

FARMERS TOLD TO SUPPORT OLEO BILL

Fight Referendum Says Spence; Other Market Agent Notes.

By C. E. SPENCE, State Market Agent.

The farmers of Oregon, and especially those interested in dairying, should take an active part in a general movement to get the full vote cast against the referendum on the oleo law. Two and a half million pounds of Oregon butter had to find an outside market last year—a surplus over local demand. Two and a half million pounds of counterfeited butter was sold in Oregon last year, mostly shipped in from other states. Dairying is one of the few lines of farming that there is any profit in. The more oleo shut out, the more demand for real butter. If the farmers will all vote, the referendum will be killed and the law made effective. The matter is of utmost importance.

It has been printed and shown that stores manufactured in this country have been shipped to Germany, bought there by Americans, brought back to this country, the freight and expenses of both ocean trips paid here, and the cost was then less than the selling price by the manufacturers in the city where made, Syracuse, N. Y.

The steel trust ships millions of tons of its products abroad where they are sold at low prices, yet the high price prevails in this country. But when the farmers sell one-fourth of their wheat crop, the surplus, abroad at low prices, these prices make the market for the 800,000,000 bushels that are sold and consumed at home.

The reason why agriculture has to stand for this disadvantage is because agriculture is not organized, while the manufacturers are tightly combined. If the wheat farmers of the nation were as solidly organized as the manufacturers, and the bulk of the wheat was handled in one great marketing association, they could sell their surplus cheaply abroad yet get profit prices on the home market.

It is often pointed out that shoes are on the free list, yet regardless of protection the prices are high in this country. But it is NOT pointed out that the manufacturers own the machines very largely in the foreign countries, also many of the foreign factories, and that in reality they benefit by making the shoes cheaper abroad than here and there is no tariff obstruction against bringing them in.

In its agricultural outlook for this year the Department of Agriculture states that from reports from every agricultural county in the country, it finds that there will be a normal production in general, but that high wages, high machinery costs and dif-

fruit credits will not permit expansion.

Spring wheat will be reduced about 14 per cent; corn production will be increased, but on account of the serious condition of the cattle and hog industries there is not a demand for the increase; the swine industry is most discouraging, drastic reductions in breeding has resulted which may later result in a shortage; the dairy industry has expanded to where milk production slightly exceeds the domestic demand, foreign surplus production is also increasing, and the department suggests that further expansion is not warranted. It points out that 18,000,000 pounds of butter and 64,000,000 pounds of cheese were imported last year.

The wool industry is reported as distinctly favorable and an advance in production is warranted. Of potatoes the department says these states will not increase their acreage: New Jersey, Maryland, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, the Dakotas, Nebraska, Montana, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Idaho, Washington and Oregon. All other states will increase their acreage.

WHAT IS PROPER PASTEURIZATION

From State Board of Health.

A raw beef steak and a bottle of raw milk are two of the finest food substances but it is not safe to consume either of them in that condition. We all understand that raw beef steak should be made safe by cooking but we have not all come to realize that precisely the same sanitary reasons which deter us from serving raw beef steak to our children should prevent us from giving them raw milk. Raw milk should be made safe by the application of heat.

Fortunately we like the flavor of cooked meat but unfortunately we do not like the flavor of boiled milk. Therefore the home treatment of raw milk so as to make it safe and at the same time preserve its delightful flavor is a difficult undertaking.

Close observation has shown that the cooked taste begins to appear when milk is held for some time at or above 145 degrees F. Accordingly the problem of preparing a safe and palatable milk is one of the determining proper exposure at or below 145 degrees F. required to make milk entirely safe.

The studies of Doctor Theobald Smith of the Harvard Medical School, of Professors Russell and Hastings of the University of Wisconsin, and of Doctor M. J. Rosenau of the U. S. Public Health Service have all agreed that milk is made safe by holding it at 140 degrees F. for fifteen minutes.

Because in the heat treatment of milk we are safeguarding human life, it is customary and desirable to heat milk to at least 142 degrees F. for at least thirty minutes thus giving a margin of safety of 100 per cent. Such heat treatment will unquestionably destroy any disease germs which may have found their way into it and will render the milk safe.

Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Bedau were in the city from their home near Hardman on Saturday.

CECIL NEWS ITEMS

The weather during the week since Tuesday, April 15, has been anything but a treat, nothing but wind and sand blowing in all directions. April 18 Cecil was visited by one of the worst wind and sand storms known. Had "Mac," our weather man, not crawled into a badger hole he would never have lived to tell another fish story. Saturday, April 19, a calm after the storm. Lovely warm day Sunday; sun shining and "Mac" crawling back to life once more.

Congratulations are extended to Mrs. Hazel Logan of Four Mile and Hermann Havercoat of The Willows who were married on April 16 at Condon. Their numerous friends are ready to welcome them home at the Huff ranch near The Willows.

Dick Logan, son of Leon Logan of Four Mile, had his nose broken by one of his horses while at work on Tuesday. Dick was taken to Lone where Dr. Walker attended to his injuries and we are glad to say Dick is progressing fine.

Shearing is going ahead at Krebs Bros. ranch, The Last Camp, in spite of the cold, windy weather of the last few days. Jack Hynd expects to begin shearing at Butterby Flats about Monday.

Mrs. Ed Cline, Mrs. H. J. Streeter and son Noel were calling on friends at Morgan during the week, and also hearing the radio which has been installed in the Morgan store.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Farley and children of Heppner made a short stay in Cecil on Sunday before leaving for The Willows to prepare for shearing.

