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STILL MAKING WAGONS

Old Dobbin need not fear of running out of wagons to pull, for although the wagon is being pushed into the background by the auto, truck and airplane, they still make a good many in St. Louis plants. Instead of an output of 30,000 wagons a year in that city, however, only 7,000 were turned out in the United States.

But Old Dobbin will consume lots of oats before all wagons are put on the junk heap. Farmers generally have found that there are some cases in which it is more economical to use the farm wagon than an auto truck. Then, too, the cost of feeding a horse is far less than the cost of supplying a truck with gasoline, oil and repairs. Old Dobbin doesn't have to be refitted every now and then with spare parts.

St. Louis, claiming to be the wagon center of the United States, sends the bulk of its finished product to Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Kentucky. Yet the demand for wagons in every state is still felt. Residents have noted the rapid passing of the old side-bar buggy as a means of transportation, and have seen their number growing smaller every year. But there may be a different story to tell about the farm wagon. There seems to be any number of reasons why it cannot be given up as quickly as rural residents could part with the buggy for the newer and more comfortable means of transportation.

WORST YET TO COME

Forest fires have raged throughout the country, sometimes in the most unexpected places, since the beginning of the drought. Few states have not had experience with them and the loss has mounted into staggering figures. The worst of it is that it can be expected to continue, as tabulations show that over a ten-year period they have been most numerous in late September and through all of October. Right now seems a most fitting time to again warn motorists, hunters and everyone who goes into the fields and woods to be extremely careful of the way they handle their matches, cigarette stubs and cigars. And don't overlook the grave danger of leaving live coals when you are through with a camp fire. Carelessness causes almost all outdoor fires; not one in ten thousand is started intentionally. The entire country is hard hit by the drought and needs to conserve every dollar's worth of property. It's a poor time to be careless. Be constantly on your guard, and caution your friends and neighbors to do the same.

ELECTRIC COOKING

CHEAPER FOR MILK

It is less expensive to cool milk below 50 degrees F in a tank type cooler with mechanical refrigeration using electricity at 3¢ a kilowatt-hour than with ice at one half cent per pound. This is at one of many conclusions reached in experiments with farm refrigeration carried out at Oregon State college and just reported on in a new bulletin, No. 268 just issued for free distribution. "I am not expecting very many dairymen to install electric milk coolers unless the buyers are willing to pay a premium for milk that is cooled to below 50 degrees on the farm shortly after milking," says F. E. Price, one of the authors of the new bulletin. "Whenever the buyers will pay 10 to 15 cents per 100 pounds for milk thus cooled, the farmer can afford to invest \$400 to \$600 in equipment and still leave a reasonable profit. Farm refrigeration that will hold cream sweet for delivery every three or four days have been designed at the college. Many Oregon creameries are already paying a premium of three to five cents a pound for butter fat if the cream is sweet when received.

FARM REMINDERS

Removal of red raspberry canes in the fall is believed to be responsible for more winter injury, according to the Oregon Experiment station.

It is good management of sheep to have the breeding flock in small pastures so that the ram is easily ac-

GOING SOME

From the Pacific to the Atlantic in 12 hours and 25 minutes. It seems like a fiction story after one thinks back to the days of the stage coach and the covered wagon. Even now there are men and women in the community who can recall when it was a matter of weeks instead of hours. Only a year ago it required 24 hours of flying time. Now Col. Frank Hawks has cut the time almost in half. Nothing in the nation's history reveals such rapid progress as its transportation system. Our forefathers took weeks and months to cross the continent; we have been taking whole days to do it in; now it can be done in hours—from sun-up to sun-set. In the language of the small boy, "that's going some." But it proves that wonders have never ceased and, with the spirit of the American people continuing as it is in the years to come, such wonders will continue. In this country today it is only a question of "What won't they do next?"

In some parts of the country it appears that about the only traffic that is speeded up is the liquor traffic.

A man with a swelled head is a good deal like a river; it is bound to go to the mouth.

The only thing that ruins a shopping trip for a wife more than taking her husband along is taking an empty pocketbook with her.

A fine example of an optimist is the man who in the summer of 1930 perked up every time the Weather Bureau predicted thundershowers.

If a fellow has both hands gripped on the steering wheel then the woman riding beside him is his wife.

