

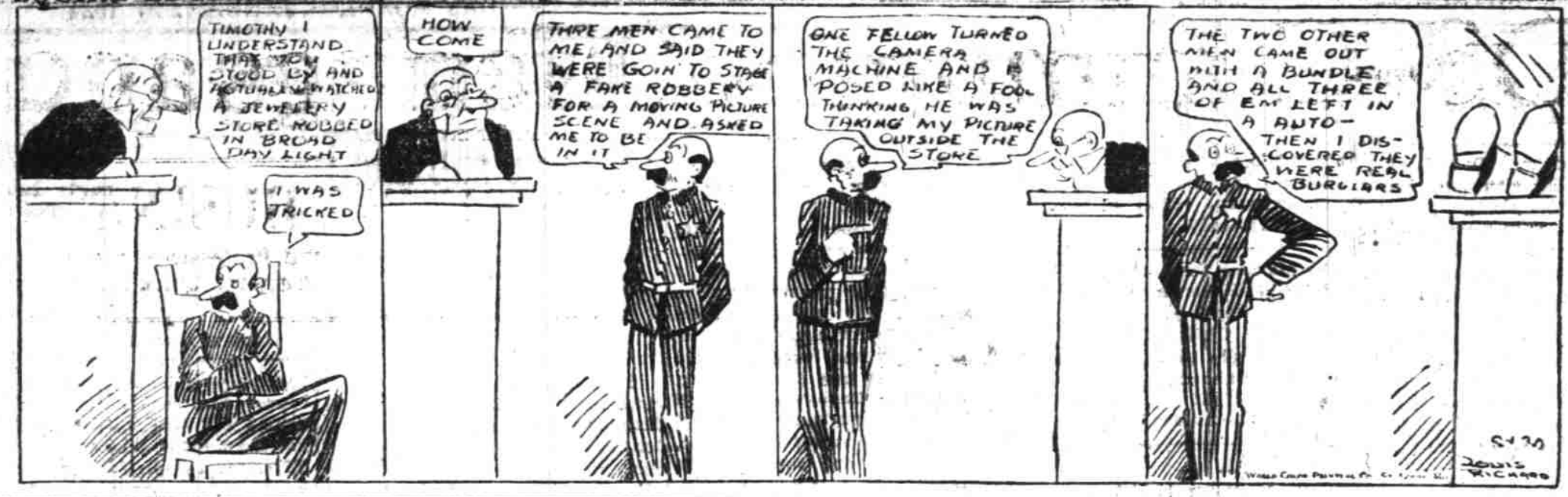
AL F. WIGGINS IS SENT EAST

Salem Man to Represent Two States at Federal Grain Rate Hearing



As a representative both of the Oregon public service commission and the public utilities commission of the state of Washington, Al F. Wiggins, traffic expert for Oregon commission, will go to Kansas City to attend the federal

SQUIRE EDGE GATE — They Were Reel Burglars



of hearings throughout the country. For a number of years Mr. Wiggins has been connected in an active way with traffic and transportation operations in the northwest, and is considered one of the best rate and traffic analysts on the Pacific coast. He is a brother of S. L. Wiggins, who is now in the orient as foreign traffic representative of the port of Portland.

Weekly Letter From State Market Agent

"They tell us farmers that co-operation is our only hope, but if we wait for it to save us, we won't have much to save." "Why cannot organization do for the farm industry what has already done to all other industries?" "Oh, but farming is different. If we all raised but one crop we could combine and put it over, but we all raise everything, and our interests are so varied we can never all pull together."

them on the market and asks 'what will you give?' Labor tells the contractor and employer what they can have the day's work for—and if they don't pay it they don't get it. And they do pay it because they have to live."

"But labor has big national organizations and many leaders to stand back of the laborers' demands and help them get them."

"It did not have once. Farmers can have the same powerful organization any time it cares strong enough to build it. It can regulate production, do its own marketing, rid the nation of its speculators and make its own selling prices."

