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REPAIR NOT REBUILD.

A little over two years ago after a great deal of pleading on the part of the farmer the agricultural marketing act was passed along with an appropriation large enough to permit it to be put into action in a much shorter time than is usually the case with new laws entailing so great an amount of detail work and organization.

The contracts binding wheat growers to market their wheat through this new organization were signed by thousands of farmers who were given to understand by the farm leaders advancing the cause that it was to a certain extent experimental and could be changed if it proved unsatisfactory.

During these past two years a grain stabilizing corporation has been formed that loaned money to farmers on their wheat at more than the market justified (on other crops too, for that matter, but let us consider wheat). It is admitted that this action alone kept literally thousands of small banks with money loaned on wheat from going to the wall. The stabilization corporation softened the fall of wheat. It "tempered the wind to the shorn lamb." It did not make the decline of the wheat prices painless—nothing could have done that—but it did help. That much is unquestioned.

In these two years also a nation wide corporation has been formed to handle the wheat of all members of the organization and warehouse facilities have been provided in many places to handle the crop. The Farmers' National is almost entirely backed by money borrowed from private sources and not by farm board capital.

The directorate of the Farmers' National is composed of one man from each of the thirty-one wheat regionals of which the North-Pacific, of Spokane, is one. The North-Pacific is composed of 59 local cooperatives represented by their directors and the directors of the regional elected by the members themselves.

It is probably true that no organization could have done all of these things without encountering a great deal of criticism especially in economic times as they have been. All of the sins and all of the illegal acts in the book of laws have been laid to the coops in the two years since their formation. They have been called too small and too big; too hasty and too slow; profiteers and organizations that operate without profit to kill off competitors. The officers have been called crooks and members fools.

Undoubtedly mistakes have been made in the planning and in the execution of the plans. No informed and intelligent member or director of the corporation will deny these errors, but let us hark back two years to reconsider the general principles, lack of the organization.

It was formed by the government for the farmers and was to become their corporation as soon as they organize to handle it without government aid. It is within the power of the farmers who are members to take the management away from those in charge any time they vote to do so and it is an organization of farmers. If they can handle it in such a way as to bring greater success to them than did the old competitive system it will be of benefit to them and they are ready for national cooperation.

If, on the other hand, the farmers are incapable of cooperating and allow their organization to fall into the hands of those who are looking out for personal interests it will prove an expensive boomerang and will set national cooperation back many years.

Some, or many, things about management and operation of the Farmers' National may need changing—every one has his ideas about that—but it will be much easier to change this cooperative until it is suitable than it will to begin from the bottom and build one entirely of new material.

FOR BETTER AUDITS.

One very noticeable handicap that budget committees work under is the lack of adequate audits of official books. A group of men trying to make up a budget for a county, or city or school district, are most seriously hampered in their endeavors unless they have figures before them showing the amounts of money actually used in the different activities they are budgeting.

One hopeful sign of improvement in county affairs was the increased allowed for auditing the county books. This is the most important step that could have been taken toward making county affairs intelligible to every taxpayer as it certainly should be.

Each item on the budget of any levying body should have a corresponding item on a certified audit showing the exact amount actually expended during past years. These should be published in comparison with the budget so that any taxpayer could determine where and how his money was expended. We hope the improvement will continue and spread to other tax making units.

Wheat going up, taxes coming down. Wheat coming up, expenses coming down. Prospects rising and rain falling. Bring on Thanksgiving Day.

November 11th brought the first heavy frost to Sherman county. How is that for a salubrious climate?

Not that it makes any difference, but what has become of the radium dial watches we used to wake up in the night to look at?

Secretary Dook says he can end the depression with a million dollars. Oh, Boy. We can end ours for a lot less than that.

Grass Valley

Bert and Paul Baker were here for a short time Sunday to attend the funeral of their mother, Mrs. Anna Baker who died in Moro. Mrs. R. J. Baker was taken to the hospital in The Dalles last Monday evening suffering from an attack of appendicitis. She was operated on Tuesday and is getting along very well.

Dewey Snider, who worked around here for several years, was killed while working in the woods near Battle Ground, Washington, last Friday.

Jim Woods has returned here after spending a few weeks in Klamath Falls.

Gus Smith is building a septic tank on his property here, assisted by Henry Roth.

Matt Simon is constructing a garage large enough for two cars to put the faithful mail route buggy into during the chilly weather.

The annual Homecoming of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs will be held Nov. 17th at 7 o'clock at the hall. A pot-luck supper will be served to all Odd-Fellows and wives and Rebekahs and husbands who are invited to attend.

Mrs. John Wilt and Mrs. Ray Blake entertained the Moro Bridge club last Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Wilt.

