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#### NIGHT WORK ON THE FARM

The hot sun has generally been the farmer's greatest enemy—a fact attested by the huge straw hats characteristic of rural districts. It has probably been the discomfort of toiling in the blazing sun of July and August which, more than any other material factor, has driven farm boys to the city.

Now Old Sol is being robbed of his terrors. In many sections of the country farmers are working at night, with tractors, by the illumination of electric spotlights.

This is not entirely new. It may perhaps be called a war innovation, having been adopted last year on a number of the big Western grain farms, as a time-saver, on the same principle as the night shift in a factory. But the present practice represents a natural and sensible expansion of that idea.

There are many things to be said in its favor. Tractors cost money, and repay their cost better, of course, if they are worked by night as well as by day. Much valuable time is gained by such a method at critical periods of planting and cultivating. If a tractor is owned by a group of farmers in common, it is easier to pass it around. And on top of all these considerations, there is the inescapable fact that working by night on a farm, when it can be done, is much pleasanter than midsummer day work. There will be keen competition for those night shifts when the farmers once get used to the idea.

Most of the critics who are pointing out the perils of the League of Nations overlook the fact that any member who doesn't like it can pull out on two years' notice. The present question is not whether the United States shall commit itself forever to an international federation, but whether it shall try out the new plan, with a view to continuing it if proven workable.

Reports from all sources seem to indicate that John Barleycorn died very much as he had lived.

#### H. S. NOLAN REGISTERS FARM NAME WITH CLERK

H. S. Nolan, one of the progressives of Lacombe, registered his farm as provided by law in the secretary of state's office through the county clerk's office as "Ridgecrest." This makes 133 farms in Linn county registered under a specific name.

#### Good Day at Courthouse

Mrs. Babb of the clerk's office did a thriving business Saturday, the 5th, which was supposed to be a legal holiday in business circles. The office force all took a vacation except Mrs. Babb, who remained at home but was solicited to open the office and among other transactions issued three marriage licenses. Judge Bilyeu married one couple before they made their escape with the papers. Those securing licenses were Cecil M. Herd and Dorothy Hale of Albany R. D. 6; M. E. Chamberlain and Mrs. Fannie McKinney of Lyons; Jerry Holeck and Mary Dotson of Scio. The last couple mentioned were married by the judge.

#### ATTENDS MEETING OF FINANCIERS

A. C. Schmitt of the First National bank went to Portland yesterday to attend a meeting of the leading financiers of the state and to hear an address by Obrien Atkinson, of New York City on financial credits. The meeting is under the auspices of R. G. Dunn & Co. A banquet was to be served at the Benson Hotel.

#### Sheriff Arrests Two Men

John Doe and Richard Roe, prominent men of Corvallis, were arrested by Sheriff Kendall at 'Colorado Lake,' new resort opposite Corvallis the evening of the Fourth, in an intoxicated condition. The parties were each fined \$25 and costs and departed for Corvallis. There has been built a dance pavilion at the so-called Colorado Lake, which is becoming a popular resort.

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