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ARE FARMERS FAIRLY FINANCED?—No. 15

By a Farmer's Wife THE LONG, lucid article entitled "Are Farmers Fairly Financed?" appearing in The Sunday Journal of August 7, left its author, no doubt, under the impression that he had made the whole situation so clear and plain that he had said the last word.

As many, no doubt, failed to read the article, a few of his assertions: "In matters financial, the farmer is a child." "He has heard of the federal reserve bank, and in his misconception of that institution he thinks it a place to borrow money." "The farmer is learning a little bit."

Mr. Slater implies that the farmer misrepresents and uses deception, for, instead of doing so and so, "he often uses the borrowed money for building purposes or for living expenses."

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Now, instead of all this egotism on his part, and instead of criticizing and blaming the poor farmer for all that's wrong, trying to lay bare all his childish frailties, shortcomings and ignorance, how much better, more timely and fitting had Mr. Slater given a full explanation of just why, for whom and for what purpose the federal-reserve bank was created, and tell us if it was just one particular class that might borrow, because they could always manage some way to have a lot of money and never get what is called "financially embarrassed," or if it was intended to protect all business interests.

The net incomes of \$1,000,000 or more each per year of 65 citizens of our country help to explain where some of the profits have centered. It is a matter which all should help to right, for it was the war, with its terrible effects, selfishness, greed and potpourri of such opinions as has caused the grief and trouble, and not the poor farmer, as Mr. Slater imagines.

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Today drugs are among the most persistent menaces in American life. And the peril is being momentarily increased. In 1918, 12,384 ounces of morphine was manufactured and shipped from New York. In 1919 the amount was increased to 33,896 ounces.

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glamor of foreign names," he said. "They overrate strangers and forget to see the merits of talent at home, where perhaps much better quality exists. We ought to use it and find a few world beaters in the way of competition. We've got them somewhere in obscurity, walled out by the glamor of a foreign name."

How regrettably true that statement is. How sadly real is the fact that we are blinded by the reputation of importations. How strange it is that we should kneel in exclusive worship of men whose names we can scarcely pronounce. Here are a few: Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Verdi, Liszt, Paderewski, Kubelik. The list shuts out not only Americans, but everything favoring the Anglo-Saxon, a fact which enlarges the scope of Philpitt's statement and makes it applicable to the whole English-speaking race.

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HARDING AND WILSON

Sense of the President's Personality Forms Slowly in the French Consciousness. By Vivid Entry—A Paris Journal Discusses Wilson's Present Occupations and Quoted "Harding Effect."

Frenchmen have not yet got a very clear notion of President Wilson's personality. Through many years they gradually built up a more or less legendary Wilson portrait, which was somewhat reminiscent of the portrait which they had a chance to see the subject at close range at the Paris peace conference. There is still much talk about Mr. Wilson in the European press—political personalities do not drop out of sight so quickly in foreign countries as at home.

President Wilson's health is noticeable about the world. The White House writes the weekly Cri De Paris. "He is still forbidden, however, to work. But he reads much, or rather, Mrs. Wilson reads metaphysical books to him, for which his taste has increased since his illness."

"He likes Bergson's philosophy more and more. He is also delving into the mysteries of the beyond, which is a fashionable thing to do in America as well as Europe. But this curiosity about happenings in the other world does not prevent him from taking an interest in the political questions of the moment. A faithful secretary sums up world news for him every day."

"Only prospering businesses have competitors. In the United States it is now trying to start an establishment to rival the one I founded, the League of Nations can't do so badly as its enemies make out. I mean, the League of Nations can't do so badly as its enemies make out. I mean, the League of Nations can't do so badly as its enemies make out."

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

President Harding says the task ahead for the United States is to reform the world. Our tax system might turn the trick.—Blue Mountain Eagle.

The Oregon Editorial association will meet next year in Corvallis. The college town is a good convention city and the editorials are looking on it as a good place in that city, by a journal.—Aurora Observer.

When it comes to a showdown, Forest Grove has a host of men and women that are right on the job when it comes to putting a valuable piece of work for the community and city.—Forest Grove News Times.

That party at Hubbard who wants a young man to teach school and coach basketball, basketball and football as well as 30 pupils nine miles to school and deliver them safely home again every evening, doesn't want much for a tick.—Banker Herald.

The fire in the Pioneer district should prove a lesson to the city. The fire should be used with first fire dry weather. The fire, which probably started from a cigarette match, of a cigarette stub, in less than three hours had spread over a mile of farm and wood land, causing the loss of one of the most valuable pieces of property. That the loss was not greater is due to the fortunate nature of the land burned over and the quick work of the fire fighters.—Polk County Itemizer.

W. E. Barratt, highway commissioner, who with his family has been sojourning the past few weeks at Seaside, where cool breezes blow, was in Portland Saturday for a short time.

L. M. Carl, one of Albany's prominent citizens, was in Portland Saturday on a business trip.

A. B. Campbell, manager of the Multnomah, has returned from a brief vacation trip to Crater lake.

E. M. Snider and Edna L. Snider of La Grande are in Portland on a visit.

W. M. Ball of Corvallis is registered at the Multnomah.

E. O. Nell of Heppner is registered at the Imperial.

Joe Hinkle, the irrigation expert of Hermiston, is in town.

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The Oregon Country

Northwest Happenings in Brief Form for the Busy Reader.

The highway between The Dalles and Deschutes river was opened for travel Saturday.

Comments of wheat from the interior have begun arriving at the Astoria port terminals.

Seventy-five Chinese pheasants were received at Bend Thursday from the state game warden for release in Deschutes county.

George Flagg, formerly of the Condon Globe-Times, has purchased the Prineville Central Oregonian and is now in full charge.

The C. M. Speck orchard of 88 acres near Madford has passed into the hands of M. M. Mott and Sam S. Mott, of Los Angeles, for a consideration of \$40,000.

Cody county has just received a check for \$10,350.98 from the government, which practically completes its payment to the county for taxes on U. S. lands.

Two rock crushers and a force of about 20 men are working on the rock from the Lee Rowell quarry at Sheridan for use on the Willamette-Corvallis road.

Marie and Priscilla O'Sullivan, aged 30 and 18 years, daughters of Mike O'Sullivan, were drowned a few days ago when crossing the John Day river near their home in Sherman county.

All the 1921 wool brought into Bend, as well as that which is on hand from last year, has been sold. Recent sales aggregated 100,000 pounds at prices ranging from 14 to 17 cents.

All records of tourist travel were shattered at Salem Friday night when a machine gun prohibition machine was fired at the camp grounds. The automobiles represented practically every state in the Union.

By arrangements made with an eastern implement company members of the Linn County Fair board of directors after being enabled to purchase farm implements at wholesale plus 5 per cent were in the city Saturday.

While returning to Bandon from Rogue River Saturday night in a small automobile, Joe and Anita Kunkin were attacked by a huge panther, the animal jumping on the hood but falling back when the boys saw the animal. The boys sped up and got away.

Vancouver taxpayers are facing a 20 mill levy for the coming year, the highest in the history of the city.

The town of Astoria, Clatsop county, is one of the few towns in Washington without indebtedness.

Walla Walla county has a real property tax of \$17,222,000 for 1922, according to figures for the 1921 assessment rolls.

Twelve officers at Camp Lewis have been ordered to report on or before September 12 to the field artillery school at Fort Knap, Washington.

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