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AGRICULTURAL PLANKS

Now that the Republicans have nominated their candidate the voters can begin to accumulate information that will bear on the election for it is certain that the Democrats will name Roosevelt.

Farmers have long hoped for an opportunity to vote for a man from the agricultural west whose opinions had been formed by contact with farmers and other producers instead of contact with the more industrialized east.

Proper land use is favored as well as the purchase of non-productive farm land where the owner wishes to sell. Soil conservation will be continued as well as experimental stations that have done so much for the farming industry.

The development of industries that will use farm crops to make salable commodities is an important plank now that there is reduced demand for farm products.

The importation of farm products that come in competition with American products will be stopped in accordance with long time party principle. Farm credit will be continued with as low rates as possible. Decentralized control, however, is asked and farmers will be given a greater measure of control over the management of the credit facilities.

Of greatest importance to the northwest is the plank that favors an export debenture so that surplus crops can be moved in great enough quantities so that the price can be kept at a fair level. Co-operative marketing, formerly given its greatest impetus under Republican administrations, is to be further extended.

This is briefly the platform of the party that has declared itself to date. It might be of considerable advantage to the farmers of the northwest.

NOT TOO MUCH WHEAT

Considering the frequency of rains in this section of the nation we are likely to judge that the crop prospects in general are better than average. Such is not the case, in fact, the northwest will probably have a smaller winter wheat crop than last year and other crops have suffered to a greater extent.

Delegates who have recently returned from the Spokane meeting of the co-operative grain growers found crops spotted and from reports gathered from other farmers found that some sections will have a very moderate crop this year. The government crop report for June 1 indicates that the northwest will produce 62,689,000 bushels of winter wheat which compares to 74,447,000 bushels in 1932. This is a serious reduction and if the old crop was used up instead of stored this condition would probably result in a higher price than is now indicated.

The soil conservation ruling that permits payments to farmers for plowing up winter wheat may result in a still further cut in the total crop. This would bring about another period of criticism of the farmers for destroying food stuffs in the face of a possible shortage. It is always easy enough for the producer to justify such action if it tends to raise prices but those on the other side of the argument, the consumers, will feel seriously injured.

This may result in a speeding up of the movement to replace bread with other food products which has been going on rapidly enough in the past twenty years.

NINETEEN SIXTEEN

Memories in this county have been going back to 1916 this month or since the rains have started and continued through a couple of weeks. Citizens who stand about the streets have gotten to be disappointed if they do not have to seek shelter from rain drops at some time during the day.

Back in that noted year when spring Bluestem made twenty sacks and May sown wheat made twelve to fifteen sacks it began to rain and continued for three weeks ending in a food in Hay Canyon that caused four fatalities. Fields were soaked until winter wheat that had almost died from drought put out new suckers and made a crop of hay or pasture and spring grain grew to unprecedented heights and made the before mentioned yields. The price too, was boosted by European war and many farmers pried their noses off the grind stone with the combination of big crop and big prices.

Nineteen sixteen was the fabulous year that has been a part of every conversation about wheat yields since then. Before that date the year about which stories were told was 1894 when grain grew to maturity on unplowed bunchgrass and if the seed was but scattered from header beds.

It might be something for science to discover as to how the elements combine to bring downpours occasionally. Steady, drenching rains once a year would be a boon for this country more valuable than the production of oil from shale or the manufacture of billiard balls from milk.

STATEHOUSE GOSSIP

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kept on a cash basis if at all possible, Governor Martin declared this week. Refusing to authorize a new issue of \$200,000 in certificates of indebtedness to be underwritten by future profits of the state's liquor system the governor directed Elmer Goudy, state relief administrator to cut the relief rolls to the bone and stay within revenues available from current liquor profits—approximately \$150,000 a month.

Peter Zimmerman, state senator from Yamhill county, is much too busy running his farm to run for office this year he declared while in Salem this week in denying rumors that he would become an independent candidate either for United States senate or for Congress. Zimmerman, a recognized leader among the so-called "real progressive" element of the republican party and an independent candidate for governor two years ago had endorsed Sam Brown of Gervais as his choice for the United States senate and Byron Carney, Milwaukie democrat, as his choice for Congress from the first district. Both were defeated in the primaries.

