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THANKS TO OBSERVER

Owing to the electrical power being off in the office of the Courier, this issue of the paper is run off through the courtesy of the Observer upon its presses.

The loss of power was caused by the transformer house of the California-Oregon Power Co., through which all the power of the city of Grants Pass is delivered, being struck by lightning during the thunder storm Friday afternoon and the transformers being burned out.

The Power Co. expects to be able to have the wheels of industry revolving again by night.

THE GLORY OF AGE.

"What is the glory of age?" I said,
"A hoard of gold and a few dear friends
When you've reached the day that
you look ahead
And see the place where your journey ends,
When Time has robbed you of youthful might,
What is the secret of your delight?"
And an old man smiled as he answered me:
"The glory of age isn't gold or friends,
When we've reached the valley of
Soon-to-be
And not the place where the journey ends,
The glory of age, be it understood,
Is a boy out there who is making good.

"The greatest joy that can come to man,
When his sight is dim and his hair is gray,
The greatest glory that God can plan
To cheer the lives of the old today,
When they no more share in the battle yell,
Is a boy out there who is doing well."
—Detroit Free Press.

THE KIND OF DEVELOPMENT JOSEPHINE COUNTY NEEDS.

It will be remembered The Courier a month or more ago gave some important information in regards to conditions among the people of Denmark. An article was published from the Medford Sun, and later a letter from Victor Berger, the noted socialist member of congress from Wisconsin. The facts secured were of interest, but recently Mr. Eagan, the American minister to Denmark, who has been home on a furlough, has given some exhaustive information about Denmark which will be of general interest. The strong feature to be noted is the spirit of cooperation which has resulted in great benefit to the whole people of that country. If Josephine county could be given the same development as Denmark, it would be the most productive part of the United States.

The wealth per capita of Denmark is comparatively next to that of England. This wealth, however, is equalized. There are no very rich people there. Every man is fairly well off, but the poorer he is the more carefully does he conserve his resources. Material well being is as common in Denmark as education.

There is no illiteracy in the coun-

try. Every man, woman, and child over the age of 7 years, unless he be an idiot, can read and write. The methods by which they have achieved their present prosperity are three: Education—practical education—a perfect system of co-operation, and the intelligent assistance of government.

For instance, the only means of living which the Danes have is agriculture. Denmark, like Julius Caesar's Gaul of ancient days, is divided into three parts—butter, bacon and eggs. Now, the government, being dependent upon the farmers, does everything in its power to increase the number of small farmers, and this it has done by making money as cheap as possible for the farmers. It controls a great series of banks, managed somewhat after the manner of the Credit Foncier.

An agricultural laborer in Denmark who has worked on a farm for five years, who is poor, and who has a character so good that two reputable members of his commune will certify to it, may obtain from one of these banks a loan of about \$1,572 in our money. He obtains this solely on his character and ability and not by any material security he can offer. With this money he may purchase a farm of from 1-2 to 12 acres. This farm means live and dead stock on the land and the necessary implements for the working of it. The amount loaned by the bank covers probably nine-tenths of the value of the farm—not of the land, because land in Denmark is never sold merely as land. The farm is judged by the value of its production for, let us say, at least seven years in hard corn, which represents its ability to sustain dairy cattle and hogs. This is an example of the way in which the Danish government encourages the multiplication of small farms.

Today the Danish farmer buys nothing individually. He uses no seeds till they have been tested by the experts furnished by the co-operative society. He buys his fertilizers, soya beans from Manchuria, cotton and meal from the United States, through the co-operative society. He never kills his own hogs, though there are 500 hogs to every 1,000 persons in Denmark, but sends them to the co-operative bacon factories, which were founded some time in the 80s when Germany refused the Danish hog because of an outbreak of swine fever. The Danes instantly founded, with the assistance of the government, large co-operative bacon factories. In order to make dairying possible the Danes had to regenerate the land exhausted by the lack of scientific treatment.

