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THE MIDDLEMAN.

Published statements to the effect that 10,000 heads of families in New York, 500 retail dealers and several hundred farmers in Pennsylvania grange and other organizations, mayors of cities and other forces are already arrayed against the middleman, and that the movement to eliminate him is spreading, brings him forward as a subject demanding serious consideration and discussion.

So far, the anti-middleman movement is directed almost exclusively against the trader that stands between the producer and the consumer of bread stuffs. It is held, on the one hand, that the tiller of the soil is able to obtain but a meager profit on his products, and, on the other hand, that the consumer is forced to pay an exorbitant price for them, the difference going to the middleman whose service consists merely in passing the commodities along.

A mayor in a middle west city has demonstrated that it is possible to buy directly of the farmer and to sell directly to the consumer at a great saving to both. That is, allowing a fair profit from the second, the selling price may be still very considerably lower than under the present system. But practically everything that is now produced by labor finds its way through intermediary channels to the consumer. This is as true of a spool of cotton as it is of a head of cabbage. Labor is at one end of the line, the consumer at the other, and between them are the commission men, warehouse men, mill owners, jobbers, wholesalers, retailers—the middlemen, that is to say, the great mercantile class of the world. Yet all these, including the producer, are consumers. Anything that effects consumption effects production.

In the very necessity of the case, any reform intended to change this system must proceed carefully and conservatively. Nothing is becoming more apparent to the educated public thought of our day than the fact that the interest of all classes in the community are so closely interrelated that what effects one effects all. It is neither difficult nor dangerous to attack the methods of an individual middleman or a number of middlemen; the difficult thing is to restrain public sentiment within reasonable bounds when it becomes aroused against a class, and to prevent it from going so far that it will defeat the ends it has in view. The world will doubtless eventually grow out of the present industrial system; but this will be brought about through increasing enlightenment rather than by violent change. The present agitation will serve to show the unscrupulous middleman that he must reform his ways. Kept within reasonable bounds it will do good; pursued to unreasonable bounds it will lead to ultimate reaction.

There is opportunity here, as elsewhere at this time, for the exercise of ordinary common sense.—Statesman.

Lexington is rapidly forging to the front as one of the most progressive communities of Morrow county. Her resources are becoming more

varied, and her farmers are doing the class of farming that brings results annually. As a testimony of the prosperity of that community, we submit the following facts gathered and prepared by one of her loyal boosters, the same being printed and delivered to the demonstration train people and others the first of the week:

Welcome! O. W. R. & N. and O. A. C. We would be glad to have you stop at Lexington, the wheat center of Morrow county. We have produced two-fifths of all the grain grown in Morrow county this year. Our 58 farmers have threshed 46,731 sacks of grain, an average of 835 sacks, or 1744 bushels per farmer.

10,467 sacks, or 22,678 bushels was grown on land that produced from 14 to 16 bushels per acre; 18,421 sacks, or 39,912 bushels, on land that produced 10 to 14 bushels per acre. This was done with 7.16 inches of rainfall received as follows:

Sept. 1910.....	.43 inches
Oct. ".....	.33 "
Nov. ".....	1.77 "
Dec. ".....	.87 "
Jan. 1911.....	.46 "
Feb. ".....	.74 "
March ".....	.26 "
April ".....	.26 "
May ".....	.73 "
June ".....	1.31 "
July ".....	None "
Aug. ".....	None "

CREAMERY

We have the only creamery in Morrow county, and it is a success. The production of butter has increased from 2103 pounds in January to 3757 pounds in September, with a good prospect of a continued increase. The total amount of butter produced in the nine months ending September 30th was 29,942 pounds worth \$8,777.83. It helps the farmer.

POULTRY

Our merchants, since January 1st, have shipped \$4,201 worth of poultry and eggs. There is an increasing interest in this industry.

We are a prosperous community but we want you to help us do better, and we know that you can do so. And if you ever pass up this way again we will be more than pleased if you will call in and stay two or three hours with us.

Very truly yours,

LEXINGTON.

Around Kennewick, Wash., there is an increased interest in dairying, it being brought about through the enterprise of a few men who have imported several hundred cows from other states and sold them to the farmers who will engage in dairying, they to be paid for through the cream checks monthly, one-half of which will be applied to that purpose by the creamery. During the dry season period of the cows no payments will be required. This plan gives encouragement to the farmers who have agreed to take the cows and care for them in the very best way so as to obtain the greatest amount of milk and butterfat from them. Four carloads of Holstein cows in Kansas and Wisconsin have been brought into that part of Washington by this system and two carloads of Jerseys from Oregon are also being distributed to the farmers on the easy payment idea. The creamery expects to have cream delivered to it from over 500 cows before many months go by. It will be a splendid thing for the farmers and also for their land as dairying helps to build up instead of decreasing the fertility of the soil.—Statesman.

Lincoln Bucks For Sale.