Losses of more than \$34,000 in the operations of the state land board for the past 21 months, as revealed in an audit just completed can not properly be laid at the door of the present administration. The losses were sustained in the sale of properties taken over by the board to protect loans from the common school fund. Some of these date back for 30 years. Most of them were made during the boom period. Liberal appraisals and lax supervision on the part of the board at that time accounted for many loans in excess of the actual value of the land given as security. The present board is merely attempting to clean up the mess it inherited and in doing so is compelled to write off heavy losses in order to get property back into private ownership and onto the tax rolls.

Start of the test pits on the site to be occupied by the new capitol building was a momentous occasion with Governor Martin turning the first spadeful of earth and making a short speech in which he lauded the state house planners for the excellence of the winning design and predicted that the new building would be a real credit to the state. Members of the capitol commission, the architects who will design and supervise the new building, and high state officials attended the ceremony.

State owned automobiles continue to increase. Records of the purchasing department show that 42 automobiles and 30 trucks have been added to the motorized equipment owned by the state departments in the past 16 months. The number now totals 591 automobiles and 755 trucks.

Cities which permit the existence of "attractive nuisances" and fail to surround them with adequate safeguards do it at their own peril. The supreme court held this week that the city of St. Helens was responsible for the death of a four-year old child who had drowned in an abandoned water-filled quarry located on city property. In its opinion the court held that it was the duty of the city to "exercise due care to render the place reasonably safe or else exclude children from it."

The state land board has decided to ask the supreme court to pass judgment on the issue involved in connection with the collection of royalties on sand to be taken by the Port of Portland's new airport. Attorney General Van Winkle last week ruled that the state had no right to royalties on this sand inasmuch as it was being taken by a municipality and was not intended for commercial use.

Ever Fish At DeMoss Springs?

ARLINGTON, June 18.—Clyde Leghorn and Barney Holman spent several days fishing at DeMoss springs last week.

The above item was clipped from a Pendleton paper where it was leading item in the Arlington correspondence. Verily the name of DeMoss Springs has become famed when writers begin to ascribe to it qualities it never had. Forsooth, the county has spent several dollars there this year deepening the well so that it may furnish enough water for the thirsty picnickers. These slips of the tongue or pen happen every now and then.

Distributor Care
In order to insure efficient service, the distributor cap should be lifted occasionally and wiped clean with a soft rag, according to the Oregon State Motor association. After cleaning, a thin coat of vaseline should be applied with the finger tip, or a few drops of oil similarly applied, will do just as well.

In Other Days

From the Observer June 22, 1917

Born to Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Dunton Saturday, June 16th, a daughter.

Miss Marie Morrison and Geo. Hansen, students at the State Normal at Monmouth, returned Friday to Sherman county.

Mrs. J. C. Teal and children are visiting in the county from Battle Ground, Washington. Mrs. Teal formerly lived in Sherman county near Monmouth. Mrs. Perry C. Axtell and Mrs. Ira K. Axtell entertained the Thursday Pleasure Club honoring Mrs. Teal during her visit.

Friends of John McDermid will be pleased to know that he is now able to leave the house. He and Mrs. McDermid are now visiting in Portland.

The baseball game Sunday at Wasco was annexed by the Moro Colts who trotted away with the high end of a 4 to 5 score from the Wasco Leaguers.

From the Observer June 21, 1907.

Prof. Bryant, county school superintendent, mailed certificates to six of the June class of examinations: Misses Mae Smith, Iva Barnett, Ruth Murchie, Wasco; Miss Geneva Shute, Kent; and Chester Black and Arle, Heath, Grass Valley.

Owen Thompson has sold all the horses he expected to sell this summer from his band of blooded stock except one span of registered Percheron fillies, unsurpassed in Oregon, and one saddle horse.

Prof. Omar Bettner of Portland has been tendered and accepted the principal chair in Moro schools, all the other teachers were retained. Mrs. Slayback, Miss Blair and Miss Reese.

Claud Spoon, one of the thrifty young farmers in Monkland district has just finished 500 acres of Summer fallow. He has 400 acres of waving grain "that looks pretty" to him.

The auction sale at the Maus farm Tuesday was a pronounced success. Sales were swift, and satisfactory to both buyer and seller.

Barzee's First Crop Smutty

ARTICLE No. 3.

