

MAKING FARMS PAY HARDING'S PROBLEM

Better Roads and Rail Rate Cut Are Needed.

NEW AID IS DEVELOPED

Scientific Studies of Efficient Agricultural Management Carried on by the Department.

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(Copyright, 1921, by The Oregonian.) WASHINGTON, D. C., May 29.—(Special.)—Making farming pay is one of the big jobs ahead of the national administration just now.

The help of the federal government is likely to be necessary in a great many ways—in improving highways and other facilities for reaching markets, in helping farmers through the methods of long a feature of the work of the department of agriculture, and in adjusting railroad rates so that farm produce can be sent to markets more profitably.

A new line of government assistance, however, has developed in scientific studies of efficient farm management, which are being made available to practical farmers with the idea that they may be helped in solving their own problems.

Work of Value to Farmers. The department of agriculture has just made known certain results of its inquiry into the value of the Ozark region of Missouri, and east of Missouri, and although some allowance must be made for local conditions, much will be made of the value to farmers in all parts of the United States.

One very definite conclusion which the department's experts reached is that farms with less than 40 acres in crops do not pay, and a logical development of the inquiry may lead to data which will make it possible to something like a standardization of farms, such that farmers may, by putting proper amounts of land into crops of various kinds, have better assurance of making a comfortable living than they have now.

Sound Business Basis Urged. "Half-of-thumbs" methods in agriculture have been pronounced discredited already as far as the raising of crops and livestock is concerned, and now the government is endeavoring to supply the methods of farm management by sound business principles.

Two many farmers, even now, have little training for their work, and many of those who are technically well equipped lack the administrative ability that is requisite to make the most out of their resources. It is partly because the farmer, particularly the small farmer, has failed as a business man that his present condition is so deplorable.

Many Farms Examined. Experts of the department of agriculture have examined thoroughly many farms, and of these, the level upland farms and others located in rolling and hilly uplands. Roughly, the results of the investigation show that farms of either class which had 40 acres or more in crops returned a fair income for the labor expended upon them, but that the others did not.

As might have been expected, the labor return is greater for valley than for hill farms. The average return for the farmer's labor in the hill group of farms with less than 40 acres in crops was only \$165 a year, and for valley farms \$294.

On the other hand, valley farms averaging 52 acres in crop—a group ranging between 40 and 70 acres in crops—showed a labor return of \$591 a year, and those with more than 70 acres in crops showed an average labor return of \$1077 a year. The corresponding figures for hill farms were \$442 and \$398.

Careful study of the records of 73 farms has indicated that 40 acres in crops is a minimum for successful and profitable farming, and that valley farms are much better prospects than those on the hills. The family income, including amounts left from total farm receipts after deducting expenses, average only \$159 for the hill farms, but was \$432 for valley farms.

SCHOOL MAN'S JOB UNIQUE

Albany Head to See Sons Graduate at Eugene and Corvallis.

ALBANY, Or., May 29.—(Special.)—C. W. Boetticher, superintendent of the Albany public schools, will attend the commencement exercises of four schools and in the afternoon he will have a particular special interest.

He will participate in the graduation exercises of Albany high school in an official capacity. He will attend the commencement exercises at the Oregon Agricultural college where his son, Marion Boetticher, is a member of the graduating class.

Mr. Boetticher will be present when the commencement exercises of the University of Oregon are held because another son, Robert Boetticher, is a graduate from that institution. The fourth commencement exercises which he will attend is that of the Salem high school, where a niece, Doris Neptune, will graduate.

\$27,669 BID ON SCHOOL

Work on Structure in Albany Will Be Begun Soon.

ALBANY, Or., May 29.—(Special.)—Construction work will begin within a few days on the new school building in Albany, which will be erected at the corner of Fourth and Madison streets, adjoining the present Madison school. The school board has let the contract to Hoover & McNeil of this city for \$27,669, and the contract for the plumbing and installing the heating system to the Lehanon Plumbing & Heating company of Lebanon.

It is planned to have the new structure finished and ready for occupancy by September 1. The new structure will be of brick, of modern design, and will afford the eastern section of the city a modern junior high school building.

HIGHWAY STRETCH PAVED

Road Between Walker and Cottage Grove Opened to Travel.

EUGENE, Or., May 29.—(Special.)—The pavement on the Pacific highway between Walker and Seginaw, a distance of two miles, has just been completed, and the paving crew has been transferred to Divide, at the

southern end of the stretch under contract.

Hollis W. Libby, assistant state highway engineer, supervising this work, announces that travel is now unrestricted between Walker and Cottage Grove. Since the work of laying the pavement began a number of weeks ago, travel was allowed on this section only before and after working hours for a few minutes at a time in the middle of the forenoon and afternoon and at noon.

