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EROSION AND MARKETS

There are two stories in this issue that tell the same story from different angles. An erosion specialist at Pullman says that eventually our soil will wash or blow away unless different methods of farming are followed and Mrs. Pierce says that farmers of the northwest must raise something else besides wheat unless a new market or markets are found for our usual surplus.

In other words we must change from a straight wheat production because we can't continue to raise it on the land and we can't sell it if we do raise it. If correct in their assumptions the writers have foretold the end of bonanza farming as members of the present generation know it.

There is sufficient evidence to cause fear that a large part of the soil of this area will not continue to produce profitably under the farming system now followed. It will wash away having lost its humus, it will blow away for the same reason or it will become so eroded that profitable farming is impossible unless some restorative measures are taken, that is, according to the erosion experts.

As for the lack of markets there is abundant evidence that this condition already exists. World conditions change so often and so surely that one cannot ever prophesy accurately that there will be no market at any given time. Just now, though, there is nothing but a domestic market of any size and the northwest is handicapped by long freight hauls if the population of the northwest can be doubled by an influx of easterners who come to work in new factories our conditions may automatically change.

Both prophets state that the growing of grasses will bring about recovery, will protect the land and restrict the production to fit the market. A few other crops are also possible but not many can be grown in the semi-arid lands of the northwest. Anyway it is something for the farmer who plans ten or twenty years ahead to think about.

WORTH THE MONEY

Any day now the newspapers will carry headlines announcing that the thirty-eighth legislative assembly has adjourned "sine die" which means "without naming a day" on which to meet again. Then the legislative writers can turn out their stories telling of the accomplishments of the session, the political writers can comment on the reputations that have been won or lost, the legislators can vend their weary ways homeward to meet their angry constituents, the papers can find other topics to fill their gaping pages and the public in general can settle down once more to the serene and peaceful life without feeling each day that perhaps some of their privileges may be taken from them.

So far the legislature has done little that will change the daily life of many persons. One will have to carry a can in his car to dump his ashes into, one starting in the practice of matrimony must have a more thorough examination, some salaries were changed and many laws have been amended to fit the feelings of groups of persons interested.

But, while actual accomplishment may be small, think of the interest that has been created. Nearly everyone has been concerned about some bill has written to his senator or representative or has joined with a group that has petitioned the legislature on some topic.

People have taken an interest in government for a few weeks and that, in itself, is worth the \$140,000 appropriated for it. It is a great show with the men of the coast counties fighting for free ferries on the coast highways and the men of eastern Oregon fighting for better roads and the people back home sending telegrams and resolutions galore.

When it is over we can all settle down for another biennium and let government be represented solely by the cop on his beat and the tax collector in his office.

Greece is in revolt, Cuba is having another spell of its periodical political colic, the congress and the administration is rowing again, the state legislatures are battling over bills but there's a silver lining: the Dionne quintuplets are cutting teeth.

The discussion as to whether "ladies" exist or not is fairly good proof that they do not.

This is one of the four times of the year when taxpayers get a chunk of government.

Evidently public speaking is one sport writers have mastered.

Congress has proposed a graduated excess profits tax on profits over 8 percent. Graduation would be from 5 to 40 percent. It was defeated. Why in thunder anyone should object to paying taxes on profits is beyond the average man who has taxes whether he makes a profit or not.

One nowadays has to learn how to play at his work and work at his play.

Grass Valley

"Two Days To Marry" is on at Kent Saturday night. It is given by the Auxiliary of the Kent post.

The Grass Valley ball club having held a practice session last Sunday and limbered up their muscles will give a dance March 23 to limber up the pocketbooks and build up a purse to aid games this summer.

John Rolfe had an unfortunate accident this week when he caught his hand in the pulley that was pulling a Jackson fork in the barn at his father's place. Three badly mashed fingers, one of which is broken are the net results.

Henry Patjens and John Conroy are both lambing this week and are as busy as sheep men always are during that most important part of their business.

The city council bought a hundred feet of hose from R. J. Baker at the meeting Monday night.

E. R. Landfar was here Tuesday checking up on the protection being given to workers under the various SERA projects now in operation in this county.

Bob Johnson returned to his alma mater Friday and Saturday to watch the basketball games between OSC and USC for the championship of the Pacific coast.

