

LAND BILL BASED ON FARMERS' EXPERIENCE

Settlement Commission Examines Conditions.

SOLDIERS TO HAVE HOMES

Sale at Cost of Small Farms, Fully Equipped, and Encouragement of Good Management, Aim.

How Oregon plans to solve the problem of permanent land settlement and at the same time provide fertile acres for men discharged from the service of the United States is embodied in House Bill No. 193...

Whitney and Boyd, members of the commission, in reviewing the progress made, express the certainty that the measure, if enacted, will afford solution of the state's land settlement dilemma.

"About a year ago," said Mr. Boise, "as a result of investigations previously made by the Oregon development bureau of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, Governor H. H. Connelley appointed an honorary commission on land settlement, consisting of Thomas B. Kay, Emory Olmstead, C. M. Clark, and D. Farrell, William Hanley, Charles T. Early and myself, to carry on these investigations and to recommend some plan, state-wide, to be presented to the legislature at its 26th legislative assembly.

"Governor Withycombe, having devoted the best part of his life to Oregon development, took a deep interest in land settlement problems and, with the assistance of this commission, hoped to inaugurate a policy that would bring about better results than had heretofore been accomplished.

"The commission was advised in advance by Mr. Farrell, of the O.-W.-R. & N. Company; Mr. Gilman, of the North Bank system; and Mr. Scott, of the Southern Pacific Company, that previous efforts to gain settlers, through community advertising, in which the railroads had joined, had been a failure, for the reason that practically all the booklets printed and distributed contained highly colored pictures of apples and pears on the covers and nearly all the reading matter was devoted to those subjects, which, in the enormous profits realized in horticulture.

"While the facts stated were true, these exceptional cases were largely due, at first, to fancy prices paid for these products, before the output was large, and second, to the profits realized by men who thoroughly understood the business; a business requiring special training and knowledge, different from ordinary farming methods, which the new settler knew nothing about.

"It was generally agreed that we wanted the better farming methods developed along staple lines, which the prospective settler understood and for which Oregon land and climatic conditions were well adapted, and which mainly held out much hope and promise.

"The commission immediately turned to the Oregon Agricultural College for advice. President Kerr assigned Professor H. D. Scudder, chief of the bureau of farm management, to the task of preparing the plans for a one-family farm-home establishment, along staple farming lines, with modern sanitary conditions about the house; the latest improvements in all farm buildings and machinery connected therewith; a complete plan for working the same; the kind of crops to grow, with proper rotation of crops, and quality of stock to handle and to provide all the advice and information necessary to direct the new settler in managing his farm as a going business.

"The definite intention was to utilize and combine in this farm unit all the information which the Department of Agriculture and agricultural colleges had been gathering with their many years of experimentation on their different demonstration farms, but which had never been combined in practical shape on any one typical farm unit.

"The commission realized that if this plan was carried out, it would bring many results which the state had long been looking for, but so far not attained, such as:

"First—Providing better living conditions, which the Roosevelt commission found was the principal reason people were leaving farm life for the city.

"Second—That a farm where one family could do the work would avoid farm labor difficulties. Where outside help is necessary financial success seems to be very uncertain.

"Third—The putting into operation of a unit which would first make a success of plain farming, with more intensive and more profitable cultivation to follow, when the proper technical education had been gained by the settler so that he could engage in farming profitably.

"Fourth—And by such model farms, distributed throughout the state, to ascertain and demonstrate farm land values.

"The question of the uncertainty of land values is best illustrated by a survey of 100 farms, made by the Oregon Agricultural College around Carlton in Yamhill County, the heart of the Willamette Valley, with the following result:

"First—Twenty of the farmers, who were closely following the advice of the commission, reported an average handling of their farms, were earning, in addition to a good farm wage, more than 25 per cent on the fair value of their farms.

"Second—Fifty, who were partially following the same plan, were making a fair wage and earning a small interest on their investments.