Work began yesterday at Divide and will be prosecuted northward toward Cottage Grove. While this work is being carried on, it is announced, that detours will be used for a portion of the road for two weeks from 8 A. M. until 5 P. M. The highway will be open at night between 5 P. M. and 4 A. M.

INNOCENCE IS ASSERTED

DEPUTY SHERIFF SLOAT SAYS THEFT CHARGE FRAME-UP.

Hood River Official Returns Home With Stolen Automobile Recovered in Portland.

HOOD RIVER, Or., May 29.—Glenn R. Sloat, young deputy sheriff of this county, who was arrested Wednesday night and charged by Portland police officials with the theft of a \$100 bill from a home being searched on a moonshine raid, returned home last night with a stolen automobile recovered in Portland, which he had been detailed by Sheriff Johnson to bring back here.

Sloat maintained his innocence of the charge. Sloat continued on duty here today, wearing his badge of deputy sheriff. He declared the theft charge was a mystery to him.

"After locating the stolen automobile and attending to official duties connected with my visit," said Sloat, "it was natural that I should visit police headquarters and talk shop with officers with whom I was acquainted. While I was there the call came to search a residence on the east side. I offered to escort Patrolmen Huntington, Russell and Smith. The residents were away from home. In the course of a search a trunk was pried open and the money revealed. The residents returned while we were there and it was then that the charge was made that the money was missing. The officers agreed to leave the premises un molested until superior officers might reach the scene and check up on matters. They searched some time, using flashlights in a darkened room, where the bill, according to the charge, was found. Patrolman Rogers declared he had seen me slipping the money from my shirt to the floor. He called out:

"Here's the money and here's the thief."

OUTSIDERS KEPT FROM RAIDS Order Issued by Chief Jenkins Who Doubts Sloat's Guilt.

The raid in which Deputy Sheriff Sloat participated was headed by Patrolmen Russell and Huntington of the liquor squad, who have since been reduced to uniform and placed on beats because of negligence and poor judgment at the time. Chief Jenkins declared that the Portland officers should never have permitted an outsider to go with them on the raid, and because of the incident the chief has issued instructions that hereafter none but authorized officers shall participate in any police raid.

There has always been some doubt expressed at police headquarters as to the guilt of the Hood River deputy. One theory freely expressed was that the man whose home was raided "planted" the \$100 bill to cast suspicion upon the officers.

Sloat was staidy in the corridor of the police station when the local officers started on the raid. He volunteered to take them to the place in which the money was hidden, and previous knowledge of the intended raid until the moment the men started.

POWER BOATS SAVE TIME

UNIQUE TRIAL IS MADE IN COAST GUARD SERVICE.

Trial Trip Indicates Possibility of Two Craft Reaching Rescue Point Simultaneously.

NEWPORT, Or., May 29.—(Special.)—Captain Peter Jensen, superintendent of 13th district of coast guard service, just completed a unique trial in which two power boats, with the use of the power boat.

Both boats left their stations at noon May 28. At 2 o'clock P. M. the boats met, the Newport boat, having covered a distance of 24 miles and the Siuslaw boat having sailed 16 miles.

The Newport boat was in charge of Captain Jensen, and the Siuslaw boat in charge of Harry Walters.

PASTOR PREACHES TO SON

Harry Spencer, Albany Graduate, Listens to Father's Address.

ALBANY, Or., May 29.—(Special.)—When Rev. J. C. Spencer, pastor of the First Methodist church of Albany, delivered the baccalaureate address to the graduating class of Albany high school tonight he had the unusual privilege of giving this address to his own son, Harry, one of the graduates.

The annual baccalaureate exercises of the high school were held tonight in the First Presbyterian church and to seniors, composing the largest class ever graduated from the local high school, were present. Most of the churches of the city canceled their regular Sunday evening services and a large audience attended the service.

Collegiate Alumnae Elects.

EUGENE, Or., May 29.—(Special.)—Mrs. A. M. Spangler was elected president of the Eugene branch of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae at the annual picnic held at the home of Mrs. Eric W. Allen yesterday afternoon. Amy Dunn was elected vice-president; Mrs. Herbert Clarke, recording secretary; Mrs. E. F. Carleton, corresponding secretary; Miss Mary McCormack, treasurer and Mrs. Anna Guillon, councillor.

CITY TO OBSERVE MEMORIAL TRIAL

Each Cemetery in Portland to Be Shrine Today.

VETERANS ARE IN CHARGE

General Exercises Will Be Held at Auditorium at 3 o'Clock This Afternoon.

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VLADIVOSTOK REDS IN STREET BATTLE

Japanese Stop Fight After 30 Minutes.

BELLIGERENTS TO CONFER

Criminal Proceedings Threatened Against Members of Deposed Governments of City.

