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THE FARMER AND FREAK LAWS.

THE MAJORITY of freak laws of the past have been devoted to the regulation of business and industry. For that reason the farmer has not taken a very deep interest in them. Not being directly affected, it was only natural that he should give them but little thought.

The Oregon farmer this year, however, has good reason to give serious consideration to freak legislation. The universal eight-hour day measure, if it should by any possibility be enacted by the people, would probably affect him to a greater degree than it would any other factor in the life of the state.

TO REDUCE farm work to eight hours a day is well nigh an impossibility.

But under the eight-hour measure that would have to be done. Not only that, but the hours must be consecutive, except that an hour is allowed for dinner, and only six such eight-hour days would be permitted in one week.

If the universal eight-hour-day measure should become a law, the farmer would have to work two shifts of employes or else himself perform all work that could not be crowded into eight consecutive hours.

If the farmer should be compelled to work two shifts he would have to cut the wages of his employes in half, or else double the cost of labor in production.

Not wishing to do either he would be forced to farm only what he could care for himself, which would result in decreased production, and decreased production leads to higher prices.

WHAT increased cost of production might mean to the farmer can be guessed from what it has meant to industry.

When Oregon's freak laws increase the cost of Oregon-made articles, the farmer and others not directly interested in Oregon industries send East for articles made under conditions where the cost of production is not so high.

If the eight-hour law forces up the cost of the products of the Oregon farm, it is to be expected that the Oregon consumer will purchase the products of other states.

As the farmer does not control the price of his products, the natural result would be that he could not force up the price of his products and his only recourse would be to appeal to the pride of Oregonians and ask that they pay a higher price for Oregon-grown products in support of the Oregon farm. It would be as hard to make that kind of talk go as it would be to get farmers to pay home merchants a much higher price than that asked by the catalog house.

With the margin of profit for products of the farm any lower than it now is it is difficult to understand how the Oregon farmer would make a profit sufficient to recompense him for his labor.

IF THE farmer worked but one shift, his employes could only help him care for his live stock either in the morning and at noon, or at noon and in the evening. All the chores would have to be done by the farmer alone once during the day, while his employes would sit in their easy chairs or gas with him while he was doing the work.

Only six days' labor a week being permitted, the employes, no matter how willing to help do something to kill time, could not help the farmer do his chores on Sunday without making him liable to a fine of \$1000 or imprisonment for one year.

If after fifteen minutes' work had been done in the morning, weather conditions should make further work impossible for the remainder of the eight hours, after that time the employes could do nothing to make up for lost time.

Even a farmer's sons and daughters and whatever help his wife might have would be subject to the same conditions.

THIS is probably the most freakish freak law that an attempt has ever been made to foist upon a supposedly intelligent electorate.

No wonder the farmers are up in arms in an effort to defeat the measure.

They should defeat it. And every fair minded voter in the state will vote against the measure.

But let us say this to the farmer: It is as important to you to protect the business and industry of the state as it is to protect your own interests.

There will be freak measures on the ballot this fall in which you may not be directly concerned but which may hamper and cripple industry.

And those that are not there this year may be there next time.

You have ample opportunity this year to see the danger of freak legislation, because you yourself are affected.

Remember the lesson and don't forget the other fellow. Join hands with him in giving a death blow to freak legislation.

TOU AS an owner of real estate are especially interested in the defeat of the \$1500-exemption measure, which is pure single tax with a \$1500 limit.

Kindly make a note of the fact that this \$1500-exemption measure, which aims to put all the tax on the land owner, is fathered by W. S. U'Ren, the same one with which the state grange has co-operated in times past and is co-operating with this year in at least two measures on the ballot.

While he has been co-operating with you and ingratiating himself with you, he has at the same time been devising methods for putting the tax of the state upon the landowner.

How he must sneer to think of having your friendly co-operation while trying to stick you between the ribs.

Isn't it about time to cut loose?

CRITICISING THE COUNCIL.

PROBABLY the city council has not been more criticised in years than it has been for giving the electric light contract to the Cottage Grove Electric Company after having awarded a contract to a prospective competitor and having called an election to vote on a franchise.

In the opinion of The Sentinel such criticism is hardly fair. We reason it out as follows:

The mayor and the councilmen are taking valuable time to transact the business of the city—for which they receive the munificent salaries of \$12 per year. They would not give as much time as they do except from the most patriotic motives. Therefore it must be taken for granted that they are endeavoring to serve the city to the best of their ability.

It follows that any mistakes made are mistakes of judgment only. Was there a mistake in judgment in awarding the contract to the Cottage Grove Electric Co.?

Let us see. Being personally interested in the tax rate of the city (at least two members being themselves among the heaviest taxpayers of the city and another employed by one of the heaviest taxpayers), it is certain that the council gave the financial interests of the city serious consideration.

