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From the Editor's Point of View

The Farmer Doesn't Need Commiseration

We hear a great deal about the "farm problem." If we put the usual construction on the term we find "There ain't no such animal."

The politician, out after votes, declares that the farmer suffers ills that legislation will cure. Can you remember when the politician, seeking votes, was not that way? Can you remember an instance when such a cure was applied to a real ill?

None of us knows it all, and there is room for the farmer, as well as for others to learn. In this day of progress he is learning as rapidly, and to as good an effect, as the manufacturer, the city mechanic or anybody else.

More farmers are using certified seed and pedigreed animals than ever before.

More farmers are thoroughly cultivating tilled crops. More farmers are otherwise adding soil fertility—for thorough cultivation adds to the available plant food in the stirred tract.

More care is being given to young animals. More baby beef and fewer runts are being raised.

Cost of production and quality of stock have been beneficially affected by the adoption of improved methods and machinery in every line of farm endeavor. In small quantity production these mark an advance. In larger units the benefits are greater.

Thus the Mason Alfalfa Products company, as has been shown in these columns, gets more nutritious alfalfa meal at a lower cost per pound with its \$30,000 plant and the product of 800 or 1000 acres.

Thus a Lostine farmer raises 300 acres of wheat at a cost of 20c a bushel and no probable market slump can deprive him of a profit.

Thus the Reetz brothers at Junction City, working on a smaller basis, cut the cost of baling hay, as described on the last column of this page.

Electricity, that mysterious force about which the wisest human learns more every day, though he probably has even now made but a slight beginning, is revealed in a new role in an article in that same column. Were not the story vouched for by the federal department of agriculture it would probably be rejected as a hoax. Read how the fluid has been used to lubricate the plow and make land workable that otherwise would be too dry to plow.

More farmers each year are increasing their incomes by co-operative marketing. Railroad employes, iron molders, hod carriers and others had marketed their labor profitably this way. Farmers are slower to co-operate, but they have taken great strides along that line recently. This year 50,000 wool growers market their products co-operatively. Poultrymen, dairymen, fruit growers and others have profited by co-operation.

The farming industry is not in a decline. There may be fewer farmers, but they are better farmers.

There is a radio in every fourth farm house in the United States and an auto on nearly every farm. Farm electrification is progressing with astonishing rapidity.

City workmen, both the hand and the brain variety, point to the autos on many farms as extravagances, while they themselves ride in their cars to and from their employment, though they would probably have better health if they walked.

The auto is less a necessity to them than to the farmer. The latter can take many of his products to market or to a shipping

station more expeditiously and more economically than he could with horses and wagon—and more safely when the roads are full of people in rushing cars.

He takes his family to church, to the movies and to visit friends more frequently and over longer distances than he could with horses and buggy. His city critics can reach all these by walking a few blocks.

The auto is a factor in bringing advantages of civilization to the farm, and today there is a larger percentage of greenhorns and chumps in New York than among dwellers on farms.

By absence from the polls the majority consents to be governed by the minority. Just powers of government are derived from the consent of the governed. All is lovely.

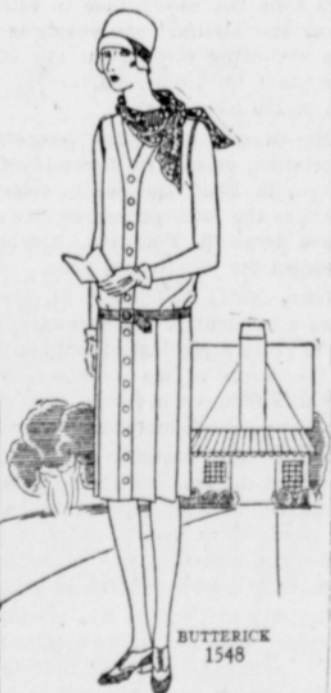
Mr. Levine finds it difficult to come home from Europe, though the department of justice would be glad to see him. The walking from there hither is not good.

To the politician the most acute farm problem is how to corral the farm vote.

Albert Foote and wife of Springfield spent several days at the home of Albert's brother, Arthur Foote, during the illness and death of their mother, Mrs. David Foote.

Mrs. Lloyd Beirley of Albany, daughter of Mrs. Hugh Leeper, came to Halsey and packed up her mother's household goods. Mrs. Leeper will live in Albany in the future.