Being an educated man, he was an open-minded man and he induced his government to furnish scientific experts who could finally answer any question he might ask. As an example, let us take the small farmer with three cows, three hogs, four head of small cattle, and a horse or two. He farms perhaps 12 acres. Now, it is a question with him as to the rotation of his crops; it is a question as to the amount of butter fat that a cow should produce. He has, through the co-operative society, the use of a scientific expert, who visits his farm every 18 days and answers all the questions after consultation with him. Furthermore, he keeps a duplicate set of books for the farmer, so that the farmer knows exactly the amount of butter fat each cow yields every week, when the cows are expected to calve, the value of the service of every bull in use, and the exact position of the farmer economically and agriculturally. For this service the farmer pays the expert 30 cents yearly per cow, the government paying the rest of the expert's salary—the expert being attached to the Royal Danish Co-operative society.

IS THE CITY PARK APPRECIATED

It begins to look as if our citizens will fully appreciate the Riverside park and its boating opportunities this year. A banker of Medford, visiting this popular place, said this to a friend: "If Medford had this park and river, it would be worth more than a million dollars to it. It seems to me that your people do not fully appreciate the great advantage of this beautiful river and the public playground beside it. Why, it will only take a small amount of money to create a beautiful city park here, and, when you take into consideration the boating and fishing privileges you enjoy, there is nothing like it anywhere that I know of. Your well-to-

do men can afford to furnish the money and have it fixed up without delay. The city should and would in a short time repay the cost."

Our Medford banker was certainly right and it is to be hoped the time will come when the citizens of Grants Pass will appreciate the value of the park and the river beside it. It has been suggested that we issue park improvement bonds to the amount of \$5,000 or \$10,000 and do the needed work without delay. This would add greatly to the popularity of the city and prove a blessing as an advertisement to those seeking homes in a beautiful town.

IRRIGATION HAS COMMENCED.

The pump at the dam is rapidly forcing the water into the northside ditch, so that those who are fortunate enough to have land under this canal can from this on enjoy irrigation to the fullest extent. To be able to cover the land in this valley with water has been and is regarded as the one great blessing needed, so let us appreciate what is being done to give us irrigation this season. Now is the appropriate time to cover some of the crops with water and it will soon be necessary to use it on others. Those who own land under the above mentioned ditch should not forget that the water is now available.

There are many things that can yet be planted and land owners in the locality mentioned should avail themselves of the opportunity offered for increasing all kinds of crops. It will be a great source of satisfaction to every person who has the ability, energy and foresight to increase his tillage under water this season. Those who have orchards and vineyards will do well to irrigate them, and thus save time in bringing the trees and vines in bearing two or three years earlier than can be done without water. Do not forget that irrigation is an agricultural science which must be studied like any other of the higher branches of agriculture.

BIG CROPS.

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says E. T. McKinstry, "and the farmers everywhere are reporting the best prospect they have ever known. For myself, I have 100 acres in wheat, oats and vetch on my Louise creek farm, and the neighbors tell me that it will make not less than 2 or 2 1-2 tons per acre. At Kerby, where I also have a ranch, the outlook is magnificent. My 65 acres of clover, barley, alfalfa and timothy could not be better. On my Applegate ranch, twelve miles out, I have 35 acres of the finest first crop alfalfa I have ever seen growing. On this same ranch I also have 35 acres of vetch and wheat that will cut four tons to the acre. I am stocking this place with hogs and cattle, and will feed all the forage right on the place. I am putting on Poland China hogs and Scotch Ayershire dairy cattle, and expect to raise the best of these breeds of stock that money can buy. Here in town I will have six acres of potatoes, but these have not yet been planted, as I find that the best crops of late potatoes are from comparatively late plantings, and June 15th is early enough. There has been a great deal of agricultural development in the valley this spring," added Mr. McKinstry, "and with this increase in acreage and the great crop that is certain, there will be a general brightening of conditions."

Tomatoes by the Fourth.

E. Meyer, on the banks of the Rogue just south of the city, reports his crops doing as well as he could hope. Upward of five thousand tomato plants have been put out by Mr. Meyer, and he expects to come into the market with ripe tomatoes by the Fourth of July, a good month earlier than is usual here. "My plants were nearly all pot-grown," said Mr. Meyer. "I sowed the seed in January, transplanting the plants finally into 3-inch pots, and had them blooming when the weather would permit their removal to open ground. As a consequence I now have young tomatoes as big as a silver dollar. With good weather conditions from now on I should be able to ship several thousand boxes of tomatoes."

