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## COOPERATORS MUST COOPERATE.

Ever since the war the farmers have clamored for government relief from the lowered prices of farm products which followed the international conflict. The federal government prepared such a law and passed it whereby the Farm Board came into being. Of course the plan didn't suit all the farmers. No plan would have done that.

Two years ago the government agencies started by the Farm Board loaned money on wheat at a high enough price to hold the market above what it would have dropped to by from fifteen to thirty cents. They did it to save banks and farmers from going flat broke in one fell swoosh. As a result wheat farmers have had two years preparation for the thirty-five and forty cent price they are forced to take at present.

Bankers freely admit that had the price dropped to forty cents in 1929 they would have been unable to stand the shock. The Farm Board was criticised for buying the wheat at the time. They are criticised now that they want to sell it. It was said that the Farm Board by holding wheat, was depressing the market as the wheat was not used up. Now it is said that they are depressing the market by selling wheat. Like the old saying they are "damned if they do and damned if they don't."

When the Farm Board was holding up the price of American wheat they were criticised for meddling with the market and it was intimated that they were actually holding the price of wheat down. When they stopped this practice a month ago the wheat market dropped down to the world level they were criticised for letting the price drop.

In the first place the whole structure of Farm Board and attending organizations was set up by the government to provide a means whereby the farmers could cooperatively market their crops and make whatever savings that practice would bestow. As soon as the different organizations of farmers learn to handle these problems themselves they will not need the Farm Board and it may be withdrawn. If it happens that the farmers do not wish to cooperate and lend no assistance to the plan so it fails, they will then go back to the old competitive system that they have been cursing since the memory of modern man begins.

Whether the Farm Board continues or not there will always be a surplus of wheat as long as more is grown than is consumed. It will be easier for the farmer to have some of our surplus sold to Germany or China through the central selling agency of the board than by individuals who are interested more in the profits of the transaction than in the welfare of the persons who are raising wheat.

Farmers, if cooperation is to be successful at all, must stop this practice of begging for some sort of an organization for years until it is given them and then tearing it up until it disbands in disgrace. Cooperation must work both ways.

## THAT HARD WINTER.

"It's going to be a hard winter," we hear on every hand. The philosophers on the street corner, the traveling salesman on his round, the farmer preparing against that very possibility, all make the same prophesy. So it may be stated with most absolute certainty that a hard winter is looked for in all quarters.

But the very fact that it is looked for with such surety may be very good reason why it will not be so bad as prophesied. The few extra men who were needed to harvest the wheat crop this year have a different outlook toward their wages than is common with the floating laborer. In more halcyon days they were wont to spend their pay in what, in retrospect, seem to have been riotous conduct whereas now they are most circumspect in their handling hard earned cash. Games of poker and dice are not spoken of in their conversation and inquiries as to where they could get purchase fire water have been conspicuous by their absence. They are saving their money and they meekly work the long hours of harvest time without complaints that might lose them their jobs.

This serious situation toward life on the part of what is usually our grasshopper element must come from the repeated remarks about the hardness of the coming snow season and shows that preparation is being made for it.

These are not the only people who are preparing. Farmers are getting ready also for a period of smaller incomes. Soon the fall will come and we have no hesitancy in predicting that it will be the greatest flour storing, hog butchering, calf slaughtering, fruit canning time for many years.

The farmer has a great advantage of his city brother when it comes to supplying his physical wants and he knows it. He will make use of his stock at hand to set his midwinter table. With the brindle cow to furnish milk and butter and the brindle cow's calf to furnish meat and the pen full of shotes to make into sausage and lard and hams, he figures himself and family as setting rather prettily.

So the winter may not be so hard after all with everybody expecting the worst and ready.

Governor Meier raised State purchasing agent Binzig's salary from \$4000 to \$7000 per year because he had reduced expenses. With everything dropping Binzig could hardly help it, but how about the taxpayer?

Portland is in the midst of a land flowing with milk and we suppose some honey. Also has some of the other qualifications of the original land about which this was said.

## Grass Valley

Mrs. Soren Hansen of Moro, spent a few days here last week with friends.

F. L. Stradley and family returned the first of the week from a trip to Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Conklin Buckley from Tygh Valley, were visitors here last Sunday.

Dr. F. Chick of Hood River, was here Sunday to visit with the J. H. Witt family.

Mrs. Morse, mother of Mrs. Arne Annala, is here for a few days with her daughter.

Mrs. J. S. Newcomb spent the week end in Wasco with her daughter, Mrs. Wayland Weld.

Rachael Poley is leaving Friday for Portland where she will visit friends and relatives for a week or so.

Miss Nadine King returned to Portland Tuesday after spending a few weeks with relatives in Grass Valley.

Dr. Poley removed the tonsils from Donald Olds last Monday and from Betty Lou Olds Wednesday morning.

Roy Harbin, a former resident of Kent but now making his home in Eugene, was seen on the streets here Tuesday.

M. C. Davis and family of Portland, drove through town Tuesday on his way to his ranch now farmed by D. L. Reynolds.

F. A. Marlin was here the first of the week to adjust the loss on the W. F. Schilling house east of town that was burned last week.

Mrs. Mat Simon and two girls, Agnes and Delores, left Tuesday morning for Portland where they will visit relatives for a few days.

The I. D. Pike and the C. W. Fields families were swimming at the mouth of the John Day river last Sunday during the hot weather.

R. J. Brannon is taking the place of J. S. Taylor at the O. W. R. R. & N. depot while Mr. Taylor and wife are on their vacation in the east.

