

Heed N. Y. Farmers' Experience With Al Smith, Empire State Agriculturist Warns Middle West



Charles S. Wilson Points Out Rural District Hostility to Governor in His Own State for William H. Hill, New York Hoover Campaign Manager.

"My advice to the farmers of the Middle West is that they find out what we farmers in New York State think about Governor Smith," declares Charles S. Wilson, former State Commissioner of Agriculture.

Mr. Wilson and his brother-in-law operate a 600 acre farm at Hall, Ontario County, New York.

"New York State farmers know, on the basis of Governor Smith's record, that he will not do for agriculture what Herbert Hoover will do," declared former Commissioner Wilson. "I think the Governor's attitude toward the Council of Farms and Markets is typical. This council was provided for when I was Commissioner. It was put through by the farm interests of the State, who felt that they would be safer with farmers administering the Department of Agriculture than with politicians doing it. They looked upon the council as a sort of board of directors to the department.

"Governor Smith, despite the expressed desires of the farmers, repeatedly recommended that the council be abolished. He was not in favor of direct representation for farmers.

"The farmers of this State are encountering as much trouble as the farmers of other States. I believe that conditions cannot be remedied unless we have greater tariff protection on some products and better marketing facilities so that we don't have to sell in a buyers' market.

"Herbert Hoover is the man to give us this kind of relief. My advice to the farmers of the Middle West is that they find out what we farmers in New York think about the Governor before they vote for him for president of the United States."

Wheat Exports Reviving

Seymour Jones, state market agent, reports under date of October 2 that there are indications this week that the export movement in wheat at Portland, which has been very light so far this season, is about to take on considerable activity. Three large cargoes have been loaded and cleared the past few days and wheat is arriving at the terminal yards from the interior in large quantities. There has been no material advance in quotations, but the market is holding its own and somewhat better prices are expected in the near future. The stocks of wheat on hand in the nation and the world are unusually large at the time, however. Saturday in Chicago, September wheat closed at \$1.14 1/4 and \$1.14 1/2; December \$1.17 1/4 and \$1.17 1/2; March \$1.22 and \$1.23 1/4; May \$1.24 1/4 and \$1.24 1/2.

Grangers Advised Vote No

Geo. A. Palmiter, master of the Oregon State Grange, at a meeting of the Lane county Pomona Grange last Saturday, advised members of the order in this state to vote against the Dunne bills relating to auto licenses and gasoline tax, saying they would endanger the highway system; also to vote against all four water and fish bills, which would prohibit commercial development of the McKenzie, Rogue, Deschutes and Umpqua rivers.

Where The Tariff Can Help

Kansas City Times
One of Herbert Hoover's proposals for farm relief is tariff revision in the interests of agriculture. There are several important schedules affecting products that come in indirect competition with American farm stuff. Thus it is estimated that Cuban molasses displaces perhaps 100 million bushels of low grade American corn that could be used in the manufacture of industrial alcohol.

The American Farm Bureau Federation points out a case of direct competition in an unexpected place which it asks the government to deal with. Argentina is the great low-cost corn producing country of the world and the federation believes the threat of importation helps depress the American price of corn.

The reason is that Argentina farmers have a water transportation rate to New York approximately one-half the rail rate from the American corn belt. Three years ago there were importations of corn in spite of the duty of 15 cents. The contention is that the possibility of Argentina imports tends to keep prices down.

Certainly the West ought to have all the protection the tariff can give its products.

Districts Reduce Taxes

In the majority of states there is a great waste because of the duplication of school facilities and teachers. A modern, progressive trend is showing the possibilities of economy by consolidating small school districts, and reducing overhead by large scale operations.

It is estimated by the secretary of the California Taxpayers' Association that in that state the pooling of the purchasing for thousands of elementary school districts will result in an annual saving of a million dollars. The pooled purchasing power of many schools is naturally greater than that of a single school.

Outside of the important economies effected, it would seem that this will, as well, further improve education. The best possible teaching and equipment can be furnished at a lower cost.

Education is one of the largest items that take the tax dollars. Plans such as this, that effect economies without lowering the efficiency and quality of education, should be seriously considered by progressive states, and public officials.



BROADCAST RADIO PICTURE FROM MOVING AIRPLANE

Phila., Pa.—The first experiment in sending a radio picture from an airplane in flight to a receiving station on the ground was made in Philadelphia through the courtesy of station WFL. John G. Leitch, Federal Radio Inspector and George W. Humphreys, electrical engineer for WFL conducted the tests. A picture of Col. Lindbergh was broadcasted from the plane to the receiving station with success. Photo shows—left to right—John G. Leitch and George W. Humphreys with the apparatus in the plane just before taking off for the experiment.

