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AND DON'T MAKE YOUR ONLY STOP IN PORTLAND

The News is in receipt of an interesting communication from a Scioan who is picking hops near Independence, but as it is unsigned, we are unable to use it. Correspondents will please bear in mind that their name must accompany articles for publication, as an evidence of good faith.

The announcement of a registered hog sale will be found at the top of page three. This sale which will take place at Gilkey station on October 7, will no doubt attract many who wish to get into the business of raising fine hogs, and will be a benefit to the whole community. The breeders announce that this sale will be made an annual event hereafter.

The first rain of any consequence since June 24 fell last Sunday evening and kept up almost a steady downpour until Tuesday evening. Wednesday morning the sun came out bright and clear without a cloud in the sky, and the smoke and dust cleared out of the air. The trees on the distant hills stand out like steel engravings, the air is sweet and balmy and taken all together, it makes a fellow glad to be living in the Willamette valley. This has been one of the best years for saving all crops without rain in the history of the state. Harvesting is all done with a good yield of grain, and hop and prune picking which are under way are not injured by the rains which we have had this week. There is no reason why Oregon should not just be entering an unprecedented era of prosperity.

The fire company was called out last Saturday to put out a blaze at Mrs R J Compton's place which burned a lot of grass and destroyed a line of clothes. The fire was started by a bunch of boys playing with a burning glass.

W E Brown made a business trip to Albany last Thursday.

Diarrhoea Quickly Cured

"My attention was first called to Chamberlain's colic, cholera and diarrhoea remedy as much as twelve years ago. At that time I was seriously ill with summer complaint. One dose of this remedy checked the trouble," writes Mrs C W Florence, Rockpoint, Ind. For sale by all dealers.

Anyone wishing a good, reliable, safe, sound horse, 1250 lbs, call at the Santiam Farm, as I have decided to sell my fine farm and buggy horse. He is ten years old, not a blemish, good as a horse of six years.—S W Gaines.

Hurrah for the Farmers Union!

Editor Santiam News,

Dear sir:—

I want you to join in saying, "Hurrah for the Farmers Union," which I know you will, when you read what we are doing.

Since May 5 up to date, Richardson Gap Local No 102 has paid out through co-operative purchases, \$2,500.00. Our first purchase was for 101 sacks best D G fruit and berry sugar, since which we have bought groceries, hardware, binder twine, grain sacks, machine oil, brooms, flour, shingles, fine and coarse salt, lump salt, sulphur and many other things. Our general average on the purchases we have made has been about 33 1/2 per cent saving to us, on the prices we would have paid our local retail merchants. On a great many of our purchases we have saved 100 per cent on retail prices, such as salt, brooms, rice, etc. We have our bills and you can compare them with the retail prices you are paying the local merchants. We recently placed an order with the Scio Flouring Mill for 182 bbls of flour, on this purchase we saved \$573.39 over the retail price of hard wheat flour, according to what my neighbor paid for a sack the other day, \$1.85. On our salt we saved 100 per cent, on brooms 100 per cent, on the 101 sacks of sugar 33 1/2 per cent. On groceries in case lots, 25, 30 and 50 per cent. Now who says it does not pay for the farmers to co-operate in their buying.

We expect to have a drygoods man with us in October to sell us underwear, overalls, shirts, socks, etc, and the same for women's goods. In September we expect a boot and shoe man with a full line of samples of winter shoes both for men, women and children. These two orders will probably make another \$1,000.00 to add to our \$2,500.00. We have an order on now for school tablets, lead pencils, etc.

We are in correspondence now for a car load of binder twine for next year direct from the manufacturer, also for a carload of wire fencing direct from the factory, and next year we expect to buy a car load of sugar direct from the refinery.

If any of our Scio merchants want in on these deals, we might be courteous enough to let them in and show them how and where to buy.

We have written 100 letters seeking prices and places to buy, and are receiving letters every day bidding for our trade.

