Millions Saved In Farm Interest

The balance sheets of literally hundreds of thousands of farmers who have secured loans from the federal land banks in the last 12 years show a real and tangible gain from such loans. The average reduction in interest rates throughout the country is not less than 2% per annum, meaning a saving of approximately $25,000,000 each year to the 400,000 borrowers from the land banks in the United States, fully $2,000,000 of which represents the saving to farmers in the four northwestern states. The banks has made for stability, permanence and increased profit in the farming industry.

The funds loaned are secured mainly from the sale of bonds backed by the mortgages given by the farmers. Upon these bonds the farmers of the northwest pay approximately $1,000,000 interest four times annually, thus necessitating prompt payment of installments upon their long-term loan.

Farm property in certain localities in the northwest is unduly burdened with tax and such land must be excluded from credit priviledges. Tax delinquency prevents farmers from securing the benefits of a cooperative, long-term loan, for taxes are a first lien upon property, and the bank's mortgage cannot take second place. This applies not only to prospective borrowers but to those having loans as well. Therefore, officers of national farm loan associations make a searching investigation of the ability of borrowers to pay taxes and exclude those upon which the burden is too heavy.

The federal land banks are no more government institutions than are national banks. The government has no investment in either land banks or national farm loan associations of this district. The mistaken idea that the government owns stock in these institutions probably arises from the fact that to aid the bank in starting it acquired most of the initial stock, but this long since has been repaid and the stock is owned solely by the associations. It does, however, supervise the banks much in the same manner that the federal reserve board oversees the member banks of the federal reserve system.

The fact that the banks retains a spread of only one percent between the rate of interest borne by their bonds and at the rate charged borrowers definitely limits them to the principal function of aiding the farmers to pool their mortgage credit so as to obtain the lowest possible interest rate on borrowed long-term funds. It also makes it imperative that farmers adhere strictly to their agreements to pay their installment payments promptly.

Unfair to Public Officials

Every American citizen can bear witness to the benefits that have resulted from the great development and progress of the power industry under private management. Under private management the electric industry grows steadily more progressive and efficient, divides fair profits among hundreds of thousands of share-holders and provides the public with unlimited electrical energy at a low price.

Government ownership is a wraith from the past. It owes its inception to early days when there was no concentrated private capital to make needed developments. But our people have always preferred to keep the government out of business as far as possible.

Charges that "exorbitant profits" are earned by the electric companies are direct attacks on the integrity of public officials and commissions whose business it is to regulate and fix rates fair to the public and industry alike. The majority of American citizens are unalterably opposed to government competition or participation in business. And they are unwilling to change from our proven industrial system of today, with its prosperity for all concerned, to a vague, socialistic theory.

Very Poor Logic

Crime reformers, citing the fact that England, where possession of small arms is forbidden, has fewer crimes of violence than the United States, reach the conclusion that an anti-pistol law is the panacea that will save this country from the criminal.

This logic is superficially persuasive but far from complete. The lack of crime in England is due mainly to the fact that its courts are efficient and justice swift, and that it has the greatest centralized police system known.

Scotland Yard officers are sent to all parts of England to investigate major crimes. In this country it is up to small town sheriffs and constables who usually lack both facilities and training.

In English courts evasion, technicalities and red tape, designed to cloud the facts, are unknown. Immediately on commission of a crime, expert detectives are given the evidence and in most cases find the criminal. He is immediately tried, sentenced and adequately punished.

American crime reformers would do well to imitate the real causes of English efficiency instead of promoting a law vulnerable in theory and which in practice tends to disarm the law-abiding and not the criminal.

New Census Bill Now Law

The new census and reapportionment bill passed at the special session of congress and signed by the president June 18 provides that the next decennial census shall be taken starting April 1, 1930, and calls for enumeration of unemployed in mines, agriculture and general population.

Under the provisions of the act the house of representatives will be reapportioned according to the shift in population during the last 20 years; it was estimated that there would be changes in 23 seats in the house, city districts gaining and rural ones losing in representation.

