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There is a possibility of many adverse winds between this and fruit harvest, but the abundance of fruit buds that are pressing their way toward the light give great promise at this time for an abundant yield. With a few more days of sunshine the cherry trees will be in bloom, which is rather too early for best results, and cool, cloudy weather is more to be desired by growers.

Did you see the Aurora Borealis on last Monday night? At about 10:30 to 11 o'clock the whole heavens to the north and east were most brilliantly illuminated with the wonderful "northern lights" that may be seen only occasionally in a lifetime. These lights have been the puzzle of scientists all through the ages and still no one knows with any degree of certainty what the cause of the phenomena is?

At recent meetings of the State Highway Commission no mention has been made of paving the road from Newberg to McMinnville, a large part of which was graded for the purpose last season. It does not matter so much to our people, since we are not anxious to have an easy way of getting to the county jail, but for the county seat residents who want to pass through a progressive Yamhill county town when on the way to Portland, it is a matter of grave concern.

The extension division of the University of Oregon has sent letters to Dr. T. W. Hester, Dr. Sarah E. Smith, Rev. H. K. Sicafoose, Miss Helen Rich Benson, Mayor George Larkin and the editor of the Graphic, asking them to secure data for the records of the state-wide survey as to mental defect, delinquency and dependency, which the legislature requested at its last session when a concurrent resolution was passed, asking for this information in order to be able to have accurate figures on the subject as a basis for intelligent legislation in the future.

With the following suggestion made by the Corvallis Gazette with reference to the daylight saving bogy the Graphic fully agrees: "Portland is preparing an ordinance to put into effect the daylight saving plan. New York has already adopted it. The reason the law was killed by congress was because of its great inconvenience to rural communities. And that was right. Daylight saving is a fine thing for folks in town and a bad thing for those in the country, therefore it should be a matter of local option. As for us, it always seemed a foolish thing to turn the clocks ahead when the same thing could be accomplished by going to work an hour earlier and quitting an hour earlier. If Corvallis, for instance, wanted to adopt the daylight saving plan, why couldn't employers and employees sign an agreement to go to work at seven instead of eight and quit at four instead of five? They would thus secure all the benefits of the plan without musing up the time tables."

### THE SARCASTIC FARMER

The Railway Brotherhoods didn't seem to make much of a hit with the farmers of Iowa in their demands upon congress. A farmers' and stockmen's organization with over 4,000 members met in Des Moines the other day and adopted some resolutions ridiculing the demands of the Brotherhoods on congress and labor in general that is insisting on short hours with little to do and big pay for doing it. After asking congress for a six hour day for farmers, a stipulated market price for all commodities, they said: "And be it further resolved, that as an incident to the foregoing guaranty Congress shall also be requested to guarantee: (1) That we won't have a drought this summer; (2) That our sows will bring forth of their kind bountifully and plentifully; (3) That all our eggs will hatch."

And so forth. And so, as long as the farmer maintains his equilibrium and his sense of humor, the country is pretty safe. He knows that no legislation on earth can prevent the necessity of long hours on the farm in summer time. He knows that the shorter hours and the higher wages paid in the city, the higher wages he must pay for farm hands and,

worse yet, the harder they are to get at any price. And his knowledge of these facts will protect the country from bolshevism, socialism, and other fads of political selfseekers.

Sherman J. Lowell, Master of the National Grange, summed up his opinion of all labor organizations that make unreasonable demands for shorter hours when he said, "The farmers do not intend to keep responding to the call 'produce, produce, produce,' so long as the motto of other organizations is 'reduce, reduce, reduce.'"

He declared that it was the belief of the farmers of the country that the only way to reduce the cost of living was for every man in the country to do a "reasonable day's work" and that "the 4 hour week does not represent a reasonable day's work and will not support America."—Corvallis Gazette.

### REAL AMERICANISM WINS IN WASHINGTON

The House of Representatives has decisively defeated the attempts of the imperialists to Prussianize the youth of America. Mr. Mondell and other Republican leaders have rejected universal military training and service on the ground of its huge expense; the Democratic caucus has made opposition to compulsory training a party policy, and this in the face of the President's advice to the contrary. Since the conscience of Congress in these matters is determined by a process of affixing the ear firmly to the ground, we may safely assume that in the action of leaders of both parties in the House we have a pretty fair index measure of sound American opposition to the attempt to foist upon us the very sort of militarism the war was ostensibly fought to defeat. The only danger is that old-fashioned Americanism, having won this victory, will relax its vigilance.

The rich and powerful militaristic interests are far from crushed and will continue their campaign both in Congress and the state legislatures. They have the aid of those ex-pacifists Messrs. Wilson and Baker, and the majority of the Military Affairs Committees, both in the Senate and the House. Thanks to these committees conscription bills are before both houses of Congress. The passage of either of them would not only militarize America, but invite other nations to a new and disastrous competition in armaments.—The World's Work.

### EXCHANGE COMMENT

Hon. W. B. Dennis, of Carlton, Yamhill county, who some time ago announced his candidacy for joint senator from Yamhill, Washington, Lincoln and Tillamook counties, is constantly growing in public favor. Mr. Dennis made an enviable record in the last legislature for efficient work along lines of constructive legislation. As a member of the lower house he was instrumental in carrying forward to fruition the plans for greater road construction in Oregon. He was at all times an untiring worker, standing squarely for clean, honest legislation in everything that pertained to the people's business. He worked personally with Hon. L. M. Graham, of this city, in every move that was made for the betterment of the interests of the people of this district, and was in accord in every way with the whole Washington county delegation. He is an able man for the joint senatorship, an honor which has not in recent years been given to that county. Judge W. H. Hollis was joint senator for a number of years and Mr. Hanley, of Tillamook, has held the position the past term.—Washington County News-Times.

