

COMMUNICATED.

To the Farmers of Morrow County who are still floating above the waters of perdition and clinging to a straw of hope:

At a county meeting of the Farmers' Union at Heppner on the 28th ult., it was unanimously agreed that the Farmers' Union of this county take up the matter of the wheat contest which I have been endeavoring to launch, and which many of you were informed through the Heppner Gazette as to the nature of the same. But for the benefit of those who overlooked the article I will state again in these columns the nature and object of the contest. There are a few more names lacking to make up the required number, and we wish you to hurry along with your applications, and let's start the ball rolling.

We want farmers who take an optimistic view of the future possibilities of Morrow county, and who are willing to exercise their best thought and judgment along the line of bringing back to the fold the prosperity which our people once so proudly boasted. I realize that the last few years has been a great set back to your cherished hopes and has somewhat knocked the props from under your enthusiasm, but let us make another rally, remembering all the while that daylight always follows the night, and that defeat sometimes like the defeat of General Gates of the Revolution, has all the effect of victory. The effect of our short crops will cause, among the progressive farmers, a new mode of farming to germinate, and being stimulated by the great contest will spring up and put to flight those medieval or primitive ideas. Such a contest as herein described, I believe will mark the beginning of a new epoch in the raising of wheat, and will prove to the average farmer that he has taken a bigger chew than he can thoroughly masticate.

Here is the nature of the contest as I had planned it, but which is subject to change to suit the majority of the contestants. It is this:

That 40 live energetic farmers of the county subscribe \$25 each, making a purse of \$1000 to be divided into three prizes of \$500, \$300, and \$200, to be given to the three contestants producing the largest yield of wheat in proportion to the amount of precipitation, on 40 acres of non-irrigated land. In order to bar anyone who might be so disposed to take the 40 acres up some long narrow rich draw, the land should lay in a square.

The object of the contest is to offer an incentive sufficient to draw out to materialization those dormant ideas possessed by each farmer, as to what constitutes the most perfect method to employ in wheat raising, and to cause him to study the latest sciences along that line.

In order that each might reap the benefit of the experience of all, each contestant is required to keep a complete record of every item that has any bearing upon his crop. Such as the time and the depth it was plowed; whether ground was disced previous to plowing; whether the ground was cultivated after the plow, and nature of the cultivation; the kind of plow, cultivator, packer, weeder, and drill used; when the ground was seeded, and the kind of wheat and number of pounds sown to the acre; how treated for smut; whether or not the grain was cultivated in the spring; and also how the harvesting was done, and any other item that might be of any importance. At the end of the contest these records are to be printed in a pamphlet form and each contestant be given a copy to aid him in his future work. The effect will no doubt be a revolution of the farming industry of the county.

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While the members of the Farmer's Union are urgently requested to enter the contest, any non-union man will be deemed as eligible.

When as many as forty farmers make application to enter the contest, a meeting will be called, and judges elected, and other items of importance arranged.

I put the matter up to the business men of Heppner and asked their opinion of such a move, and what they would do to encourage it. They were quick to realize the importance of such a contest, and were willing and anxious to do all they could to make it a success. They were so enthusiastic in regard to it that they called a meeting of all the business men to talk it over. They agreed to contribute liberally of merchandise and articles which they are handling in their businesses, as prizes to the winners. They also agree to solicit the help of other business men of the county.

After the farmers show their willingness to help themselves, by at least 40 making application to enter the contest, then they will come forward with the goods. They seemed to favor awarding prizes to five or six of the best farmers. I informed them that we wouldn't kick if they gave a prize to each of us. But the amount the farmers put up will be divided into three prizes.

Now come along and put on the whole agricultural armor and get at the head of the procession and help us make one grand charge against the prevailing method of farming. While the timid ones are leaning on their hoes pondering over past failures and charging their deplorable condition up to Providence, we will push forward and vigorously fight the battles with the promised assurance that "to the victor belongs the spoils."

Those who fail to enter the contest will miss the greatest thing of their lives.

Why the excitement alone will be worth the money. Now Brother Farmer, get busy and make yourself a committee of one to stir up that sleepy neighbor of yours and let us start something doing. Morrow county has been dead long enough. Let's make her show a little sign of life before she gets to stinking too bad. Get busy and let us cooperate in studying out the best method to be adopted in wheat raising. Break away from the old method; it has been weighed in the balance and found wanting. Prof. Campbell, the author of dry land farming, has proven beyond a doubt that good crops can be grown from our annual precipitation. Subscribe for his paper and learn from one who through a period of 25 years has studied out and revealed to mankind many hidden secrets of the soil. Brace up and don't be ashamed to look the world in the face; even though the last few years have given you a pretty hard knock there are many other men in various walks of life who envy us of our position. The hard knock that we received will cause us to see stars just long enough to light our pathway that leads to success and victory.

Yours for more science in farming,

A. S. AKERS.

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