MOVIE NOTES

"DETECTIVES," AMUSING SCENE

Strange mummies, in elaborately-carved sarcophagi, suggesting a museum or a catacomb in King Tut's tomb were used for broad and hilarious comedy purposes in one of the oddest sets ever designed for a motion picture, in "Detectives," new co-starring comedy of Karl Dane and George K. Arthur, which comes to the Moro Theater Saturday, October 6th. The new set kept the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer property shops busy for several days. In the picture the mummies represent a collection of a strange Egyptologist, turned crook, and the heroes of "Rookies" as amateur detectives, blunder into a strange series of hairbreadth adventures in the secret grotto. Dane even gets wrapped in mummy-cloth and impersonates a long-dead Egyptian monarch in his efforts to recover the stolen jewels in the odd adventure.

The new comedy is something entirely new to the screen, in that the story itself is a bizarre mystery thriller, the laughs being created by the two heroes blundering by mistake into the thrills and mysteries, and escaping usually by their own stupidity. Every "straight" thrill is thus anti-climaxed in a comical episode when the heroes of "Rookies" make an entrance.

Dane plays a "hick" hotel house detective and Arthur a bellboy who wants to be a sleuth. Marceline Day is the heroine, and Tenen Holtz, Polly Moran, Clarence Lyle, Koo Mai and others of note are in the cast. Chester M. Franklin directed the new picture from an original by himself and Robert Lord.

"PATENT LEATHER KID"

The fame of historic Camp Lewis, home of the 91st Division during the days of the World War, has been recorded in celluloid for the first time.

The pine-clad hills where rookies were made into soldiers by the thousands ten years ago are the background for the spectacular war scenes in First National's million dollar production, "The Patent Leather Kid," starring Richard Barthelmess, which comes to Sherman county next week at Moro Tuesday, October 9, Wasco Wednesday, October 10, and Grass Valley Thursday, October 11, fresh from its sensational Broadway run.

Troops from the Fourth Infantry, from Camp Lawton, joined the garrison of Camp Lewis for the maneuvers, as well as the Seventh Infantry from Vancouver Barracks. A number of R. O. T. C. boys from University of Washington also participated, together with about 500 civilians from Seattle. The latter played German soldiers as the U. S. Government does not permit regulars to don the German uniforms.

About fifty tanks are seen in action, as well as the entire battery of French 75s and other ordnance at Camp Lewis.

"The Patent Leather Kid" is from the stirring war story of that name by Rupert Hughes. It is the epic of the tank corps, and will perpetuate the deeds of the brave boys of that division who fought in France.

About seven weeks of actual shooting were required to make the war scenes. Thousands of pounds of powder were used in the attacks, some of which were made at night. The big feature, however, is the tanks in action.

"NAUGHTY BUT NICE"

The world is growing more polite, according to Colleen Moore, whose latest First National picture, "Naughty But Nice," at Grass Valley Saturday and Wasco Sunday, has as its background a fashionable Eastern finishing school.

"The least error in the unwritten rules of etiquette as shown on the screen is sure to bring hundreds of letters to the studio," says Miss Moore. "Usually, these letters are the result of some debatable point on which both the writers and the producers may be right."

The very best social form was observed in "Naughty But Nice," because it reflects life in a girls' school.

Chief in support of Colleen Moore in this comedy are Donald Reed, Claude Gillingwater, Hallam Cooley, Kathryn McGuire, Edythe Chapman and Clarissa Selwynne. The scenario is by Carey Wilson.

Close Big Deal By Phone

A big sugar deal, involving 300,000 tons of Cuban raw sugar valued at \$17,000,000, was consummated recently by transatlantic radio telephone service between New York and London. This is the largest deal in sugar ever made in one day and was made by the Czarnikow-Rionda Company of New York, through their London office, for the Cuban Export Corporation to British refiners.

Ten thousand dollars in cash prizes will be awarded for the best letters on "Why It Pays to Buy Chicks from a Hatchery," in the biggest prize contest ever conducted in the poultry industry, according to announcement made by the International Baby Chick National Campaign headquarters. The contest is open to everyone, particularly farmers and others interested in poultry raising, with the exception of hatchery operators, their employees and families.

What He Didn't Explain

If Governor Smith's Oklahoma City speech is an indication, the governor believes he did a good job of reorganizing the fiscal affairs of the state of New York. He is proud of the record. He devoted a good part of that speech to saying so.

Governor Smith quoted quite a few figures in setting forth just what he had done. There was one set of figures, however, which he didn't quote. He didn't mention the fact that New York state expenditures jumped from \$79,742,834 in 1917, to \$215,704,444 in 1927. He didn't tell his audience that while he was delving in the garden of New York state finance, the choicest fruit of that garden was an increased cost to the taxpayers of \$135,961,166, annually.

