

Preaching the Gospel of the Farmers' Union

Editor Santiam News
Dear Sir:

I have just returned from a ten days missionary tour, preaching the gospel of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union. The first bread cast upon the water was at the DeVaney school house, next at Shelburn, then at the Cole school house and at Mount Pleasant church. While my audiences were not large owing to the extreme bad weather we succeeded in sowing seed that will germinate and grow into the organization of a good Farmers' Union local at Shelburn by uniting the DeVaney section with the Shelburn farmers, and the Cole school section with the Mount Pleasant people.

In a few days we expect to continue our missionary travels among the German farmers in the Bilyea Den district, Jordan Valley and Fox Valley, then over on the Marion county side.

The slogan of our state organization is to have the whole Willamette valley organized by our next state convention. It is wonderful how the farmers get interested when you tell them how a few farmers, by co-operating in their buying can save from 25 to 100 per cent on their purchases, by buying in wholesale quantities, on sugar 33 1/2 per cent; rice 50 per cent; salt 100 per cent; brooms 100 per cent, coal oil 100 per cent, groceries 25 to 33 1/2 per cent, school tablets, led pencils etc. from 33 1/2 to 50 per cent.

Just as soon as we get a membership of 600 farmers in the forks of the Santiam we can buy in carload lots direct from the manufacturers, the larger the purchase the cheaper the price. When our County Union is formed then we get in touch with Unions all over the country and instead of ordering carload lots it will mean several carloads at a time. This means of course the eliminating of the credit and mortgage system among farmers, one of the principles for which the organization stands. It means also the eliminating of the middle man, one of the prime factors in the high cost of living. This high cost of living is easily explained when you look at it from the right view point. Every incorporated city throughout the land of any consequence has a bonded debt or a debt of some kind hanging over them for city improvements, electric lights, paved streets, etc. As a consequence city taxes are levied to pay interest and make city improvements, and business men as a result must add all this extra tax on the sale of their goods and those who buy last pay the shot. Farmers are getting a little think into their "think-tanks" that all wealth comes from the soil in some form or other and is gotten out by hard labor, and there are too many men who do not work exploiting them. As tillers of the soil the farmers are learning that they are paying in a greater part for all these city luxuries—paved streets, electric lights and taxes in the goods they have to buy by an extra profit being added to them to pay for these improvements. Here is the main cause of the high cost of living, of which I will have more to say in my next sermon.

In our journey we met many farmers and enjoyed their hospitality, as they gave us the glad hand of success in our work, realizing the need of such an organization whereby farmers may better their condition.

I found also some up to date farm houses equal to those in the city, with electric lights, hot and cold water, and all the modern improvements. W. R. Ray had just completed installing a 30 light plant in his home, lighting up his house, barn, woodshed, milk room, wash room and barn lot with a 2 1/2 horse power gasoline engine with which he runs his cream separator, washing machine, wringer, churn, compressed water pump, and charging the batteries of his dynamo all at one time while the engine is in operation. While separating their milk night and morning the batteries are charged with enough juice to run all the 30 lights for one hour without running the engine, and so arranged and connected that you can use one or all the lights at one time. He also has hot and cold water in the milk room, wash room, kitchen, bath room, and toilet. Every thing is handy and convenient to lessen the work of the good wife. The installing of this plant cost Mr. Ray something like \$250.00, but it is a thing of beauty, a joy and a comfort to the home, and for which Mr. Ray said he had been working for twenty years to attain.

M. S. Allen has a hot and cold water system, the water being supplied by

wind mill power. Mike Kelly and F. J. Denney have the compressed air system with hot and cold water all through their dwellings.

F. A. Gooch has the acetylene gas system to light up his fine new dwelling in Shelburn. A. P. Hirons also has the compressed water system. But Wm. Manis has them all skinned for a cheap and everlasting fresh water system by siphoning it from a well 1000 feet from his house, a constant stream of water flowing from a well 40 feet deep with no power whatever to operate it.

G. I. SUTHERLAND
(Continued next week)

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Competing in chapel Friday morning, Herbert Blatchford of the Albany College, speaking on the subject, "Education and Disarmament for world Peace," won out over Howard Spear, whose subject was "The Dawn of Tomorrow." As a result Blatchford will represent the college at the state oratorical contest to be held in McMinnville on March the 12.

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You will find our prices very reasonable and our goods satisfactory. We also wish to state to the entire community that our store is your home when in town. We are going to provide the farmers with a lunch and rest room. Remember this does not necessitate that you do your shopping at our store, but we will appreciate any patronage which we may receive from you.

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MARKET REPORT

The following are cash prices quoted on Thursday of each week by our dealers:

Wheat, per bushel.....	\$1 40
Oats.....	54
Flour, per sack.....	1 70
Bran, per ton.....	36 00
Middlings, per ton.....	50 00
Chop, wheat, per ton.....	50 00
Chop, oats, per ton.....	36 00
Barley Chop.....	42 00
Butter, (Country) per roll.....	60
Eggs, per dozen.....	23
Chickens, per pound.....	11
Geese, per pound.....	08
Turkeys, per pound.....	15
Ducks, per pound Pekin.....	8
Ducks, Indian Runner.....	10
Beef, per pound, live weight....	5 to 06
Pork, dressed.....	8
Pork, live weight.....	6 1/2
Veal, per pound, for shipping....	10 1/2

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