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From the Editor's Point of View

Satisfied Farmers in This Valley

Notwithstanding the large number of people that the Portland and state chambers of commerce have brought to this state and located on farms, we are told that there are 7000 fewer people on Oregon farms now than there were a year ago.

Well, those 7000 mouths must eat, and the remaining farmers produce food for sale.

The Haugen bill (McNary's name is left off in the dispatches) is allowed the best chance among farm relief measures at Washington this winter. If it and all the others should pass they would not benefit the average Willamette valley farmer enough to balance his share of the cost of all the congressional boards and commissions that have been created to investigate his ills. And another commission has been proposed at this session already.

A small minority are doing so much howling that they are often mistaken for a majority.

The majority of valley farmers are prospering despite "the farmers' ills."

Chancy Sickels has done a lot of hard work draining and improving a farm near Halsey. He has raised a family and reached an age when he has slackened a little in physical activity, but he has heard to say the other day: "If I should sell my farm for what I think it is worth I don't know how I could invest the price so that it would yield me the return that the farm does." He is not screaming for government aid.

C. L. Falk sr. has put in many years improving his farm. He was a pioneer in tile draining when neighbors said he was throwing his money away, but he more than doubled the crops. He also has passed the age of greatest activity, but he is not asking congress to help him. One of his lines has been horses, and his registered animals, of a type that is still in demand, despite the automobile and the tractor, are a feature at the fall fairs.

F. A. Pehrsson of Pine Grove, told of a mechanic getting \$45 a week, said: "I get that for eggs from one pen of my hens, marketed through the co-operative association."

W. L. Wells, a year or two ago, to a remark about high taxes replied: "But we are getting some value for them."

Edward Dyer has more than 200 acres that has been owned by the family for over half a century. We have not heard of any sheriffs or tax collectors threatening to seize the property. Read his

advertisement of high-bred registered stock and trap-nested poultry, on the last page of this issue, and you will see that the trend of his farming is not towards bankruptcy.

There is much extravagance and waste at Salem and Washington, for which the farmer pays his share or more. There are inequalities in taxation which bear heavily upon him. But if he spends much time shouting (to deaf ears) for help he will not make wages.

A dog may have fleas, but when he is chasing a rabbit he is too busy to snap at fleas.

The wets howl because the government puts poison in alcohol. They hold that to be the exclusive privilege of moonshiners and bootleggers.

We will have peace in Central America if we have to fight for it.

"Thrifty" Will Be Discussed

The Parent-Teachers' association is to have its regular monthly meeting Friday, Jan. 14, at 7:45 p. m. at the schoolhouse.

The program is to be on "Thrifty," and several papers are being prepared on that subject. The students will also assist in putting on a good, interesting program.

We have plenty of talent in our community and at this meeting we are going to make use of it.

There is some business to come before the association, so will all the members please come and help transact it?

Make this meeting of the Parent-Teachers' association one of the best of the year. Good meetings can result only from the co-operation of all the members of the community, so come and do your part. Cor.

Good Old Man Gone

W. J. Carey, for many years a resident of Halsey but more recently in the Roseburg soldiers' home, died at that institution last Sunday and was buried at Pine Grove Tuesday, after services at the Halsey Church of Christ.

Mr. Carey was an Oregonian, born at Silverton 79 years ago, and served in the Modoc war.

Read Aimee Sample McPherson's own signed story in the February Sunset, the only authorized personal article by the famous evangelist who has been the subject of so much notoriety during the past six months. Order from your newsdealer in advance (on sale Jan. 15) or send 25c to Sunset Magazine, San Francisco. Subscription price, \$2.50 per year; 2 years, \$4.

Stockmen, Attention!!

Have the following items in stock, so you can buy them at home at a large saving.

