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## FACTS AND COMMENTS ON AGRICULTURE

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### Why the Agricultural Unrest

L. M. Rhodes, Commissioner of the Florida State Marketing Bureau, published the following significant facts and comments in the State Bulletin under date of July 15:

Every time the sun sets the farmers of the United States have added \$30,000,000 to the wealth of the nation, yet every day since 1910 the agricultural indebtedness has increased on an average of \$1,450,000.

While only 4 per cent of the farmers and laborers on farms are in the United States, they produce 70 per cent of the corn, 60 per cent of the cotton, 50 per cent of the tobacco, 50 per cent of the citrus fruits, 25 per cent of the wheat, 20 per cent of the oats, 13 per cent of the flax and 7 per cent of the potatoes of the world. This is undeniable evidence of efficient and abundant production, but the cash earnings of the farmers are smaller than all other workers. The average of all workers is \$1415 per capita.

From 1914 to 1925 the deposits in all banks in the United States increased from \$21,359,842,316 to \$51,892,932,000. In spite of these facts there were 915 bank failures in 1924, which was 272 more than failed in the panic of 1893, most of them in agricultural sections. Farmers are wondering if our present banking laws were intended to protect banks in farming sections, and if our financial system applies to agriculture. If not, why not?

Many farmers in the United States wonder if it were fair or wise to make it easy for them to get into debt through farm loan legislation and deflate both the currency and the prices of farm products, as was done in 1920, so they could not pay their debts and must lose billions in depreciation in land values.

Farmers do not understand why our government will lend billions to foreign countries, and give them five or six decades in which to pay it back at from one-fourth to one-half the interest rate that is charged the farmer. In other words they want to know why foreign countries can be rehabilitated with United States government money at less than half the interest rate, and have twice as long to pay back as our own farmers.

Being neither fools nor medics, they wonder why congress would pass the Adamson law which shortened the hours of railroad laborers from 10 to 12 to 8 hours and added \$237,000,000 annually to their wages; and the Esch-Cummings act, creating a labor board and increasing wages on our railroads \$487,000,000 per year, necessarily increasing freight rates on farm products. Also why after passing the immigration law, protecting labor, congress should quibble over farm relief measures, declaring them class legislation.

They also wonder, when they read in the reports of the Federal Trade Commission that one per cent of the population of the United States owns 59 per cent of the wealth, and 13 per cent of the population owns 90 per cent of the wealth, while 87 per cent of the population owns only 10 per cent of the wealth—they wonder if everybody who creates wealth is receiving a square deal.

### Observe the Potato Law

Last year many arrests were made for violation of the law requiring potatoes to be graded and sacks stenciled. Convictions were secured in every case and the violators had to pay fines and court costs. State Market Agent Spence urges farmers, dealers and retailers to observe the law and avoid the expensive prosecutions. It simply requires an honest pack and will work for the interests of honest dealers. Grades, rules and regulations will be sent anyone on request, 812 Court House, Portland.

## NO RECORD OF COUNTY SEAT AT JACKSONVILLE

Jacksonville has been the county seat of Jackson county for 76 years, and according to the Mail Tribune of Saturday, no record can be found of the county's seat of government ever having been established there. This was discovered by Chief Justice McBride of the supreme court in preparing to write the opinion authorizing the Jackson county clerk to certify for the ballot a proposal to move the county seat to Medford.

A search of the records was thoroughly made and found that neither the territorial legislature proceedings nor the Jackson county court furnish any record of how Jacksonville became the county seat.

It is presumed that Jacksonville was made the county seat because there were no other towns at that time.

## COAST AIR MAIL DELIVERY TO START SOON

The Pacific Air Transport company of Portland will start within the next few days to carry out its contract with the government to carry air mail between Seattle and Los Angeles, according to Vern C. Gorst, president of the company. The schedule calls for daily service six days a week.

The entire trip from Seattle to Los Angeles will be made in about 13½ hours.

## TAKE TRIP TO CRESCENT CITY

The latter part of last week the Rev. Tully and family, of the Presbyterian church at Salem, the Rev. Iverson and family of Medford, with the Rev. and Mrs. Johnson and family, also Miss Florence Hamrick, of Central Point and a Miss Kemple, of Salem, took an overland journey via the Oregon Caves to Crescent City to spend a short time on the sea coast.

They report favorable weather conditions, and came home much enthused over the wonderful display made by Nature not only in the caves and at the beach, but in the greatness of the redwood trees, said to be the oldest living things in the world.

For lack of ability to express our feeling on hearing of these wonders we recall the words of Joyce Kilmer: "I wonder, could there ever be

A poem lovely as a tree;  
Poems are made by fools like me,  
But only God can make a tree."

