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## CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING OF FARM PRODUCE.

"When the farmer has raised his crop he has accomplished something more than producing agricultural products and should be regarded as a business as well as an occupation was the central thought in the lecture on co-operative marketing of farm products by C. E. Bassett to the Farmers' Week students at Corvallis last month. Mr. Bassett is a specialist in the office of markets, United States department of agriculture.

"Up to now," said Mr. Bassett, "the farmer has almost entirely disregarded the business end of his work, leaving these largely to his banker. Numerous agencies have succeeded quite largely in placing farming upon a scientific basis, but we have now reached the point where farming must be placed upon a business basis as well.

"The problem confronting us today is not so much that of increasing production as it is disposing of the produce at equitable prices. Both producer and consumer complain—the producer that he does not receive a fair price for his products, and the consumer that he pays too much for them.

"The largest cotton crop and the largest corn crop in the history of our nation have yielded the producers of these crops less than former crops of less production and during this time of heavy yield prices paid by consumers have not reflected in a proper degree the low prices paid to the farmers.

"It is evident that there is lack of an efficient system of distribution and marketing of agricultural products. While one market is suffering from congestion caused by over-supply, another may be suffering from dearth, even though at the same time tons of food may be wasting in fields and orchards for want of profitable market. The remedy for this is more equitable distribution."

Mr. Bassett considered many of the main factors that must be taken into account in solving this great problem of marketing, and reports of these will be offered to the people of Oregon from time to time through the newspapers, which will be furnished the information in brief College bulletin stories.

## CANNERY HAS PAID AT NEWBERG.

"The co-operative cannery at Newberg paid to farmers of that region \$24,454 last year, practically all of it for produce which would otherwise have been lost, says a bulletin issued by the Portland Commercial Club. "The cannery made a net profit of about \$3000, which was better than expected for the first year. Co-operative establishments of this kind are likely to prove the salvation of thousands of Oregon farmers."

Here is the proof of the soundness of the co-operative principle in the handling of canneries. The plan has been tried at other places than Newberg, and wherever there has been a man of a fair degree of ability at the head, the cannery has prospered. The Eugene cannery, with its branches at Creswell and Junction City, has done exceedingly well in the past few years, and is now one of the substantial business enterprises of the Willamette valley, with a plant that can take care of any and all farm produce, from cherries to pumpkins and cabbages. The Eugene cannery, however, is not a sudden growth. The present business is the result of years of labor and struggle in building up a plant and a market. The goal has now been obtained, however, and the plant is complete, and is about as large as can be conveniently managed.

Now is the time for Springfield to step into the business, organize a cannery along such lines as can be financed at this time, and then begin, in a small way if need be, to care for the surplus produce of the farmers in the neighborhood of Springfield. This is an obligation that the fruit and berry producers of this part of Lane county owe to themselves, and an obligation in which the people of Springfield should assist.

Linn county granges and Albany business men are co-operating in the working out of a plan for a cannery at Albany for this year. The Newberg cannery has just completed a profitable year. It can be done. Let's get busy.

The establishment of a plant for the manufacture of potato starch is being discussed by the business men of Redmond, Madras and other central Oregon points. As large areas of that part of the state are particularly adapted to the production of potatoes, and as unfavorable markets and the usual percentage of culls sometimes make the business unprofitable, it is proposed to use any surplus and all culls in making starch, of which the central Oregon potatoes are said to contain an average of 18 per cent. A factory costing \$10,000 should care for all cull potatoes from 5000 acres.

The Portland Commercial Club and the Portland Chamber of Commerce have just completed a merger of their organizations, and henceforth will be a single commercial body. Elimination of duplication of labor was the principal object in view, with the added incentive of increased strength of the single organization.

## Out of the Joke Book

**Well, Well.**  
 "Mrs. Rippleton's afternoon tea," said Mrs. Twickenbury, "was a perfect Babylon of sounds."—Christian Register.

**Crushed**  
 "Don't keep pestering me."  
 "Then you won't marry me?"  
 "I wouldn't even be engaged to you at a Summer resort."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

**Agreeable.**  
 "All flesh is grass, my brother," said Mr. Goodman.  
 "I believe you are right," agreed Mr. Rounder. "I always feel like a bale of hay when I hit a closed town."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

**To Make Sure.**  
 Mistress—Why have you put two hot-water bottles in my bed, Bridget?  
 Bridget—Sure, mum, wan of thim was leaking, and I didn't know which, so I put both in to make sure.—London Punch.

**Of Course**  
 "Swearing doesn't help to play the game," said the young minister on the golf links. "Besides, it's very wicked."  
 "It may be verra wicked, an' it may no help the playin', but it's a gre-reat aid to conversation," replied the sophisticated caddy.—Livingston Lance.

