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Should We Abolish the States?

The proposal that the federal minimum wage law be extended to cover groups of workers—such as those in retail trade—who have been exempt ever since the law's inception is an appealing one to many people, on humanitarian grounds. But, understandable as that is, the arguments against the proposed extension are powerful, and based on principle.

The question is not whether wage legislation is needed to cover retailing and the other service industries. If it is, the states are perfectly capable of taking care of that, and many have. The question is whether strictly local businesses, which must compete on the purely local level, and must deal with local conditions and needs, should be governed by an arbitrary federal law which would treat the enterprises of little country towns as it would treat the biggest interstate businesses.

A little past history should be recalled. President Franklin Roosevelt, a staunch friend of labor, in proposing a federal minimum wage law in 1937, said: "There are many purely local pursuits and services which no federal legislation can effectively cover."

The sponsor of this original act in the Senate was another staunch friend of labor—Senator Black, now Mr Justice Black of the Supreme Court. He said: "Businesses of a purely local type which serve a particular local community, and which do not send their products into the streams of interstate commerce, can be better regulated by the laws of the communities in which the business units operate."

This principle is a valid today as it ever was. It is strictly in accord with the divisions of governmental power in this country. If federal law is to be extended into every area of local life, we might as well abolish the states.

From The County Agent's Office

By N C ANDERSON

A considerable amount of interest has been shown during the past week in weed control with special emphasis on morning glory. A number of ranchers have called at the office to discuss recommendations for the control of this weed, most of them planning to use one of the TBA or PBA chemicals. These are sold under the names of Trysben 200, Benzac, Zohar and others. As we have pointed out from time to time it is never too early to get a good weed control program under way on your ranch. With this new chemical, while it is quite expensive to use, 100% kills can be expected when used according to directions. The expensiveness of the chemical can be off-set partly at least through the federal cost-share payment provided through the ACP program. Everyone expecting to do some weed control work should apply before hand at the ASC office. TBA should be used at the rate of 10 gallons per acre in 20 gallons of water when applied with a boom spray. It will take about 125 gallons per acre of water when a hand gun is used wetting the patches thoroughly.

The value of following the practice of "flushing" ewes before and during breeding of ewes was shown in an experiment carried on last breeding season. In this case a range band of ewes of mixed ages was divided into two groups. One group was "flushed" or fed a pelleted supplement on pasture prior to, and during, the breeding season. The other group received no supplement. Lambing percentage of the group receiving extra feed was 148.7%. Lambing percentage of the "non-flushed" group was 126.9%. In this case the owner of the sheep felt that "flushing" had been profitable. As farm flocks are being bred in this dry season the cost of supplemental feed in "flushing" the ewes could be well paid for in the percentage of lamb crop gained. In some cases our farm flock owners have an irrigated pasture or an alfalfa field that they can use for "flushing". In other cases some good green leafy hay or some grain would serve the purpose. Pelleted alfalfa self-feed is an ideal method of "flushing". A change to a new pasture or a harvested field where there is a lot of aftermath would serve somewhat the same purpose. Many of our range sheep oper-

ators save special pastures of fresh feed for their bands when the rains are turned in.

I was very much interested in a copy of the Heppner Gazette of December 14, 1911 which Mrs E W Bergstrom, Ione brought to the office recently. Called to my attention was a letter in the paper written by A S Akers. It was addressed as follows, "To the farmers of Morrow county who are still floating above the waters of perdition and clinging to a straw of hope." Proposed in the letter was a wheat growing contest to be sponsored by the county Farmers Union and businessmen of Heppner. Quite different from the last few years of excellent crops in Morrow county it appeared that crops had not been too good in 1911 or the few years before.

Mr Akers' letter brought this out by the following question "I realize that the last few years has been a great set back to your cherished hopes and has somewhat knocked the props from under your enthusiasm, but let us make another rally, remembering all the while that daylight always follows the night, and that defeat sometimes like the defeat of General Gates of the Revolution has all the effects of victory. The effect of our short crops will cause, among the progressive farmers, a mode of farming to germinate, and being stimulated by the great contest will spring up and put to flight those medieval or primitive ideas. Such a contest wherein described, I believe will mark a new epoch in the raising of wheat and will prove to the average farmer that he has taken a bigger chew than he can thoroughly masticate." This is the proposed contest planned at that time. "That 40 live, energetic farmers of the county subscribe \$25.00 each, making a purse of \$1000.00 to be divided into three prizes of \$500, \$300

and \$200 to be given to the three contestants producing the largest non-irrigated land. In order to bar anyone who might be so disposed to take the 40 acres up along some narrow rich draw, the land should lay in a square. The object of the contest is to offer an incentive sufficient to draw out to materialization those dormant ideas possessed by each farmer, as to what constitutes the most perfect method to employ in wheat raising, and to cause him to study the latest sciences along that line."