Approximately 100,000 temporary jobs will be made available on April 1 by the law. Positions of supervisors for the census will be filled by civil service but about 99,000 counters will be appointed by the director of the census on recommendations of republican congressmen only.

Who Dare Be the Judge

We have seen a strange phenomenon in the United States the past few months in efforts that have been made to curb individual buying of securities on the ground that this was necessary to prevent the public being injured by inflated market values.

It is a ticklish undertaking to try to tell certain individuals or certain banks that they cannot borrow or loan money on certain transactions which some other individual or bank feels is over-priced.

Marriage might be said to be as much of a lottery as stock buying and yet what authority dares check the practice or choose the partners in the transaction?

Government protection of an investor against fraud is one thing. Paternalism which tells an individual what he can do with his money is quite a different thing.

The present inclination of the public to buy stocks and bonds in our industrial enterprises is as commendable as was its inclination to buy only land and mortgages a few years back, and it is bringing more growth and prosperity to the country.

Factories of Country Three-Quarters Electrified

Industry in the United States is now three-quarters electrified, according to statistics recently announced by the U. S. Bureau of the census in its summary of the Census of Manufacturers. All of the net increase of 9,712,894 horsepower added to the prime movers employed in manufacturing establishments since 1919 has been in electric motors operating on power furnished by the public utility enterprises of the country. During the eight years between December 31, 1919, and December 31, 1927, the installed horsepower of the steam engines and turbines has decreased by one-half of one per cent, that of internal combustion engines has decreased by nearly six per cent, that of waterwheels and turbines has increased by one per cent, while the installation of electirc motors running on purchased power has increased by one hundred and six per cent — or more than doubled. The installation of motors operating on energy generated within the factories has increased since 1919 by 4,246,908 horsepower — or by sixty-one per cent, with the result that at the end of 1927 there were actually installed within the industries of the country 30,361,106 horsepower of electrically-operated equipment.

Installation of motors operating on locally-generated power is, however, being undertaken at a diminishing rate of increase. Between 1925 and 1927 the annual increase averaged only 480,683 horsepower per year as against 717,764 horsepower between the years 1923 and 1925. On the other hand the installation of motors operating on power purchased from utility lines showed an average annual increase, in the period 1925 to 1927, of 1,638,084 horsepower, as against an average of 1,268,024 horsepower in the period 1923 to 1925.

Crowded Village

So many places claim to be the smallest village or parish in England that it is difficult to make a choice, but Northholme, near Wainfleet, with an area of only 25 acres and 20 perches, and a population of about 200, must at least be the most populous for its tiny size.

Put Oil Fire Loss at Million

Los Angeles.—Fire destroyed several derricks and 40,000 barrels of oil in the Santa Fe Springs oil field. The loss was estimated at about $1,000,000.

Shoot, Capture Two Bank Robbers

Central City, Pa.—Constables and citizens shot and captured two bank robbers while two others escaped with a loot of $1,400 after robbing the Central City National bank.

Thrifty Germans Pile Up Marks

Berlin.—Thrifty Germans have saved nearly 1,000,000,000 marks in the first five months of 1929. Official statistics show savings banks' deposits at the end of April had risen to 7,958,000,000 marks, as compared with 6,989,000,000 at the end of December.

$300,000 Fire at Burlington, Iowa

Burlington, Iowa.—The $300,000 property of the Burlington Basket company, one of the largest in the country, has been destroyed by fire.

Oregon State News

Celebration of completion of Portland's $2,500,000 seawall project was featured recently.

Baker will soon have the tallest building between Portland and Salt Lake, ten stories.

The preliminary survey of the proposed railroad from Butte Falls to Klamath Falls has been started.

There will be a very small crop of loganberries this year, according to Senator Sam Brown of Marion county.

More than 1200 delegates and visitors to the 56th annual session of the Oregon state grange met at Medford.

The loop road from Klamath Falls to Medford by way of Crater Lake park has been opened to automobile traffic.

The National League of District Postmasters of Oregon held their annual convention in Portland June 17 and 18.

Charged with passing counterfeit silver dollars, four men were arrested in Redmond and are in the Deschutes county jail.

