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FARM IMPROVEMENTS.

There are statistics in increasing quantity to prove that the farmer is spending money liberally on farm improvements. The demand from rural quarters for lumber, hardware, fencing material, drain pipe, brick and cement is large. This indicates an unusual amount of building activity. Prosperity has come to the farmer and he is making the most of it. It is significant of his habit of thought and general procedure that he is putting a big part of his profits back into his business—a fact that ought not to escape the notice of the banker.

Big crops and high prices have brought none of that "speculative tendency", of which capitalists stand so much in dread in these days of a plentiful gold supply, to the farmers of the country, says the Indianapolis News.

Prosperity has not upset them. The three or four seasons of bumper yields and increased revenues, experts tell us, have practically wiped out the general averages and percentages based on figures collected in the last census. It is not true today, for instance, that the average farmer's income is \$1 a day. It is larger, as is readily demonstrated by his increased orders for building material, farm machinery and implements, tractors and motor cars.

These facts have not gone unnoticed by the department of agriculture, and especially by the bureau having in hand the improvement of the farmer's domestic conditions. The United States government, in eight years, has spent \$12,000,000 giving lessons in home economics to farmers' wives, and it means to spend a good deal more than this in the next eight years. Heretofore farmers' wives have been hampered in putting into execution much that the government has taught them. There was not money enough. Now, with the changed conditions, money is not lacking, and the bureau feels that its progress accordingly will be more rapid.

It is reported, that, as a result of better prices for farm products in our own vicinity more than twenty water systems have been installed in farm houses. This alone shows that the farmer's wife, if not the farmer himself, has decided to divert some of the prosperity from the barn and field to the kitchen. Domestic conditions are going to be improved, and the lot of the farmer's wife made easier.

INVITING REGRETS.

One regrettable feature of the near approach to state wide prohibition is the tendency of many persons to "celebrate" the closing days of the year in drunken revels that can do them no good and will only serve to bring lasting regret when they have at last sobered up and had time to think what fools they have been.

For several Saturday nights lately there has been an unusual disregard for sobriety among a certain class of young men who have indulged in all sorts of escapades for no other reason than that the time is growing short in which they may indulge in their wonted revelry and dissipation. Trips to Portland, excessive drinking, followed by intoxication and fighting have been the result of their ambitious endeavors to save the booze from being wasted, and as the time grows shorter there are indications that their efforts will not subside until the year ends in one mad, wild night of revelry.

Several disgusting episodes are reported as the result of a wild carousal on Saturday evening last. Lying dead to the world in the gutter, being taken home in a wheelbarrow, fighting and being arrested, causing horses to run away and speeding automobiles were only a few of the incidents heard about, but those few were enough to sicken one—even the actors themselves—when they are remembered. It is no credit to the young men thus engaged, nor will it leave a good impression to recall them in after days, when booze is no longer to be had and they are forced to become sober for want of it.

THE LAND OF THE FREE.

Some of us remember the remarks we heard at a Fourth of July celebration, when a spread eagle orator told us that this was the land of the free and the home of the brave. That orator told the truth, in that most of us believe what he said, and are imbued with the idea that we are living in a free country.

In the bright lexicon of the anarchist this is not a free country; it isn't even hardly ever a free country. We are hemmed in by laws, rules and city ordinances on every hand, and nobody is free to do as he pleased. It just happens that we unconsciously please to do as we should, and whenever we please to do as we shouldn't we are brought up with a sudden jerk to a full realization of the fact that we are in reality a strictly governed people.

Some of us try to get a little more freedom than others, but we are soon caught and held up as horrible examples to the scorn of all who are really and truly good.

Even the farmer living eleven miles east of Bull Run can only go so far, while his cousin in the crowded metropolis of eastern Multnomah can't even let his chickens annoy his neighbors by running at large; nor can he build a chicken coop without a permit.

Everywhere there are restrictions; everywhere we're warned and cautioned. Even a country editor has his limitations. Even a loafer can't stand too long in one place. Everywhere we're under constant supervision. We can't do this and we can't do that. Still we strut about, boasting that we live in a free land.

Even in towns that support wet mayors our freedom is curbed. We may bootleg or run a blind pig, but we can't dump ashes in the street, nor leave a wheelbarrow on the sidewalk, nor operate a motorcycle there. In the cities it takes a pull to do anything except breathe, while in the constable towns where the officials have nothing to gain and ten dollars a month to lose, the laws are enforced as they are writ, even if a special deputy sheriff is called upon to do the dirty work.

Then there are the unwritten laws of our country that touch and influence every phase of our daily life. Even if we succeed in getting by as a burglar we must get our pants pressed and our necks shaved or miss an invitation now and then to something at the library. There are many things we would rejoice to do if it wasn't for what folks would say instead of what the police would do. So we're not happy, wild and free. On the contrary we pay a top-notch price for all our fun, frolics and misdemeanors. There's nothing free in this country but the "makins" for a cigarette when you can bum it from another brother in misery.

