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God give us men! A time like this demands strong minds, great hearts, true faith and willing hands! Men whom the lust of office does not kill; Men whom the spoils of office can not buy; Men who have honor; men who will not lie; Men who can stand before a demagogue...

PUT THE AMERICAN FARMER ON HIS FEET!

CONDITIONS prevailing in the American farming industry have materially improved during the last two years. More legislation intended to help the farmer has been enacted during the past four years than during any preceding fifty years in our national history.

The present depressed status of agriculture is due in considerable measure to governmental interference during and since the World War. During the war wheat prices were inflated by law while general production costs were hoisted through excessive government expenditures, cost plus contracts, wage fixing, currency inflation and other devices for price boosting.

The national government is still fixing transportation rates and wages. It has encouraged manufacturers by curtailing the entry of cheap labor importations from abroad. It has carried through a policy of deflation which has hit the farming industry hard.

Well nigh confiscatory local and state taxes, due to the prevalent craze for more government, have added enormously to the burdens of the farmer, who is also paying, indirectly if not directly, his full share of federal taxes, loaded inevitably upon the cost of whatever he has to buy. There is no more machine delusion or sophistry in American politics than that the sum total of internal taxes is not assessed upon the sum total of living costs, and that by "seeking the rich" in taxes you can relieve the general public from their ultimate payment.

The emergency tariff law passed during the first few months of the Harding administration saved American agriculture from utter ruin. Other helpful legislation has been enacted. But the farmer, with manufacturing industry organized, distributive agencies organized and labor organized remains the one big factor in American economic life which is compelled to both sell and buy in a market controlled by combination or cooperation on the part of others. Reduction of tariff so the things he buys would not help the farmer or any other consumer. Distributive processes are so complicated and highly organized that if every article bought in the American market were on the free list the saving involved in purchase abroad would not reach the ultimate consumer, but be absorbed by the importer and the distributor, while on the other hand the resultant depression in American productive industry would impair the home market for farm products.

The prosperity of American agriculture lies at the basis of general national prosperity. The problem of the farmer is the problem of every American citizen. What will help the farmer will help all other elements in our industrial system. No progress will be made by telling the farmer that he has developed along with the rest of the American people, extravagant habits. The serious fact confronting the country is that in some sections 25 per cent of the farmers have lost their property during the past few years. Hundreds of thousands of farmers, despite hard work, have been compelled to borrow mon-

ey to meet losses in operation. High interest rates make the employment of help almost impossible. High freight rates, high prices of commodities the farmer consumes, and an excessive spread between what the farmer receives and what the consumer pays, have placed the farmer at a serious and special disadvantage. In the midst of national prosperity he is in hard luck. Naturally the most conservative element in our citizenship, he is turning radical, and lending a willing ear to the outcry of demagogues with quick remedies far worse than the disease they are supposed to cure.

It is up to the constructive elements in American politics to provide relief. Emergency conditions require emergency legislation. We did not hesitate to leave the beaten track of precedent and even sound economics during the emergency of war to protect certain elements in the industry from disaster. Temporary means of relief must now be developed to meet the farming situation. Congress and the country must be prepared to go as far as may be necessary in temporary expedients to meet temporary and emergency conditions.

Ordinarily the thought of the government buying surplus farm products at seasons when they are dumped on the market to be sold at the lowest competitive prices only to have them steadily increase in price before they reach the consumer, would seem to be a departure from sound economic practice. But today the necessity of some such plan seems reasonably apparent. The American farmer must not be asked to market his 1924 crop at a loss. Hope must be held out to him of an opportunity to meet his obligations and put his business on a sound, profitable basis.

In the nature of things the farmer cannot organize his marketing activities as labor and manufacturers have done. As his financial resources diminish an increasingly large proportion of each crop is thrown upon the market when harvested, with the inevitable diminished returns. That will happen this year unless the government lends some aid. It would be better for the government to purchase the surplus even to give it to the starving millions of Europe than for us to adopt many of the other means of helping foreign countries that are seriously proposed. It is not necessary, however, to market the surplus at a heavy loss, if there be a loss at all.

