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OFFICIAL PAPER FOR MORROW COUNTY.

Thursday, September 28, 1916.

THE COUNTY AGRICULTURIST.

Morrow County is undoubtedly one of the greatest agricultural sections of the Northwest today. As the 1916 harvest season is drawing to a close it is apparent that there has been raised over \$2,000,000 worth of grain. This is an estimate that has been made by wheat buyers who should come pretty near to knowing. It makes us feel good to know we are living in a country that produces as does Morrow county. We have a high class lot of farmers and they are improving their methods every year. They are learning from experience. Yet there are many things which the farmer would like to know that he cannot know under present conditions.

The work of the county agents in other counties of the state is proving successful. The agent is the organizer who works out problems of the scientific nature which the farmer does not have time to delve into. Methods for combating weed pests in the most successful manner, the best way to stop the advance of the army worm and other insect pests that have in times past destroyed entire crops in sections of the country are the agent's problems. Organized methods for combating all these evils have been and are a means of saving thousands of dollars to the farmers. The paltry salary which the county agent is paid is small enough when compared with the great good which he accomplishes in his work.

Some severe epidemics of weed pests or other blight will strike the wheat fields of Morrow county some day and the crops will go while the farmers are striving in a useless way to save them. The organized work of adjoining counties will be the means of saving their crops. It will only be history repeating itself. Kansas and other states have profited by their experience and we should not have to learn that way. Morrow county ought to have a county agriculturist.

WOULD IT BE PRACTICAL?

Recently we read a communication in a local paper, the writer did not sign his name, regarding the initiative petition to place a measure on the November ballot which would provide for a tax to maintain the Morrow County Fair. The writer acknowledges that the fair is a great thing and to succeed in its purpose it must have the undivided backing of all our citizens. Yet the question is asked how the Fair Board is appointed, who makes the appointment and that if the Fair Board is to be maintained by a direct tax on the people, then why not let the people have a say as to who shall be appointed on the Board.

This sounds all right and it might make a very popular plea without any serious thought being given to the matter. The County Fair is a public institution, but like our schools and other city, county and state institutions of that nature, must be kept out of politics as much as possible. Past experience in this state has proven disastrous to our university and agricultural college. Log rolling would have its ill effects if applied to our County Fair. Lets keep it out of politics. The tax measure is a good one and will provide amply for maintenance but let the county court continue to appoint the Board as in the past.

THIS IS COOPERATION.

The First National Bank of Bend, Oregon, is sending out a pamphlet containing among other things, the following significant announcement: "Farmers, Attention! As you will have a

large amount of surplus hay this fall, and as this bank has a large amount of surplus money, we desire to loan to you \$100,000.00 to purchase cattle or sheep to eat your surplus hay. If you are interested, call or write for particulars."

In commenting on the above the Portland Live Stock Reporter says: "The banks of this Northwest country are rapidly realizing the advantage of live stock connections. None of them, however, has been more quick to do so than C. S. Hudson, president of the Bend bank. It was Mr. Hudson who backed the farmers in that section of the country in the bringing of bred sows from Nebraska four or five years ago. Diversified farming, with live stock and the feeding of the crops on the farm as its basis, is the only true road to prosperity. One of the most successful farmers in Clackamas County—a banker-farmer at that—stated a few days ago that he never sold a pound of hay or grain off his farms no matter what the price might be. When the farmers of this country generally adopt this policy, farming will become a profession, not a mere drudgery. There is no other profession in the world today which has the need of so much brains and the chance to use them as has the farmer."

WE SHOULD AWAKE TO DUTY.

The United States is held, at the present time, in the clutch of one of the hottest political battles, if not the hottest ever waged. There are great issues at stake, national questions in another two months will either be approved or rejected by the voters of the Republic. Likewise will the administration of four years of Wilsonian policies be ratified or denounced. Every true citizen should feel a keen interest in the campaign. Yet how many disinterested ones there are, citizens who will shout the loudest and argue the longest on the questions of the day and then at the polls on election day be conspicuous by their absence.

In Morrow county there are hundreds of voters who have not registered. After another week the registration books will be closed. There are only a few days left in which the tardy ones may awake to their full duty of citizenship and prepare to cast their vote on the men and measures at the November election. It will be one election that will stand out in the history of the United States. Every voter should participate.

In passing, three rousing cheers for the 1916 Pendleton Round-Up, Happy Canyon and Jackson Sundown, the most prominent Indian in the world today.

THE ARMORED TANK AND THE CORRESPONDENTS.

The war correspondents are having a gay time with the new British armored motor cars. Zoology is beggared in the scrambles for similes. The new vehicles cover the ground like caterpillars, they leap trenches like kangaroos, they lumber over the ground like elephants, they rip away obstructions like the horned rhinoceros. When it comes to giving an idea of their general appearance, they can be said to resemble nothing so much as an ichthyosaurus, which is convincing if one grants the premise that a war correspondent knows what an ichthyosaurus looks like.

The trouble about this embarrassment of riches in the way of vivid similes is that it leaves the reader horribly confused. The more accounts he reads and the more similes he tries to assimilate, the more confused he becomes. Trying to assemble the characteristics of all the animals mentioned in one composite creature is utterly bewildering. The beast in Revelation is nothing in comparison. Dispatches state that at first sight of the redoubtable tanks the armies screamed with laughter, recalling the venerable anecdote of the rustic's first glimpse of the giraffe.

It also will be noted that experts expect the tank to end the war; and it is hard to see how, on the basis of the dispatches, these mechanisms can be stopped anywhere short of Berlin. They recall so many other devices that were going to end the war. The giant howitzer, the submarine, the Fokker warplane, the gas attack—all these were as invincible in their day as the tank appears to be today. That hostilities should still continue is almost unbelievable.—Spokesman-Review.

Possibly some of those people who want to criticize the Fair Board would serve on the Board themselves. The Board has had many problems to contend with since the opening four years ago and not the least of their troubles has been the financial part of it. We know for a fact that the individual members have given their notes at the bank to secure funds with which to operate. Would the critics be willing to do this?

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Mrs. J. B. Sparks and Muriel McCarty were passengers on the special last Friday night to attend the Round-Up.

The Women's Federated Missionary Society will meet Tuesday October 3rd, at two-thirty at the Mrs. W. E. Pruy's home. Topic, "War and the Kingdom."
Mrs. E. D. Brown, Pres.

LOST.

Between my place and the Hager ranch, heavy open faced silver watch, shoe string chain. Finder please leave same at this office and receive reward.

W. P. Hill.

Cleve Adkins, who has been working on the Rood ranch, was forced to lay off this week on account of being kicked on the leg by a horse. Mrs. Adkins also has been suffering from illness the past week, being under the care of a doctor.

Frank Monahan wife and family and Peter Farley wife and baby were over from Heppner, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie this week. Mr. Monahan left two of his children at the Academy to attend school. They made the trip in Mr. Farley's car.—Condon Times.

The high school has purchased a new Edison disc phonograph from Oscar Otto. This machine will be used to furnish music for marching and entertainments of various kinds that may be given during the school year. The students expect to pay for the new instrument.

Bradford, the Village Painter, accompanied by Mrs. Bradford and E. J. Starkey, made a trip into the mountains last week on a hunting trip. It is reported that Mr. Starkey killed a deer.

Jesse O. Turner was transacting business in Heppner a few hours on Wednesday. He returned to his home in Sand Hollow in the evening.