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Paying The Piper

A Southern Minnesota farmer thus
explains why farm products cost more
now than formerly: "When a farmer
is supposed to know the botanical
name of what he's raising, the en-
tomological name of the insect that
eats it, and the pharmaceutical name
of the chemical that will kill it, some-
body's got to pay."

Successful vegetable growers in
Oregon bear in mind that the pri-
mary consideration in fertilization
is the incorporation of humus in
the soil through stable or green
manures. This is considered primary
to figuring on the application of
commercial fertilizers following
which some definite fertilizer might
be used for each crop, says the
experiment station.

We Lead The World

The United States Today Compared With 126 Years Ago

Just 126 years ago in the city of
Paris two men sat down to a table
to make a trade. One was the great-
est empire builder of his time, Napo-
leon Bonaparte. The other was the
greatest empire builder of all time, an
American Citizen. Napoleon was
then first consul of France and with-
in a year was made emperor. The
American, Robert R. Livingston was
the minister from the United States
and Thomas Jefferson was our presi-
dent. The trade was made and Amer-
ica bought the Louisiana territory
for the sum of 15 million dollars. The
deal involved in round numbers one
million square miles of land and was
purchased at about 2 1/2 cents per
acre. That is probably all it was
worth then and all it might ever have
been worth, had it not been developed
by the enterprise and ingenuity of
the American Pioneer.

Thirteen states have been carved
out of that domain. One hundred
twenty six years is but a day in the
life of a nation, and yet in that short
time, these states have become not
only the most productive agricul-
tural region in the world, but the
very backbone of our nation. Out of
this territory was carved Oregon
with its 36 counties each having an
average value in farm property alone
of more than the price paid to France.
To make further comparisons on the
purchase would be idle, but I may
add that the value of all farm prop-
erty alone in this Louisiana purchase
is today about 23 billion dollars. Why
this has not been urged as a reason
for cancelling the war debts I don't
know. It would be just as sound, per-
haps as any yet offered, for our prof-
its in this real estate transaction, just
as other profits complained of, were
solely the result of American ingenu-
ity and American industry.

And if you seek the reason for this
enormous development of agriculture
here in this bread basket of the
world, you will have to give a great
deal of credit to the manufacture of
up-to-date farm machinery, for with
out agricultural machinery this would
be a backward country yet, and with-
out power farming machinery, it
would be a poor country, for the cost
of production would be so great,
there would not be a decent living
possible in farming. Suppose we
tried farming today with the equip-
ment available to our pioneers. Prof.
H. B. Walker, of Kansas State Agri-
cultural College, says that by the
cradle and hand binding method, it
would require 775 thousand harvest
hands working 20 days each to cut,
bind, and shock the 1926 crop of
wheat of Kansas.

If I were to name the one machine
that has contributed more than any
thing else to this agricultural devel-
opment, I would name the internal
combustion engine. It has given us
the tractor, the automobile, the truck,
the stationary motor, the combine,
and a number of other uses. It has
changed the covered wagon and the
prairie road and trail to modern auto-
mobile and the paved road. It has
shortened distances and released
mankind from untold drudgery. It
has made possible the breaking of
millions of acres of prairie soil. It
has multiplied the capacity of each

pair of hands and made possible the
greatest agricultural production per
man employed ever achieved in the
world. It has hastened the coming
of scientific farming and has lifted
the life of the farmer and the farmer's
family to higher levels of living and
to the better enjoyment of the prod-
ucts of their labor. It has made Ore-
gon and all this territory rich, and it
will make them yet richer in the
future, for the fields for its use has
not yet been covered. The surface
has barely been touched. With its
aid we have conquered the air. It
has put transportation ahead of the
railroad.

New air lanes mean new fields of
commerce. New fields for commerce
mean new outlets for our agricul-
tural production. It means new in-
dustries. It brings nearer the day when
our home markets will consume all
our farm products, and that will be
the greatest day in our agricultural
history. We often fail to appreciate
the value to agriculture arising from
prosperous urban industries. We
are accustomed to place the annual
crop production of our farms at 10
billion dollars. The same amount of
food produced on the same farms 75
years ago would not have been worth
one tenth of that amount.

