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## FOR GOOD OF THE INDUSTRY

SIGNIFICANT is the statement by James Alger Fee, circuit judge for Morrow and Umatilla counties, at Lions club meeting Monday. In commenting upon the conference of the Eastern Oregon Wheat league, starting today, he said he would like to see the wheatgrowers get together on a workable program for benefiting their industry, and put it across without dictation from outside interests. He knows, as does many another lawyer and business man, that the prosperity of our section depends upon the success of the basic industries, of which wheat growing is the largest. He also knows, as do others who are informed, that to accomplish far-reaching results growers themselves must take united, intelligent action.

It is for this reason such men as Judge Fee, not wheatgrowers themselves, are cooperating to the fullest extent in promulgating the work of the Eastern Oregon Wheat league, a purely grower organization, having for its purpose the dissemination of facts, as nearly as can be arrived at, while providing machinery to put into action such conclusions as may be ascertained from these facts. The facts it attempts to obtain bear on the very heart strings of the industry; problems of production, transportation and marketing—the vital organs, so to speak, which make or break the grower.

Probably Judge Fee has a vision, as does many another, when every wheatgrower in the section will align himself with the league; and every other wheatgrower in other sections will take an active interest in similar organizations, all of which may eventually be brought under one head to present an indomitable front to fight the battles of the industry. Such a picture is not far-fetched, with the rapid public enlightenment which the league itself is helping to effect.

## WOULD AID UNEMPLOYED

IN ORDER that there may be more road work in progress, and as a step toward relieving the unemployment situation as far as possible, Chairman H. B. Van Duzer of the state highway commission proposes to appropriate \$500,000 to be distributed among the several counties of the state, this to be used in construction of market roads. The distribution, we understand, would be in the shape of loans to the counties but would furnish funds for the immediate prosecution of needed work and prove of much benefit where the counties have exhausted their funds for this purpose.

The real purpose, however, is to give more employment to those out of work, and if this step is taken the funds will be available at an early date. There is very real need of this, and the state highway commission has continued its operations with many more men on the job than is usual at this time of year. There may be some question as to the authority of the commission to make this appropriation, but the meeting of the legislature early the coming month could take this up and pass on it so there would be no unnecessary delay.

## THINGS ARE LOOKING UP

FROM what we hear from different parts of the United States, it is New York City that is deepest in the slough of despond right now, while in almost every other section the sunshine is beginning to shine through the clouds of business depression.

It has been a tough year; there is no denying that. What with the financial slump that began more than a year ago, and this year's wide-spread drought, and the tumble in the price of wheat and cotton, and the shutting down of factories, we haven't been through such a "hard times" year since 1921. But it has its compensations, by comparison with previous similar situations. Commodity prices have not gone up but have come down. Most of those thrown out of work had something ahead to tide them over.

The main thing the matter with the country right now is timidity. The head of a big bank said the other day: "Our bank has more money in it right now than it ever had, but where is it?" It is mostly in time deposits, drawing interest, or in savings accounts. People are hoarding instead of spending. If everybody would spend even ten percent of what they have saved up, it would start the wheels of industry going again speedily."

And we hear that the "Buy Now" movement, which started a few weeks ago, has spread around the country and that people everywhere are beginning to take the dimes out of the savings bank and the dollars out of the checking accounts and buy the commodities which are for sale everywhere at bargain prices.

This is going to be a "useful" Christmas, from all indications. People generally are planning to

give as Christmas gifts things which are not merely ornamental or luxurious, but such useful presents as new things for the home. That is all to the good, for it puts money circulating in channels where it is most needed.

Some smart fellow proposed a few weeks ago that everybody ought to spend ten cents a day that he had not intended to spend. That sounded foolish to some, but a lot of people have taken it up, and the accumulation of dimes thus started on their merry way is beginning to show its effect.

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## WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE COUNTRY?

ONE of the most amazing statements made at the White House Conference on Child Health and Protection is that city children, on the average, enjoy better health than country children.

That is reversing the accepted idea of the benefits of rural surroundings, outdoor life and fresh air. But the report is a specific one, the result of an extensive survey of health conditions among school children.

"Rural school children have from one-half to 20 per cent more physical defects than the city school children," says the report. "The rural child gets one-sided physical development. He lacks the medical care and health service facilities that the city child is offered."

Not all city children are perfect physical specimens, however. More than 70 per cent of all children in the public schools, city and country, are sufferers from physical defects that affect their mental as well as their physical developments, according to the same report.

Standing alone, that sounds as if the rising generation was up against a pretty tough struggle for existence. But compared with only fifty years ago, when only one child out of three born ever lived to school age, we are doing pretty well by the children. And when every community, city or rural, pays as much attention to public health as the big cities do now, the ones who will benefit most will be the schoolchildren.

## COOPERATION FOR THE SMALL FARMER.

MOST of the public discussion of the Federal Farm Board and its work thus far has centered around the problems of the large-scale growers of staple crops and livestock. The small farmer, growing a few potatoes, several different kinds of other vegetables, marketing a few cases of eggs, a small amount of fruits, must have wondered, if he thought about it at all, where he fits into the new scheme of things.

How can the small general farmer get the benefit of the cooperative marketing plan on which the Farm Board is based? Is there anything in it at all for him?

Naturally, the Farm Board began with the largest and most pressing problems. It is getting down to the small grower now, and the work of organizing these small farmers into local commodity cooperatives is beginning. It is going to take a lot of time, and there are doubtless many farmers whose operations and locations will not enable them to join with their neighbors in organizing marketing associations. But those who can and will do so are the ones who will get the most good out of the new system.

For the information of farmers interested in the marketing of fruits and vegetables the Board has issued a pamphlet of instructions for organization. It is called "Bulletin Number One" and will be sent free to anybody who writes for a copy to the Director of Information, Federal Farm Board, Washington, D.C.

## CHANGES EXPECTED IN TWENTY YEARS

Educators Predict What World Will be Like In 1950.

By CALEB JOHNSON

What will this world of ours be like twenty years from now?

I would hesitate to make any very definite predictions on my own authority. I have lived too long to look for any important changes in the course of twenty years. But the National Education Association, which numbers in its membership leading teachers of the schools of the whole United States, is not as cautious as I am.

The Education Association has compiled a list of things which will be different in 1950. Some of them, everybody will agree, are likely to come true. The rest are generally held to be desirable, but I think most of us will doubt that they will have come about in twenty years. But here is the list. Read it and form your own opinion. It is stimulating to thought, at any rate.

The Association divides its program for the future into "material" and "social" betterments.

First on the material side it predicts the general adoption in twenty years of a system of health and safety that will practically wipe out

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