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From the Editor's Point of View

Farmer's Best Chance in Improved Methods

An article on this page from the Eugene Register gives reasons why the city consumer pays about twice as much for the potatoes or ham and eggs for his breakfast as the producer got for them.

There are exceptions to the rule, however. In Eugene there has for years been a public market for farmers. At first it was (with discreet concealment) frowned upon by the local merchants, who regarded it as reducing their volume of trade and therefore their profits. The majority of them, however, seem to have come to the conclusion that they are better off without the trouble of handling fresh produce, and Eugene's public market has become one of the state's famous institutions.

Farmers near Chicago have opened retail stores in that city, co-operating in manning them and finding a profitable outlet for their products. The Pacific Coast Co-operative Poultry Producers have made a success of co-operation and the price of eggs in the northwest is several cents higher per dozen because of their work.

Speaking of one of its constructive members, the manager says: "It would be worth millions and millions to the agricultural industry of the country if all those engaged in it had the same understanding of the co-operative movement that he had, and then followed it up by action."

The loss farmers sustain because they do not pull together like other interests was shown by a recent announcement by O.A.C. that potato growers near Portland, instead of getting more for their product, which was first class, than those farther from the market, were standing a loss of about \$10 a ton because they were not combined and the Portland buyers were.

Many co-operative farm movements fail because of the tendency of farmers to assert their individuality and resent restraint, but there are glowing examples in the record of profit from whole-hearted co-operation in marketing.

Co-operative marketing and buying may help some, but the most promising means the farmer has of helping himself lies in the production of more money's worth of crops per acre. The time is coming, far or near, when the average production per acre in this valley will be double what it is today.

The pollution of streams with municipal sewage has been cussed and discussed a good deal and the general belief seems to be that though dirt may not be wholesome it is too cheap and convenient to be dispensed with.

The richest two men in America, like the majority of men of wealth, were once poor boys working faithfully for very small wages. There is a chance for every boy in this country who has the right stuff in him.

Boston, New York, Chicago and Philadelphia no longer run this country. The south and west keep its laws bone dry.

Drivers exceed the speed limit therefore the limit is to be raised. If citizens will not adjust their actions to the law, adjust the law to their actions.

Chapped Hands? Chapped Face?

These are sure reliefs:

Mimosa Cream . . 45c

Hinds'

H. & A. Cream . 50c

Chamberlain's . . 25c

and don't forget

Morris' Cold Tablets

People come miles for these.

Sure relief and guaranteed.

25c the box

Halsey Pharmacy

Comb Honey

The best. Reduced to 20c, and less in larger quantities. Supply your needs while it lasts.

N. T. Sneed.

FOR SALE

Good Ford Motor

at the

Vannice Ranch

FOR SALE

or trade for hens of one breed

3 Young Bronze Gobblers

Also would buy a few hens

Willard Hamlin,

on Rogers place at Alford

W. M. BURBANK

30x3 1/2 Tire for sale \$7.50

for 10 days at \$7.50

HALSEY, LINN AND OREGON

Clarence, son of A. G. Waggener, died this morning of heart disease at his home southeast of town, aged 34 years and 11 months. Funeral at the home Saturday at 10, with interment in the Rirk cemetery. He leaves his parents and two brothers, Byrd and Arthur.

J. J. Barrett, president of the county fair association for several years, has been re-elected. C. H. Davidson of Shedd is vice-president and F. E. Callister treasurer again.

The senior class of the high school, believing that the cold weather kept many people from its play last Saturday, will repeat it tomorrow (Friday) evening at Koontz' hall. If you did not see it you missed a treat.

Edward Ward of Eugene, son of Mrs. M. M. Ward of this city, was badly injured Sunday when his car ran into a bridge rail this side of Albany. His son Ferris was less seriously hurt.

Dr. Mellenthin is coming to Albany next Tuesday. For two weeks an advertisement has been in the Enterprise saying his visit would be "Thursday, Feb. 1." Feb. 1 will be Tuesday.

Mearle, young son of Harry Davis, ran away the other day, spent a cold night in a barn and was caught next day hoofing it for Eugene.

The high school seniors took in about \$70, of which \$50 was net, at their play Friday night.

The Southern Pacific will run another special train to San Francisco on the schedule of the Shasta limited, with fare of \$15 one way (day coaches) only. If party wants to return the fare will be \$30 for the round trip, limited to fifteen days. Return in day coaches of regular trains. This train leaves Portland tomorrow, Jan. 28, just as it did last Friday.

