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## HIMSELF A FARMER, COX AIDS FARMERS

### Nominees Record of Agricultural Legislation Evidence of Expert Knowledge

New York City.—As a practical farmer whose childhood and young manhood were passed on the farm where he was born, James M. Cox, Democratic nominee for presidency, realizes the needs and problems of the farmer at first hand. He knows the compensations, material and otherwise, of a farmer's life.

As governor of Ohio, Mr. Cox has been an originator of legislation in the interests of the agricultural industry. This is told in the Democratic Campaign Textbook, just issued from national headquarters, Grand Central Palace, New York City. One of his first acts as Governor was to order a survey of roads in the state. The era of road building in Ohio began with this survey, which resulted in the mapping out of a complete network of 10,000 miles of inter-county roads to tie together the 88 county seats of the state. Of this 3,000 miles connecting the larger cities, were designed as main market roads. The latter to be constructed entirely at state expense, while the remainder are to be built, half at the expense of the state and half at the expense of the county in which the road lies. The program calls for an expenditure of \$30,000,000 annually, including Federal aid.

Another achievement of the Cox administration which was of vital concern to agriculture was the enactment of the school code. This legislation was designed by the Governor to reorganize the rural school system, and by modernizing it, centralizing and consolidating districts, improving educational standards and methods and giving the country boy

## Malheur Is Jubilant

From a private letter John Turner of Harper, Malheur county, we learn that old Jupiter Pluvius did not neglect to visit our far southeast county. Malheur county has received rain and the stockmen are jubilant for they expect a good grass fall will result, something they have not had for several years. Mr. Turner writes cheerfully which leads one to believe that Malheur is in the line of progress and prosperity.

and girl the educational advantages possessed by pupils in the larger centers, to remove the causes of discontent with life on the farm and in this way save the farm from the movement to the city which was imperiling its existence.

The roster of agricultural legislation enacted during Cox's three administrations includes the following:

A law combining all agricultural activities under jurisdiction of an agricultural commission; provision for study of and establishment of a farm credit plan; protection against sale of untested fertilizer; provision for destruction of and remuneration for diseased cattle; compulsory orchard spraying law, with spraying material under license; establishment of breeding service at institutional farms, and the building up of pure-bred herds throughout the state; passage of a pure seed bill; establishment of a producer-to-consumer market bill; provision for proper seed corn when Ohio crop had failed; securing 6,000 tractors in war time to keep up production; enlargement of agricultural aid through the experiment station and State Agricultural College.

How much in sympathy have been the agricultural aims and policies of the Democratic nominee and his party is shown by the record of the Wilson administration.

The roster of national legislation is a long one, filed with measures of a constructive nature. One of the most important was the Federal Farm Loan Act, which lifted old burdens of debt from thousands of families. Under its provision twelve Federal Land Banks and numerous Joint Stock Land Banks are in operation, with the result that interest rates have declined from 25 per cent in some cases to 5½ per cent, with mortgages extending up to 35 years. Another piece of beneficial legislation was the provision in the Federal Reserve Act authorizing national banks to lend money on farm mortgages and giving the farmer's paper a maturity of six months.

The Federal Aid Road Act of 1916 materialized Federal and State cooperation in building and paying for roadways, the whole program calling for an expenditure of \$600,000,000, of which the Federal Government pays \$209,000,000 and states, counties and municipalities \$391,000,000.

The Cooperative Agricultural Extension Act gave a great impetus to agricultural education by bringing Federal and State governments in close touch for dissemination of information among farmers by personal contact. For this work \$8,680,000 will be annually available by 1922.

Gambling in cotton has been forever ended by the Cotton Futures Act, which regulates marketing es-

## Home Coming Day at the Fair

Albany, Sept. 29.—Every day at the Linn county fair will have its features and each moment will be filled with entertainment for visitors but the biggest day of all, according to plans of the fair association, will be the first day, October 5, when the fair will be opened. Then the buildings and grounds will be dedicated and the starting gun for the biggest event of its kind ever known in the Willamette valley will be fired. It is upon this day that the Linn County Fair Association wants to see the biggest crowd of any day at the big show.

For the benefit of those who are able to come, the following program will be given, subject to minor changes:

### Address of Welcome

County Judge W. R. Bilyeu

Music . . . . . Lebanon Quartette

Address . . . . . Hon. S. M. Garland

Vocal Solo . . . . . Selected

### Address of the Day

Hon. George E. Chamberlain

Cornet Solo . . . . . Mrs. J. Wetmore

With good weather promised, the buildings and the track have been completed, and all bids fair toward a record event, for all superintendents of departments have announced that their respective portions of the exhibits are being arranged with hardly a hitch, while program arrangements are also being made with little difficulty.

County Agent, S. V. Smith has announced that a feature of Thursday, October 7, Farm Bureau day, will be a horseshoe pitching contest between teams representing the Linn and Benton county farm bureaus. The contests will be held in front of the grandstand.

tablishes standards of cotton and supervises exchanges.

Through the Grain Standardization Act, the farmer has been enabled to obtain fair prices, and a financial incentive to produce better grades has been afforded.

The Warehouse Act has standardized storage and marketing by providing for licensing of bonded warehouses and making possible the issuance of reliable and easily negotiable warehouse receipts, as well as permitting better storage of farm products.