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GOOD GOODS

HALSEY, LINN AND OREGON

At the teachers' examination Lorena Kizer of Harrisburg got a five-year certificate and one-year papers were awarded to Nadine Sawyer and Mrs. E. D. Isom of Halsey; Viola Talent, Bee Miller and Edna Turner of Brownsville and Pearl Shedd and Lora B. Moore of Shedd.

Harry Hussey left by auto en route to North Dakota last Thursday to reside there.

This year 1400 barrels of strawberries were packed at Lebanon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lake were in Halsey Saturday afternoon and both took hold and helped with work in the Enterprise office. Mr. Lake appears to be expert at fine printing and with new additions he plans to make to the stock of type here the schools will probably find it to their advantage to get their annual printing at the office of the paper which does so much to boost their projects.

Elta Bramwell of Salem is visiting relatives in Halsey.

Dwight Smith spent a few days in Portland the last of the week.

Mrs. M. M. Ward is home from her Brownsville visit.

Billy Wahl had the misfortune to step on a nail which confined him to the house several days.

N. T. Sneed was walking on the highway near Shedd Saturday night when a local auto, attempting to pass another car, struck him and badly lacerated his right arm. Mr. Sneed was walking on the gravel shoulder of the road. A driver has no right to try to pass another car on the highway with a pedestrian in front of him. Mr. Sneed's arm is in a sling and his chief concern is over the extra burden of work imposed on Mrs. Sneed.

Willis Reeves is spending two weeks with his aunt, Mr. Hurley Wallace, in Portland.

A year or so ago David Foote and wife, parents of Arthur and Albert Foote, came from their eastern home and bought a little 20-acre farm at Halsey. For many months Mrs. Foote's health had been failing, and last Friday evening about 5 o'clock, her busy life ended. She was 68 years old. The funeral was Sunday afternoon at the Methodist church, with interment at Alford.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Straley and Mrs. Charles Straley went to Summit the first of the week to attend Mrs. Cain's funeral.

Ray Wilkinson has been helping A. G. Waggenar with his hay and is now at the Curtis Veatch ranch.

Willard Marks, the Albany attorney, passed through town Monday and visited the Enterprise office with a cheerful greeting.

A bunch of boys from near Halsey, including Ray Wilkinson, Wayne Veatch, William A. Smith, Earl Smith and Carrol Morgan from Harrisburg, made a flying trip to Newport Sunday. They started early and had ample time to go deep-sea fishing, hence their respective families are feasting on fish. They

reported a fine time, but the sun failed to appear, although there was no rain.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ackley and son and daughter of Portland called on Mrs. Mary Hayes Sunday.

Miss Lavelle Faimer, who is attending summer school at Monmouth, visited at home over Sunday.

Mrs. Grace Brund and little daughter Marcia of Cottage Grove, were in the Brandon vicinity Sunday with Mrs. Brund's father, Mr. Marsters. They were calling on George Brund, son of Mrs. Brund, who is helping Mr. Quinby in the hay hauling.

Kenneth Van Nice and Edna of Salem visited Halsey friends and relatives Sunday.

Miss Ethel Quinby is staying in Albany for a few weeks' visit with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Andrew Brund of Cottage Grove and Mrs. Will Sawyer of Los Angeles, Cal., visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Marsers, Sunday.

A hay baler has taken care of Harry Chandler's hay on his farm and some of the neighboring farms and is still busy.

Halsey got out of wheat last week, but it will soon come and tax the capacity of the warehouses.

Mrs. Brund is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marsters, on the Halsey-Brownsville road.

Hay baling is in progress on the D. J. Hayes farm and all over the valley.

D. H. Sturtevant and family drove to Lebanon to attend chautauqua Sunday evening.

The Karl Bramwell family enjoyed the week end in a trip which struck the Roosevelt highway at Hebo and took in Tillamook, Seaside and Astoria.

Harvey Wright will preach at the Methodist church Sunday morning and Gilbert Carey in the evening.

There were thirteen full coaches in the Odell lake excursion train when it passed here Sunday morning. From Halsey went C. H. and Martin Koontz, Lawrence Taylor, Earl Frum and Loren Nelson.