The farmer must be remunerated on the same basis as the other elements in our industrial life. He does not now so much need credit as prices, but he needs it not to owe money but to own more. He must be given a chance to get on his feet and work out his own salvation. The present conditions are in large part the creation of governmental interference. There should be enough more interference to help the farmer out of the hole.

Congress would do well to turn its attention to this serious problem, far more important than any amount of scandal that could emanate from Capitol Hill. There is time to pass legislation ensuring a sound basis for agricultural industry before the adjournment of the present Congress. Failure to do this would constitute a serious neglect of duty and be followed by the most disastrous national consequences.

It is possible for our present prosperity to be diminished if not destroyed by the failure to promptly resuscitate agriculture and make of the farmer a hopeful, efficient producer as well as a valuable consumer for other branches of productive industry. Under the new tariff law, denounced as a Chinese wall when passed, is coming a flood of importations menacing more than one American industry. But for that law this country would now be in the throes of a panic, with a tremendous army of the unemployed. There should be no hesitancy about raising tariff rates to a true protective basis, where American industry and employment are threatened. There should be an increase in the tariff. A higher wheat tariff will pay a cent more for a loaf of bread.

Give necessary aid to the American farmer, not merely because he is a farmer and a voter, but because when one big element in American economic life is helped, all others are helped. This is a truth overlooked by the foes of the protective policy. It is overlooked by many commentators on the farming situation. When the farmer of the Northwest is helped, the manufacturer of the East and the miner of the West is helped.

"It is a condition," as President Cleveland once said, "and not a theory that confuses the Interior department, and has been proceeding with persistence and skill and with the approval of honest men of all parties to develop evidence into proof, to the end of punishing all who are proven guilty, and of cleansing and purifying the government activity which has shown signs of corruption."

To turn aside from this praise-worthy and inspiring labor of exposing and punishing the guilty is to encourage the guilty with the vengeance deserved only by the exposed criminals and to demand for an official, neither accused nor suspected of corruption, official capital punishment betrays a lack of instinctive discrimination between honesty and dishonesty in inflicting penalties, surrenders some measure of the hearty public approval lavished upon those who in the public interest detect and punish the corrupt and, raising the suspicion of participation, weakens public confidence in the motives of those whom otherwise for services rendered the nation would delight to honor.

The offense which has aroused the righteous public indignation is in essence official dishonesty in connection with leasing the nation's oil reserves. The question whether the government's oil-leasing policy, if honestly carried out, is wise and sound and in the public interest or just the contrary is entirely distinct from the corrupt practices exposure which has excited the nation's wrath.

If there had been no dishonesty in administering the oil-leasing policy on the one hand or of rank-stricken political cowardice on the other. Let no one but the guilty suffer official death in boiling oil! And let no guilty man escape!—Washington Star.

COOLIDGE PLAN PRACTICAL PRESIDENT COOLIDGE'S plan for the relief of the Northwest is largely financial, and is sound because the situation is sound. Because wheat farmers have been poor, credit conditions have been strained for some time, and they need easing. It is largely to ease

lowed by the most disastrous national consequences.

Strength out of the nation's great strength is to be applied to the financial fabric of the wheat district, with a sort of moratorium for the harassed farmer until conditions right themselves for him.

Incidentally, the President urges adoption of the Coolidge plan, so that the farmers may be helped to help themselves—which is the only useful help, in the long run, for anybody.

The President's program is sound and practical. It is the only one before the country that gives any hope of substantial and effective relief.

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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS PAID ADVERTISING

For County Sheriff. To the Republican Voters of Morrow County, Oregon: I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff, subject to the will of the Republican voters, at the Primary Election to be held in May, 1924. GEO. McDUFFEE.

For County Judge. To the Republican Voters of Morrow County: I hereby announce myself a candidate for the nomination at your hands for the office of County Judge at the primary election in May, 1924. My experience of many years as county commissioner makes me conversant with the duties of the office. I seek, and I shall greatly appreciate your support in the primary; and for all past favors, I thank you kindly. G. A. BLEAKMAN, Hardman.

For County Clerk. To the Republican Voters of Morrow County: I hereby announce that I will be a candidate for the nomination of County Clerk at the Primary Election to be held May 16, 1924. GAY M. ANDERSON, (Incumbent).

