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AGRICULTURAL AID.

Crook county's two demonstration farms have been allowed to die. At least, they are dead so far as practical use this season is concerned. The fault is the County Court's, for that body seemingly neglected to take any action or recognize the claims of this important branch of county development to financial support.

Economy is an excellent cry, and wise economy is an excellent virtue. But penny wise and pound foolish is worse than no economy at all, and certainly the abandonment of the agricultural stations at this time is a species of penny parsimony that is far more foolish than wise. Crook county needs these farms, and it is an amazing pity, and one that should be resented by every farmer, every settler and every business man that their support has been withheld by the county's governing body. And if its action is the outgrowth of the apparent rupture between its members, or due solely to the reactionary character of its presiding officer, the citizenship of the county would do well to make such insistent demand for sane progressiveness in this matter that even the blindest and most self-centered official will be compelled to give heed.

And along the same line, as pointed out by Dean Cordley, is the big opportunity which the recently enacted agricultural-aid law has created. If Crook county appropriates from \$2000 to \$4000 for agricultural betterment, under the auspices of the O. A. C., the state contributes a like amount. How better could \$2000 be spent? How could it accomplish more lasting good to all classes of taxpayers? In whose hands could it better be entrusted than to those of the provedly-efficient O. A. C. workers?

But no doubt the court will bicker and cavil and "economize" and accomplish nothing more than to disgust the entire county with its ineffectiveness. Let the new settlers and the old farmers go to blazes, while days and days of court sittings are consumed with insane braying over gasoline bills and similar matters of international importance!

And on the other hand, let us have conventions and meetings and land shows and dinners and auto trips, all replete with expense, oratory and flappedoodle.

Let us have this and the other, that is, until the people who pay the bills awake to the fact that official buncombe on one hand, and publicity and pleasurable froth on the other, are vastly less important than caring for the man on the ground—helping him to win the fullest measure of success. Aid the farmer with his problems, make the newcomer contented and all the rest of it can be forgotten.

What Central Oregon needs is more cement in the foundation walls and less red paint on the roof.

A DESIRABLE CHANGE

The amended homestead act which passed the Senate last week will prove a great boon to homesteaders in Oregon and Washington, especially to those on the so-called stump lands west of the Cascades, changing as it does the requirement of culti-

vation of a certain acreage to the expenditure of a certain amount on the claim. It puts all homesteads and all settlers on an equality. There is much difference between putting 20 acres of sagebrush land in cultivation and the same amount of stump land. But a dollar's worth of improvement is the same in both cases. In this respect the homestead is now on the same footing as the mining claim with its requirement of annual assessment work.

To Senator Borah is due the credit for having pushed this amendment through the Senate. It is to be hoped that no delay will be interposed in the House.

According to scientific announcements, experts soon will be able to predict one summer just what the weather will be the next year. This is heralded as a great boon to farmers. But the farmers will get awfully fooled unless these forecasters do a lot better than was attempted by the weather bureau last week, when the U. S. forestry offices sent out a bulletin warning against a "hot dry east wind" that would sweep over Oregon. No one except "experts" ever noticed that heat, and even they probably got a chill before waking

from their dream. Will weather predictions always be a joke?

The Limit.

It was an English ship with an English crew and an American passenger list. Two stewards were having a heated altercation and pouring forth anathemas upon each other's heads, when as a crowning insult one said to the other, "Aw, you cuts just like a passenger."—Argonaut.

The Culprit.

"Had all my money taken last night. Woke up hearing some one in the room. Reached under the pillow for my revolver, but didn't shoot." "Why didn't you?" "I'd be a widower if I had."—London Telegraph.

Most Intensive.

"Do you believe in intensive gardening, Mrs. Hoerake?" asked the visitor. "Well, rather," said Mrs. Hoerake. "I spent all last winter raising one geranium in a soap box."—Harper's Weekly.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned that he has made and filed with the clerk of the County Court of Crook County, Oregon, his final account as administrator of the estate of Paul O. Velstad, deceased, and that said court has set Monday, the 4th day of August, 1913, at 10 o'clock a. m. at the County Court room in Prineville, Oregon, as the time and place for the hearing and settlement of said final account, at which time and place any person interested may appear and object to said settlement.

Dated this 2d day of July, 1913.
JOHN STEIDL
As the Administrator of the Estate of Paul O. Velstad, Deceased.
C. S. Benson, Attorney for the Administrator.
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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, June 24th, 1913.
Notice is hereby given that Patrick Mogan, assignee of Maurice P. Cashman, assignee of Earl B. Houston, of Bend, Oregon, who on August 26th, 1905, made desert land entry No. 05198, for SE 1/4, section 7, township 17 south, range 12 east, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final



July 16, 1913

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