Arden Squires fell and cut his hand open one day this week while rushing home to dinner. He fell on the side walk. Dr. Poley did the patching which required four stitches.

Clifford Rowe and Henry Roth made a trip to Redmond last week end on business connected with the debate team.

Mathias Simon is driving one of the new models of Fords since making a trip to The Dalles last week.

Gaylord Davies drove to Portland last week end and his mother in law, Mrs. H. R. Dawley, returned with him to spend a week visiting with her daughter.

George Witter was in Grass Valley again this week repairing wind mills and pumps preparatory to the windy season that is coming one of these days.

Jim Woods and Dick Huhman are working at the Patjens sheep camp again this spring. Jim as chief cook and Dick as night man.

Harold Dobyns, of the predatory animal survey was here Tuesday with Alva Stone, local trapper. It is now rumored that three or four trappers will be put to work under the SERA, with Mr. Stone as chief trapper of the county.

Smoke ascends all over town during the days at this time of year as home owners straighten up their yards and gardens in readiness for the growing season that cannot be many days away to judge from the sun shine and warmth.

Ex-Judge Fred Krusow is making some improvements in his plumbing arrangements at his home here in town this week.

The literary club met Tuesday night at the home of Henry Roth to study some of the English poets. Mrs. Stanley Chin will speak.

Sunday night at the Community church in Moro on conditions in China.

Grass Valley School Notes By Dorothy Fairchild.

On Tuesday afternoon the entire school was the spectators of the "talkie" picture of "Oliver Twist."

ALMANAC



"He who follows idleness shall soon find it the path to distress."

MARCH 12—Four feet of snow falls in New York City, 1888.

13—Diamond found in meteorite, Canon Diablo, Ariz., 1891.

14—First bird reservation created in Florida, 1903.

15—Andrew Jackson, 7th president, born 1767.

16—U. S. takes possession part of Samoa Islands, 1900.

17—Camp Fire Girls are organized at Washington, 1912.

18—King George of Greece assassinated, 1913.

Practically every one "fell for" the little brown eyed Oliver whose very surroundings as well as his patience made him a figure to be pitied.

Besides the main show a Mickey Mouse comedy showing that worthy individual with Minnie in the days of the Covered Wagon was presented. It seemed that everything was going against them but in the end their cause was favored.

The members of the Glee Club have received the belated copies of their minstrel but they are attacking their parts in such a way that we are led to believe that it can be satisfactorily presented on March 22 after all.

The book for the Senior play have been received and the Public Speaking class, in whose ranks are all the Seniors, is going to make a thorough study of the mystery play "The Call of the Banshee;" then when it has been fully understood, it is believed that it will be more easily learned and better presented.

Another Public Speaking class has been formed. It consists of the students of the 7th and 8th grades. This class is held weekly with Mr. Rowe as instructor. So while Mr. Rowe is downstairs on Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock Miss Osborne, who ordinarily is in charge of the 7th and 8th grade English classes during this period, comes upstairs and does her best to make the Freshman English class learn something.

It was a vain hope of the majority of the students that the winning of the District Debate Tournament last week would put an end to the after-noon sessions of we have learned this, we congregate to deafen ourselves to the ravings in the adjoining room and wish our squad luck.

The Typing I class is very pleased with the new Underwoods which are now on the tables in lieu of the Royals. The members of that class honestly believe that the new typewriters write smoother and more efficiently than the others. They give none of this credit to their own increasing ability to spell the words as they see them.

Inventor—This new machine of mine will do the work of 10 men. Friend—My wife ought to have married it.

"Old Skinfint's boy takes after him."

"In what way?" "He swallowed a half-dollar and when the doctor applied a stomach pump all he got out of him was a dime and two pennies."

Sweet Girl—Aren't you feeling well, Cuthbert? Cuthbert—No. I ate German hoodles and French fried potatoes for supper. I ought to have known that they wouldn't agree.

Judge—What is your age, madam? Fair Witness—Twenty two years and some months.

Judge—Just how many months? You know you are on oath. Witness—A hundred and twenty.

Col. Corkright—Major Bludso is a splendid judge of liquor. I understand.

Col. Gore—Yes, suh! The Major is not only a splendid judge of it but is also a merciless executioner.