C. W. Erickson of Grass Valley and Miss Dorothy Anderson of Eight Mile were the guests of Miss Annie Hynd at Butterby Flats on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Thompson of Heppner, also Lon Merrill, made a farewell visit for the season to The Shepherd's Rest on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cline, accompanied by Mrs. H. J. Streeter and children were calling on friends in Boardman on Tuesday.

Clyde E. Franklin who has been working during the lambing season at Butterby Flats left for Lexington on Sunday.

Miss Ettie Logan of Portland arrived at Four Mile on Tuesday and will

visit her brother, Leon, for some time.

Bob Montague and George Shane of Arlington were in Cecil vicinity on Wednesday trying to buy horses.

Geo. W. Wilson returned to Cecil on Sunday from Heppner where he had been visiting for some time.

C. D. Sennett of The Willows left during the week for his annual trip to his gold mines in Montana.

Mrs. H. J. Streeter and children of Cecil visited with Mrs. Weltha Combest at Fairview on Sunday.

Mrs. Esta Bauernfeld and son Martin of Morgan were callers in Cecil on Monday.

E. Baldwin and son of Lexington were doing business in Cecil on Wednesday.

Mrs. Karl Farnsworth of Rhea Siding was visiting friends in Lone on Friday.

E. Weatherford from Shuttler Flats was doing business in Cecil on Saturday.

Does Not Favor the County Unit System

Irrigon, Ore., April 22, 1924. Editor The Gazette-Times.

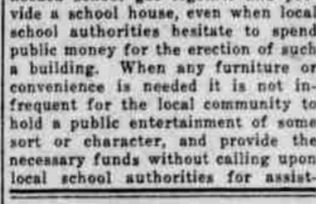
The County Unit School Law passed by the Legislature in 1921 was apparently designed to increase taxes and take the control of local schools out of the hands of those most interested. It will probably be generally conceded that the administration of local schools comes nearer to the family relation than any other public institution. Frequently, if a new school house is needed, the parents of the children in the vicinity of the needed school get together and provide a school house, even when local school authorities hesitate to spend public money for the erection of such a building. When any furniture or convenience is needed it is not infrequent for the local community to hold a public entertainment of some sort or character, and provide the necessary funds without calling upon local school authorities for assistance.

When the teacher in a local school becomes unsatisfactory, the parents of the pupils attending the school are the first to learn of this condition. When a problem involving the transportation of children to school is presented, the people living in the immediate vicinity are the ones first to recognize the need and to arrange for solving the problem. Not one of these things could ever be accomplished after the County Unit School System is adopted in Morrow county.

The law provides for the election of five directors who serve without compensation, but whose expenses are paid. Many local school districts must of necessity, therefore, be without representation on the board, and problems and troubles must be carried to the board and long distances traveled in order that this may be accomplished. The directors will not know what is going on in the various districts except as it is communicated to them by the various methods of communication. In all controversies arising in these local districts, each side will have its own partisans and information, sometimes false, and sometimes true must be relied upon by the directors in making their decisions. The board will be authorized to hire teachers for the entire county, and while it is true that the law provides that a local sub-committee may reject a teacher if notice of rejection is given thirty days before the beginning of the school term, yet it appears that only one rejection can be made after that time. The law abolishes the office of County Superintendent and provides for a mongrel office which is neither County Superintendent nor any other public officer as at present provided for, and it goes further and permits the board of directors to pay to some person employed to take the place of County Superintendent such salary as they may see fit. All property of each school is turned over to the school

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board to do with as they see fit. If one local school district is well supplied, there is nothing to hinder the board taking a part or all such supplies and distributing them elsewhere in the county. It appears to be beyond successful contradiction that if the county school unit is adopted by the people of Morrow county, a blow will be struck at the public schools which will damage that institution to an extent that it will not recover for many years. This is a freak law which never could have been passed had not the larger cities and counties been exempted from its operation. It is a plain attempt to take away from local people the traditions and rights which they have cherished for generations.

H. W. GRIMM.

J. W. Osborn was a Cecil resident in Heppner on Monday, looking after business affairs. Mr. Osborn reports some very heavy winds during the past week in his section and there was much movement of the sands and light soils of that part of the county. He is looking for better weather conditions and states that the alfalfa fields along the creek are coming fine. Rain would be appreciated by the wheat farmers but this will come in ample time to make the crop in the opinion of Mr. Osborn, who is always optimistic.

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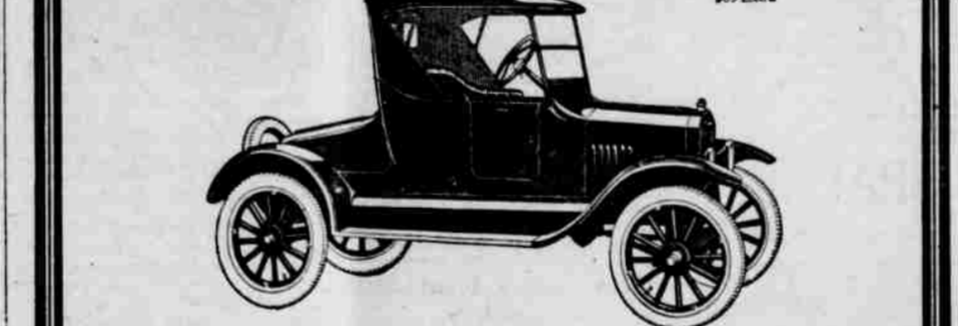
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