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Relieving the Wheat Farmer

The machinery of the farm relief board is now reaching down to the wheat grower of the Pacific Northwest. An organization is being set up which is to put the policies of the farm board in action and the money of the taxpayers in circulation. Jobs are being disbursed and the "leaders" in the cause are being rewarded just like the sponsors of victorious candidates. Salaries so far reported are quite generous. One man gets \$1500 a month; another gets \$1000 a month. One man previously rated as a \$2500 a year warehouse manager is set up with \$10,000 a year and a desk of mahogany or golden oak. Another prominent politician-farmer-banker, who has practically failed in business now has a comfortable berth with the farm board wheat set-up. These are all men in Eastern Washington or Eastern Oregon who see in the farm relief movement a fine opportunity to get fancy salaries for themselves, and perhaps a chance to unload their strings of warehouses on the government.

Talking with wheat men in the Inland Empire wheat belt one finds very little confidence that the new contrivance will accomplish anything worth while. Many farmers and bankers whose major interest is in farm success blame the farm board for the price slump. They feel that if the board had not failed and Secretary Jardine the previous fall had not urged the farmers to hold wheat, the crops would have been sold in normal course at fair prices well above a dollar a bushel, the wheat would have been shipped out of the warehouses, the money would have liquidated debts and stimulated buying and business. Instead the holding policy encouraged by the farm board froze sales and paralyzed business.

A select group of farmers who were holding wheat got a nice suckle out of the government teat in the spring. They "borrowed" money from the government on their wheat on the fixed basis of \$1.13 a bushel, Portland basis. That was considerably above the actual price; so the farmers simply sold to the government at the inflated figure. This was not a privilege granted to all farmers; no distinction was made as to the kind of grain (save as to grade). In other words the government made an outright gift to certain farmers of hundreds of thousands of dollars; of millions in fact taking the country over. Thus we read of how the government has sold 350,000 bu. of wheat for 82¢ which it took over on "loans" made at around \$1.15 a bushel. It is still carrying over 50 million bushels.

It is difficult to see how the co-operative which is being established for handling wheat can possibly succeed. In the first place it has a very loose contract. Any member can withdraw during a stated period each spring on payment of one dollar. Then the grower can sell his wheat when he wants to. All he has to do is to give the co-op the first refusal of any offer he has received. This defeats the idea of pooling. The co-op must sell to the mill or the exporter whose buying agent may be quoting a price to the farmer. Its merchandising margin will be no higher than this concerns now allow to the farmers union warehouses, but this margin will not suffice to take care of the greatly increased overhead expense. We were familiar with the wheat growers associations which functioned ten years ago. They failed, but their form of organization was far superior to the one now being established.

We seem to be in for a period of more wartime shipbuilding. The fat purse of the government is being flattened in an attempt to defy economic law and in carrying forward a policy that is alien to the principles of free government. The Statesman does not oppose co-operative marketing; and knows of many successful co-operative organizations. But it does oppose government interference, government coercion as in the grape campaign in California, government favoritism in distributing a bounty to selected farmers, and government mixing in business with its complications of policies and red tape.

How then should farm prosperity be restored? Well, so far as the Inland Empire wheat grower is concerned, his prosperity, up to the recent sharp price decline, has been fully restored. Save for those still carrying a load of wartime indebtedness the wheat producer has prospered, enjoying good crops and profitable prices ever since 1924. He needs chiefly to be let alone by the government, and certainly not fed up with more credit.

The broad national policy which we should adopt is to encourage foreign trade whereby our surpluses of wheat and meat and cotton and copper may find a good market abroad. The recent tariff insofar as it raises tariff rates and restricts trade and creates hostility abroad, creates a dam which holds these surpluses within our own country, creates the glut which we call over-production, and forces a decline in prices. The same thing happens in other countries whose markets are curtailed by restrictive tariffs and short-sighted nationalistic policies of trade. Better change our extreme high tariff policy, better abolish subsidies or special benefits for other industries, better quit subsidizing high railroad rates through artificially high wage scales or valuations than to initiate such a Santa Claus program as the farm board has begun.

Senator McNary is going to send to Governor Norblad the flag which flew over the capitol when the farm relief act was passed. Many old-fashioned farmers and many plain citizens who grew up under Fourth of July oratory and under the doctrine of individual freedom of action and equality before the law will be curious to see just what sort of flag it was. Witnessing in the practical carrying out of the farm relief act a virtual sovietism by political appointees one cannot help doubting if the flag is really the old Stars and Stripes. Meantime the law is giving no relief to the farmer and is threatening the politicians who enacted it.

A great variety of names are proposed for governor on the Joseph platform among them: the son of Joseph, the widow of Joseph, the partner of Joseph, the campaign manager of Joseph. There has been one omission. Why not Tom Mannix to run on the anti-disbarment plank of the platform?

A Problem For You For Today

Two freight trains are 475 miles apart and travel towards each other, running 15.1 and 12.05 miles per hour, respectively. In what time will they meet?

Answer to Yesterday's Problem: \$19.99. Explanation: Square 1/2 of 19 and multiply by 10 (19.1416) to get area of floor; multiply by 10 by 12.5 to get area of wall; add the two areas, divide by 3 (number of square feet in 1 square yard and multiply by .25.

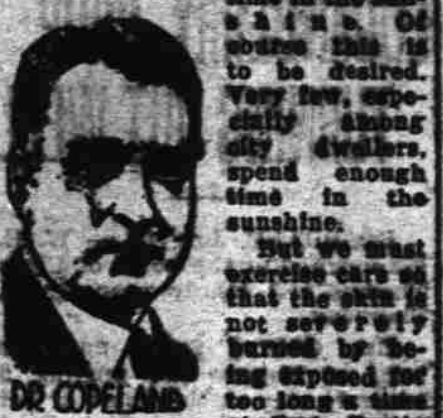
A "household club" has been organized by 21 Big Springs, Tex., residents.

