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## FOREIGN BUTTER.

In a community that looks to dairying to build up the surrounding country the following from the bulletin of the state dairy commissioner is of especial interest:

"Within the last few months the dairy industry of the State has felt a new influence; Oregon butter has encountered a new competitor. Owing to the reduction of the import duty on foreign butter, New Zealand and Australian butter has been coming into the state in considerable quantities. Over 65000 pounds, or 32 1/2 tons were received during the months of November and December.

"Some of the butter received was of a very good grade, ranking with our best, while other shipments were of inferior grade. It is coming in large quantities at this time because this is the summer season in Australia and New Zealand and production is at the maximum.

"During winter months (corresponding with our summer months) they do practically no dairying and it is not likely that this foreign butter will affect our markets except that it should prevent extremely high prices here in winter, a condition that will be greatly appreciated by the consumer. It will also have another beneficial effect, in that its competition with our product will stimulate Oregon dairymen and creamerymen to produce a superior product. The better the quality of the imported article the greater will be the stimulus.

"There should be no fear that we cannot successfully compete with foreign manufacturers of butter either in quality or in profitable production. Although the import duty has been lowered two and one-half cents per pound, this with the freight charges of two and one-half cents makes a margin of five cents in favor of our producers which should be sufficient to pay the difference in cost of labor, which is about the only element in the foreigner's favor.

"In quality we can compete with all comers, but it will be necessary to change our methods in order to do so. We have all the natural conditions favorable for producing the highest quality of butter and cheese.

But, as in all other matters, where nature has been lavish with her blessings, man becomes correspondingly careless in doing his part. We have green pastures and the rolling crops for both summer and winter, we have a very uniform climate with cool nights to facilitate the keeping qualities with little or no need of ice, we have the cool mountain springs and streams to simplify the cooling of the raw product on the farms. But far too little use is made of these gifts of nature and much of our butter is of inferior grade. There are two conditions which are responsible for practically all our low-grade butter. They are lack of organization among dairymen and creamerymen, and lack of any system of grading of cream as a basis for the purchase price. Practically all our butter is made from cream that is separated from the skimmed milk on the farm. This cream, instead of being promptly cooled and handled in a manner consistent with the best knowledge obtainable for its keeping qualities, is often poorly cared for because under our present methods every farmer knows that he will get the same price per pound for butterfat regardless of the care he gives the cream. This practice is a reflection upon the intelligence of the purchaser of such cream, as no other commodity is sold on such an unbusinesslike basis.

"With practically no effective organization among our dairymen, each handles or ships his own cream to the creamery. Not deeming it necessary to make frequent trips to the station he holds his cream until he finds time to go to town to do his shopping or attend to other business matters. Very often the cream from a small

herd is kept until "the can is full." This economizes in express charges at the expense of quality. A few co-operative organizations as well as a few individuals have established a system of regularity in handling and shipping cream to the creameries and in most cases get a small margin above the regular price. They deserve a greater margin than they are now receiving. On the other hand the demand for cream has been so great that dairymen find no trouble in disposing of all they have at a uniform price, regardless of quality. The lack of organization among creamerymen and keen competition among the same has led them to bid high on all grades of cream, thus encouraging the farmer into still more careless methods.

"If the presence of foreign butter in our markets will serve to curb the keen demand for cream, the farmer will at once find it necessary to give quality a greater consideration. If the imported product is of high-quality it will necessitate the grading of cream by our creamerymen in order to compete with the imported butter, and we feel certain that nothing could be of greater service to the dairy industry than a condition that would bring about a uniform system of grading cream by all our creamerymen and a price schedule on a quality basis.

"As to the presence of the New Zealand butter in our markets and its distribution under its own true name, there can be no legitimate objection. We have never believed in stone walls and do not believe in them

now. China once built a stone wall about itself and maintained it for centuries, but we are told that China made little progress until after the wall was battered down. We welcome competition in any food products, demanding only that it be sold for what it is."

The good roads movement in Oregon to date may be described as follows: Jackson county, bonds; Columbia county, bonds; Crook county, Judge Springer.

## MR. LEWIS' LETTER.

Most of us are inclined to get somewhat angry if other people's reasons for turning down our favorite propositions do not appeal to us, but calling names is neither argument nor discussion, and John H. Lewis shows his appreciation of the fact in his reply to Mr. Ellinger's letter. Attorney General Crawford is weak on his facts. This cannot be said of Mr. Lewis, but the reasons for his position, which he so temperately states, seem to us somewhat confused. The question is not what the legislature may think of the Willamette situation or what the case of the Agency Plains settlers is, nor is a definite reclamation policy for the whole of Oregon necessary before action can be begun here. The Tumalo furnishes a fairly definite precedent. Why not follow it?

