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## Will a Voluntary Pool Succeed?

UNDER the whip and spur of the new federal farm board a big national grain corporation is being formed to put the grain business of the United States through cooperative channels, financed liberally by government money. Charles W. Lonsdale, a big grain man of Kansas City, was offered the job as general manager, which he declined because he believes the plan will result in failure. Said Mr. Lonsdale: "While I am wholly sympathetic toward all sound effort to improve the relative economic position of agriculture, I believe there are certain fundamentals which cannot safely be violated, and I am compelled to refuse the tender of responsibility as directing head of the Farmers' National Grain corporation because of the sincere conviction that the plan, as at present outlined, will fail."

It is hard to see how the organization could fail, if as the Rosalia officer of the North Pacific cooperative says, that the government will bear the losses. The Oregonian says the farm board will pay no losses and quotes from the law, and says that the worst that could happen would be that it would have to wait for its money until profits were earned. Of course that might be a long, long time, and if the cooperative disbanded as many have done, the losses would fall on the farm board as creditor.

There are some fields where cooperative marketing seems the logical solution of farm troubles. This applies particularly to perishable crops produced in a compact area. The individual grower has too small a production to have a voice in fixing a price; collective bargaining is necessary to get fair prices. But with grain like wheat or corn, we question seriously whether a cooperative on voluntary lines will succeed. Big grain cooperatives were launched under the Aaron Sapiro inspiration in 1920, and the memory of their operations is still sharp among members in the three northwestern states. Some of the biggest men in the farm and grain trade were directing this northwestern organization but the farmers commenced to wiggle out of their contracts after an experience of one or two years.

The Des Moines Register which has been a valiant fighter for farm relief, makes the following comment relative to volunteer pools:

One of the problems before effective farm organization is the weakness of voluntary pooling.

The Canadian wheat pool has recently made its report for the year. The total deliveries were: "475,711,625 bushels of wheat, of which 244,248,206 bushels were delivered to the pool, or 51.3 per cent of the total crop."

If with all the pool has done to stabilize wheat in the Canadian provinces 49 per cent of the wheat dodges the service, and incidentally the costs of the pool, what assurance do we have that the 51 per cent will hold fast in a trying season?

The pool has sold 35,000,000 bushels less abroad this year than last largely because of the over-plus from Argentina. The pool was pretty well cleaned up however from last year and holding over this year will not embarrass it if the coming season is favorable.

The pool has standardized the Canadian grain market and stabilized prices. Generally speaking the Canadian wheat grower has had better prices than the United States grower.

But will voluntary cooperation work out even in Canada where they have all the advantages for it? If there is any question about it there what is bound to happen on this side of the line where our agricultural production is so varied and hard to classify?

In the end if there is to be effective stabilization must not every bushel bear its fair share of the burden, every pound of butter, every processed product of the farm?

Where has voluntary cooperation ever been successful, in the unprofitable years?

## Sour Fruit of Our Russian Policy

THE rebuff to the advances of the United States in the interest of peace in Manchuria may be quite directly attributed to our misguided and unwise policy in dealing with the soviet government. From the time of the October revolution the United States has acted on wrong advice from Russia. Ambassador Francis was continually predicting the fall of the Lenin party; and the Wilson policy was based on this faulty prophecy. The American intervention was a grievous error. Just now we note the ship has brought home the bodies of our soldiers who had perished on the ill-starred adventure about Archangel, martyrs to political blundering at Washington.

Our policy has since been ill-advised. We have withheld recognition, alone among the powers great and small of the earth. We have haughtily spurned Russia's approaches looking toward an understanding. Secretaries Hughes and Kellogg continued the holier-than-thou attitude which leaves the United States in ill favor in Russia and now a laughing stock of the world because Russia scorns our moves for peace and terms the note of Secretary Stimson "an unfriendly act." Those are harsh words in diplomacy. Often they are the prelude to armed conflict. No such result may here be anticipated; but to have our vigorous overtures in the interest of world peace termed "an unfriendly act" is serious.

