

Market Commission to Work With Existing Departments and Associations

SPECULATORS ARE NOT HELPED BY MARKET MEASURE

By Hector Macpherson
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(Continued from last week.)

Not only in their establishment do cooperative associations need guidance, but also during their operation. My contention is that the cooperative association is just as much a quasi-public utility as the state bank, and just as much entitled to supervision. Thousands of men and women in these associations every year who themselves have no business experience and who are no more in a position to safeguard their interests than are the operators of a bank, yet they are dependent upon the association for their personal welfare and financial success. In fact, the state of Oregon is rapidly approaching a position where a widespread failure of her short of a financial disaster to the commonwealth. The supervision provided for in the state market commission act is one of our greatest economic weaknesses at present lies in the quantities of low grade and worthless farm products which are thrown upon our terminal markets. The expense of regrading falls back upon the producer and the retailer suffers with the quality. The reputation which some of our farmers' organizations have made for certain Oregon products demonstrates the value of grading and standardization and also the necessity of organization for the establishment and maintenance of standard grades. The activities of state marketing officials in other states have resulted in the general improvement of grades and standards.

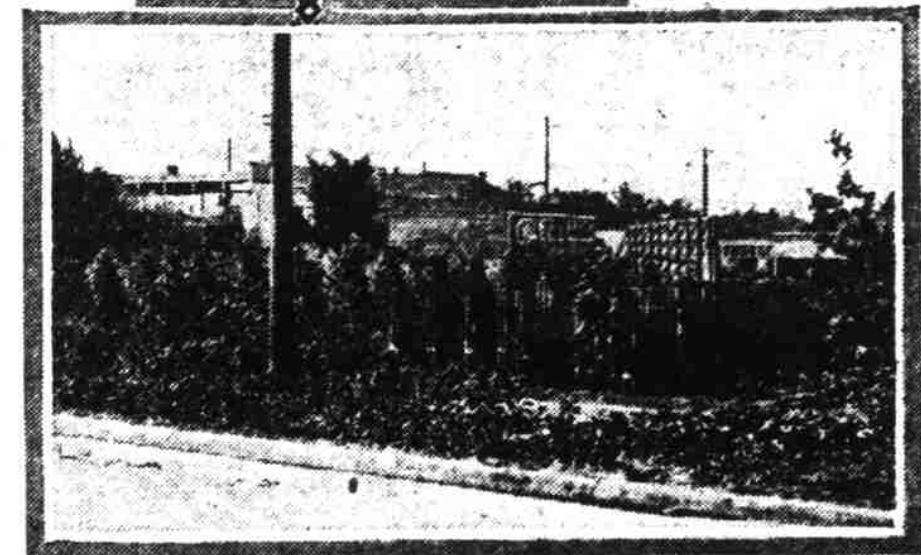
CRITICS ARE ANSWERED

The question has been raised as to why the agricultural college should not continue the work it has been attempting for the past few years. My reply to this is that in the first place we are not equipped with either funds or men to take care of the needs of the state in this respect. In the second place such functions are a source of danger to the proper field of the agricultural college in its fundamental work of instruction and education. The marketing work is of a regulative character presupposing and requiring powers which the agricultural college does not possess, but which the market commissioner will have to the fullest extent necessary. Moreover, such regulative work, even in the mild form to which it has been carried, has made for college more trouble. I believe, than almost any other phase of college activity. The work of guidance for cooperative associations is a wise and laudable one for those carrying it on, and the college should not be requested to do work which will bring upon it the enmity of any class. The educational work of the college is vital to the general welfare of the state and should not be jeopardized by such activities and responsibilities as rightfully belong to a state marketing commissioner. My judgment based on long experience and careful study, is that these functions should be taken care of henceforth by the passage of the state market commission act on November 2.

VALUE QUESTIONED

Another argument frequently propounded is that this bill adds another office to our already top heavy state machinery, creating the probability that Oregon might be oversupplied with boards and commissions, this fact, if such it be, has nothing whatever to do with the necessity of a marketing bill. The simple question is: Will the market commission be worth more to the state of Oregon than it will cost? My judgment is that it will be worth many times more than it costs every year. I also

VACANT LOTS IMPROVED



Clean gardening is the best way in which to keep weeds and unsightly grass off vacant lots.

feel certain of this: That when the voters of Oregon get ready to reorganize their state government a place will be found in the organization scheme for all the functions assigned by this act to the state market commissioner. More than this, I am convinced that the market commissioner's office will be made stronger and more effective by any reorganization which may be effected in the future.

