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FARM LOAN ISSUE

HELD MERE "BUNK"

Democratic Paper Scoffs at Cock-and-Bull Story of State Officials.

Portland, Or. — (Special). — The bogus campaign issue raised by Governor Pierce and his appointees, Jeff Myers, that had loans to farmers, is flouted openly by the Capital-Journal of Salem, as staunch a democratic paper as there is in the state. It decries it openly as campaign bunk, useful only for political purposes in the hope of electing Myers state treasurer.

The Capital-Journal calls attention to the cock-and-bull scandal in the state highway department at the time of the election two years ago, which was put forward merely for campaign purposes to aid only in Pierce's election. Of course it was all forgotten as soon as the votes were cast.

The Capital-Journal, too, points out that any time for the past 14 years books of the state land board have been open to inspection and any delinquencies could have been unearthed long ago if there were any merit in the hue and cry that has been raised.

Many loans are classed as bad by the Pierce adherents that show interest delinquent from six months to two years. By applying the same rule of delinquency, delayed payment on six months' interest, the records show that during 1923, when Governor Pierce was chairman of the school land board, 70 loans he approved are now bad loans. This seems to show that the governor has not made any notable improvement in the handling of state funds, although he and Jeff Myers have very little to say about the current loans. They point merely to the trumped-up delinquencies of their predecessors in office and do not, in any case, blame themselves.

The pitiful part of the newest Pierce "scandal" is that he is seeking to make political capital at the expense of the good name of Oregon farmers. Of 603 loans he has classed as bad, by figuring interest delinquent after six months, interest was paid on all but 200 and on all but a small percentage of them in the fall of 1923. Therefore, when the audit was made, as of June 30, out of the whole 603 loans, there were more than 530 on which a year's interest was not yet due, but on which, without doubt, the interest will be paid this fall after the crops are sold.

The audit shows that 181 notes and mortgages have been sent out for foreclosure and of this number, interest was paid in full in 1923 on 85, in 1922 on 45 more and in 1924 on six. There was, therefore, from six months' to one year's interest due on more than 100 of these 181 notes now under foreclosure.

The last legislature, recognizing the plight of the farmer, amended the school law to the effect that the time for payment of such interest on loans as was then due might be extended to two years.

Despite this, and the well known fact that the governor is a warm friend of the farmer, the land board, which he heads, is foreclosing mortgages on many lands they are not required or expected by law to foreclose and the only explanation must be that the action taken is for political purposes alone.

Estimate of losses as made by Pierce and Myers has been grossly exaggerated, as is shown by the record and this too, is purely for political effect. Farmers of the state who have been out-lacked by poor prices will no doubt be willing to call it dirty politics.

For instance on 50 notes that have been foreclosed, assessed value of the properties represented are from 40 to 50 per cent in excess of the amount the state has loaned on them. In Malheur county, for instance, where it is said the worst risks are, property represented by 11 notes, on which the state has invested \$31,173, is assessed at \$31,070 and appraised at \$77,000.

The state has already sold 15 farms on which it had foreclosed and received an average of 40 per cent cash payment, and yet some of these farms has been sold at a loss.

These facts show that talk of immense losses is all bunk, put out by the Pierce administration clique for political purposes only and calculated to help Jeff Myers into office, so that he may continue to threaten hard-pressed farmers who have not made interest payments on state loans within six months.

Coedging for Reclamation Work.
Although he has lived all his life in a country where reclamation is somewhat meaningless, President Coolidge is responsive to the needs of the west, as shown in his letter to the convention of the American Mining Congress at Sacramento recently. He said water power and irrigation go hand in hand and continued, "It is my purpose to unrelentingly stimulate and encourage the development of these great projects by every authority of the federal government."

Real Economies Made.
The number of federal employees has been reduced more than 100,000 in the past three years. Government financing has been put on a sound business basis, with expenses cut to a minimum and deficits turned into surpluses. It is these sensible economies that have brought about reductions in federal taxes.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ESSAY CONTEST

The Oregon Historical Society has selected "The Hudson's Bay Company and the Oregon Country" as the subject for the 1925 C. C. Beekman History Prizes and Medals. The prizes are four in number, first, sixty dollars; second, fifty dollars; third, forty dollars; and fourth, thirty dollars; and will be awarded for the best four original essays on the above named subject written and submitted by girls or boys over fifteen years of age, and under eighteen years of age, attending any public or private school, academy, seminary, college, university or other educational institution in the State of Oregon. Each of the four prize winners will also receive a handsome bronze medal.

The conditions governing the competition are as follows:

1. The essay submitted in competition should not exceed two thousand words in length.
2. The essay may be in handwriting or in typewritten form, preferably upon paper of commercial letter size, either ruled or unruled, the several sheets being numbered consecutively, and written on one side of the paper only, with blank space of about one and one quarter inches at top and left hand margins.