By all means keep S. Benson on the Oregon State Highway Commission. Indeed, we do not believe anyone would seriously question his right to head Oregon road building just as long as he can be persuaded to keep the job. Mr. Benson may be called the patriarch of Oregon good road building, and he isn't such an old codger either. But S. Benson a decade ago saw a highway up the Columbia, even before it was built, and he set about to build a little of it himself, in order that his fellows might be stirred, and the public made to act. All Oregon owes S. Benson a debt of gratitude, and especially do we of Hood River owe him respect, honor and gratefulness.—Hood River Glacier.

Political predictions are in order. Let us indulge. The Republican National Convention will issue a platform that will mean a square deal to all classes and insist upon the observance of law and order. There will be no big uproar, everything will be run smoothly and deliberately and the "favorite sons" will be given an opportunity of making "magnificent" showings. Then will be presented the compromise candidate, Taft or Hughes, and he

will be the nominee. In the Democratic National Convention there will be more uproar, less dignity displayed, and with a boom, a bang, hurrah and tiger, pandemonium will end in the nomination of McAdoo or Hoover.—Wodburn Independent.

### LOCAL ITEMS

George Pettingill, who is taking a course in chemistry at O. A. C., is home on a short visit.

Clyde F. Stretch has torn his house down and is preparing to rebuild on his lots on North Meridian street.

The governmental authorities of British East Africa regard the thoroughbred horse as of more importance than humans; at any rate, the trains carrying stallions, which are sent out from England to the experimental stations, or to be offered at public auction at the annual sales, have precedence over passenger traffic. One reason for this dispatch is the prevalence of diseases which affect horses, and the government has spent millions in eradicating the plague, but it knows the importance of horse breeding and the part the thoroughbred plays in it.—Our Dumb Animals.

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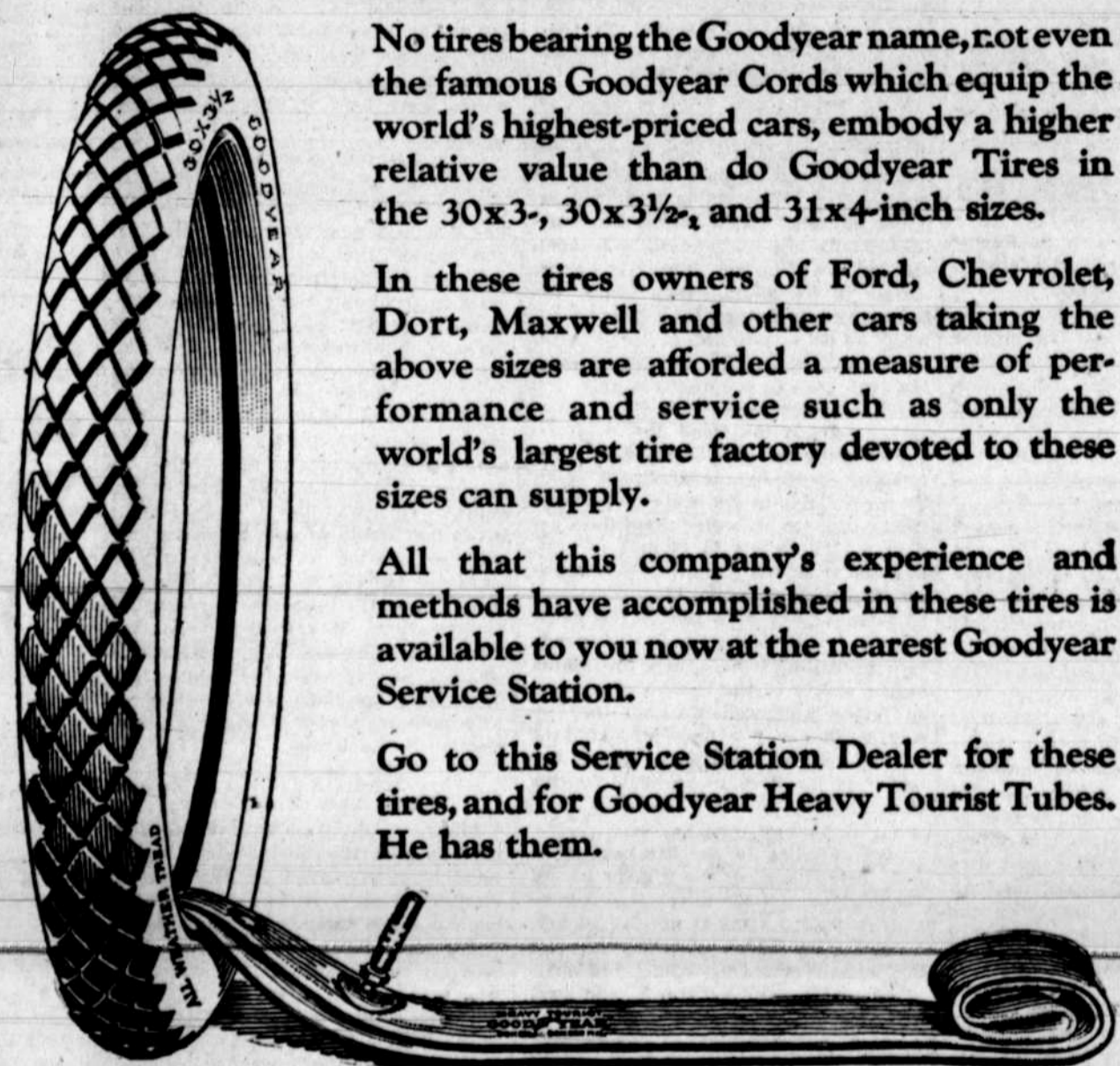
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