Again, it is said that the act is merely a scheme to create an easy job for some political favorite. I assure you, however, that the market commissioner's position is going to be no soft snap. The hardest worked man in the state of Oregon need not envy him his salary or his job. Our commissioner's office will be no sinecure. The bill, as one of its critics has pointed out, has teeth in it. In fact, there is no market department act on the statute books of any of the numerous states having similar offices which so clearly cuts out a man's job for the incumbent of the office as does the Oregon bill.

POLITICS NOT FACTOR

It has been pointed out that in some states the market commissioner's office has been regarded not only as a political party, but also as a useful hot air factory to boost the virtues of politicians in power. My prediction is that no government of Oregon would at this time dare to fill the market commissioner's office for political effect. To do so would bury him so deeply politically that his name would never again be remembered except as a term of reproach. A commissioner so appointed would in all probability become the laughing stock of the state and his appointment would only serve to increase the power of those agitators who are ready to take advantage of the prevalent economic and political unrest.

Finally, it is said that the state marketing commissioner would simply duplicate work now being accomplished by the federal bureau of markets and its agents in the agricultural college and in Portland. This is not true. As noted above, one of the most important functions of the market commissioner is that of obtaining information which neither the federal bureau nor the agricultural college has any power or authority to obtain. Then, too, his regulative powers, assuring square dealing among consumers, distributors and producers, opens up a field in which neither the federal office nor the state bureau has any authority whatever. Consequently there is nothing at all to the objection that the commissioner's office would duplicate existing machinery and effort.

There is much work that the college and federal bureau can do toward the promoting of scientific marketing. These activities will go on, and the bill expressly provides that the market commissioner shall cooperate with the federal bureau of markets and the agricultural college in order to prevent duplication of expense and effort. Such a provision ought to quiet the most critical on this score.

STATE DAIRYING TO BE INCREASED

By R. A. Ward
When one thinks of dairying in Oregon his mind naturally reverts to the Willamette valley and the coast counties. True it is that the preponderance of the dairy industry of the state lies in those districts, but it is nevertheless equally true that dairying is becoming of ever increasing importance in interior Oregon, principally Baker, Malheur, Umatilla, Union, Crook and Deschutes counties. There is a big field for the increase of the dairy industry in these counties, and steps are being taken at the present time in Crook and Deschutes to enlarge dairy herds and further develop the possibilities of this business.

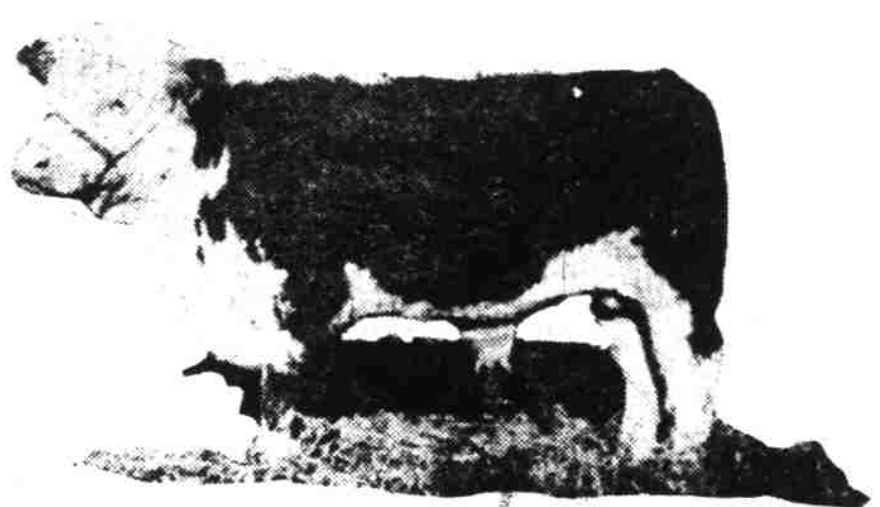
One of the chief causes for the extension of dairying in Deschutes county at the present time is the tremendous crop of alfalfa hay that has been harvested in the valley this year. The falling market for sheep, wool and beef cattle together with the high hay prices of the last year has driven thousands of head of livestock to the shambles, until at the present time the outlet for hay to range stockmen has been greatly restricted. Farmers sensing the situation realize that hay fed to dairy cattle means a steady cash income, the maintenance of soil fertility and a well balanced system of farming, regardless of the rise and fall of prices of wool, mutton and beef. This has been well demonstrated in Central Oregon, as those engaged in the dairy business throughout the last five years have been uniformly prosperous, and independent of the seasonal conditions and market fluctuations which have so sorely tried the stockman during the past few seasons.