"Third—Thirty were actually losing money. The latter were still following the old method of continuous cropping of their lands with wheat, oats and barley, without any seeding of clover or vetch to return the nitrogen to the soil, but not worn out soils.

"High Values Preferred. "The soil, market, climatic and road conditions of these 100 farms were almost identical. With the result of this survey before us, who can say what is the reasonable value of farm lands per acre at or near Carlton, Or.?"

"The late James J. Hill in his many visits to Oregon would always say, 'We cannot bring you any more settlers because you are not showing your farm lands. They do not earn interest on what you ask for them.' And President Sproule, of the Southern Pacific, has said the same thing.

"The commission earnestly feels that it is manifestly to the best interests of the state to have high, rather than low, priced lands. The greater our just, taxable wealth, the more money can be raised on easy assessment for schools, good roads, and all other facilities that make country life attractive.

"The model farms as planned by successful agricultural operators will demonstrate the reasonableness of land values in different parts of the state and thus be a great aid to those making farm loans and to those seeking loans as well as to the buyer and seller.

"When the one-family farmhouse is a demonstrated success, we will have a happy rural home-owning population, the backbone and best asset of any commonwealth, instead of a lot of impoverished and dissatisfied renters and farm labor class that tends toward I. W. W. and Bolshevism.

"Plans Laid Before Mr. Lane. "The original plans, prepared by Professor Scudder, seemed so attractive that Governor Withycombe and the Land Settlement Commission requested Chairman Bolles to present the plans to the Department of Agriculture and to Secretary Lane, of the Department of the Interior. Mr. Lane had suggested farm homes for returned soldiers and was anxious to secure Federal legislation along constructive land settlement lines. The Chamber of Commerce financed this trip for the good of the state at large.

"The Department of Agriculture was high in their praise of Professor Scudder's plans and frankly admitted that the idea of combining in a single business farm unit all the results of the years of teaching and experience was a new and admirable one, and was anxious to see it put into practical operation.

\$20,000 SUBSCRIBED FOR MEMORIAL HALL

University of Oregon Building for Women Seems Assured.

ESTIMATED COST \$200,000

Measure Now Before Legislature Calls for Appropriation of Half of Sum Needed.

Approximately \$20,000 has been raised by subscription for the construction of the proposed woman's memorial hall at the University of Oregon, a project upon which the Women's League of the university has been working for several years. The estimated cost of the structure is \$200,000, the alumnae agreeing to raise \$100,000. A measure appropriating another \$100,000 is now before the Oregon Legislature.

The need of the building, say the alumnae, has been so long pending that the present session of the Legislature must not pass into history without action on the measure. Those sponsoring the project say that, if the \$100,000 appropriation is passed, it is altogether likely that actual construction can begin in a few weeks, thus affording employment to many skilled workmen and discharged soldiers.

Gifts to the fund are especially sought in the form of war stamps and liberty bonds, thus aiding the Nation, as well as the state. During the war, it is pointed out, the university by careful management operated within its limited income, while many state institutions failed to do so. The sponsors argue that this ought to be considered now, and that the gift offering of \$100,000—which the Women's League of the university is certain it can raise—should be met with an equal amount from the state.

The movement was started in 1913 by Miss M. Ruth Guppy, dean of women at the university, for the reason that there was a total lack of buildings and facilities for women students. The first \$100 came from Oregon alumnae residing in Portland. To the end that the work might be carried on by the Women's League of the university was organized.

In 1915 Mrs. George Gerlinger, of Dallas and Portland, a regent of the university, undertook to further the cause. Since then the fund has grown steadily, until it now amounts to \$20,000. Of this amount over \$10,000 has been paid in, and is invested in liberty bonds. The donors are students, alumni, women's clubs and friends of the university.

Until the Legislature of 1917 gave the present women's gymnasium was built for the men students in 1881, at a cost of only \$6000. The women students charge that its floorings are a mass of splinters, that its foundations are rotting, and that it is far too small for the 500 girls who must use it.

