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July 14, 1927 But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. For every man shall bear his own burden. Galatians 6:4-5.

PLACE FOR NEXT SUGAR FACTORY

J. W. Timpson, manager of the Utah-Idaho Sugar company, writes that he contemplates a visit to the Willamette valley, as told in a copy of his letter printed on the news pages this morning—

And he says he wants to note the progress of irrigation enterprises here—

And he asserts that he prefers to British Columbia the Willamette valley as the location of the next unit (factory) of his great company.

That is most encouraging. Mr. Timpson says he believes a sugar factory can be successfully operated here, if our people will go to irrigation, and our farmers will make up their minds to support the proposed enterprise.

There is no other one thing that will do as much for the Willamette valley—

For all the industries on the land and the growth and well being of our cities and towns. No other one thing that will so vastly increase dairying and swine breeding and poultry, raising, and all the other fundamental products that will render our valley superbly great and uniformly prosperous.

Hammer these facts home, as they should be stressed, and there will be such a demand for the proposed factory that it will be certain to come; that the Utah-Idaho Sugar people will be glad and anxious to put in their million and a half to two million dollars to build it.

NEEDED, A WILD HOG BOOM

There has been for several years a swine breeding boom in the Salem district; but it is not half wild enough yet; not half as wild as the conditions justify—

And it is a boom that cannot be overdone.

Salem has become a swine breeding center; has done this in the past seven years; the Salem district has increased its swine breeding industry in this time to five to six times its size at the beginning of the period—

And this growth is going on.

The Valley Packing company four and five years ago was going east of the Cascades and the Rockies for about a third of the hogs it was annually using, and outside the Salem trading district for part of the two-thirds.

This company has steadily increased its packing operations, and is now able to get practically all its hogs locally.

What is more, this plant was last year and the year before more than doubled in capacity, and brought right down to date; to the last minute; and it will before very long be using 52,000 hogs a year, and getting them all from the Salem district.

This growth of swine breeding is bringing about an increase in the number of dairy cows; helping to develop a large poultry industry; has made Marion the leading corn county of the Pacific northwest—

And it has added to the productivity of the soil in this district in many ways; aided the legume industry; put more silos on the farms, more paint on the barns and dwellings, and in many other ways helped in the thrift and prosperity and general well being of the people on the land here in Salem's patronizing territory.

The people of Salem and of the whole Salem district owe a great deal to the home men with enterprise and vision who put up the capital for the Valley Packing company, and have managed it and kept it growing and prosperous.

All this means more hogs, more corn, more cows, more poultry, more money, and still more and more; and more progress and prosperity generally.

There can be no over advertising of the fact that the Salem district is a good swine breeding country. The facts should be spread far and wide. The growing of a continually increasing acreage of Grimm alfalfa and Hungarian vetch and the sweet clovers here is helping. The building of a beet sugar factory here, which is coming, will wonderfully help the swine breeding industry. It will give it a perennial boom; along with dairying, the poultry and bee keeping industries, and many others.

Swine breeding is one of the basic industries on the land in this section to make and keep this the most prosperous country in the wide world.

SOME MORE ABOUT THE MONKEY WRENCH

Your comments on my article seemed to act as a smoke screen. I am somewhat of a booster myself, yet I do not believe we gain much by covering facts, nor do we gain much by enforcing laws that wrong a part of our people.

The last bonds issued by the state highway commission were in October, 1923, for one million dollars. What I was trying to show was that the first plans were violated many times over, and the state has failed to revise the basis of auto licenses that has been admittedly wrong for the past six years.

The board should have slowed up a little and not ground down on the goat quite so hard.

Boosting is all right, but justice is absolutely needed in state government. No reform can come now for at least two years, and if the same bunch is elected to the next legislature

from the various counties we have no assurance that they will give this matter any attention. So let's avoid the breakers just ahead.

A REPUBLICAN.

Salem, Or., July 13, 1927.

How is that for high? Farmers with good hogs to sell are \$1.60 to \$1.95 a hundred pounds better off in the Salem district than they are in the great corn belt states marketing their porkers in Chicago and the other leading packing centers. Put that fact over in the right way and the right places, and we will have a hog boom that will be the wonder of the world.

Pig clubs increasing in number. But we should have more; one in every farming section of the valley.

If every farmer in the Willamette valley could be bundled up and taken for a visit to the great Colorado sugar factories, every one of them would come back ready to sign up for a factory here. To the last mother's son of them.

Bits For Breakfast

Breed more hogs—

There is an industry that cannot be over done.

Can you think of yourself as a swine breeder in the corn belt, selling your hogs at \$1.60 to \$1.95 a hundred pounds less than they are worth in cold cash in the Salem district—

And with lower priced land and less cost for many reasons here, to say nothing of the vast difference in favor of our climate for both comfort and safety?

Here is another thing that cannot possibly be over done in the Willamette valley—the sugar industry. Fill this valley with sugar beet factories, fed by 500,000 acres of our land in rotation schemes, and still we would not make a dent in the supply for the United States.

In a recent bulletin of the Oregon Agricultural college there is the following paragraph: "To be successful sugar beet factories must have plenty of beets for a long run and must have them every season, points out G. R. Hyslop, professor of farm crops at the Oregon experiment station. So in addition to right soil and climate, farms and farmers and plenty of labor and transportation are essential to produce enough beets every year for a successful factory run. If along with these things fuel, water and limestone may be had without excessive cost, a successful factory location is indicated."

The Willamette valley has every one of the essentials for a successful beet sugar factory, including the labor, which is the most important of all. We are used to getting large numbers of laborers here. They come now, almost as a matter of course, on account of our vast amount of seasonal work. Just one thing we lack. Nothing else. Just a full understanding on the part of our farmers, and our other people, that a beet sugar factory is the best bet we have. Without a single exception.

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