# OREGON COUNTRY LIFE

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ou make a mistake, "Those little selfishly huddling up other to keep himself ch one knows that he p himself warm unless keep the others warm at

and business men, too, must er to "keep each other warm." comperous farming community s man in the city is equally s. Given a poverty stricken domically prosperous farming lity, business men suffer equally e farmer. I IS BASIS

is prosperous, With falling prices n products we cannot hope to see e near future continuing agriculal prosperity unless the business men the cities and the farmers of the ral communities join hands to the realized that their best interests lie with "yes" on the Oregon state market com-mission bill. California, many years At the time that the government asstate market commission bill.

high the praises of the California state needs, it is necessary to build at least market commission. They attribute the 120,000 cars per year wonderful prosperity of their state to the activities of their commission. And the people of Oregon, being no less intelligent than their brethren of the south, will, it is believed by leaders all over the state, attempt to do for this state what has been done for the state of California, and that is give the producers of the state leadership in finding markets for a standardized Oregon product in all parts of the world.

BILL SUCCESSFUL

The attorney for 14 of California's fathat it has added \$200,000,000 annually to the wealth of California for the last four years." Statements are being constantly made

that California producers, distributors and consumers do not credit the market commission with being of considerable in a position to adequately handle the value to the state in helping it to its situation, the only solution seems to lie. The stage of experi and prosperity. There are a few in Cali- treatment to fall farm produce held by fornia who are unwilling to concede this the farmer for shipment, granting the fact, but they are almost without exception those whose toes have been trodden signed to the farmer that are required on by the activities of the market di-rector. Statements that the market commission is valueless have come of course from speculators, unnecessary middlemen and others whose activities and it will be possible for the farmer to against the interests of producer and consumer alike have been curtailed. It is practically from the same source that similar opposition is developed in Oregon to the Oregon market commission

### FALSE CRY RAISED

Furthermore the statement has been commission bill is unconstitutional. The same cry was raised in California and the bill attacked. Its constitutionality was upheld by the supreme court, the BIG CROPS NECESSARY case being fought for the state by Aaron Sapiro, whose name as a specialist in ests to raise big crops. He must be cooperative marketing law is familiar assured of a proper return from his to all our readers. Writing to the State labor and investment. When the farmer Taxpayers' league of Oregon, M. O. Miles, president of the Union National bank of Fresno, says:

"The market commission in this state has operated very successfully and has been of great value to the producers and the people in particular. It has enabled them to protect themselves against unscrupulous commission men . there is no question of the good your people will derive from such a measure in Oregon."

BANK LAUDS PLAN

The California National bank of Sacramento has written in almost similar strain, Says Fred Kiesel, vice presi-

"The market commission has worked out in so many favorable ways it would be useless through correspondence to convey proper ideas." W. F. Mixon, editor of the Woodland

Mail, writes: "No doubt you will find the middleman opposed to the market commission in your state. They opposed it here. We must bear in mind, however, that there

are 1000 producers for every middleman. In my opinion it is a good law." The Taxpayers' league is in receipt of scores of letters from consumers, bankers, business men, wholesale produce men and even commission men of Cali-

fornia, who, while they admit they first opposed the law, now find it actually operates for their own benefit as well as that of the producer and consumer. Every voter, should vote "yes" on the Oregon state market commission bill on election day.



FARMERS' ORGANIZATION FEDERATED



form bureau committee that drew constitution for state federation. Top, right to left-A. R. Shumway, president Oregon State Farmers' union; O. R. Daugherty, Clackamas county; G. A. Mansfield, Jackson county. Bottom-W. W. Harrah, Umatilla county; P. O. Powell, Tolk county; A. R. Hunter, union county; Paul V. Maris, college extension director.

By J. R. Howard

(President National Farm Bureau Federation) The farmer has suffered through lack of transportation facilities. Food products are worth nothing to producer nor consumer unless they son is prosperous only as agricul- can be delivered to the market. In our highly complex social system it

between essential and non-essential industries, but one thing is very certain imon end of helping continue the and that is that agriculture is the hub sperity of recent years. The business about which all else revolves. The day if he permitted the purchaser of his to foregon, if somewhat late, have farmer is dependent on many phases of must sell his goods and at the state fair at Salem and completed must sell his goods and at the state fair at Salem and completed the manufacturing industry to supply time allowed the seller of the raw materrecriminations as to what may not have his needs, but absolutely everyone is deteen done in the past. The voters of pendent on the farmer. Since 1915 the By the very nature of things the farmer the state of Oregon, whether they be volume of freight handled in this counresidents of the city or of the farm, try has increased 45 per cent. During must, for the common good of the state, the same period the increase in number stand shoulder to shoulder and vote or freight cars amounts to only 2 per

ago, visioned its present enduring pros-perity when it passed the California freight car equipment aggregated approximately 2,400,000 cars. The maximum life of a freight car is 20 years, therefore, in order to maintain this num-Business big and little, bankers, mer- ber of cars in proper condition, to say chants, farmers and laborers alike sing nothing of providing for additional

