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Land Settlement Work

Progress in bringing new blood to Oregon's farm lands is marked by the annual report of the land settlement department of the state and Uortland settlement department of the state and Portland, which shows that during the fiscal year ending September 30, 909 families have been located on farms in various parts of the state, and that the money invested by these newcomers totals \$2,999,718.

The program of the land settlement department has been in operation for the past three and one-half years, during which time 2,228 families have been placed on Oregon farms directly through the efforts of the department. According to Mr. Ide, the initial capital investment of this body of settlers is \$8,697,440.

In the work of securing the proper growth and development of Oregon by getting its farm lands occupied and used, the cooperation of realtors and commercial clubs in the various counties of the state is proving a great factor. That every section of Oregon is organized for action to make this work effective is shown by a portion of the annual report which shows 28 counties accounting for the distribution of these homeseekers. In 604 cases the county of location has been reported by the local commercial organization, and but 305 of the 909 families were not so listed. These 305 were shown by the department's own records to have found their homes in these 28 counties and the remaining eight of the 36 counties of Oregon. Where the closest cooperation has been carried on by the local organizations with the Portland office, the greatest results are shown.

Lane county took the lead in reporting newcomers for the year, its record showing 102, while Marion ran second with 87 and Josephine followed a close third with 79. Benton reporting 45 almost tied with Jackson which listed 44. Clackamas exceeded Washington county by two, showing 38 to the latter's 36.

The number of families settling in each county according to the report of the local organizations, is as follows: Benton 45, Clackamas 38, Clatsop 3, Columbia 19, Coos 6, Crook 3, Deschutes 15, Douglas 27, Hood River 2, Jackson 44, Josephine 79, Klamath 11, Lane 102, Linn 15, Marion 87, Morrow 4, Multnomah 30, Polk 2, Malheur 2, Tillamook 2, Lincoln 3, Harney 1, Umatilla 4, Union 1, Wallowa 3, Washington 36, Yamhill 19 and Wasco 1.

The department is now in correspondence with thousands of farmers in the East, Middle West and Southwest where the diversity of Oregon's resources and desirability of her farm lands are now becoming well known. During the past fiscal year, the department handled 57,102 letters and inquiries from outsiders, directed to the department, and 11,082 referred to the department by the railroad companies. More than 47,000 pieces of literature were mailed out from the Portland office, the local chambers following this service with material descriptive of their own industries.

The Excited Mussolini

It is an unpleasant picture that is presented in the cables from Paris and Rome. Mr. Hamilton writes of the French finally becoming openly angry upon their nation in the controlled press of Italy, and more difficult to deal with, the occasional attacks upon Frenchmen because they are Frenchmen. And the Rome news is that the Fascist chieftains, including Mussolini himself, are preparing to remove the fruits of violence by applying more violence.

The thought of war between France and Italy is well-nigh inconceivable. France would exhaust every other resource for the preservation of her dignity and rights, and would be aided by the statesmen of the other great powers, who believe that another serious war would take Europe to destruction. And it is difficult to believe that Mussolini would so completely lose his mind as to force a war on France. True, Robert Dell reported lately that the French statesmen did not dismiss the danger. True it is common talk throughout Europe that the time will come soon when only a foreign war may save Fascism from domestic revolt. But if Mussolini warred on France, it would simply mean that, facing failure, he had elected to make failure colossal.

Yet there remains the fact, certainly not lacking in dynamite, the Fascist Italy, having made the reviving of France a habit for several years, is now making bad treatment of individual Frenchmen a too common practice. And on top of that is the fact, also not lacking in dynamite, that the tension in Italy is close to the breaking point.

Kiddies' Evening Story

By MARY GRAHAM BONNER

The Christmas Ride

For weeks before Christmas Polly had asked Santa Claus again and again for a sled.

She had called up the chimney to him and said:

"Oh, dear Santa, please bring me a new sled this Christmas, if you possibly can."

"I do hope you can, for I want one, so much."

"I'd rather have a sled than anything. I've never owned one of my own."

The one that was given to me that has been in the family for years, is really too old to use now, Santa.

"I'm sure you'd say so if you could see it, Santa."

Oh, please do give me a sled if it's not asking too much."

"I'd like a new one, like the other children have."