WHEAT TO MOVE SOON BELIEVED

Wheat surplus in the Pacific Northwest will begin to move to the drouth counties of the Dakotas, Wyoming and Montana soon after the meeting held in Portland March 12, at which marketing agreements were made. The AAA will use the agency of the North Pacific Emergency Export Association to handle the wheat which will be moved at a special freight rate (25 percent reduction) allowed only for cracked wheat for feed purposes from February 20 to April 30, except in shipments cracked in transit which have until May 10. Washing of the wheat is being required because those farmers object to feeding smutty wheat, and are afraid it will get into the fields, probably the result of propaganda from millers. This adds to the expense, but seems unavoidable. The wheat must be available for feeding at a rate which will keep it in line with the cost of other feeds. This will make it necessary for the AAA to pay a differential of from 17 cents to 20 cents a bushel on the surplus of from seven to ten million bushels, making a total contribution of over \$2,000,000. This agency last year took out of the AAA fund more than six million dollars for Pacific Northwest wheat. It is plainly to be seen that the Northwest wheat growers are dependent upon a sympathetic administration in Washington. It is true that corn and oats and other grains are being imported for feeds, and we have been told that there are now 200,000 bushels of French wheat

being held under bond in New York. All importations come in over the tariff wall, 42 cents a bushel on milling and 10 per cent value on feed wheat. They can afford to pay the tariff because our grains are now so much higher than in the world markets. The tariff could be increased by executive order on recommendation of the Tariff Commission if an investigation should prove the cost of production in foreign lands sufficiently low to justify the increase. This would be a long procedure. It is increasingly plain that the Northwest must produce less wheat. It is not wanted for export and this country cannot consume it, nor can the government continue to ship it for the benefit of the wheat farmer, who is dependent on the advance in world prices. If we can judge of anything from the present situation, we certainly know that producers must look to the future with plans for other crops, and probably with national limits to the markets. If it had not been for the drouth, the present government buying arrangements would have been impossible. Eastern Oregon must produce grasses, peas and other things, and plan for smaller tracts under irrigation. It is interesting to learn that the mills of Buffalo are now grinding our 1933 soft wheat mixed with hard wheat from the Red River section.

Kent News

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Norton and daughter Carol Ann, and Jake Stakely motored to Spray on business Monday, returning Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Howell and children of The Dalles are visiting a few days at the home of Mrs. Howell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Morrow.

Mrs. Eva Gregg of Bend is visiting relatives at Kent this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Schadewitz and children and Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Ramsey of Moro were Kent visitors Sunday.

Mrs. Gus Schilling is enjoying a visit from her mother and brother from Lewellen, Nebraska.

Sam McKinley of Dayton, Wash. and G. W. Barnett of The Dalles were over night guests at the L. W. Amick home Friday.

that worthy squad—but we lived to learn that the Debate teams are going to do their best to make a good impression at the Eastern Oregon Debate Tournament. Since Mrs. Amick is sister of Mr. McKinley.

The play, "Two Days To Marry" will be given Saturday night at the Kent Legion hall by the American Legion Auxiliary.

The Kent grange sponsored a home coming meeting Saturday evening March 9th. About forty five grange members were present with the result that a number of members who have not attended

for some time are going to renew their membership. Dancing was enjoyed for awhile and coffee and sandwiches served by the Home Economics club.

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4-H Club Notes On Various Topics

Reporters are allowed 250 words per story and may write for one club only. Any club invited.

The Fat Beef club met for the first time at the Kent school February 19. The following officers were elected: President, Donald von Borstel; Vice-president, Robert Helyer; Secretary, Frank von Borstel. Henry Barnum of Moro is our club leader. Six boys are interested in fat beef this season. Those signed up are Carsten von Borstel, Robert Holmes, a new member, and Jackie von Borstel besides the officers.

The second meeting was held Saturday afternoon at the home of Frank von Borstel.

Because he felt for various reasons, that he would be unable to complete the project Robert Helyer withdrew from the club. While we are sorry to lose him, we feel that he has done the right thing by withdrawing in the beginning rather than disappointing the boys and leader by not completing his work.

