbia Rivers. The unchartered launches reaped the harvest as rates advanced and people who were disappointed on excursions were willing to pay any amount for a boat or any craft that would float.

Excessive humidity, combined with a temperature ranging from 82 degrees at noon to 87 degrees at 4 o'clock, made yesterday one of the most oppressive days of the season. Between 3 and 4 o'clock the thermometer jumped four degrees and during the next hour dropped only one degree. At 6 o'clock the official reading at the Weather Bureau was 85 degrees.

There has been an increased cloudiness and thunder showers and lower temperatures are predicted for today. There has been a slight fall in the barometer.

Hourly temperatures at Portland yesterday were as follows: 5 A. M., 66; 6 A. M., 66; 7 A. M., 68; 8 A. M., 69; 9 A. M., 72; 10 A. M., 76; 11 A. M., 78; 12 noon, 82; 1 P. M., 84; 2 P. M., 84; 3 P. M., 83; 4 P. M., 87; 5 P. M., 86; 6 P. M., 85.

Protection for Passersby.

PORTLAND, Or., July 11.—(To the Editor.)—This is the only city I have ever lived in where contractors and mechanics are allowed to work on buildings and walls without some measure of protection for pedestrians on the sidewalks beneath.

At Fifth and Washington streets there is a gang of men erecting fire escapes, and these men, using hammers, wrenches, chisels and all kinds of tools, work directly over the heads of hundreds of passersby.

A few days ago, a flower pot fell from a second-story window in the City of Denver, Colo., and fortunately hit nothing harder than the head of an Alderman. The practice there of putting out flower pots on the window sills was then prohibited by ordinance.

I have no doubt that should a good-sized monkey wrench fall from a height of three or four stories on the head of our building inspector or some city officer he would see the danger of allowing people to work over the heads of pedestrians on the sidewalk, without a net or some other protection, such as is used in every large city. A. J. C.

Rebels Abandon Gracias.

MANAGUA, Nicaraugua, July 12.—Advices received here state that the Honduran revolutionists have abandoned the town of Gracias, which they recently captured and have fled into Salvador.

BECKER READY TO TRY LAND CASES

Returns From Conference With Heney and Announces No Further Delay.

R. A. BOOTH TRIAL FIRST

Prosecution of ex-State Senator Will Begin Thursday, and Docket Will Probably Be Cleared by Next Fall.

Continued prosecution of pending Oregon land-fraud cases will be the programme of the Government according to Tracy C. Becker, Special Assistant to the Attorney-General, who returned yesterday from San Francisco where he has been in conference with Francis J. Heney since the close of the James Henry Booth trial a week ago. While Mr. Becker would not discuss the situation at any length, he is authority for the statement that these trials will be held, beginning with the R. A. Booth conspiracy case next Thursday. It is the evident intention of the Government finally to give the various defendants the trials some of them have been demanding ever since the indictments were returned over three years ago.

"There is not much to be said," replied Mr. Becker yesterday, when asked the result of his conference with Mr. Heney. "These land-fraud cases will be prosecuted. We will begin next Thursday with the trial of R. A. Booth and others on a charge of conspiracy as was arranged before I went to San Francisco."

"Has Mr. Heney altered his plans regarding the land-fraud cases?" was asked.

Heney Will Try Hermann.

"It is the intention of Mr. Heney to take the part in the further trial of these cases that he repeatedly has said he would. He will come to Portland personally to try the case against Hermann and also to retry Williamson whenever these defendants are ready to go to trial."

"We are still working on the case," responded Mr. Becker when asked if he could tell when the Government would institute its suit against the Oregon & California Railroad Company in the land grant case. During the day Mr. Becker held a conference with B. D. Townsend, Special Assistant to the Attorney-General, and with whom he will be associated in the prosecution of the land grant suit.

