

GROWERS OF HAY AND GRAIN COMBINE

Washington Farmers Forming Stock Company to Do Away With Middlemen.

BETTER PRICE IS SOUGHT

Nearly 500 Already Enlisted, Including Citizens of Every Agricultural County in State; Plan to Be Perfected Today.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 4.—(Special.)—A delegation of Washington hay and grain farmers today assembled at the Arlington Hotel to complete plans for the organization of a stock company of Washington farmers.

Nearly 500 hay and grain raisers are already committed to the plan. The scope and detail of organization, it is expected, will be perfected tomorrow and steps will be taken immediately to unite and centralize in one institution all of the grain and forage growing agriculturalists of the state.

Blow Aimed at Middlemen. The purpose is to do away, as far as possible, with the middleman and the costly and unnecessary machinery of business that now exists between the producer and the consumer of hay and grain. The farmers interested—and they are of every agricultural county in Washington—and the middleman in the now under way the producer will come nearer to getting the true value of his produce and the consumer will be able to buy much more cheaply than under the prevailing conditions.

Andrew Olson, of Ellensburg, a former member of the Washington Legislature, is one of the leaders in the project and with his associates, J. E. Gahart, William Tickwood and J. N. Birch, all farmers of Kittitas county, has enlisted subscribers to the enterprise in all parts of the state.

Associated farmers' local organizations in Skagit, Snohomish, Yakima and other counties, as well as hundreds of individuals, have endorsed the resolutions adopted in conventions at Mount Vernon and Ellensburg, outlining the policy and plans of a general consolidation of hay and grain raisers.

The first step after incorporation will be the absorption of the W. W. Robinson Company's warehouse, equipment and business establishments, the establishment of that plant as the state clearing-house and sales headquarters of the new institution.

Seattle is to be the chief distributing point, as it is already the biggest market for hay and grain in Washington.

BALLOON TIED TO ROOSTER. Farmer so Pestered by Neighborhood Lads That He Starts Suit.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 4.—(Special.)—Charles F. Meurling, a rancher of Vincent, in the Cherry Valley section of King county, has started suit against the parents of several boys in his neighborhood, whom he alleges are responsible for a lot of most untoward troubles on his farm.

According to his complaint, they scared his dog so badly by fastening an artificial rose on his tail that the dog cannot be induced to come from under the porch. One of the boys has hove over the head of a calf and so scared the mother cow that she jumped a fence and has not been seen since.

The boys tied a noose to a pet rooster, causing him to take seven-league jumps about the barnyard with bad effect on other prize chickens. Gasoline was mixed with corn and a brooder full of chickens was burned. At night the boys have often rapped on the door without showing up and recently when the farmer went to say he showered a pail of hot water on the head of an aunt, who had come out from Seattle on a visit.

The end of his afflictions came when he found the boys had written "Use Blank's Liniment for rheumatism," in the family Bible, and that his horses were enjoying a meal of carrots sprinkled with coal oil.

OUTSIDE INFLUENCE SEEN. Jordan Says Mexican Revolt Is Financed by Interested Persons.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 4.—The Mexican revolution is being financed by outside money, Dr. David Starr Jordan, president of Leland Stanford University, declared tonight in a sermon at the Second Presbyterian church. His sermon was one of many delivered here today by speakers and delegates at the fourth American Peace Congress.

"If the supply of outside money should cease the revolution would cease," Dr. Jordan said. "I don't know where the money comes from. If I did I would tell the Administration at Washington. But it comes from someone who is financially interested in promoting the disturbance."

Dr. Jordan suggested several reforms in war regulations that should be instituted at once, one of which was that "private property at sea should be immune from capture." He proposed that "international law should prevent any nation from collecting debts by force of arms or by threatening to do so."

PRIEST TO LEAD TROOPS. Cleric Marked for Death by Rebels to Fight for Federal Cause.

