

S'MATTER POP BY C. M. PAYNE TOUGH GANG, TOO!



Farm Organization Urged By Secretary Jardine.

Portland Oregonian. Holding that farm aid should be based on a firmer foundation than a "press the button at Washington" structure, Secretary Jardine expressed belief today that the agricultural situation could be improved best by farmers organizing on a large scale and adopting strong business policies. Setting forth his views in an article prepared for the farm journal, published at Philadelphia, the agricultural secretary advocated creation of a federal farm board and the provision of a revolving fund to assist the farmers in the undertaking. "There are two lines of approach to the solution, as I see it," he said. "The first is in controlling surpluses that are due mainly to weather conditions. This may be done by holding a part of the abundant crop from one season to the next or from one year to another. It is also important to secure a more regular flow of the produce into trade channels. Market Control Wanted. "The second approach is through a better adjustment of production to market conditions. By this I mean adjustment of kind, quality and amount of production. This calls for more complete and accurate information on supply and demand at home and abroad, made readily available to farmers in time to help them regulate production. It also calls for reliable data on production problems in each region to supplement the farmers' experience in the combination of enterprises on the farm. "In handling surpluses due to weather conditions, I believe much would be done through commodity-stabilization corporations, operated by the farmers themselves, or by their marketing organizations under the general guidance of a federal farm board. "The essential function of such a corporation would be to take off the market for a time a certain amount of a commodity to prevent the price from falling to a ruinously low level. Revolving Fund Sought. "I shall not attempt to outline in

detail the powers and functions of the suggested farm board. Among the duties would be that of formulating plans and policies for handling surpluses of farm products for the purpose of minimizing price fluctuations, and . . . should also aid in establishing clearing-house associations for handling perishables. "An ample revolving fund, to be administered by the board according to law, should be available to help co-operatives establish themselves on an effective basis. This fund should also be used to help carry a surplus from one year to the next. "As a means of handling surpluses this plan is in accord with proposals which I have endorsed before. Success depends on the willingness of farmers to organize on a large scale and to adopt strong business policies. Producers must be willing to build from the bottom up. They must forget any petty quarrels between local leaders and organizations and federate their locals into regional and national organizations handling large volumes of business. The best minds, experienced in the trade, must head such organizations. With such a setup the government could do much more than it has done. Not Price Fixing Scheme. "This plan would not put the government into the business of buying and selling farm products. This is in no sense a scheme of price fixing. It would not interfere with the regular functions of co-operative marketing organizations. "The suggested plan of handling surpluses of staple crops is not at all a question of more credit to put the farmer deeper in debt, but one of suitable credit to put him in a better position to handle his surplus. "Effective co-operation must be built from the bottom up, not from the top down. We cannot lay out on paper an elaborate scheme for co-operative marketing, have some governmental official 'press the button at Washington,' and then find wonders accomplished for agriculture. "Farmers themselves must be willing to act together; leaders of local organizations must be able to work together in large federations for a common purpose. Then the government can do a great deal to help

farmers. "Groups of producers and sections of the country are bound together in

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an increasingly complex relationship, which demands some form of control over economic forces. What shall be the nature of this control; shall it be, as some would have it, control by political government attempting to legislate prosperity to this group or that? Or, shall it be self-control by men organized along the lines of mutual interest, with political government, backed by an informal public opinion, protecting the public interest by prescribing broad rules of conduct? "I am one of those who believe that our hope lies in the latter form of control." The secretary also cautioned against putting "more desert and swamp land into cultivation," and urged adoption of a comprehensive agricultural policy that among other things would aim to provide in the country opportunities equal to those offered in the cities for persons of comparable ability.

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