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By Peter Radford,  
Lecturer National Farmers' Union.

The leading railroad systems of the nation will establish market bureaus to assist the farmers along their lines in marketing their products. Many roads have acceded to the request of the Farmers' Union and announced their willingness to enter into active co-operation with the farmers in marketing their products. The express companies have surveyed the field and the Federal Government, through the parcel post, has demonstrated the possibilities of the common carrier as a useful agency in marketing farm commodities. I consider the action of these giant

Agriculture, in discussing this subject, said:

"The high price paid by consumers ranging from 5 to 100 per cent, in some cases, more than the farmer receives, indicates that there is plenty of room for lowering the cost of farm products to consumers and at the same time largely increasing the cash income per farm, without increasing farm production. This condition is undoubtedly a marketing problem which will have to be solved by better organization of farmers and improved methods of marketing."

**Large Shippers Influence Rates.**  
In railroad rates the inequalities are equally as glaring. Rate making in its primitive stages was largely influenced by demands and arguments of large shippers, but the farmers were unorganized and seldom appeared before rate-making bodies, and the burden of expense in transportation lies largely against the raw products of the farm.

In banking, our securities are discriminated against, as compared with the products of the factories and mines. The farmer is entitled to a square deal. The farmer is more interested in good prices and efficient service than he is in rates.

**The Trained Voice.**  
Lawyers, clergymen and doctors all fall to secure the influence with the people with whom they come in contact because of inability to express their thoughts in an impressive way. Had the voice been trained the same as the eye and the intellect, had the exterior qualities been trained to express like the voice the best and the clearest facts, they would all have been

## TRAPPING ELEPHANTS.

In India Tame Animals Aid in Capturing the Wild Ones.

In view of the vast strength possessed by full grown elephants, it seems at first sight almost incredible that they can be captured in herds and quickly subdued to the will of their masters.

At the present time, in Mysore, the regular method of capturing wild elephants is for a large number of natives to go into the jungle, some mounted on tame elephants and many on foot, and to make a great noise and bulbuloo, which results in driving herds of the wild elephants into stockades, or when into ponds of water, which have previously been surrounded on all sides, except at the approaches, by immensely strong palisades. As soon as the herd is cornered the passages that had been left open are securely closed, and then the trained elephants are brought into play to enjoin and subdue the perplexed prisoners.

In India elephants are no longer captured, as they still are in Africa, by means of huge pitfalls in the ground. In these traps they are often seriously injured or killed. The Indian elephant is somewhat smaller than the African and differs from it in other ways, as, for instance, in the fact that tusks are possessed only by the males, while both sexes are provided with them in Africa. In general, also, the tusks of African elephants are nearly twice as large as those of their Indian relatives, a single pair sometimes weighing as much as 250 or 300 pounds.

tion of this summons, on or before December 18th, 1914. And you will take notice that if you fail to appear and answer or otherwise plead within said time, the plaintiff, for want thereof, will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for and demanded in plaintiff's said complaint—to-wit: Upon plaintiff's first cause of action, \$30.00; upon plaintiff's second cause of action, \$16.95; upon plaintiff's third cause of action, \$40.80, with 8 per cent interest in the said sums until paid, and for plaintiff's costs and disbursements of this action.

This summons is published pursuant to an order of Hon. B. B. Richards, Judge of the above entitled Court, duly made and filed on the 29th day of October, 1914; and the first publication of this summons will be made in the Athena Press newspaper published at Athena, Umatilla County, Oregon on Friday, the 6th day of November, 1914, and the last publication will be made on Friday, December 18th, 1914.  
HOMER I. WATTS,  
Attorney for Plaintiff.

### SUMMONS.

In the Justice Court for the District of Athena, Umatilla County, Oreg. Albert Fix and F. B. Radtke, doing business under the firm name of Fix & Radtke, Plaintiffs,

vs.  
Malcom Stevens Defendant.  
To Malcom Stevens the above-named defendant:

In the name of the State of Oregon you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint against you in the above entitled suit within six weeks of the date of the publication of this summons, on or before December 18th, 1914. And you will take notice that if you fail to appear and answer or otherwise plead within said time, the plaintiff, for want thereof, will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for and demanded in plaintiff's said complaint—for \$72.90 upon plaintiff's first cause of action, for \$25 upon plaintiff's second cause of action and 8 per cent interest thereon from September 1, 1914, until paid out for plaintiff's costs and disbursements of this action.

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Work Commences on Athena's New School Building.

With his bay team, W. J. "Bill" King broke ground for the new Athena High school building, at 1:30 p. m. Monday. Excavation for the basement and foundation has been progressing rapidly this week, so that the earth work is well under way.

A number of men and teams are employed, and shortly a carload of equipment will arrive from Albany

business concerns in determining to co-operate with the farmers in marketing their crops, to be the greatest product of human thought on the Western hemisphere during the past year, and it demonstrates that the educational work of the Farmers' Union has brought the nation to a clearer understanding of the real problem of the farmer.

To give information on marketing is far more valuable than to give advice on production. There is a mutual interest between the railroads and the farmer which cannot exist between any other lines of industry. The railroads are the teamsters of agriculture, and they are employed only when there is something to haul. Good prices will do more to increase tonnage than any other factor, and railroads want tonnage.

