

TAFT HAS A PLAN TO REDUCE HIGH COST OF LIVING

Invites Governors to Consider Scheme Aimed to Give the Farmers Cheaper Money and Lower Production Cost.

Beverly, Mass., Oct. 12.—Legislation which will, in his opinion, reduce the high cost of living by bringing about a reduction in the cost of production of food products, is advocated by President Taft in a letter which he has just addressed to the governors of all the states.

Briefly, the president proposes to reduce the cost to the American farmer of producing his crops, and thereby make it possible to reduce the cost of foodstuffs to the consumer. His scheme to bring this about is through the establishment of a financial machine in the interest of the farmer which would give him access to the money markets of the world, and enable him to secure credits at greatly reduced rates, and at better advantage than he now enjoys.

Such an arrangement, the president says, would result in a greater development of the agricultural resources of the country, more farms and farmers, and would make for lessened cost of production.

As the president believes the scheme would not carry without uniform state legislation, he has invited the governors of the various states to confer upon the matter during the annual meeting of the governors in Washington in December.

The plan suggested by the president is based on the co-operative agricultural credit systems now in vogue in Europe, and in this connection he urges that the German method would prove adaptable in the United States. Writing in this regard, he says:

"The establishment and conduct of such banks, however, are matters for state control. I suggest, also, the establishment of land-mortgage banks under state charters, and the formation of co-operative mortgage-bond societies along the lines of the Landschaften societies of Germany, provided that uniform state legislation can be secured to govern their organization and operation. As a later step, favor the enactment of laws by congress permitting the organization of national land-mortgage banks, to be operated under strict government supervision with the power to guarantee and market the guaranteed debenture bonds of the state land-mortgage banks or cooperative societies. I recommend for your consideration the report and recommendations of Ambassador Herrick, now published by the department of state for general distribution.

"The 12,000,000 farmers of the United States add each year to the national wealth \$3,400,000,000. They are doing this on a borrowed capital of \$6,040,000,000. On this sum they pay annually interest charges of \$610,000,000. Counting commissions and renewal charges, the interest rate paid by the farmer of this country is averaged at 5 1/2 per cent, as compared to a rate of 1 1/4 to 3 1/2 per cent paid by the farmer, for instance, of France or Germany."

The president concludes his letter by saying that paternalism in the operation of any of the proposed schemes should always be avoided, and he says, "the system would be successful in the United States if conditions for its growth were congenial."

Reviews Considering Nine Years' Work, Show Tendency to Return to Usages of Centuries Long Since Past.

By Henry Wood.
(United Press Leased Wire.)
Rome, Oct. 12.—Although it usually has been customary for the Italian press to wait until a Pope is dead before passing upon his career as pontiff, an exception was made in Pius X's case by reason of the almost universal superstitious belief in Italy that he would not outlive the ninth anniversary of his election as pope. This belief gained unusual credence during the past year in Italy owing to the fact that August 4, 1911, the eighth anniversary of Pope Pius' election, the pontiff, who had been ill for several weeks but had begun to recover, suffered a sudden relapse and for several days his life was again despaired of. This inauspicious beginning of his ninth year was taken as the last token that he would not outlive the year, and as a consequence all of the Italian papers had their Vatican experts at once get to work on reviews of his pontificate.

When, therefore, Pope Pius failed to die upon the completion of his ninth year, in August, the reviews took advantage of the occasion to print the reviews they had prepared and in this way his holiness discovered that the pontificate, based on what he had done during the first nine years, is classed as that of a reactionary. The clerical press, however, points out that as the fundamental principle of the Catholic pope who is most progressive is in reality the pope who keeps the church most strictly to its original ideals and workings, though from the modern viewpoint he may nevertheless be classed as reactionary.