On October 31, 1886 myself and H. D. Jory finished our return trip and drove to his cabin, returning by way of the Barlow route. The summer's work had replenished our pocket book and we had now only to prepare for winter. Prior to our leaving the previous June Mr. Jory had plowed and seeded to wheat and potatoes a few square rods of land to test the productivity of our claims. We had been told that the land would not produce anything and stockmen purchased their groceries etc. in large quantities in The Dalles and while they were accommodating enough to sell to settlers at a margin of profit they positively refused to sell potatoes to anyone for seed, saying it was a waste of money to the settlers. Jory had a few potatoes and some wheat he had brought from the Valley that spring and it was these seeds we planted. We had made a board and ditch fence about the planting to protect the trial crop.

Coming over Goron Ridge we scanned the landscape trying to locate a ridge that would land us at his cabin in the upper ravine of the Price-Fulton canyon. I shall never forget the fragrance that was wafted to us on the breeze from the sniption or pea weeds that grew profusely over the prairie. We bumped along over the trackless bunch grass ridge until we reached his cabin. Our vision had not revealed any improvements. Not a furrow plowed, not a post set, not a ditch fence or sign of settlement since we left Grass Valley where Dr. Rollins had located. Our first impulse led to the planted few rods which had been protected from stock by the cyclid fence. To our surprise the wheat was seemingly all smut. Diligently did we search and finally found one head of well filled wheat.

The kernels were small but plump. The potatoes were easily found by the dried vines. Some small potatoes assured us that they could be grown. In all the crop experiment had been solved satisfactorily.

The next day we visited my claim and found everything just as I had left it. On our return to his cabin we saw just over the divide a small creature quickly got out of sight. Riding to the spot we found the hole where the animal had disappeared and tracks in the dust about the hole showed it must be the den of a mother coyote. He guarded the hole while I rode some six miles to and from his cabin bringing a shovel to dig the mother coyote had slyly appeared several times while I was away, surveying the situation. Soon we had the coyote pups and killing them my friend, Jory, decided to

have some fresh meat. Accordingly he skinned the hind quarters of one of them, and took them home with him. Since coyote meat was not to my liking, I watched where he placed them and when he did not see me I destroyed them. The sheep men had offered a bounty on coyote scalps but we were not aware of it so we did not save the scalps. Jory seemed really disappointed when he learned I had destroyed them.

My pony team lingered about the cabin range as watering places were near, but when the first winter storms came they drifted away, and I looked in vain for them not knowing the range. When spring came, from my inquiries for them, a cowboy, Bert Eaton had located them and brought them to me charging \$2.50. This proved to be cheap wintering for me and I now had my team to improve my claim, and prepare for a garden. My spring garden again proved the fertility of the soil.

Early in November Jory received a letter from his sister, Lizzie who had been teaching in Lyle, Washington, saying she did not wish to return to the valley for the winter, and wished to come and live with him, until she might get a school in the spring. Mr. Jory had then to enlarge his cabin which he did by building an addition of the same size which was eight by ten feet. This was soon done and her arrival in due time ended our batching, except at times when she preferred to lie in bed to the crowding of so many about the stove on a cold morning. With her she brought a small four octave organ which later helped me to prepare instrumental music lessons which I was engaged to give at Mr. Piersons place where a private school was being taught for his girls. About that time the cheap piano's were being made and organs were being sold over the country and stock taken to be delivered upon order.

We were now able to say to the stock men who had told us we would roll up our wire fences and leave the country, we are sure we can raise potatoes and enough wheat to feed chickens, and eggs, chicken soup and potatoes were good enough for a king and we proposed to stay. You who are now wheat raisers in Sherman county can vision the obstacles that had to be encountered in the early settlement. Area considered, Sherman county is the best wheat producing county in the state.

C. W. Barzee, 412 S. E. 30th Ave. Portland, Ore

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY
Notice is hereby given that on the 13th day of July, 1936, at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, at the front door of the County Court House in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following described land, to-wit:

The West Half of Section 10 in Township 2 South of Range 16 East of the Willamette Meridian in Sherman County, Oregon, except so much of said premises as is included in a 100-foot right-of-way 50 feet on either side of the center line of the railroad of the Columbia Southern Railway Company, conveyed by Henry Frock and wife to E. E. Lytle by deed recorded December 19, 1899, in Book "G" at page 615, Record of Deeds for said county.