The gasoline schooner Azalea, a two-masted craft used in halibut fishing, went ashore about 16 miles north of Newport.

Secretary of Interior Wilbur, en route west to attend the interstate oil conference at Colorado Springs, will visit reclamation projects in eastern Oregon, it is announced.

Albany school district No. 5 has sold a $50,000 serial bond issue at a premium of $325. The bonds bear 5 per cent interest and are retired serially over a period of 20 years.

Log towing operations have been very successfully carried on since the first of the year between Newport and Siletz bay. Up to date 80 rafts have been delivered without a mishap.

Roseburg has waived its claim for the first annual turkey show to be staged by the Douglas County Turkey Breeders' association. It will be held at Oakland in December or January.

Oregon's candidate for a four years' scholarship in the Thomas A. Edison laboratories at Orange, N. J., was selected at a meeting of the committee appointed to judge qualifications at Salem.

Bend's new sheep bridge cost a total of $161.28, but the city will have to pay only $150, in accordance with an agreement whereby Mayor Gove will pay the excess out of his own pocket.

Real singing frogs will be added to the resources of Deschutes county. The first installment of breeding stock has been brought to Bend from Canyon City as a gift from District Game Warden Hazeltine.

Announcement is made that 36 stores in Coos, western Douglas and Curry counties have joined the United Purity Stores, an organization of grocery store owners formed for the purpose of group buying.

A new-born seal that drinks milk out of a nipple and rubber tube and is of an unusual soft pearl color with silvery gray spots, and soft, deep fur instead of hair, is attracting a great deal of attention at Seaside.

Fire losses in Oregon, exclusive of Portland, for May aggregated $229,833, according to a report prepared by Clare A. Lee, state fire marshal. There were 92 fires reported during the month. Thirty-eight fires were of incendiary origin.

Construction on the new $4,000,000 sawmill and logging layout of the Edward Hines Western Pine company in and near Burns is well ahead of schedule and should be completed by December 1, according to F. W. Pettibone, company manager for Oregon and Mississippi.

One hundred and eleven business men and residents of Tillamook have signed a petition to relieve Night Officer George Robinson of sweeping downtown streets early in the morning, so that he may devote his time to check the petty thievery that is sweeping the city.

From every section of Jackson county along the foothill and mountain stream settlements come complaints of ranchers to local game wardens that deer are eating garden and grain crops. Even residents of Ashland complain that deer come down from the game refuge and destroy gardens.

Boyd and Verner Heim, 14, were hunting ground hogs near Redmond. One of the little animals was chased into a metal pipe. Verner was to fire when Boyd gave the order. "Shoot," ordered Boyd while peering into the pipe, attempting to locate the marmot. The bullet struck him just below the right jaw.

Ted Roy, "the singing blacksmith of Pilot Rock," was married recently to Miss Barbare Edmunds of Pendleton. The marriage took place on the Roy lawn at Pilot Rock among the "Hills of Home," one of his popular singing numbers. Roy is a graduate of Oregon state college and Miss Edmunds of the University of Oregon.

Portland celebrated the inauguration of its new 61¼-hour passenger train schedules to Chicago. Approximately 12,000 people turned out at the North Bank station during the day to inspect the crack new Empire Builder of the Great Northern.

The expenditure of $45,000,000 by the secretary of interior to protect and develop the Umatilla rapids in the Columbia river for reclamation and navigation purposes, was asked in a bill introduced in congress by Representative Butler of Oregon.

Because of the high per capita cost of maintenance, the trustees of Philomath college voted to suspend college for a year.

Olive drab will replace blue when members of the uniform division of the Portland police bureau appear in their new outfits.

Edgar Rogers, 56, and William Van Duzen, 73, both of Multnomah county, escaped from the Oregon state hospital farm at Salem.

George Temple Thompson, pioneer blacksmith at The Dalles, is dead at the age of 78 years, after a residence in The Dalles of 50 years.

A large herd of elk have made their appearance on Hunters Head, six miles below Gold Beach. There are more than 30 in the herd.