Another reason for the expansion of the dairy industry in interior Oregon is due to the splendid home market, which at the present time, is not taken care of by home production. The city of Bend alone consumes nearly twice as much butter as that produced locally, and a splendid outlet is also furnished by those portions of Lake, Crook, Klamath and Harney counties untouched as yet by rail, which secure the bulk of their supplies through Bend and Prineville.

The milk produced in Deschutes county at the present time is manufactured into dairy products at the farmers' cooperative creamery in Bend, the Redmond creamery at Redmond and the Ochoco creamery at Prineville. The Deschutes county farm bureau, in cooperation with local banks, plans on the purchase of several carloads of high producing dairy cows in the near future, and farmers are now signing orders for cows. County Agent D. L. Jamison plans on reorganizing the local testing association early in November. This association, which discontinued operation in 1918, was unique in the annals of cow testing work, having, perhaps, the largest route for the sole purpose of getting in touch with a reliable source of supply of high-producing dairy animals.

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YOUNG CALF TO BE SHOWN



Royal Perfection Jr., age 7 months, weight 687 pounds. He was grand champion Hereford bull and also won sweepstakes over all breeds at the Wheeler County fair, 1920. Sired by Royal Perfection, who won grand champion at the Pacific International in 1918. This calf is to be entered as junior bull calf in the Pacific International this fall by Edwards Bros., of Fossil, Or.

POULTRY NOTES

Good kinds of green feeds for hens in winter, recommended by the United States department of agriculture, are sprouted oats, alfalfa meal, chopped alfalfa and clover hay, cabbages, and mangel beets. Cabbages may be hung up in the poultry house, the beets are usually split and stuck on a nail on the side wall of pen about a foot above the floor to keep the feed clean. Keep oyster shells, grit, charcoal and plenty of clean drinking water before the hens all the time.

Move pullets into winter quarters before they begin to lay, the United States department of agriculture advises. All should be in winter quarters before cold weather. See that the henhouse is disinfected and that it is tight on three sides and that there is no chance for a draft to strike the hens while on their roosts.

In most communities there is a great opportunity for marketing eggs and poultry by parcel post. Often this plan gives better satisfaction than the usual method.

Poultrymen Pick Officers

Roseburg, Oct. 30.—The following officers were selected for the Douglas County Poultrymen's organization, which was instituted here Monday by V. L. Eason, G. W. Hurt, president; J. H. Clark, vice president; F. E. Chase, secretary-treasurer. Over 8000 laying hens are represented by the producers under the new organization in Douglas county.

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CENTRALIA HOT HOUSE ENLARGED

Centralia, Oct. 30.—Considerable improvements are being made on the green houses of E. H. Griffith on Fords Prairie. At present the roof of an older hothouse has been removed and is being raised several feet to correspond with the height of houses put in later.

Griffith also states that in the near future he plans on putting in a steam heating system. At present the green houses are heated by a hot water system. A gasoline engine pumps water from a well and it is heated in two steam boilers of 20 horsepower, although the best hot house establishments in this section of the country. One-half acre of glass is grown in glass houses measuring 120 by 140 feet. These houses are made on the latest and most modern plan and produce flowers and vegetables excellent in quality.

Griffith's specialty is tomatoes, although one of the houses is devoted exclusively to cucumbers. In the winter flowers are grown, including calla lilies and carnations. Geraniums and greenery will also form a part of the winter planting. The tomato crop began to bear the first of June, and bore continually until the middle of August. There were about 6000 plants in the greenhouse, each from 6 to 8 foot tall, although there would be practically no limit to their growth if they were not cut back. The Early Anna produces in the largest quantity, Griffith states, although the Comet is the smoothest and best variety. The Bonny Best is also used for plant-

ing. Each plant bears on an average of three pounds, including culls, or about 2 1/2 pounds of smooth vegetables. Baked potatoes supply more nourishment than those cooked in any other way, and the fried ones are the most difficult to digest.