The announcement by Mr. Becker, following a conference with Mr. Heney, that the land-fraud trials are to continue is taken to indicate a determination by the Government to dispose of these cases not later than next October, including the Hermann and Williamson trials. Confirmation of this programme of action by the Government is also found in the dispatches from Washington last week announcing that T. B. Neuhausen, former Special Inspector but now serving as Special Agent and Attorney to the General Land Office, would be dismissed October 1, next. According to these dispatches, the resignation of Mr. Neuhausen would be asked without further delay but for the fact that the Government considers his services valuable to the further prosecution of the land-fraud trials and for that reason no attempt is to be made to oust him until October.

May Drop Some Cases.

In the meantime the Government probably will be able to conclude the trial of these cases or otherwise dispose of them for there long has been a rumor to the effect that some of the 16 or 18 untried cases, in which Heney returned indictments in 1905, will never be brought to trial. It was expected that Heney would dismiss a number of these cases when he was in Portland in February to try the John H. Hall case. It is now surmised that indictments over several of the defendants will be held only until the Government's prosecutor comes to Portland this Fall to tackle the Hermann and Williamson cases, when some of the minor cases will be dropped.

Mr. Becker, assisted by Mr. Neuhausen, yesterday began to prepare for the trial of the Booth conspiracy case which will be called before Judge Wolverton at 2 o'clock next Thursday afternoon. In this case the defendants are: Ex-State Senator R. A. Booth, J. H. Booth, ex-Receiver of the Roseburg Land Office, and T. E. Singleton. They were indicted under the general conspiracy statute, the specific charge against them being that they conspired unlawfully to defraud the Government out of a quarter-section of timberland in Lane County.

The drawing of a jury will begin Thursday afternoon when the venire of about 70 jurors will report in court. In prosecuting the case for the Government, Mr. Becker will be assisted by United States Attorney McCourt and Mr. Neuhausen. Dan J. Malarkey and County Judge L. R. Webster will be chief counsel for the accused defendants.

One of the defendants in this case, J. H. Booth, is the ex-Receiver of the Roseburg Land Office, who was acquitted by a jury a week ago of a charge of accepting unlawful compensation while serving as a Government officer.

BLOWN INTO AIR BY BLAST

Farmer Injured While Clearing Land at Mount Scott.

Fred Powers, of Mount Scott, is gradually recovering from the effects of injuries received Wednesday, as the result of a powder explosion. He was blasting stumps at Mount Scott, and placed several charges under a big stump. Many of the charges exploded but others hung fire. After waiting until he thought it safe to investigate, he approached the stump and relit the fuses.

Suddenly there was a violent explosion, and Mr. Powers was blown a dozen feet in the air. His nose was severely injured and his eyesight was seriously affected. He is said to have suffered severely since the accident, but is gradually recovering.

Arrested on Serious Charge.

CHEHALIS, Wash., July 12.—(Special.)—The Constable from Little Falls yesterday landed Nick Wesar in the County Jail on a statutory charge. Wesar's victim was Mrs. Anna Neal, of Tenino, who was visiting friends at Little Falls. The offense is alleged to have been committed July 8. Justice Stines bound Wesar over in default of $1000 bail.

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ADVERTISE BY WORD OF MOUTH RATHER THAN BY LITERATURE

Suggestions Offered for Making Known the Advantages of Oregon Among the Class of People Desired to Be Attracted as Immigrants.

PORTLAND, July 11.—(To the Editor.)—The Chamber of Commerce, the Board of Trade, the Commercial Club, The Oregonian, the railroad companies and the Pacific Monthly and Sunset magazines have all been prominent in the circulation of a vast amount of beautiful and instructive literature concerning the natural resources, scenery, products and climate of Oregon, with the object of attracting settlers and capital from the Eastern States and Europe. I am of the opinion that the reading of this attractive literature would produce quicker and larger results in the object sought—settlement and capital in connection therewith—if it were closely followed up by interesting lectures thereon being given throughout the farming and industrial communities of the Eastern States and of Great Britain and Europe.

I know from personal experience during the past 40 years on the Pacific Coast that this method of personal advertising in combination with the illustrated literature for attracting well-to-do settlers and capital has been of great service.

The mere circulation of literature through the mails and through local offices is too slow a method to rely upon in our urgent need for the incoming of well-to-do immigrants and capital into the vast agricultural regions of the state.