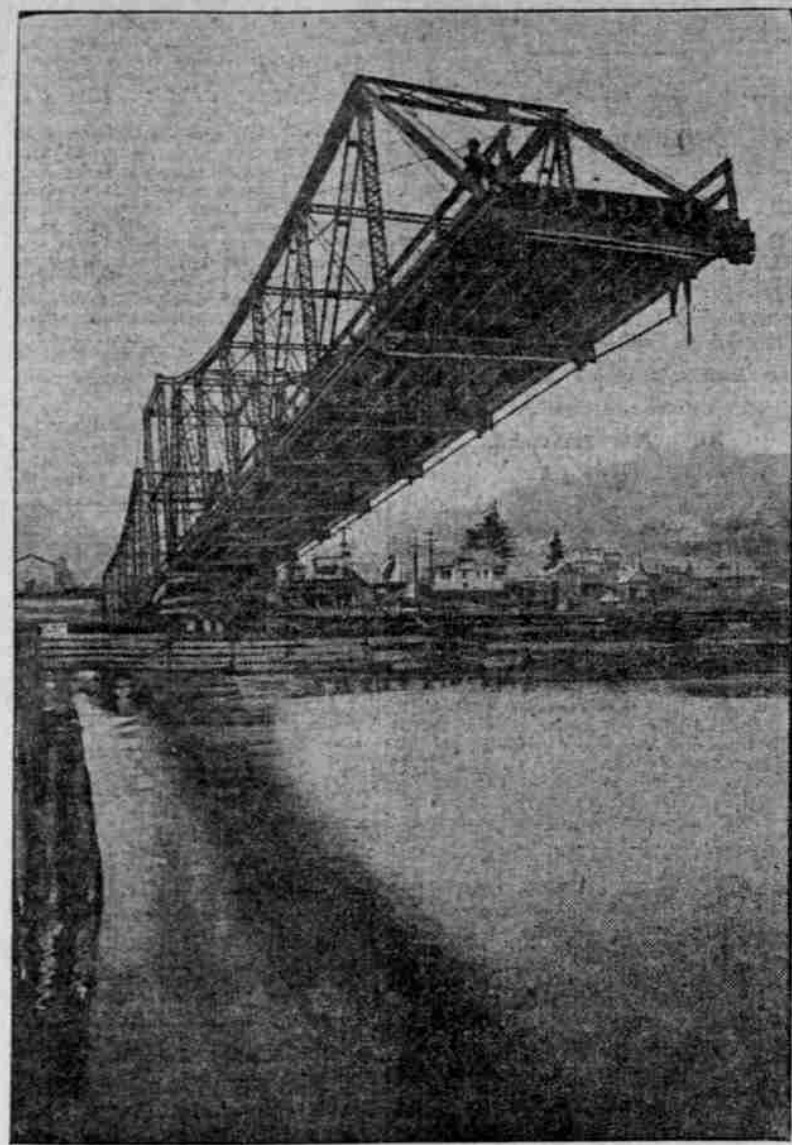
EL PASO, Tex., May 4.—Father Felix Garranda, parish priest of Guerrero, Chihuahua, is to lead a group of Federal troops in the campaign against the revolutionists of Northern Mexico.

"I am changing the casacas for the sword," he wrote General Antonio Robles, military governor of Chihuahua state. "Having been marked for death by the revolutionists, I offer my services, promising to raise a force of 200 men loyal to the government."

General Rabago accepted the offer, commissioning the priest to raise a volunteer corps, Guerrero, in the mountainous district west of Chihuahua City, was the birthplace of the Maderista revolution.

Man and Wife Injured. VANCOUVER, Wash., May 4.—(Special.)—S. E. Nelson, of Portland, suffered a dislocated shoulder and his wife several severe cuts on the face when the motorcycle on which they were riding collided with an automobile owned and driven by J. A. Munday, a prominent resident of Vancouver, on the streets here today. The Nelsons were taken to St. Joseph's hospital.

STEAMBOAT KNOCKS PIER FROM UNDER BIG STEEL BRIDGE.



VIEW OF RIVERDALE VIADUCT AFTER ACCIDENT. RAYMOND, Wash., May 4.—(Special.)—When the steamer Clarendon collided with the Riverdale bridge one day last week, an entire pier was demolished. The viaduct support was wiped out as neatly as if done under supervision of an engineer.

BURGLAR IS WHIPPED

With Gun Man Escapes Slugger Through Closed Window.

