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## From the Editor's Point of View

### Brought Here to Carry Shirkers' Burdens

The Portland and state chambers of commerce spend much money inducing farmers to come to Oregon, and bring many here.

The newcomers buy from farm owners who have become dissatisfied with conditions here.

These unsatisfactory conditions are not natural. Natural conditions here are those of an agricultural paradise.

Yet we are told that there are 7000 fewer people on Oregon farms today than a year ago. Why?

Brains and energy are requisites of success on a farm as in a counting house or in a factory. Successful farmers are plentiful. As a rule they do not sell out. They pay an unjust proportion of the taxes, overcome marketing handicaps, live comfortably and pay their bills.

Some of the newcomers will fail and join the hegira. A round plug will not fit a square hole on the farm any better than anywhere else.

When the new farmer sees an income tax voted on again by the people, as it surely will be, and sees the Portland people who brought him here raise a slash fund to defeat it and keep the farmer's unjust tax burden where it is he may suspect that he was brought here as a goose to be plucked.

John Trouble, president of the Kansas farmers' union, fears that "big business" will get control of American agriculture and turn the farmers into wage workers. This prospective trouble troubles Trouble more than it does the

prosperous owner of a well-managed farm, who has no land to sell. There are farmers who would be better off if they were sure of a day's wages for every day's work.

The ducks got revenge Saturday when Fred Downs of Chehalis, 41, was killed and Chauncey Bishop, proprietor of the Pendleton woolen mills, was badly wounded, each with his own gun, while duck hunting.

If Mr. Borah were as willing to compromise and arbitrate in the senate as he wants Uncle Sam to be in the world what a difference that would make!

The state editorial association's lobbyists at Salem say that the candidates' pamphlets in the primary election cost the taxpayers \$9786.10 net, the voters' pamphlets \$3940.35 net, and the maintenance of mailing lists for them \$7,399.09.

The Enterprise reckons their value to the voters at about \$0,000.30.

There was a slump of \$1,149,000,000 in farm products last year from the 1825 record.

## HALSEY, LINN AND OREGON

Probably it would be some encouragement to our schoolboys to know that Ercell Sneed, who graduated from O. A. C. last summer and secured employment with the Large potash firm at Trona, Cal., has been advanced to the foremanship at a good salary. He spent Christmas and the holidays at home.

It rarely happens, as it did last week, that a church notice is left out of this page for want of room. If the announcement of services scheduled for next Sunday at your church is not here it is because no member has taken enough interest this week to send it to this office. We charge nothing for such notices of 4 inches or less.

Next parent-teachers' meeting Feb. 11.

Ten cases of mumps from this county, 5 of influenza, 3 of scarlet fever and 1 each of typhoid fever and pneumonia were reported to the state board of health last week.

Last winter we did not see a snowflake. This winter a boy says that by scraping up material from where it had drifted he got enough to make several snowballs the morning after our night "snow storm" in December, and this morning we find from a quarter to a half inch of the white in places.

Arnold Handley of Portland has become a partner with Frank Workinger in the Halsey garage. Mr. Handley and wife have taken apartments at H. W. Chance's.

Asked if he thought the business of the Halsey pharmacy had increased because of its removal from First street to Second, Mr. Morris' emphatic reply was: "Absolutely."

Claims against Linn county for sheep killed by dogs in 1926 were \$4,832.10, of which 65 per cent was paid, exhausting the fund. A bill is in the legislature to increase the dog tax; which furnishes the fund.

In 1926 the county added 6.2 miles of market roads to its 77. On the Halsey-Brownsville road 2.1 miles was graded and covered with one course of gravel, another course to be laid next year. The finished roads were kept in condition the year around at a cost of \$7,498.25.

The volume of the Albany Creamery association's business increased 10 per cent in 1926. The association is 32 years old, one of the oldest co-operatives in Oregon.

The coldest day since 1874 was December, 1919, when the thermometer dropped to 15 below. We cannot find that the thermometer has gone below zero but four times since 1871. In December,

1881, it was 5 below, in December, 1900, 3 below and in December, 1924, 3 below. — Junction City Times.

Mr. Mitchell, shoe repair man from Harrisburg, after a good look-around here, concluded that Hill & Co.'s cobbling department was enough for Halsey and left for Onalaska, Wash.

Mrs. Shipman's lease of the hotel having expired, she left for Portland Saturday.

A lady in another state requests us to stop sending the Enterprise because she wants to stay where she is and every time her husband reads this paper he talks about selling out and moving to Oregon.

Oregon is the first state to have the fire-fighting equipment of all its cities standardized and interchangeable.

The two Silverton banks have over \$2,000,000 in deposits.

One Albany firm shipped 10 cars of clover and rye grass seed last year. One Halsey firm shipped 10 cars on one contract and handled much more.

Next Saturday will be old people's day at the Brownsville grange and all elderly people, whether members of the order or not, are invited. There will be one of the grange's big midday feeds, and in the afternoon an interesting program.

Noah Robnett died last week at his home at The Dalles, aged about 80. The funeral was Monday at Crawfordsville, where Mr. Robnett formerly resided, and he was buried there beside his wife, who has been dead twenty years. Mr. Miller, the Halsey pastor, preached the funeral sermon. Mr. Robnett had been crippled and contorted with rheumatism for years, yet he was always one of the most cheerful of men. Mrs. Francis Kizer is his niece.

Mrs. Moody spends this week end in Portland.

Miss LaRue's sprained ankle is better.

Mrs. S. J. Smith presided at the Parent-Teachers' meeting, as Mrs. Freeland was at the Eugene convention.