"But it's my Stuttgart potatoes that interest me most just now," con-

tinued Mr. Meyer. "From seed planted April 14th I now have new potatoes as large as hen's eggs, and next year, when I have enough of this new variety to make a crop, its extreme earliness will surely attract attention."

Mr. Meyer is also growing canteloupes, peppers and egg plants on a scale that will permit of commercial shipment.

Transplanted 13 Acres Melons.

Clark Morey has just completed the planting out of thirteen acres of watermelons and canteloupes, the plants for which were started in a hot house here and hauled to the field three miles down the river. This method of handling the crop has attracted a good deal of attention, and Mr. Morey says that the transplanting was successfully accomplished, but few of the plants being lost. By starting the plants under glass Mr. Morey expects to be able to put melons on the market much earlier than by the ordinary way of planting the seed directly in the open ground. The crop consists of nine acres of watermelons and four of canteloupes. Merlins Crops Fine—Elegant, Says Williams.

"There is no country on earth that can beat this for crop production if a man will only get out and work," was the way that Manager Williams of the Country Club Orchards summed up the situation. "Through the whole Merlin district the prospect is fine—elegant," continued Mr. Williams. "We have put in thirty acres of garden crops of all kinds, and crops just couldn't look better. The 18,000 trees, mostly pears, that we have planted out the past winter are also doing well, there being less than a hundred in the entire setting that may not be prospering. We will have a full crop of peaches, apples and plums."

Large Planting in Tokay Heights. R. E. Kroh, of the Tokay Heights addition, is cropping much of his property to the east of town, and is greatly pleased with the general crop situation. Mr. Kroh is planting 35 acres of potatoes, five of beans, five of corn, five of watermelons and three of cabbages. This property all comes under the ditch line and will be irrigated. Mr. Kroh is enthusiastic over the outlook for crops, and thinks that the Rogue River valley will solve for itself the question of business depression that has affected the country.

25,000 Boxes of Fruit From the Elsmann Orchard.

"Prospects very bright; the best crop we ever had," said C. H. Elsmann, of the Fort Vannoy orchard yesterday. He added that the orchard would produce from 20,000 to 25,000 boxes of apples and peaches this season, the fruit being of the most excellent quality, as the pests had been kept entirely down, the last spraying just having been completed. Fifteen men are now at work in the orchard thinning the fruit, all the trees carrying too heavy a load. Mr. Elsmann has also completed the planting of twelve acres of potatoes, which are now coming up and looking good. Other crops in the vicinity are also above the average.

Fruitdale Prosperous.

None of the districts tributary to Grants Pass has made greater improvement in the past year than Fruitdale. At least thirty per cent has been added to the tillable area in that time, and this new land is now being cropped for the first time. Fruitdale is a comparatively new district, but the fruit trees that have been out from two to four years are doing well, and much fruit will be

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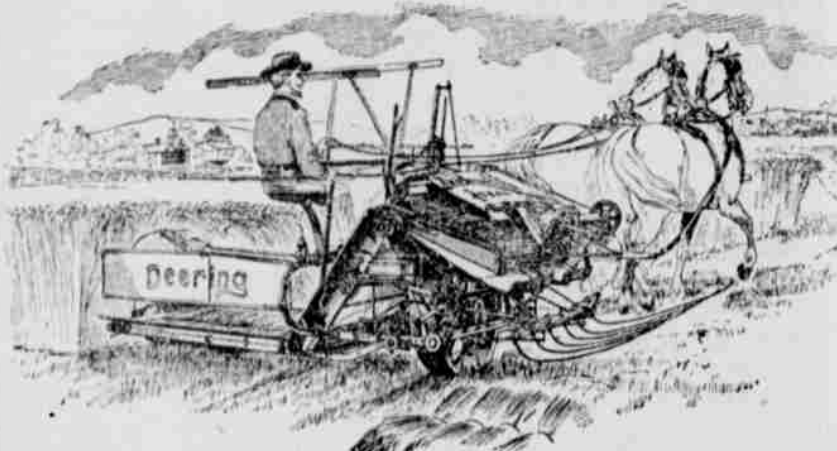
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