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the undersigned has been appointed by the County Court of Morrow County, Oregon, administrator of the estate of Ivy M. Nolan, deceased, and has accepted such trust. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and required to present the same, duly verified as by law required, to me at my office in Ione, Oregon, within six months from the date of first publication of this notice. Dated and published the first time, this 7th day of February, 1924. H. J. BIDDLE, Administrator.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned executor of the last will and testament of Grace L. Chick, deceased, has filed with the County Court of the State of Oregon (for Morrow County, his final account as executor of the estate of said deceased, and said Court has set Monday, the 3rd day of March, 1924, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon as the time and the County Court room at the Court House in Heppner, Oregon, as the place for hearing of

objections to said final account, and all persons having objections to said final account or to the settlement of said estate are hereby required to file such objections with said court on or before the date set for the hearing thereof. Dated this 31st day of January, 1924. CLAUDE C. CHICK, Executor.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE. IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR MORROW COUNTY. D. E. Mulkey, Plaintiff, Harmon Stuber vs. Lou B. Stuber, his wife, Defendants.

By virtue of an execution and order of sale issued out of the above entitled court to me directed, and dated the 11th day of February, 1924, upon a judgment and decree rendered and entered in said court on the 8th day of February, 1924, in favor of D. E. Mulkey, plaintiff, and against Harmon Stuber and Lou B. Stuber, his wife, defendants in the sum of \$1000 with interest thereon at the rate of 8 per cent per annum from the 15th day of April, 1922; for the further sum of \$31.60 for taxes paid and interest thereon; and for the sum of \$90.00 attorney's fees and for costs and disbursements taxed and allowed in the sum of \$53.00, and the costs upon said writ, commanding me to make sale of the real property mortgaged to plaintiff to secure the payment of said judgment.

I will, on Saturday, the 15th day of March, 1924, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the front door of the Court House in Heppner, Morrow County, State of Oregon, offer for sale and sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand, all of the right, title, and interest which the defendants, Harmon Stuber and Lou B. Stuber, or either of them, had on the 13th day of October, 1921, the date of said mortgage, or have since acquired or now have in said lands described in said mortgage, being the following described real property, to-wit: Beginning at a point 89 degrees forty-four minutes East, seven hundred thirteen and seven-tenths feet from the southwest corner of the Northwest quarter of Section 30, Township 5

North of Range 27 East of the Willamette Meridian, which is a cement monument 6 inches in diameter, 18 inches in the ground, marked with a copper tack on top. Running thence North six degrees twenty-five minutes South 89 degrees 44 minutes East three hundred thirty feet; thence South no degrees 25 minutes East Six hundred sixty feet, thence North 89 degrees 44 minutes West three hundred thirty feet, to point of beginning. Reserving therefrom one-half of a road sixty feet in width along the North and South sides. Shown on the maps of the Company as Lot 3 in Block 2 East, containing five acres more or less, the same being the real property ordered sold by the court, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy said judgment with accruing costs. Dated February, 14th, 1924. GEORGE McDUFFEE, Sheriff of Morrow County, State of Oregon. Date of first publication February 14, 1924. Date of last publication, March 13, 1924.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Oregon, January 18, 1924.

NOTICE is hereby given that Ray E. Chapman, of Pilot Rock, Oregon, who, on October 4, 1918, made Homestead Entry, Act 2-19-09 and 9-5-14, No. 018358, for S½SW¼, SW¼SE¼, Section 14, W½NE¼, Section 23, Township 2 South, Range 29 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three-year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before United States Commissioner, at Pilot Rock, Oregon, on the 14th day of March, 1924. Claimant names as witnesses: Pat Melanhan, Frank Chapman, Harry Hainlett, Fred Hinkle, all of Pilot Rock, Oregon. CARL G. HELM, Register.

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Oscar Thinks She Doesn't Mean Maybe, Either by Terry Gilkison

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IS SHE STILL HANDLING HIM WITH GLOVES?

YES-BOXING GLOVES, BUT HE'S SICK WITH INDIGESTION

YES, I KNOW FROM EATING HER COOKING

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NO IT WASN'T HER FAULT AT ALL - YOU SEE

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