The essay shall be accompanied by a separate sheet containing the name and postoffice address of the writer, the date of his or her birth, and the name of the school attended.

There shall also be delivered with the essay a certificate signed by a teacher or instructor of the educational institution attended, stating that the writer of the essay is a pupil or student attending the same.

5. In order to be considered in competition the essay must be delivered, by mail or in person, to the Oregon Historical Society, Public Auditorium, 253 Market Street, Portland, Oregon, not later than March 1, 1925.

6. All essays submitted in competition will be numbered and submitted, without the names of the writers or other identifying marks, to three judges selected by the undersigned committee.

7. All competitive essays will be judged according to their general merit and excellence; but the judges will also take into consideration, in passing thereon, neatness of manuscript, accurate orthography, correct grammar and composition, and purity and clarity of diction.

The Oregon State Library in Salem has a reading list upon the above named subject which will be sent to any Oregon student on request. If the local or county library cannot give this service, the student should write directly to the State Library, which loans books free of charge, except for postage.

B. B. Beekman,
Leslie M. Scott,
George H. Himes,
Committee

CO-OPERATIVE COUNCIL

HOLDS MEETING

A bright outlook for the co-operative movement in this state was indicated at a meeting of the Oregon Co-operative Council in Portland last week, when 14 associations made reports, according to Paul V. Maris, secretary of the council and director of the O. A. C. extension service.

"The North Pacific Co-operative Prune exchange is a going concern and is being administered so economically and is already producing such results that a profitable year for the members seem assured," M. J. Newhouse, manager, reported.

A. R. Shunway, president of the Oregon Co-operative Grain Growers, announced that his organization was merely reorganizing for a year. He declared in favor of legislation similar to the McNary Haugen bill. Twenty-eight leaders in the co-operative work were present at the meeting.

Mrs. Grace Porterfield Polk has organized the grandmothers of Miami, Florida, into a club, which now has 25 members. To be eligible one must be a grandmother and at least seventy years old.

A \$60,000 concrete dam is being built at Dec.

"SIX DAYS" THIS WEEK

A colorful and highly picturesque original screen story has been told by Elinor Glyn, the famous English writer, in "Six Days," which will be attraction Saturday and Sunday at the Pacific Theatre. "Six Days" was produced by Charles Brabin, one of the most highly esteemed directors in the industry. In her new story the famous author of "Three Weeks" has developed a story that is rapid and absorbing in action, with characters that appeal to the sympathies and with thrills and romance, which lend themselves to the picture form of presentation.

The cast includes many well-known names. Corinne Griffith, a star in her own right, is featured as Laine Kingston, and Frank Mayo, who has been a star for a number of years, is co-featured as Dion Leslie. Others in the cast are Myrtle Stedman, Claude King, Maude George, Evelyn Walsh Hall, Chas. Clary, Spottiswoode Atkin, and others.

Laine Kingston is taken to Europe after the financial failure and death by suicide of her father. Her mother plans to marry her daughter to a wealthy Englishman, Sir Charles Chetwyn, but after their engagement has been announced, Laine falls in love with Dion Leslie, who is in reality Sir Charles' son by a famous actress who had deserted him. In a sight-seeing tour over one of France's battlefields, after visiting the grave of her brother, Laine is trapped in a German dugout together with Dion Leslie and the priest who acted as their guide. Facing certain death at the end of a few days, Laine and Dion are married by the priest. How they are rescued and Laine, believing Dion dead, is married to Sir Charles, and later claimed by the latter's son forms a highly dramatic and absorbing climax in what is regarded as one of the best of recent pictures.

BIRTHDAY PARTY GIVEN

MONDAY EVENING

A very delightful surprise party was given last Monday evening at the Hennessy home in East Beaverton in honor of Donald Hennessy's 23rd birthday. The evening was spent in playing games. An exciting feature was an old time candy pull.

Beaverton Male Quartette furnished some favorite numbers, which were well appreciated. A dainty lunch was served and a birthday cake lit up with twenty-three candles was passed to the guests.

Those present were: Messdames Hennessy and Squires, the Mesdames Margaret and Mary Hennessy, Lovena Allen, Hazel Squires, Angeline Schmitt, E. von and Leona Hetu; Messrs. Donald and Francis Hennessy, Lester Squires, William Campbell, Charles Fry and Earl E. Fisher.

PEAR LEAF BLISTER MITE

CONTROLLED BY SPRAYING

Lime-sulfur spray will control the pear leaf blister mite, according to Don C. Mote, professor of entomology and acting head of that department at the O. A. C. Experiment Station. Lime-sulfur 12-100 or lime-sulfur 7-100, plus two gallons of miscible oil are the standard remedies.

