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SCATTERGUN SHOTS

Jack Dempsey's nose, his doctor
says, is six times as strong as it
was before it was rebuilt. If its
smelling power has been increased
as much as that we advise him to
keep away from rotten politicians
and other skunks.

The state teachers are criticized
for indorsing the income tax
They are not politicians or they
would not be earning an honest
living. Then what right have they
to dabble in politics?

We remember Scopes, but what
was the name of that town where
such a hullabaloo was made be-
cause he taught that man had made
progress since our forefathers lived
in oases and dressed in skins?

All the laws a hundred men can
make in a year cannot improve a
crop of apples or potatoes as much
as one can by devoting a few days
to spraying, fertilizing and culti-
vating. Better products bring
better incomes.

The farmer who devotes his
energies to getting more and better
vegetables and animals per acre
will become prosperous sooner than
the one whose principal effort is to
obtain from legislation the benefit
politicians so glibly promise.

Opponents of an income tax
admit the justice of the principle
but declare that if Oregon does
this right thing other states will
profit at her expense. This we
doubt. In any event, we object
to doing evil that good may come.

If Pierce runs for re-election, as
he probably will, Milton A. Miller
will probably seek a democratic
nomination for the federal senate.
Miller is sound on prohibition and
on the league of nations as a
means to peace on earth and good
will among men.

There'll be a lot of people who'll
vote for neither Pierce nor Patter-
son simply because both bear the
designation of farmers.—Oregon
Voter.

Of course. What right has a
mere farmer or schoolteacher to
meddle with politics except to vote
after the politicians have told him
how?

Mr. Coolidge is smiling just as
near the league of nations as he
can without alienating a clique
while has power to neutralize most
of his efforts. If the greatest man
in recent history had not, unfor-
tunately, worn a democratic label
ours would have been the leading
nation in the league from its start.

Caesarism, whether in Italy in
the old times or today, in France
at the times of the Napoleons or
elsewhere, has amounted, and will,
in the last analysis, to no more
than a sudden rise to a high emi-
nence and a fall to the depths.
Attempted Caesarism has been
imputed to our presidents from
time to time, but no Caesars have
developed here.

J. S. Donovan of Boston when a
poor boy vowed that he would quit
work if he ever accumulated a
million dollars. He made his
million in automobiles and on new
year's day retired, aged 45. Now,
unless he finds something to keep
him busy we predict that he will
never be 55. An active life cannot
be changed to one of leisure with-
out shortening it.

The disclosure of an attempt of
Mr. Coolidge to exact a written
blank resignation, available at any
time, as a condition to an appoint-
ment to a presumably independent
board established by congress, fol-

lowing his effort to oust Haney
for following his own judgment
instead of the president's, probably
spells defeat for the Davy bill to
cut out a waste of half a billion
dollars. A man unfitted for
crooked politics by both nature and
lifelong habit ought to have the
judgment to keep out of the dirty
mess.

There are any number of circum-
stances under which it is not
only lawful but desirable for man-
kind to war upon wild creatures or
to take the last of their land-
and waters from them. But, ordi-
narily speaking, such circum-
stances as these seldom are discov-
ered, and are plainly to be
recognized when they arise. Upon
predatory animals, for example,
we have fixed a price for their
heads—and logically enough, since
these threaten not only our imme-
diate welfare but the existence of
beneficial species. We discriminate
in our killing and recognize
that it must never be done indis-
criminately, for profit or the
foulst zeal of slaughter.—Port-
land Oregonian.

Please point out the dividing
line between "the doubtful zeal of
slaughter" and the noble spirit
animating the sportsmen for whose
amusement we preserve birds and
animals through our game laws
and game commission.

George Workinger is carry-
ing on the Harry Commons
place.

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Dr. Mellenthin
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in Internal Medicine for the
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many satisfied patients in Oregon
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trouble.
Mrs. Otto Will, Jefferson, varicose
ulcer, leg.
M. Christanson, Albany, bladder
trouble.
Mrs. A. M. Ewan, Coquille, stomach
trouble.

