

Farm Activities

FROM THE "MORROW COUNTY FARM BUREAU NEWS"

Annual Farm Bureau Meeting, January 5

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Morrow County Farm Bureau on December 8, it was decided to hold the annual meeting of the county organization in the Odd Fellows hall at Heppner on January 5. The meeting will start at 10 a. m. and dinner will be served in the hall at noon. A good live program is being worked out and Mr. D. E. Stevens, superintendent of the Sherman branch station, Moro, Oregon, and Professor E. L. Potter, head of the Animal Husbandry department of the Oregon Agricultural college have been invited to speak at the meeting on problems of wheat growers and Oregon livestock problems. Other questions that will be discussed at the meeting are the proposed plans for the relief of the wheat farmer, the Oregon Agricultural Economic conference to be held January 23 to 25, and a program for the county Farm Bureau for the coming year.

The Oregon Economic Conference

The plans for the Oregon Economic Conference are developing rapidly and are meeting with much favor throughout the state. The dates set for the conference are January 23 to 25, inclusive. The general plan is to divide the conference into commodity groups, which will meet for the first four days of the conference to work out a state program for the various commodities. The remainder will be given over to the consideration of the commodity reports by the general assembly. The Oregon Agricultural college will place all available information in the hands of the commodity groups, and give all the assistance possible to them in the working out of a state-wide agricultural program.

Probably the three topics that will be of most interest to the farmers of Morrow county, are the Irrigated Crops, the Grain Groups, and the Livestock Groups. In the Irrigated Crops, it is suggested that the group work out a rational crops program for these districts, which will consider the market outlet, and the water requirement of the crops in question. The affairs will be largely considered one or more days. In the grain group, grades and discounts will be further discussed with an attempt to locate causes for grading complaints. A discussion of the best varieties for the state, consideration of the existing differential in favor of sacked grain and the various proposed measures for controlling speculation to relieve the wheat growers will be thoroughly worked over. The following livestock questions have been suggested as a basis of the discussion of the livestock group:

- How many sheep, cattle, and horses will the feed supply of Oregon properly carry?
- Would we get our maximum production of beef, mutton and wool by decreasing the number of stock on the range?
- What steps should be taken in regard to the thirteen million acres of public lands in Oregon?
- How can calf crop be increased?
- How can we reduce the death and other losses on the range?
- How far should the keeping of farm stocks be encouraged in the state?
- Under what conditions are we justified in changing from beef to sheep or sheep to beef during periods of low prices?
- Under what conditions and to what extent are we justified in changing from beef or sheep to dairy cattle?
- What part should livestock play on our irrigation projects? What kind of livestock? How managed? To what extent may irrigated land be used for pasture?
- How far can we recommend the production of goats in Oregon?
- How far do feed conditions justify the marketing of cattle at an earlier age than is now practiced?
- Is any change in our marketing methods necessary or practical? How can the individual stockman make the best use of the marketing facilities available? Does the present market demand indicate any change in the kind, amount, and quality of stock?
- How much increase in swine production can be brought about by a better utilization of our waste products? Are we justified in expanding our swine production beyond the utilization of our waste products?
- All the farmers and businessmen of the state are invited to attend and take part in the conference.

Irrigon Local Quits the County Farm Bureau

Irrigon, Oregon, Dec. 11, 1923. Mr. E. W. Turner, Chairman Morrow County Farm Bureau, Dear Sir: At our Farm Bureau meeting held December 8th, it was the opinion of the majority of the members that we are not getting as much benefit as we feel we are entitled to, in view of this fact we have organized a distinct Farm Bureau with the understanding that any time the county Farm Bureau again associates with the state and Federal Farm Bureau we are willing to become a part of the county organization and forward our dues for same.

Yours very truly,
F. C. FREDERICKSON, Sec.

The above being a petition for withdrawal from membership in the County Farm Bureau, I hereby announce that at the regular annual meeting this matter will be discussed, and I also urge everyone concerned to be present.

E. W. TURNER, Pres.

Irrigon Co-operative Melon and Potato Growers Association

By N. Seaman, Secy. Manager. The co-operative selling association formed by five farmers in the Irrigon district two years ago, and put into action this season, proved to be a life-saver for many of the Irrigon district farmers this year. Messrs. C.

LEYS, but more or less other fruits were included throughout the season, such as apricots, peaches, cucumbers, raspberries, grapes and the like, making it necessary to use an up-to-date system of bookkeeping, carrying the sales under weekly pool periods to give the early growers the benefit of the higher markets. In all there were 11 pools for the season and a total of 939 invoices. Many of the invoices carried different commodities. Manager Seaman drew up the system of bookkeeping and handed the books himself entirely, in addition to the management of his own farm, railroad station work and few other extras. Under no other system could any one man or two of them, have kept proper records working whole time. In this way, the cost of selling and maintaining the organization, is established on a very low cost basis. The organization itself is founded upon rules and by-laws that lead all similar organizations and assure its success regardless of any difficulties that may arise at any time in the future. The five originators are in control of the voting and shape the policies of the organization. They hold all the stock in the association but the by-laws permit all others common under the contract to same rights in every respect. In other words, whatever the earnings are for the stockholders, the same ratio will apply to all contracts. The organization is not for a few but for the benefit of the whole district; only under the guidance of the few who will protect its life in every emergency.

The organization has been approved by the agricultural department of the United States and also permitted its exemption of filing income tax statements after copies of the by-laws, rules and articles of incorporation had been submitted to the Department of Internal Revenue at Washington.

The management of this organization does not believe it is necessary for us to take in territory other than our immediate district which, owing to our superior quality of products, would injure us rather than assist in upholding reasonable prices for our

The association handled \$9,000.00 business, most of which was for THE PRIDE OF IRRIGON and KLECK

meions and cantaloupes in particular. Quality will be our motto in the future more than in the past.

Already about three times as much acreage is secured for the season 1924 and a committee consisting of Messrs. E. W. Morse, county agent, C. E. Glasgow and H. W. Grim will investigate the cost of building pre-cooling station and its cost per unit and expect to make their report in the near future. It is hoped this will be possible so that an over-production on any particular days, can be held over for better and more reasonable prices.

Some of the growers like Grim Brothers and N. Seaman and Son earned as much as \$300.00 per acre on watermelons and as much as \$500 on their cantaloupes. Mr. Glasgow owing to health of Mrs. Glasgow, could not be on the grounds to oversee his acreage and failed to make as much as in former years. These products must have water when they need it, weeds hood out and require a man on the job all of the time.

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Mallinson was at a loss to know what to do to prevent Ruth and Dick from getting any further knowledge of the treasure and the other mysteries of the mine. An idea suddenly came to him. "I had nearly forgotten something!" he exclaimed. "I can destroy the elevator and prevent them from using it." And without consulting his assistants, he seized a lever and threw it over. "My God!" exclaimed the control man, rushing up. "That's the wrong lever! You have destroyed the treasure!"

In the underground treasure room, Mallinson's act had resulted in a sudden flash of light. The room was filled with flames which illuminated the place and disclosed antique chests, Spanish casques, and other curios. Ruth Ranger and her new friend, on the top of the elevator, were jarred by the explosion, and the elevator began to move. Upward they went, and the two mystery seekers began to realize their predicament. They were only ten feet from the top of the shaft, and there seemed no way to stop the slow ascent of the elevator. Ruth, terror-stricken, glanced about her and flashed the electric torch from side to side. The sides of the shaft were perfectly smooth, and the top of the elevator would surely strike the top of the shaft in a moment or so.

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