"The government should help us in our present extremity. We have the most important industry in the world. Nearly all the newspapers and periodicals in the land and state and national representatives admit our plight of the past three years, and they state that agriculture must be made profitable in order that other business may progress."

world you could run your own business." "When you farmers will work as hard as you complain, when you quit self-pity and line up your locality for self-benefit, when you once get it into your heads that the government will never guarantee you profit prices on your products, but that you have got to get that guarantee by organizing along the same lines as other business that guarantees its organizers dividends, then will farming have its place in the sun."

The above are some of the many both-side arguments on the co-operative movement that the state market agent hears every week. Read them again, and the next time think them over.

DONATIONS MADE FOR SUFFERING

Still Further Supplies for Salem's Poor Needed at Red Cross

Nearly \$50 in cash, donated for the purpose of purchasing groceries to relieve the needs of many destitute families in Salem, has been received by Mrs. Mae Young, executive secretary of the Associated Charities, as a result of a story printed in the Friday issue of the Statesman. In addition to the money, some vegetables, canned fruit and clothing were received. Though the response has been good, more supplies are still needed to relieve present conditions.

One woman has guaranteed to see that milk for a family of five children is delivered for a month. This family had two children in school. The mother, who is also the head of the family, has been having a hard time since the canneries closed early this year, and while she was able to purchase the actual necessities to prevent starving, she was not able to spare a cent for milk, which was needed. Those having supplies to contribute or who wish to make donations are asked to get in touch with Mrs. Young at Red Cross headquarters, 640 State street. If these people are unable to deliver their donations, if they will notify the Associated Charities office one will call for the supplies.

At 13 he is humble because he is ignorant. At 80 he is humble because he is wise. A man isn't really old until he begins to talk about how severe the winters used to be.

500 ATTEND BIG ECONOMIC CONFERENCE

(Continued from page two) because of the necessity of improvement in the conditions of agriculture, not only for the sake of the farmer himself, but also to insure the continued prosperity of the merchant, the banker and other interests.

A brief resume of the recommendations of the different groups are given below: **Wheat Marketing** Probably the two most important subjects discussed were the marketing of wheat and prunes. The conference recommended a reduction in spring wheat acreage, no reduction in winter wheat and a large increase in barley, growing only standard varieties, for the reason that it has been shown that Oregon's acreage production is twice that of wheat states east of the Rocky mountains.

Therefore the law of survival of the fittest will compel these states to reduce their acreage rather than Oregon. Farmers were advised to use straw spreaders, to replace law yielding oat acreage with barley, clover and vetch, and to vastly increase the production of vetch, clover and alfalfa hay, especially in the Willamette valley. The production of flax for fiber and for flax seed in some favored sections of Oregon was recommended. The federal grain grade for exporting wheat were endorsed.

A special grain growing section presided over by Senator Ritter of Pendleton endorsed the McNary-Haggen wheat exporting commission plan and urged the passage of the bill now before congress introduced by these gentlemen, which would tax all wheat growers 7 cents per bushel on their crop and would pay a bonus of 30 cents per bushel on all wheat exported, thus establishing a domestic price of 30 cents per bushel over the foreign price. It is a well known fact that the present price of wheat is based upon the foreign price, and regardless of what that price is, under the provisions of this bill the local price would be 30 cents higher.

Want More Legumes The pasture and forage crop section recommended that a considerable portion of the 125,000 acres of grain and hay in western Oregon be replaced by vetch and clover hay.

That every owner of livestock adopt as his motto, "I will grow my own feed." The corn acreage of western Oregon should be doubled to stop the annual importation of 1500 to 2000 cars of corn into the Pacific Northwest.

The seed conference urged farmers of irrigated areas of eastern Oregon and farmers of western Oregon to enter more extensively

in the production of small seeds, such as clover, grasses, and vetches, figures indicating that these seeds may bring into the state an additional income of at least \$2,000,000 annually for producing red, alsike and white clover, hairy vetch, grim alfalfa and grass seed. The U. S. department of agriculture was heartily commended for discrediting Oregon clover seed, its unwarranted conclusion being drawn on conflicting evidence gained from a single year's trial. The crop conference recommended that potato acreage be not increased and that growers in western Oregon standardize on Burbank, American Wonder and Earliest of All, dropping the numerous, miscellaneous kinds now grown to the disadvantage of Oregon markets.

