

ARE FARMERS FAIRLY FINANCED?—No. 10

EVERY country banker in the United States would take care of the agriculture of his district and so regulate his loans as to be able to use the federal reserve system for the purpose for which it was created, there would not be the general complaint which is heard in some quarters...

"I do not advocate that all of their surplus funds should be invested in agricultural paper, but I do claim that a far greater per cent should be so invested than is being invested at the present time. These country banks are directly dependent upon the prosperity of the farmers of their community for their own prosperity and success, and it seems a short-sighted policy for a country bank to accumulate funds from the agricultural resources of its region and then to invest these funds in paper used to finance industrial and commercial industries, especially when there is a crying need for investing these funds in paper secured by wool, wheat or livestock, and thus helping to finance the agricultural industry, which is so badly in need of it."

Portland is the only large coast city that has a special freight differential to and from its back country, and that differential is due to the Columbia gateway and its water level haul. Portland's leadership of American cities in industrial recovery is no accident. Geography, sound business principles and substantial surroundings have done their work.

More than 1300 added connections have been made by the Portland water department for family use within six months. An estimated 1400 dwellings are under construction or have been built since the first of the year.

There are signs which cannot be doubted that summer is about to turn the corner and wave a greeting to autumn. Fur sales fill shop windows not occupied by the new fall styles. Mr. McGottigan, manager of the Orpheum, is back from his summer vacation to plan for the September opening.

On the bridge of the steamship Columbia, lost in collision off Cape Mendocino in 1907, appeared the following: "TO WATCH OFFICERS When mist shows on the running lights"

From the reports of hot sand wrapping on the south side of Mount Hood the observer might reach the conclusion that the Shriners had been holding an initiation there.

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THE FEEDING OF THE SOUTH

Public Health Service Started Something When It Reported on Pellagra and "Semi-Famine"—The Play Then, Semi-Basically Speaking, Was Handing to Southern Editors, in General, the Daily Editorial Digest (Consolidated Press Association)

The public health service report of pellagra and "semi-famine" in the south upon the subject of the Red Cross has stirred up surprised and indignant comment in the columns of the southern newspapers. Writers in their sections either express sympathy for the alleged affliction in the south or criticize the "pride" of those who resent the charges of disease and starvation.

The Philadelphia Public Ledger (Ind.) is convinced that the south is short of food. "It has never fed itself, maybe never will," it declares. "In spite of the efforts of the United States department of agriculture extension workers, county farm agents and farm journal editors, who have preached diversification for years, the south remains a one-crop country."

In this attitude of the south, the Saginaw News Courier (Ind.) sees "no sense" and calls the Southerners "repulsive." "Almost if not quite as much as we wish a fight to be made upon pellagra," it continues; "that they had adopted that disease as something to be expected, something to be tolerated, and something to be interfered with."

"With the lives and well being of thousands of persons at stake," says the Pittsburg Sun (Dem.), "the Southern people would be foolish to let the pride stand in the way of accepting the help which the Red Cross, at President Harding's express request, is offering to give the people of the South."

THE POLICE REQUEST NOW comes a request from the police department for 50 additional patrolmen, for more equipment and for more money. It is not a new request. From time immemorial police heads have asked for more men and more equipment and more money.

In 1910 there were 199 men in the police bureau. The bureau cost the taxpayers \$238,000 that year. Two years later there were 280 men in the department. The cost mounted to \$317,000. In 1915 the number of men had increased to 304, and the cost to \$354,000.

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THE GLAD-HAND TOWN From the La Grande Observer. "Who's new" returned from a recent automobile trip through California, he called a spade a spade, and said in the habit of doing. He said touring in the treated like a tourist after they got south of Francisco, while in Oregon every tourist was extended to people who travel overseas.

Curious Bits of Information Gleaned From Curious Places. The class in geography will please stand up. Where is the world's longest tunnel? Nobody knows. They are the chief harbors of Yap and we may all learn something about them pretty soon.

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE The butcher's alibi is that nobody buys the cheaper cuts. What's the barber's? Compared with a karpis, though, the poor woman is pretty much dressed, after all.

SEASIDE'S CELEBRATION was such a huge success that even the sea sighed when it was all over.—Astoria Budget. And while congress is about it, why not the government could pick up a bit of money that way.—Albany Democrat.

WHEAT HARVEST is with us and the busy days of forest fires have begun—just as the harvest is under way. The weather, after all.—La Grande Observer. The hunting season is about to open and the man who couldn't ordinarily hit the broad side of a barn will make a master shooter every time he is taken to another hunter for a deer.—Medford Clarion.