ONLY 100,000 BUILT During the 26 months in which the ment control, only 100,000 freight cars were built, which is somewhat less than one-half the number necessary to maintain the customary total of usable cars. As a result of this, the railroads now find themselves requiring 260,000 new freight cars for immediate use. An increase in rates has been recently

granted, but it will be months and even years before our transportation systems cooperative associations, when can be restored to their normal effiasked his opinion of the California ciency. At best, the rehabilitation of market commission, said, "We believe the railroads will be a slow process and will not solve the problem of moving this year's crops or foodstuffs that have been stored in local warehouses since to point out and explain the true worth of the rabbit as an aid to the question last season

Through such procedure, foodstuffs now lying in remote rural warehouses will become available for consumption get delivery on feed, seed, fertilizers, implements and farm machinery and other necessities.

Such a plan would serve to stimulate agriculture and would help to restore normal conditions.

When the prices that the farmer receives for his products are stabilized at made for the apparent express intention of misleading the voters that the market at the same time leave a fair margin of profit for his own labor and investment, our food problem will be solved.

It must be to the farmer's best inter-

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cannot see the possibility of a reasonable profit he loses heart, which results in smaller crops and increased prices. This is a short-sighted policy and will defeat itself in the long run, but the in-dividual farmer is only human and is quite naturally more interested in his own immediate personal welfare than in any abstruse problem of world eco-

An equilibrium must be established between farming and industry. The farmer must receive his just deserts. An increase of the farmers' profits does not necessarily involve a higher consumer price. The consumer should not necessarily pay more, but it is imperative that the producer receive more. In most cases we will find the remedy bution methods, stabilized prices and an elimination of the excessive profits of is difficult to draw a clear delineation the middleman. Heretofore, the farmer has had little or no part in determining the prices at which he either bought

A manufacturer could not live for a must sell his goods and at the same a tentative constitution for state organmust buy his supplies and equipment at the seller's price, but if he is to earn the profit to which he is entitled he must certainly have something to say concerning the price at which he their activities, and formulate policies

(More of this article will appear next week.)

The year 1920 marks the beginning of a true and sound basis of the rabrailroads were operated under govern- bit as an animal of untold usefulness and value to mankind, and this has been brought about largely through the untiring and faithful work of the officers and members of the Oregon branch Na- Benton county. Inc., who had full charge of the rabbit exhibit at the state fair. Through their be found by pulling up the stubble and efforts classification and recognition was stripping down the leaves to the roots, given the rabbit with a national licensed judge to place the awards.

This, with the very creditable showing of pure bred animals of many varieties with the aid of real breeders and fanciers in charge ready and willing our meat supply, the quickness and the ease of its production cannot but go Until such a time as the railroads are to show that the foundation of this

The stage of experiment is past and present state of wonderful organization in the direction of granting preferential the question of a steady supply and rapid delivery is more important. The rabbits at the fair were of great Interest to all and the many inquiries together with such favorable comment heard all during the week from the

> real exhibition at Salem. Two hundred and twenty-five animals were in the coops and most of the principal breeds were represented, and high class stock, bred to standard, were shown to be of great value both as to the meat supply as well as the fancy. No business will prosper alone upon fancy but the interest will be kept ever alert only through the exhibition of our best stock, and the meat question will follow in its right channels.

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# SHOW IS A SUCCESS

Hermiston, Oct. 16 .- The eighth anual dairy and hog show was a very successful event. The number of registered hogs on exhibition was especially large, but the usual interest in the showing of dairy cattle was not manifested this year, for the small margin of profit has caused a number of ranchers to dispose of their dairy herds and enter In the milking contest there were only

eight entries as against 22 last year.

There was keen competition in the students' stock judging contest, as five schools were represented. Umatilia carried off first the prize of \$15 and a free trip to the Pacific International Livestock exposition, with Herbert Thompson, Dan Dobler and Milo McFarlane as the contestants. Donald Kirk, Everett Carpenter and Wayne Swigart won second prize of \$9 for Umapine. The Hermiston Calf club, composed of Dorothy Briggs, James Hall and Earl Bensel, won third place with a \$6 prize. Herbert Thompson and Wayne Swigart tied for first place in individual judging score, Dan Dobler was second and Farm bureau presidents from all Leon Norquist of Columbia was third. over the state will meet in Por'land In the Boys' and Girls' Livestock clubs' exhibit, Walter Norquist of Columbia October 22 and 23, to consider the was awarded first premium and Embry report of officials appointed to draft Warriner second in the market hogs of the world's greatest experts on Jerclass. In the pure bred Duroc Gilts class | sey cattle. William and James Waugaman of Columbia won first and second. For the of pulp and paper, being at the head best Poland China boar Everett Carpen- of one of the largest eastern plants in ter received first and Claud Whitsett of this line. He was for many years a leadconstitution and by-laws consists of George A. Mansfield, Jackson county, calf Earl Bensel won first and James chairman; P. O. Powell, Polk; G. R. Hall, second.