Agriculture has many inherent disadvantages which require combined effort to overcome in marketing. There are millions of producing units working independently and selling without knowledge of market conditions. The harvest is once a year, while consumption is pretty evenly distributed throughout the entire year, and most of the farmers, through custom and necessity, dump their entire crop on the market as soon as it is gathered. The problem of organizing and systematizing the markets is one in which the farmers invite assistance of all lines of industry friendly to their interests.

**Farmers Bear the Burden.**  
The business of the manufacturer lends itself more readily to organization and the facilities for studying the markets are more easily available. The result is that the merchants are compelled to handle most staple manufactured articles at very little profit, and as a consequence the merchant must look to products which he buys direct from the farm for his profits.

The reports of the Federal Department of Agriculture show some very interesting information and enable a comparison between the cost of marketing products of the farm and those of the factory. A few items will serve to illustrate the general run. The cost of getting sugar from the refinery to the consumer is 3 cents on the dollar; the cost of getting tobacco from factory to consumer is 14 cents on the dollar. In selling a dollar's worth of eggs the middleman gets a profit of 50 cents on the dollar. In selling a dollar's worth of potatoes, the middleman makes 70 cents on the dollar; in selling a dollar's worth of fruit, the middleman gets 84 cents on the dollar, and on cantaloupes 82 cents.

Farmers' Bulletin No. 570, published by the United States Department of

for the contractors, Zoph Brothers. It is the intention of the contractors to continue the construction of the building as rapidly as the weather will permit.

Raymond Hatch of the firm of Tourtelotte & Hummel, architects, came up from Pendleton Monday and decided to locate the building site track from Fourth street 50 feet, instead of

40 feet as originally planned. This decision was made after taking into consideration the height of the building, which is to be two stories and basement. The above half-tone picture of the new building comes to the Press from the office of Tourtelotte & Hummel, architects, at Portland, and with one or two slight changes, is exactly as the building will appear anteriorly, when completed.

successes. The melodious voice of Henry Clay always charmed his audience everywhere. Wherever he went people flocked to hear him, while the heavy bass tones of Daniel Webster failed to attract and actually drove people away. They preferred to read what he had to say, but wanted personally to hear Clay's pleasing voice.—Medical Record.

**Fuller's Great Memory.**  
Thomas Fuller, the author of "The Worthies of England," possessed the useful accomplishment for a clergyman of being able to repeat a sermon verbatim after hearing it only once. Fuller once succeeded in naming backward and forward and without a single omission every shop sign on both sides of the way from Temple Bar to the eastern extremity of Cheapside. This appears a remarkable feat when it is remembered that Fuller lived before the practice of numbering houses was adopted, so that every shop he passed bore a sign.—London Chronicle.

**Savage Game in India.**  
In the province of Sind, India, there are more than 3,513,000 people, and yet there are occasional tigers, panthers, leopards, wolves and hyenas. The gad, or wild sheep, the ibex, the chinkar, the black buck and the bog deer are comparatively common.

**Still Possible.**  
"Uncle, can't I be a pirate when I grow up?"  
"Sure you can, son. What do you want to pirate—books or plays?"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

**Transposed.**  
Griggs—The doctor said I must throw up everything and take a sea voyage. Briggs—Got the cart before the horse, didn't he?—Boston Transcript.

**Slashed His Friend.**  
Magistrate—Are you interested in this case? Witness for the Prosecution—Yes, sir; the prisoner cut my acquaintance.—Buffalo Express.

**Her View of It.**  
Clara—But you certainly encouraged me to propose. Claudia—Well, I could not very well turn you down until you did, could I?—Judge.

When you have written a wrathful letter put it in the stove.—Lincoln.

## WAGNER'S "PARSIFAL."

Its Cold Reception at First Moved Hans Sachs to Fury.

When Wagner's "Parsifal" was first performed in Bayreuth, the critic Hans Sachs was almost the only one of all the writing fraternity to welcome it as a great work of genius. To the ears of the others its rude realism sounded unmusical. They wanted melody like that Verdi was turning out in Italy. Bismarck in Paris and a few minor composers in their own Berlin. But Sachs was a man of broader mold. He heard the great music of "Parsifal" with unprejudiced ears and recognized the genius of the man. He shouted it abroad in his writings and became furious at a world that would not, perhaps could not, find pleasure in the dramatic voices of the orchestra, its vivid emotionalism and marvelous appeal to the aesthetic nature that is in every man and woman. He knew that the Germans were merely refusing to listen, save for melody, and finally he told them that even in the melodic field Wagner was the greatest of them all.

Sachs has written eloquently of Wagner's melody, beside which the melody of the Italians is pallid, anaemic, insignificant. Only now and then, he said, were the Italian melodists other than artificial. Wagner's melody was the spontaneous song of a musical heart. The "Good Friday Spell" was the most exquisite song of praise ever written by any man, no less a song because it was wordless, sung only by the violin and woodwinds.—Detroit Free Press.

**Francis Bacon.**  
The death of Francis Bacon was caused by his devotion to the cause of research and scientific investigation. During one of his excursions to the country he conceived the idea that animal substances may be preserved by means of snow. He procured a fox and conducted the experiment himself. A severe cold was the result, and, in his already enfeebled condition he was not able to withstand it and died of what we now know as bronchitis April 9, 1626, aged sixty-five, at the home of Lord Arundel. He was buried in St. Michael's church, St. Albans.

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