Harold Buttson and wife and two sons, from Braymer, Mo., passed through Halsey Sunday on a Pacific coast vacation trip in their car and had dinner at

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Wheeler's. Mrs. Buttson and Mrs. Wheeler are cousins who had not seen each other for seventeen years.

Mr. Goff, from Oakland, Oregon, purchased two carloads of lambs from Frum and Minckley Saturday.

Dr. T. I. Marks and wife went on a fishing trip to East lake, near Bend, the last of the week.

Wilson Carey and wife of Salem visited at the home of their son Everett over Sunday.

F. M. Robinson and daughters of Junction City attended Mrs. Foote's funeral Sunday.

Eldon Cross drove to Portland Saturday evening.

Church Notices

Methodist—Next Sunday: 10 a. m., Sunday school 11. preaching. 7. Epworth League 8. public services 8 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.



Church of Christ—Sunday school, 10. Preaching, 11. Christian Endeavor, 7. Preaching, 8. Topic for next Sunday evening, "Harvest and Laborers." Clifford L. Carey, pastor.

Alford Arrows

(Enterprise correspondent) J. D. Brubaker and family visited Mrs. Brubaker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ringler, Sunday.

Everybody is busy either hauling hay or harvesting the grain crop.

Mrs. E. D. Isom and daughter Beverly spent Saturday night and Sunday at the home of Mrs. Isom's brother, Frank Bond, and attended Charity Grange Saturday night.

Mrs. Michael Rickard visited her daughter, Mrs. Ruth McKee, at Eugene Sunday.

J. H. Rickard and family attended the campmeeting at McFarland Sunday.

W. B. Hamlin spent Sunday at Chester Curtis'.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rolfe visited the latter's son, George Godwin, and family near Beuna Vista Sunday.

Jacob Ringler took Reuben Rinebold to Sheridan Saturday night, where he expects to work

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Home Cures for Farmers' Ills

Inventions Steadily Add to Efficiency

(Junction City Times)

The Reetz hay balers, now in the field, have received many compliments on their new power conveyor.

Heretofore the customary method of lifting the hay from the ground to the top of the machine has been a horse-drawn derrick.

This system required a team of horses, a driver and an extra wagon called a derrick wagon. To move and set up this contrivance required a large amount of time, besides being slow, awkward and dangerous.

The new power conveyor, which was built by the Reetz brothers, overcomes all of these difficulties.

The power is taken directly from the fly wheel of the baler by a set of pulleys and gears. The conveyor itself resembles a dreshing machine feeders and is an endless belt affair. The hay is pitched on to the belt by two men standing on the ground and is carried up to the top of the baling machine where it is shoved into the baler by another man.

When a field has been completed three men fold the conveyor into two sections and the whole machine is placed on top of the hay baler. It can be as easily unloaded and put into action.

A representative of the United States department of agriculture took several photographs of the device this week for use in an agricultural bulletin.

Wizard Fluid Lubricates the Plow

(United States Department of Agriculture)

Science has again lightened the labor of the farm, in England, at the famous Rothamsted Experiment Station, Dr. B. A. Keen and Dr. W. B. Haines have developed a plowing apparatus which moistens the soil to the proper consistency for plowing, as the plow moves through the earth, by means of an electric current. The process was explained and an apparatus for recording the resistance of the soil to the plow exhibited at the recent international congress of soil science, held in Washington, June 13-22.

The plow passes more readily through a moist soil. Moisture, as is well known, acts as a conductor of electricity, effecting a circuit between the positive and negative poles of a charge and producing a condensation of moisture on the negative pole.

Slightly moist soil will also conduct electricity. Thus by attaching to an ordinary plow a small electric generator and by the use of a metallic electrode in the form of a cutter rigidly suspended a short distance in front of the plowshare to create a positive pole, an electric circuit may be brought about between this cutter and the steel plowshare, which is made the negative pole and receives the film of moisture. This acts as a lubricant to reduce the friction between the blade of the plowshare and the soil and makes the soil slide over the moldboard of the plow more easily.

Mango in America

The mango has been cultivated to some extent in southern Florida and California. It has been said that some eight-year-old trees in Florida have borne as many as 5,000 fruits in a single season.

One Undoubted Truth

Man may possibly have sprung from the monkey, but the average woman will spring from a mouse.—Los Angeles Times.