"The Delegates" will be at Roontz' hall Saturday evening. Don't know whether they are delegated to the legislature or the penitentiary. Better go and find out.

Our local bank has increased its capital stock from \$20,000 to \$25,000.

A man from Heppner applied the brakes on a curve north of town Monday and his car took the ditch. Frank Gansle with his

yellow giant set it back on the pavement and it limped off towards Albany for repairs.

### Spoon River Sparks

(Enterprise Correspondence)

The seventh and eighth grade girls of Kirk school met at J. N. Elliot's Friday afternoon and organized a sewing club. Mrs. Elliot will be their leader. Leone Philpott is president, Della Falk vice-president and Zelma Philpott secretary. The club will be known as "The Busy Bees." The next meeting will be Jan. 28.

Frank Isom and wife and two children were Saturday afternoon callers at W. R. Kirk's.

The G. J. Rikes and Herman Steinke and wife were in Albany Monday of last week.

Henry Seefeld and wife motored to Eugene Wednesday.

J. A. Falk of Harrisburg spent Saturday at H. J. Falk's.

Miss Grace Kirk came from Monmouth and spent the week end with her parents.

J. N. Elliot still makes his two trips a week to Albany, where he takes treatment for his injured feet.

Mike Banich and daughter Anna called at A. L. Falk's Saturday.

G. J. Rike and wife, H. L. Straley, E. E. Gourley and Webster and Arleigh Falk attended the tractor demonstration at Albany Friday.

Henry Falk and wife visited Harrisburg Friday.

Mervyn Van Nice and the M. B. Hardings were among those who attended Charity grange Saturday.

Mrs. E. E. Carey and children visited at Clarence Gillette's last Friday.

Clifford Carey and F. J. Keen and wife and son Willard were Sunday afternoon callers at R. E. Bierly's.

H. L. Straley and wife and son Leroy and Mrs. Gordon Munkers and daughter motored to Monmouth Sunday to see Mearle Straley. Irene Quimby, who was home for the week end, went with them.

Hiram Bierly attended a dinner party at D. F. Burger's, Albany, Monday.

### Alford Arrows

(Enterprise Correspondent)

Brian Perry and wife and baby visited in Portland several days last week. William and Edward Perry stayed with their uncle, Frank Williams.

Mrs. L. E. Bond of Albany visited over the week end with her daughter, Mrs. E. D. Isom, and family.

Chester Curtis and family were (Continued on last page)

## Unspoken Sermons Reach Their Mark

### Hostetler Preaches With His Fingers.

(Harrisburg Bulletin)

Levi Hostetler of the Mennonite church east of town is a deaf mute and has never talked nor heard a sound. Yet for ten years he has preached to a little company of mutes. Four years were spent at Hubbard and six here.

Mr. Hostetler is not an ordained minister, but works under the direction of the deacons of the church. He has a little corner of the church building for himself and his flock. He preaches with his hands, of course, which does not interfere with the services in the other part of the church. The church does not believe in salaries for preachers, and Mr. Hostetler gets nothing for his services.

The congregation consists usually of six married couples, who are members, and one boy not a member.

Mr. Hostetler is a farmer as well as a preacher.

### Boys' "Fun" Brings Death

This did not happen in Halsey, but in Ingersoll, Okla. C. E. Marble, 60, blind in one eye and nearly so in the other, lived alone in a shack. The town boys had their fun stealing his fruit, throwing stones at his home and using provoking language to hear what he would say when angry. Finding that words would not stop them, he took a revolver and hunted them. Gilbert Hutchinson, 14, he shot dead, wounded his brother Roy, 16, so that he is in a hospital, near death, and put a shor in their father, who was with them when he found them, for allowing the boys to be toughs.

### Card of Thanks

We wish to express to our friends our sincerest appreciation of their kindness and beautiful floral offerings in our recent bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Davis,  
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Smith,  
Fred E. Carey,  
Earl M. Carey.

### Uncle Eben

"De spirit of mortal," said Uncle Eben: "should not be proud, unless it kin show some good excuse for bein' so."—Washington Star.

### Church Notices

Methodist—Next Sunday:  
10 a. m., Sunday school  
11, Public services  
3, Junior League  
6:30, Epworth League  
7:30, public services.  
7:30 Thursday, prayer meeting  
Here all will find a welcome, regardless of social standing. Your presence will help, and we will try to do you good.  
J. S. Miller, pastor.

## Wave of Crime in the United States Distinctly on the Wane

By BANFORD BATES, President American Prison Association.

THE general volume of crime is on the downward trend in the United States, though the crime-dealing machinery of today should be reorganized to meet the changed conditions of modern life.

The so-called crime wave has not increased in the last ten years. There are certain spectacular crimes, such as bank holdups, but the general volume is decreasing. There has been a diminution of vagrancy and drunkenness.

During the last fifteen years, the number of automobiles has increased many times and the revolver has been circulated widely. This is no reason for the American public to become terrorized, because there are a great number of law-abiding citizens.

The freedom granted the youth of today and the liberties allowed by new inventions are blamed for crime conditions.

New inventions are breeders of crime. Intelligence and discretion, with the American public keeping its feet on the ground, will aid in combating lawlessness.

Comparing the criminal of the past and present, there are bold criminals in the United States today, but none come up with Jesse James. The characters are different and methods today are dissimilar to those employed by old notorious criminals.

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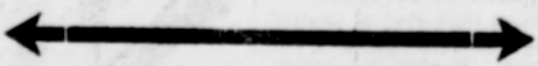
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