- Sulphur, 6½c a pound; 4 lbs., 25c
- Epsom Salts, 1 lb. 10c; 3 lbs. 25c
- Sheep Dip, 1 gallon \$1.70; 5 gallons \$7

Halsey Pharmacy

HALSEY, LINN AND OREGON

A. A. Tussing is out again after his illness.

Blow the trumpet! Sound the bugle! The Halsey boys have won a basketball game! Friday night at Koontz' hall they beat Crabtree 16 to 10.

Mrs. W. H. McMahan painfully scalded one foot Friday with water from an unruly teakettle.

F. O. Salmon's little boy fell from a hay mow last week and broke his arm.

Prof. Thompson of O. A. C. is a skillful archer. See sketch from Corvallis in this week's inset page.

Mrs. Almon has been helping take the inventory at Koontz'.

Ernest Dykstra has recovered from typhoid fever.

Four influenza cases were all the diseases reported from this county to the state board of health last week.

Mrs. Mary Hayes is seriously ill. John Standish is still at Taft, California.

The southern Pacific station buildings have been raised eight

Mrs. Esther Rike has returned to Corvallis, after spending vacation with the Straleys.

inches to correspond with the recently raised track. That surely is a solid roadbed now.

Frank Gansle went to Salem early in the week, but he got away from there and came back here. There are so many nuts there these days that they do not pay much attention to a normal man.

Miss Mary LaRne has been laid up with a sprained ankle, the result of a fall.

Lamberts Orchards company of Salem has 215 acres of Lambert cherries.

The lake Labish district sold

\$750,000 worth of celery, onions, lettuce and peppermint last year. Oregon's assessed valuation is \$1,084,557,618, \$25,656,882 more than a year ago.

Last week one poultryman bought a ton of Skirvin's Good Luck egg mash, advertised in this paper.

The third car of pyrotol to be pooled this winter was ordered this week by C. R. Briggs, Benton county agent. It is expected that one more car will be pooled this winter, to be delivered in Albany.

A pair of barred rock fowls are the ornamental feature of a calendar received from Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cawse, Crabtree, breeders of such. The birds are beauties, too.

The state chamber of commerce last week received inquiries about Oregon farms from prospective settlers in Hankow, New Zealand, Nova Scotia and other way station this side of Mars.

Oregon's 1926 apple crop is estimated at 3,100,000 boxes, with 5021 cars shipped up to Jan. 11.

Oregon grew 750 tons of English walnuts last year, 50 per cent more than in 1925.

One Santiam grower sold \$504 worth of Kentucky wonder beans from ten acres.

Cushman expects her burned cannery to be rebuilt for use this year.

Charity Grange Community Chat

(By an Enterprise Reporter)

The W. O. W., who use Charity grange hall as a meeting place, were quite successful in securing a crowd Thursday night to meet the magician, O. B. Waring.

We hear that a number of small boys thoroughly searched their

clothing before retiring, hoping to find a few half dollars.

Mr. Lazwell, who teaches Center school, is making himself a welcome member of the community. He was received into the fold of the grange at a special meeting Saturday night.

Mrs. Curtis Veatch, lecturer of Charity grange, attended the course especially prepared by the college for grange lecturers this week.

Clarence Waggener, who is quite ill at his home, was the subject of a consultation of doctors this week. Mrs. Byrd Waggener is the nurse.

A. H. Quimby, who has been on an extended auto trip with Hiram Bierly, arrived home Monday evening. He reports a fine trip. He declares that he was colder the last day than at any previous time on the trip. This statement is unfair to our climate without explaining that they traveled the last day without a windshield, due to an accident in southern Oregon. An interesting coincidence of their visit to the national congress was the fact that in the few moments they were in the senate they heard McNary speaking in favor of a free interstate bridge between Washington and Oregon.

Spoon River Sparks

(Enterprise Correspondence)

J. P. Templeton and wife spent Tuesday of last week at Albert Waggener's, where Clarence Waggener is quite ill.

Ed Hussey, who has been visiting in this neighborhood, left Saturday for California.

Kathleen Ann Munkers spent last week with her grandparents, H. L. Straley and wife, while her mother, Mrs. Hazel Munkers, worked in Sturtevant's store.

