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LENROOT COMMITTEE

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farmer, particularly at harvest time, later advancing them.

5. Broadly, the cause for the present agricultural system.

Lenroot said the committee expects to trace basic commodities from the farm to the consumer, studying all processes of marketing and manufacture involved, with the idea of finding why the price spread is so great.

"We will take a commodity like wheat and follow it from the field until it reaches a consumer's table as bread," he said. "We will learn just where the exorbitant profit is and whether it is true, as charged, that the price of bread is excessively high when compared to what the farmer gets for wheat. The fundamental facts have never been ascertained."

"Another thing I think we should learn is whether speculators depress the price of grain at harvest time and later advance it. Grain dealers deny that this is done. But the charge is frequently made. The facts in the case ought to be determined."

Lenroot said if it were established that the farmer cannot get adequate credit, he hopes it will be shown whether the Federal Reserve system is to blame, or whether the Federal Reserve system is to blame, or whether the administration of the law is at fault.

"If the law reads anything, that will be one of the things the committee will look," he said.

"Another thing I want to find out is why prices of farm products have declined so much more rapidly than the things which farmers must buy. The farmer sells his products cheaply but must pay high prices for everything he needs. We can't know if there has been sufficient investigation."

C. S. Barrett, president of the farmers' union and chairman of the national board of farm organizations, encouraged all state and local unions to prepare to submit facts to the committee.

Farmers are ready and willing to testify, according to Barrett.

"All the odds seem to be against responsive legislation, but it is difficult for the committee to arrive at the truth concerning present conditions of agriculture and the farmer, agencies and the persons who have profited from it," said Barrett.

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Western Irrigation Chances Shown to House Committee

(Chronicle's Washington Bureau) WASHINGTON, June 14.—In discussing irrigation possibilities in increased prosperity before hearings of the house committee on irrigation, W. D. B. Dodson, general manager of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, produced some interesting figures as to the need of reclamation for the Western states and particularly with reference to Oregon.

Frank W. Robinson, for many years in Portland and Oregon and now general freight traffic manager of the Union Pacific at Omaha, and H. H. Adams, vice president of the Union Pacific, also told the committee of the need for the reclamation of arid lands in the west. Mr. Robinson took four counties in Idaho and compared them. Two were irrigated lands and two were fine non-irrigated lands. The increased purchasing power and increased standard of citizenship with growth of population and progressive spirit in the irrigated counties were startling.

He showed that nonirrigated communities had a tendency to remain in large tracts, with small growth in population, and lacked the essential variety of crops possessed by the irrigated section. In the productive line factors in prosperity and made new the irrigated lands were constant and better markets, increased the distribution of goods and made railroad transportation more equally and in the end would result in a better revenue, more freight and lower rates on all commodities.

"Where will you extend your agricultural fields?" he asked. "It should be done within the limits of your own country, if possible. You have within the nation proper about 3,000,000,000 acres of land within these confines. Of this total 3,738,000 acres are owned as farms and ranches. In the farm-owned area are 178,431,000 acres are called improved, and 499,345,000 acres in this area are called unimproved.

"Of the area classified as unimproved, but 293,000,000 acres are cultivated, this including the portion of the land carried as summer fallow each year. Thus you find your agricultural wealth confined to a farm area that is actually one-seventh of your total land area in the nation. From this 293,000,000 acres was produced in 1919 \$16,075,000,000 in crop and \$5,957,000,000 in livestock, or an aggregate from the soil of \$21,982,000,000.

"The group of 15 reclamation areas has the two-thirds area of the country, with but one-fifth of the population. In them alone is the large opportunity for agricultural expansion within the national confines. Except for the acreage of swampy lands in the southern and a few other states, these reclamation areas offer practically the only hope for the country in the way of agricultural expansion.

Few Surveys Made

"No exact statement can be made as to how much of the flowing water of the streams of the western states can be saved and directed by land reclamation. Few surveys have been made. These are on the most available and economic projects. It is the agricultural department's duty to find the best plan agricultural population for the next generation or two, if there is any fundamental advantage in expanding and intensifying our rural operations. It is safe to say that the actual surveys made to date for reclamation work are but a small fraction of the total work that will be proven available when America is

at the work in serious earnestness. Supply Large

Beginning on the north, some of the Pacific water supply systems are as follows:

"Columbia river, at its mouth discharges about 200,000,000 acre feet of water a year.

"At The Dalles, where the Columbia emerges from the great intermountain region needing irrigation, the Columbia discharges 154,000,000 acre feet a year.

"Where the Columbia joins the Snake, the former has 24,000,000 acre feet a year, and the Snake discharges 49,000,000 acre feet.

"This water shed of the Columbia is one of the largest in stream flow of the continent, with an area roughly one-quarter of a million square miles. There are a multitude of tributaries flowing to the Columbia all over Oregon except in the southwest, from all parts of Idaho, Eastern Washington and Western Montana. There are hundreds of reservoir areas and diversion points along the tributary stream system, only a small part of which have been surveyed. With an aggregate of 160,000,000 acres of land in the watershed, and with 200,000,000 acre feet of water flowing into the sea through the Columbia annually, it is inevitable that millions upon millions of acres of this land can be and will be irrigated when ever America needs a greater food production.

"We have on the western seaboard of the nation, between the Rocky mountains and the Pacific ocean,

about 25 per cent of the national area within the states and only about one-fourteenth of the nation's population, or, say, 7,000,000 people. This seaboard is the nation's economic and strategic western front. A great reclamation scheme, such as is suggested in the Smith McNary bill, would in all human likelihood double this population, multiply the economic strength and fortify as nothing else could the industrial and commercial position of the nation in seeking business among the countries of the Pacific.

"There is land and there is water in the western states for several times 10,000,000 acre developments. A wise, sound governmental policy, reducing construction costs wherever possible, keeping overhead to the of reclaimed lands when ready, will in my humble opinion, reclaim within a generation more vast areas of the west than any of the framers of this law have ever dreamed of accomplishing. In whatever measure this work progresses, it expands swiftly the best market open to the American manufacturer and producer."

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JOE KASBERGER WINS HONORABLE MENTION

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, June 14.—Joe Kasberger of The Dalles, well known football player and popular student, won honorable mention as a candidate for A. J. Johnson awards given annually to students. The award is based on qualities of manhood, scholarship and student activities.

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