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ABE'S PLACE

Look Before You
Leap Into Flax

Try an Acre or Two and
Know Your Soil if Big
Demand Comes

The Enterprise is not advising
farmers in Linn county to rush
into the growing of flax for fiber
on a large scale, but believes it
would be wise policy to grow small
test tracts and see what the soil in
different localities will do. There
may come a time when the new
mills in Oregon and Washington
will offer to contract for a crop at
attractive prices, and then one
will be glad to know approximately
how much per acre he will likely
raise.

When the flax meeting was held
in Albany we believe an expert
talked about an average price of
\$45 a ton and figured that farmers
in this county could do well raising
flax for that. Now the state is
offering contracts for the next crop
at \$40 for fiber 36 inches long or
over, \$38 for that 30 to 36, \$23
for 27 to 30 and \$22 for all under
24 inches, if pulled. For cut flax
of any length the offer is \$20 a ton
straight.

This is far below an average of
\$45, or even \$40, a ton. The state
is the only buyer of the Oregon
farmer's flax. It has the only
machinery for preparing it for the
textile and twine maker. Such
machinery is not contemplated in
the new mill going up at Salem,
it must purchase its stock from the
state, which, if it gets all the flax
it can handle, cannot, it is feared,
turn out enough to keep the new
mill running to capacity.

About Aumsville centers much
flaxgrowing. The Star of that
burg says: "Growers say that
flax cannot be grown profitably
for less than \$50 a ton. A short
time ago a representative from the
state flax plant said at a meeting
here that the grower would get \$50
a ton and maybe more. Unless
the price is raised the acreage will
be less than it was last year."

A report of Market Agent
Spence quotes a farmer of Polk
county who has for ten years
experimented with flaxgrowing and
who is well informed on all phases
of the industry as saying:
"It appears to me that the
success of flaxgrowing depends
very largely on the mill at the
state prison and the enlargemen-
of that plant."

One of the stockholders of the
Miles linen mill at Salem, just
completed, says surveys show that
200,000 acres in the Willamette
valley are adapted to flaxgrowing,
that 4,000 acres was grown in
1925, and that the state contracted
for about 2500 acres. Asked what
he thought of farmers going in for
increased production, he replied:
"Whether the prison plant will
be enlarged to meet increased
production, or whether others will
put in like plants, I do not know,
but certainly this part will have
to be taken care of if we are to make
flax a leading industry of the
valley, for mills must have the raw
material worked into shape for
them."

Linn Still Leads
in Club Work
(Democrat-Herald)

Linn county is among the lead-
ers of the state in club work, even
though the county has no club
leader. The percentage of club
members who completed projects
started was 91.4. The average for
the state is 80.1; which is on a par
with Minnesota, putting Oregon
and Minnesota at the head of the
nation.

There were 70 children engaged
in club work during the year and
81 of them completed their
projects. Of the ten clubs five
were 100 per cent perfect and one
or two others would have been had
they made reports of their work.
Material used cost \$8,927.13 and
the value of the completed work
was \$5,494.04, a profit of \$1,567.
81.

The public service commission has
ordered an investigation of livestock
rates, charges and regulations in the
state. The investigation is necessary,
it was said, because of an order issued
recently by the interstate commerce
commission affecting interstate rates
on livestock.

The Great Outdoors

Where Bread, Meat, Clothing, Health and Vigorous Humanity are Produced

Sops Proposed
for the Farmer

Federal Control of Products
Proposed in Bills Introduced
in House and Senate.

Washington, D. C.—Direct govern-
ment control of grain and other prod-
ucts was proposed in a bill introduced
in the senate by Senator Frazier,
republican, North Dakota, and one pre-
sented in the house by Representative
Little, democrat, Kansas. Though dis-
similar, the measures are intended to
relieve the farmer of violent price
fluctuations and to insure sale of sur-
plus crops.

