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### SINGING OF THE TIMES.

(By Frank L. Stanton.)

We singin' of de times w'en de dollars an' de dimes;  
Will be risin' lak de stiesies jes' a-rochlin' wid de chimies;  
We singin' an' we singin' er de bright, sweet times  
W'en we'll all go ter glory in de mawnin'!

We singin' of de times w'en de seed'll come ter light,  
An' ferfist it had ter tarry in de loom an' lopsome night;  
W'en de corn'll be a-shakin' of his tassels in yo' sight—  
W'en we'll all go ter glory in de mawnin'!

We singin' er de times w'en de trouble will be past,  
An' we'll run wid every river, though be gwine mighty fast!  
W'en de mawnin'll fall from heaben, an' de first'll be de last—  
W'en we'll all go ter glory in de mawnin'!

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### THE EFFECT OF LUMBER RATES

NEWS that the Interstate-Commerce Commission has directed a reduction in freight rates on northwest lumber is fraught with considerable importance to the northwest territory.

Since the big rate increases the lumbering interests of Oregon and Washington have practically been eliminated from eastern and middle-western markets, being unable to compete in those territories with southern pine. The result has been a stagnation in the northwest industry which has been largely responsible for the recession in our prosperity—for it is a well known fact that whatever affects the lumbering industry of the northwest affects the general economic condition of our district.

The reduction in long-haul rates on lumber bought to contribute materially to the rehabilitation of the industry.

As an indication of the prohibitive nature of the rates since the big increase last year is a statement in the current issue of the American Lumberman of Chicago. "One of the most significant developments of the week," this publication says, "was the announcement of the sale of several million feet of Douglas fir which is to be moved by water via the Panama canal, unloaded at Philadelphia and then shipped west by rail to Ohio points. The water rate on this shipment is to be \$15 a thousand feet and the combined cost of the loading, unloading and back haul will be considerably less than the amount which would have been charged for direct rail delivery of the lumber. Water transportation is arousing keenest interest on the Pacific coast and in view of the high freight rates there is a decided tendency on the part of the manufacturers to encourage and co-operate in water shipments to the Atlantic seaboard, from which reshipment by rail and water will be made to the middle west."

The high freight rates have not only operated to shut down many mills and curtail the output of many others but they have been responsible for big losses to the railroads themselves.

Discussing the general conditions of the lumber business, the American Lumberman goes on to say:

"There seems to have been some increase in buying this week and certainly there is a better tone to the market. In the South in many places an unusually large amount of southern pine is going into local consumption. Furthermore the export demand has picked up and several sizable sales have been made during the week, while one encouraging feature is the fact that the destinations of these orders are widely scattered.

"Seemingly the campaign to stimulate building is having the desired effect, reports indicating a revival of interest and the launching of a number of projects, particularly for the building of homes.

"Production of lumber remains light and prices have not shown any particular change, as advances have been offset, on the whole, by decreases."

### THE BATTLE OVER UPPER SILESIA

UPPER SILESIA, where 2,500,000 Germans and Poles will vote in a plebiscite on Sunday, March 20, to determine whether that province shall remain German or be annexed to Poland, is a rich stake. The two nationalities are contending for a territory about 5000 square miles in area or approximately the size of Connecticut. In one year 30,000,000 tons of coal were mined in Upper Silesia and besides, it has vast deposits of iron, zinc and lead.

The dispute over its possession which results from the clause in the Versailles treaty providing for the plebiscite has made Upper Silesia one of the storm centers of Europe. The situation there for many months has been tense with both sides heavily armed and the possibility of civil war always present. The Inter-Allied Council of Ambassadors repeatedly postponed the election which even now seems fraught with grave possibilities.

The loss of Upper Silesia would be a serious blow to the industrial strength of Germany.

"It would be impossible to carry on the war except for the resources of Upper Silesia," declared the German Chancellor von Bethmann Hollweg, in 1917. Assertion that without Silesia's natural resources, "Germany would not be able to redeem her pledges or to work out her own reconstruction" was emphasized before the Allied Reparations Commission in London on March 1.

The Germans, since 1740, when Frederick the Great wrested the country from Poland, have developed the country into one of the greatest mining and industrial districts of Europe. Germany, it is claimed, cannot live without its coal. Poland, stricken and devastated, looks to Upper Silesia to save her economic life and make her a real nation. Hence the bitterness of the present struggle.

### SPOKANE PACKERS REDUCE WAGES 8c

SPOKANE, Wash., March 17.—Armour & Co. of Spokane, today reduced wages of its employees 8 cents an hour, according to John M. Van Kessel, general manager. Approximately 250 employees are affected. "The reduction went into effect here today and the men are still at work," said Kiesel.

