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WHEN LEAGUERS COME—No. 3

The story of the rise of the Non-partisan league in North Dakota reads like a romance. Taking advantage of a widespread dissatisfaction with marketing conditions, A. C. Townley of Beach, North Dakota, a farmer with unusual qualities of leadership, conceived the idea of the non-partisan league. It was to be a farmers' organization through which political control of the state could be secured.

Conservative farmers who considered the plan revolutionary and the legislative program socialistic, hesitated for a time, but as former apathy of the business men toward the farmers' problems had convinced them of the futility of hoping for their cooperation they reluctantly joined the league and their votes and influence followed their membership and money.

The business interests then offered to cooperate with the farmers for state owned elevators and flour mills which would afford relief from the control of the grain industry exercised by Minneapolis and Duluth grain syndicates. They agreed to join hands with the farmer and consumer in eliminating middlemen who were making too great a profit, but they were too late.

League owned state and county newspapers branded these tardy offers of assistance as insincere and camouflage. League organizers preached the doctrine of class rule and class hatred. It was a revolution of producers and consumers, and the flame of passion which swept over the state consumed the business and interests of local mercantile establishments as well as the interests of the great nonresident grain companies.

Farmers forsake merchants who had carried them for years and traded with the league cooperative stores. Farmers who hesitated to support the league were ostracized, neighbors refused to help thrash their grain or even lend a hand in time of need. For their own protection doubting farmers were compelled to join the league, contribute funds to its support and patronize its stores.

Dissatisfaction with marketing conditions exists in Oregon. Thus the low price of cattle at the Portland stockyards has not been reflected in the cost of retail meat. In 50 days the Non-partisan league begins its active canvass of this state. Would it not be well for Oregon business interests to profit from the experience of North Dakota business men?

newly caught rainbows lie gleaming before enraptured eyes and within call of a yearning hunger, which is the surer way of transforming them into a delicacy for which Jupiter would have ignored his ambrosia and Venus turned from her dew of honey? To delicately establish an intimacy between the gleaming jewels of the stream and the meal of ground corn is the accepted practice of a thousand streams.

The victory gardeners who are disappointed that the city council declined to set the clock an hour ahead should not be discouraged. It is even more profitable to hoe the beans and spuds in the morning than in the evening. Then the soil is mulched and ready to benefit, and not burn, under the heat of the sun. Who ever grew a garden by the clock, anyway?

CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE
Between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets on Taylor, and about the middle of the block, a child of eight or thereabouts strolled diagonally across the street, pushing a go-cart mounted on roller skates, such as the children use in coasting.

later in the spring. It adds two months to the period of feeding and adds enormously to the cost of production. It comes at the moment when the price of the beef output is falling rapidly. It follows the wartime appeal of the government to stockmen to increase production and the response of the stockmen in borrowing money with which to extend their operations.

It is attended by a further fact in emphasizing to many stockmen money lenders' rights by the falling prices of beef, are calling upon stockmen for payment of the money which the latter borrowed to extend their operations at the time the government appealed for a larger meat output with which to feed the armies and the people.

Letters From the People
VANCOUVER LAKE'S BEST VALUE
Portland, March 30.—To the Editor of The Journal—A plan is being vigorously promoted to drain Vancouver lake and other low lands adjoining the Columbia river, north of Vancouver, Wash. As one of the owners of property abutting on Vancouver lake, I wish to enter my most earnest protest against this scheme.

TRUCE IN WASHINGTON
From the Philadelphia Ledger.
Colby is secretary of state. There is no reason why he should not have been made secretary of state five weeks ago.

ONLY A THOUGHT
From the Employee Bulletin.
Be not a fool.
And then, without a doubt,
There will not be an accident
For you to think about.

Curious Bits of Information
Gleaned From Curious Places
Many of the most fertile valleys and plains in the world were laid dry, an exit having been opened by some convulsion of nature, in some instances by more gradual operations, for the waters that were previously succeeded by inland lakes were formerly successions of lakes, like the St. Lawrence river in North America.

Olden Oregon
General Fremont's Right to Title of "Pathfinder" Examined.
The sobriquet of "Pathfinder" bestowed on General Fremont was often ridiculed by the writers of Oregon. Senator NeSmith in an address once said: "It is true that in the year 1842 Fremont, then a lieutenant in the engineer corps, did cross the plains and brought his party to the valleys in the rear of our emigration. His outfit contained all the conveniences and luxuries that a government appropriation could procure, when they were in a covardly struggle surrounded by servants paid from the public purse. He returned to the States and was rewarded with a presidential nomination as the 'Pathfinder' of the West."