That was what Polly had asked every evening up the chimney.

She would talk to Santa and send messages to his reindeer and tell him again and again where she lived.

"Don't forget, dear Santa, I live in the white house. It's next to a stone house. And outside, you know, it has two little green posts and there is a hedge in front, too."

"I know you never forget where children live, but I'm just telling you to make sure."

"Oh, dear Santa, I do love you so much. Good-night."

When Christmas came there was a beautiful new sled for Polly which Santa had left.

And there was a letter for her, too, which said:

"Dear Polly:

"I have heard all your messages and your talks, and they have pleased me so much. I also got your adorable little letter, and your dear Santa, I do love you so much. Good-night."

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LYDIA of the Pines

by Honor's Willits

(Continued from yesterday)



Billy's Face in the Lantern Light Was Incurable.

toward fifty and I guess it's too late for me to begin over, anyway. I'll plod along as I always have."

"Oh, daddy!" cried Lydia, "don't talk that way! You aren't a bit old. You make me feel like a beast, between you."

"Well, I don't mean to," Amos went on, "but I guess we have been pretty hard on you."

Amos' weariness and gentleness moved Lydia as no threats could. Was she selfish? Was she putting her own desire for an easy conscience ahead of her father's happiness? Amos went into the kitchen for a drink and Kent followed her to the window and took both her hands.

"Lydia," he said, "I'm awful sorry to press you so, but you're being unfair and foolish, honestly you are. You use me to look out for you in the old days—think of me when I used to pull little Patience's carriage with my bicycle—why can't you trust me now? Come, dearest—and next year we'll be married and live happy ever after."

"Kent!" she cried with the breathlessness of a new idea, "if I should give in and agree to take the land, would you go up there with me and turn it into a farm?"

Kent smiled at her piteously. "Why, Lyd, there's nothing in that. Why should we try to farm it? The money is in speculating with it. I could clear up a mint of money for you in a couple of years, if you'll give me the handling of it."

But Lydia's eyes were shining now. "Oh, but listen! You don't understand. Mr. Levine drove the Indians out, by fraud and murder. Yes, he did, Kent. And yet, he had big dreams about it. He must have had. He was that kind of a man. And if we should go up there and turn those acres into a great farm, and—make it stand for something big and right—perhaps that would make up for everything!"

"Lydia," said Kent, "be sensible. Gee, easy money on one side, and a lifetime of hard work on the other! Yet you act as if there was a choice."

"Kent, can't you understand how I feel?" pleaded Lydia. "Have you got a blind spot in your mind where money is concerned? Are all the men in America money crazy like the men in Lake City?"

"Sure," replied Kent cheerfully. "Oh, Lydia, honey, don't be so hard! Look at your poor old dad! Think what it would mean to him. Don't be so doggone sanctimonious!"

Instead of looking at her father, Lydia looked at Kent, long and wistfully. How dear he was to her! What an inalienable part of her life he was! What was the use of always struggling against her heart. Kent smiled into her face. Her lips trembled and she hurried to look at Amos. Suddenly Lydia realized how gray and broken he looked, how bent his shoulders were with work, and there swept over her anew an understanding of his utter loneliness since her mother's and Levine's deaths.

With a little heartless murmur, she ran across the room and threw her arms about his neck.

"Oh, daddy," she cried, "I'll do it! I'll agree to it! If only you'll promise me to be happy!"

Amos dropped his pipe. "Lydia! You don't mean it! Why, my little girl! Lord, Kent! Isn't she just all right! Make me happy! Why, Lydia, you've made a young man of

me!"

Amos was no longer a young man, but he was a young man again.

Confessed Auto Thieves Caught By State Police

Three young auto thieves were caught yesterday by Charley Talent, state traffic officer. They admitted having stolen the Ford car they were driving in Salem. They gave the names of Floyd Carrier, 19; Richard Myers, 19; and Lyle Harrington, 28. They were taken to the county jail at Jacksonville.

A fourth young man who was riding with them was released when it was learned he had simply been given a lift by the accommodating auto thieves.

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DAILY BIBLE PASSAGE

"He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad." Matt. 12:30.

There is no neutrality in the cause of Christ, we are either for Him or we are against Him. Here is one place where we cannot sit on the fence.

(Continued Tomorrow)