This omission on the part of the governor is all the more interesting in view of what he and his colleagues have had to say about the "mythical" economy of the Coolidge administration. In 1923, expenditures by the federal government were \$3,532,000,000. After five years of Coolidge economy, which the governor affects to despise, the cost of national government had been cut to \$3,479,000,000, despite enormous increases in veterans' relief, and a decrease of six billion dollars in the bonded debt.

To use the governor's own expression, figures sometimes speak louder than words. But in this instance, the echo spoils the original effect.

Pampering The Law Breaker

Maudlin sentiment that makes martyrs of criminals and turns them loose to prey upon society results in encouraging crime. More than that, it would almost seem as if crime were a safe profession if only the criminal is sufficiently dramatic and vicious to enlist the sympathies of misled reformers.

A California criminal presents a case in point. He was first sent to the penitentiary as a desperate evildoer. He proved this by participating in a prison break in 1914, in which he was wounded and four were killed.

The guards in prison found him an unusually vicious character to handle. Yet he was turned loose, to be given "another chance." What might have been expected happened. He used his "chance" to go on a murder fest that resulted in the murder of four and the wounding of a fifth.

On being apprehended he said that he was merely "squaring" matters for what had been done to him. And it is an actual fact that some reformers are now claiming that he is insane and should not be held responsible for his acts.

Recently Senator John J. Blaine of Wisconsin remarked, while the Senate District Committee was considering a new "pistol law," that professional salvagers were the cause of too many laws, "creating crime after crime, heaping sin upon sin."

We will not have crime reform until our laws are simplified and enforced, and criminals are given their due as savages of society. Passing more anti-pistol laws restricting law-abiding citizens and infringing on their constitutional rights to own small arms, will not reduce crime or restrain real criminals who can as conveniently use knives, hatchets, axes, clubs, poison, etc. Such laws make "more laws to break."

Farm Electrification

One of the greatest benefits ever given the farmer is electricity. It is revolutionizing agricultural life and methods. Old and inefficient equipment is passing out in favor of power-operated equipment that is cheaper to operate, and superior in many ways.

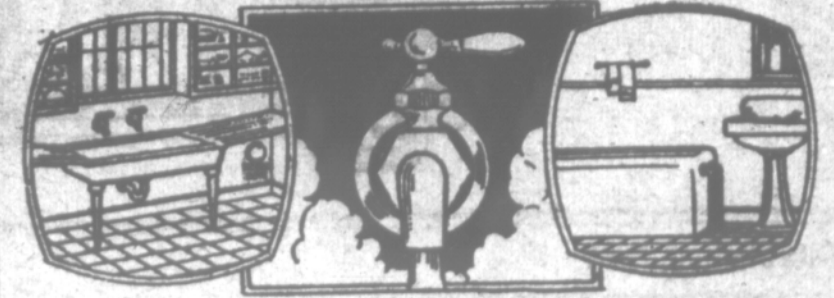
There are a number of important problems that must be met to make farm electrification general. If wrongly handled, electricity on the farm is a failure. If handled correctly it is a tremendous success. There must be cooperation between the farmer, the power company and the manufacturer of electric equipment.

The initial wiring installation should be heavy enough to carry an adequate load. Light wiring that is sufficient for only lighting purposes is quickly out-moded. At the beginning, provision must be made for increased future use. Sufficient outlets should be installed in all places where electricity can be used.

Electricity can be used most economically by utilizing low horse-power motors and taking a little longer for the work, than by high-powered motors that hurry the work.

If farm power is employed scientifically, it will pay for itself in saving time and work. The modern farmer, who understands its uses, is entering a new and greater period of agrarian prosperity.

Miss Bertha Beck, Albany, state secretary; Mrs. Marie Flint McCall, Brush College; and Mrs. Winifred Ohling, Albany, were hostesses in the name of the state fair to all visitors at the state fair this year, maintaining a rest room and reception room wherein all comers might register and enjoy a social chat while resting. This convenience has been maintained by the grangers for some years and is greatly appreciated. The fair just closed is said to have been the best in every way of any ever held during the 66 years of its existence.



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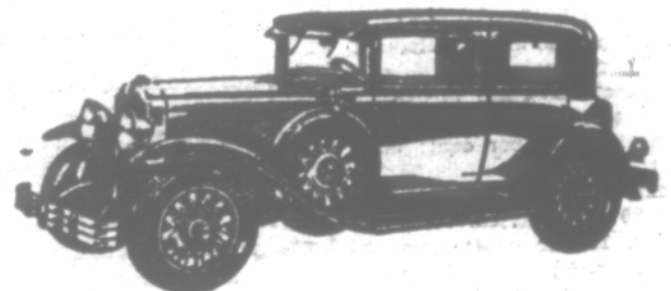
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