

Electricity on Farm Aim of the Industry

"Starting with Thomas A. Edison's first generating plant, a little over forty years ago, those of us who look back on forty summers have seen the use of electricity grow until today it is an established factor in the urban home and in our industrial plants," Dr. E. A. White, director of the joint committee on the relation of electricity to agriculture, says. Dr. White is working with the Farm Bureau Federation, universities throughout the country and the electric companies to develop a practical program of rural electrification.

Dr. White recently spent several days in Oregon in conference with members of the state committee on relation of electricity to agriculture and expressed himself as very much pleased with the progress that is being made in this state.

"While this has been going on the farmer has been observing," he said. "He has reached the conclusion that electric service on the farm would be a fine thing. However, electric service for agriculture is no small undertaking. Those who have been most closely connected with this work are seeking to learn the maximum economic uses possible for electricity on the farm. The word 'economic' in this case must include improved living conditions, while the returns to be enjoyed must pay for the cost of the service."

"The farm service problem goes far beyond the stringing of wires, turning on the current and putting in a few motors and other pieces of equipment. In the matter of household appliances, we are fairly well off but when it comes to the equipment for farm work, the case is different. Most of the machines which would enable us to use electricity to the best advantage on the farm have not been designed."

Attorney's Client Mis-Read the Telegram

In a reminiscent mood the other day, talking about the members of his law college class, Attorney Ira M. Peterson told the story of the first case given to a member of the class. The story as told was about as follows:

When the date set for the trial of the case came, the fledgling attorney's client was suddenly called out of town on business and left instructions with his lawyer that the result of the case be wired to him as soon as possible.

The cause, queer as it may seem, was won and the lawyer wired: "Right triumphs over wrong." Some minutes later a message came over a hot wire "Appeal to the higher courts."

BILL THE BARBER SAYS

WE'RE SEEING A GOOD MANY VACCINATION MARKS THESE DAYS

Farm Land Values Are Due to Increase

If you have been farming for the past few years without any real success; if you are becoming discouraged over the chance of realizing any profit by tilling the soil, and if you are making plans to sell out and get into something else, just pause and think this matter over carefully. Then make up your mind to hang on for a while longer at least.

For farm lands are rapidly recovering in value throughout the country. A special inquiry has brought to light the following facts:

Farms lands reached the lowest point in ten years at the beginning of 1925, with an average price per acre for the entire United States of \$63. The past few months, however, have seen a rapid rebound from this low price because values have never been lower in recent years in proportion to income, and values are based upon possible or average income per acre in any given locality.

The Brookmeyer economic service basing its prognostications upon these facts, advises people to consider farm land at present prices an excellent investment. And this advice will tend to create a far more active market for farms during the next few years than we have seen in this country before for some time.

Backing up these statements are opinions of federal land bank and farm loan offices, farm organization leaders, and farm land real estate men. Throughout the country confidence in future possibilities of farming is, on the upward incline. So whether you plan to continue on the soil for the rest of your life or not, you had better hang onto your place for a little while longer.

"Good farm land will increase from twenty-five to fifty dollars per acre during the next twelve months," is the statement of a prominent Chicago banker dealing in farm land mortgages. Now you know how much land you have. So sit right down and figure what profit you can make by farming through one more year at least.

Fire at the Andy May farm, east of Moro, last Friday destroyed his machine and blacksmith shop, a Case combine, drill, and blacksmith and wood working tools. Mr. May had been doing blacksmith work in the shop shortly before the fire occurred, but how it started is not certain. He is sure that he carefully covered the fire in the forge, but thinks it might be caused by gasoline fumes set loose in the air when he filled the tank of his car just before driving it out and away from the shop. The loss was practically a total one, as only \$200 insurance was carried. The tools in the shop was valued by Mr. May at more than \$500.

J. C. Freeman and wife of this city, their son Neal from LaGrande, their daughter, Mrs. W. C. Ross, and Mr. Ross, from The Dalles, were a motor party of five from Sherman county to make a circle trip to Portland on the 4th by way of McKenzie pass highway, Pacific highway and Columbia river highway. They left Moro Friday evening, spent their first night at Redmond, their second at Albany and third at Moro. Mr. Freeman says it is a magnificent trip and one that he will plan to travel again.

Simple Definition Of "Horsepower" Measure

The common term used in measuring power is the unit called horsepower. In considering the power of a machine, however, we must not only state how much it can do, but how long it takes to do it.