SHOTS STOP PURSUIT. Seattle Citizen With Fist Hits Intruder so Hard He Falls From Second Floor, His Head Penetrating Wall Below.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 4.—(Special.)—An armed burglar, who had entered the home of G. V. Larned, 121 Belmont street, was put to flight early this morning by Mr. Larned, after the two had engaged in a terrific hand-to-hand fight in which the intruder was badly beaten.

The encounter came to an end when Mr. Larned landed a heavy left uppercut on the burglar's jaw, sending the fellow hurdling over a banister, on the second floor, to the floor below. The man landed against a wall with such force that his head penetrated the plastering and laths.

Mr. Larned started in pursuit, but gave up the chase when the fugitive fired two shots which whizzed dangerously near the pursuer's head and which, together with the screams of the battling man, aroused the entire neighborhood.

BRIDGE TO BE OPENED. WOODLAND PEOPLE PLAN CELEBRATION MAY 17.

HARRY COLVILLE WILL DIVE FROM LEWIS VIADUCT TIED IN SACK AND RELEASE HIMSELF UNDER WATER.

WOODLAND, Wash., May 4.—(Special.)—Woodland is planning a barbecue and monster celebration for the dedication of the Pacific Highway bridge across Lewis River on the opening day, May 17. All entertainment will be free.

Hot roast beef sandwiches with coffee will be served by women of the Clark and Cowitts County Granges. An auto, carriage and wagon parade will take place at noon. A natural stadium at the east end of the bridge will be utilized for formal exercises and public speaking.

Harry Colville, instructor of swimming at the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club, will do the Monte Cristo sack dive, which he performed twice in Australia.

The Monte Cristo sack dive consists of being tied up in a sack, weighted with rocks and thrown into the river. He promises to release himself while under water and rise to the surface within three minutes.

CHILDREN SARAH'S JOY. BERNHARDT WOULD BE GREAT-GRANDMOTHER.

Actress Says Women Who Take Husbands Younger Than Themselves Make Blunder.

NEW YORK, May 4.—(Special.)—"My ambition now is to be a great-grandmother. Children are the greatest joy of life," said Sarah Bernhardt, who arrived today from a tour across the country.

"With them a woman lives over the best things in her own life. I want to say, too," she added, "that no woman should marry a man younger than herself. I think it is a fatal blunder to do so, especially if a woman has passed forty."

BANKERS CALLED TO EUGENE. EUGENE, Or., May 4.—(Special.)—A call has been issued for bankers of Lane, Douglas and Coos counties to meet in Eugene on Wednesday, May 7, for the purpose of organizing Group Three of the Oregon State Bankers' Association. It is expected that 30 bankers will attend.

BUSY COMMERCIAL CLUB OF BANDON SELECTS NEW MAN FOR SECRETARSHIP. E. H. Fish.

L. E. Brown. Bandon, Or., May 4.—(Special.)—Upon the retirement of P. H. Peole from the secretaryship of the Bandon Commercial Club, L. E. Brown, a local business man, was selected for the place.

TOO MANY 'CITIES' IN HIGH AREA'S BANE

"Town" Lot Dealers Curse of Crook County, Says Addison Bennett.

DAIRY FUTURE PICTURED

Lack of Weeds Now Keep Down Yield of Grain Because Farmers Do Not Cultivate Enough, He Says. Water Supply Discussed.

BY ADDISON BENNETT. OPAL, PRAIRIE, Crook County, Oregon, May 4.—(Special Correspondent.)—When the railroads were opened into Central Oregon, a little over two years ago, there were in Crook County four towns with enough population to incorporate, namely: Prineville, Redmond, Bend and Madras. There were, however, along the right-of-way over which the railway was constructed a number of typical "cities," such as Opal City, Hillman, Culver, Metolius and Gateway.

These towns were platted and some buildings erected in most of them, and many thousands of dollars' worth of town lots were sold in advance of railway construction. It was hoped, for the good of the country, that the first trains and the advance guards in advance of the trains would be settlers—people who would buy or take up land and assist in developing the country by tilling the soil.

But of those who came in with the expectation of remaining, a large majority were town boomers and shoe-string speculators. By the latter were constructed a number of small alleged "purchase," pay down a small amount on what should be termed an option, with the expectation of arranging to purchase within a short time at an immense profit.