Said sale is under execution issued out of the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County to me directed in the case of the California Joint Stock Land Bank of San Francisco, a corporation, plaintiff, v. C. E. Johnson and others, defendants, which said execution commands me to sell said land to satisfy the sum due said plaintiff, to-wit: the sum of \$7,452.01 and interest thereon.

Dated June 8th, 1936.
HUGH CHRISMAN
Sheriff of Sherman County, Ore. 32-36

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY
On Wednesday, the 7th day of July, 1936, at the hour of ten o'clock, a. m., at the front door of the courthouse in Moro, Oregon, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following described real property located in Sherman County, Oregon, to-wit:

That portion of the SW 1 of Sec. 2, lying west of the John Day River in Sherman County, Oregon; and the E 1/2 of the SE 1 and the NW 1 of the SE 1 of Sec. 3; and the W 1/2 of the SE 1 of Sec. 4; and the NW 1 of the North west 1/4 of Sec. 11, and that portion of the E 1/2 of the W 1/2 of Sec. 11, lying west of the John Day River, in Sherman County, Oregon, all in Township 1 N, Range 19 EWM. Situated in Sherman County, Oregon.

Together with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging. Said sale is made under execution issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Sherman to me directed in the case of Clema A. Allen, plaintiff,

vs. M. F. Duncan and Agnes Duncan, husband and wife; The Dalles Investment Company a corporation; William G. McDonald and Mattie J. McDonald, husband and wife; and Mary Nitschke, a widow, defendants.

HUGH CHRISMAN

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against the estate of Benn Molden Morford, deceased, are hereby notified to present them, in proper form to the undersigned, the duly appointed administratrix of the estate of Benn Molden Morford, deceased, at her residence at Wasco, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice, to wit: May 29, 1936.

Etta Morford, 30-33

Geo. G. Updegraff, Attorney for Administratrix

Notice of Final Settlement

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, the duly appointed Executrix of the last will and testament of J. Arthur Butler, deceased, has filed her Final Account in said estate, and that Saturday, the 27th day of June, 1936, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a. m., in the County Court Room in the County Court House in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, has been fixed as the time and place for the hearing of objections thereto and the settlement thereof.

Pearl Irene Butler

Geo. G. Updegraff 30 to 33

Attorney for Executrix

Notice of Sheriff's Sale of Real Property

On Saturday, the 20th day of June, 1936, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m. at the front door of the Courthouse in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real property located in Sherman County, Oregon, to-wit:

The Southwest Quarter of Section Nineteen; the West Half of Section Thirty; also beginning at a point in South line of Section Thirty, 1970.2 feet West of the Southeast Corner said Section which point is on West line of Hay Canyon Road; thence North 6 degrees 55 minutes East 354 feet; thence North 3 degrees 18 minutes East 235.4 feet; thence North 3 degrees 42 minutes West 233.7 feet; thence North 11 degrees 45 minutes East 439.2 feet; thence North 15 degrees 12 minutes East 275 feet; thence North 10 degrees 41 minutes East 450.3 feet; thence North 83 minutes East 454.6 feet; thence North 20 degrees 47 minutes East 224.3 feet to North line of Southeast Quarter of Section Thirty, thence North 89 degrees West 1009 feet to the Northwest Corner of the Southeast Quarter of Section Thirty, thence South to the Southwest Corner of the Southeast Quarter of Section Thirty, thence South 88 degrees 47 minutes East 686 feet to beginning, all in Township One, South of Range Eighteen, East of the Willamette Meridian, excepting 1 acre conveyed to School District No. 20, on February 18, 1897, and excepting that portion of the above described land released by partial release recorded in book 7 of releases, page 450, Records of Sherman County, Oregon.

Together with the tenements, hereditaments, and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining.

HUGH CHRISMAN
Sheriff of Sherman County, Oregon
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Now, THEREFORE, by virtue of said execution, judgment order, decree and order of sale and in compliance with the commands of said writ, I will, on Saturday, the 20th day of June, 1936 at 11:00 o'clock a. m. of said day at the front door of the County Courthouse in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, sell at public auction (subject to redemption) to the highest bidder for cash in hand, all the right, title and interest which the above named defendants and each and all of them in the above entitled suit had on the 1st day of September, 1924, the date of the mortgage foreclosed by said decree, or since that date had in and to the above described property, to satisfy said execution, decree and order of sale, interest, costs and accruing costs.

HUGH CHRISMAN
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