POINTIAK, Mich., has passed an ordinance prohibiting lovers from spouting in the graveyard, and next winter it will be hard work to keep them out of the undertaking establishments.—Medford Tribune. If these indiscriminate shootings that have been filling the papers lately continue, timid males are going to demand the disarming of women. The question of disarming ladies will be a grievance.—Eugene Register.

DR. C. L. LAUDERDALE of Portland is planning to acquire a still at Seaview for the purpose of securing peppermint oil from the extensive crops of peppermint grown by the ranchers of the North Beach section. The unfavorable season for potatoes in Douglas county this year has just been selected for the sixteenth time as president of the Douglas County W. C. T. U. W. F. Drager of Salem, who has just made a trip through Southern Oregon, reports the pear crop as less than that of last year while the peach crop, particularly around Roseburg, will exceed last year's.

MR. AND MRS. J. W. WALDEN of Seattle, who are going by automobile to San Francisco, passed through Portland a day or two ago. On the running board of their car is a coop in which is a hen that provides an egg daily for their child's breakfast. H. P. McGuire of Fort Worth, Texas, who was born in Portland in 1855 and who is now in Portland, is visiting old friends in Portland and vicinity. Colonel O. P. McLaughlin of Silverton is taking in the sights of Portland with his sister, Mrs. Marie Warren of Stockton. Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Kelly and Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Ward of The Dalles are registered at the Cornelia. Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Meyers and guest and Flo I. Cote of Redmond are guests at the Hotel Cornelia. Mrs. J. R. Cain of Summit is registered at the Cornelia. Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Brunn of Eagle Point are at the Imperial. Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Perkins of Klamath Falls are stopping at the Imperial. J. W. Mott of Astoria is at the Imperial. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Moore of Urineville are guests at the Imperial. Ed Dorgan of Albany is transacting business in Portland. M. M. Phillips of The Dalles is a Portland visitor. V. D. Looney is up from Jefferson. Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Hall of Tillamook are guests at the Hotel Cornelia. Paul V. Maris is here from Corvallis. A. Wheelhouse is here from Arlington. W. B. Wheeler is up from Eugene.

MORE OR LESS PERSONAL Random Observations About Town

C. K. Spaulding of Salem is a guest at the Imperial. Mr. Spaulding is one of the owners of a recently-completed pulp and paper mill at Salem. He is a native of Kansas. He has lived in Salem for the past 18 years, engaged in the logging and lumber business there. "We are making close to 500 tons of paper a month, principally fruit wraps and wrapping papers. We are going to manufacture greaseproof and paraffin paper, which in the past has been shipped in from the East. We are employing 130 men and running three eight-hour shifts. Our paper is made from white fir and hemlock. The mill is now equipped with two machines and we shall probably install an additional machine soon. The mill cost \$1,500,000. E. T. Barnes, a long-time resident of Salem is manager. For the past two or three years he has been making a study of paper mill methods and, in addition, is providing for a clean, high-class man, in proving to be a most capable manager." "Again thanking you," let me ask you to suppose something: Just imagine that the business of these United States is administered by a man who reads the newspaper, the freight, the honesty, the sanity with which this super-business man, Henry Ford, manages his. No, don't think of it too long, it'll make you dizzy if you do it long enough. If Henry Ford wouldn't make a good head of our own executive department about 1924. E. F. B.

THE LANDLORD IN BETWEEN Portland, Aug. 12.—To the Editor of The Journal.—In the Journal of August 5 appears a letter by C. M. Cutting, referring to the "Glad-Hand" town in London. Mr. Cutting is making the error we hear expressed by others about the so-called "power of money." He says that the powers that control money, "the money power," control the labor and the laborer." Granted, but what is this power? Is it not the annual flow of the public funds, ground rent, the profits of the business, and the profits of the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts? It is purchasable for a few hundred dollars. Nobody wanted it that much, and it is not the power of money, but the power of the purse.

THE TEST OF TIME From the Philadelphia Public Ledger. The "Glad-Hand" town in London has bought "Millie's 'The Carpenter Shop' for \$25,000—a picture for which the artist received \$1250. It is but one more of many instances of the kind, and it is a rather unfortunate illustration of an artist's handiwork. The case of Whistler's famous portrait of his mother is often cited. When an exhibition of the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts it was purchasable for a few hundred dollars. Nobody wanted it that much, and it is not the power of money, but the power of the purse.