But what other reception might we expect from Russia whose efforts to negotiate we have spurned, whose leaders we have scoffed at, whose political and economic overtures we have damned? Oddly enough the United States, washing its hands of diplomatic relations with Russia, with the face of a pious Yankee deacon, does let the shipping board sell a lot of left-over ships to the soviet government for \$50,000. Certainly the United States can hope for no welcome on the doormat when we endeavor by back-stairs negotiation through the French ambassador to deal with the soviet government; so long as we bolt the door in the face of the Russians and pull down the blinds.

We have no respect for bolshevism and no sympathy with its bloody record; neither do we approve of the dictatorship of Mussolini. But business is business and diplomacy is diplomacy; and the United States through its false, ill-conceived and costly attitude toward Russia loses all weight when it comes to treating with that country over issues such as the Manchurian affair. The United States should be decent if it isn't friendly.

We note that the Oregonian is advocating the erection of a monument to Joseph, "another good Indian." We didn't get to read the Oregonian but we presume the Oregonian has reference to George Corvallis Gazette-Times.

The Gazette-Times was evidently thinking of the definition of a "good Indian."

## The Comedy Finish



## BITS for BREAKFAST

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Who knew General Ward?

The Bits man wants information from some old timer. He has been trying to check up on the man who was known in the early days of this part of Oregon as General Ward.

The John P. Gaines donation land claim was this side of and to the east of the Sky Line orchard, a few miles south of Salem, in the Jory neighborhood, in the Liberty district. This was the John P. Gaines who was the second appointed governor of the territory of Oregon; appointed by President Taylor, and according to the Blue Book, serving from Aug. 12, 1850, to May 16, 1853, though the inscription on his tombstone says from November, 1849, when he was appointed.

Governor Gaines was a stormy petrel of early day politics, because he was a whig, and Oregon was then democratic; very much democratic; like it was said of Brigham Young, "very much married."

The governor's mansion (of Governor Gaines) still stands, as it was then, with an addition on the west side. Next to the donation land claim of Governor Gaines was that of Mr. Moore, and next that of Thomson Ward, and next to Ward's was that of Dr. A. M. Belt. Nancy Ward was married to Dr. A. M. Belt. John Belt, was a pioneer druggist of Salem. He was the father of the present Associate Justice Harry H. Belt, of the Oregon supreme court. Myra Belt, youngest daughter of Dr. A. M. Belt, was Mrs. George H. Burnett, long a member of the supreme court—both deceased. Dr. A. M. Belt was the first grand master of the Masonic lodge of Oregon, his home lodge being that at Kerby, Josephine county, which is named Belt lodge.

Mrs. Dr. A. M. Belt was a refined and cultured lady; but during the Civil war her sympathies were with her people of the south, and she was not favorable to the work of the residents of Salem who constantly solicited funds for the Sanitary Commission, which was the Red Cross of that conflict. When she was approached by a pioneer woman for a subscription, she begged to be excused for refusing to help the people of the north who were killing her own people of the south.

The Wards had slaves, as did also Governor Gaines, and both families brought their negro chattels to Oregon and kept them on their farms. One old resident remembers the names of some of the slaves, and that when some of them died they were buried on the farm. The slave cabins on the Governor Gaines place were just east of the governor's house, but they have long since been torn away. The Bits man is promised a story of these Oregon slaves, for some issue of the future.

There is a plot in the Odd Fellows cemetery, not far from the east entrance, north of the big laurel trees, where there are two old tombstones, one of them lettered: "Minerva F. Ward, wife of T. B. Ward, died June 29, 1861, aged 35 years, 1 mo., 3 days." The lettering on the other one is: "Laura B., daughter of T. B. and M. J. Ward, died Dec. 31, 1876, aged 6 yrs., 3 mos., 13 days." There is no other tombstone on the lot, nor, apparently, a third grave. (Not the apparent discrepancy in middle initial and dates. A woman dying June 29, 1861, could not leave a daughter dying Dec. 31, 1876, at the age of only 6 years and a little over 2 months.)

Where was General Ward buried? Some old timers think it was in the Odd Fellows cemetery, but the Bits man has not yet found the grave. Who can tell him? Was Thompson Ward or T. B. Ward, General Ward? What was he general of? There are many great Wards in the biographical dictionaries, generals, ministers, bishops, etc. One old timer thinks the General Ward of early Oregon fought in the Revolution, or that his father did.