The bid which was accepted was lower than that made by the proposed competitor.

The proposed competitor voluntarily withdrew for the best interests of the city.

The contract under which the service will be given was drawn up by the city attorney.

The manager of the Cottage Grove Electric Co. does not dispute the claim of the council that the latter dictated rates and conditions.

The council was making a fight for lower rates for the municipality and for consumers. It got all it asked for.

The council was opposed to a long term contract. It won its point.

The representative of the proposed competitor, who stood to win a pot and seemed to have a cinch, was so far convinced that the acceptance of the new bid was best for the city that he withdrew his proposal, gave up his contract and endorsed the action of the council.

Giving a franchise and the city lighting contract to an outside company (that would make an investment in wires, poles and meters only) meant bankruptcy for the Cottage Grove Electric Co., a home industry, owned by home people who have an investment of between \$50,000 and \$100,000.

The council got from the local company all that it expected to get from the proposed competitor of the local company, got lower rates than the proposed competitor offered and at the same time maintained a home industry.

Certain members of the council had greater provocation for carrying the fight to a finish than have any of those who are complaining because they have been robbed of an opportunity to work off a grudge against the Cottage Grove Electric Co. Those councilmen laid aside their prejudices because they thought by so doing they were serving the best interests of the city.

Let us be as generous to the members of the council. Let's compliment them upon what they have accomplished instead of criticising them for not giving us a chance to confiscate the property of a public service corporation.

THIS is a likely year for a Republican state to elect a Republican United States Senator and a Republican Governor. Were the candidates of both parties equally acceptable, such would naturally be the result. With the Republican candidates far more acceptable in many ways than those of the Democratic party, there should be not the slightest question of the result in November.

Some bachelors get married to the single life.

The ship of state could defend the cup if all the professional windjammers would get behind.

We often believe that some writers produce literature that inspires others to better living, while the writers themselves are so gold-dinged ornery and mean that their wives can't live in the same house with them.

A live liar will gather more laurels than the dead one who couldn't tell a fib.

His enemies admire the man who has gauged them honestly.

Some folks are willing to follow—that's why others get an opportunity to lead.

The woman who is best qualified to give advice at a mothers' meeting hasn't time to go there to give it.

It sometimes takes away the pleasure of rising to the top to think that some

one must be displaced to give you room.

A newspaper man, when a candidate for office, wishes a large 'X' list.

Holy writ says that the sins of the father shall be visited upon the children—and the daughters of the predatory rich continue to marry foreign noblemen.

Sometimes we imagine the office girl marries to bossy employer to get a chance to turn the tables.

It wouldn't be so bad to get married if it wasn't so hard to get unmarried.

An almanac predicts the weather a year ahead. Even the weather man might hit it if given that much time.

Money is one of the sins that may be passed down to the third and fourth generations.

The fellow who brags about his success is something of a bore, but he's a genial companion compared to the fellow who is always whining and finding

fault.

Things We Think

Things others think, and what we think of the things others think.

It is well that we don't all say what we think—and still better that we don't mean all we say.

Love isn't so blind but that it can find a girl's lips in the dark.

If we had a goose that laid golden eggs we wouldn't be satisfied unless they were double-yolked.

The man who kicks about a newspaper never getting anything straight is the first one to ask it to gloss things over a little when he gets into trouble.

A Portland weekly offers to bet \$1000—and no one has yet asked where it got it.

It is to be a titanic struggle of the Teutons.

War may be hell but it starts a lot of people on the way to paradise.

You will stand audacity from your sweetheart that you wouldn't stand from her daughters in after years.

If your home life isn't happy you aren't really married.

Cowardice is reprehensible—but there is such a thing as using strategy in the face of danger.

Give the devil his dues—that's the only way most of us may hope to get ours.

Liberty is represented by a woman—who takes the liberties away from us men.

A woman doesn't get mad at anyone who knows something that she wants to find out.

It's dangerous to write good advice. Your wife reads it and asks why you don't live up to it.

A newspaper will win more battles than the best bruiser in the county.

Anyway the girl from Missouri doesn't have to be shown. She is as wise as any of her sisters.

The best lookers may get that way from looking so persistently for a man.

DID YOU ever stop to consider what it costs you to read an issue of the Sentinel? The figures are surprising. At \$1.50 per year, each copy costs less than three cents. If there are three in the family, the cost is one cent a person. If there are six, the cost is half a cent a person. If nine persons read the paper the cost is one third of a cent a person. If twelve read it (and many copies of the Sentinel are read by a dozen persons) the cost is one quarter of a cent a person. You should consider well before you pay your next subscription whether you get a cent's worth or a quarter of a cent's worth of value out of each reading of The Live Wire Newspaper. If at any time you are in doubt about renewing, remember these figures and all doubts will leave you at once.

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