The entire business community of Portland, as elsewhere throughout the world, fully realizes the importance of personality in canvassing for business; for we see their employment of a great number of commercial travelers—"drummers"—in this personal intercourse with the outside world.

A few agents of this sort, selected for their actual and efficient knowledge of the vast natural resources, products, climatic and other attractive living conditions of Oregon, and for their ability and personal magnetism to render interesting lectures thereon, could accomplish quicker and better results in attracting these desirable immigrants and capital for industrial enterprises. Portland, with its rapidly increasing railroad, electric road, river and ocean transit facilities, needs more than ever the more rapid development and settlement of the vast agricultural regions which form its veritable backbone now and in the future. Diversified farming, combined with fruit culture, dairy and poultry-raising, creates a more intense settled population and affords a larger opening for every class of industrial employment than do the present large wheat farms, vast stock ranges and large farms of the wealthy citizens.

Government and private irrigation enterprises are now reclaiming large portions of the arid and semi-arid lands of the state; these in time will attract immigrants with more financial means than the earlier settlers in Oregon possessed, as surely as they have in California. I have seen the great valleys of California in their semi-arid, uncultivated and unpopulated stage, and serving only as vast grazing ranges for Miller & Lux's cattle, and for herds of wild horses and sheep. Thirty-seven years ago I initiated the present extensive system of irrigation throughout the San Joaquin Valley and between Los Angeles and San Diego and San Bernardino; at that time there was no railroad constructed through those regions. Thus I know how irrigation has made these arid lands now so rich and comfortably settled, with beautiful homes and fruit and alfalfa farms. Cities like Fresno owe their origin and present affluence to this extensive system; San Francisco has mainly flourished therefrom.

Portland should naturally have the same growth in population and in industrial business and trade of every kind; but in a more rapid degree, owing to its far greater agricultural backbone, if it would think more of and help more wisely the upbuilding of its great backbone by the above-mentioned method of advertising the natural resources, the prevailing temperate climatic conditions, the great natural beauty of the state, and the marketing facilities afforded by railroads, electric car lines, telegraph and long-distance telephone communications, and by the river and ocean connections with the outside world. Oregon today is far less isolated and is far more accessible than California was 30 years ago.

The Federal Government, in connection with its great Reclamation Service, the State Land Department, the railroads, the district electric lines, the electric power, light, telegraph and telephone corporations, the real estate agencies and the large landowners, are all interested with the Portland business community in the materialization of a more speedy method of attracting such settlers for making farming a success from the start and in making homes such as the old pioneers never wanted nor dreamed of making.

Oregon has passed the pioneer stage of agricultural development and mode of living; Salem, Corvallis, McMinnville, Roseburg, Medford, Pendleton, Lewiston, Baker City and Lakeview, as farming centers, form a striking evidence of the present prosperity of the various business activity and interests which emanate wholly from the care and toil of the farming community throughout the state. Public land, outside of the arid portions and reservations, can no longer be found. Those parts of the arid regions which are being reclaimed, or which may be in the near future, by the Government, will need to be settled by immigrants possessing more money than the early settlers had. Instead of the more or less destitute and ignorant foreign immigrant, Oregon lands want those of a wealthier and more home-abiding class.

In order to come in successful touch with the well-to-do farming and industrial communities in the Eastern states and in Great Britain and Europe, the personality and influence of the advertising agent are of paramount importance. He needs not only to have a thorough knowledge of what Oregon has to offer in the way of homemaking and industrial enterprises; he must also be a person of good social standing and reputation in the old country in which his mission lies. The Dominion of Canada in Great Britain has Lord Strathcona as Agent-General; he rose from the ranks in the Hudson's Bay Company's service and had spent the greater part of his life in the Northwest provinces of Canada. The other parts of the British Empire have in London a similar class as agents. Oregon and Washington will need agents possessed of these attributes in order to secure quicker results from such missionary work among the well-to-do classes and capitalists. His position must be such that he cannot be viewed in the light of a land scheemer or promoter, or as a mere agent for any individual landowner; but rather of the class of Joshua and Caleb of old, who examined and reported on the land of Canaan for Israel.

