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THE GAZETTE HEPPNER, OREGON

FARMERS ARE RETIRING.

Many Western Agriculturists Are Enjoying the Fruits of Recent Prosperous Years.

The Nebraska towns are filling up with farmers who have retired from agricultural pursuits to take life at ease and educate their children, says a recent Lincoln report.

Prosperity has prevailed on the farms for five or six years, and the farmers of the west are showing their philosophical view of life by retiring before they are too old to enjoy the fruits of their toil.

None of them are rich in the metropolitan sense of the term. They don't feel themselves rich. All they have is competence, but their early life away from the temptations of the town has taught them frugality and they have no particular desire to put on style. Usually when they come to town they go out to some modest suburb where the price of property is low.

They spend \$2,000 or \$3,000 for a house and lot, fix things up comfortably and enjoy themselves. Their wants are easily satisfied. They have not the theater-going habit nor the society habit; they have learned how to get what they think is good out of life without indulging in many of its frivolities. Measured by their ambitions and their wants they are as well off as any millionaire—possibly better. They have enough and are satisfied.

It is possible for a farmer to retire on a much smaller amount than most men who have investments in other classes of property. A merchant may get out of active life but leave his money in his store without feeling that it is safe. Banks, too, may fail, and the price of stocks is liable to fluctuate. It is different with the farm. Nebraska land has a very stable value, and even in panicky days could be sold for fair prices. To-day it is high, but a good thing is assured; and if the harvest is big and prices are good there is a large addition to the surplus and money for any little indulgences.

Those farmers who prefer to stick to the farm for a little while longer are demonstrating their possession of a bank balance by improving the appearance of their farms. Lincoln contractors have sent 30 or 40 carpenters out into the rural districts to build new barns and houses in the last six weeks. Out in southwestern Nebraska, in the new wheat section, there is a land boom on, an overlap from Kansas, where speculators are forcing up prices. The short grass country wallowed in big crops this year, and there is scarcely any government land left in that section of either Kansas or Nebraska. Real estate agents have been running harvest excursions into the country and syndicate buying is now a feature of the business, whole parties of emigrants from eastern states being landed and settled in the same neighborhood on newly purchased lands.

NATIONS IN THE MAKING.

War Enters Very Largely Into the Formation of a New Country.

According to the astronomers, there was fierce conflict of forces in chaos before the worlds were thrown off from the nebular mass; and then there were many a mad flight through space and frequent collisions before the force of gravity set the planets moving in their respective orbits.

On a small scale, natural forces are still at work bringing about a stable political equilibrium on this planet. Chance and war, chiefly war, have thrown together groups of people with unlike interests, states the Youth's Companion. Wherever the interests conflict, their effort to get along together succeeds but indifferently, or fails altogether.

The most recent example of failure is the break-up of the republic of Colombia, which occurred when the people in the department of Panama decided that they would submit no longer to neglect by the central government, a neglect of which the rejection of the canal treaty was only the culminating incident.

The struggle is still going on in Austria-Hungary, where two nations, differing in race, are trying to live under one government. The emperor-king is able to keep his empire together only by making frequent concessions to the Magyars. His consent, in November, to the larger use of the Hungarian language in the army was forced from him at the price of breaking the deadlock which had left Hungary without a ministry for several months.

Germany has a similar problem, although the issue there is the proper relation of the various states to the central government. Bavaria has resented the interference of the emperor in its local affairs with so much vigor that the imperial chancellor has thought it wise to announce that the kaiser does not desire greater centralization of authority.

The British empire is a vast nebular mass, which is to be held together until it solidifies into a homogeneous unit. Mr. Chamberlain fears that it is in danger of flying to pieces unless the force of gravity, operating through self-interest, can be made to bind the colonies to the mother country.

LOCAL MARKETS.

Heppner Quotations on Staples Bought and Sold Here.

RETAIL GROCERY PRICES.

COFFEE—Mocha and Java, best 40c per pound; next grade, 35c per pound; package coffee, Lion and Arbuckle, 6 packages for \$1.

RICE—Best head rice 10c per pound; next grade 8 cents per pound.

SUGAR—Cane granulated, best \$6 25 per sack; do 14 pounds \$1.

SALT—Coarse \$1 per 100; 85c 50 pounds.

FLOUR—\$4 45@55 per barrel.

BACON—16@18c per pound.

HAMS—16@17c per pound.

COAL OIL—\$1 50@1 65 for 5 gallons; \$3 25 per case.

VEGETABLES.

POTATOES—1c per pound.

California sweet potatoes 4c per pound.

CABBAGE—2½c per pound.

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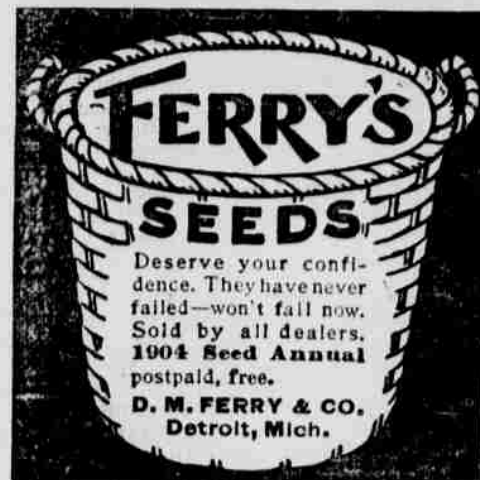
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Archibald H. Clelland dropped dead on the streets of Corvallis, of heart disease, Wednesday.

The Hillsboro Independent has been sold to D. W. Bath, of St. Paul, who will continue to publish it.

Wallace, Idaho, hopes to secure free mail delivery this season, as the required income of \$10,000 will be enjoyed by the Wallace postoffice this year.