The time to spray for pears is from early February to early March, and the time for apples from the time the leaves have fallen until early December. Thoroughness of application is essential, the trees should appear as if whitewashed. It is important to cover the terminal twigs and the four feet at the top of the tree as well as those portions more easily reached with spray.

The pear leaf blister mite is one of the most destructive of the pear insects and recently has been doing considerable damage to apples. The foliage shows highly colored, roughened galls, pimple-like or blister-like in appearance. On pear trees these blisters are at first greenish or red and then turn dark brown or black. On apple trees they are at first pale, then turn reddish brown, giving a rusty aspect to the foliage. The fruit and fruit stems are often attacked, showing the usual highly colored blisters and distorted appearance.

The mites are microscopic in size and during the winter are crowded down in the outer bud scales. This is the only time it is possible to reach them with sprays, as during the summer they work and breed within the tissues of the plant.

BOYS AND GIRLS WILL

RECEIVE MANY PRIZES

Cash prizes totaling \$4815 are ready for members of the boys' and girls' livestock clubs who win places at the Pacific International Livestock Exposition starting November 1. One entire wing of the new structure has been set aside for the entries of the youngsters. Special prizes offered by breed associations have been added to more than \$2000 offered by the exposition itself this year to bring the total premiums to a higher figure than ever before.

BIG TIME IN THE OLD TOWN

Next Friday, October 24th at 8 o'clock P. M., there will be a very interesting La Follette meeting in the Pacific Theatre, Beaverton. Two noted speakers and the Beaverton Male Quartette, will entertain those who are fortunate enough to be present.

Everybody is cordially invited to attend, and be royally entertained.

Mrs. J. E. Davis entertained the Five Hundred Club in honor of Mrs. H. O. Stipe of Gearhart last Thursday. Mrs. Austin Pharis secured the honors of the afternoon.

CAPITOL HILL NEWS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bell, an eight-pound son, Robert J. Bell.

A branch library is to be placed in the school with the late books and magazines for the use of the parents.

A petition has been filed asking for the improvement of a part of Fourth street by grading and construction of cement sidewalks and curbs.

The Capitol Hill school has extended the paper drive for two weeks. The proceeds of the drive will be used for the purchase of athletic supplies.

Tuesday evening the young folks of the Carson Heights Community church gave a delightful farewell party for Mr. and Mrs. Cole and family and Lucile Jones.

Owing to the absence of Mr. Crosby, the last Capitol Hill Improvement Club meeting was presided over by Mr. Kerron. The evening was spent in discussing the annexation question.

NEW SYSTEM OF DRY-

ING ENGLISH WALNUTS

The time for drying English walnuts has been cut from 50-75 hours to 12-24 hours by a new system of forced draft employed by the Oregon experiment station and A. E. Wright, a Portland grower with extensive groves in the McMinnville district. Preliminary investigations last year were so successful that the published results aroused great interest among growers in Oregon.

Much larger quantities of nuts are treated at a time in the new system as heated air is forced through a three-foot layer spread over a wire netting ten feet by ten feet in size. The air, at a temperature of 105 F., is returned to be used over and over again, thus saving heat and fuel as well as speeding up drying and increasing the capacity of the plant.

The process leaves the nuts in good condition, says E. H. Wiegand, horticulturist at the experiment station in charge of the investigations. Only a few develop split shells. Some of the smaller nuts are dried too much but soon regain the right supply of moisture on being exposed to the air under normal conditions. If the nuts are graded before drying this condition is averted, but natural shrinkage makes it advisable to re-grade after drying.

The bins in which the nuts are dried are cheaply constructed of shipal. The nuts are scrubbed before being sent to the drier by means of a conveyor, and raked out through an opening after drying. The entire process is simple and readily carried out.

A forced draft drier built on the experimental plant plan has been erected on the farm of Professor F. G. Young of the University of Oregon.

State News

of Interest

Work will begin soon at Waterloo on a \$10,000 bridge over the Santiam River.

Drilling has begun on Leeper Dome oil structure in Sutherlin.

Fossil will be able to boast of a public camp ground in the near future.

The Union Oil Company has opened a big distributing plant at Heppner.

The Bluff Road near Sandy is being rushed to completion for fall use.

The Redwood Highway to Crescent City will be completed during 1926.

Work has begun in Astoria on a S. P. & S. Railroad Company Station.

A public hall, eighty-eight by a hundred feet, is being built at John Day.

The Union Pacific railroad has run its first train into the city of Burns.

The O. W. R. & N. Railroad Company is laying two side tracks at Wallawa.

Half-width paving is being laid at Glendale to connect with the Pacific Highway.

The contract has been let in Estacada for a two-story tile and cement building.

The corner stone has been laid for a new Congregational church in Oregon City.

A modern theatre which will seat nine hundred people is to be built at once in Astoria.

A two-story fireproof apartment house will be built in the near future at Roseburg.

