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Editorial Program

- I. Make Springfield the Industrial Center of Western Oregon.
- II. Develop a Strong Trading Point; Build a City of Contented Homes.
- III. Improve Living Conditions on the Farm. Promote the Raising of Purebred Livestock and the Growing of Fruit; Work for Better Markets.
- IV. Tell the World About Oregon's Scenic Wonderland.

FARMERS' UNION GROWTH

The splendid growth of the Farmers' Union during the two years it has been started in Lane county proves it is filling a demand for organization among the farmers. The union is a foundation on which farm life in the Willamette valley and elsewhere can be made more prosperous and happy. In this age when every line of endeavor is organized the farmer must also be in order to gain proper recognition and just treatment.

From the strides the Farmers Union is making in strengthening the organization and buying and marketing there will likely be forty or fifty locals and two or three times the membership within the next two years.

WE'RE EATING MORE MEAT

Uncle Sam's folks are eating about 18 pounds more meat a year than they were consuming five years ago. During 1923 the total amount of meat consumed in the United States was 18,481,000,000 pounds. We got away with 6,918,000,000 pounds of beef; 873,000,000 pounds of veal; 574,000,000 pounds of mutton and lamb; 3,000,000 of goat, and 10,113,000,000 pounds of pork. The total represents an increase of 2,000,000 pounds over the average of the last five years.

Chewing gum cost America \$50,000,000 annually, which is a lot of money to stick under tables and chairs.

A genuine dirt farmer probably notices very little difference in environment when he yets into politics.

It's about time for Daugherty to get out of the limelight and give some other crook a chance.

Too much money makes people unhappy—it their neighbors have it.

Judging reports the oil in Washington must be about knee deep to a telephone pole.

We suggest the bonus bill be sent to the White House early since it will have to make two trips.

It looks like the Fall investigation will last until spring.

Editorial Comment

TWO RELATED FACTS

Ninety-five per cent of the bulls in Tillamook county are purebred, the highest average of any county in the state—and her average butterfat production is 240 pounds per cow. These are two facts that may be closely related. Average butterfat production depends in great degree on the quality of sires used.—The Oregon Farmer.

The present price of eggs indicates that the kluck kluck klan has been very active this spring.—Portland Telegram.

HOME-MAKING FUNDAMENTALS

There are four elements of fundamental consideration in the building up of home life, whether on the farm or elsewhere: (1) Health; (2) convenience with refer nce to essential work; (3) comfort, and (4) attractiveness. All of these dovetail together, more or less. Convenience, comfort and attractiveness, all, for example, contribute to the health of the family. Yes, even attractiveness plays its part in the health of the home, for an attractive farm is one of good cheer, courage, satisfaction, and these things have great influence on health. When all is said and done, the maintenance of a real home is the thing most worthwhile in any branch of our human endeavor. We go into business of one sort or another to make money, but the thing for which we can best spend the money is the upbuilding of home. Home should be the most delightful place on earth, and it is to those who have put into it the best they have.

Let us give more attention to those things that make for health, convenience, comfort and attractiveness in our homes. Let us make our homes more airy and bright; let us make or buy or arrange things with a view to making our work more efficient and less wearying; let us place about us things and conditions that give comfort to both mind and body; let us make our homes attractive to the eye as well as to the heart—bright, harmoniously colorful, orderly, clean.—The Oregon Farmer.

CONTROLLING YOUNG CROWD

A girl appeared at a dance in another city one night recently in a dress that aroused comment on account of its extremely décolleté cut. Some of the parents spoke to the mother, asserting that she ought not to have let her daughter come in such attire or lack of the same. She replied that she could not help it, as the girl was bound to do just as she pleased, though apparently she was under age as yet. Men who own automobiles often complain that their boys drive their cars in a way that the fathers do not at all approve. They talk and talk to them, but it has no effect. The complaint is made that many very young people are drinking heavily. But if you inquired as to who is to blame, people would say that in many cases the fathers and mothers are at fault, since all the time they are supplying illegally obtained liquor in their own homes. Many such instances raise the question as to how far parents are losing their grip on the younger generation, which in many ways is showing a degree of independence that often runs into disaster. It is difficult to establish control over young people of the 18 to 20 age, when for years these young people have been doing just what they wanted to. The time for a show down was some years earlier. Many of the young people of the 18-20 age have greater self control and experience than their fathers and mothers had at their age, and are better fitted to take care of themselves. But it would be generally felt by careful parents, that the young crowd are slipping out from parental control too young. The time at about age 14 to 16 is a critical one. If the children establish independence then, they are too immature to realize the perils they confront and are likely to come to grief.—The Roseburg News-Review.



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