Turning Mr. Lewis' words, we say that if the constitutional amendment does not carry in November the Governor's plan, or some other, will be necessary. What plan is it to be?

We want specific ideas to satisfy. "Serious thought" will not get anywhere compared with definite action. Let us not let the patient die while the doctors discuss the remedy for his ailment.

## AN OPPORTUNITY.

Bend has an unusual opportunity to figure prominently in the Irrigation Congress to be held in Portland next week. Important matters are to be discussed on which local opinion should have weight because they relate to local affairs, and general problems will be attacked on which local experiences can throw light. Locally, the most important question will be the West proposition in respect to the C. O. I. Co., affairs. As compared with that of settlers on the project, Bend's interest in this is indirect, but the town has shown its desire to help the settlers and its opportunity in this respect is large. No less than 25 delegates can be sent from here representing the Commercial Club and the different ditch companies of the neighborhood. With the delegates from Laidlaw, Prineville, Redmond and the C. O. I. Co. Water Users' Assn., these will make up one-fifth of the estimated attendance at the congress and should have a potent voice in its deliberations. Let them be elected and sent to the congress.

## REGISTER.

The time is now at hand for registering for the coming elections this year. Everyone who is qualified to vote ought to take enough interest in the affairs of local, state and national government to register and vote. The registration books are open in Bend at the offices of H. C. Ellis for those living within the corporate limits and at the office of J. A. Eastes for all in the immediate neighborhood of Bend outside the corporate limits. It requires only a few minutes to go in and register and then you are qualified to vote at all the elections. The bad habit of waiting to be sworn in at the polls ought to be eliminated. You can help do it.

The steel cells for the new city jail were furnished by a Portland printing house. We suppose that any prisoner put in one is likely to become stationary—for the pen only.

## ARTESIAN WATER A BOON.

(Prineville Review.)  
Discovery of artesian water in Crook county will revolutionize agriculture in this section of the state. At least that is the opinion of those who have been so fortunate as to find the water and great expectations dwell in the breasts of those whose land is covered with sagebrush 15 feet high. M. Logenbaugh of Portland, one of the three who have thus far succeeded in boring wells, has a well 235 feet deep on his place 5 miles from Prineville, which according to estimates has a flow of about 50 gallons per minute and enough water is furnished to irrigate 1000 acres. Mr. Logenbaugh is jubilant and expects to put in crops of hops, onions, corn and alfalfa this season just to see what the land can do. "Any land," he said, "that can nourish sagebrush 10 to 12 feet high, that has stumps nearly a foot wide, ought to do wonders with plenty of water."

The Logenbaugh place lies in the valley of the Crooked river below Prineville. It is believed that the whole surrounding territory is honey-combed with subterranean springs and that boring will furnish enough water to make the Prineville country as fertile as the Willamette. At the present time with water from Crooked river 108 bushels of oats to the acre are raised on the Ed Slayton place.

## Nautical Terms.

Terms used aboard ship are interesting and might, in collision, be useful. Toward the ship's head is forward (pronounced for-ard). The opposite direction is aft.

Looking forward and to the right is starboard; to the left is port. The quarter from which the wind blows is windward; its opposite is leeward (pronounced loo-ard).

A scuttle is a window on board ship; a stairway is a companion ladder; a bed is a bunk; a kitchen range is a galley. This term is also applied to the captain's own boat. The forecastle (pronounced fo-c's-tle) is any covered in place in the bows. A knot is a speed of one sea mile per hour, 6,080 feet. The ship wears a flag; that is the correct term. Passages are gangways.

Bollards are stout pillars round which run the hawsers—steel wire ropes. The bridge is sacred to the captain and officers.—London Tit-Bits.

## Perpetual Motion Cranks.

Judging from the applications for patents, one week, all Great Britain apparently is trying to invent a perpetual motion machine, only Great Britain calls it a "self moving engine." The wires and bones of models may be found bleaching in hundreds on the shelves of the patent office. It goes without saying that not one shows the slightest inclination to move itself.

Varied and often pathetic are the histories of the inventors. Not a few of them have spent the years of their prime in the chase of this unattainable will o' the wisp; others have dropped thousands of pounds in the quest; still others have trailed the quarry into the insane asylums. If all the wasted energy spent in seeking the solution of this problem had been converted into the beaten channels of endeavor the patent office officials believe there would be few problems of mechanics left today unsolved.—New York Sun.

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