**Accustomed.**  
 Old Gentleman (who has just finished reading an account of a shipwreck with loss of passengers and all hands)—He! I am sorry for the poor sailors that were drowned.  
 Old Lady—Sailors! It isn't the sailors—it's the passengers I am sorry for. The sailors are used to it.

**Hidden.**  
 "Boots by Smith, costumes by Robinson, wigs by Jones, scenery by Dingbat," mumbled the man in the end seat.  
 "What are you driving at?"  
 "I'm trying to dig up who wrote the play."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

**Speaking of Big Fishes.**  
 The late Justice Brewer was with a party of New York friends on a fishing trip in the Adirondacks, and around the camp fire one evening the talk naturally ran on big fish. When it came his turn the jurist began, uncertain as to how he was going to come out:  
 "We were fishing one time on the Grand Banks for—er—er—er—"  
 "Whales," somebody suggested.  
 "No," said the justice, "we were baiting with whales."—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

**There With the Answer.**  
 In a public school one afternoon the teacher was instructing a class in physiology, and finally, in order to test the memory of the youngsters, she closed the book and began to ask questions.  
 "Willie," she said, addressing a bright-faced boy near the head of the class, "can you give me a familiar example of the human body as it adapts itself to changed conditions?"  
 "Sure!" was the confident rejoinder. "My Uncle Jake gained fifty pounds in less than one year, and his skin never cracked."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

**Smart Grandson.**  
 A well-known man recently lent his grandson money to purchase a motorcycle. The money was to be paid back by installments, the machine to remain the property of the grandfather until the last payment had been made. The other day, while out riding, the boy met his grandfather and jumped off the motorcycle.  
 "Say, grandfather," said the boy, "who does this machine belong to?"  
 "It belongs to me until you have made the last payment. That was the agreement, you know. But why do you ask?"  
 "Well, I just wanted to make sure," remarked the boy, with a grin. "Your motorcycle needs a new tire."—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

## WORK OF PUPILS OF THE SPRINGFIELD SCHOOLS

The Lane County News today presents a few examples of the work of composition in the classes in the Springfield Public schools. The articles are published as written, without correction, in the hope that the printing of them may prove an assistance to the young people in developing their power of expression. Other teachers are invited to submit such articles as they may wish to have published in this column.

### SPRING TIME

Where the sun shines bright,  
 And the owl hoots all night,  
 Where the Coo Coo on her nest,  
 With her little ones at rest.

High in the mountains the lions roar,  
 And the waves dash high upon the shore,  
 Where the squirrels play near their home,  
 From the flowers the bees make their comb.

Where the mowers have mown the hay,  
 There's where the children play,  
 Some days they are filled with sorrow,  
 Happy and gay they will be tomorrow.

### INDUSTRIAL NOTES

Salem, Ore., Permanent registration law enacted will save large sums, and endless trouble to voters and make separate city registration needless.

E. Jerome, Portland, promoting railroad Prineville to Redmond.

Washington solons wiped out but Oregon believes in keeping hers.

Harrisburg to have a new city hall.

D. J. Riley, Dallas, building movie theatre 51 by 130 feet.

Canning jack rabbits proposed for eastern Oregon industry.

City of Portland will build \$100,000 dam for storage reservoir at head works on Bull Run.

Pacific Power & Light Co., operating in Oregon and Washington shows gain in net earnings.

Roseburg—Oregon Copper Co., will work mines in Cow Creek Canyon.

Marshfield to have a 50 by 140 roller skating rink.

Bourne—Development work in the mines being pushed.

Albany—Flying squadron is boosting cannery.

Outside of the appropriations, there need not be many more than 20 or 30 bills introduced,

Early in the morn the squirrels come out,  
 And on the logs they play about,  
 From the dogs they are set free  
 By running up the maple tree.

When in the sky the birds may go,  
 And the oriole's nest swings to and fro,  
 In the forest upon the hill,  
 Is where stands the flour mill.

In the meadow the Brook runs through,  
 There's the place that will delight you,  
 By this brook the rabbits play  
 All day long among the hay.

Raymond Coe  
 Grade 5 Age 11.  
 High school building—Mrs. Vina McLean, teacher.

Instead of as many hundreds.—Candon Times.

Fairview will have municipal waterworks.

People will return thanks that taxes, offices or salary raises were put through the legislature.

The industrial commission should have been consolidated and simplified and the new rate of assessment of industries adopted, or that great measure for the interest of the working man is a dead measure and will be killed by the people or it will bankrupt the state.—Salem Statesman prophesy.

Large shipments of burlap are entering free of duty at Portland—means cheaper sacks for farmers.

Tillamook 1914 cheese product was 3,608,843 pounds, gain 186,712 over 1913.

A. W. Tronholm, general manager of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha railroad, told the board of arbitration in the western railroad wage case, "Nowadays a fireman wants some one around to wipe off the windows for him so he can see out of the cab," observed Mr. Trenholm.

Hubbard is building a new highway to the west.

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