### MISS M'SWINEY STATES AMERICANS INDIRECTLY CAUSE WOE IN IRELAND

SPOKANE, March 17.—(U. P.)—Judgment of the American people as the indirect cause of woe in Ireland was voiced by Miss Mary MacSwiney, sister of the late lord mayor of Cork, in a statement to the United Press. "England is maintaining her occupation of Ireland on United States money," Miss MacSwiney declared.

### CARTRIDGE CASES WILL BE SOLD

WASHINGTON, March 17.—(A. P.)—Announcement of the sale of 35,000,000 pounds of brass cartridge cases was made today by the war department. The sale will net the government approximately 60 per cent of the market value, it was said.

### FARMERS' ORGANIZATIONS OF U. S. ARE MAKING EXTENSIVE CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING PLANS

CHICAGO, March 17.—(A. P.)—Farmers' organizations of the United States today are officially considering the most extensive cooperative marketing plans in the history of the country.

Two well developed projects for handling grain already have been worked out and are now being presented to farmers. If adopted, they will go into effect this summer. Efforts are being made to unite the two farm groups concerned on a single system.

The final ratification meeting for the broader of the plans, which includes the handling of all grain is set for April 6 here. The other organization, which concerns itself only with wheat is already signing up members.

On April 7 the first working meeting of a national livestock marketing committee will be held here. Its object is to develop a national livestock marketing plan.

Coincidentally with these two meetings, fruit growers of the country will hold a conference in Chicago, at which consideration will be given the possibility of national cooperative effort.

The national plans for marketing of wheat and livestock are the culmination of much local and sectional cooperative enterprise already established by farmers.

The prime movers in the plans mentioned are the American Farm Bureau Federation and the Wheat Growers' Association of America. Both organizations are developments of the last few years.

The "wheat strike" of last year first attracted attention to the Wheat Growers' Association, which has its headquarters at Wichita, Kan. With the assistance of Aaron Sapiro, a California marketing expert, it has worked out a system and is pushing a contract campaign in the wheat raising states. In Kansas effort is being made to sign up 50,000,000 bushels, or about half the crop, in a wheat pool.

The general grain and livestock marketing plans are those in which the American Farm Bureau Federation has taken the lead. The federation was permanently organized only a year ago, on the foundation of the

present time. This is called the "Committee of Fifteen."

While the two grain plans differ in detail and elasticity, each calls for a national sales agency. Whether the livestock committee will similarly advise a national livestock commission sales company is one of the questions before it. Mr. Gustafson is also chairman of this committee and H. W. Mumford, of the Illinois Agricultural Association is secretary. Dr. Mumford reports there are 5000 cooperative livestock shipping associations and 1000 cooperative livestock commission companies in the country.

Cooperative business being transacted at the present time by farmers runs into the hundreds of millions of dollars, according to figures collected here. The capital farmers have invested in cooperative grain elevators totals other millions. The national organizing movement has also touched the hundreds of farmer-owned cooperative elevators, and they recently got together here in a national convention.

Cooperative purchasing of supplies by farmers' organizations, prominent among them the elevators, has made rapid progress in several states, farmers owning coal mines and buying output of entire coal fields.

### LITERARY SUCCESS

NOT THE ONLY ONE  
There Are Other Pendleton People Similarly Situated

Can there be any stronger proof offered than the evidence of Pendleton residents? After you have read the following, quickly answer the question. Harry T. Buchan, farmer, Route 1, Box 62 E, Pendleton, says: "Many years of hard work on the farm weakened my kidneys and caused lame back some few years ago. When I tried to lift anything a terrible pain would catch me in the small of my back and I couldn't get straightened for over a month. The doctor said I had lumbago. My kidneys ached frequently, causing me to get up many times during the night to pass the secretions which were highly colored. I read about Dean's Kidney Pills and two boxes from Koeppen's Drug Store relieved the lumbago from my back and corrected the kidney action."

Price 60c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Dean's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Buchan had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mrs. Buffalo, N. Y.

Legislation to facilitate cooperative enterprise has been advanced in a number of legislatures this winter.

TEVTS IS ACQUITTED  
PORTLAND, March 17.—(U. P.)—The jury in the circuit court returned

a verdict of not guilty in the case of John Tents who was charged with breaking his wife's neck during a quarrel. Judge Stapleton criticized the jurors for being out 24 hours. "You should have brought in this verdict in thirty minutes," he said.

### Western 10-Ton "Caterpillar"

A Tractor That is the Development of Experience.

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