Dairymen Want Oleo Bill The dairy conference appealed for a state wide campaign to back the referendum bill against oleo in order that public health may be conserved and the dairy industry protected. All dairymen and all manufacturers in the state are to be asked to contribute to a fund to carry on an educational campaign in behalf of that bill. The dairymen recommended a normal increase in the number of dairy cows, with ten cows as a minimum in any herd to be profitable. It was found that 52 per cent of the bulls used in the state are scrubs and should be eliminated.

Poultrymen Organize The poultry section met and organized as a new state poultry association, with Grant B. Dimmick of Oregon City as president. It is organized for educational purposes and to exert proper influence for the adequate recognition of the importance and value of the industry. About 50 poultrymen were present.

An newspaper conference on Saturday R. K. Hendricks made a statement that the Salem district should and could produce poultry products to the value of \$18,000,000 annually, and that numerous contests in laying records had demonstrated the Willamette valley to be the outstanding poultry country of the world.

More Berries Needed The small fruit section recommended an increased acreage of red raspberries, black-caps, currants, strawberries, and that no new acreage of blackberries or loganberries be planted; that sour cherry planting be discontinued, but that planting of Royal Ann be increased with polinizers in localities where canneries and local demands warrant. Loganberry growers were organized to form a federated organization composed of local organizations from each producing locality for the purpose of studying problems of consumption and distribution and to solve their marketing difficulties.

Increased production of head lettuce was recommended. Broccoli should be confined to the special broccoli districts where it has been proved a success. All canneries vegetable producing should only be increased, where

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HER INTEREST IS REAL.

Rodolph Valentino is going to lose neither his hair nor his wife—not right away, anyway, according to Mrs. Valentino, who sailed to join her husband in Europe. Two rumors have been circulating recently, one to the effect and the other that his wife is contemplating a divorce. Where these stories came from and who has been telling them are somewhat obscure, as might be expected. Nevertheless Mrs. Valentino denied both when sailing, that Rodolph is losing his hair

local cannery demands warrant. The nut growers committee recommended only sufficient plantings of filberts and walnuts to maintain the acreage. Same recommendation was made for apples and Bartlett pears, with the need pointed out for increase plantings of winter pears and also the need for better organization and marketing facilities.

Beef Cattle Needed The animal husbandry section determined that the beef cattle industry is permanent and should not be shifted to others. Three-fourths of Oregon's land is fit for grazing only, and the present depression causing many to go out of the business has not left enough sheep and cattle to eat the grass. Pork should be raised in only sufficient quantities to utilize the available food supply, but that supply should be increased until it is possible to supply Oregon's demand for pork.

There are at present 13,000,000 acres of free range of which 11,000,000 are available to homesteaders but not taken up because of no value and being grazed in a haphazard way, the grass is left killed. By putting this land under private ownership the value may be increased to \$50,000,000 for grazing purposes, and it might be made to contribute \$1,000,000 a year in taxes.

Co-operative Marketing Recommended The marketing group recommended co-operative marketing wherever feasible in order to bring about more orderly reasonable marketing for farm products, having an impartial survey made before any co-operative movement is launched, and co-operative interests should be combined to solve transportation and legislative problems. Marketing concerns should make more liberal use of the intermediary federal land bank at Spokane as a means of financing themselves.

A recent survey by the department of agriculture shows that the prices of farm products for 1923 to be higher than those of 1922, and the prediction is made for a

better year for 1924 than for either of the past two years. The prune group recommended that no more prunes be planted in Oregon, that the great need was for larger sweet prunes and larger tart prunes and that co-operative organizations should be extended to include all prune growers in the state for the purpose of marketing through advertising and other methods to increase the demand for Oregon prunes.

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