Uncle Jeff Snow Says:
Tag days is all right, but when we hear up at the Corners of a tag day comin' in Portland we steer clear of town that day. Most of these tag days are for the purpose of raising money for the better to be looked after by the taxin' the whole state. Why should a fellow that lives here buy all the tags and the Wireworkers and all the Miller's and the other fellows that don't live here have no tags to buy? I know I feel that lives in Los Angeles that tags the people of Portland for \$40,000 a year, and that the tag money is not in his hand he hasn't been in Portland three times in 40 years. These charities that real useful had other sort on the tax rolls.

To the Nullifiers
By Tirzah Lamond
You cannot help to stem the tide that's rising;
Your puny efforts only serve to show
That 'tis in vain, and 'tis in vain,
To try to stop the rising of the sea.
You have not heard the people's lamentations;
You have not heard the people's cry;
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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE
April fool!
This is not Oregon weather we have been having this week.
There's a strike in Copenhagen. Wonder if it will affect the "snuff" market?
Boys who have been playing baseball on corn lots are being called to school almost as much to their liking.

SIDLIGHTS
Motor truck transportation is making Baker, more than ever, the Democratic candidate for governor.
Unrattilla county, the Pendleton East Oregonian asserts, thinking when its directors adopted the \$200 monthly salary for teachers and placed them on the 12-month basis.

MORE OR LESS PERSONAL
Random Observations About Town
Another Evans is growing up with the United States navy and some day the United States navy will be edited by the Evans family.
W. L. Hughson, president of the automobile distributing company that bears the name of the Evans family, is in San Francisco, together with S. S. Werner of San Francisco, is here to inspect the local branch of the company.

WASHINGTON
Paving of the Brady-Cline road will be started. The road is to be paved in five miles in length.
Owing to an increased supply of cream the price of best butter at Seattle has dropped to seven cents a pound.

California has contributed her quota of guests to the Multnomah, also. There are C. C. Gilberts, office manager for the Goodyear Tire company, at Los Angeles; H. Blain, secretary of the Firemen's Fund Insurance company, San Francisco, and Mr. and Mrs. E. Stephenson of San Francisco, where the former is a glass manufacturer.

IMPRESSIONS AND OBSERVATIONS OF THE JOURNAL MAN
By Fred Lockley
I read the story of the man who made the Oregon hen famous and is still in the good old hen house. He is a man who has made the production of 300 eggs a year or thereabout. In a succeeding sketch Mr. Lockley tells how a large, so-called hen, named Corvallis, is among those here for the conference. They are stopping at the Imperial.

IDAHO
The automobile camp grounds at Lewiston will soon be completed and ready for tourists.
Idaho has in reserve from the 1919 crop 2,818,700 bushels, or 14 per cent of the total crop.

The Journal Takes Pleasure In Aiding Seekers of Outdoor Recreation
Time is coming when the spring call will come from the open road. There are awaiting the coming of the spring, a thousand witching willows, a thousand dashing torrents, a thousand titanic masterpieces of nature. (This is not an enumeration of the facts. You will find a charm in the violets that nod their modest heads just within the fringe of the snow, in the blue of the sky, in the swift flight over paved roads and in the slower and more arduous progress over picturesque by-ways—when the latter have been made ready for the traveler.)

Yes, it's a lot of satisfaction to have had the opportunity to do something worth while, and I feel that what we have accomplished here has been worth the time and money. The Journal agrees with you, and your quarterly will be cheerfully answered. To obtain all this information and keep it up to date are Journal's accomplishments; to furnish the information, a phase of public service.

The Oregon Country

Northwest Happenings in Brief Form for the Busy Reader
OREGON
Charles Severson of Toledo has brought in a deer. Duroc hog has weighed 613 pounds.

A California firm has placed an order with A. M. Finnegan of Clackamas county for all the strawberry plants he can supply to meet the order. He expects to ship half a million plants.

A movement has been started in Clackamas county to consolidate the school districts. A committee from the Clackamas county school board, consisting of J. H. Barlow and Marka Prairie into a union district.

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