Oregon motorists plan to fight the proposed additional tax of one cent on gasoline.

The improvement in lumber trade conditions in Reedsport causes three mills to reopen.

Rapid progress is being made on the surfacing of the London Springs road in Linn County.

A community church was dedicated at Broadbent with all-day services and a basket dinner.

The cornerstone laying ceremonies have been held for the new Methodist church at St. Helens.

The Southern Pacific Railroad Company has completed a new depot at Reedsport which cost \$32,000.

Seventy-two building permits have been issued in Grants Pass recently for buildings to cost \$148,965.

Sewer bonds for \$6369 have been sold at St. Helens to complete the construction work recently started.

The Green Mountain Lumber Company has been formed to operate the mill at Vaughn's Station on Coos Bay.

The Brownsville Woolen Mills which have been closed since July, will reopen the middle of October with full force.

Five men will be employed in the Union Oil distributing station at St. Helens, which was built at a cost of \$50,000.

Automatic telephones have been installed by the Oregon-American Lumber Company thru all its departments at Vernonia.

BOY SCOUTS

(Conducted by National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.)

NEW BOY SCOUT BADGE

Blind, crippled and otherwise physically handicapped boy scouts who have not been eligible to work for Merit badges because of their disabilities prevented them from fulfilling the requirements for second class rank and for first class rank, when the scout is permitted to enter the fascinating Merit badge field, will be heartened in their advance in scoutcraft by the recent decision of the executive board of the national council to create an Achievement badge for physically handicapped scouts in recognition of certain requirements. The badge will permit them to take up with modification any of the 63 Merit badge subjects, which range from aviation to zoology and include such other subjects of boy interest as radio, wood craft, electricity, tracking, trailing, swimming, pacing, etc.

The present decision wisely moderates or lowers the regularly prescribed standards of scouting; it rather represents a means by which physically disabled scouts may be encouraged to maximum achievement. To qualify for the Achievement badge, the scout will proceed as for second and first class rank, except that he shall also present a written application signed by a registered physician, addressed to the local court of honor, explaining the apparent physical disability which makes it impossible for him to meet the prescribed requirements.

It is further recommended that scouts making application for the new Achievement badge be encouraged to exercise their own initiative and judgment in devising and passing some test within their physical capacity as evidence of their scout spirit and their eagerness to develop to the fullest their abilities.

The Achievement badge is to be in both metal and cloth. The cloth badge is to be worn on the sleeve with any Merit badge subsequently awarded. Because of the many appealing cases of deserving and efficient scouts, displaying in their daily lives highest ideals of scouting, but who because of physical handicaps have been hindered in official advancement in rank, the organization after special and sympathetic consideration has arrived at the foregoing decision.

BOY SCOUT, HEALTH WORKER
A garbage can became the unusual theme for special appreciation of the scout spirit in a recent account by the New York Mail, of a scout good turn.

A lady of the moments, relating the incident, says: "Yesterday morning the bell rang 'an' when I answered there stood a little fellow in a brown suit with a colored handkerchief 'round his neck. 'Say,' he says, 'you got a garbage pail out on the curb that's stopping over, without a cover on it. You ought to have a larger one.' Well, I told the kid that we didn't have any too much money, and what he did have didn't go to buy garbage pails every time some fresh kid wanted us to. 'But, you see,' he says, 'I'm a boy scout and I'm trying to win a Merit badge in public health. Now that fall of yours is open, so the flies can get into it; then they fly straight into your house and walk all over the stuff you eat with their dirty feet. Besides, it's against the law.'"

"I'm sorry," I says, 'but I have no money to get one.' He looked at me a minute without saying a word and then went off. I forgot about it entirely. This morning the bell rang again, and there stood the kid holding that new pail in his hand. 'Here,' he says, 'shoving it at me, 'the fellows in my troop want me to give this to you. We all chipped in and got it.' Then he got all red in the face, saluted and ran away.

"God bless the kid. If all them boy scouts is like that, they're all right."

SCOUT GOOD TURNS NUMEROUS
"Each boy scout is pledged to do a good deed daily, and a half million good deeds in unison may reverberate to the very portals of St. Peter's gate. Half a million youngsters who can perform an act of spontaneous kindness without a thought of a forthcoming tip would be worth a great deal, if there were nothing more. The eagerness with which youngsters join the boy scout organization and the loyalty with which they uphold the scout banner, are testimony to one of the remarkable social achievements of recent years."—Port Townsend (Wash.) Leader.

Edwin Derby, former secretary of the navy, has been made a thirty-third degree Mason in recognition of distinguished services to the order.

Mrs. Edward Cox of Chicago, who has spent the past month in Beaverton with her sisters, Mrs. W. C. McKell and Mrs. Juliette Carter, left for Los Angeles Saturday.

Salvaging the Derelict



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