What tremendous stimulus was lent war-time production by the Government Wheat Guarantee is yet fresh in the minds of Americans. As against a prewar price of 87 cents, farmers were extended a Government guarantee of \$2.20, and later \$2.26 a bushel, for wheat as a war-time measure, this assurance extending to June 1, 1920.

The policy of the administration in agricultural matters is evidenced by the fact that the greater part of all the legislation on the statute books of the United States which has for its purpose the development and aid of agriculture has been enacted within the last seven years.

D. J. Hildreth has sold his big farm east of Scio and will remove to Portland next week to spend the winter. Mr. Hildreth is one of our substantial citizens and we regret to have him leave us.

## Fair To Be a Hummer

Albany, Ore., Sept. 28.—Special trains from all parts of Linn county on railway lines October 8. Bigger Linn County Day at the Linn County Fair, and reduced rates from October 5 to 9, inclusive, the fair dates, have been promised by the Oregon Electric and Southern Pacific railway companies in view of the expected influx of visitors to Albany during the big fair.

As the program nears completion many special features stand out prominently above the usual run of events that constitute the ordinary county fair. One of these is the racing program that has been arranged by Wayne Stuart, secretary of the races, who will act as starting judge on the first day. For the remainder of the time, J. K. Greer of Eugene will be the starting judge.

Although good horses have been lined up for all of the track events, the one that is attracting chief interest not only in Linn county but in all the northwest is that to be staged between Phyllis Winn, owned by Tom Taylor of Medford and Oregon Bond, owned by Scott Wolfe. This match will be held in addition to the regular daily racing program and will be for a special purse of \$400.

Leonard Gilkey, of Scio, superintendent of the Agricultural department of the fair is calling special attention to the \$25 in prizes that is being offered by the banks of the county for the best 100 ears of corn at the county fair. This is in addition to the regular prizes provided by the fair association.

It is the duty of every corn grower in the county who can do so to respond to this call of the banks, who are showing such interest in promoting corn raising in Linn county, says Mr. Gilkey.

Mrs. F. H. Pfeiffer, superintendent of the culinary department of the fair, has issued an appeal to the women of the county to send in cakes, pastry, canned fruit, pies, bread, candies, jellies preserves, relishes, catsups and vegetables with which she may arrange an attractive exhibit to show what the women are doing in their homes. These entries, Mrs. Pfeiffer says, must be in her hands by 8 o'clock on the morning of Tuesday, October 5. A collection will include six entries and a display will be more than one and less than six entries, says Mrs. Pfeiffer.

To assist in caring for the visitors who are expected in Albany to attend the fair, the women of the Baptist, First Presbyterian, and Catholic churches are preparing to serve meals. On opening day stores in Albany will close and a general holiday will be declared.

There is one grim satisfaction to the farmer who did not get all of his grain saved before the rain, in the present decline of wheat, he will not lose so much.

It may be that the clover seed will yet be saved.

The first Parent-Teachers meeting for the present school year will occur in the school auditorium on the evening of October 7. All parents are urged to come out and get acquainted with the new teachers.

## RAIN HELD BACK POWER LINE PROJECT

### Managers Not Responsible for Rain, Nor for Shortage of Cement

One can hear many criticisms from our citizens anent the power line from Jordan these days and the prediction is frequent that the power line will not reach Scio this Fall.

Now as a preliminary remark, let us say that the managers of the work are not responsible for the weather; neither are they responsible for the scarcity of cement. Of course if they were weather sharps the building of the dam might have commenced sooner and hurried on to completion.

It is perhaps true, that under the conditions which have and now exist, our city dads would have done well to have let the contract for the entire job last spring. But no one knew that we were to have so much early rain, no one knew that the labor situation was to be such a problem and no one knew that there was to be such a, probably needless, scarcity of cement.

No doubt these unexpected conditions will increase the cost somewhat but not more than the increase would have been by letting the contract.

It is a case of "our front sights are not so good as our hind sights" and let it go at that. If the dam can be completed within the next month, the rest of the work can be brought to completion quickly.

Having so much rain in September may presage good weather for October and a part if not all of November. This writer remembers that in the Fall of 1870, the regular winter rains held off until the last of December, the roads being dry and dusty all Fall.

While we may deplore the continuous rain September brought us and sympathize with those haying grain unthreshed and with the prune growers for their loss, the fine pastures and advanced seeding is, at least, some compensation.

Anyway, we have to take the weather as it comes. If our power line builders have done the best they could and have been honest and fair in expending the tax-payers money, let us forgive them for their mismanagement and hope that the work will be completed before the regular winter rains set in.

### Old Clothing for Armenians

Scio Branch of the Red Cross will be glad to receive old clothing of any kind, especially children's clothing which will be sent to the Armenians, carload to leave Portland not later than October 10.

These people are desperately in need of warm clothing of all kinds and some of the old garments, which you have hanging in your closet, will perhaps save a life this winter. Leave any contribution that you can make of this kind at the Scio Confectionery as soon as possible, where it will be taken care of by the Red Cross.

At the Peoples Theatre, Saturday and Sunday, Wm. S. Hart in "Sand",

See our Window Display this week

## SCHOOL SUPPLY

Start the children in  
right, with a fountain  
pen or Ever-Sharp  
pencil.

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