Senator Frazier's bill would appro-
priate \$200,000,000 to create a federal
agricultural marketing board to handle
corn, wheat and cotton. Representa-
tive Little's proposal seeks to set aside
\$100,000,000 for a revolving fund to
be used by the government to estab-
lish bonded elevators, store wheat in
them, and sell it at home and abroad,
at prices calculated to bring the grow-
ers fair returns.

The house agricultural committee
approved the Haugen bill to establish
a division of co-operative marketing in
the department of agriculture.

The measure would appropriate
\$225,000 to carry on the work of the
new division. Its duties would include
aiding co-operative marketing associa-
tions in disposing of crops and spread-
ing agricultural information among the
farmers.

The department would employ ex-
perts on grain, livestock, fruits, vegeta-
bles, cotton, tobacco and other staple
crops.

Pensions have been granted to the
following Oregonians: Arthur E.
Smith, Portland, \$15 a month; Fred
W. Munthe, Portland, \$12; Thomas J.
Hudson, Portland, \$12; Etta Bloom,
Portland, \$8; William W. Harder,
Portland, \$12; Valpar Barron, Port-
land, \$20; Carl H. Luhmann, Port-
land, \$12; John E. Johnson, Portland,
\$24; Fannie Lettenmaier, Oregon City,
\$20; Joel C. Booth, Lebanon, \$18;
Simon T. Wainingham, Salem, \$18;
Charles Spinner, Columbia City, \$50;
George E. Rolfe, Brownsville, \$24.

The Oregon state tax commission
has filed original mandamus proceed-
ings in the state supreme court to
compel Harley J. Slusher, sheriff of
Clatsop county, to serve delinquent
warrants and collect state income
taxes aggregating \$2000 from the Astoria
North Beach Ferry company,
Union Fishermen's Co-operative Pack-
ing company and Frank C. Hesse. The
suit was filed for the purpose of de-
termining the validity of collecting de-
linquent state income taxes under war-
rants issued by the state tax commis-
sion and to protect the sheriff against
personal liability in connection with
the seizure of property to satisfy the
tax obligations.

Another Successful
Linn Farm Co-op.

We recently referred to the co-
operating woolgrowers' organiza-
tion, which started five years ago
in this county, as the most suc-
cessful of its kind on the contin-
ent.

The Albany co-operative cream-
ery, another Linn county institu-
tion, the oldest of its kind in the
state, held its annual meeting
Thursday and the most prosperous
year in its history was reported.
It did \$880,000 worth of business
last year, an increase of \$10,000
over 1924. It sold 35 carloads of
butter and 12 carloads of eggs.

J. J. Barrett, P. H. Freerksen,
W. S. Foster and J. D. Isom were
elected directors.

THE MARKETS

Portland
Wheat—Big Bend bluestem, hard
white, soft white and western white
\$1.60; hard white, northern spring
and western red, \$1.57.

Hay—Alfalfa, \$20@24; timothy,
\$19@21.50; eastern Oregon
timothy, \$22@23.50.

Butterfat—42c shippers' track.
Eggs—Ranch, 26@29c.

Cheese—Prices f. o. b. Tillamook;
Triplets, 31c; loaf, 32c per lb.

Cattle—Steers, good \$8.50@8.75.
Hogs—Medium to choice, \$11.75@
13.00.

Sheep—Lambs, medium to choice,
\$13@16.

Seattle.
Wheat—Soft white, \$1.63; western
white, Big Bend bluestem, \$1.62; hard
winter, \$1.58; western red, northern
spring, \$1.57.

Hay—Alfalfa, \$26; D. C., \$28; tim-
othy, \$20; mixed hay, \$24.

Butter—Creamery, 43@46c.
Eggs—Ranch, 33@35c.

Hogs—Prime, \$12.90@13.15.

Cattle—Prime steers, \$8.00@8.50.
Cheese—Oregon fancy, 28c; Oregon
standards 26c; Washington triplets
28c.

Spokane.
Hogs—Prime mixed, \$12.50@12.60.
Cattle—Prime steers, \$7.75@8.25.