constitution and by-laws for the

The committee appointed to act on the

Dougherty, Clackamas; J. H. Dobbin,

Wallowa; Albert Hunter, Union, and W.

ization of the bureaus, and their report is being sent to the farm bureaus of the

The object of the organization includes

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## Rogue River's Cow Tests Prove High

Ashland, Oct. 16.-The Rogue River farm bureaus of the state, to coordinate Cow Testing association was organized less than a year ago by a few dairymen of the county who felt the need of extionships, securing beneficial legislation pert advice to bring the dairy business to a paying basis. The final result planned is herds which will not average less than 300 pounds of butterfat per cow per year. To be placed on the eration be promoted by the adoption of honor list a cow must average 40 pounds a state program based on the results of of butterfat per month. careful study of county, farm bureaus.

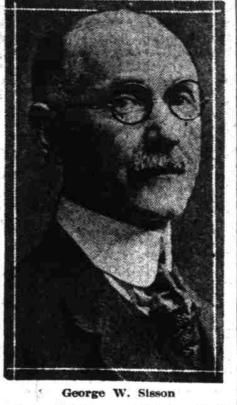
Rogue river valley is fast becoming These results will be formulated and recognized as a future dairy section. College experts state that the lime and minerals in the soil is exactly suitted to the raising of alfalfa carrying the highest per cent of nutritive value for milk production.

A Hessian fly invasion is reported by The first cutting of this alfalfa has leorge Kable, agricultural agent of been proved to be the best for ensiting The first cutting of this alfalfa has "Plow deep and early and the dairymen are putting up all tional Breeders and Fanciers Association, and plant late," is given as the only that is grown in the valley and not giving an shipped out.

ducer and distributor. The creameries secretary treasurer.

Not An Experiment

JERSEYS AT P. E. I.



George W. Sisson of Potsdam, N. Y. who will come to Portland to judge the tional Livestock exposition November 13-20, is recognized everywhere as one

Sisson is an extensive manufacturer Hermiston, second. For the best grade ing breeder of Jerseys in the East, and still maintains a small herd of high class animals on his stock farm near Pots-

He is a director in the American Jersey Cattle club and he is known to Jersey breeders throughout the country as an eminent judge of Jerseys, as he has tied the ribbons in the Jersey classes Value of Venture state the Chicago International and other great shows for several years past. Mrs. the coast and they will spend the entire week of the stock show in Portland.

# Will Be Exhibited

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Oct. 16.-More than 250 varieties of pears gathered from various parts of the United States and the Orient will be one of the features of the big horticultural show scheduled for November 6 This fruit was collected by the faculty during the summer and is now stored in the basement of the agricultural building. C. E. Schuster, assistant professor of horticulture, is in charge

of Ashland and Medford have made opportunity for any to be financial donations to the association and also furnished the acid testing The work of the association is making Ralph Billings of Ashland is president for a better understanding between pro- and J. R. McCracken of Valley View is

P. Barss of Oregon Agricultural college that when smut spores fall on dry soils, such as summer fallow or stubble lands, they simply lie dormant till thoroughly moistened by the fall rains. If kept continuously moist for a few days they germinate and begin a new existence.

These forms are not able to continue a separate existence for any great length mination is produced by precisely the It is here that the farmer who knows vice president, and one director from this phase of smut life history can take each of the ten districts in the hay pro care to circumvent the likelihood of ducing sections, smut with young plants. He can wait to do his fall planting until the early duce the costs of production, standardise rains have germinated the smut spores the quality of hay shipped and stabilize and they have died for want of suitable host. Then he can plant his smut treat-Careless treatment of seed is often the same for the best available price.

the case of thin stands of wheat, says D. E. Stephens, Moro experiment station man. Exact amounts of water and either formaldehyde or bluestone must be determined by measuring or weighing. Formaldehyde may be measured in a small granulated bottle which may be got from the drug store, 4 ounces to 11 gallons of water being about right, If bluestone is used less injury will fol-low if the grain is dipped into a lime It is pointed out by Professor H. bath-1 pound quicklime to 10 gallens of water. Treated seed is best sown immediately or entirely dried out

BETTER FARMING

## Hay Growers Form New Organization In Eastern Oregon

The alfalfa farmers of Northern Morof time—not to exceed six weeks if kept row and Umatilla counties held their continuously moist. But since their ger-third meeting at Hermiston. September same conditions that germinate the seed grain, they are apt to find young wheat L. Larsen of Boardman was elected seedlings to unite with and go on to president, Don Campbell of Hermiston maturity for crop infection next spring. secretary, Captain Dobly of Hermiston

The object of the organization is to re-

the market.
The directors will prepare to handle ed seed on the smut-free soils with rea- the entire crop of 1921 in a cooperative sonable hopes of smut-free crops next manner and will form pools of the hay yet remaining of this year's crop and sell



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