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## French Army Officers Buys Horses.

A party of eight men, including two officers of the French army who could not speak English, were in Sherman county the first of the week buying horses for the French army in its operations in Europe against the Germans.

The horses wanted were a grade that have been hard to sell during the last few years because of their light weight and very few that came up to requirements were rejected. Prices paid were fair and those selling were generally satisfied that they received a good market price, ranging from \$70 to \$120 an animal.

We were told by one of the party that the average age of a horse on a modern battle field is only six days and bears out the report that the same party will be back after more horses.

Forty eight head were bought and shipped to Spokane where they expect to make up six large train loads for shipment across the Atlantic.

## Sherman County Realty Transfers.

Dating to January 23, 1915.

Duncan Chisholm to Abijah Lamb; blocks 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, & 9; also lots 1, 2, 3, 6 & 7 in block 8; also lots 1 to 11 inclusive, block 5; St. Clair's addition to Kent, \$800.

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## Next Moving Pictures at Burnett's.

Saturday, January 30, will be presented a powerful emotional drama depicting the dark tragedy that ruined two lives, entitled Even Unto Death.

Tuesday, February 2d, a feature drama will be presented entitled The Colonel's Wife. This is a three part photo play with very strong situations.

Pathe features next Tuesday are pictures of French marines, ambulances, barge loads of food, and a modern fort in France; also one series showing a Belgium relief steamer leaving New York with food for the Belgians.

Special matinee every Saturday afternoon at four o'clock.

## Opera House Attractions.

Don't neglect to see the Foolish Mr. Dingle next Saturday at the opera house, it is one of the best faral comedies written.

Another good play for the same day is J. Warren Kerrigan in Little Meg and I.

By far the feature of the day is a two part drama entitled The Wondrous Melody. A drama that critics unite in saying has a wonderful touch of heart and soul

## Local Church Announcements

for Sunday, January 31.

Methodist church: 10 a.m. Sunday School. Preaching services in Spaulding at 12 (noon) and in Moro at 7:30 p.m.

Revival services will be held each evening next week at 7:30 when the pastor expects to be assisted by Rev. E. T. Reid of White Salmon, Wash.

Every body is invited to these services.

John Robertson, pastor.

Presbyterian church: Sabbath School at 10 a.m. Services morning and evening 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Prayer meeting at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday evening.

"I was glad when they said unto me, 'Let us go up to the house of the Lord.'" Ps. 122:1.

A. J. Adams, pastor.

## Card of Thanks.

To the editor: Through the columns of the Observer we wish to express our appreciation of the many considerate acts of kindness and thoughtfulness received from our neighbors and friends during the sickness and loss of a dear son and brother and we also wish to thank those who so generously and freely gave evidence of their sympathy by floral offerings.

Mrs. Douma and family.

The department of agriculture, forest reserve bureau, Portland office, is now advertising the largest body of timber which has yet been put on sale in Oregon. The timber lies in two parcels, one near the shore of Pelican bay on Klamath lake and the other just east of Crater national park and both within the Crater national forest reserve.

# PAYROLL OF CIVILIZATION MET BY FARMER

## WANTS NO "DEADHEADS" ON LIST OF EMPLOYEES.

### A CALL UPON THE LAW MAKERS TO PREVENT USELESS TAX UPON AGRICULTURE.

By Peter Radford  
Lecturer National Farmers' Union

The farmer is the paymaster of the nation's payroll. When industry pays its bill it must make a slight draft upon agriculture for the amount, which the farmer is compelled to honor without protest. This check drawn upon agriculture may travel to and fro over the highways of commerce; may build cities; gild the globe with bands of steel; may search hidden treasures in the earth or traverse the skies, but in the end it will rest upon the soil. No dollar will remain suspended in midair; it is as certain to seek the earth's surface as an apple that falls from a tree.