As long as buyers can be found to purchase town lots, there will be town lots, and for there are hundreds of thousands of acres in the country adjacent, or nearly adjacent, or contiguous, or nearly contiguous, to every town that is admirably adapted for town lots, and it is true that a good deal too much of this land was utilized for that purpose and far too much of it sold.

Whole Section Affected. And the whole section has suffered thereby for nine out of ten of these purchasers lost their option money, and went away to curse the country. Now these conditions are somewhat typical of all other sections or newly opened sections, so there is no use in blaming anybody. Indeed, the suckers who lost their shorthings are more to be blamed than the lot-dealers, for it was their money that platted the additions and bought the land for the promoters.

Here is what I am coming at: There are a lot of surprises for you in some of which are dead, some moribund, some dying.

The great trouble, on the other hand, with this section is that over-sanguineness of the settlers, old and new. The former expected that with the advent of the railways their fortunes would be made, the latter were of the opinion that they would be able to sell out in six months or a year, or two years at the most, at a tremendous advance in price.

Two Cities Have Future. In the Deschutes Valley of the future there will be two cities—Crook and Opal. The former is the center of the section and there are a great number of landowners as there are in Oregon; prosperity will be the rule and not the exception; it will be a great dairy section; conditions will not prevail this year, or next year, or the year after. They will not obtain until the land is tilled, the soil is improved, until those who till the soil know how to till it, what to till it for and how and when to harvest and market what they grow.

On the other hand, the non-irrigated portions of the country has been, still is, the lack of weeds. The reader may say that is all nonsense. But this is the country, that is the dry-farming sections, and the average wheat grower plows his stubble in the Fall or the Spring and thanks God the weeds do not come up and cover the ground. So he sits down, folds his hands and awaits the planting season.

He has cultivated his ground once—he has done so three or four more times to fully conserve and retain the moisture. For so-called dry-farming means simply the use of the moisture that comes over one year's crop. To retain the moisture a mulch of fine earth must be maintained on the surface.

The untitled may see how this works by spreading a blanket over a patch of ground for a few days and nights. No matter how dry the earth may seem, the moisture will be moist on the under side. A couple of inches of fine earth serves the same purpose and keeps the moisture from evaporating.

Weeds Really Needed. So the best thing that could happen to the dry-farming section hereabouts would be a splendid growth of China lettuce, Jim Hill mustard and other noxious weeds. In an attempt to cultivate the weeds they would perhaps double their yield of wheat.

Standing at the depot in Culver one day in the winter of 1911, one of the best dry-farming sections in Eastern Oregon. Of course the precipitation here is very slight, perhaps not to exceed 10 inches per annum. Last year I understand it was 15 inches, but 1912 was an exceptional year.

Looking to the south from Culver one sees the Juniper Butte, quite a landmark in this whole section. Opal Prairie runs around the butte to the west and south as far as Opal City. Just to the southeast, towards Smith's Rock and Trail Crossing over Crooked River, there is another small valley, which I do not know the name of, but it is only three miles long by about two miles wide, say 3000 acres, but it is a lovely valley. Last year, I understand, some of the land yielded 40 bushels.

Good Country. Opal City is a name only. The trains stop there now only on signal. There are only two or three buildings there aside from the railway structures. It is the only town along the line that may be said to be actually dead. Will it be resurrected or resuscitated? I do not know, do not even know the cause of its death. But I know there is some mighty good country close around it and it looks as if a small town ought to flourish there. Swinging around Juniper Butte to the north and east you come to the real Opal prairie, with Culver in the heart of it. And this is sure a fine body of land, there being some 12 or 15 sections devoted mostly to wheat. To the east of this is the Lamonta country, a mighty fine portion of Crook county, a prosperous section.

Going west from Culver you come to Crooked River in about three or four miles. Going down the grade to the river you reach Cove, the farmstead of William Boegli, Ge. It is like going from Alaska to Florida. Mr. Boegli has one of the finest little fruit ranches in Oregon. It pays him more per year perhaps than any like area set to fruit in the west.