It seems that a free country is one in which everybody has a right to mind everybody else's business.

Probably the hardest job in the world at this time would be writing a history of Chinese wars.

That doctor who declared that kissing shortens life evidently meant a single life.

Everybody knows that a bee dies when it stings you. But it isn't that way with a political bee.

A super-salesman is one who can sell a 1930 wife a sewing machine and a genius is a husband who can get her to run it.

At any time, finds the Oregon Experiment station. Where small pastures are not available, it is good practice to gather the ewes into one flock once each day.

Bordeaux mixture, 4-4-50 is the standard protective spray for apple and pear anthracnose in Oregon. It is applied any time before the fall rains. Neglect of this protective spray has resulted in considerable loss to young pear orchards.

Cover crops for orchards are best planted early in September in the non-irrigated sections of Oregon, finds the experiment station. As one county agent has said, fruit trees will "farm out" land the same as any other continuous crop unless the soil is built up by cover cropping.

The belief in some alfalfa growing sections of Oregon that alfalfa cannot be reseeded with success on old alfalfa land is not borne out in experiments at the Hermiston branch station. Yields as high as from the original planting have been obtained this year on reseeded land.

STAR WINS HONOR AT NATIONAL MEET

O. S. C. News Display Rated High; Agricultural Writers Win Meet in Oregon in 1931

Agricultural writers and editors representing the 48 land grant colleges of the nation will meet in Corvallis next year for the annual convention of the American Association of Agricultural College Editors. This year's convention was held in Wash-

ington, D. C., where Charles D. Byrne, head of the industrial journalism department at Oregon State college was elected national secretary.

Eighteen colleges sent displays of their news service and publication work to the convention where the judges placed the exhibit from O. S. C. second. They declared the recent campaign for the Oregon dairy industry conducted through the state in cooperation with the newspapers of the state, the best single agricultural publicity project in the United States. The Oregon exhibit also won a blue ribbon for the best single newspaper story on an agricultural project, a second place for the syndicated news service as a whole, and third places for an agricultural feature story, the weekly short paragraph service and an agricultural poster.

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP FATAL TO STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Bonded indebtedness of the state of North Dakota increased 3,100 per cent from 1919 to 1927 when that state voted in the throes of an orgy of government ownership brought about by the Nonpartisan League. At the outset of the program the state owed only about \$900,000. In the fall of 1927 it owed more than \$28,000,000, and at that time the Fargo (N.D.) Forum said the program would cost more millions yet. Here is how it summed up in an editorial the whole disastrous program.

"Calm review of the experiences had by the state of North Dakota in the field of private business cannot but be convincing on the point that we are engaged in a most costly and disastrous program, and one that has failed to yield a single benefit commensurate with the cost. The recent reports of the State Senate Fact Finding committee have served to focus interest anew on the whole industrial program, inaugurated by the State Legislature of 1919, and a brief review of our experiences to date with each of the several projects undertaken through the various measures passed by that Assembly may not be amiss.

Already these enterprises have cost us millions of dollars in the form of taxes levied and collected, and we are today far from the end of the road insofar as financial costs are concerned. We have other millions still to pay and, unless North Dakota voters come to an early decision to abandon the remaining features of the industrial program, the cost, based on past experience, will continue to mount to figures far above those now in prospect.

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These industries have been operated by both political groups. Some of them were managed by officials whom some have been pleased to term "friends" of the program, while others, during a portion of their career, have been managed by their "enemies." In other words, Nonpartisan League officials have had their fling at these various enterprises, as have the Independents, and in neither instance have the hopes of their promulgators been realized.

Following are a few of the highlights on the Cost of North Dakota's Utopian Program of Government in Business.

Experimental Creamery, operated for seven months at a loss of \$15,287.89.

North Dakota Homebuilder's Association transacted a business of something over a half million dollars and finished with a deficit of approximately \$350,000, liquidated through an annual levy against all property in the state at the rate of about \$45,000 a year.

Experimental Flour Mill, operated for slightly more than four years with a direct operating loss of \$89,678.11.

Bank of North Dakota, loss calculated at \$1,856,695.91 as of Oct. 15, 1924.

North Dakota Mill and Elevator Association, loss were \$1,253,457.19 up to Dec. 31, 1926. In 1926 the loss alone was \$428,546.

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