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"They tell us farmers that co-operation is our only hope, but if we wait for it to save us, we won't have much to save."

"Why cannot organization do for

the farm industry what it has already done to all other industries?"

"Oh, but farming is different. If we all raised but one crop we could combine and put it over, but we all raise everything, and our interests are so varied we can never all pull together."

"That's what they used to say about labor organizations; that there were so many laborers and so many different trades that it would be impossible to accomplish anything through organization, yet they have organized and have accomplished wonders for workers in the way of higher wages. Labor would be a twin industry in misery with farming today if the workers had believed in the 'it can't be done.'"

"Yes, but that is different. Labor has no products to sell."

"Labor has everything to sell—days' work—but it no longer puts them on the market and asks 'what will you give?' Labor tells the contractor and employer what they can have the days' work for, and if they won't pay it, they don't get it. And they do pay it, because they have to have it."

"But labor has big national organizations and many leaders to stand back of the Laborers' demands and help them get them."

"It did not have once. Farmers can have the same powerful machine any time it cares strong enough to build it. It can regulate production, do its own marketing, rid the nation of its speculators and make its own selling prices."

"Then why isn't it doing something along these lines in Oregon today. There are several long-established co-operative organizations. Why haven't they made more progress along this line?"

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gress along this line?"

"Because none of the strictly co-operative organizations are given strength to accomplish much. They are too weak in numbers. They do not control enough of the product to be able to fix their own price on their own goods. There are too many farmers like yourself who stand along the lines and say 'it can't be done.' And you help to make it impossible by your outside competition."

"The government should help us in our present extremity. We have too most important industry in the world. Nearly all the newspapers and periodicals in the land and state and national representatives admit our plight of the last few years, and they state that agriculture must be made profitable in order that other business may progress."

"And because these newspapers and politicians have done this, you farmers sit down and pity yourselves. If these papers and these representatives had proclaimed that you farmers are getting all you deserve to have; that you should be satisfied with peonage conditions and that you are too helpless to ever be dangerous to the industries that prey on you—if these papers and these office holders had made these statements instead of competing with one another in their deluge of sympathy, it would not have taken you long to get together in organizations powerful enough to show the world you could run your own business."

"When you farmers will work as hard as you complain; when you quit the self pity and line up your locality for self help; when you once

get it into your heads that the government will never guarantee you profit prices for your products, but that you have got to get that guarantee by organizing along the same lines as other business that guarantees its organizers dividends, then will farming have its place in the sun."

The above are some of the many both side arguments on the co-operative movement that the state market agent hears every week. Read them again, and the next time think them over.

Time For Hot Beds

The hot bed should be constructed now and seeds for early spring plants should be planted.

A very good hot bed can be made from an old window sash, a few boards and a little effort. A trench the size of the window sash should be dug in the ground, preferably 13 inches deep. Fill the trench three-fourths full with fresh horse manure comparatively free from straw. A tight frame that the window will cover should be made around the pit. The south side should be four inches lower than the north side. This will give the plants more sunlight which is needed in their growth. The manure should be covered with a four inch layer of good organic soil. The fermentation of the fresh manure will keep the soil warm enough to germinate the seeds and keep the plants growing.

The seeds should be planted in rows four inches apart and one-half inch apart in the rows. This will give them room for growth until they can be transplanted. The most important seeds to plant now are: tomatoes, early cabbage, head lettuce, and cauliflower.

When the plants become crowded and weather conditions are such that they cannot be transplanted in the garden, they should be put in small shallow boxes two inches apart each way and kept in a protected place until they can be put outdoors.—By Franklin E. Gilkey, O. A. C. student.

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