The Endeavors of the Christian church gave a box social at the city park on Tuesday evening. Mr. Ray Henderson came in from Crater lake park to auction off the boxes. The young people will apply the funds raised toward paint for the church building. Several games were played by the young people and a jolly time was reported.

I. G. Shaw and family returned from Wildwood Springs Saturday. Mr. Shaw reports heavier weight than in years, and is again on the job. He says "The Biggest Thing in the Rogue River Valley," is to start out again, the first Sunday in September "with a bang," and he is glad to be in charge of things again.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Fox and Geraldine, in company with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Paxson, drove to Prospect and Union Creek last Sunday where they picnicked and enjoyed the beauties of Nature throughout the day.

Ray Henderson and wife were over from Crater Lake for the weekend. They made a trip to Roseburg to be in attendance at the wedding of a niece of Mr. Henderson, and returned Wednesday morning to the lake.

O. R. Pankey enjoyed an over Sunday visit from his two daughters, Mrs. Simington, of Dunsmuir, and Mrs. Stewart of Portland. They were accompanied by their husbands, the entire party leaving for their respective home on Monday morning.

## PREFERRED STOCK; COPCO SELLING FAST

D. G. Tyree, of Medford, Secretary of The California Oregon Power Company, spent part of the week in Douglas county, at Roseburg and vicinity, assisting local members of the Copco organization in caring for orders for Copco's latest investment offering.

Mr. Tyree states "Careful investors everywhere throughout the field recognize the value of Copco Preferred Stock as a permanent investment. More than a thousand shares of this security have been purchased by the investing public during the past few weeks through members of our organization and banks in the field served by Copco. Investors of both large and small means are rapidly taking advantage of the present opportunity to purchase this attractive security both for cash and upon the company's savings plan."

"With Great Western Power Company's Six Per Cent Preferred Stock now selling at \$96 per share, and our new preferred stock selling for the price and yield announced in May, careful and well-informed investors in Southern Oregon and Northern California are rapidly securing shares in Copco's latest offering while the chance still exists to obtain it at its present selling price."

### JIM! JIM!

The boys around town have a good joke on Jim Ross, who left yesterday with the Medford Legion boys for Marshfield, where the American convention of the Legion will be held this week.

Jim, in haste, who is in the drum corps, forgot his drum until he had arrived at Grants Pass and had to make the return trip for it. Jim's friends want an explanation. If the drum had been forgotten on leaving Marshfield no questions would have been asked.

## JACKSON COUNTY GETS \$12,535

Jackson county will receive \$12,535.29 as its portion of the \$385,636.50 representing accumulated interest for a year on the state school fund, which has been apportioned among the various counties. The school census shows the number of persons in the state between 4 and 20 years to be 252,000, making the apportionment \$1.53 per capita. Last year the total amount was \$373,273.50, or \$1.50 per capita, with the school census 248,249.

Captain Gay of the Salvation Army of Medford, left Wednesday by auto for Victoria, B. C., for a two weeks' vacation. He was accompanied by his mother and sister, Mrs. Martin and children, who have been visiting at the Gay home the past month. They expressed themselves as delighted with our climate and scenery and enjoyed their stay here very much.

The highway commission has put a crew of 80 men to work on the Pacific highway in the Siskiyou mountains south of Ashland, where they will be employed until the rainy season sets in. The work consists of widening the highway in many places and straightening the numerous sharp curves.

The heavy smoke pall hanging over the valley, caused from forest fires in the surrounding foothills and mountains, is said to be a benefit to the valley fruit, as it had been reported as suffering from hot sun rays, which are now more or less subdued by the haze.

Mrs. Mattie Parker is home from Portland where she returned with her little granddaughter who has been visiting here for several weeks. Mrs. Parker visited in Eugene and Roseburg on the return trip with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Isaacson were visitors in Jacksonville Sunday.

## MYSTERY SHOT WOUNDS MINER ON GALICE TRAIL

Rendered unconscious when struck by a bullet from an unknown source yesterday afternoon on East creek in the Galice district, Lew Larson today is recovering from the effects of the wound. The bullet, apparently of a small caliber, inflicted a severe scalp wound on the left side of Larson's head. He disclaims any knowledge of the source of the bullet, stating that he knows of no enemies who might seek his life. While it is believed that the shooting may have been accidental, the sheriff's office this morning asserted that a thorough investigation will be made.

Larson, who is engaged in mining on East creek, was returning from Carpenter's store where he had gone for his mail. He had stopped about six and a half miles from the mouth of Galice creek for lunch at about 3:15 yesterday afternoon and was just straightening up from fastening on his pack when the bullet hit. He says that he must have been unconscious for more than a half hour. He says was alone at the time and after regaining consciousness painfully made his way to the wagon road at Galice. Traveling was slow, due to his weakened condition from loss of blood, and he did not arrive in Grants Pass until midnight last night.