Uncle Jeff Snow Says It's mighty queer how everybody in the world's a beggar of Uncle Sam, and just as soon as any nation of the earth gets on its feet it boycotts Yankee trade. Now we've got to feed the Rooshians along with the Chinese, Hindus and all the rest of the world's population dropped in the hat for the suffering Mexicans, Turks, Armenians, Egyptians and anybody else that limps holds out their hands for help. It's a shame, but it's a fact. It's a pity that a few hungry people right here, and if we keep on a-letting the farmers turn tenants and 'lowin' the big landowners to get their all four feet on the ground, it'll be a-letting the hat ourselves one of these days.

THE OREGON COUNTRY

Northwest Happenings in Brief Form for the Busy Reader. OREGON Fred Ramsey of Klamath Falls died recently at Salem. John D. Sharp, 90 years of age, died recently at Salem. Myrtle Creek is planning to hold a special election for the purpose of voting bonds for the purpose of building a new school. August will break all records in the amount of money spent for road improvement in Oregon, the amount being over \$2,500,000. More than 700 pounds of butter a day is being turned out by the churns in the department of dairy husbandry at the O. A. C. creamery. Boardman, in Eastern Oregon, reports heavy cuttings of the second crop of alfalfa. Many of the fields averaged two tons to the acre on the second cutting. C. A. Robertson, attorney for Henry Ford, addresses the Salem Commercial club at the weekly luncheon on August 2. Mr. Robertson is a former resident of Salem. On September 13 the North Morrow County fair will be held at Boardman. Boardman at its recent election, elected George W. May as mayor and W. E. Finnell as recorder. Mrs. John Friend of Roseburg, wife of a railroad brakeman, was found unconscious in the streets of Roseburg, the result of an alleged beating given her by her husband. Fred and E. E. Johnson have filed suit in the circuit court at Tillamook for \$4500 damages against Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Wilson, alleging fraud in the sale of dairy stock on August 2. Mrs. A. C. Marsters, who has been identified with prohibition work in Douglas county for several years, has just been selected for the sixteenth time as president of the Douglas County W. C. T. U. W. F. Drager of Salem, who has just made a trip through Southern Oregon, reports the pear crop as less than that of last year while the peach crop, particularly around Roseburg, will exceed last year's. Dr. C. L. Lauderdale of Portland is planning to acquire a still at Seaview for the purpose of securing peppermint oil from the extensive crops of peppermint grown by the ranchers of the North Beach section. The unfavorable season for potatoes in Douglas county this year has just been selected for the sixteenth time as president of the Douglas County W. C. T. U. W. F. Drager of Salem, who has just made a trip through Southern Oregon, reports the pear crop as less than that of last year while the peach crop, particularly around Roseburg, will exceed last year's. Dr. C. L. Lauderdale of Portland is planning to acquire a still at Seaview for the purpose of securing peppermint oil from the extensive crops of peppermint grown by the ranchers of the North Beach section. The unfavorable season for potatoes in Douglas county this year has just been selected for the sixteenth time as president of the Douglas County W. C. T. U. W. F. Drager of Salem, who has just made a trip through Southern Oregon, reports the pear crop as less than that of last year while the peach crop, particularly around Roseburg, will exceed last year's.

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OBSERVATIONS AND IMPRESSIONS OF THE JOURNAL MAN

By Fred Lockley [In Washington's Cascade region there are scenic marvels boundless and immemorial. Mr. Lockley, who is a frequent visitor to the region, is touring with his family. All will agree that what he sketches is truly some low.] Standing on the summit of Mount Adams, you are 12,307 feet above the sea. From its summit on a clear day you can see Mount Rainier, which towers over the lesser peaks and seems to pop up like a mushroom. Its altitude is 14,038 feet. Across the Columbia Mount Hood is the next highest peak, with its 12,673 feet; Glacier Peak, 10,436 feet, and St. Helens, whose symmetrical cone reaches 9470 feet, are all visible. Mount Adams lies to the north of the city, and Yakima mountains, in Washington, and is about 40 miles north of the Columbia river.

A few days ago I went from White Salmon to Troutlake and Guler on the auto stage. Guler is near the south end of the Columbia river, and is a village of about 100 people. It is a beautiful spot, and is a favorite resort for the people of the region. The river is here a wide, shallow stream, and the banks are high and steep. The water is clear and cold, and the air is fresh and invigorating. The scenery is beautiful and the people are friendly and hospitable. It is a good place to visit, and is well worth a day's trip.

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