W. G. McNeil has removed to Lcomb, this county, where the luscious strawberry carpets fields of hundreds of acres with green and white and pink and red and eventually brings many dollars from far and near. He will be

The Delegates

a 3-act comedy-drama will be reproduced by

the Senior Class of HALSEY HI SCHOOL

tomorrow (Friday) night at 8 at Koontz' Hall

Admittance 35 and 15c

pastor of the church there and also says he expects to work in strawberries.

J. H. Van Nice was up from Salem the last of the week and helped the boys butcher hogs. He advertises for sale a good Ford car motor.

Keith McHargue of Brownsville got a one-year teacher's certificate as a result of the December examinations.

County Superintendent Geer was visiting the schools the other day and inquiring why Frank Willis did not attend. Hob nails in his shoes had been pronounced objectionable.

The item in last week's paper about sheep-killing dogs and the amount of damages paid by the county was not 100 years old. One wrong type made it read "1826" instead of "1926."

Our serial, "The Doom Trail," reaches a high point of interest this week in the sensational escape of two captives whom the Indians have bound to stakes for torture and death.

Our last report of the condition of Mrs. D. J. Hayes was encouraging.

Linn county's school population is 28 less than a year ago and is 3875 boys and 8600 girls.

The state board of health plans to have Oregon free from diphtheria by 1930.

Read "Mexican Indians Are Fleet of Foot," on one of our insert pages this week and tell us if you want to try a footrace with one of the Tarahumares.

Last week's Lebanon Express had a cartoon showing Winter mired in a January thaw. The paper reached Halsey Friday morning, the coldest this year, 12 above, when old man Winter did not show a sign of having been mired. Saturday it was 14 and Sunday there was enough snow so the boys made snowballs. And the next day it rained.

Pine Grove Points

(By Special Correspondent)

Mrs. L. E. Eagy arrived home Monday after a five weeks' visit with her sisters in California.

Miss Leone Palmer spent the week end in Albany.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Eagy were Albany visitors Wednesday.

Mrs. W. D. McLaren and Mrs. E. E. Hover attended the missionary meeting at the Peoria parsonage Thursday afternoon.

Miss Mabel Hartrick of Eugene is visiting Mrs. L. E. Eagy this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Blood were called to Eugene Monday by the serious illness of their daughter, Mrs. Mae Markham. Mr. Blood returned

Monday evening, accompanied by Edward Blood, who had been at Springfield for some time.

Mrs. H. L. Blood returned from Eugene Thursday and reported Mrs. Markham as much improved.

W. G. McNeil and family moved to Lcomb Thursday. Mr. McNeil has accepted the pastorate of the Free Methodist church there.

Lulu, Ida and Elmer McNeil quit school here Tuesday.

Mrs. George Chandler visited the school Thursday afternoon.

Frank Gibson was a Corvallis visitor Saturday.

A number of young men are practicing a one-act negro play, "In A Barber Shop," to be given at the next community meeting, Feb. 4.

Mrs. J. A. Johnson and daughters visited Mr. and Mrs. Sam Campbell at King's Valley one day last week.

Alford Arrows

(Enterprise Correspondent)

Mrs. Joe Cersovski and daughter, Anna Theresa, are visiting relatives in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Landis Philpott and son Lee of Harrisburg visited at Chester Curtis' Thursday afternoon.

Dorothy Corcoran spent Sunday and Sunday night with Beverly Isom.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burkhardt of Salem visited their farm the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ringler and children were Sunday guests at J. D. Brubaker's.

B. E. Cogswell of Portland is visiting at his ranch.

Reuben Rinbold is visiting at the Brubaker home.

Spoon River Sparks

(Enterprise Correspondence)

Hiram Bierly was a caller at Albany Saturday.

Lester Powell and wife and Carl Seefeld and family motored to Albany Thursday.

M. B. Harding and sons Bruce, Dick and Harry, motored to Salem Friday. While there they visited "The Frank Durban Dairy Ranch," and also the J. H. Van Nices.

Herman Stienke and family visited at W. A. Falk's last Sunday.

M. B. Harding and wife and children visited at Merwyn Van Nice's Tuesday. J. H. Van Nice spent several days last week with them also. He returned to his home at Salem Saturday.

