

STATE MARKET AGENT NEWS

An Efficient Department

One of the most active and efficient departments under the state market agent—the scope and benefit of which are not sufficiently appreciated—is the weights and measures department, an organization that stands between the people and short weights and measures, and a department that is ever ready to investigate and adjust any complaint from the weighing of lumber to measuring a milk bottle.

The last quarterly report filed with the state market agent shows that 3,225 scales were inspected, some permanently condemned and some for repairs. There were 426 linear measures reported on and 2800 liquid measures. Tests were made of 1315 oil pumps and 734 gas pumps.

There were 7402 inspections of boxes, baskets and sacks of fruit, vegetables, feed, flour and sugar; 36,360 inspections of milk bottles; 32,225 different pieces of bedding and many inspections of butter, lard, bread, hay, lumber, etc.

There is no complaint to send for this department to investigate. The officials will inspect a box of berries or weigh a load of hay, test a pint milk bottle or measure a carload of wood. There is prompt service and absence of red tape in the department.

Seven Hard Years.

For seven years farmers have furnished cheap food for cities—that is cheap at the farm—and the result is there is a steady movement from the farm to the cities, says State Market Agent Spence—a transfer of

there is shown a decrease in crop country wealth to the cities and towns. Just how long this can continue and the cities remain prosperous is speculation, but ultimately it is bound to react. With the purchasing power decreased on one-third of the population, the cities cannot permanently prosper, for when class prospers at the expense of another there cannot be stable conditions.

Must Obey the Law.

State Market Agent Spence is after the potato peddlers in Portland who sell Yakima stock without complying with the state law requiring the seller's name and the grade of the stock to be stenciled on the sack. In every arrest there has been conviction and fines.

Decrease in Farm Acreage.

The U. S. bureau of agricultural economics states that for the first time in the history of this nation acreage, the direct cause of which is the agricultural depression of the past five or six years. The department states that between the years 1919 and 1924 there was a reduction of about 19 million acres of harvested crops. Between 1899 and 1909 there was an increase of 28 million acres; from 1909 to 1919 the increase was 45 million acres. In the past five years crop land has decreased five per cent while the population has increased eight per cent.

Nation's Biggest Industry.

Agriculture leads all business in the amount of capital invested, amounting to approximately \$78,000,000,000. Manufacturing has about \$44,500,000,000; railroads \$21,

000,000,000; banks \$2,600,000,000 and life insurance companies \$1,250,000. When the largest industry of the world is depressed, general prosperity cannot long continue. The incoming congress will again be confronted with demands that agriculture be given aid to put it on equal footing with other industries.

EXPERIENCE PAYS—YOU BET!

A machine broke down. The operator, the foreman, and the plant engineer couldn't start it.

The expert took one quick look at the machine, tapped it several times with a hammer, and told the operator to start it.

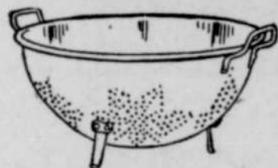
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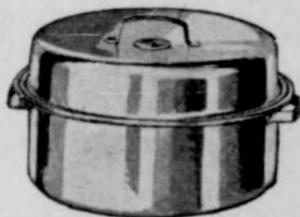
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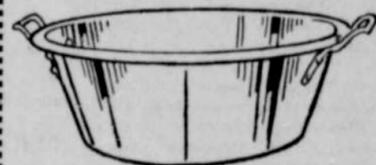
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