E. E. Carey and family spent Thursday evening at J. P. Templeton's.

C. S. Veatch and wife went to Cottage Grove Friday, returning Saturday.

L. R. Falk and wife and child spent Wednesday last week at R. E. Bierly's.

M. B. Harding and wife and three small children spent Sunday afternoon at Chancy Sickels'.

The G. J. Rikes visited Albany last week Monday.

Sunday visitors at L. E. Bierly's were D. F. Burge and wife of Albany and F. W. Falk and wife and daughter.

G. J. Rike and wife were Sunday afternoon callers at Herman Steinke's.

M. B. Harding and wife and children were Sunday afternoon visitors at L. R. Falk's.

Miss Nellie Falk was a Tuesday night guest of her friend, Hope Hussey.

Byron Gage and wife were visitors at A. L. Falk's Sunday.

(The following paragraphs were left over last week.)

J. N. Elliott and O. J. Albertson and families were dinner guests at Robert Ramsay's new year's day

W. R. Kirk and family were visitors at Claud Davidson's Friday evening.

Chester Bilyeu spent Tuesday evening at A. L. Falk's.

May Ruffi of Crawfordville and Anne Heinrich were guests of Mearle Jean Straley several days last week.

Theo. George of Eugene and wife spent Wednesday with Mrs. E. S. Marsters.

Misses Ava and Edna Falk called on Miss Grace Kirk Tuesday afternoon.

An enjoyable family reunion was (Continued on last page)

Legislators Sent From Linn County

Hints of What to Expect From Them

The Oregon Voter of Jan. 1 contained sketches of the members of the state legislature. Following are excerpts from its portrayals of those from this county:

Senator Marks

Willard L. Marks was elected senator without an iota of opposition. Senator Garland, who declined to become a candidate after the democrats had again nominated him, declared that if he could choose his successor it would be Senator Marks. With such an indorsement, the rest was easy for Marks.

In his career there is much evidence that Senator Marks is an exceptionally hard-working attorney, worthy of every confidence that his constituency has so willingly bestowed upon him.

Hector Macpherson

Hector Macpherson announced, during the interim between the primary and the general election, that he had resigned from the faculty of the O. A. C. so as to be free to wage a relentless fight "to banish inefficiency, waste and the political spoils system from Oregon," with particular reference to the state's educational system. At the same time Professor Macpherson let it be known that he intends to devote the next two years to this effort, aiming, among other things, to abolish the boards of regents of both the university and the agricultural college and place their management in the hands of a single board and under a single president. He strongly advocates the "junior college" idea, which contemplates the establishment of community or state-supported institutions in several districts of the state. This plan in his opinion is to be desired because it keeps young people at or near their homes and relieves the institutions of higher education from a great influx of students too immature, in his opinion, to benefit from such instruction.

Macpherson for the past fifteen years has been head of the department of economics and sociology at the agricultural college.

Professor McPherson has been at the forefront of the co-operative movement in Oregon, having been a member of the American commission that studied the credits and marketing systems of seventeen European countries several years ago.

He has the intense conviction of a reformer, plus the sincerity of an evangelizing prophet.

L. L. Swan

There is less of the cowering, submissive attitude in Representative Swan's legislative work than is found in the activity of any other member of the house. He chops his own blazes as he goes along.

During the 1925 session Swan paid particular attention to legislation regulating and taxing the operation of trucks and busses on Oregon highways. He showed a grasp of the intricacies of this form of regulation that was noteworthy. Fostered a worthy measure extending power of regulation over suburban dance halls operating close to cities, and by doing so showed a high concept of moral guardianship. A versatile member, whose general effectiveness is not to be doubted.

P. F. Uhlig of Boring, Or., picked a crate of ripe Cuthbert raspberries Dec. 12.

W. M. BURBANK

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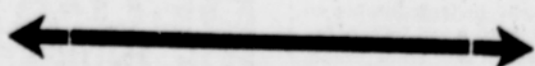
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