L. R. Falk and son Charles and daughter Ava spent Saturday at C. L. Falk's.

Janet Bilyeu was on the sick list several days last week.

Rev. M. C. Clarke of Newberg and Rev. Taylor of Salem were guests at C. E. Gillette's over Tuesday night.

Clyde and Leonard Robinson of Salem are cutting wood at H. L. Straley's.

Kenneth Van Nice and Miss Nellie Falk spent Sunday with the former's parents at Salem.

A number of young folks of this vicinity skated at L. R. Falk's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Rike were visitors at Albany Wednesday. They spent the evening with their daughter, Mrs. Charles Straley.

Ellen Van Nice spent the week end with her brother Kenneth at the Van Nice home.

Robert Ramsay and wife were Sunday visitors at J. N. Elliot's.

Mrs. Hazel Munkers and daughter spent the week end at H. L. Straley's. Merwyn Van Nice and family spent the week end in Portland and Salem visiting relatives.

W. R. Kirk and wife and son Raymond made a hurried trip to Brownsville Thursday evening to consult a dentist about Raymond's teeth, which were giving him a great deal of trouble.

Alice Harding spent Saturday afternoon skating with Ardella and Luella Falk.

Herman Stienke and family and Mrs. C. L. Falk jr. and baby went to Eugene Friday evening to a birth-

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It Costs Money to Market Produce

But Co-operating Farmers Can Reduce Expense (Eugene Register)

The U. S. department of agriculture has been studying food distribution costs in New York, and its investigators have turned up some interesting facts. They learn, for example, that the standard retail sale of fruits and vegetables is about 26 cents for each kind of product, of which about 14 cents is the wholesale value landed in New York. They add:

"Carloads of products are broken into smaller lots by wholesalers for the jobbers, the jobbers in turn break up the packages into still smaller lots for retailers, and the retailers further sub-divide the shipments for consumers. All this entails service which is paid for ultimately by the consumer."

It is, of course. But let us not overlook the significant fact that for what he pays for this service the New York consumer gets a lot in return. Suppose he had to go down to the docks in person and make his purchases. It is true that on each 26-cent transaction he might effect a 12-cent saving, but the time he would use up and the transportation costs he would incur would wipe out the saving and leave him in the hole. He would be late to work, the boss would call him down and since he would be tired from his efforts his efficiency would suffer and he would probably lose his job. So it would be a costly experience for him all around.

While we are at it, let us look at this business of food sales from the other side of the fence. If the producer could deliver direct to the consumer he would get 26 cents instead of 14, minus the freight and other transportation charges, but what would it cost him to get the higher price? It would cost him a lot more, in all probability, than the 12 cents, for he would have to incur all the costs of distribution to the ultimate consumer. He would have to visit each house, make his sale, weigh or measure it out and collect the money. His expense bill, by the time he finished, would be staggering.

But that is not all. While the producer was doing all this delivering he would be unable to produce, and would have to hire somebody to do it for him. Thus his costs would go up sharply at the source. Then there is the unquestioned fact that modern conveniences of distribution tend to increase consumption. If consumers ate only what they could buy at their doors from peddlers, they would eat much less.

It is not here intended to say that modern distribution systems are perfect. They are not — far from it. But it is extremely unfair to say that because food that costs the New York consumer 26 cents at his home costs only 14 cents at the dock there is an unscrupulous Ethiopian in the woodpile. It costs a great deal of money to get food from the dock to the consumer and somebody has to pay that cost. It would cost the consumer even more to go to the dock and get it himself.

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.

Symbolic Chinese Colors

The Chinese have six symbolic colors: Red signifies fire and the south; black, water and the north; blue or green, wood; and the east; white, metal or mist and the west; yellow, earth and the center.

Reasoning That Counts

The time for reasoning is before we have approached near enough to the forbidden fruit to look at it and admire.—Margaret Perctval.

How to Buy Good Quality Foods at Popular Prices

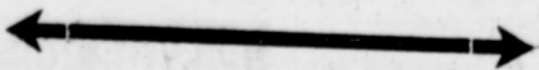
Ask Us for Preferred Stock

That is the answer.

This brand includes a large assortment of quality foods which are sold at popular prices.

We can sell you these splendid goods at popular prices because they are produced and put on the market by modern methods and at the lowest possible expense and cost.

When you buy Preferred Stock you get the good quality you want at a price you can afford to pay.



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