His mission would lie among the principal agricultural districts and centers of industry and of investment in foreign enterprises, such as railroads, irrigation and similar works of National and civic utility and necessity.

In order to obtain the best results from such missionary work in the Eastern states and especially in Great Britain and Europe, both the eye and the ear of the people must be excited; for, as a rule, farmers and mechanics are better listeners than readers. The agent's equipment should consist of a small, carefully-selected exhibit of the present products of Oregon in field and orchard; in capacity such as a railroad exhibition car could contain, and which could be moved from market-town to market-town throughout the rural districts. The seating capacity of such car should hold about 100 people. Music for singing the National songs would be an attractive feature at intervals during the lecture. A well-equipped stereopticon apparatus for illustrating Oregon scenery and objects is a desideratum. Photographs of every sort pertinent to Oregon's products, markets and homes; also maps of the several counties and state showing the topographical features, the roads, railroads, electric carlines, telegraph and telephone lines, electric power lines and stations, and the districts under irrigation and projected; all such information would be useful.

The cost of such a system of advertising Oregon and for canvassing for the upbuilding of the rural regions, the real backbone of Portland and the inland towns, would be a small one compared with the wealth and population thus attracted. This cost could be shared by the present advertising element in Portland and in the inland towns, by the State Land Department, by the Railroad Land Department, by the electric, telegraph, telephone and power corporations, by the road land grant companies and by the large land-owners who desire to have their lands subdivided into small farms and sold. It is well known that outside of the arid and semi-arid public lands Oregon has little or none available for settlement under the homestead law; hence farms and homes have now to be obtained by purchase at market rates from present owners.

The inducements Oregon can offer to such desirable immigrants are (1) the temperate climatic conditions throughout the state as compared with those of semi-tropical California lying east of the Coast Range, and the far colder ones of the Northwest provinces of Canada; (2) the great natural water abundance and use and power available therefrom; (3) the ever enlarging Portland city market and inland town markets for hay, fruit, beef, mutton and pork; butter, milk, poultry and eggs, all of which being in local demand and not for export to foreign parts like wheat, barley and other grain, which are subject to Liverpool rates, command remunerative returns to the farmer; (4) increasing rail and electric car service; (5) increasing water-storage and diffused electric power and light therefrom, within the reach of every farming community in the near future.

Portland, through its Chamber of Commerce, Board of Trade and Commercial Club, has done a deal of useful advertising for the benefit of the city especially and the state in general. I, for one, am inclined to think that this activity and enterprising advertising have tended more to the rapid upbuilding of Portland in the superstructure thereof than in the solid foundation and structure of its commercial backbone, which lies primarily and always in the multitude of real farm homes and prosperity to the farming community throughout the vast agricultural regions of the Columbia River Basin and its great affluents, the Snake and Willamette Rivers. Portland merchants and business men have, during the past few years, added greatly to their better acquaintance with the state in general and with the merchants and business men of the principal inland towns, with whom the farmers mainly do their buying and selling. The published reports of these interesting and useful meetings between the city and town merchants and business people fail in showing to what extent the real farmers of the several districts—who are the backbone of these towns—were in attendance, and from whom—being the producers of the products of the soil—the Portland representatives could learn of their market requirements. These farmers are the citizens who mainly support the business growth of Portland and of the inland towns. They are the ones who lay the golden egg and supply the wants of the consumer through their intelligence and toil. The more they can prosper in their calling the more will Portland and the towns prosper. The marketing of their products should not be subjected to any drawbacks in the way of unfair discount or trade exchange, if any such should now exist.

Farmers throughout the world are the most backward class in combining for their legitimate business interests.

Pioneer ways and barter system are no longer suitable to the agricultural business in Oregon. "Out of the stomach the mouth speaketh." The agricultural population of the United States today represents about one-fifth of the entire population. Is it not the highest wisdom for the consumers—representing four-fifths of the entire population—to support the greater well-being of the food producer? Let us not forget that wise Levitical dictum: "Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn."

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