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**AGRICULTURAL LEG-
 ISLATION NEEDED**

The Farm the Place to Study
 All Legislative Problems.

By Peter Radford,
 Lecturer National Farmers' Union.

The principal function performed by government today is to collect taxes, keep records and prevent and punish crime; but that is not sufficient. Government should tip its hat to the Goddess of Opportunity as courageously as it draws a six-shooter on a train robber. We ought to encourage thrift as well as restrain greed. We have been basing legislation upon the extremes of human life—the classes high and low, the depraved and the talented—let us now reach the masses and the extremes will more nearly disappear. Our statutes are filled to overflowing with pity and revenge; let us add opportunity.

The slogan of the Farmers' Union is co-operation. Not only among individual farmers, but between all legitimate and useful occupations. We want to sit around the hearthstone of industry and talk over problems of mutual interest with our neighbors.

We want to invite those who are earnestly searching for information on public questions to get back to the soil with their investigations where, in the stillness of nature, they can climb the mountain-top of wisdom, explore the deep canyons of knowledge and stroll through the quiet valleys of understanding.

There is no problem in civilization that cannot be found in its native state on the farm. The labor, educational, financial, transportation, home-building and all other problems are there. We will discuss a few of them.

The Labor Problem.

We bow to the dignity of labor. No one would be willing to do more to lighten the burdens, increase the safety, comforts and profits of those who labor in commerce and industry than their fellow toilers in agriculture. But how about the farmer who bows his back to feed and clothe the world, and who works from sun until sun? Is he not also entitled to an increase in pay and a shortening of hours? Much has been said about the women in the factory and behind the counter, but how about the woman in the field, drenched in perspiration, gathering the harvest, the little children, their lips wet with mother's milk, toiling by her side? Are they not also entitled to consideration? Is not the man who digs in the ground entitled to the same consideration as he who toils at the forge, weaves at the loom and works behind the counter?

The farmer has been bearing his burdens as patiently as the beast he plows, but is patience a bar from justice? The labor problem of Virginia today is on the farm, and the first attention should be given those who labor in the field.

The Need of Cheap Money.

Agriculture has never been properly financed. The farmer pays a much higher rate of interest as a rule than any other class of borrower and his property, especially that of farm products, is not so readily accepted as a basis of credit as the property of other lines of industry of equal market value.

A rural or land credit system is needed that will enable a farmer to buy a home on long time at a cheap rate of interest.

A statute based on sound business principles that will enable the landless to buy and encourage the large land owner to sell, is much needed, and one that merits the most serious consideration of our law makers.

The financial problem of the state and nation is on the farm, and first attention should be given those who create the nation's wealth.

It is an admitted economic fact that there can be no permanent prosperity without a permanent agriculture.

An up-to-date farmer must have an accurate knowledge of today and a clear vision of tomorrow.

In this age of advancement in agricultural science there is no excuse for soil depletion to further menace the nation's prosperity.

Soil is not a dead, inert substance, as many suppose. It is an active, virile force, full of energy and power and the farmer should know his soil if he would maintain its productivity.

Agriculture is recognized as the greatest of all industries and a prosperous, progressive and enlightened agricultural population is the surest safeguard of civilization.

**HOT LAKE MANAGER WOULD
 LIKE NOTICE OF ARRIVAL
 IN ADVANCE.**

Persons contemplating a visit to Hot Lake Springs, Oregon, who require the service of a wheel chair or other special convenience, are requested by the management to give notice of arrival in advance, so that proper care and attention may be assured. (Paid Advertisement.)

Many Heppner people attended the dance at Lena last Saturday night.

**WORK ON COLUMBIA
 RIVER TO CONTINUE**

Portland, Oregon, Oct. 13.—The River and Harbor Bill having been passed by Congress, the money necessary for the continuation of dredging and the construction of jetties at the mouth of the Columbia will be immediately available. For the work at the mouth of the Columbia \$1,000,000 has been awarded, for the work on the Columbia below Portland, \$200,000 and for the completion of the Celilo canal \$525,000, which the estimate will be the full amount required. Since the report from Washington was received about five hundred men have been put to work at Big Eddy and as soon as work can be found for them, additional men will be employed and the work rushed to completion at the earliest possible date.

At an election held in Roseburg early last week the voters of that city authorized the issuance of bonds to the amount of \$500,000 with which to assist in the construction of a railroad from Roseburg to Coos Bay. A railroad commission consisting of ten business men of the city was provided for at the same election.

Fifty thousand dollars contributed by Multnomah county citizens for the completion of the Columbia River Highway in the county will be expended in the immediate future under the supervision of the state highway engineers. This donation it is said will insure the completion of the grading on the highway this year.

In the near future an extensive system of stock yards will be established at Springfield for the handling of livestock in the upper Willamette valley. Market quotations will be published daily, based on the Portland market, and the surplus livestock will be shipped to the metropolis. It is expected that the improvement will cost not less than \$100,000.

Following the disastrous fire at Bandon last June in which property to the value of \$300,000 was destroyed, the citizens of that progressive city have started out to make public and private improvements which will aggregate \$250,000 in cost. A number of modern fire-proof structures are now under way, extensions of the water system are being installed and a few months will see a new and substantial city erected on the ruins of the old one.

According to advices from Washington, Oregon's share of the money received by the government from the forest reserves in this state amounts to \$60,000, and this amount will be immediately available for the benefit of the schools or improvement of the roads in the counties in which the forest reserves are located.

PROHIBITION TOUR IS HINDERED BY HEAVY ROADS.

Schedule Took Speakers Through Sand Dunes Along Columbia.

In making out the schedule of dates for the Dry delegation the committee laid out a trip down the Columbia river, which was impossible to make on time, so Mr. Hinshaw, the National Chairman of the Prohibition party and George L. Cleaver, candidate for Congress, second Oregon district, were not able to appear in Heppner as billed.

They reached Arlington two days late and Mr. Cleaver came on to the branch towns Friday, visiting Heppner, Lexington and Lone, at which points he acquainted himself with the voters by coming into personal contact with them.

Mr. Hinshaw reports that the prohibition wave, not only in Oregon, but all over the country, is the greatest in all the history of the cause, and that the temperance forces are now so combined that they will elect at least three men to Congress in November. The second district of Oregon is to have the honor of polling the largest vote for a Dry candidate yet recorded.

Mr. Cleaver says that the Dry element in all the parties that have candidates, are lined up behind him and that the Progressives and Socialists, who have no candidates will vote for him and assure his election.

The women are organized for the fight and these temperance advocates predict a complete knock-out for the saloons on Nov. 3rd, not only in passing the amendment, but by electing a Prohibition congressman.

Enjoyed the State Fair.

Wilson O. Bayless returned on Friday evening from Salem and Portland. At Salem he took in the State Fair and witnessed Morrow county walk off with the blue ribbons. He greatly enjoyed the fair all the way through, and is firmly of the opinion that the Morrow county exhibit has been the means of doing us a lot of good. The display was greatly admired by hundreds of visitors who expressed great surprise at the productivity of this "cow county." On his return Mr. Bayless spent several days visiting with relatives in Portland.



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