The expression horsepower was invented originally for the steam engine, and is measured easily and conveniently by requiring the engine to lift a given load a given distance in a given time. The result is in foot-pounds per second.

One horsepower is that power required to lift 550 pounds one foot in one second, or, conversely, one pound 550 feet in one second. If both the above are true, a horsepower will also lift 55 pounds 10 feet in one second.

The number of pounds lifted one foot in one second, then, divided by 550, will give the horsepower of the engine. If it is found on trial that a certain machine or engine can lift 660,000 pounds, or 330 tons, one foot in one second, we know that its horsepower is 1,200.

N. W. Thompson brought into Moro on Wednesday a sample of hard federation wheat from the Harvey Thompson farm east of here taken from a field of 110 acres that is just about fully matured. Mr. Thompson said he tried to get as poor a sample as possible. The wheat he had showed some shriveled kernels, but none that were badly pinched, and should easily test 60 pounds when threshed.

Q. E. Gwynne, residing in the Klondike district, is unfortunate this hot weather because he must carry his leg in a plaster cast as the result of a recent injury to his knee in an encounter with an unruly horse. Mr. Gwynne has placed himself under the care of Dr. J. A. Wonderlick at Wasco, who promises, with favorable conditions, speedy recovery of the use of the limb.

Vernon VanGilder and family lost their farm home, bunk house and cellar and their contents by fire a bout eight o'clock Monday morning June 29th. The property is located on Gordon ridge near the Ruggies place. Reports state that the fire started from a defective fuse. Property destroyed was estimated to be about \$2000, partly covered by insurance.

Sunday last was an unusually dirty, dusty day for Sherman county especially north of Wasco. Motorists returning from 4th of July excursions reported that dust clouds from "blows" from off summer fallow fields bordering the highway through Biggs canyon could be seen for miles before they reached the junction of the Columbia and Sherman highways.

All branches of the Ruggies family but one were present at Moro park the afternoon of July 4th for the annual family reunion. Basket dinner, visits between members of the family from distant places, and children scampering about on the grassy sward helped the day to pass swiftly.

Members of Moro lodge No. 113 I. O. O. F., are requested to be present at the regular meeting, Monday evening July 13th 1925. Installation of officers will take place, and in all probability something will be doing in the banquet room. By order of the N. G. A. M. Young secretary.

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At the annual meeting of stockholders of the Farmers Elevator & Supply company, held in this city Tuesday, all the officers whose term had expired were reelected. Chris Andersen continues as president of the company and J. C. McKean as secretary.

Forrest Cooper and wife, from Coquille, were visitors in Moro last Friday on their way to Tygh Valley for the 4th. Mrs. Cooper is a grand daughter of Mrs. A. M. Young who accompanied them on the trip to Tygh Valley, returning to Moro on Sunday.

It is really a hard life. Men will not be nice to you if you are not goodlooking, and women will not be nice to you if you are.

President Sets Pace For Tax Reduction

If President Coolidge has his way thrift will be woven in the program and pattern of our political life and our minor statesmen will indicate as much zeal and enterprise in saving the people's money as they now find in spending it. Without boasting, the president sets up the fact that the national government is about the only taxing body in America that is making a determined and successful attempt to reduce the public expenses.

In the course of his last message to congress the president said with vivid directness: "Our domestic problems are for the most part economic. We have our enormous debt to pay and we are paying it. We have the high cost of government to diminish and we are diminishing it. We have a heavy burden of taxation to reduce and we are reducing it."

There it is in a nutshell. The executive does something more than report progress. He hangs the pelt of Old Calamity on the outer wall where all may see. It is not the business of the president to roughly criticize other taxing bodies, but he does not hesitate to use their excesses as warrant for a brake upon the national treasury.

The executive cites the fact that the combined cost of federal, state and local government now attains the rather staggering figure of \$100 per capita, the country over. Less than one-third of this is represented by national government. More than two-thirds is chargeable to local administration. President Coolidge says that it is an ominous fact that only the national government is reducing its debt. Other taxing bodies are increasing the public burden at the rate of more than \$1,000,000,000 a year.

President Coolidge apparently feels that a moral obligation falls upon him to practice strict thrift in government expenditures in order to prove that taxes can be reduced even in times of high financial pressure. He is showing Americans that economy is a practical virtue and not a vague dream. In this way he is offering an object lesson to the spend thrift politicians who have carelessly been intrusted by the voters with various local governments.