Jackie von Borstel was chosen to take Robert's place as Vice-president. Our leader made the rounds to all the homes of club members and inspected the calves. He finds them in better shape than the Fat Beef Calves were at this time last year. All of the boys have had their calves on hay. Mr. Barnum advised us to change gradually to a grain diet using the following formula: 50 lbs. rolled barley, 35 lbs. rolled oats, 10 lbs oil meal and 5 or 6 lbs. brown sugar. We are advised to cut out hay and feed a small amount of chaff. As soon as the calf is well established on a grain diet we are to change gradually to a wet mash.

Luther Davis has decided to join our club. Welcome Luther.

Donald von Borstel was appointed club reporter by the leader. Every member in our Fat Beef club won achievement awards, at the club banquet. We are enthusiastic about our work and have set as our goal another 100 per cent club. We also hope to bring honor to Sherman county by our exhibits at the State Fair and Stock Show.

Dorothy's Kitcheneers, Jr. held their first meeting at the school house last week. The purpose being to elect officers. The following officers were elected: President, Margaret Holmes, Vice president, Aileen Gregg, Secretary, Anita

Dunlap. The next meeting was at the home of Anita Dunlap. Annie Laurie Haynes and LeVina Barnett gave a luncheon. After which a game of basketball was enjoyed. The next meeting will be in the basement of the Legion Hall with Phyllis Haynes and Geraldine Norton demonstrating.

Anita Dunlap.

The first meeting of the Moro Beef Club was held for the purpose of organizing the club and electing its officers. The officers elected are as follows: Betty Powell, President; Frank Says, Vice-president; Lloyd Henrichs, Secretary and News Reporter. The club has an enrollment of six members. All of the members, except one have had one year of experience which will add greatly to our chance to be at the top of the list at the Pacific International fall. The boys are taking up a new phase of beef this year which will tend toward a future herd rather than just a temporary calf. There are five Herford heifers and one Angus heifer in the Moro district this year.

Our leader, Henry Barnum, visited most of the members on Saturday, March 9, and reported the steers, in the fat steer class, in better condition now than the calves at the Pacific International last fall. We will have another meeting in about two weeks, so watch for the progress. It will be in the 4-H club news of the county paper.

Lloyd Henrichs.

4-H Cooking Club III Friday afternoon, March 8, 1935, the Cooking III Club met in the lunch room at school for organization.

Melba Thogerson was elected President, Reitha Howard Vice-president, and Lois Melzer Secretary.

Besides the officers named there are Dorothy Fraser, Lois Kenny, Reatha Says, and Jane French in this club. Mrs. Stephens is the leader but she was not there so Mr. Knighten helped organize the club. Lois Melzer.

Martin Melzer the leader. After Mr. Knighten had enrolled everyone the meeting came to order and we elected the officers, who are: Dorothy Fraser, President. Winifred Belshe, Vice-president, and Norma Melzer, Secretary. Mr. Perry Johnston informed us that he had trees at his place and told the first year group how to plant the trees.

There are eighteen members, being besides the officers, Billie Axtell, Bobbie Axtell, Melvin Baker, Winifred Baker, Max Barzee, Vivian Fuller, Nellie Futter, Robert Gillmor, Dale Johnston, Clinton Kesinger, Lois Melzer, Lyle Nahouse, Reatha Says, Johnny Shipley, and Billy Thompson.

The meeting was adjourned after we decided to meet at the fairgrounds Saturday the 16th at 2:30 p. m. to plant some trees which we will all take care of.

Moro Homemaking Club The Moro Homemaking 4-H club was organized January 30th, at the school house with Dorothy Fraser as leader.

The meeting was called to order by Dorothy Fraser, acting chairman until the officers were elected. The following officers were elected: President, Helen Strong; Vice-President, Reatha Howard; Secretary, Imogene Johnson. Helen Strong and Louise Barzee were appointed by the leader to demonstrate "good table manners" at the County Club Leader's meeting, held at the court house.

Vivian Fuller and Imogene Johnson drew up the constitution and by-laws which were adopted by the club.

The program committee consists of all members of the club instead of the usual selected committee.

At our third meeting a club song was sung and the 4-H pledge was given. The leader appointed Louise Barzee to report on "table courtesies;" Helen Strong, "table arrangement;" and Reitha Howard "arrangement of flowers." This report to be given at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held in the lunch room at the school house March 14th at twelve-thirty o'clock. Imogene Johnson.