League to Get U. S. Treaties.
Geneva, Switzerland.—The United
States government has notified the
League of Nations that it is willing to
transmit to the league all treaties and
other international agreements con-
tracted by the United States and that
it has no objection to their inclusion
in the league's treaty series.

Pendleton Bank Buys Competitor.
Pendleton, Or.—One of the biggest
financial deals ever recorded in Pen-
dleton or Umatilla county was consum-
mated when the First National bank
of Pendleton purchased the American
National bank of this city.

Wool Situation
Is not so Bad

Australian Wool Clip is
Light...Home Flocks
Not Yet Normal

There may be impending a
decline in prices of sheep and
wool, but there are no indications
of anything that can be likened to
a landslide and well-posted sheep-
men are not alarmed. The ex-
pected increase in the Australian
clip didn't materialize at shearing
last fall (which was spring south
of the equator), for the fleeces
averaged a pound apiece less than
was expected. Other exporting
countries have not enough surplus
to seriously affect the market.

F. J. Hagenbarth, president of
the National Woolgrowers' associa-
tion, says: "Shortly after the
war many sheep men were com-
pelled to sell their sheep to meet
their financial obligations. Even
with the present increases the
flocks have not yet reached the
point where they were when cuts
were necessary. It will require a
considerable retention of ewe
lambs to rebuild the flocks. There
is little justification for fearing an
overproduction."

The Commercial Bulletin of
Boston said, Jan. 9: "A broad-
ening interest in wool is apparent
on the part of the manufacturers,
who evidently have still some
orders against which they must
cover and who also very patently
think well of wool on its present
level. While there is no general
advance in wool values in the local
market, there is some improve-
ment in the price situation, and in
the foreign markets there is a very
evident hardening tendency in
values, despite the efforts of man-
ufacturers to depress them, or at
least to prevent them from rising."

"The New Zealand sales re-
sumed on Wednesday with prices
up about a penny in the grease
(about 5 per cent) over the closing
in December. Australia has
shown a hardening tendency,
while the Cape also is firmer and
the Rio Platte is fully firm."

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT of the State
of Oregon, in and for the
County of Linn

In the matter of the applica-
tion of
Seth S. Hayes, Daniel J. Hayes,
Frank Hayes and Gertrude
Pendland to register the title
to the following described land,
to wit:
The east half of the south-
east quarter of section twelve
(12) in township fourteen (14)
north of range four (4) west of
the Willamette meridian, con-
taining 80 acres, more or less,
situated in Linn county, state
of Oregon.
Against Otis F. Neal and all
whom it may concern.
Defendants.

To Otis F. Neal and all whom it may
concern, defendants:
Take notice that on the 4th day of
December, 1925, an application was filed
by said Seth S. Hayes, Daniel J. Hayes,
Frank Hayes and Gertrude Pendland, in
the circuit court of the state of Oregon in
and for Linn county, for initial registra-
tion of the title to the land above de-
scribed. Now, unless you appear on
or before the 6th day of February, 1926,
and show cause why such application
shall not be granted, the same will be
taken as confessed and a decree will be
entered according to the prayer of the
application and you will be forever
barred from disputing the same.
Witness my hand and the seal of
said circuit court this 2nd day of Janu-
ary, 1926.

County Clerk and ex-officio
Clerk of the Circuit Court of
the State of Oregon for Linn
County.
Hill, Marks & McMahan,
P. O. address Albany, Oregon,
Attorneys for Applicant.

NOTICE
of Hearing of Final Account

Notice is hereby given that the final
account of Alwilda Wilson as administra-
trix of the estate of Bert M. Wilson,
deceased, has been filed in the County
Court of Linn County, State of Oregon
and that the 3th day of February, 1926,
at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., has been
duly appointed by said Court for the
hearing of objections to said final
account and the settlement thereof, at
which time any person interested in
said estate may appear and file objec-
tions thereto in writing and contest the
same.

Dated and first published January 6,
1926. Alwilda Wilson,
Administratrix of the Estate.
Tussing & Tussing, Attns. for Admrx.

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