HEALTH

Today's Talk

By R. S. Copeland, M. D.

We are now in the midst of vacation time. Most of us are able to spend more than our usual time in the sun.



DR. COPELAND

Very few, especially among city dwellers, spend enough time in the sunshine.

But we must exercise care so that the skin is not overexposed to the sun's rays. Being exposed for too long a time to the sun's rays will cause the skin to become dry and flakey.

Not long ago I read a fashion note which stated that the latest fashion was to wear a broad-brimmed hat. Even a thin veil gives a lot of protection.

Quinine applied locally is useful. It may be prepared as a powder, one part to fifteen parts of talcum powder, and dusted on the skin. Or the quinine may be dissolved in petroleum oil and applied to exposed surfaces.

Cold cream may be used to prevent burning, also it is soothing if the skin has been burned. Do not wash after exposure to the sun. After a drive, or a half day or more on the beach, cleanse the skin with cold cream, rubbing it off gently with a soft cloth.

Whether or not you want to be tanned, accustom yourself to the sunlight because you need it. Sunlight, as well as vitamin B, enriches the blood and has a tonic effect.

Answers to Health Queries
 A. E. F. Q.—I am 16 years of age, 5 ft. 10 in. tall—will I grow any more? There are many factors which I can stop this rapid growth?

A.—You may have attained your full height, but in most cases the growth and development continue until the age of 21. There is no way to stop growing, as you grow older you will fill out and develop generally.

There's some catch in everything. The district that gained in population will have to have a lot of other things. — Medford Mail-Tribune.

But, if we are to honor adequately the memory of John Tompkins Craig, we must keep in mind his vision, as well as his devotion to duty. He saw early the importance to Oregon of communicating highways across the barrier range of Cascades. He was more than a mail carrier. He was a road builder. — Eugene Register.

It's easy enough to be happy when money rolls in like a flood, but the man who whiles in the one who can smile when his quick riches scheme proves a dud. — Dallas Chronicle.

Of Central Oregon's chief selling points it is sometimes difficult to decide whether the tourist is more interested in the beautification of roadsides or in the multiplication of residences. — Bend Bulletin.

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HIS BURDEN



"The SEA BRIDE"
 By BEN AMES WILLIAMS
 THE ROMANCE OF AN EVENTFUL WHALING CRUISE

CHAPTER XXXIII
 When Brander did not speak, however, Dan's gently prodded him.

"You're forgetting that Mr. Brander claims it for his own," he told to Tichel.

Tichel chuckled again. "Oh, yes, I was forgetting that small matter," he agreed. "My memory is very short at times."

Still Brander said nothing. Dan looked toward him. "I'll warrant Mr. Brander doesn't forget," he said.

Brander looked toward Dan and smiled amiably. "Thank you," he told the mate. "Keep me reminded. It had all but slipped my mind."

There was so much hostility in the air, in the slow words of the men, that Faith said quickly: "Let's be on the positive soon."

"I'm looking forward to that, Dan. You've seen the Rock?" She hoped to change them to another topic; but Dan brought it smoothly back again.

"Yes," he said. "Last cruise, the Betty Howe, out of Port Townsend, picked up a sizable chunk of 'em not a week before we touched the grounds. That brought two hundred and sixty to the pound, I heard."

"How much was it?" Willis Cox asked. "Fifteen pound or so. No more than a thumbnail to what we've got—that is to say, to what Mr. Brander's got—below here."

Brander had finished eating; he rose to go on deck. But Roy Kilcup could no longer hold his tongue. He got to his feet in Brander's path and demanded sharply:

"Do you honestly mean to claim that ambergris for your own, Mr. Brander? Are you so much of a hog?"

Brander looked down at the boy and smiled. "I'll give you your share now if it will stop your worrying, youngster," he said.

"I want to know what you're going to do," Roy insisted. "Are you going to stick to your claim?"

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BITS for BREAKFAST

By R. S. HENDRICKS

Marine Corps League: As was briefly told in this column yesterday morning, there is an effort being made to get enough members in Salem for a detachment of this organization.

The recruiting office of the regular army, in the postoffice building, and those of the navy, in the city hall building, are also active in the city of Salem. These all deserve the cooperation of service organizations and institutions.

There are known to be enough eligible men here to make up a fine and large detachment. The Marine Corps League was founded on the 14th birthday of the United States marine corps at New York City, on November 10, 1923. It is the only veterans' marine organization of national scope.

Here is a paragraph from the literature of the league explaining one of the main reasons why it was brought into being:

"Comradeship is the reason for its existence. Have you ever paused to consider what the word means? Every human being, every beast of the forest, in fact every living thing on earth seeks comradeship of its own kind, thus the league. No organization has ever bound the ties of comradeship closer than those who have served and are serving in the marine corps. To enlist one must be physically qualified and normally educated. As the active days of training sweep by you feel pride swell through your blood that you are one of the finest military trained organizations in history, who have been gathered under the colors of American freedom."

Another paragraph: "Surveys told us that marines are hard to find, but under the able leadership of Major Brewster and Major General John A. Lejeune (retired), the organization has proved differently, to the extent that detachments are being organized in every state in the union."

Another: "Membership in the league is composed of all marines in the active service and those who have been honorably discharged from the corps at any time, or those of the army and navy who have served under the command of a marine officer. The Marine Corps League is not strictly a World War organization, and does not rival any other service organization."

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