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## A GREAT EXPERIMENT

Hopeless of having the cost of living lowered for them by government action or natural economic processes, the railroad brotherhoods are undertaking to lower it for themselves.

They are certainly deserving of praise for going about the matter in a positive instead of a negative way—with a constructive policy, and a program intended to increase production and economize distribution instead of a strike program that would defeat its own purpose. They seek, wisely, not to level pay up with increasing prices, but to level prices down to their pay.

The only criticism they incur concerns the method by which they aim to do this. Even that criticism is friendly. It is recognized that, whether they succeed or fail, the results of the experiment will make a useful and valuable lesson.

There is nothing new in organizing consumers—that is, forming co-operative associations to buy commodities at a lower price. It has been done widely in England, and to some extent in this country. It should work pretty well in the matter of food, if the railroad men are able to enlist the co-operation of the organized farmers, as they appear to be doing. The profits of middlemen and speculators will be squeezed out.

The brotherhoods, however, plan also to do considerable producing and selling themselves. That is a new business for them, and a large undertaking. One branch of their organization has already got hold of some knitting and underwear plants, a glove factory and a tubing concern, and they propose to extend this sort of enterprise until most of the characteristic articles needed by railroad men can be produced within their own organization and sold to them at cost. Eventually the promoters want to sell factory products also to the farmers, in exchange for farm products.

This plan doubtless has great possibilities—but can they put it over?

The financial end of the enterprise will be facilitated by the use of the brotherhoods' reserve fund, already many millions. They mean to have their own banks. The plan contemplates the co-operation of the Federation of Labor. Thus, if its early efforts promise success, the unions may soon go into it on a big scale. Then they may have a big success, or a big failure—which, no one can foretell. Certainly they should have the good wishes of every fair-minded citizen.

## WHY TEMPT THE BURGLAR?

The chief of police of the little city was making his annual report to the mayor. Among other things he said: "I wish I might draw the attention of citizens to the necessity of finding a more secure place than out-of-the-way places for leaving liberty bonds and other valuables when they are absent from home. We had one burglary job alone where there were \$3,600 worth of liberty bonds stolen this year."

There is no use trying to deceive the burglar by putting the bonds under the mattress or in the piano. He knows all about the cracked teapot and the old trunk and the sewing-basket and the corner of the library rug. That is his job. He knows more "out-of-the-way places" than any honest citizen does.

Moreover, at the nice little stone bank, fireproof and burglar-proof and supported with the strong stockholders' liability laws, the family who lost \$3,600 by theft could have kept the liberty bonds and insurance papers and everything else safe for about \$2 a year.

## PINE SORROW

By GUY FITCH PHELPS

There's something in my breast must sing,  
A nightingale all wild of note,  
A wondrous something sweet of throat,  
A harp of heavenly tone and string.

Though storm and tempest loud assail,  
And fence my way with frowning rack,  
As if to crush me, turn me back  
With icy flat and sheeted hail;

Though deserts ashy, drear and dread  
Lie in the way my feet must take,  
Without a spring my thirst to slake  
And burning suns beat on my head;

Still must I sing, though mournfully  
The pensive numbers come and go,  
The wistful measures form and flow,  
The echoing, cosmic grief of me.

High on my western coast to feel  
The kiss of winds from ocean blown,  
To match their music tone for tone,  
And bid their longing 'round me steal.

To answer back the voiceful pine,  
And take quick measures from the streams,  
And weave them into dancing dreams—  
The dreams so sadly, strangely mine.

Or lying lone in Dirce's Cove,  
Where leaps the god-born crystal flood,  
A living tide of martyr's blood,  
To tune my lyre with each wave.

For there be songs which none have sung,  
And there be loves none ever guessed,  
Great conflagrations of the breast,  
Which melt to melody the tongue.

Ye are my mates ye birds that wake,  
You are my fellows, Oh, ye winds!  
The upleap of the noblest minds  
With bold and rightful hand I take.

Dark peoples of the burning isles,  
I hale with joy each note you fling,  
I share in every song you sing,  
And waft you roses for your smiles.

Within the Hall of Harps we meet,  
And mingle burning strain with strain,  
So much of love, so much of pain,  
And all divinely, purely sweet.

The very stars, the moving breeze,  
Old oceans changeless, sullen roar,  
And waves that strike a lonely shore,  
Are strains in heavenly harmonies.

And though like swans which sing and die  
I dying sing, still must I wake  
My measures—' else my heart would break—  
And bid the untaught numbers fly.

Blindness is very common among the Moors. At forty-five their eyesight begins to fail. It is said that this affliction is due to the excessive use of coffee.

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## Comment of the State Press

Snappy Clearings from the Press of the Valley

**Pork Barrel Methods—**  
If the government owned the railroads, it would provide some money for extensions as it has provided money for rivers and harbors in the past—by the porkbarrel method. The states which could muster the most votes in Congress would get the most pork, although those which have the fewest votes are in greatest need of railroads. Oregon, with its three votes in the house, would have small chance against states which have twenty, thirty or forty votes. Government ownership would afford little prospect that the Natron cut-off or the Strahorn roads would be built or that other new roads would open up the great vacant spaces of eastern Oregon.—Lebanon Express.

**Oregon Canneries—**  
McMinnville is to have a canning plant owned and operated by the A. Rupert Company, Inc., a concern engaged principally in the packing and distributing of Pacific Coast canned and dried fruits and vegetables and canned salmon and cardines.—News-Register.

**Warning Sounded—**  
A bill has been introduced in the legislature providing that all goods made in Oregon shall bear an Oregon label. If it passes, the bootlegger will please take notice and govern himself accordingly, warns the Register.

**No Longer A Guess—**  
It means something when fifty farmers assemble to listen to the simple plea of development. There was a time not so many years ago when the plea to plant fruit as a means of developing the country would not have had much influence with the land owners around Harrisburg. There is no more striking indication of the change in sentiment than that shown by the list of names of those who signed up at last Saturday's berry meeting.—Harrisburg Bulletin.

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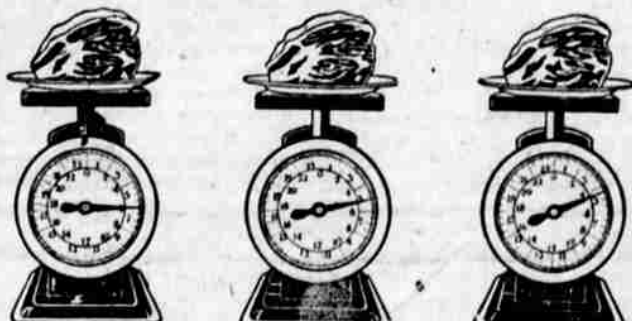
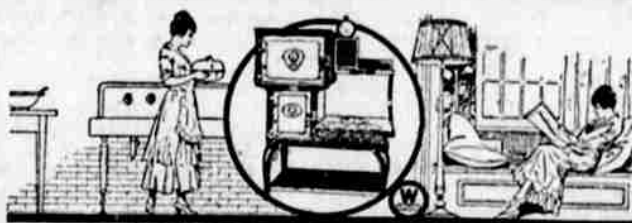
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