A half mile up stream from the Boegli ranch there is a new steel bridge, then a trail leading across to the Deschutes, less than two miles to the west. Following the trail across the peninsula between the two rivers another bridge is reached to cross the Deschutes, and then another grade and you are on then up another plateau of Crook, where there is a large settlement of homesteaders and in the center of it the new town of Grandview, and to the southwest the only town of Sisters.

Water Supply Discussed. The best thing that can be said of the section west of the Deschutes is that the water can be reached at a moderate depth, 30 to 50 feet, and the rainfall six or eight inches more than east of the divide. I wish I could say that in the Opal Prairie country, and the whole section east of the Deschutes, running clear back to Prineville, water can be had at a moderate depth and you can be and alas I cannot. And in those words lie the greatest drawback to the prosperity of this section of Crook. I am sorry to say it but it is better to let the stockholders know about this matter before they come in than for them to wait until after their arrival and find it out.

But this trouble will, I hope, not long prevail. There is an abundance of water going to waste down Crooked River and down the Deschutes. It can be put on the surface enough to pump it to the surface, the land lies nice to pipe it over this whole section. I think it is only a question of a short time before a satisfactory section hereabouts will be so watered.

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SEASIDE WILL SEE PLANT RE-OPENED AT EARLY DATE. CONCESSION MADE IS FIVE-YEAR LEASE TO PROPERTY FREE AND HILL ROAD GIVES COMMON POINT RATE.

SEASIDE, Or., May 4.—(Special.)—Seaside's sawmill, which has been closed down for almost two years, within a few days will be repaired and opened for business.

Since the Olson brothers began their extensive logging operations in the hills west of Seaside there have been several attempts to come to terms with the owners of the Seaside saw and door factory, and it was not until Ben Olson, Leander Lebeck and several other outside sawmill people began plans for starting a new mill that four of the stockholders of the old concern got together and made terms upon which a deal was closed yesterday for taking over the old plant.

At present the state have started with brighter prospects than this one. The concession made by the sawmill property free, the new owners to make the necessary repairs. The Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railroad Company has agreed to give the mill a common point rate and the Olson brothers have agreed to sell the mill logs to them for \$1 a 1000 less than the market price.

The deal for taking over the mills here was closed several days ago at a meeting of Ben Olson, Leander Lebeck and A. M. Smith, one of the stockholders of the Seaside plant. Mr. Olson and Mr. Lebeck had returned from Portland, where they had gone for the purpose of closing up a deal for launching a new \$20,000 mill. When the talk of the new mill started it was not taken seriously by the owners of the old mill. They learned early in the week that F. H. Loughton and E. J. Cates had agreed to give the new sawmill a fine building site and that over half of the stock of the company had been subscribed by local capital, that the railroad and logging company had also made concessions and a hurried meeting of the majority of the stockholders of the Seaside plant was held and machinery and all, for a term of five years.

Associated with the Olsons and Mr. Lebeck in the sawmill will be a prominent millowner from Tacoma, whose name for the present is being withheld. In addition to being heavily interested in the mill himself, he will look after the interests of the Olsons, for they have decided to devote their entire attention to the logging end of the business.

Yegg Suspects Captured. EUGENE, Or., May 4.—(Special.)—Three men, all transients, who give probably fictitious names, were arrested here at different times this morning on suspicion of having taken part in the blowing of a safe at Springfield early Friday morning.

This Is a Peach

It took fresh air and warm sunshine to raise this peach. There's a rich color to it, of which the stuff that comes in boxes is a poor imitation of the real. There is a rich and natural perfume to it so sweet and pure that it makes the stuff that comes in bottles actually distasteful to the mind. And there is a flavor to this peach which men call soul and which has placed it in high favor amongst the great men of the earth and even in the court of kings.

People do not seem to understand that peaches cannot be raised in factories and offices, that they cannot bloom amidst the smoke of cities. People do not seem to understand that peaches must be raised on farms. That they must be close to the rich, warm earth, that they must be nurtured by the sun and wind.

If you are raising peaches on a farm where peaches ought to be raised, don't pay any attention to what the peach says. Her great opportunity will come in all good time. But if you are raising peaches in city streets, in meager back yards, in offices and factories, transplant them immediately to the soil—get a little farm to raise them on.

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