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DAIRYING THE COMING INDUSTRY.

THE DAIRY IS DESTINED to become, in a few years, the chief industry of the Willamette Valley farmer. The dairy and its attendant features and fruit orchards, will soon supersede in lands through the valley which are now and have been devoted to the growing of grain.

There are several reasons why one is forced to this conclusion and the chief of which is: Land will soon become too valuable to be given to the growing of a crop of so small value. The demand for homes in our beautiful healthful valley, will soon become so insistent, that our now large farms will be divided into smaller ones and, as a consequence, a crop which will produce a return many times larger than grain in value, will of necessity be substituted. The dairy and fruit and nut growing furnishes this more valuable crop. Only certain localities in the valley, are thought to be particularly adapted to fruit and nut growing; but every foot of valley land, whether it be foothill or valley land proper, can be profitably devoted to dairying.

Nor is there any danger that this industry will be overdone. True, the old obsolete method of butter making, which is associated with the memories of our mothers, will not again obtain; for such is both laborious and profitless. But the modern scientifically and sanitariously conducted creamery and milk condensery, which give the maximum of profit at the minimum of cost is here and here to stay.

As the modern up-to-date creamery, with its improved cream separator, replaces the old home made butter of our mothers, so will the condensary soon replace the creamery; for the reason that each cow will produce a greater profit in the form of condensed milk, than in the form of butter.

A modern creamery plant does not require the investment of any very great amount of capital; unless it be a plant of the magnitude of the Hazelwood, of Portland. But when the condensery is undertaken, even a moderate sized plant represents the expenditure of a good sized fortune; that is to say if a country editor estimates the fortune. But the profit is correspondingly larger; both to dairyman and the owner or owners of the condensery. Investigation shows that, as a rule, milk for condensing purposes, commands a price one-third higher than it does when sold to the creamery. As a consequence, wherever there is a condensery, the creamery must either use milk or cream not desired by the condensery, or pay the dairyman a higher price for his cream, than he would pay if there was no condensery. It is, therefore, to the interest of every dairyman to encourage the coming of the condensery. He will thus be assured, at all seasons of the year of getting a good price for his milk. Being assured of a good price for milk, it behooves the dairyman to look well to his herd of cows. He should know, to an ounce how much butter fat each cow produces and keep a record of the same. Unless he keeps this record, he has no means of telling which cow is the money maker and which the loser. The dairyman who keeps but few cows, who has but a few acres of land, will be forced to keep none but good ones. The cow that will not average from 25 to 30 pounds of four per cent. milk daily, the year through, will be found to be unprofitable. And the painstaking observant dairyman, will soon learn how to feed and what to feed his cows, in order to get the best results.

Two of our citizens, Messrs R. W. Gill and W. M. Phillips are just commencing dairying. They are both starting aright; for they are stocking their herds with high grade cows only. As both of these gentlemen are sure to give close intelligent attention to their herds, both in feeding and care, they are sure to be numbered with our successful dairymen.

With a good market for milk, good cows, good suitable feed and good and regular care, the dairy is just as sure as any business possibly can be. Failure is impossible under these conditions. What one man can do, all can do; if the same methods and care are used. Nor will the frugal dairyman

who has a snug check coming in for his milk every month, ever be without cash. His bank account will grow in volume year by year, until, as age comes on, he can retire at his ease. Having pursued a profitable business to which he has given an intelligent attention, he justly merits a comfortable opulence in the evening of his life.

LEST WE FORGET.

ELECTION DAY IS less than three weeks distant and there are several points in the position of the two great parties, which voters should impress upon their minds when they go into the election booth.

Last June, by a majority of over 40,000, the electorate of Oregon pronounced in favor of the direct election by the people of United States senator. That is to say they gave that majority for a law which requires the legislature to elect the people's choice to that office, irrespective of political preference. Oregon legislatures have memorialized congress, time and again, to submit an amendment to the Federal constitution, which would take the election of U. S. senators entirely off the hands of the legislatures and place it in those of the people. So, it may be assumed as a fact that the people of Oregon are overwhelmingly in favor of making that change.

What is the position of the Democratic and Republican parties as declared in their National platform on this question? Let us see:

When the resolution endorsing this proposition was submitted to the Republican convention, it was overwhelmingly defeated; the vote being 114 for to 866 against the adoption of the resolution. When the same resolution was proposed to the Democratic National convention, at Denver, it was adopted unanimously. Which of these party declarations are the people of Oregon in harmony with?

