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He Started With Nothing But Nerve

Story of George Thompson
Invalidated Soldier, Who
Made Good.

As told by Farm and Fireside, here is an example of what George Thompson, an invalidated soldier, has by his own efforts accomplished on the Tumulo project near Bend, in Central Oregon:

George F. Thompson was born forty years ago on a Nebraska farm and was raised in western Kansas. At an early age he was cast upon the mercy of a more or less indifferent world and forced to shift for himself. He punched cattle in Colorado and then tried his hand at wheat-farming, only to be cleaned out completely in one bad season. Then he went to the coal fields of Utah, where he worked on the coke ovens until the war broke out. He was married in 1914.

Thompson was assigned to an artillery regiment. But it was not in the cards for him to see the battle fields of France. An attack of spinal meningitis kept him in the camp hospital for a year. When the war ended he was trying to recuperate from this disease and from the effects of a mastoid operation. He was partially paralyzed on one side and had a weak heart. Physical work was out of the question.

But gameness and a naturally rugged constitution pulled him through. As a disabled veteran he took the vocational training offered by the Veterans Bureau, graduated from the poultry course at Corvallis and settled at Tumulo in 1922.

The first thing was to build a four-room house and one poultry house. A girl baby, May, had been born in 1919. Having established his family, Thompson settled down to the business of making poultry pay. But he kept his weather eye to raising vegetables and alfalfa hay. They bought a Jersey cow and Mrs. Thompson put out a strawberry patch.

"Our first poultry house cost \$119," he told me. "It has more than paid for itself. The first year our eggs sold for an average of 38 cents a dozen and cost 12 cents to produce.

"The second year our 452 adult birds averaged 224 eggs each. The eggs sold for 35 cents a dozen and, allowing for the loss of 17 hens, gave us a profit of \$4.17 per hen, or a total profit for the farm of \$2,900.

"The third year, 1924, the records on house No. 1 showed a net profit per hen of \$4.10. Our farm gross receipts that year were \$4,700.

"The fourth year, 1925, the flock was renewed by culling out some of the old hens and replacing them with pullets. The records on 220 hens that year showed an average of 215 eggs and a net profit per hen of \$5.07. We sold 10,000 eggs for hatching purposes in Portland at a premium of 15 cents a dozen, making the average price 42 cents a dozen. Our 1925 gross income was \$6,000. We have three poultry houses now and keep about 1,000 hens."

Thompson is a great hand for figures. He loves them and keeps them stored away in his mind, where he mulls them over and is ready to snap them out for anyone who asks without referring to his account books. For several years he has co-operated with the Oregon Agricultural College as one of their forty demonstration poultry farms, keeping yearly cost accounts. But it isn't just a demonstration stunt with him. He keeps records primarily to know where he stands and which way he is headed.

I found him putting up a big stack of alfalfa hay. He gets about 60 tons in two cuttings from 12½ acres, of which 40 tons is sold and the balance fed out. He grows the Grimm variety.

Mrs. Thompson has proved herself a worthy helpmate to a man of George Thompson's mettle. She was ill the day of my visit, so I could not talk to her, but it requires little imagination to picture the dark days she lived through while her husband was fighting gallantly for his life and health, or the labor and uncertainty of getting a foothold as pioneers in a new section of the country. A baby boy, Lloyd, was born to the Thompsons in 1925.

Her little strawberry patch has produced an almost incredible amount of fruit and plants and has helped materially in the farm program. In 1924 berries worth \$125 were marketed and \$75 worth of plants; this from a quarter of an acre. The patch has grown to a half-acre. From it were sold in 1925 about 20,000 plants at \$10 a thousand and 100 crates of berries at an average

of about \$2.50 a crate.

The Thompsons' house is small but cozy and the lawn is decorated with flower beds and some fine native junipers. They both take an active part in affairs of the community. Mr. Thompson is president of the local poultry club and is always ready to give a beginner the benefit of his experience and knowledge of the poultry business. His health has been completely recovered and to see him today you would not suppose that he had ever had a day's illness in his life.

First Round-Up Ticket

A day and night vigil is being kept at Pendleton by proxies who will get tickets for the 1927 Round-Up, September 14, 15, 16 and 17, when the box office opens September 1. J. J. Hamley, Pendleton, for many years the first in line for tickets, put a proxy in line on August 22, and thus continued the tradition of being first. The ticket office has not yet been placed but the proxy is there and will remain day and night until after September 1 when he will get the pick of the pasteboards.

31 Years Ago

August 21, 1896

No able-bodied man should be begging for bread now. Harvest hands are scarce and the farmers are paying them from \$1.25 to \$2.00 per day to work in the harvest field.

How about these dusty streets? To straw them would be a capital idea.

J. S. Post is in the mountains hunting grouse and huckleberries.

Vic Shick was rewarded with 1582 sacks of wheat from 140 acres.

Mr. Davis, father of Mrs. L. D. Lively, has been very ill at his home in Malvern, Iowa.

Sam Purdy's 28-inch separator one day this week threshed out 1021 sacks of wheat.

W. D. Parker and family and York Dell and mother returned from the mountains Saturday.

Warren Raymond's threshing outfit had a narrow escape from burning up at the McIntyre place, the first of the week. The engine and machine had just been moved to a new setting and the roustabout returned from the trap wagon, when the straw stack was destroyed, and fortunately only five sacks of wheat were damaged.

James Froome has purchased the livery business of George Froome, in Pendleton, and Wednesday moved his family to the county seat. George and family will locate in Rossland, B. C.

The board of directors have concluded to take city water. An inch pipe will be laid in the school house grounds.

Louie Bergevin reports that his wheat is turning out about 35 bushels to the acre. There is lots of good wheat in Umatilla county.

A party went to the Black mountain on a pleasure trip recently, and secured the services of George Mulkey as guide. George reports a pleasant time, twenty-one gallons of huckleberries and ¼ inch of ice.

The track of the threshing machine is plainly distinguishable on the farms in this section. Huge straw piles mark where a short time ago large fields of golden grain nodded playfully in the wind.

Tom Page recently threshed some wheat which went 40 bushels to the acre.

William Willaby and family are at Woodward's toll gate this week.

J. Bloch has been engaged as book-keeper at the Mosgrove store.

End of Wheat Hauling

Hauling of one of the largest crops of wheat ever raised in the Athena district is drawing to a close. The present harvest period was favored with ideal weather conditions, but one light shower interfered with operations, and delivery of grain to elevator and warehouse has not been once interrupted.

The Prune Harvest

The prune harvest is in full swing in the Walla Walla valley. There is a good crop of the fruit in the Milton-Freewater district. A number of Athena workers are employed in the orchards and in the packing houses.

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