The city council of Medford has passed an ordinance prohibiting the locating of any more used car lots within the inner fire limits.

Joseph Gifford, 79, a Talent farmer, is in a hospital in a critical condition from injuries received when he was attacked by a maddened bull.

Petitions are in circulation at Salem to compel the city council to refer to the people the granting of a bus franchise to the Southern Pacific.

Old-time scenes of miners stepping up to the "bar" were re-enacted at Canyon City when the three-day Whiskey Gulch celebration opened.

Because his companion shot when ordered to do so, James Boyd, 30, is in a Bend hospital with a bullet wound in his neck. He may recover.

Rotary, Kiwanis, Elks and the Ashland chamber of commerce will cooperate with Ashland Lithians in putting over a big Fourth of July celebration.

Dick Reed, ex-University of Oregon football star, was charged with hog stealing in a secret indictment returned by the Klamath county grand jury.

Commencement exercises of the Dayton school have been indefinitely postponed because Professor D. Lynn Cubser came down with the smallpox last Friday.

Although his throat was pierced by a bullet, James Boyd, 30, of Bend, confined to a local hospital as the result of an accidental shooting, will recover.

The annual auction of wool at Shaniko marked the disposal of 700,000 pounds. Many years ago as much as 4,000,000 pounds of wool was sold annually at Shaniko.

The county commissioners and the county engineers of Washington will hold their annual joint meeting at Walla Walla during the week of the Pendleton Round-Up.

The Oregon state grange, in annual convention at Myrtle Point, went on record as indorsing action of the Marion county Pomona master in enjoining payment of $5 a day additional expense money voted for legislators at the last session.

Pursued through Eugene's business section after he had cashed a worthless check, Cecil Dunham, 26, San Francisco, was captured by Julian Ash, manager, and G. A. Hiltibrand, employe of the store which he victimized.

Ivan Pearson, chief of the McMinnville fire department, was elected president of the Oregon State Firechiefs' association at one of the final meetings of the tenth annual conference which closed with a clam chowder breakfast at Tillamook.

Little Creatures of God

The Smallest Bird

The "humming bird" is the smallest bird of all. In the United States these tiny creatures, are only three and a half inches long. Their feathers are beautiful. The father bird has a shiny green back, and the feathers underneath are gray and very soft. At his throat are a few bright red feathers which gleam in the sunlight. This kind of humming bird is called the "rubythroat." The mother bird is almost the same, except she has not the bright red spot near her throat.

They have long slender bills which they use to reach the tiny drops of sweetness, or nectar, lying down deep in the flowers. They also eat the tiny insects found on flowers. The wings of these birds move so fast that they make a humming sound, and you never see them resting on the flowers, but keep their little wings in motion all the time. After a good feast, the humming bird flies away to some tiny twig and rests. They make their nests high up in some large tree, and the nest is so small it cannot be seen from the ground. This nest is as pure and white as beautiful marble, and is very hard.

If you want to see a humming bird, the best way is to find a place where red flowers grow, and then remain quietly nearby. Do not move about or you will scare the birds away. Although they take their sweets from different kinds of flowers, they seem to like red flowers the best. They will often fly to window boxes which have red geraniums in them.

In the winter these beautiful birds fly south where it is very warm, and where the flowers are growing all through the year. The next time you visit a museum, look for these pretty little creatures, and you will see the smallest bird in the world.

The divorce court of London granted a divorce decree to Mrs. Lydia Dixon and agreed to notify her husband in New Zealand, 8,000 miles away.

Lower Cost and Better Service

While the cost of living today is two and one-half times what it was in 1890, the cost of electricity is but one-third of what it was at that time, according to a review just issued by the National Electric Light Association.

With the exceptions of 1918 and 1925, electricity has decreased in cost every year since 1890. The average price of electricity for domestic use in the United States is now 25 per cent under pre-war prices, though the cost of living is 70 per cent above.

Compared with 1919, the first post-war year, the cost of electricity has decreased 15 per cent. It is estimated that electricity represents but one per cent of the family budget.