J. E. Brown of Redmond, was here the first of the week and reports that he will probably move back here for the winter.

C. W. Fields has rented the work shop in the back of the Hays' garage and will repair automobiles this winter.

J. S. Newcomb made a couple of trips to Redmond after some of the Deschutes county Netted Gens.

A large number of local citizens attended the fight program staged in The Dalles Tuesday night.

A. W. McLeod and family have moved from the old Frank Payne place owned by H. Sommer to a place east of Moro on what is called Starvation Point, recently vacated by Manuel Eslinger who is moving to the Taylor place.

Roy Feely expects to leave Sherman county sometime the first of next month for lone where he has bought an irrigated place.

Many residents of this end of the county were seen at Wasco Wednesday either attending the football game or watching the other attractions.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Strange are visiting here this week with Mrs. Strange's daughter, Mrs. C. L. Chamberlain.

Miss Cassie Holmes is in The Dalles taking care of Mrs. Dick Reckmann Jr., who was operated on for appendicitis.

Kent News

Kent was visited by a snow Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Loraine Darby spent Armistice Day at Wasco.

Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Walton motored to The Dalles Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Phelan of The Dalles visited in Kent last Sunday.

Mabel and Cecil Cothran from Moro visited friends in Kent last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh Hampton have moved from the country into town.

J. M. Wilson left for Portland Friday morning, returning Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Glea Johnson visited at the Paul Wilson home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Sias and daughter left for Forest Grove Tuesday morning.

There were fifty-three present at Sunday school Sunday morning. The offering was \$2.48.

Mrs. Claire Simlar and children are visiting with Mrs. Simlar's mother, Mrs. Belle Hogue.

A representative of the Alberta Kerr baby home was soliciting funds in Kent on Monday.

Hester and Edna Lyons are staying at the Carl Gregg home

while Mrs. Gregg is in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Smith and family of Mitchell, Oregon, visited relatives in Kent over the week end.

Mrs. Hal Morrow and sons, Marion and Edwin, motored to The Dalles Monday, returning the same day.

Mrs. J. L. Matthes is in The Dalles staying with her father, George Barnett, while Mrs. Barnett is away.

Carl Gregg, L. W. Amick, Mrs. J. L. Matthes and Mrs. Wren Hogue were visitors in The Dalles Tuesday.

Lawrence Gott, Harley and Maudie McKay and Marguerite Mitchell were visitors in Grass Valley Sunday evening.

The card party given by the Rebekah lodge last Thursday evening was well attended and everyone had a good time.

Mrs. Carl B. Gregg was taken to the Mid-Columbia hospital in The Dalles, Friday afternoon, where she was operated on Saturday.

The Kent vicinity has had several good rains which will benefit all the farmers who have seeded. The fall was .82 of an inch.

Mrs. Dick Reckmann, Jr. was rushed to The Dalles hospital Monday morning where she underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Guyton, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne McCulloch and Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Rees were at the Dunlap home last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Geddes and Mrs. F. Cole who have been visiting at the W. G. Helyer home, have returned to their home in Gearhart, Ore.

J. C. Wilson was a visitor in The Dalles Friday evening. Mrs. Rita Harpe who was going on to Portland, accompanied him as far as The Dalles.

Mary Smith and John Wilson drove up from Hood River, Saturday evening to visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilson. They returned to Hood River Sunday afternoon.

Visitors in The Dalles Saturday included: Mr. and Mrs. Wily W. Knight and daughter, Anajean, Walter Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Barnett and family, Carl Gregg, Mrs. Wilbur Helyer and daughter, and Mrs. Essie Wilson.

A birthday dinner was given at the Geo. Howell home Sunday in honor of Bernice Howell's 23rd birthday. Those who were invited were: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cox and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cox of Grass Valley; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Byers, and daughter Thelma, of Shaniko; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mitchell and family and Mr. and Mrs. George McKay and family, of Kent.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Evidence that the ginseng growing industry in the Estacada locality is assuming greater proportions steadily is shown by the fact that two new ginseng driers have just been completed by growers there.

F. A. Baker of Stanfield is the owner of the second, high-producing cow for September in all Oregon cow testing associations. The cow, a grade Jersey, produced 1184 pounds of milk, containing 86.4 pounds of butterfat.

H. H. Weatherpoon, apple king of Elgin, and former state representative from Union county, has donated an entire carload of cull apples for the drought-stricken farmers of Montana, according to H. L. Andrews, state inspector at La Grande.

Two bronze drinking fountains have been placed on Main street by the Rotary club of Klamath Falls under the plan of the community service committee which is headed by C. A. Dunn. They are the first public fountains on the streets of Klamath Falls.