I do not fear so much over pro-
duction in anything. New goods
mean new wealth. Our own country
is increasing in population at an
enormous rate; so is the whole world.
In 1880 the population of the world
was 800 million; in 1900 it was 1,543
millions, and today it is over 1,900
millions. Every year there are 15
million new mouths to feed and every
year all these people are striving for
a higher civilization; are waiting for
more things. But a few years ago
legs were the only means of locomo-
tion in China. Today China is a con-
stantly growing market for American
automobiles, as well as other prod-
ucts, and makers of these are fed
by farmers of the northwest. China
and Japan are taking more and more
wheat from our western fields. A
large part of this is grown right here.

I am not overlooking the fact that
agriculture here as elsewhere in the
United States has its problems. Al-
though the relation today of prices for
farm products and prices for urban
commodities is better than it has
been for the past eight years, there
is still much room for improvement.
The farmer is not yet securing his
fair share of the rewards of industry.
There is much that could be said and
much is written every day relative
to the legislative measures for farm
relief now being proposed and upon
which it seems farmers and farm
organizations themselves are unable
to agree. It is a bigger problem than
I can handle. Therefore leave it for
someone else to talk on.

After all, it is not the price, but
the profit that spells relief. I think
it is up to the farmer to try to lower
the cost of production as much as
possible. There is no longer room
for doubt on the relative merits of
animal power and mechanical power
on the farm. In 1921 F. P. Mount
made the following statement:
"We must all come to realize that
the farmer of 1921 will be paying for
a tractor whether he buys one or not.
He will be paying in increased cost
of production, in lower yields, his
inability to cope with adverse weather
conditions and like all involuntary
payers, he will be paying with heavy
additions of usury for his ineffici-
ency."

That the truth of this statement
has been realized is evidenced not

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U. P. Buys Bus Lines

Railroad Company Now Has Auto Stage Rights In Three States

Purchase of the Interstate Coach
company, a stage line operating in
Washington and Idaho by the Ore-
gon - Washington Railroad & Nav-
igation company, unit of the Union
Pacific, has been announced by J. P.
O'Brien, general manager of the O-
W. R. & N.

The Interstate line operates be-
tween Spokane, Lewiston and Grange-
ville, Idaho, and includes Rosalia,
Colfax, Pullman, Uniontown and
Moscow in its runs. A branch line
operates between Spokane and Tekoa
via Fairfield.

The new acquisition closely fol-
lows the announcement of the pur-
chase of the Coldiron bus lines,
known as the Blue Mountain Trans-
portation company, operating be-
tween Pendleton, and between Pen-
dleton and Colfax.

These lines combined with the ser-
vice already operated by the Union
Pacific stages from Portland to Pen-
dleton, Walla Walla and Lewiston via
the Columbia river highway, give the
Union Pacific bus services in Oregon,
Washington and Western Idaho, with
the privilege of doing both interstate
and intrastate business.

ATTABOY EDDIE

SPECIALS for SATURDAY and MONDAY April 20 and 22

We have rearranged our store to give our customers the advantage
of modern methods of store arrangement and quick handy shop-
ping.

We are this week installing the very latest electrical commercial
refrigerator, made by the General Electric Co., thus giving our
patrons perfect food cooling protection all the time.

- Rolled Oats, 9 lb. sack 59c
- Sugar, Pure Cane 7 lbs. 41c
- Heinz Rice Flakes, 2 pkgs. 23c
- Del Monte Catsup, 14 oz. bottle 20c

Bananas—special—3 lbs for ... 23c

- Leslie's Shaker Salt, Plain or Iodized 10c
- 16 oz. pkg. Campfire Marshmallows 30c
- Burt Olneys tender Sweet Peas 2 cans 32c
- Red Mexican Beans 5 lbs. 38c
- Citrus Bar Soap, 6 bars for 25c
- Carrots, 4 bunches for 25c
- Snowflakes, Family Size, 47c
- Calumet Baking Powder 26c
- 1 lb. tin 26c
- Dunbar Shrimps, per can 18c
- Royal Red, Solid Pack Tomatoes 45c
- No. 2 1/2 tins, 3 for 35c
- Mays Special Blend Coffee, lb. pkg. 35c
- Borden's or Pet Milk, tall cans, 3 for 28c

We reserve the right to limit quantities

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Store No. 111 UNITED GROCERS OF OREGON, INC.

