

"BUM STEER" GIVEN BY THE NEWSPAPERS

Spence Does Not Believe It Is Time to Quit Cooperation.

C. E. Spence, Market Agent.

In the morning papers of Portland under date of May 19, there appeared a story under headlines "Co-Operative Associations Declared Failure," which quoted State Market Agent Spence with filing a report with Governor Pierce in which was the statement "It is time to go NO further with marketing associations," and in the headlines and story the impression was carried that the market agent had seen the futility of further work on co-operative lines and recommended abandoning the work. Because of the fact that the story has been more or less repeated by the country papers, and because of the further fact that it was not true, the market agent wishes to correct the errors. This was not a report filed with the governor, but simply a part of a regular press letter to the state press. In it the market agent stated, "It is time TO GO FURTHER with marketing associations," while the story in the Portland daily stated "It is time to go NO further," making an exactly opposite statement than was made. Only half of the article was printed, leaving the co-operative story half told. The errors were doubtless a confusion with the writer or in the newspaper office.

Canada takes almost any steps the farmers ask for to relieve their condition. The legislature of Quebec has passed a resolution to exempt farmers from the provisions of the bankruptcy law, so that they cannot lose their property or credit.

The so-called "effete" and conservative east is making rapid strides in farmer co-operative work and may yet be showing the west the way to make it work big. A committee of ten, appointed March 13, to investigate the best means of making the dairy industry profitable, has made its report. It recommends an organization of all the dairy farmers of New England states under contract to deliver products to one co-operative agency; that producers own and control all the facilities necessary to manufacture their own products and by-products; central markets, well equipped plants, etc., in fact a great organization to reduce the cost of marketing, reduce prices to the consumer and increase prices to the producer by co-operative handling and manufacturing all dairy products from the farm to the retailer.

Co-operators are having to face the fact that the answer to the often asked question of how to get a fairly reasonable price for their products, is "get control of the selling end of the business." Producers can't expect to make profits as long as they permit middle handlers to add two dollars to one dollar between the farm and consumer. Farmers have got to do their own selling, be their own middle men, and retain these middle profits. They have got to organize solidly to do it. It will not be a difficult undertaking when the farmers all come to this one way of thinking.

The organization of a huge selling agency to handle the northwest's five million dollar prune crop is under way. It is a federation of the growers of Oregon and Washington. The crop will be graded, standardized and sold collectively under modern marketing systems. Its success very largely depends on management. There is no reason why it cannot succeed as private big business organizations succeed. There is plenty of room between what the grower gets for the fruit and what the consumer pays for it for higher prices to producers and lower prices to consumers.

If the organization will cut out many of the middle handlers and their profits and sell direct to the big chain stores and other like retailers, the prune industry may again become profitable to the northwest.

Now They're Making Gas Out of Dry Wheat Straw

The United States Bureau of Chemistry announces the discovery of a method whereby a ton of sun-dried wheat straw is said to yield 10,000 cubic feet of illuminating gas, 10 gallons of tar, and 625 pounds of carbon residue.

The bureau intimates that some day we may see motorists buying gas by the cubic foot from the local gas company, instead of gasoline by the gallon from the service station. Cars have been operated by gas experimentally, the gas being carried in a rubber storage bag. A car carrying 300 cubic feet of gas can run about fifteen miles it is said.

RABIES SHOULD BE CONTROLLED

From State Board of Health.

Rabies among dogs has shown an alarming increase in prevalence in southwestern and eastern Oregon during the past year. Rabies is a transmissible disease to all warm blooded animals including man. The disease is more prevalent in the summer. Rabies is caused by an organism which passes through the finest filter. The infection is transmitted when a rabid animal bites a susceptible or licks another in such a way that the saliva comes in contact with abrasions in the skin or mucous membranes. The abrasions may be so minute that they are imperceptible. The incubation period or the time between the infection and the development of the disease, is from three weeks to many months.

The earliest symptoms in dogs is not, as commonly believed, a tendency to rush furiously and blindly about, biting animals or inanimate objects. Before these symptoms develop, the animal passes through a stage of apparent melancholia in which it tries to hide and appears restless; as the restlessness increases, the dog begins to suffer from apparent hallucinations, snapping and emitting a characteristic howl. A pet dog while in this condition attempts to lick the hands of its friends. Later it leaves home, travels many miles and returns in a state of exhaustion which is followed by paralysis and death. In some animals the disease never develops into the furious stage. During the later stage of the disease, the flow of saliva from the mouth is abundant and it is highly infectious. Whenever possible the animal should be tied up for observation; it will die within ten days if it is rabid. If it has to be killed care should be taken that the head and particularly the brain is not injured. The head should be sealed in a tin container then packed in sawdust and ice and sent to the laboratory of the State Board of Health, Portland, Oregon, express prepaid.

In 1885, Louis Pasteur found that the spinal cord of a rabbit inoculated with rabies virus could be dried and emulsified in such a way that the virus in the cord would not produce the disease but would develop immunity in the body of the person treated with it. The treatment is available to all persons who need it and should be begun without loss of time after the person has been bitten by an animal known or suspected to be affected with rabies.

Although rabies is by no means confined to dogs the control of the disease depends upon the prevention of its spread among dogs. Coyotes have spread the infection in southwestern and eastern Oregon. To prevent the spread of the disease, three measures are essential. First—the coyotes must be eradicated. Second—there must be an effective round up and impounding of all stray dogs. Third—dogs valued by their owners must be confined, or muzzled when allowed to run at large, or if they

are allowed to run at large they must be immunized against the disease.

An antirabic vaccine for the prevention of the disease in animals is now produced by biological laboratories and it has been amply demonstrated that it will render dogs immune to the disease. The length of the immunity secured by one treatment with vaccine is undetermined. It is fairly well established, however, that the immunity lasts at least one year.

Frequently rabies is called hydrophobia, because it is commonly supposed that a fear of water is characteristic of the disease. In dogs this is untrue but in man this term would nearly describe the condition. The disease causes fear, difficult breathing and difficulty in swallowing. The patient is sensitive to light, noise and odors. As the disease progresses convulsions develop with periods of exhaustion and death usually occurs in a violent convulsion within three weeks of the time of the first symptom.

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This is considered an exceptional opportunity for qualified young men to get in this popular branch of the service. There are also a few other branches in the Philippines open for enlistment.

The Chemical Warfare Service, Hawaiian Islands, is now open for enlistments for the first time in nearly 3 years. Other branches in Hawaii that

have vacancies are: Bands Infantry, Engineer's, Signal Corps, and Field Artillery.

F. G. French of Heppner underwent a minor operation at the Hamilton hospital Friday.—The Dailies Opticist.

J. W. Morrow was here for Decoration Day from his Portland home.

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