There is another angle: Joseph A. Baker, oldest Salem resident in point of continuous residence here, remembers that the Bennett house was finished, or about finished, early in 1852. He remembers that he thought it was a magnificent hotel. That puts the right date for Capt. Bennett's great activities in Oregon. Mr. Baker also remembers that there was another husband of Capt. Bennett's widow, before John Hendershott married her, and he thinks his name was Ward, and that he married her in '56 or '57, and died not long afterwards. The dates do not jibe for this Ward (if his name was Ward) to have been General Ward. Who knows about this? Mr. Baker remembers this second marriage, because he himself was one of the chief members of a party that attempted to give the newly wedded couple a noisy charivari, that miscarried, because the objects of the charivari were not at home in the Bennett house while the youthful bunch carried on their noise making demonstration, and there were threats of arrest that scared young Joe Baker nearly out of his wits.

Mr. Baker also remembers that John Hendershott, the third husband of the widow of Capt. Bennett, was a good and industrious man; that while the wife was several years older than the husband, Mr. Hendershott made a full hand in work, in keeping up the hotel and other buildings left by Capt. Bennett to his widow. That corresponds with the lines on the tombstone of John Hendershott.

Mr. Baker remembers another charivari that was historic. It was when John G. Wright, well known pioneer grocer, married Caroline Cross, daughter of Thomas Cross, father of E. C. Cross, who was the father of our present Curtis Cross, the third generation of prominent packers here. The noise makers even got out the historic cannon that came across the plains with the '47 immigration, and the firing of which Cal. Geer said protected that biggest immigration train up to that time from Indian attacks. The firing of the cannon shattered the lights in the Thomas Cross home, located near where the First Congregational church is now. That was in 1850, about. After the charivari some one stole the cannon and dumped it into the Willamette at the east end of the present bridge at the foot of Center street, and the ancient big gun was not dragged out of its watery grave till the early days of the Civil war, when it again came into play in many patriotic demonstrations. Who knows where that old cannon is now?

Now, here is another fact concerning the claim that Capt. Chas. Bennett ought to have his name on the California monument as one of the discoverers of gold. In 1877, June 15, Judge R. B. Boise made the "annual address" before the Oregon Historical society meeting at the state fair grounds, and John Minto made the "occasional address," reviewing the immigration of 1844, which was a custom at the annual meetings in those years. John Minto was one of the big men of that immigration. He gave the names of all

the members (about 800) of the 1844 immigration; or rather the heads of the families. He had efficient help from other leading members of that year's covered wagon train. He gave among the deceased members James Marshall and Capt. Bennett. This is a fact of history that has been overlooked by all the historians, so far as the Bits man can find. This is additional evidence that the leading historians were right in giving as the discoverers of gold in California James W. Marshall and Capt. Charles Bennett. They were intimate. James W. Marshall went to California from Oregon in 1846, and Capt. Charles Bennett in 1847, and they, boon companions of immigration days of trials and hardships, were working together when they discovered gold on Jan. 24, 1848.

But who can answer the above questions about General Ward?

## Old Oregon's Yesterdays

Town Talks from The Statesman Our Fathers Read

New officers of the Capital Typographical Union No. 210 are: L. S. Rowland, president; Harry W. Hill, vice-president; F. J. Jaskoski, secretary-treasurer; W. H. Gaul, sergeant-at-arms; J. S. Wyant, J. V. Blinning and J. W. Baker, executive committee; Budd Hill, George Snyder and W. F. Dunlap, auditing committee.

The United Artisans elected officers to serve for the next six months as follows: James E. Godfrey, P. M. A.; W. W. Hill, M. A.; Mary Hill, sup.; Victoria Worsham, insp.; H. S. Belle, sec'y.; George Melson, treas.; E. Cooke Patton, Sr. C.; Ollie Kelly, M. C.; Edna Goodhue, Jr. C.; Della Goodhue, musician; Ida Godfrey and Ivan Martin, field committee.