Depositors of the defunct Farmers bank of Weston received a second dividend November 1, it was announced by E. E. Tate, in charge of liquidating the bank's assets. The second dividend was 20 per cent. A 40 per cent payment was made last March.

Mailing of the 19,000 intangibles tax refund checks was completed by the secretary of state's department recently, fulfilling the promise of Secretary of State Hoss that the refund would be completed by November 1, so far

as his department was concerned.

Cedar lumber and casts are being cut at the new Tremblay sawmill near Wedderburn, in Curry county. Loggers are hauling logs from Euchre creek by truck, while others are getting out logs on Lobster creek, to be rafted down the Rogue to the mill.

Murat Blevans of Joseph smokes a meerschmum pipe that has been in constant use since it was purchased in 1888, which is believed to be some sort of a record. The pipe is in excellent condition and still has a lot of good smokes left in it, Mr. Blevans says.

Construction of a hydroelectric plant on Shitike creek at the Warm Springs agency at a cost of \$32,500, and two fireproof dormitories, at a cost of \$65,000 each, is now under way and is a part of a building program which will involve the expenditure of \$162,500 this year.

Salem will vote on a \$2,500,000 bond issue for a municipal water system December 15, the city council decided. At the special election citizens will vote whether wells, the Willamette river or the North Santiam shall be used to provide water in case the bond issue is passed.

Deposits of the 209 state and national banks in Oregon at the close of business September 29, 1931, aggregated \$263,283,837.49, or \$14,885,468.02 less than was reported at the time of the previous bank call in June of this year, according to a statement by A. A. Schramm, state superintendent of banks.

For the first time in the history of the Oregon City hospital, triplets were born. The parents are Mr. and Mrs. Felix Koskio of West Linn, and the new arrivals are all daughters. Dr. Guy Mount, the attending physician, was so happy over the arrival of the three healthy babies that he gave his services complimentary to the proud parents.

The Klamath County Turkey Growers' association, intended to operate not only in that county but in northern California and in Lake county, perfected organization at a meeting recently, at which 25 members chose the directors of the group. The group hopes to establish an increase in the market price of turkeys to benefit the growers.

Reno post, Grand Army of the Republic, organized in Roseburg September 27, 1884, with 22 charter members, was formally disbanded recently at the Armory there when the four remaining members of the organization held their last meeting.

Cinnabar ore of great extent was uncovered in the quicksilver mine of the Amurey Mountain Mining company on Crooked river, 30 miles east of Prineville, when workmen cleared away the rocks brought down by a blast. The company's mining engineers estimate the ore will run from \$1000 to \$1500 a ton.

A 3000-acre stand of grain was raised this season on Malheur lake bed, ten miles southwest of Crane. Different ranchers adjoining the north shore of the lake planted the seed grain after discing. The crop includes wheat, barley, oats and rye, which is now being cut for hay, and stacked on higher ground than the lake bed.

The first lead ore ever to be shipped from the Bohemia district near Cottage Grove, is to go soon to a Utah smelter. A deposit of nearly pure lead was opened a few days ago on the Lead Crystal Mining company's property. It also carries large values in gold and silver. The company has a contract for all of this ore that it can ship.

A new incubator has been discovered on the Alex Sparrow farm at Medford. When the hen died on her nest recently, the unhatched eggs were thrown on a refuse pile and forgotten until a few days ago. The peeping of tiny chicks attracted a farm worker who uncovered a fluffy brood. Shaking themselves, they were the unemployed of Bandon are chipping in to buy a silver trophy to be awarded at the poultry show there December 1, 2 and 3. When it was announced that the barbers, the carpenters, the Lions and other organizations would offer cups, a number of unemployed citizens, to show they were not down-hearted, took up a collection to do likewise.

Elmer Judd, 29, was killed instantly when 25 pounds of 40 per cent blasting powder and 100 dynamite caps he carried on the seat of his truck detonated without warning as he was driving toward Oregon City with a load of wood. The explosion was so terrific that Judd's body was thrown 50 feet and terribly mangled while windows 75 feet away were broken.

The population of domestic animals in Umatilla county suffered severe inroads from the depression during 1931, according to figures just released by Robert O. Hawks, county assessor. Horses and mules decreased from 9222 in 1930 to 8375 this year; cattle from 19,124 to 18,790 and sheep from 125,000 to 110,385. Swine showed a slight increase, however, and there were more dogs, poultry and bees listed this year than last.

Net awards by the state industrial accident commission for the 17 years ending June 30 of this year, aggregated \$12,099,501.11, according to a report prepared by the commission at Salem. The outlay for medical aid was \$7,310,941.38.

Linn county families who are in need will have at least one good meal of fish. Through the state game commission, 2000 pounds of white fish from Odell lake arrived there recently, consigned to the American Legion county-wide relief committee.

started the search for a mother that eludes.

The Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company and the Oregon Short line railroad was authorized by the interstate commerce commission to abandon 25 miles of the Homestead branch from Robinette to Homestead. Freight traffic on the branch was described as very light and frequent cloud bursts have caused maintenance trouble. Trucks have replaced the abandoned train service.

The Hood River Traffic association, comprised of independent and co-operative shippers, has fixed women's wages for picking apples and pears at 20 cents an hour and men at 25 cents an hour. This is a cut of practically 33 per cent from the wages paid last year. Packing apples and pears has been set at 4 cents a box, which is also a reduction from last year. Common labor in the packing house will be paid from 25 to 35 cents an hour.

The John Day Development association, with affiliations in cities and communities from Portland to Prairie City, have petitioned the state highway commission to place the Mitchell-Antelope short cut highway on the secondary road map. The county courts of Wasco, Jefferson and Wheeler counties have asked for the road, proposing construction from allotments of the gasoline tax. The road would cut the distance between The Dalles and the John Day valley by 75 miles.

Kentucky may be the bluegrass state, but it holds no corner on quantity production of that popular crop. Geary Brothers of Klamath county have just harvested 20,000 pounds—40 tons—of bluegrass seed which seed specialists have pronounced heavy and of excellent quality.

Fire which apparently started in the furnace room destroyed the Central Oregon Motor company garage at Bend last week. The flames spread rapidly through the two-story building, aided by a tank of acetylene and gasoline in the tanks of nine automobiles which were destroyed.

Construction of a new filtration plant for the city of Eugene water system to cost \$220,000 will be started immediately, Carl A. McClain, superintendent of the city's public utilities, announced. Bids for construction will be called at once and it is hoped to start work November 1.

A decrease of more than 3,000,000 bushels in the Idaho potato crop this year compared with last year was shown in the monthly report of the federal crop statistician. The total forecast for this year was 23,400,000 bushels compared with 26,190,000 bushels harvested a year ago.

R. A. Collins of the Des Flat section, near Hood River, heavy grower of Bartlett pears, who refused to permit a canning firm to grade his fruit, calling out approximately 4 per cent, loaded a truck load of pears and went to eastern Oregon, where he traded, bushel for bushel, his pears for wheat.

Half a million trout will be liberated from the state hatchery near Oakridge in the streams of eastern Lane county during the next few weeks. The Eugene sportsmen's association and chamber of commerce have been in touch with the state game commission to get numerous streams stocked this fall.

Ladak alfalfa, the new hardy type being introduced in eastern Oregon, has proved far superior to common types on the Clyde Ward ranch near Baker. Actual weights taken on measured patches showed that the Ladak outyielded the old at the rate of 1 1/2 tons green weight per acre on two cuttings.

All buses used in the various counties for the transportation of school pupils are to be inspected, according to announcement by Charles Pray, superintendent of state police. The inspection will include the mechanical condition of the buses, whether the drivers are properly licensed, and if they are equipped with proper accessories.

A new industry is in the making near Bandon in the Bandon Home can-

tery, which has just received an initial order for 40 cases of wild huckleberries from a Los Angeles concern. The berries are to be sold pack for pack, and if this order proves satisfactory it is understood that a market may be obtained for all that can be furnished by the canner.

Receipts from motor vehicle license fees are approximately \$500,000 less now than they were at the same time last year. Fees paid to September 10 were \$5,752,022.94 for 1930, Secretary of State Hoss said. A gain of \$254,860 was shown in gasoline and distillate tax collections for the first seven months of 1931, compared to the corresponding period last year. July, the big touring month of the year in Oregon, showed a decline of more than 2,500,000 gallons over July, 1930, and 1,500,000 gallons less than June, 1931.

A paving crew has started work on the market road from Aurora toward Wilsonville to the Clackamas county line.

Hitting an aged man over the head with the butt of a pistol, after leaving Miss Kathryn Joehake bound and gagged in the vault of the First National bank at Aurora, two unmasked and armed robbers made their escape with approximately \$1500 of the bank's funds.

Hood River county has subscribed to the new road-sign program inaugurated by the Oregon State Motor association. Signs will be placed at each of the crossroads that will be uniform with the signs in all the counties of the state that subscribe to the new program.

The Klamath Falls city council has purchased a \$13,500 pumper. The new fire-fighting equipment will have a capacity of 1000 gallons. Further consideration of the bids on the hook and ladder truck held up the letting of a contract of purchase on this piece of equipment.

Finding a dynamite cap while at play on the ranch operated by his father, Otto Freeman, 6, son of Samuel Freeman, living nine miles east of Prineville, blew off a portion of his left hand and a large hole in his side, breaking one rib, badly bruising his body and disfiguring his face.



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