Reviews Published.
This it is asserted has been the real "reactionary" attitude and policy of Pope Pius X. Following the pontificate of Leo XIII, in which the latter devoted the greater part of his time and energy to diplomatic negotiations which he hoped would strengthen the outer relations of the church with the various powers to such an extent as to bring about a restoration of the temporal power of the church, Pope Pius X announced that his entire policy would be one of building up and strengthening the church from within, following the one motto of "to restore all things in Christ." From the motto and policy it is conceded by the clerical and anti-clerical press alike, Pope Pius has never deviated, leaving his pontificate to be classed as reactionary or progressive according to one's point of view.

Returning to Old Forms.
How closely Pope Pius has mellowed this policy may be seen from the fact that when he found music being used in the churches which he did not consider suitable, instead of attempting to provide new music, he ordered the restoration of the old Georgian chants. His reorganization of the central government of the church was not a new one but a return to the government established by Pope Pius V. His discipline of the Holy Communion was also a reversal to even more primitive customs of the church.

The fight of Pope Pius against "modernism" or the effort to substantiate the Bible throughout by science was also an effort to keep the church back on its original basis, in which the acceptance of the miraculous was a fundamental principle.

Principle. His almost equally strong fight against "feminism," or the tendency of woman to participate freely in affairs is also pointed out as merely an effort to keep the women of the church on the basis originally provided for them.

No Family Snaps.
While thus the clerical and anti-clerical press have been more or less unanimous in settling Pope Pius' future standing as that of a reactionary, both are unanimous in giving him credit for shattering at least one time honored tradition of the Vatican, namely that of nepotism. All precedent to the contrary notwithstanding, it is pointed out that not a single member of Pope Pius' family has ever profited to the extent of a penny by his election as pope. All of the members of the family continue in the humble peasant or trade occupations which they originally followed and Pope Pius has not only refrained from appointing any of them to sinecures in the Vatican but has even refrained from appointing them to positions in which they would doubtless earn, and earn honestly, splendidly greatly in advance of what they now receive.

The Square Deal.
Because of this attitude, it is also pointed out that no one at Rome has ever dreamed of going to one of the sisters or brothers of the pope and asking them to intervene for some special favor, despite the fact that his holiness receives these members of his family every week.

