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FARMERS' INSURANCE.

The head of the federal farm loan board, George W. Norris, is working out a plan whereby he will offer government insurance to owners of farm property. At first the insurance will be limited to such farmers as obtain loans from the federal farm loan banks. This insurance will enable them to get better terms on their loans. Later on it is planned to permit any farmer to obtain fire insurance from the government, and Mr. Norris believes that the time is not far off when the government will carry at least half of the insurance on rural property.

The idea is to accept the risks at an amount considered fair at the present time. If there is a loss on this basis, the government will pay it. If dividends accrue they will be distributed to the policy holders. Mr. Norris says that few farmers carry fire insurance and that their losses each year reach appalling proportions. Such a statement may be true for some states, but not for Oregon, where every organized grange county has many farm building policy holders; besides there are several mutual insurance companies doing a good business.

Much fire insurance is written in Oregon by the commercial companies on farm property, and the business is increasing. They and the several mutual companies probably have more than half the farm houses insured, but to what extent the government can make inroads on their business is not known. It will take a test to determine that point.

The grange and the other mutual companies write policies which protect dwellings, barns and other buildings, also machinery, feed and livestock against loss by fire. The policy holders are members and are liable for assessments, but the liability is limited on any single risk. Thus only a member of the grange may obtain insurance in that order, and for not more than \$2500 on any one risk. An adjuster fixes the loss claims to be paid and there is little difficulty in carrying on the work. The rate of insurance in these mutual companies is low because no effort is made to make a profit. It is yet to be shown that there is any justification for the proposed extension of government paternalism in this line.

SPARING THE ROD.

The American Humane Education Society is opposing the spanking of children and seeks to convince the world that it is right by saying that the words "spare the rod and spoil the child" can not be found in the Bible, but that they were written by Samuel Butler, who penned them in 1663.

It is true that the quotation is not in the Bible, and Samuel Butler may have been an old fogey for all this generation knows. Yet the Bible can go him a two-to-one odds, and if the Bible is preferred to a seventeenth

century writer the rod will not be spared.

The writer of the Book of Proverbs says: "He that spareth his rod, hateth his son, but he that loveth him chasteneth him," and "The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame." So the effort to convince the advocates of corporal punishment that there is no biblical authority for it fails.

It is much better and wiser to discuss the question from the modern point of view than to go back more than two thousand years ago, or even two hundred and fifty years. It should be discussed on its merits. There are many things commended in the Bible that few would think of doing today. It is unfair—unfair even to the Bible itself—to appeal to it on such a matter as this. The fact that it can or cannot be quoted in support of the use of the rod is quite irrelevant. The attitude of civilized people toward children and child life is vastly different from what it was when the Book of Proverbs was written. Education, of course, has been absolutely revolutionized, but those who are given to using a paddle or even a slipper on their children can still take comfort in the reflection—if it be a comfort—that there is scriptural authority for the practice.

There has been a great change in the past few years in this matter of spanking. In the old days—no longer than fifty years ago—corporal punishment was the rule in every school. The punishment was often supplemented with another dose of the same kind when the child went home. One reads, almost with a shudder, of the canings in the great English schools. Dr. Johnson, as expected, defended flogging. "There is, he said, 'now less flogging in our great schools than formerly—but less is learned there.'" The doctor had been a schoolmaster himself. In America, at the present time, the rod is not fashionable. Of course, the race of brutal parents is not extinct. But we are making progress. The wise man of the Proverbs is still on the side of the spankers and floggers even with a majority vote against him.

GETTING THINGS DONE.

In every state, during the war were business men who dropped their private business in order to help the nation. A story of American achievement along patriotic lines, showing how American men assisted the government by dropping their personal work for the time being and took over the job of keeping supplies moving to the fighting men, is told in a series of articles in the Saturday Evening Post. Practically every American named was a successful business man in a large way. Some of them were commissioned and others worked as civilians. All of them made sacrifices in order to serve.

They knew what to do and how to do it. They applied business principles. War to them was as much a business as is the task of making steel rails, selling sewing machines or fashioning shoes. They were executives, used to commanding large forces of employees. They knew how to act in emergencies and they brooked no delays.

One cannot help but wonder how much money would be saved and how rapidly things would be accomplished if a few of these business men could be named on a commission to manage the United States of America. Of course, there is no harm in speculating on how much efficiency could be gained by the commission form of government as applied to the nation.

Doing business by congress is a great deal like calling in all the stockholders every time a corporation has a little question to decide. Perhaps one of the least important stockholders holds up the whole program. So it is in congress. Some fellow who wants to make himself heard hampers progress. If the country had a board of directors with power to act and the vision to

see what was needed, there would be less delay and vastly more accomplished.

It is unfortunate that some of these far-sighted business men cannot be induced to enter public life. But if they did they might find it difficult to avoid becoming politicians. Business men will not submit to the direct primaries nor volunteer to serve in congress; but politicians will. There is the difference.

The inquisitive subscriber writes: "Is fishing good in Johnson creek?" We decline to give out any information on the subject. Giving out fishing news and predicting the next republican majorities in Oregon have come near destroying our reputation for truth and veracity. Hereafter we will quit fishing, but in July 1920, we will hazard a guess on the grand old republican majority for president.

A correspondent wants to change the name of Mt. Hood to Mt. Liberty. Another suggestion, all our own, would be to bunch a lot of our famous mountains together—say Hood, Adams, Jefferson, Shasta, St. