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WORK OF WOMEN TOLD LIONS CLUB

Business and Professional
Club Unique in Field;
President Speaks.

RED CROSS HELPED

Ready Response Reported by Com-
mittee; Plan Proposed to Assist
Unemployment Relief.

The Lions club, not alone in the field of service clubs in Heppner, welcomed the program outline of a sister organization the Business and Professional Womens club, as given by its president, Mrs. William R. Poulson, at the Lions' Monday noon luncheon. Organized primarily for the purpose of advancing the education of its members, the national Business and Professional Womens club serves the various communities in which its 60,000 members are located similarly to men's service organizations. It is the only such women's organization of its kind.

Mrs. Poulson, with other members of the local chapter, attended a meeting in The Dalles a week ago, addressed by the national organization's president. Its aims, she said, include assisting in the education of worthy girls who themselves are not able to pay for a higher education, through a scholarship loan fund, \$50,000 of which is now in use; fighting the discrimination against married women in giving of employment, and a campaign giving special attention to the rural girl, whom the club believes has a better opportunity for advancement by finding a place for herself in her own community rather than by heeding the call to the big city.

Locally the business and professional women are sponsoring a gymnasium class for women, the proceeds above expenses of which go to the national scholarship fund. Also they are offering a summer school scholarship to the outstanding girl in 4-H club work in the county.

Organized last spring, the club was not in position to start work in earnest until this fall. Mrs. Poulson said, as meetings were abandoned during the summer. A year of successful activity is contemplated. Chas. W. Smith, Lions president, expressed appreciation of Mrs. Poulson's comprehensive report, and extended best wishes on behalf of the men.

Ready and liberal response to the Red Cross roll call was reported by J. W. Hiatt, who with W. W. Smead assisted in local solicitation of funds for the Lions. Nearly 100 per cent response was had from the people contacted with more than \$100 received from the business section which they covered. A comparison with the contribution list of the year before showed many new names and by the time the check-up is completed it was believed the total would exceed that of a year ago.

More discussion of unemployment relief work uncovered a new plan whereby there might be an inter-community hook-up for the equitable distribution of supplies. It was announced that a director of relief work had been appointed in each community, and that each community was gathering its own supplies. Already, it was said, a situation has arisen whereby one community has more of some kind of supplies than it has need for, while it is lacking other supplies. It was thought that a survey might reveal the possibility of an exchange between various communities so that the needs of each could be cared for.

W. R. Poulson, in charge of local Christmas seal sale, announced that \$50 worth of the seals had been received here, and would be sold this week by school children. The proceeds of the sale go to local, state and national health work, the Morrow County Public Health association being in charge of the county-wide sale.

STOCK REPORTED STARVING.

Some 21 head of stock, consisting of horses, cows and calves, belonging to August Raynor of Six Dollar canyon, were reported to the sheriff's office Tuesday as being in a starving condition. Deputy Cox went out to investigate the matter Wednesday forenoon, taking along several bales of hay, and he found that two head of the stock had already died, while several others were down. The place was destitute of any feed, and had not relief been forthcoming, the entire bunch of horses and cattle would have perished in a very short time. Measures will be taken by the authorities to place the stock on feed.

T. C. Shankard, insurance adjuster from Portland, is expected here tomorrow to adjust the loss of the state of Oregon and Wise brothers in the residential fire here last Sunday evening.

THE SQUAW MAN, with Warner Baxter and Lupe Valez, Star Theater, Sunday and Monday.

Ralph Harris, lone hotelman, was doing business in the city Tuesday.

B. P. O. E. TO HOLD LODGE OF SORROW

Program Arranged for Annual Observance Sunday Afternoon; T. A. Hughes to be Remembered.

Each year on the first Sunday in December all Elksdom's head is bowed in memory of its departed brothers. The annual custom will be observed by Heppner lodge 358, B. P. O. Elks, next Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at its temple, with an invitation extended to the public to join in the rites.

The local roll of departed for the year has but the one name, Thomas A. Hughes.

Joel R. Benton, pastor of the Church of Christ, will deliver the memorial address. The complete program follows:
March, Mrs. J. O. Turner. Opening ceremonies of the lodge. Invocation.
"There is No Death," American Legion Auxiliary trio, Coramae Ferguson, Lenore Poulson, Eva Marble.
"Thanatopsis," Mrs. Paul Menag.
"Recessional" by DeKoven, vocal solo, Miss Charlotte Woods. Ceremonies of the lodge.
Address, Joel R. Benton.
"Auld Lang Syne," American Legion Auxiliary trio.
Closing ceremonies of the lodge. Benediction.

The committee in charge of the service is H. A. Cohn, L. Van Marter, E. R. Patterson, Ralph Jackson and Harlan McCurdy. J. G. Barratt, exalted ruler, will preside.

STATE MOVE SAVES COUNTY 3.3 MILLS

Elimination of Property Tax for
State Purposes Amounts to
\$43,000 in County.

A saving of approximately \$43,000 or 3.3 mills in the property tax in Morrow county next year will result from the elimination of the property tax for state purposes, announced by Governor Meier the first of the week. The announcement said that the counties would not be asked to levy a tax for any state purpose other than the two mill elementary school levy, all of which stays in the counties.

Last year Morrow county levied \$64,070 for state purposes. The two mills for the elementary school fund amounted to \$21,070, the difference to be saved next year thereby amounting to \$43,000, according to the figures of Gay M. Anderson, county clerk.

Governor Meier said the goal of eliminating the property tax for state purposes, long sought by the state government, had been made possible by revenue received from the income tax, intangibles tax and other sources.

Farmer Brown to Speak At Lexington Tomorrow

Said to have the wit and humor of a Will Rogers and the earnestness of a man fighting for a just cause, Farmer Brown comes to Lexington tomorrow to address a meeting of the Morrow County Grain growers on behalf of the federal farm board and the agricultural marketing act. The Farmer Brown series of meetings, which started November 20 in the northwest, have been widely heralded and the officers of the local cooperative organization are expecting a large turnout of the membership. The meeting at Lexington will be at 2 o'clock in the Leach building.

Farmer Brown comes loaded with information concerning the accomplishments and aims of the farm marketing set-up, and will show why it is to the farmer's advantage to belong to the organization, it is said. He will answer any questions that may arise at the meeting.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS.

Notice is hereby given that the County Superintendent of Morrow County, Oregon, will hold the regular examinations of applicants for State Teachers' Certificates at the Court House in Heppner, Oregon, as follows: Commencing Wednesday, December 16, 1931, at 9:00 o'clock A. M., and continuing until Saturday, December 19, 1931, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Wednesday Forenoon.
United States History, Penmanship.

Wednesday Afternoon.
Physiology, Reading and Composition.

Thursday Forenoon.
Arithmetic, History of Education, Psychology.

Thursday Afternoon.
Grammar, Geography, American Literature, Physics.

Friday Forenoon.
Theory and Practice, Spelling, Physical Geography, English Literature.

Saturday Forenoon.
Geometry and Botany.

Saturday Afternoon.
General History.

LUCY E. RODGERS,
County Superintendent.

A license to wed was issued by Clerk Anderson last Friday to Marie Brashears of Lexington and Walter Steagall of Fossil.

Joseph W. Rector Was Early Settler in County

Funeral services for the late Joseph W. Rector, who passed away at the hospital of Mrs. Lulu G. Herren on Wednesday evening, November 25, were held at the Christian church on Sunday afternoon, with Joel R. Benton, pastor, officiating, and Phelps Funeral home in charge. Interment was in Masonic cemetery. These services were quite largely attended by those who had known the deceased from early pioneer days in this community.

Joseph Wesley Rector was born at Independence, Mo., September 18, 1843, his parents being Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Rector, and at the time of his passing he was aged 88 years, 2 months and 8 days. His family lived in Missouri until 1852, when they came across the plains by ox team to Oregon. An incident of their journey to this promised land, all of their oxen except one died or were stolen by the Indians, but it so happened that two brothers, John Day and Martin Comer, offered the family room in their wagon for themselves and their road necessities. Reaching the Columbia river they camped at the boat-landing at The Dalles from where they took passage for Portland where they lived for some time, then going to Astoria and later to Salem where the home of the family was established on a farm.

Mr. Rector was a blacksmith by trade and as a young man he worked at Salem, Walla Walla, Heppner and Portland. In 1878 he came to Heppner with Willard Herren and located on a homestead on Hinton creek about three miles east of Heppner. He eventually went into the cattle business and added to his Hinton creek ranch until he had accumulated quite a large body of land. He retired from the ranching business several years ago and came to Heppner, spending his remaining days here, but retaining his interests in the ranch that had been his home from the time he took the homestead in 1878.

He is survived by two brothers, Charles Henry Rector of St. Marys, Idaho, and Franklin Rector of Spokane, Wash. One brother, Enoch, and two sisters, Margaret Rector Carter and Kate Rector Hayden, have children living in Idaho, Oregon and Washington. J. L. Carter, a brother-in-law of Mr. Rector, came from his home at Portland to be present at the funeral.

5th District President Visits Woman's Club

Mrs. E. D. Towler of La Grande, president for fifth district of Oregon Federation of Woman's Clubs, was guest of honor at a luncheon given by the Heppner Woman's club at the home of Mrs. Lillian Turner last Friday. Accompanying Mrs. Towler was her sister, Miss Phyllis Chandler of Portland, also an honored guest. The subject of Mrs. Towler's talk was the district convention at Pendleton, Oregon, at which a large attendance from Heppner was hoped for.

Local women present at the luncheon included Mrs. Turner, president of the local club; Mrs. J. F. Lucas, secretary; Mrs. W. O. Dixon, Mrs. Harold Case, Mrs. W. P. Mahoney, Mrs. T. J. Humphreys, Mrs. Paul Marble, Mrs. W. E. Moore, Mrs. Charles Cox, Mrs. G. W. McNamer, Mrs. Earl Gordon, Mrs. Russell Pratt, Mrs. George Thompson, Mrs. Glenn Jones, Mrs. W. E. Pruyn, Mrs. Lucy Rodgers and Mrs. J. O. Turner.

ALPINE.

By MARGARET HOWARD
At the Alpine Farm Bureau meeting to be held Saturday evening, a good time is expected. There will be a varied program after which the pies will be auctioned. The money raised will be used in buying the Christmas treat, so we hope everybody will help.

It snowed all day Wednesday in the Alpine vicinity and a little at times since, so the farmers are now unable to complete their fall seeding.

Mrs. Frank Kilkenny and her daughter-in-law, May Kilkenny, and Peggy, were at Mrs. B. P. Doherty's for Thanksgiving dinner Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Moore and Johnnie, Audrey and Naomi, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gunnar Lindhe in Pendleton during the Thanksgiving holidays.
Miss Rose Sandborne, who has been at the Frank Kilkenny ranch in Sand Hollow is now visiting in Heppner where she will remain for some time.

Henry Rauch and the children visited at Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Klinger's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Irl Clary and children, Mrs. Margaret Pedicor, Wilford Hawley, Bruce, Vevel and Gene Senter and Russell Moore spent Thursday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Michel. There were several very close games of pinocchle and solo played.

Kenneth Geiger has been confined to his bed for the last week. He is having serious trouble with his eyes.

Mrs. Rose Sandborne, James Higgins, John Curran and John Ward were at the Kilkenny home Thursday.
Miss Camilla Kilkenny and her brother were in Heppner Saturday evening.
Miss Rosella Doherty's attendance record for the month ending Nov. 27 was 100 per cent. This is the third perfect record they have

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NOR'WESTER ROUTS CHINOOK IN BATTLE

Frankish Nature Stages
Clash of Winds, With
Heppner in Center.

THAW AND SNOW HIT

Moderation and Rain Visit South
End While Eight Inches of the
Beautiful Comes to North.

Mother Nature was of a frankish disposition yesterday as she staged a battle of the winds at Heppner. To the south the warm chinook held sway, and to the north the cold nor'wester blew, coming together here to bring the moisture precipitation in the form of sleet and rain, though the fall was light. Rain was the order in the hills to the south while eight inches of snow fell to the north, between Lexington and the river. The temperature moderated for a very short time here as the chinook was momentarily felt, then dropped as the nor'wester got the best of the battle, chilling pedestrians to the marrow. This morning Old Sol gleamed brightly for a while, and with all winds laid low, a crisp cold prevailed.

Adam Knoblock, government trapper, who walked into the post-office yesterday morning, his clothes covered with ice, was not appreciative of the prank. He had just come off Heppner flats where it was raining, and as he pulled down into the valley the nor'wester turned the water in his wet clothing into solid ice, affording him a private refrigerating plant.

Winter's first appearance was made here a week ago yesterday, when snow followed a warm rain which is believed to have effectively ridged the ground of frost. The temperature fell gradually with clear nights, reaching the low point of 2 degrees above zero Saturday night, according to Frank Gilliam, government weather observer. The temperature hovered between zero and 30 degrees above until yesterday morning when, for a short time moderation reached a point which turned the descending sleet into rain. The nor'wester soon got the best of the chinook, however, and the temperature again dropped.

The cold snap, one of the earliest of record here, has had the usual effect of inconveniencing residents through freezing water pipes and plumbers have been largely in demand. So far the snow has not been heavy enough to block travel on the highways, though those who have ventured forth by car have found the going treacherous and several cars were reported to have slid off the road.

Stockmen have probably felt the greatest effect of the snap. They have been forced to start feeding their stock several weeks earlier than was anticipated, and many report feed insufficient if no break occurs in the weather before the scheduled advent of spring.

Local Futures Market Active as Wheat Skids

The recent advance in wheat prices has been gradually dwindling away and the prevailing sentiment is again bearish, but the low relative value of wheat is still a decidedly bullish factor, reports the Portland Grain exchange for week ending November 28.

The world situation of wheat supplies at this time balances pretty well with the figures of a year ago. Australia and Argentina estimate harvests to yield about 50 to 100 million bushels under last year, while 36 Northern Hemisphere countries show a harvest of 31 million bushels less. The world's visible supply this year almost balances this reduction in yield.

The drastic decline of sterling exchange during the week, made the possibility of export business more remote than ever and the only business reported locally was about 300 tons worked for shipment to California.

The futures markets of the Pacific Northwest are again very active and proving their value in affording a trading medium for local wheat, at a time when outside business is rather dull and receipts at terminals are of considerable proportions.

Portland futures show net declines for the week of 3 3/4c for December delivery and 3 7/8c per bushel for the May.

Portland, Astoria and Longview visible supply 4,092,455 bushels.
Portland car receipts for the week: wheat 360, flour 113, oats 13, barley 4, corn 22, hay 14.

To Sound Fire Siren At 9 Each Evening

From Marshal Devin, this paper has the information that from this date forward, the fire siren will be sounded each evening at 9 o'clock. This is done for the double purpose of trying the siren to keep it in working order, and as a curfew, warning children that it is time they were off the streets and at home. So if you are disturbed by the fire alarm at this hour, you may know why and not chase out to locate a blaze somewhere.

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JENNIE E. McMURRAY.

Winter weather has come a little early this year. Last week snow fell in the Ione district to a depth of about five inches and the mercury dropped to the zero mark. The ground is still covered with snow but the temperature has moderated considerably.

The young people of the town are using the Gorge loading platform near the railroad track as a toboggan slide and are indeed having a jolly time, greatly enjoying the snow even if the older people are not.

Mrs. Elmer Griffith who has been very ill, is now rapidly improving. During the Union Sunday school hour at the Christian church Sunday a vote was taken to decide whether to continue or discontinue the Union Sunday school. The vote was strongly in favor of continuing and union literature is being ordered and plans are under way for a Christmas program.

Rebekah Lodge No. 91 elected officers at their last regular meeting as follows: Edith Matthews, N. G.; Fern Turner, V. G.; Lena Lundell, secretary; and Etta Bristow, treasurer. Appointive officers will be announced before installation, which will take place the first of the year.

Jack Grimes recently made a trip to his ranch near Trent. He was accompanied by Bill Whitson who remained in Portland until after Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving guests at the John Grimes home were Mrs. Grimes' son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Leathers of Hardman, her niece, Mrs. William Whitson of Ione, and William Windsor of Windsor Castle.

Hank Adams, "Baldy" Hayes and Carl Troedson returned home last Friday after an absence of three weeks. The three gentlemen visited Hoover dam and continued their sight seeing trip far south as Tia Juana, Mexico. While they enjoyed the trip, they state that Oregon never before looked so good to them.

Guests at the Carl Feldman home on Thanksgiving day were Mr. and Mrs. John Wilt of Grass Valley and Neil Shuurman and Harold Buhman of Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Swanson were hosts at a six o'clock dinner Saturday evening complimenting their two sons, Garland and Norman Swanson, students at Salem, who were home for the Thanksgiving vacation. Seated at the table, besides the honorees were Miss Eva Swanson, Miss Norma Swanson, Carlton Swanson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lundell, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Lindstrom, Miss Veda Eubanks, and Carl Troedson. Following the dinner the young people attended the grange dance at Lexington.

Those enjoying turkey at the J. E. Swanson home on Thanksgiving day were Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Swanson, Norma and Carlton, F. A. Lundell and the five members of the J. E. Swanson family.

Those enjoying the sumptuous dinner at the Ernest Lundell home Thursday were the immediate members of the family and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lundell and Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Drake.

Sixteen gathered around the festive board at the J. W. Howk home Thanksgiving. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Charley O'Conner and son Charles, Miss Elmira O'Conner, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Linn, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Linn of Morgan, Elmer Griffith, and Virginia, Katherine, George and June Griffith.

Mrs. Esper Hansen returned Sunday to her home in Portland after a pleasant week's visit with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Davidson and little daughter departed Sunday for their home in Los Angeles. Enroute Mr. Davidson will spend a short time in Portland on business for the American Gas association by whom he is employed. Mr. and Mrs. Davidson were accompanied as far as Arlington by Mr. and Mrs. Harlan McCurdy.

The Edward Lindeken family returned home Sunday from Woodburn where they had spent the Thanksgiving holidays with Mrs. Lindeken's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Grassman. Mr. Lindeken states that as he neared home he found stretches of slippery road, making driving difficult and dangerous. They witnessed the loading in Salem of Tusco, famed ten-ton elephant, that was being taken by truck to his winter quarters in Portland. The huge beast was in an ugly mood and Mr. Lindeken said even the road hogs were willing to give him more than his share of the road.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Engelman entertained at Thanksgiving dinner the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nicholson, Mr. and Mrs. John Turner of Heppner and Mrs. Esper Hansen of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Blake were hosts at a family dinner Thursday served at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Blake, in Ione. Plates were laid for sixteen as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Ed Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Blake, Mary K., Helen and Joan, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Blake, Bethel and Billy, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Blake and Marjory of Grass Valley, and the host and hostess. Mr. and Mrs. Blake and Mr. and Mrs. Wilt who had been guests at the Feldman home, departed the same evening for their home in Grass Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bergiven and children motored to Pendleton last Wednesday where Mrs. Bergiven took train for Baker to spend the

STAGE AND SEDAN COLLIDE NEAR IONE

5-Day Abandonment of Run Ex-
pected; Injuries to Occupants
Not Serious.

A head-on collision between the Heppner-Arlington-Pendleton stage and a Ford sedan driven by John Fred of Hood River, four miles below Ione at 5:30 o'clock yesterday evening, resulted in personal injuries to occupants of the two cars and put both the cars out of running condition. Cole Madsen, stage driver, was feared to have received internal injuries and was taken to the Heppner hospital, but he is reported improving this morning.

Russell Hill of Brownville, the only passenger in the stage, was not seriously injured, and after being treated by Dr. McMurdo went on to Brownville.

With Fred in the sedan were Lloyd Ordway and Fred Jennings also of Hood River. Jennings received a severe cut above his right eye which took two stitches to close. Fred and Ordway were uninjured. All three men went on to Hood River by train.

The accident was reported to have been caused by the slick highway, and took place on a curve. Both cars were travelling at a slow speed.

Madsen expected to take advantage of the 5-day lay-off privilege granted by the state in case of such an emergency. He carried public liability and property damage insurance, as well as a personal automobile accident insurance policy.

Fire in Case Apartments Destroys Davis Property

Fire at 10:30 o'clock this morning broke loose in the apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Davis in the southwest corner of the Case apartment building in the second story, resulting in the loss of personal property of the Davis' and material damage to the building by smoke and water, though the fire was confined to the living room of the apartment. The fire was caused by an oil stove. Everything was covered by insurance, according to M. L. Case, proprietor of the building.

The family of E. D. Bronson, who with Davis is an employee of the O. W. R. & N. company, occupied the apartment just below, and their belongings were removed to protect them from the water running through from above. They were damaged some by the water.

The smoke completely filled the building, and other apartment holders were inconvenienced by it. Apartments near by were occupied by Dr. J. H. McCrady and Miss Lillie Allinger, cashier of Farmers and Stockgrowers National bank.

Wise Brothers Sustain Loss in Residence Fire

Fire which gutted the residence occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wise and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Wise, about 8 o'clock Sunday evening, destroyed most of their personal effects and damaged the house extensively. The house, on east Willow street, is owned by the state of Oregon.

Each of the Wise brothers carried \$1000 insurance on their personal property. The two families have been domiciled at the Case apartments since the fire.

The cause of the fire is unknown. At the time it broke through and the alarm was turned in, both the Wise brothers and their wives were at the theater. They said they had built no fire in the stoves after 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The extreme cold made the fire hard to combat, and it was necessary to thaw out one hydrant before water could be got through it. Wise brothers are proprietors of the Sanitary bakery.

holidays with her parents, and Mr. Bergiven and the children drove on to Gibbon for a visit with his parents. The family returned home Saturday.

The L. M. and B. W. club had their Sunday dinner this week at the Louis Bergiven home. All members were present.

Mabel Cool received a badly cut arm last week when she accidentally struck her arm through a glass window at the school house. She was taken to Heppner where a physician placed eleven stitches to close the wound.

As French Burroughs was driving on the highway above the Pettys home his car left the road, overturned twice and landed in the ditch, motor still running. Neither Mr. Burroughs, nor his wife who was riding with him, were injured, and only slight damage was done to the car. The accident was due to slippery roads.

Garland and Norman Swanson took train Sunday for Salem to resume their studies, Garland in the Eyerly Aviation school and Norman at Willamette university.

When John Bryson was returning from Heppner on Wednesday of last week his car collided with a car driven by a stranger. The stranger's car went into the ditch and was slightly damaged, Mr. Bryson's car being also very slightly damaged. Mr. Bryson states that although he tried to avoid the collision he was unable to do so, the driver of the advancing car being blinded by the snow storm. No one was hurt.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal O. Ely and

NATIONAL GRANGE OUTLINES POLICIES

Stand Taken on All of the
Country's Outstanding
Problems.

FAVORS DEBENTURE

American Market for American
Farmers Asked; Taxation, Bank-
ing Recommendations Made.

From National Grange Publicity
Bureau.

While the 65th annual convention of the National Grange was not as largely attended as the great gathering at Rochester, New York, last year, because of meeting in less thickly-populated territory, it was nevertheless one of the most significant sessions this big farm fraternity has ever held, and every one of the 32 organized grange states was represented by its accredited delegates, these states reaching from Atlantic to Pacific, and from Minnesota on the north to South Carolina on the south. The meeting was held at Madison, Wis., November 11 to 20.

The session was noteworthy for its emphatic pronouncements on big pending questions of the day, while its definite programs adopted on taxation, tariff, marketing and land policy will command wide spread attention. Offering no new or radical remedies for present depression and ills, the national grange points the clear pathway to the restoration of national prosperity by setting up sound economic principles, from which a wide departure has been made by the nation in recent years. General approval will mark the grange demand that the American market be preserved for the American farmer, and that adequate protection be afforded him, both in the direction of reasonable tariff levels on imported agricultural products and the Export Debenture or similar plan to aid in the disposition of farm surpluses at fair prices.

Below is briefly summarized the general policy adopted by the national grange at Madison, followed by a concise tabulation of specific measures which it favors and opposes; these to be followed up by widespread discussion and action in the 8,000 granges throughout the land the coming winter:

Outstanding Action Taken.

1. The American market for the American farmer: (a) Growers of crops producing an exportable surplus to be accorded equalized tariff benefits, such as are proposed under the export debenture plan. (b) No tariff rates permitted which breed monopoly and enrich the few at the expense of the many. (c) No imposition of tariffs upon such natural resources as cannot be renewed when once they are exhausted. (d) Fixing at fair and reasonable levels import duties on commodities which the farmer must buy. (e) Reaffirming the long-established policy of the grange in demanding "Tariff for all, or tariff for none."

2. A very definite taxation program, to include: (a) Increase in the estate tax, and the greater portion of amount collected to be retained by the states; with no reduction permitted in Federal income tax. (b) A limited tax on luxuries and a Federal and state gift tax. (c) Return to the states of a substantial portion of the Federal corporation income tax. (d) A debt control law for states and local communities, with limitation of all special assessments against real estate. (e) Extension of the budget system for handling current expenditures.

3. A specific land policy: (a) Coordination of the activities of Federal and state agencies. (b) A better administration of the remaining public lands, through reforestation or otherwise, to insure sound conservation. (c) The use of reclamation funds in refunding indebted districts irrigation and drainage districts needing assistance. (d) Broadening of the forestry laws of the nation and of the states, to permit purchase of sub-marginal agricultural land for either forest purposes, recreational use or game preserves. (e) Creation of a Bureau of Conservation under the Department of Agriculture, with grouping of all conservational activities under one head. (f) A continuing survey to determine the productive possibilities of land, and progressive steps to stop soil erosion.

4. A clear-cut program of rural finance and money stabilization: (a) Amending the Federal Reserve Act to provide for rediscounting Intermediate Credit Bank debentures. (b) An increased purchase in large volume of securities in the open market by the Federal Reserve Bank. (c) Reduction of re-discount rates by the Federal Reserve Bank. (d) Reduction of the legal minimum gold reserve ratios of the Federal Reserve Banks. (e) Increasing the capital stock in Federal Land banks; more substantial reserves by both Federal Land banks and National Farm Loan associations; appropriation to enable farmers in distress to meet interest demands and to prevent foreclo-

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