A survey of buildings similar to that proposed shows that other colleges and universities have provided for their quarters ranging in cost from \$150,000 to \$1,000,000. The cost of the building proposed for the University of Oregon is \$200,000. It would house all courses in physical training, household arts, gymnasium, swimming pool, a large alumni room, rooms for faculty and student meetings, and facilities that will make it a social center for the campus.

Gifts of \$500 or more will be acknowledged by memorial tablets, either for the donor or for some one dear to the giver. Smaller gifts will be tabulated on artistic panels. The Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs has appointed a committee, headed by Mrs. Roy T. Bishop, of Pendleton, to collect money for the fund. Mrs. Bishop's plan is to call upon every friend of higher education in Oregon to give one thrift stamp each month of 1919, or one war savings stamp, if possible.

Winlock Red Cross Active. WINLOCK, Wash., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—The Winlock branch of the Red Cross has just closed a successful year. The local branch has just turned back into the National treasury \$300 of its funds for the help of smaller branches. A good-sized sum is retained in the branch treasury for local relief work. Officers are Mrs. Mollie Baldwin, chairman; Mrs. M. T. O'Connell, vice-chairman; Miss Anna Sorenson, secretary; Mrs. C. A. Rockefeller, treasurer.

Cranberry Yield Good. SOUTH BEND, Wash., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—A report of the business done the past year by the Pacific Cranberry Growers' Exchange has been made by D. Walter Williams, manager. The report shows that 35,523 boxes of cranberries were shipped from the follow-

ing associations that comprise the exchange as follows: Columbia River association, 6247 boxes; Clatsop association, 9072 boxes; Washington association, 15,664 boxes. The report shows that Spokane was the heaviest buyer of the berries, 6238 boxes, with Portland second with 5264 boxes. Los Angeles was also a heavy buyer, with 5132 boxes.

Albany Minister Chosen. ALBANY, Or., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—Rev. W. P. White, D. D., pastor of the United Presbyterian Church of Albany, has been chosen chairman of the committee which will handle the drive in Linn County for Armenian relief. This drive will take place in February and plans are now being made for it. The school district will be the unit in this campaign and it is expected that Linn County will raise its quota easily in this drive as it did in the Armenian relief campaign last year.

There are about 750 forms of rodents inhabiting the United States, and the annual loss they cause in food and feed crops is estimated at \$50,000,000.

Retired Business Man, Now Dead, Born in Ireland. FRANK HUGHES, funeral services for whom were held Monday at Ascension Church, with interment at Calvary Cemetery, was born in Armagh, Ireland, in 1854. At the age of 18 he came to New York. After spending several years there and becoming an actor, he moved to Nebraska, where he spent 30 years, always taking an active part in the upbuilding of his section of the state. Ten years ago he retired from business and came to Portland, where he lived until his death.

Mr. Hughes had three sons in the American service. He is survived by his widow and eight children, as follows: Mientana, Frank J. and Gerald, in France; Ensign J. Wallace, an aviation instructor at Miami, Fla.; Alice, a teacher in the Portland schools; Mae, a teacher at Gresham; Terrence, a student of Washington High School; Mrs. Eugene Brooks, in England; and Mrs. Boyd Lawrence, of Portland.

Mexico Chief Arrested. MEXICO CITY.—Zenaido Fernandez, who served as chief of staff for the former federal General, Luis Gahelero, when the latter revolted against the government in Tamaulipas early in 1918, has been arrested in this city. He was captured by secret service agents.

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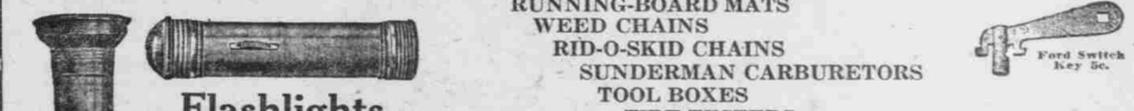
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