Petrograd reports 2,000,000 more soldiers almost ready to go to the front. Germany, of course, will take them all prisoners, and then the Russians will eat that nation out of house and home, end the war in that way and claim the victory.

Wonder if Dun's Review means this neck of the woods when it says: "In spite of the rapidity of the movement, there is no slackening of the advance that foreshadows the greatest commercial development in the history of the country."

Congressman McArthur has sent us word that the mirth-provoking Congressional Record will adorn our desk during the present session. We got it last session but never expected that lightning would strike twice in the same place.

Lots of men go where duty calls, and stand around with their hands in their pockets after they get there. We are waiting to see what the Oregon delegation in congress is going to do on several important questions.

Of course, its nice that a London charitable organization should go out of business because the war has taken all the unemployed. Here's a hint for the northwest; let's declare war on British Columbia!

Anyhow, prohibition won't give Oregon a black eye as a corn producing state, and the peach brandy industry will not receive a setback. The same condition applies to the state of Washington.

A Chicago woman who brought a \$50,000 Persian kitten could have purchased more satisfaction with the money by visiting the Baby Home instead of a cattery.

A California's dealer claims to have the names and addresses of 340,000 tipplers in Oregon. He must have made a mistake and got the prohibition list.

Perhaps the entente cordiale between the bakers and some critical ultimate consumers could be restored by selling bread by the pound.

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JUST IN

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LEAVE IT TO HARRY.

We are told that the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 1916, will find a deficit in revenue of not less than \$100,000,000, based on the receipts of the past six months, ending December 31.

That, of course is a serious prospect, in view of the extraordinary expenditures the coming session of congress will have to wrestle with. But it should not baffle the administration, nor should it cause the slightest hesitation in meeting the situation.

Senator Harry Lane, of Oregon, is reported to have said that he could save more than \$300,000,000 to the government if given a chance, and many persons are inclined to believe that he is right. Or, rather, that the present system is wrong and that many millions could be saved if the affairs of the government were properly administered.

THE EARNING POWER.

After a nearly four-year ght for its rights the California-Oregon Power company wins out in its fight for development of its plants.

With large investments in Northern California and Southern Oregon it had to go into the federal courts to protect its property interests.

At Medford the city gets exactly the same terms offered by the corporation in 1912, and the city loses thousands by the litigation.

Ashland and Klamath Falls also have been settled with or to some terms as result of the decision of Judge Wolverton for the corporation.

The federal courts will not uphold cities in attacking the income earning power of such properties when it invalidates their securities.

Chinese take the oath in court by kneeling down and breaking a saucer. The officer of the court then says, "You shall tell the truth and the whole truth; the saucer is cracked, if you do not tell the truth, your soul will be cracked like the saucer."

If the present complex system of regulation of public utilities by state and government commissions cannot adequately regulate, why jump out of the frying pan into the fire by advocating government ownership.

More lies have been told about Roosevelt than any other man in the country, so it wouldn't surprise us a bit to read in the dispatches tomorrow morning that he had called somebody a liar.

Portland, with the lid clamped down, will not seem the same to many persons who now take advantage of the splendid jitney service to visit that city at frequent intervals.

Do your spring lumber shopping early, for all kinds of lumber has gone up another kilowatt since last reports in these columns.

An exchange asks, "What is a democrat?" A democrat is one who prefers pie or pork to proverb—except in Oregon.

The chauffeur was always driving slow when the accident occurred. See newspaper reports for confirmation.

Next year when we go to the fat stock show for a day we are going to stay a whole week.

California's mining properties last year numbered 658, of which 277 are gold mines.

MAKING GOOD TIMES.

The time worn theory that good crops mean good times has received a severe jolt the past two years.

During this period crops have been larger and prices higher than ever before and yet we have had unusually quiet times, factories closed and men out of work.

This illustrates in a striking manner what we really need to bring prosperity is payrolls, thousands of men at work receiving a pay check every Saturday night. These are the people who distribute the money among the hundred and one different businesses that have been languishing for want of trade.

We need the farmers crops to live on but in addition we need the results of labor to build and develop with.

The little flurry of good times in the east has all been caused by the opening of a few factories to supply war orders.

The west has not profited to such an extent as all it had to sell was produce, the production of which did not give steady employment to a great number of people.

What we need now is an affirmative policy of encouragement both state and national toward all lines of industry.

Throw off the shackles of hampering legislation that has brought to a stop the wheels of industry.

Encourage, instead of discourage, the investment of capital in railroads and water power development. With these will come the factories, for they go hand in hand, one cannot thrive without the other.

A man with the energy, nerve and ability, to start an industry in a community, whether it be a sawmill employing ten men or a business employing a thousand, should be given a vote of thanks by the state.

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