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REFUGE, STRENGTH, HELP:—God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble. Psalm 46: 1.

FIFTY-FIFTY FOR GROWER AND MANUFACTURER

Utah has led the country in number of beet sugar factories. That state had up to last year nineteen, with Colorado eighteen factories—

But Colorado has led in production of beet sugar, with Michigan second, Utah third, and Nebraska fourth—

And now Colorado will lead in number of factories, for she is to have three more large ones, besides the transfer of ownership and great enlargement of a third, for it has just been announced that the Great Western Sugar company, with headquarters at Denver, has bought the holdings of the Industrial Sugar company, including a factory site at La Salle, a limestone quarry and all other assets, including the factory at Fort Lupton, in which extensive improvements and additions will be made—

And the Great Western has decided to build two new factories, one at Johnstown and the other at Ovid. The one at Ovid is to cost over a million dollars. Work is to be started at once, and it is to be ready for the 1926 crop.

Beets led all Colorado crops in money value last year; the total being \$132,015,097, with sugar beets at \$20,868,120. The wheat crop was valued at \$18,849,329, and corn at \$13,772,000.

There is growth in nearly all the beet sugar factory districts of the country; in acreage, in sugar tonnage per acre, and in sugar content, and steady improvement of factory methods, and in cooperation between manufacturer and grower.

The new contract between factory and grower throughout the inter mountain states is a strictly fifty-fifty proposition. The industry has been gradually working up to this. The grower is protected against loss by a guaranteed minimum price of \$6 a ton for his beets, estimated to cover actual cost of production. Then there is an equal division of the net returns from the crop, after deducting the selling expenses.

This makes the grower a full partner, and his interest in the industry is increased far above what it was when he got so much a ton and that was the end of it. He is interested in a high yield and a high recovery of sugar content. He is ready to cooperate to enhance the profits of the factory, for he is in on the increase, fifty-fifty. He wants low freight rates and other costs, for the same reason.

All this is interesting to the Salem district—
Because the next big forward movement here must be the securing of beet sugar factories. They are needed for the people to whom they will give employment, and they are especially needed to provide a cultivated crop in our schemes of rotation, and to aid in pushing forward our live stock interests, with the use of the by-products, that is, the beet tops and the pulp and molasses.

The Willamette valley could easily supply the beets for as many factories as Colorado has, and the first factory should be at Salem, and it should be built next year—

In time to take the 1926 beet crop.

SILENCING THE CRITICS

Long and loud have been the wails from the old game commission guard in protesting the appointment of W. L. Finley to the commission. Circular letters sent broadcast over the state supplemented bitter verbal and press attacks on the Governor for making the appointment.

Everything connected with the propagation, preservation and hunting of game was represented by the old regime controlling the game commission as sure to go to the bow wows, with Finley and a new warden on the job. On account of Finley's superior qualifications for the position and his reputation for straight-forward conduct of official business the avalanche of criticism hurled at him at first soon subsided. The fact that the former warden and his assistant had been for some time operating a private fish pond for commercial purposes while working for the commission helped also to tone down the shouts of the game barons.

Finley and the majority of the present commission refused to be overawed by the tirade against "politics" by the most typically political organization in the state and have already assured the public of greatly improved service, freer from political plotting and autocracy than it has been for years.

The following excerpts from instructions issued by the commission and warden to employes indicates a real business-like, effective administration of game affairs in the interest of the state:

"To All Employees of the State Game Commission:
It is very apparent that an organized attempt is being made to disrupt the work of the game department by circulating statements to the effect that the entire force of employes is to be reorganized on a political basis. I have been instructed by the Oregon State Game commission to advise you that all such statements are false.

The commission at its meeting held August 10 authorized me to say to you that the force is not to be reorganized on a political or any other kind of a basis, and that so long as each employee does his work faithfully and efficiently, refrains from every kind of political activity and does not violate any of the laws of the state or nation, his services will be continued. Also that the State Game commission as now constituted is determined to carry on with renewed vigor and a singleness of purpose the work of propagation and protection of game birds and game fish in order that there may be more and better hunting and fishing throughout the state.—E. T. Averill, Warden.

All of which must be very disappointing to those wailers about politics and inefficiency in the new administration.

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