Some say, why, we will ruin the towns by sending our money away. Our merchants never consider this when they are sending their money away. Why don't they buy Oregon made goods and help build up its manufacturing establishments, instead of sending our money, that we pay them away to build up eastern establishments and manufacturers? I suppose it makes a difference who sends it away, if they can buy goods from Tootle, Wheeler, Motter Co of St Joe, Mo, or Wyman, Partridge Co of St Paul, Minn, or boots and shoes of eastern houses, it is all right, but if the farmer does this, my how they howl. If we buy our goods as cheap as they can and thus save to ourselves 50 to 100 per cent on the prices they charge us, why should we not do it? Why should they

live and grow fat off of the farmers hard earned money and toil? All lines of business now are organized into unions. Why should not the farmers have their unions as well?

Some may ask how it is that a few farmers can make such purchases. The Farmers Educational Co-operative Union of America is a national organization of farmers, with a membership of over 3,000,000. Richardson Gap Local No 102 in Oregon numbers about 80 members, who represent \$250,000 in farm values and we never place an order without the cash and our money talks for business just as well as the local merchants'. Aberdeen Local near Lebanon ordered a carload of wire fence from the factory and made a saving of 33 1/2 per cent on retail prices in Lebanon, only one grade of fence being better than the one they got.

My advice to the country merchants is not to turn up their noses at the Farmers Union for it is here to stay and grow bigger and better as the years go by.

We are commissioned to organize these unions and during the coming fall and winter we hope to organize a half dozen more locals in the forks of the Santiam and when we get thus organized we all expect to co-operate in buying and selling our farm products, and our local merchants had just as well get busy and adjust their business to meet the change that is coming, as to set round and make faces at the Farmers Union and its work.

Any community that would like to have a Farmers Union organized, we will be only too glad to come and explain its workings and organize one for you. The initiation fee is \$2.00, and 25c per month dues for male members; ladies admitted free, no dues, initiation fee or assessments to them.

For any further information, write to
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PROHIBITION

WHY

More than sixty years ago Prohibition became the name for a theory advanced in an effort to overcome such vices as could be laid at the door of intemperance. Prohibition at its birth was fathered by men of unassailable virtue. It was spoken of as a panacea for all humanity. The intention or motive was admirable and the spirit of its authors was commendable.

Many thousands of good men and women took kindly to the theory and in the belief that it was practicable, they voted it upon the state.

Brought up within a home, shielded from the seamy side of life or the troubles of the "submerged half" of humanity, they did not know what practice would do to their theory. They have since found out.

WHERE

Prohibition was adopted in Maine by Constitutional amendment in 1854 by a majority vote of 44,632. Maine only retained the law in 1911 by a bare majority of 758.

Prohibition was adopted in Vermont; was retained under trial for fifty-three years and was REJECTED. Prohibition was voted and retained in the State of New Hampshire for forty-eight years and was REJECTED.

In all, during the past sixty years it is a fact that twenty-four States accepted the prohibition doctrine and it is a fact that fifteen of those states have REJECTED IT.

WHEN

When prohibition was rejected in one state after another those "WORKERS" who are drawing \$10,000 and \$20,000 per campaign from the "funds" set up a hue and cry for Nation-Wide Prohibition by United States Constitutional amendment.

Those "WORKERS" were not the men who conceived the theory of Prohibition. They are men who, actuated by "principles" of mere personal gain and aggrandizement poured oil on the burned out stump of the old theory in the hope of "creating" sentiment so that they could hold their employment indefinitely at \$10,000 and \$20,000 per campaign.

WHAT

What will be the verdict of Oregon voters when they realize that such as these have "talked" enough good men and women into their line as to be able to place this exploded theory on the Oregon ballot? Will the voters experiment with a theory exploded in fifteen states of the twenty-four that have tested it and found it "wanting"?

True temperance has been advanced through the Home Rule or Local Option laws. Communities govern themselves. Prohibition wipes this excellent system from the books. Thousands of good people, anxious to do good, have been misled into accepting prohibition as a "cure" when in reality it is a menace.

WHITHER?

Whither will the economic and industrial future of Oregon lead, if through zeal and prejudice the saner voters of cool brains and knowledge are defeated and this exploded experiment shall be placed on the statute books of Oregon?

Fourteen hundred farmers representing holdings of 25,000 acres of hop land, part of an industry bringing more than \$5,000,000 annually to Oregon are asking you to THINK. There are 50,000 people now in the hop fields harvesting this year's crop. They, with other labor, will receive \$3,000,000 in wages. They too are depending upon you to THINK. Inquire into the statements made in this appeal.

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