Movies

"TIDE OF EMPIRE" IS TRULY A
GREAT SPECTACLE

Glorious romance, thunderous ad-
venture, and the dramatic spectacle
of the onward march of a new civiliza-
tion hold sway Saturday at the
Moro Theatre, where "Tide of Em-
pire," Peter B. Kyne's gigantic ro-
mance, of the California gold rush,
will astound its audience by the sheer
beauty and mighty drama of its story.

This new Metro - Goldwyn - Mayer
spectacle, produced by Cosmopolitan
is so huge that it almost staggers
description. Its theme is the founding
of a modern era of progress and the
overthrow of an old civilization. The
hardships of the pioneers of the west
and the glamour of the days of '49
form the background for the story.
Through its plot runs a tender love
theme that leaves a haunting imprint
on the memory.

Allan Dwan, who directed the huge
production, has achieved one of the
signal triumphs of his career. Renee
Adoree, as the Spanish heroine, Jose-
phita, and George Duray, as the Irish
hero, Derry D'Arcy, and the rest of
the cast in the picture are to be con-
gratulated on the splendid portrayal
they have contributed.

Miss Adoree has a fiery role that
she handles with consummate artistry.
She portrays a daughter of the old
Spanish dons in California whose
land is menaced by the oncoming
horde of barbarian gold seekers and
is torn between her love for the in-
vaders and her love for one of their
number. George Duray gives a
splendid dramatic performance and
George Fawcett is a dominant char-
acter as Don Jose, one of the last
of the Spanish grandees.

The historic discovery of gold at
Sutter Mill, the dramatic founding
of the Wells Fargo Express, the rise
of the vigilantes, and other dramatic
details in the story of the Western
Argonauts are staged in a specta-
cular series of episodes.

James Bradbury, Sr., Paul Hurst
and Harry Gribbon, as the comical
partners, lend a unique touch of
character.

In addition to salt, two kinds of
minerals, phosphorus and lime, are
necessary to the wellbeing of the
dairy cow. These minerals are the
principal parts of the bone, and are
found to a great extent in the milk
of cows. Alfalfa hay is very rich in
lime, but is deficient in phosphorus,
which may be supplied by feeding
sterilized bone flour, says the Oregon
experiment station.

The masonic lodge of Oregon has
just passed a ruling opening the
Royal Arch Masonic student loan
fund to all senior students who are
residents of Oregon whether they
have masonic connections or not.

Teachers' Institute

Meeting Held at Wasco De-
cides Many School
Problems

A teachers' institute was held in
Wasco, Saturday, April 6. The first
part of the program consisted of
musical numbers; America, by the
assembly, songs by the first grade
room, piano solos by Misses Win-
field Fortner and Mary Jeanette
Sargent, and a song by the high
school boys.

Superintendent Rakes made an
announcement that the schools will
be allowed more room for exhibit at
the county fair this fall. They have
authorized renting a large circus
tent, and each school can then be
allotted space for a booth.

A very interesting and instructive
address was given by Professor
Dewey, head of the training depart-
ment of the Oregon Normal School,
at Monmouth. Following this address
Mr. Dewey conducted a round table
discussion. A principals' meeting
was also held at this time. Decision
was made to hold the annual field
meet and declamatory contest on
May 11, at Grass Valley. Wasco
High school will compete single-hand-
ed against the other high schools of
the county in field and track. Kent
High school will play a picked team
from the county in baseball in the
forenoon of the day. A musical
pageant will be conducted on the
same day at 11 a. m. The Kent High
school will play for the field meet.

Ruth Bryant, Secretary, Sherman
County Division, O. S. T. A.

Men Folks to Be Pleased

The men of this vicinity certainly
had their innings during the presen-
tation of "The Patsy" last week. Self-
satisfaction beamed from every mas-
culine countenance. It may be of in-
terest to them to learn that they are
going to enjoy themselves again most
thoroughly when "Adam and Eve" is
presented at the Legion Hall on May
Third. From the moment the curtain
goes up and reveals Mr. King and his
struggle with the monthly bills of his
extrav