L. H. Martin and wife and W. J. Martin and wife celebrated the 4th of July at Arlington where they met Ben Morgan and wife from Morgan, and Myles Martin and wife from Lexington by appointment. Irving Kussman and wife, from Portland also met with the Martin families. Mrs. Morgan is a daughter of W. J. Martin and wife and Myles Martin and Mrs. Kussman are son and daughter of L. H. Martin and wife. Myles Martin's three children who have been visiting at the L. H. Martin homestead this method of returning to their home at Lexington.

Carl Pierson, Clifford and Clayton Mays motored to The Dalles Sunday with Miss Elliott and Miss Howard who were returning to the state normal school at Monmouth following a visit in Sherman county during the 4th of July holidays. The young I. O. O. F., are requested to be present at the regular meeting, Monday evening July 13th 1925. Installation of officers will take place, and in all probability something will be doing in the banquet room. By order of the N. G. A. M. Young secretary.

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IN MEMORIAM
 Dewey Eldon Thompson, age 2 years 4 months 19 days, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Thompson, died July 5th at a hospital in The Dalles, following a brief illness and an operation for obstruction of the bowels. He was taken ill while the family were visiting at Belknap springs on a vacation motor trip from here to Portland, Corvallis and Eugene. They cut their trip short and drove home, thinking the boy would improve when home.
 Funeral services were held on Tuesday from the Presbyterian church under the direction of Zell Funeral Home, Rev. R. A. Feenstra of the Methodist church preaching the sermon in the absence of Rev. Hanson. Interment was at Moro I. O. O. F. cemetery.
Card of Thanks
 Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Thompson, parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Peak, grandparents, and others of the immediate family, wish to thank the many relatives and friends for their sympathy and kindness, in our recent loss of our darling baby Eldon. We also wish to especially thank those who gave the beautiful flowers and rendered the inspirational music and sermon.
 Injuries resulting in concussion of the brain, lacerations of the face and a broken right fore arm were suffered by Seth Rieden of Pendleton Friday, when the automobile in which he was riding crashed over the Shaliko grade. The injured man was taken to a hospital in The Dalles by ambulance early Saturday, where his condition was reported as critical. Rieden was en route to Klamath Falls when the accident occurred. He was said to have been traveling at a high rate of speed. The injured man is a brother of Mrs. Ray Ragsdale, living near here. A second brother, Gerald Rieden, also riding in the wrecked car, was not injured in the accident.
 A. H. Hilton was released on bond last Friday afternoon by Sheriff Hugh Chrisman. Four residents from Kent qualified on the bond for \$2500, which was accepted and approved by the county clerk, who then issued an order to the county sheriff to release Hilton to appear at the next term of the circuit court which convenes in November.

CHANGE OF OFFICE LOCATION OF THE Farmers Elevator & Supply Co.
 From and after next Monday, June 15th, the office of the Farmers Elevator & Supply Company will be located at the Farmers State Bank.
 All business transactions and accounts will be handled at the bank. There will be no change in the business methods of the Farmers Elevator & Supply Company. This will be handled just the same as before.
 The elevator warehouse will be in charge of Geo. A. Meloy, who will be pleased to handle the warehouse needs of the public at all times.
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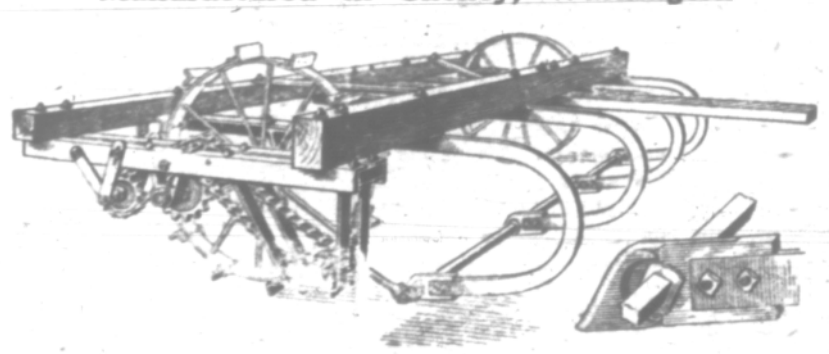


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