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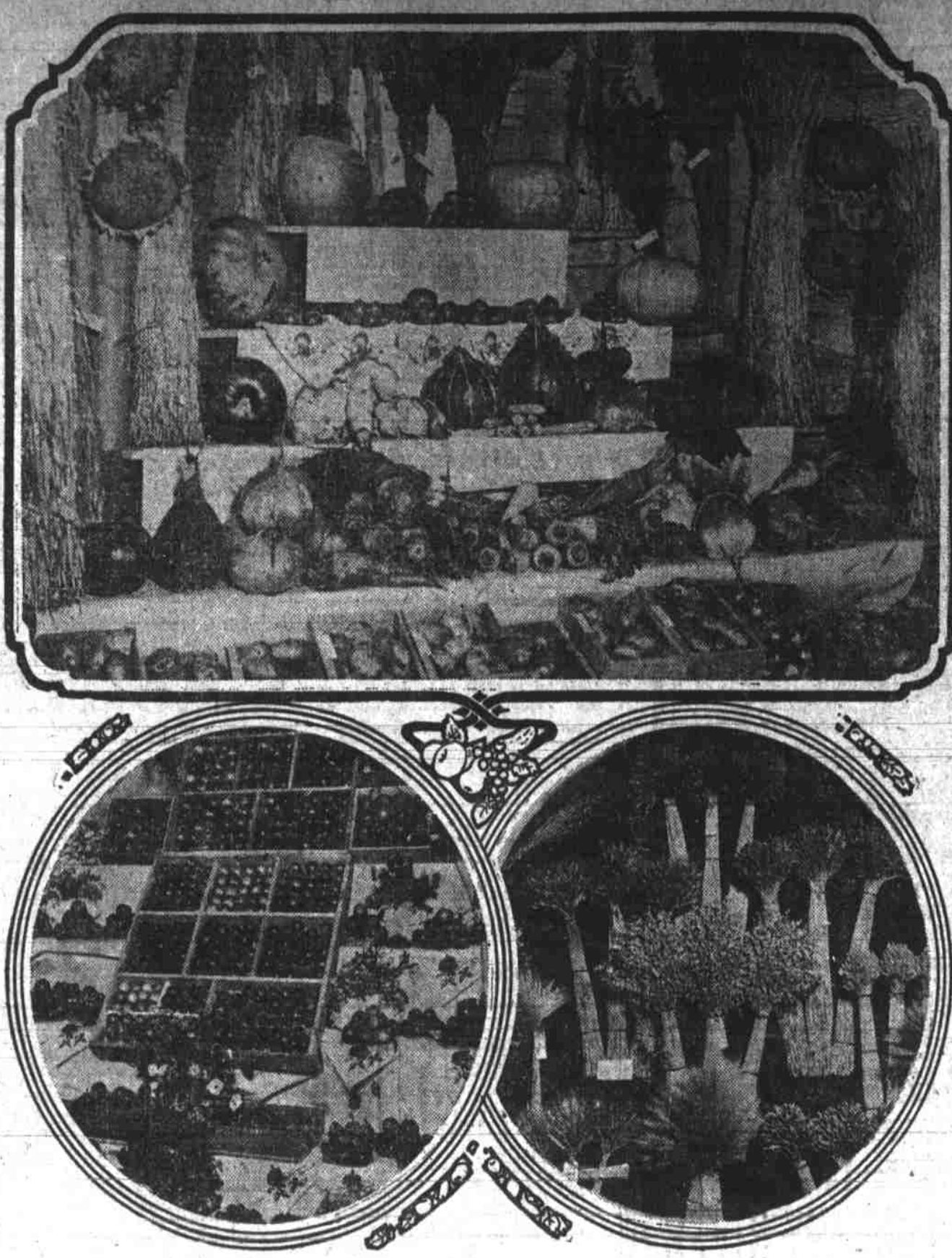
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ASLEEP, WALKS OFF SHIP TO DEATH
Marquette, Mich., Oct. 12.—Albert Peterson, 21 years old, a passenger on the steamer America, en route from Port Arthur to Duluth, lost his life under strange circumstances in Lake Superior.

YOUNG MAN LOSES LEGS UNDER CARS AT EUGENE
(Special to The Journal.)
Eugene, Or., Oct. 12.—Joseph Sylvia, was run over by southbound freight train, No. 225, as it was pulling out of Eugene this morning at 9:30 o'clock. Both legs were cut off below the knees. He was trying to board the train when he slipped and fell beneath the wheels. He had a companion who had boarded the train and gone on. Sylvia gives his address as 2633 East Eleventh street, Oakland, Cal., and he says his father, Joseph Sylvia Sr., lives on the Key road, San Jose. He is aged about 23, apparently. He is in a critical condition at the hospital.

Possibilities of Harney County Shown at County Fair



Above—The Ralph W. Hibbard farm and garden exhibit (irrigated.) Below, at the left—The T. S. Geer exhibit of orchard products (dry land); at the right, the E. W. Van Valkenberg dry land grain exhibit.

(Special to The Journal.)

Burns, Or., Oct. 6.—The farm and garden exhibit of Ralph W. Hibbard, displayed at the Harney county fair at Burns last week, was one of the four contestants for the grand prize silver cup offered by the Great Northern Railway company.

The exhibit of T. S. Geer was from a strictly dry land orchard, on a foothill, two miles west of Burns, having just come into bearing, being five years old. There are 41 acres in the orchard. This display is the pride of Harney county fair visitors this week. Mr. Geer has data regarding his experience with this

orchard that will be of unusual value to those contemplating a like experiment.

The dry land exhibit of grain, displayed by E. W. Van Valkenberg, was a revelation to fair visitors as to the possibilities of Harney county's dry land. The grain is not yet threshed, so that the average yield is not as yet known. The grain was grown in the Silver creek section.

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