## Former Resident Visits at Zena

ZENA, December 5.—P. Meckers, formerly of Zena and Lincoln, was a Friday visitor here at the homes of Gus. Lake and Alvin Madsen.

Mr. Meckers recently bought a farm near McMinnville, where he and his family now reside. Their former neighbors and schoolmates will be interested to know that the two older boys, John and Wallace Meckers, will finish grade school this term and will attend McMinnville high school next year. Mrs. D. N. Hendricks has just returned from Seattle where she was a visitor during the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Sample. Mr. and Mrs. Sample were formerly engaged in business at Salem before moving to Seattle.

## Monmouth Hears P. T. A. Officers

MONMOUTH, Dec. 5.—Distinguished visitors at the Normal school Tuesday were Mrs. Charles E. Roe, National secretary of the Congress of parents and teachers; and Mrs. W. T. Brice, president of the Oregon Congress of parents and teachers. Mrs. Roe addressed the students and faculty at convocation on the advancement in the interest of educational methods shown by the P. T. A. organization.

## GERVAIS HIGH TO PRESENT COMEDY

GERVAIS, Dec. 5.—The high school play will be presented at the city hall two nights, December 12 and 13. "The Arrival of Kitty" a three-act farce, will be given and special numbers between acts will include songs by the girls' glee club, solo, by Monica Schwab and skit by Evelyn Eason.

The part of Mr. Winkler, whose weaknesses are wine and women will be played by Donald McKay. Emma Jensen as Aunt Jane, the spinster, plays her part remarkably well. Louise Lemert as Jane gets around her uncle Willie in more than one way. Lester DeJardin in the role of Bobbie Baxter makes use of his talent as a professional leading lady during the course of the play. Arthur Graffius as Benjamin Moore, the eccentric gentleman, lets his actions speak louder than words. Alfred Bowley does the character of Ting, the bell boy, justice by means of his Yale education. And there is a colored porter, Sam, who in everyday life is none other than Kenneth Manning. Elizabeth Messer, as Susette, Aunt Jane's maid, is called on for the smelling salts more than once.

## JEFFERSON CLUB MAKES MANY GIFTS

JEFFERSON, December 5.—The Thimble club composed of the five lady teachers of the Jefferson school, gathered at the home of Miss Addie Libby Tuesday evening. The time was spent in making Christmas gifts. Later in the evening waffles and chocolate were served.

Mrs. D. W. Cummins was called to Portland Tuesday owing to the serious illness of her son-in-law, T. O. Davis, who was taken to the hospital in Portland from his home at Dundee. Mr. Davis has many friends in Jefferson who hope for his speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Norval Jones of Klamath Falls, were dinner guests of their cousin Addie Libby Saturday.

## Airlie Schools Very Active

AIRLIE, December 5.—The high school boys will go to Rick-reall Wednesday night for their first out side game of basketball. Mrs. C. S. Whittaker accompanied Miss Emma Welsh, the high school teacher to her home at Beaverton to spend Thanksgiving.

A family by the name of Alms have moved from Alvinston on to the Dr. Williams farm.

The school gave a very interesting Thanksgiving program Wednesday which was attended by a large and appreciative crowd. Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Robinson and daughter Barbra Jean drove from Trent to spend the week-end at the A. J. Turner and Rex Wom-

## Small Boy Goes To See the World Alone and Afoot

JEFFERSON, Dec. 5.—Saturday afternoon as the two children of Mr. and Mrs. Willard McClain were at play in their back yard, little Jimmie, the three year old boy wandered away, going down Main street and crossing the Santiam river bridge, going to Camp Santiam, where Mr. and Mrs. James Blackwell took charge of him.

Mrs. McClain went outdoors to see if the children were still there; found the little boy missing, and at once started to search for him. Mrs. Paul McKee, taking her car, accompanied by Mrs. McClain, continued the search; located the boy and brought him home.

er homes. Mrs. Robinson will be remembered as Miss Vera Turner. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Turner gave a dinner party Thanksgiving in their home. The invited guests were Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Wom-er, Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Bevens and daughter Beverly.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. McAlpine and son Lester drove to Kelser island to spend Thanksgiving.