"I don't know of anyone who could have wanted to kill me," Larson declared this morning, "as I have been working there for only a month and know few people. The wound was apparently made by a bullet from a small rifle."

Sheriff W. M. Hayes will institute an investigation immediately. The country in which the shooting occurred is extremely mountainous and chances for finding the person responsible are none too good.—Wednesday Grants Pass Courier.

## GREY COMES IN SEPTEMBER

Zane Grey is coming to the Rogue about September 6, he has written to Joe Wharton. Grey is now making his arrangements for the trip, and when he arrives here will spend only as much time as necessary getting his steelhead supplies. He will then pack in from Alameda to Winkle Bar, where he now has a crew of men working. Grey recently made application for a water right for use in mining and irrigation purposes.—Grants Pass Courier.

James McDowell is enjoying a visit from his brother G. W. McDowell, of Echo, Umatilla county, Oregon. The brothers have not met since G. W. was 15 years old and that was over 30 years ago. He is in the garage business and says he is pleased with the looks of southern Oregon. He would consider moving to this section if he could sever business interests to advantage in Umatilla county.

The Leever Hardware store has on hand the latest thing in the way of a circulating heater which is made for burning wood, pieces to be cut from 16 to 18 inches in length. They are an excellent stove for regulating heat and will keep the floor at practically the same temperature in all parts of a house. Mr. Leever is making a special price on these in order to introduce them in the West.

George Wallace is now enjoying his 15-day vacation. With the family, the first three days of this week was spent at Crater Lake, returning by way of Fort Klamath. Saturday the Wallace family will leave for a few days outing at Crescent City. Mrs. Guy Tex is carrying the mail during his absence.

Mrs. Withington, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Sparrow and daughter of Tolo, accompanied by relatives from Cleveland, Ohio, spent Monday at Crater Lake. The Ohio visitors are delighted with the Tofo community and scenery in southern Oregon.

Ira Love who left Monday for Roseburg and Eugene is expected to return today.

## SAMS VALLEY GRANGE TO HAVE PICNIC

The first annual picnic of Sam's Valley Grange No. 666, will be held at the Club grounds near the school house, Saturday, August 14.

The forenoon will be taken up with all kinds of sports.

At noon a big basket dinner will be served.

In the afternoon the program will consist of music, readings, and speaking on farm problems. Brother C. E. Spence, State Market Agent, of Portland and Brother C. H. Bailey of the Oregon Grange Bulletin, of Roseburg, will be the main speakers.

All farmers and Grangers of the county are invited to come with their families and bring well filled baskets. Sam's Valley Grange will furnish coffee, sugar and cream.

## GIRL FAILS TO SWIM ENGLISH CHANNEL

Clara Bell Barrett, New York swimmer, after swimming forty miles of the English channel, gave up after a brave but futile effort.

The fog was heavy and the sea rough. She had been in the water for 21 hours and 40 minutes. She will probably try to swim the channel again in the spring.

## KEATON'S ARMY FIGHTS FIRE

Buster Keaton's company, that filming "The General," at Cottage Grove, sustained a \$50,000 loss and nine men were injured in fighting fire and being injured when a frightened team became unmanageable and threw two National Guardsmen from a cannon cart. Fire which started from a wood burned over a large area and destroyed a camera valued at \$3,500. All men are expected to recover.—Glendale News.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Stoltz of Sacramento were visiting relatives and friends here this week. Mrs. Stoltz was Miss Claudia White, who spent a year here in high school.

Mrs. C. B. Rostel had friends in for her birthday Tuesday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lange and their daughter Hildegarde, Miss Mary A. Mee, Miss Murray of Medford, and the Rostel family.

Mrs. Billy Thompson and Mrs. John Sholey have completed the six weeks' Normal course at Ashland and have returned to their homes. Wilma Sholey will remain for the next term.

"They say" that two of Central Point's fair daughters will soon leave the ranks of their maiden sisters and assume the responsibility of ordering the groceries and other incidentals. Ain't love grand?

Donald Snyder, son of J. H. Snyder, former insurance man here and resident now of Salt Lake City, was a visitor in the city last night enroute to Santa Cruz, California, from Klamath Falls where he has been employed in a lumber mill.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Myers were among the Central Point people in the Applegate district picking blackberries Sunday.

Mrs. Emma White, Mrs. H. L. Bromley and Miss Mary Bebb of Medford, visited relatives here the first of the week.

W. E. Morris of the Table Rock district has been enjoying the visit of C. W. Rasey of Santa Barbara, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Richardson motored to Klamath Falls on business Monday and returned early Tuesday.

M. M. Kindie left early this morning for Marshfield where he will attend the American Legion convention. He expects to return Saturday night.