When a farmer buys a plow he pays the man who mined the metal, the woodman who felled the tree, the manufacturer who assembled the raw material and shaped it into an article of usefulness, the railroad that transported it and the dealer who sold him the goods. He pays the wages of labor and capital employed



in the transaction as well as pay for the tools, machinery, buildings, etc., used in the construction of the commodity and the same applies to all articles of use and diet of himself and those engaged in the subsidiary lines of industry.

There is no payroll in civilization that does not rest upon the back of the farmer. He must pay the bills—all of them.

The total value of the nation's annual agricultural products is around \$12,000,000,000, and it is safe to estimate that 95 cents on every dollar goes to meeting the expenses of subsidiary industries. The farmer does not work more than thirty minutes per day for himself; the remaining thirteen hours of the day's toll he devotes to meeting the payroll of the hired hands of agriculture, such as the manufacturer, railroad, commercial and other servants.

## The Farmer's Payroll and How He Meets It.

The annual payroll of agriculture approximates \$12,000,000,000. A portion of the amount is shifted to foreign countries in exports, but the total payroll of industries working for the farmer divides substantially as follows: Railroads, \$1,252,000,000; manufacturers, \$4,365,000,000; mining, \$658,000,000; banks, \$200,000,000; mercantile \$3,500,000,000, and a heavy miscellaneous payroll constitutes the remainder.

It takes the corn crop, the most valuable in agriculture, which sold last year for \$1,692,000,000, to pay off the employees of the railroads; the money derived from our annual sales of livestock of approximately \$2,000,000,000, the yearly cotton crop, valued at \$920,000,000; the wheat crop, which is worth \$610,000,000, and the oat crop, that is worth \$440,000,000, are required to meet the annual payroll of the manufacturers. The money derived from the remaining staple crops is used in meeting the payroll of the bankers, merchants, etc. After these obligations are paid, the farmer has only a few bunches of vegetables, some fruit and poultry which he can sell and call the proceeds his own.

When the farmer pays off his bill he has very little left and to meet these tremendous payrolls he has been forced to mortgage homes, work women in the field and increase the hours of his labor. We are, therefore, compelled to call upon all industries dependent upon the farmer for assistance to retrench in their expenditures and to cut off all unnecessary expenses. This course is absolutely necessary in order to avoid a reduction in wages, and we want, if possible, to retain the present wage scale paid railroad and all other industrial employees.

We will devote this article to a discussion of unnecessary expenses and whether required by law or permitted by the management of the concern, is wholly immaterial. We want all waste labor and extravagance, of whatever character, cut out. We will mention the full crew bill as illustrating the character of unnecessary expenses to which we refer.

## Union Opposes "Full Crew" Bill.

The Texas Farmers' Union registered its opposition to this character of legislation at the last annual meeting held in Fort Worth, Tex., August 4, 1914, by resolution, which we quote, as follows: "The matter of prime importance to the farmers of this state is an adequate and efficient marketing system; and we recognize that such a system is impossible without adequate rail-

road facilities, embracing the greatest amount of service at the least possible cost. We further recognize that the farmers and producers in the end pay approximately 95 per cent of the expenses of operating the railroads, and it is therefore to the interest of the producers that the expenses of the common carriers be as small as is possible, consistent with good service and safety. We, therefore, call upon our law-makers, courts and juries to bear the foregoing facts in mind when dealing with the common carriers of this state, and we do especially reaffirm the declarations of the last annual convention of our State Union, opposing the passage of the so-called "full crew" bill before the thirty-third legislature of Texas.

The farmers of Missouri in the last election, by an overwhelming majority, swept this law off the statute book of that state, and it should appear and no legislature of this nation should pass such a law or similar legislation which requires unnecessary expenditures. The same rule applies to all regulatory measures which increase the expenses of industry without giving corresponding benefits to the public. There is oftentimes a body of men assembled at legislatures—and they have a right to be there—who in their zeal for rendering their fellow associates a service, sometimes favor an increase in the expenses of industry without any regard for the man who bows their backs to the summer's sun to meet the payroll, but these committees, while making a record for themselves, rub the skin off the shoulders of the farmer by urging the legislature to lay another burden upon his heavy load and under the lash of "be it enacted" good him on to pull and surge at the traces of civilization, no matter how he may sweat, foam and gall at the task. When legislatures "cut a melon" for labor they hand the farmer a lemon. The farmers of the United States are not financially able to carry "dead heads" on their payrolls. Our own hired hands are not paid unless we have something for them to do and we are not willing to carry the hired help of dependent industries unless there is work for them. We must therefore insist upon the most rigid economy.