Senator LaFollette caused a resolution authorizing the ascertaining the value of railroads, to be proposed to the Republican convention. It was defeated by a vote of 917 to 63; and yet President Roosevelt proposed the same proposition in a message to congress. Was the President right? If so his party is wrong. The Democrats in their platform agree with the President on this point. President Roosevelt has advocated a graduated income tax as a means to prevent swollen fortunes; also an inheritance tax for the same purpose. On both of these subjects, the Republican platform is silent. If the President is right in his position on these measures, he should have been endorsed by his party. The Democratic platform declares in favor of both measures. The Republican platform favors the establishment of postal savings banks. The Democratic platform declares for a law guaranteeing bank deposits; but if a satisfactory law cannot be agreed upon for this purpose, then it demands the establishment of the postal savings bank system.

On the subject of tariff, the Republicans declare for "revision." Just what is meant by this word "revision," Candidate Taft has given a definition. Mr. Taft says the tariff should be raised on some products, while it should be lowered upon others. Evidently his idea is to juggle the schedules, adding here and subtracting there, without harming the tariff barons, or giving the people any material relief. The Democrats demand that trust made goods shall be placed on the free list and a general reduction of the schedules to a revenue basis.

On the subject of campaign contributions, the Democrats declare for publicity BEFORE the election, while the Republicans declare for publicity AFTER the election.

These are the positions of the two parties upon the leading questions at issue. Which of them is the nearest in harmony with public political thought in Oregon? Voter which of them agrees more nearly with your political ideas?

Now one of these declarations of principles will become the policies of the government within the next four years. Which do you prefer? Let us be honest! Let us banish all political prejudice and vote for the true interests of the people!

The people now have an opportunity to strike a blow for the direct election by the people of United States senator. Will they do it? They can strike a telling blow at "standpatism," monopoly, boss rule and governmental extravagance. Will they do it? They can declare themselves for a law requiring banks to put up a cash guarantee for their depositors; thus doing away with financial panics, runs on banks and loss of the peoples savings. Will they do it?

Senator Fulton, when he comes to Linn county on a spellbinding tour, will do Taft's interests more harm than good. Linn county is Governor Chamberlain's first Oregon home and he has here some warm personal friends who are Republicans. Senator Fulton's principle object, of course, in his political activity is the defeat of the Governor and the election of himself, by the legislature, next January.

Now it is shown that vice President Nominee, Sherman is a monopolist and president of an ice trust in his town. He bought out his competitor and at once raised the price of ice. The smaller the purchase the higher the price per pound, which made matters oppressive to the poor, who could buy but a few pounds at a time.

State Treasurer Steel attempted to bolster up a rotten bank with the state's money. Had it not been for Governor Chamberlain, who is ever alert in the people's interests, the state would have lost a part, if not all of the funds which Steel had placed in the concern. What is true of Republican methods in Oregon, is true of Republican management in nearly every state in the Union. Probably not as raw as Steel's endeavor, but the exploitation of public office, public privilege, etc., for private gain. This, as a rule, is not only true of Republicans, but of Democrats in cities and states wherein they have had a lease of power too long. The only safety to the people is an occasional change of political power. Pennsylvania would never have known of half the political corruption that existed in that state, had not a Democratic state treasurer been elected. It was to his and his party's interest, to uncover the corruption. The books were opened to the public and the result became known. Had a Republican treasurer been elected, party fealty would have caused him to keep the frauds covered up. But the people wanted a change. They got it and with it came the exposure of the notorious mess ever uncovered in the Nation. Yes, a change often does good and rarely does harm, unless turning the rascals out, be called harm.

The crop of "has been" senators will be quite large after March 4 next. If such men as Senators Elkins, Aldrich and numerous other senators, who deem it their duty to serve the "interests" rather than the people, could be added to the crowd, the grief of the people would not be unconsolable.

Scio's new board of school directors are enterprising, progressive business men. All believe that the best is none too good, in school work for Scio and, we may expect something doing in school matters from this time henceforth.

For a wonder, the Oregonian is giving Statement No. 1 a rest. We may look for a return of the malady, in a virulent form, after November 3.

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