We have about 125 thoroughbred Lincoln bucks from the celebrated Hawley flock of the Willamette Valley for sale at a reasonable price; these bucks can be seen at Arlington, Oregon, and we will show them against anything in the state; they are extra good this year, in fact the best Lincolns we have ever had. For further information write or call upon A. K. Smythe, Arlington, Oregon, or Dan P. Smyth, Pendleton, Oregon.

4t. SMYTHE BROTHERS,
 Arlington, Oregon.

The Morrow Warehouse Milling Company has on hand another car of seed rye.

IN MEMORIAM.

Julius Keithly was born at Flint Hill, St. Charles County, Missouri, November 22, 1832, died at Heppner, Oregon, October 30, 1911, age 78 years 11 months and 8 days. Mr. Keithly lived in the state of his nativity until 1874, when he removed from thence to Heppner, Oregon, in which city and vicinity he lived until his demise, being a resident of Oregon 37 years.

In 1864 at the age of 32 years, he was united in holy matrimony with Mary E. Lurton and to this union were born four children, Emmet Stirling, Leora Keene, Julian Amandaville, and Celsus Lurton Keithly. Of these Emmet Stirling Keithly, Mrs. Leora Wyland and Celsus Lurton Keithly, remain to mourn the loss of a loving father, Julian Amandaville Keithly having preceded her parents to the Heavenly City in infancy. Four grandchildren, Ernest K. Wyland, J. Stewart Wyland, Mary Eppler Giese and Naomi Rebecca Wyland, and one great-grandchild, Ellis Julius Wyland, all of whom with the exception of J. Stewart Wyland, remain with us to follow in the footsteps of their noble progenitor.

On December 15, 1875, one year after coming to Heppner, Mrs. Mary Keithly was called of God to her Heavenly home. Mr. Keithly, after a lapse of nine years, in March 1884, was united in marriage with Mrs. Amanda Wyland whom the death angel in the horror of the great Heppner Flood claimed from his side, June 14, 1903.

Mr. Keithly was converted to God when about 21 years of age through the instrumentality of the Methodist Episcopal Church South under the ministry of Bishop Marvin. Upon coming to Heppner he cast his lot with the Methodist Episcopal Church, was one of its founders and a member of its first Board of Trustees, an office he held till God called him. His work for God in the capacity as a member of the Church and as an officer in the same is well known in Heppner. He was unflinching, untiring faithful and true, and an inspiration to those around him.

He was a man who took decided and keen interest in public matters, and always looking to the betterment of his community. His sterling character led to his appointment by the Governor to be County Judge of Morrow County for the remainder of the term of office, made vacant by the death of Judge Mitchell in 1891, thus becoming the second County Judge of this County. He was elected to this office in 1892, and remained in it until 1896, filling the office with marked ability. Prior to this time and before the County was divided he had been assessor of Umatilla County, and also served as Justice of the Peace. His was an active and rugged life, he was frank, open hearted and candid, given to self denial and a desire to help others. He knew sorrow and was acquainted with grief. The awful horror of a home overwhelmed and loved ones perished, himself clinging to a portion of wreckage, carried with the torrent afar down the valley, praying, and his rescue from the violence of the elements by Divine Providence, left an impression upon him never forgotten.

He died peacefully and happily and expressed in his last hours his faith in God and his willingness to go through the Valley of the Shadow of Death.

His funeral was conducted at the M. E. Church by the Rev. Seldon Ewing, assisted by the Rev. Warren, and interment was had in the Masonic Cemetery, the Last Rites being performed by his Masonic Brethren.

—Contributed.

The ladies of the First Christian Church of Ione will serve a chicken dinner on Thanksgiving day at the Odd Fellows Hall.

At the Churches.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

10 a. m., Bible school; 11 a. m., Communion; 6:30 p. m., Christian Endeavor; 7:30 p. m., song service and sermon. Tuesday, 3 p. m., business meeting of the C. W. B. M. Thursday, 3 p. m., business meeting of Ladies' Aid Society. There will be special singing at the Sunday evening services. A cordial welcome to all.

M. E. CHURCH SOUTH.

The usual services for next Sunday. Subject morning, "How Mother became a Christian." Evening, "The Story of Queen Esther."

Rev. E. P. Warren, Pastor.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

Bible school, 10 a. m. Morning sermon on "What God Expects of a Christian." Subject for street meeting, "The Sheepman's Best Friend." Fifteen minute song service at 7:30. Subject, "Born Twice." Special music. I will deliver a series of Sunday morning sermons on "What God expects of a Christian," as follows: First God expects a Prayerful, Thankful and Joyful Christian. Second God expects a Salted Christian.

Third God expects a Lighted Christian.

Fourth God expects a Dedicated Life.

Fifth God expects a Serviceable Christian.

You are cordially invited to hear these sermons and to attend all other services.

John McAllister, Pastor.