Details of the contest outlined the type records that must be kept including implements used, when the ground was seeded, the kind of wheat, and the number of pounds sown to the acre, how treated for smut, whether the grain was cultivated in the spring and how the harvesting was done. Again quoting Mr Akers, "If Morrow county can't have a demonstration farm run by the state — which our congressman tried hard to get — let's show our lawmakers at large that we can make a little demonstration work on our own hook." He added, "while the timid ones are leaning on their hoes pondering over past failures and charging the deplorable condition to providence, we will push forward and vigorously fight the battles with the promised assurance that to the "victor belong the spoils," he also promised "that those who failed to enter the contest will miss the greatest thing of their lives and that the excitement alone will be worth the money!"

It is interesting to note that the farmers of Morrow county were then, as well as now were doing something to improve the methods of farming and to keep up with the latest scientific recommendations. While "a lot of mules, horses and tractors have gone over the hill" in the past approximately 50 years since this article was published it certainly has not been in vain. While the cost of operation in wheat farming has gone up continuously and many farmers feel that times are not so good, everyone will need to admit that the

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From the files of the Gazette-Times August 15, 1929

Road work is progressing on the upper end of the Willow creek market road, the crew having located their camp at the Jim Kirk place, ready to begin operations Monday.

Reid Buseick, wife and little daughter were weekend visitors at Heppner with Mrs Ellen Buseick, returning on Monday to their home at John Day.

Olin Spaulding, son of Rev F R Spaulding of this city, has opened a cleaning and pressing establishment in Arlington.

Lawrence Reaney, farmer of Lexington, was attending to business here on Monday.

Mr and Mrs J N Pieffer, of Walla Walla, were weekend guests at the latter's sister, Mrs Charles Nord of Ione.

Showing at the Star Theater Sunday and Monday, Dolores Del Rio in "Romona".

It's a dandy vacation you've been having, isn't it kiddies? But of course you will be glad to know that school starts September 9.

standard of living is much higher now than ever before. An idea struck me recently that in this centennial year when we are all thinking back and making comparisons with a hundred years ago that it would be very appropriate that some of the advances in agriculture here be shown in the exhibits in forthcoming Morrow county fair which will be an event in the last days of this month. Everyone could pay tribute to Mr Akers and those of his time who were interested in the advancement of agriculture of Morrow county. What would be more fitting than one of the biggest exhibits ever of land products raised in Morrow county in 1929? With one of the bigger grain crops ever harvested, and of excellent quality, it would seem that this is the year to show ourselves off. Bill Rawlins, south Ione rancher and the new fair superintendent of grains is working hard this year toward this accomplishment. He has prom-

side to clean up samples of grain that any farmer would get to him ahead of the fair. We should also have great exhibits of fruits and vegetables, grass and hay, livestock, and other agricultural classes. Premium books should be in the hands of everyone now and any question that anyone has will be welcomed by superintendants of these classes or this office.

Sooty-like patches are common in lawns this time of year. These vary in size from a few inches to a foot in diameter and are caused by slime-mold fungus. Close examination shows the presence of clusters of grayish to black groups of a sooty fungus material covering the blades of grass. The small clusters on each blade are closely packed together and cover the grass completely. If the substance is gently rubbed with the fingers, it breaks up into a black ashlike material easily rubbed off the leaf. These are spores of the slime-mold. They do not injure the grass but merely coat the leaf surfaces. Where a slime-mold spot develops to the diameter of 10 or 12 inches, there may be a temporary smothering action on the grass. Slime-mold spots can be vigorously raked to hasten their disappearance. Possibly a little fertilizer watered into the lawn at this time may also speed their departure.

(Last Week)

The state department of agriculture and the bureau of animal industry received word only recently that Oregon has become the 20th state to receive a modified-certified Brucellosis area. Frank McKennon, director of the Oregon state department of agriculture has begun plans to celebrate this occasion with fitting ceremonies at the Oregon State Fair in September. Veterinarians and others connected with the state and federal program believe that Brucellosis will soon take its place with tuberculosis, glanders, dourine, foot and mouth and other contagious animal diseases virtually wiped out through the same type concerted cooperative effort. The long Brucellosis fight testing in Oregon starting in 1928 will continue with a three point program including: (1) vaccination of all heifer calves at proper age; (2) cull and dry cow testing at slaughter plants or gathering points and strict isolation of infected herds; (3) rigid test of

infected herds and enforced quarantine. Morrow county can well be proud of their leadership in bringing about this step. We were the first range county in the state to have a modified-certified area.

Both continued laboratory testing and practical use of HCB have proved that this material is the most effective treatment for controlling both seed borne and soil borne spores of common smut. The successful control of wheat smut is directly correlated with the complete coverage of the wheat kernel with HCB. If the treatment is less than complete in coverage, it may be expected that there will be less than maximum protection. To obtain the best coverage possible, it has been found that at least one ounce of 40% or 80% HCB be used per bushel.

Garden Pest Control Guide Issued by OSC

A handy guide for home-garden vegetable growers in their summer "battle with bugs" has been published by Oregon State College extension service. The illustrated, 12-page booklet, "Vegetable Garden Insect Pests," contains drawings and descriptions of insects, describes the damage they do, and lists pest-control measures.

Oregon residents may obtain free copies of the booklets from local county extension offices or from the OSC bulletin clerk, Corvallis.

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