

FARMER NOT PROFITEER

Analysis of Situation by Dean of Washington State College

That the farmer receives the lion's share of the cost to the consumer and that he is a profiteer, is the belief of many who know comparatively little or nothing about farming and what it costs to produce, according to E. C. Johnson, dean and director of the Washington college of agriculture, in discussing the agitation to reduce the high cost of living.

"A brief analysis of the situation demonstrates the fallacy of this belief," said Dean Johnson. "The wheat farmer of today, who receives \$2.00 a bushel for his wheat, gets about \$7.50 for the wheat required to make one barrel of flour. This flour will make approximately 300 14-ounce loaves of bread, selling at about 10 cents a loaf, or \$30.00 a barrel. "Were the price reduced 1 cent per loaf and the entire reduction taken from the price of wheat to the farmer, the consumer would be little benefited and the farmer would receive at the rate of \$1.35 per bushel for his wheat, which is less than the cost of production at the present prices of land, labor and machinery.

Take wool and shoes. "If the present price of wool to the farmer were reduced 20c per pound, it would mean less than \$1 reduction in the price of a wool suit retailing at \$55 to \$100 if the present price of hides to the farmer were cut in two, it would mean less than 50c reduction in a \$12 to \$15 pair of shoes, the hide for which now costs not to exceed between 60c and 90c per pair.

The case of milk. "If the price of milk, which at present is between 25c and 30c per gallon to the farmer, were reduced one-third it would mean comparatively little to the consumers of milk, who pay 12c to 15c a quart, but it would mean bankruptcy for the commercial dairyman under present prices of hay, feed and labor, and the only dairying that would survive would be in the small dairy herd on the diversified farm where the herd is used to consume grass, roughage and feeds not readily salable, and where the farmer's family does all the work, the day being closer to 16 hours than 8 hours and the price per hour 15c to 30c instead of 50c to \$1. The ultimate result would be a great shortage of milk and of necessity prices so high in the not distant future that the average family could not afford to buy milk or other dairy products.

"If these facts, well understood by the majority of the producers in the country, also are understood by the consumers in the towns and cities, there will be less tendency than at present to lay undue blame upon the producer for the high cost of living, and a greater interest on the part of every one to insure prices to the farmer as will safeguard farm production, which is the basis of a prosperous and contented nation.

Creswell—The apple crop is surpassing all expectations. Storage and manufacturing capacity are insufficient to handle the crop.

Dr. S. Ralph Dippel, dentist, Springfield, Oregon.

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Mrs. William Bell, Logansport, Ind., writes: "I deem it my duty to express my gratitude for the good Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy did me when I had a severe attack of diarrhoea three years ago. It was the only medicine that relieved me."

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Persian Dervishes Demand Aims as a Right, and Simple People Readily Give Up.

A feature of Persian life which illustrates the simple and superstitious nature of the people of the mid-east is their tolerance of the dervishes. These weird, gypsylike beggars infest the cities and annoy the village folk in passing from one place to another, according to their vows of itinerancy.

These are not the whirling dervishes of circus fame. Whirling would be too energetic a form of worship for the members of this most ancient leisure class. Their greatest exertion consists of walking slowly and blowing a horn to announce their presence.

The dervish of Persia is known by his begging bowl, conical cap, animal skin cape and club. The weapon, which is usually a stick driven through with nails, is carried conspicuously. It fact, it seems unpleasantly ready for use when its owner calmly demands tribute. It is true that there is small danger of its use, even if aims are refused, but a refusal however polite and apologetical, is sure to arouse the wrath of the dervish. His vocabulary may be unintelligible, but the meaning of his threats and prophecies is usually understood. Fellow citizens of the dervish tribe prefer to make a gift at any cost in order to avoid having the wrath of heaven called down upon them in the mastery language of an experienced heaven invoker.

The dervish makes himself useful to the community honored by his presence by telling fortunes and stories, reciting prayers, selling charms and even curing the sick by blowing his sacred breath on them—all in return for which he turns over to his chief after deducting a living wage.

GIVEN NAMES OF PRESIDENTS

Historical Appellations Bestowed on Summits of Mountain Range in Old Vermont.

Heretofore when one spoke of the presidential range everyone—every New Englander, at least—knew, without further particularizing, that Mount Washington and its attendant summits was the subject, writes Allen Chamberlain in the Boston Evening Transcript.

Henceforth one must needs be more specific, since during the last year a rival presidential range has appeared on the map in Vermont. That region, hitherto generally spoken of as the Bread Loaf Mountain section, lying between Middlebury gap and the Lincoln-Warren pass, was but little known, except in its southerly portion, until the Green Mountain club men ran their Skyline trail through. They found there a maze of unnamed summits grouped as in council, and seemingly worthy of being recognized as individuals of distinction.

Just north of these heights is the rugged mass whose summits have been known for more than half a century as Mounts Abraham and Lincoln. Quite naturally the idea of a new presidential range arose and, with great partisan restraint, four of the neighboring mountains were therefore named Mount Grant, Mount Grover Cleveland, Mount Roosevelt and Mount Woodrow Wilson.

Poisoned by Ink.

Behind the scenes at the Globe theater, where, to the delight of all playgoers, Miss Violet Vanbrugh has scored another wonderful success in "Trimmed in Scarlet," the famous actress told me this amusing story of her early days.

"We were playing 'Romeo and Juliet' on tour," she said, "and one night in the poison scene, Juliet found herself without a phial. The audience was waiting, and in despair she snatched an ink-bottle from the stage carpenter, and gasping 'Is it empty?' rushed on.

"But when the hapless lady raised the bottle to her lips and tipped it downwards, a stream of ink descended over her chin and down her white dress. The house yelled at the comical sight."—London Tit-Bits.

No More Shiny Demos.

After the wonders which we have seen worked for the soldiers who suffered disfigurement during the war, it is not surprising that plastic surgeons are turning their attention to improving civilians also. Ugly noses, projecting ears, harelips and all sorts of other obstacles to good looks will probably be easily corrected in the not-far-away future. The most interesting thing along this line which has been recently discovered is that no one need suffer from baldness any more. By grafting a piece of skin from some part of the head where hair is still growing onto the bald patch, a new covering is said to be insured.

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Read Dr. Dippel' talk on "Shell Crowns"—page 3.

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In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Lane County.—Benj. F. Conway, plaintiff, vs. Fannie Conway, defendant.—Summons: To Fannie Conway, the above named defendant: In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before the 5th day of December, 1919, said date being more than six (6) weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons and being the time prescribed for such appearance by you in the order of publication of summons herein entered of record, and if you fail to appear and answer, for want thereof, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief in the complaint demanded and prayed for, to wit: For a decree of the court dissolving the marriage contract and bonds existing between you and the plaintiff on the grounds of desertion for more than one year. This summons is served upon you by publication thereof pursuant to an order of the Honorable G. F. Skipworth, Judge of the above court, made and entered of record on October 18, 1919, ordering that summons be published once a week for six successive weeks and the date of the first publication will be October 24, 1919, and the last publication will be December 5, 1919. Frank A. DePue, attorney for plaintiff. Post office address: Fifth and I streets, Springfield, Oregon.

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