Mrs. Estelle Hartley left Saturday night for a short trip to Jefferson where she will visit. Mr. Hartley returned Sunday after driving down with his family.

Mrs. George Wilcox and children, Misses Martha Hodgkins and Marjorie Blake attended the swimming lessons at Stiles on the Deschutes last Tuesday morning.

Don Kelly, 17, drowned in Portland, was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Claris Kelly. Claris attended school here many years ago, during the reign of Professor White.

Rev. J. N. Boise and family have moved into the Baker house from Prineville and will remain during the winter. Rev. Boise's family consists of a wife and three children of high school age. He will preach in the Baptist church.

## Kent News

Mrs. A. A. Dunlap left Tuesday for Corvallis to attend the American Legion convention. Mr. Dunlap left immediately after the county court session Wednesday.

## OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Assembled for Information of Our Readers.

Three hundred and fifty Chinese pheasants from the state game farm have been liberated between Eugene and Coburg.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Barnum of Eugene celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary recently, when they entertained 25 relatives and friends.

Taxpayers from all over Curry county met in the courtroom at Gold Beach recently for the purpose of organizing a Curry County Taxpayers' league.

A large force of workmen are engaged in painting and repairing the building of the Tillamook County Fair association. The fair will be held on August 24-29.

The Yamhill county oiling opera-

tions on the Dayton-Salem market road are progressing and the work is almost complete from Dayton to the Unionvale store.

Charles Potter was killed when a grain elevator on the Alex McIntyre place near Athena collapsed, crushing him to death. The wooden elevator was filled with wheat.

The Libby, McNeill & Libby cannery at The Dalles has announced it would start the packing of Bartlett pears about August 15. Fruit deliveries will be made from Hood River and Yakima.

The logging camp of the Western Lumber company at Westfir will resume August 13, it was announced by W. N. Ferrin, manager. The camp has been closed down since a few days before July 4.

Members of the state fair board have decided that this year's fair will be kept open eight days including two Sundays. It is hoped that an eight-day fair will wipe out the financial deficit created last year.

The first carload of pears to be shipped from the Rogue valley this season left Medford recently en route to the Chicago markets. The car was of Bartlett's. The pears were of good size and quality.

An interesting experiment is being carried on at the E. H. Hall ranch in Powell butte district. On a three-acre plot of ground 47 varieties of alfalfa has been planted and the outcome is being watched closely.

Lower by one foot than it was a year ago, the Columbia river stood at the 9.5-foot mark at The Dalles. Last year a record low stage was reached, and sandbars were revealed that never before were seen.

The Mount Angel Co-operative creamery, in its semi-annual report for the first six months in 1931, show an increase of 60 per cent in number of pounds of butter manufactured by the creamery, over the same period last year.

One man was killed outright, two severely burned and four others suffered great shock near Freewater, when the arm of a hay derrick they were moving collided with a high tension wire. Leo Lawson, 55, a widower with two grown daughters, was killed when he took hold of the arm of the derrick in an endeavor to free it from the wire.

In pursuance further of its campaign of economy, the Coos county court has made an order allowing but \$200 as expenses for making the county's exhibit at the state fair next fall, whereas the sum of \$400 has heretofore been allowed.

Officials of the Pendleton Round-up are planning a new feature for this year. A group of from 50 to 60 girl riders will be employed to act as greeters for trains and auto caravans and to ride in the parade to give them color.

Complete organization of the Columbia county chamber of commerce was made, when representatives from Scappoose, Rainier, Vernonia, Clatskanie and St. Helens met at St. Helens recently.

About 450 cars of celery, of which 200 will be graded and inspected by an expert, will be shipped out of the Lake Labiah district this year, the state department of agriculture has announced.

Notwithstanding that the Umpqua valley cantaloupe acreage is only about half as large as last year the crop will be as heavy. Wesley Williams has 200 acres this year which is the bulk of the acreage. The acreage last year was 400 acres.

A gas well has been struck on the Jack Moffitt ranch about eight miles south of Lakeview. The gas was struck at a depth of 100 feet while the crew was drilling for water. The well has thrown mud and water at intervals to a height of 20 feet.

Eugene Daudell, 11, of Roseburg, was injured critically when struck by a flying buzz saw. The boy was on his grandfather's farm on South Deer creek watching woodcutters when the circular saw flew off the mandrel. He was cut on the face, arms and legs.

Gold Beach citizens will hold a three day celebration on the Labor day holidays as a prelude to the big celebration which will be held there next May or June marking the formal dedication of the \$600,000 bridge spanning the Rogue, which is now under construction.

Harvesting of seed peas, one of the newer crops in the Silverton vicinity, is under way. The 30-acre area of Henry, Silas and Samuel Torrend in the Central Howell district has been harvested and sold. Fifteen acres of peas of Victor Madsen have been cut and are drying.

As a possible result of depression in other lines, The Dalles residents who are interested in mining in the Ochoco mountains between Mitchell and Prineville, report an unusual activity in prospecting there for quicksilver. Several mines have been established on a paying basis.

All hitching rings in The Dalles city sidewalks will be removed at once by order of the city council. These relics of an age when horses were tied while farmers did their shopping were condemned when a woman tourist caught her heel in one of the rings and barely averted a bad fall.

With the increased toll that is being taken by the red spider in Hood River valley fruit, the estimates are now reduced to 40 per cent of last year's crop. The red spider so damages the leaves that no plant food can be stored. The leaves turn yellow and cease to function.

Checks aggregating \$51,000 will be

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