TOKYO, May 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—Conditions at Vladivostok, set off Thursday by troops formerly under command of the late General Kappeler, an anti-Bolshevik force, are still unsettled, according to advices from American sources. There was a half hour's fighting between opposing factions yesterday, but at noon the Japanese disarmed the Kappeler forces. The hostilities in Vladivostok of the Chita government, fled to the Japanese, announced he would demand that the Japanese disarm these troops, in accordance with the Russo-Japanese agreement, and that if the Japanese did not comply, the new government would resort to fighting.

City Declared Uncasy. Friday's fighting is alluded to in a Japanese army communique, which says: "As the result of the disarmament of the militia of Vladivostok by the Japanese army, considerable uneasiness has existed since yesterday."

Official advices from the Vladivostok government announce criminal proceedings will be instituted against members of the three governments which ruled Vladivostok since January 1, 1920. Anti-Bolshevik Russians in Tokyo say the Vladivostok coup d'etat is a moderate movement against the soviet and the Chita government, and believe that General Semenov, anti-Bolshevik leader in Siberia, is interested.

Attorney's Father Dead. Ralph A. Coan is returning here after attending funeral.

Ralph A. Coan, Portland attorney, has started back to Portland after having attended the funeral of his father, Captain Alonzo Coan, at Boulder, Colo.

Captain Coan, who was 78 years of age, died at his home in Boulder following a brief illness on May 19. Ralph Coan hastened to Boulder on hearing of his father's illness, and was at his father's bedside when the end came.

The funeral was held Sunday, May 22. Captain Coan had visited Portland a number of times. Besides his son, Ralph A. Coan, of this city, Captain Coan is survived by his daughter, Mrs. George McClure, formerly of Portland, and now of Boulder.

LANE TO FIGHT WEEDS. County to Begin War on Burdock and Canadian Thistle.

EUGENE, Or., May 29.—(Special.)—Lane county will be declared a weed control district under the new state law, and the county court will issue a notice ordering all noxious weeds, especially the Canadian thistle and burdock, to be destroyed.

A meeting of the Agricultural council held with the county court yesterday to discuss this question, and it was decided that the county court will issue a notice ordering all noxious weeds, especially the Canadian thistle and burdock, to be destroyed.

Timber Tax Suit Is Filed. KALAMA Wash., May 29.—(Special.)—A suit has been filed against Cowley county and Treasurer Brown by the Cowley Lumber company of Castle Rock for the reduction of taxes amounting to \$1500 on timber lands near Castle Rock.

McKenzie's Snow Melting. EUGENE, Or., May 29.—(Special.)—The McKenzie pass probably will be open for traffic about June 15, according to reports from the highway department.

Boy Drowns in Columbia. ASTORIA, Or., May 29.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. John Day of Clifton, Ore.—Buster Davis, 14 months old, son of drowned last night after falling into the Columbia river while playing near the family home. The body was recovered shortly afterward.

Loan Week Observance Asked. SALEM, Or., May 29.—(Special.)—Mayor George Halverson today issued a proclamation urging the people of Salem and vicinity to observe "Soldier Loan Week," May 30 to June 6. The mayor called attention to the sacrifice made by the soldiers during the world war and asked the people to support the loan measure at the special election June 7.

Missionary Speaks at Albany. ALBANY, Or., May 29.—(Special.)—Miss Louise Lee, daughter of Rev. George H. Lee, pastor of the Presbyterian church in Newberg, spoke at the First Presbyterian church here this morning regarding her service for the past several years as a missionary in the Philippines. She has been supplied by the Board of Christian Missions of the First Presbyterian church here.

Condon Graduates Class. CONDON, Or., May 29.—(Special.)—Graduation exercises for the Condon high school were held in the Congregational church Friday night, at which Dean Straub from the University of Oregon spoke. Those receiving diplomas were: Sarah Beth, Lena Myers, Lella Jones, Coral Warren, James Hardie and Arthur Carnine.

City Folk Go Out of Town. Beach Resorts Thronged and Mountains Are Popular.

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Chance or Choice

"Twenty years ago I decided to think ahead! My next step was opening a Savings Account and depositing a part of my earnings in it each week. Today I own a comfortable home. (That's it through the trees.) My income is sufficient to take care of all my needs. I am an independent man!"

Advertisement for THE NORTHWESTERN NATIONAL BANK, PORTLAND OREGON, featuring a savings department and a list of services.

According to J. A. Swartz of the Lost Creek ranch, the last stopping place from six to ten feet of snow, but it was melting rapidly. The pass usually is clear by June 15.

Advertisement for DECORATION DAY, In Honor of the Nation's Heroic Dead, featuring a store that remains closed today.

Advertisement for CLIMAX DAY SALES, In All Departments, featuring Olds, Wortman & King as the standard store of the northwest.

Advertisement for VITAZONE TREATMENTS, No Drugs No Surgery, featuring a health building method known to science, with a 5-year guarantee.