## Legislative House-Cleaning Needed.

While the war is on and there is a lull in business, we want all legislative bodies to take an inventory of the statute books and wipe off all extravagant and useless laws. A good house-cleaning is needed and economies can be instituted here and there that will patch the clothes of indigent children, rest tired mothers and lift mortgages from dependent homes. Unnecessary workmen taken off and useless expenses chopped down all along the line will add to the prosperity of the farmer and encourage him in his mighty effort to feed and clothe the world.

If any of these industries have surplus employees we can use them on the farm. We have no regular schedule of wages, but we pay good farm hands on an average of \$1.50 per day of thirteen hours when their board themselves; each usually runs about three months of the year and the three months dead time, they can do the chores for their board. If they prefer to farm on their own account, there are more than 14,000,000,000 acres of idle land on the earth's surface awaiting the magic touch of the plow. The compensation is easily obtainable from Federal Agricultural Department statistics. The total average annual sales of a farm in the continental United States amounts to \$516.00; the cost of operation is \$340.00; leaving the farmer \$176 per annum to live on and educate his family.

There is no occasion for the legislatures making a position for surplus employees of industry. Let them come "back to the soil" and share with us the prosperity of the farm.

When honesty is merely a good policy it is a poor virtue.

Lazy farmers are just as useless as dead ones and take up more room.

When the soul communes with the spirit of nature the back to the farm movement prevails.

There are two kinds of farmers. One tries to take all the advice he hears and the other won't take any at all.

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JOY IN LIFE. Joy in life is like the oil in the lamp—when the oil commences to fall the wick burns with a glimmering red flame, filling the air about it with a black smoke. Life also without a little joy burns unprofitably, filling the air with depression and sadness.

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To the Lonely Man or Woman! Church Is the Place For You.

LET us consider this Go to Church movement—no doubt you've heard a good deal about it recently—from your viewpoint, Lonely Man or Woman.

Why should you go to church?

IN THE FIRST PLACE, YOU HAVE A RIGHT THERE. THE CHURCH IS GOD'S HOUSE, THE HOUSE OF "OUR FATHER WHICH ART IN HEAVEN." AS WE ARE HIS SONS AND DAUGHTERS, THE SUBJECTS OF HIS LOVING CARE, WE SHOULD FREQUENT HIS HOUSE AS WE ARE GLAD TO VISIT THE HOUSE OF AN AFFECTIONATE PARENT. NO ONE MAY BAR OUR WAY TO THAT HOUSE; NO ONE MAY SHUT IN OUR FACES THE DOORS OF GOD'S HOLY TEMPLE WHEREIN HE ABIDES TO WELCOME US WHEN WE WOULD COMMUNE WITH HIM. IN TIME OF JOY OR TIME OF SORROW HE AWAITS US THERE.

Therefore, Go to Church!

In the second place, you will find there not only spiritual comfort, but also the presence of kindred souls. Drawn to the altar by human loneliness and the need of feeling God's presence ever near and dear, you will find assembled in church the RIGHT SORT OF MEN AND WOMEN with whom to form earthly relationships.

Their presence in church is a guarantee of their innate goodness of heart. The wastrel, the immoral character, the idler, do not go to church. Reverence does not appeal to them. The services tire them. They can find more congenial companionship elsewhere.

Church is not for them unless they enter it with a sincere desire to reform. Then you may extend to them the hand of fellowship. The clergyman, the minister to God's people, will aid you in determining to whom you may open your heart. He will be your safe guide when you—

GO TO CHURCH.