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The Business of Farming

Of necessity, the farmer is the greatest business speculator in the United States. Adverse weather conditions, insects and numerous pests may ruin crop prospects almost in a day. As the situation is becoming more fully appreciated farmers are learning the value of organizing, and otherwise safeguarding their financial future. In 1923, over two billion dollars worth of sales, including live stock, were handled through farmers' organizations. This was almost one-quarter of the total business of the industry.

The speculative nature of farming has caused food prices to rise at a rate in excess of those of general commodities, but as agricultural becomes better organized, foodstuffs may be expected to become more stabilized, because large unsold surpluses may be conserved to meet demand.

In the solving of marketing problems, agriculture is conspicuously weak in comparison with other industries. It is only through solution of these problems that stabilization of agricultural income will be made possible.

As each year passes, the farmer is strengthening his position, and eventually the element of speculation will in a large measure be removed from the industry.

Among the 19 measures to be placed on the ballot for the November election will be found two measures almost identical. Two

income tax measures exactly alike except that one provides for a property offset and the other does not. It is generally conceded that after the Grange people drafted an income tax bill the opponents of income tax initiated another exactly like it except for the property offset in the hope of confusing the voters and dividing the vote. Now, if you favor an income tax the safe way is to vote for both. There will be no confliction if both become law and this is a good way to beat the smart politicians at their own game.—Harrisburg Bulletin.

The most convincing arguments are those bearing out your own theories.

Did You Ever Stop to Think

By Edson R. Waite, Secretary, Shawnee, Okla., Board of Commerce.

That private enterprise is the very life of a community.

That where private enterprise is encouraged, you will find a prosperous people; where it is hampered, you will find business at a standstill.

That our railroads, telephones, and the majority of our power companies are private enterprises and owned by multitudes of people.

That some utilities are municipally owned. Some misguided people think they should be state owned. These people usually have failed to study the situation and have based their opinion on what some spell-binder says. Spell-binders are usually after something for themselves, seldom taking into consideration the welfare of the public.

That the growth of public utilities has been amazing, and the greatest growth and success has been made by those utilities that are privately owned.

Private enterprise has done the most for the convenience and happiness of the people.

Private enterprise has made it possible to light the smallest home as well as the largest. It has made it possible to help business, lighten labor, and when you come to think of it, the cost of electric power is probably the smallest single item in the cost of living or the cost of doing business.

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Neighborhood News

Pine Grove Points

(By Special Correspondent)

Albert Heinrich and Bill Carver came down from Valseltz to spend Sunday at their homes.

Miss Eunice Sylvester came from Monmouth Friday evening to spend the week end at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Sylvester of Portland visited at the Fred Sylvester home last week.

P. A. Pehrsson was a Junction City visitor Saturday.

Miss Eleanor Heinrich of Corvallis spent the week end with her parents.

L. E. Eagy and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Ivey and son visited friends in Eugene Friday.

Misses Pearl and Grace Pehrsson came home from the Harrisburg hop yard Saturday, returning Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Pehrsson visited Mr. and Mrs. O. Becker near Monroe Sunday.

Mrs. Floyd Nichols and Mrs. E. E. Hover attended the social afternoon given by the missionary ladies in honor of Mrs. Tate at Peoria Wednesday afternoon.

A. F. Albertson and family were Albany visitors Wednesday.

H. L. Blood and family were county seat visitors Wednesday.

Floyd Nichols and family and Mr. and Mrs. Estes Bass and children spent Friday evening at the Eagy home.

L. E. Eagy and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Ivey visited Albany and Salem Wednesday.

Ray Hover and Mrs. Rosa Overton were married in Albany Saturday and are now "somewhere in the northwest" on a short wedding tour. The community meeting Saturday evening was well attended. A feature of the program was a debate, "Resolved, that old bachelors are more undesirable in a community than old maids." The desirable qualities of old maids were ably presented by Nora Pehrsson, Agnes Chandler and Clara-bell Blood in costumes such as old maids wore in days when "old maids" were "old maids," with Newt Cummings, Clarence Eagy, and Roy Owens representing the bachelors. Needless to say the women won.

The 800 gallon pressure tank to the water system at the Knighten farm blew up Thursday afternoon

while the pump was running. Considerable damage was done to the building which housed it, and a large cement trough alongside the building was cracked by the force of the explosion.

Russell Knighten and Mrs. Elsie Davis of Albany were at the Knighten farm Thursday.

Alford Arrows

(By an Enterprise Reporter)

Those attending the "Trail to Rail" celebration at Eugene from this community were Lee Ingram and family, Michael Rickard and wife, E. D. Isom and family and J. H. Rickard and family and Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Cogswell and son Philip.

Joseph Lyon of Reedsport was buried in the Masonic and I. O. O. F. cemetery Sunday.

Velda and Delta Curtis spent the weekend with their grandmother, Mrs. C. N. Tandy.

Beverly Isom spent several days the first of the week with Coralea Moody.

Chester Curtis and family visited his uncle, Jack Curtis, near Peoria Sunday.

Lee Ingrams were Sunday afternoon callers at the Upmeyer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Roberts and children of Toledo, and Mr. Robert's brother and family from the east visited at Michael Rickards Sunday.

Prentice and Vyrion Isom of Oakridge visited at the home of



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their uncle, E. D. Isom from Saturday until Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Smith of Portland called at Chester Curtis' Monday. They had been here to attend the burial of their brother-in-law, Joseph Lyons, of Reedsport.

Mrs. J. F. Isom of Oakridge, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Leslie of Wilmington, California, and Mrs. Cleona Smith of Los Angeles, visited at the E. D. Isom home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Whitbeck spent Monday evening at the H. L. Straley home.

J. H. Rickard and family attended a conference of the M. E. Church at Corvallis Sunday.

Lee Ingram and family called at A. E. Whitbeck's Thursday afternoon.

Notice of Appointment of Administratrix.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned by an order of the County Court of Linn County, Oregon has been appointed Administratrix of the estate of Edward N. Fairo deceased, (whose true name was Norman Neal Rogga and who served in the United States Army under name of Edward N. Fairo.) All persons having claims against said estate are required to present them within six months from the date of this notice, with the proper vouchers, to the undersigned at the office of Tussing & Tussing, at Halsey in Linn County, Oregon. Dated and first published this 25th day of August, 1926.

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