Of even greater importance is the fact that electric service has improved in direct proportion to the decrease in cost. This was made possible by the principle of mass production — small profits and a large turnover. The small local plants, with their high unit cost and their comparative inefficiency, are rapidly disappearing and their place is taken by the great interconnected systems.

It is not stating the case too forcibly to say that our industrial and social progress has been dependent on the progress made by the electric industry. And what has been accomplished for the city home is now being accomplished for the farm home and the smallest communities.

Home Pointers

(From School of Home Economics)

A small piece of apple cooked with cabbage, onions, cauliflower, or other strong-smelling vegetables, lessens odor of the cooking.

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White spots on furniture may be removed by rubbing them rather briskly with a bit of alcohol. The spots are then rubbed with furniture polish.

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Fruit-stains may be removed from the hands without irritation by rubbing with cornmeal moistened with vinegar.

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An inexpensive and convenient frog for a flower bowl may be made from a square of galvanized wire netting with one-fourth inch mesh. The corners of the square may be turned down to serve as legs and the frog set in the bowl.

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Fingernails may be protected when gardening by wetting them and drawing them over a wet cake of toilet soap, forcing it under the nails. The soap is easily washed out and protects from stains and irritations from the dirt.

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A handy contrivance for any kitchen is a group of rods suspended from the ceiling on a rope running through a pulley, thus allowing it to be raised and lowered. This rack may be used in drying towels or other clothing in rainy weather. The greatest heat is near the ceiling, and the clothing is entirely out of the way of the housewife.

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Checking of new patent leather shoes may be prevented if, as soon as they are warmed by natural heat of the foot, a few drops of neats foot oil is rubbed in thoroughly until completely absorbed by the leather.

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Sediment in a bottle can be removed by partly filling it with soapy water and placing in it some shot or dry rice and then shaking it around until the sediment is dislodged.

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Paint and varnish spatters can be removed from windows by applying either kerosene or alcohol and then rubbing with a rough surface, such as a coin or a dull knife.

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Water and washing soda give better results in washing windows than soapy water as it does not leave a cloudy appearance.

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A well built closet in the attic for holding clothes that are not used frequently is a great convenience. This type of closet is often lined with tar paper and sealed as tightly as possible.

SUMMONS — In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County.

Albert O. Ekstrom, plaintiff, vs. Olive M. Ekstrom, defendant.

To Olive M. Ekstrom, defendant above named: In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled court and cause within four (4) weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, to-wit: within four (4) weeks from the 21st day of June, 1929, and if you fail so to appear and answer plaintiff's complaint, plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief prayed for in his complaint, to-wit: For a decree of divorce from you upon the ground of wilful desertion.

This summons is published and served upon you by order of the Hon. E. D. McKee, county judge of Sherman county, Oregon, which said order was made and entered on the 19th day of June, 1929, and the time prescribed for publication thereof is four (4) weeks in the Sherman County Observer, a weekly newspaper published at Moro, in Sherman county, Oregon.

The date of the first publication of this summons is June 21, 1929, and the date of the last publication is July 19, 1929.

W. C. Bryant, Moro, Oregon.
Attorney for Plaintiff.

Watch the Clock!

In a Paris ballroom the musicians must keep their eyes on a big dial like a clock face, which beats the time and indicates how many beats are allowed to the minute. Its speed is controlled by the orchestra leader.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
ISOLATED TRACT 026839

Public Land Sale, Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon. April 23, 1929.

Notice is hereby given that, as directed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under provisions of Sec. 2455, R. S., pursuant to the application of Siegfried Tomsen, Serial No. 026839, we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, but at not less than $2.50 per acre, at 10:10 o'clock a. m., on the 26th day of June, next, at this office, the following tract of land: S½SW¼, SW¼SE¼, Sec. 12, T. 1 S., R. 18 E., W. M.

This tract is ordered into the market on a showing that the greater portion thereof is mountainous or too rough for cultivation.

The sale will not be kept open, but will be declared closed when those present at the hour named have ceased bidding. The person making the highest bid will be required to immediately pay the amount thereof.

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