William Staats and family of Salem spent Thanksgiving at the F. M. Waters home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Weinert and children Jack, Betty and Peggy, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brown and son Norman and Wendal spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. William Weinert and family at the Summit.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jones of Monmouth and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnson of Elkins spent Thanksgiving at the G. H. Hadley home.

Word was received here that Vern Williams who is a prohibition officer in Portland was married there on Thanksgiving day. His many friends extend their best wishes.

Miss Vivian Cox of Parker, sister to John Cox of this place, and who has been in failing health for several months became suddenly worse and was rushed to the General hospital at Salem Monday and operated on for ulcer of the stomach and gallstones.

The William Boyer family have been attending the evangelistic meetings in Monmouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bryley of Newport spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Turner.

Word has been received here that John L. Williams formerly of this place but now of Toledo, Ore., had the misfortune while running an electric sausage grinder to catch his hand severing all the fingers from his right hand. He is in the Toledo hospital.

Joe Staats has rented all of the E. D. Brown's family land for three years and Mr. Brown is leaving for the Summit where he has employment at his brother-in-law's mill. The family will remain here.

## STUDENT VISITS HOME

LAKE LABISH, Dec. 5.—Miss Velma Mathis of the University of Oregon visited relatives here over Thanksgiving.

## ROBERTS MATRON IS ENTERTAINED

ROBERTS, Dec. 5.—Mrs. Mabel Higgins was given a delightful surprise Saturday evening when about thirty-five of her friends met at her home to help celebrate her birthday. Mrs. Higgins was kept in Salem visiting her mother, Mrs. J. B. Packer until the proper hour for her arrival after the crowd was already there. A jolly evening of games and music was enjoyed. Refreshments were served at a late hour.

Mrs. Gust Hayden of Salem came Wednesday to make a few days visit with her children, Miss Gertrude Hayden, Mrs. Hilda Casper and Carl Hayden at the old home place.

Mr. and Mrs. James Fry visited Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Beard in Salem Thanksgiving. While there they called on Mrs. John Flattery, Mrs. Beard's mother, who has been sick in the Salem hospital for eight weeks.

Miss Linnie Carney, of Wasco, Oregon visited Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Carpenter Friday and Saturday. Miss Carney is a Willamette graduate and is now teaching in the Wasco high school.

Mrs. Hilda Casper and Carl Hayden went to Lincoln Tuesday to visit their sister, Mrs. Henry Nigler.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Blankenship and family spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Blankenship.

Harry Bancroft is getting poles set to bring the electricity to his house. He is also getting ready to install a telephone.

Charles Leeper has had electric lights put in his house.

Mrs. Alice Coolidge returned home Monday morning after spending Thanksgiving vacation with her cousin, Mrs. John Black at Seaside.

## Former Texans Gather at Eugene

EUGENE, December 5.—The Texas longhorns will have their semi-annual stampede at the Eugene chamber of commerce Sunday, December 8th. Beginning with a basket dinner at 1 o'clock.

Mrs. McKlin is chairman of dining room, assisted by Mrs. Harry Evans.

Mrs. Ernest Bertich is chairman of the entertainment committee assisted by Mrs. J. N. Slaner and Mrs. Jesse Sonens.

Mrs. Whistler will be in charge of music.

A special invitation is extended to all former Texans.

## Aurora Resident Passes Away

AURORA, Dec. 5.—Miss Lizzie M. Will, for many years a resident of Gervais passed away at the Oregon City hospital on Thursday afternoon. Miss Will who was the daughter of the late Leonard Will, had been ill less than a week. Funeral arrangements will be made later.



## A Beautiful Christmas Supplement

WILL BE PUBLISHED  
NEXT SUNDAY IN THIS PAPER  
WATCH FOR IT!

It's Santa's Pass Key to Giftland, telling you what to buy, where to buy, and how to effect economies in doing your Christmas shopping early. Many helpful hints are included that will serve to aid you in making Christmas shopping time a season of pleasure rather than a season of bustle and confusion.

This supplement is profusely illustrated and contains many articles of vital interest to gift seekers.

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