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THE INNOCENT SUFFER

On Account of the Guilty
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Note—For free copies of other articles of this series, send request to the author. Jesus Christ, the One Sinless Man, suffered in extreme degree, even unto death, because of the guilt of others who were innocent ones who have suffered and are suffering because of sins in which they have had little or no part.

A wayward youth, flouting the warning admonitions of worthy and loving parents, plunges into the sea of sin, and through the after-math he bitter to him, his suffering is almost in comparison with the pangs of the seditious and yearning father and mother to whom he has brought disgrace and sorrow. He is the gallows where the gallows were, where the gallows were, because they suffered such things. I tell you, Nay, but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that were sinners above all men that dwell in Jerusalem? I tell you, Nay, but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." (Luke 13:2-5)

Were this life all there is to existence, its deeper problems would be altogether insoluble, its seeming enigmas would be inexplicable, its death, if itself is an unqualified calamity, an evil infliction to which there is no recompensing sequel, then indeed does injustice reign. But, by the sure word of Divine authority we know that death is not finality, that the dissolution of spirit and body is but a temporary separation, and that even during the limited period of disembodiment the individual lives as an intelligent, active spirit.

Moreover, that same sure word tells of adjustment and restitution, whereby the innocent who have suffered from the evil deeds of others, shall be recompensed in heavenly measure for their earthly pain. Not death but the life that preceded it, and the state of our souls beyond, should be our great concern. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord; in that their sins shall be forgiven them, and they shall rest from their labors; and their souls shall be raised up, and shall receive an inheritance with their fathers, and shall be with them, and shall receive an inheritance with their fathers, and shall be with them, and shall receive an inheritance with their fathers." (Revelation 14:13)

Incident to a period of cruel intolerance in religious matters among the aboriginal inhabitants of the Western Continent, the evil-hearted persecutors put to death many women and children by burning, thinking thus to deny the men into a denial of their faith. The prophets Alma and Amulek were forced to witness the awful scenes. Amulek desired to invoke supernatural power to save the innocent victims. But Alma said unto him: "The Spirit hath testified me that I must not stretch forth mine hand; for behold the Lord receiveth them up unto himself, in glory; and he doth suffer that they may do this thing, or that the people may do this thing unto them, according to the hardness of their hearts; but the judgment shall be given upon them in his wrath, they shall be just; and the blood of the innocent shall stand as a witness against them, yea, and cry mightily against them at the last day." Book of Mormon, (4:11)

The Revelator "saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held. And they cried with a loud voice, saying, Lord, how long, and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?" (Revelation 6:9-10) And in later vision of what is to be, he beheld the consumption, at once glorious and awful, and rendered praise unto God for having avenged the blood of his servants. (13:2)

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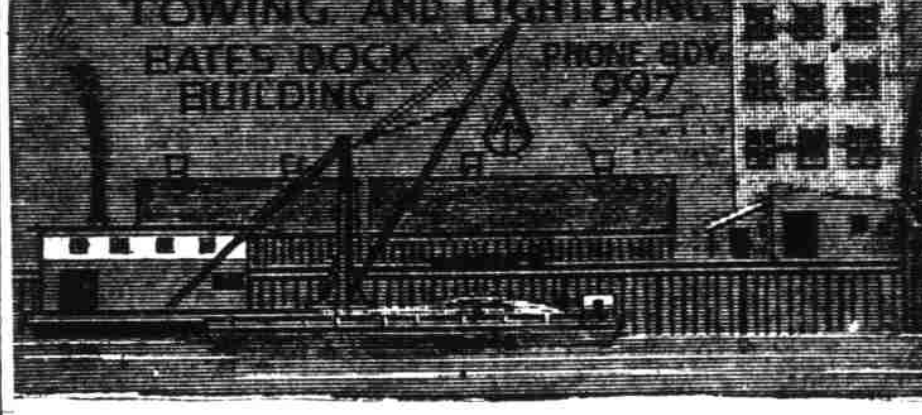
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