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NEED MORE LIME

A special campaign is being made at Corvallis for the development of the lime business in Oregon, the unlocking of a vast store of wealth that has been little touched so far. Sam H. Moore, in an article gives some interesting facts:

A soil without sufficient lime is a sour soil for which lime is the only economical corrective so far known. No matter how favorable other conditions may be, we cannot get the best results from sour land.

The Oregon farmer need not hesitate to apply lime to his land thinking it a doubtful experiment heretofore untried. Civilization does not long antedate the use of lime in agriculture. Information gleaned from various sources shows that China was the first country to discover its use, and effectively apply its knowledge. Egypt and ancient Greece followed. The beginning of the Christian Era found the Romans improving their soil by the use of marl. Leaving the thousands we come to the matter of years in the hundreds, and find the English taking advantage of its curative properties nearly three hundred years ago; and the Germans' wonderful endurance to date is due, in part, to the results obtained from the free use of lime. The product in all these cases was, in some instances marl, in others burnt or caustic lime. This was so, too, in our country until recent years. So far as I can learn, the grinding of lime rock has been practiced only about 50 years, and in the last quarter century ground limestone has been pretty thoroughly tested in various states. In these tests its superiority over burnt lime is well established.

Relative to my own experience with the soil here, my failure to get a good stand of clover led me to endeavor to learn the cause. The diagnosis was a sour soil and the remedy, lime. I reasoned that my farm was not the only one in such condition, and after leaving the farm, I set out to do some personal investigation.

While looking over one of Oregon's limestone deposits, the thought came to me, what a vast amount of bread was imprisoned in the hill. It is an immense storehouse locked by nature for the emergency that we are now facing, and it is our part to turn its contents, by certain processes, into sustenance for both human family and for the members of the animal kingdom that provide us, in part, with food and clothing. These contents, when quarried, ground and applied to the soil, might be likened to myriads of miniature keys that will unlock the soil and free the plant food which, experts tell us, is kept captive by the acidity in the soil.

This condition overcome, vigorous crops of clover may follow. When we stop to think that the nitrogen necessary to vigorous growth of plant life is largely supplied by leguminous plants, we see how very essential it is we do something to insure good crops of these, particularly clover. While it has long been known that the improvement of crops following the planting of legumes was a case of cause and effect, the reason of the relation was left for a German scientist to discover. He found that the nodules in the roots of the legumes were not fungus growth as was supposed, but were really little nitrogen factories, and one source of power that runs these factories is lime.

But we can pay too much even for a very good thing, and lime is beyond reach at present price. We must find a cheaper method of obtaining it. Private capital has so far failed to do this. Though in possession of valuable deposits of limestone for years the holders have kept them practically undeveloped, and what little lime was produced was put at figures that made its use prohibitive, at least with profit.

This state of affairs was the reason for the agitation for cheap lime that finally led to the time conference held in Corvallis, October 7, at which resolutions were passed to the effect that the state should acquire by lease, purchase or condemnation such limestone deposits as may be needed; that an adequate appropriation be made by the next legislature to acquire necessary property, and establish and equip a plant, the same to be operated so far as practicable by convict labor, and the product to be furnished at cost with the addition of a reasonable percentage to provide a sinking fund to keep up repairs, purchase new machinery, and add other deposits as needed. Following this a committee

was appointed representing the State Grange, Farmers' Union, O. A. C., State Taxpayers' League, with one at large, to draft a bill in accord with the above and to further the movement for cheap lime.

VISITS

An Albany man came into the office, declaring that a Corvallis paper had been throwing it into Albany, and that he had something to sling back at that town, which of course we refused to do; but we gave the item to show what trouble we would have gotten into if we had done as he requested:

"We notice by the press dispatches that Seattle is importing lobsters from our eastern coast. Huh, they can get all they want over at Corvallis."

If we didn't have our jokes along the way it would be a dry old life, wouldn't it?

Just before Christmas is a good time to suggest peace.

We sing peace, good will towards all men, with ten or twelve pieces of nations throwing bullets at each other fiercely with malicious intent.

If the rulers of Europe would get down to brass tacks and think of peace as members of alleged Christian nations should do they would be ready to compromise terms and establish peace within thirty days.

The present peace movement is merely a wedge. It will result in nothing now.

Later it may cause some serious action. But, just now pigheadedness rules the other side of the water, and there will be nothing but talk.

One thing may be to give high prices a little, fright and stir up the bloodthirsty munition makers enough to make their consciences sizzle a little.

Success

No mortal has measured his full force.

It is a river rising in God's thought

And emptying in the soul of man.

Go back,

'Back to the Source, and find divinity.

Forget the narrow borders and ignore

The rocks and chasms which obstruct the way.

Remember the beginning.

Man may be

And do the things he wishes if he keeps

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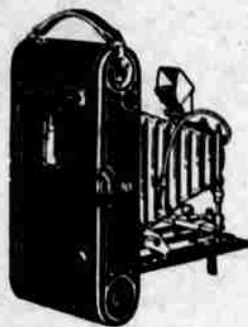
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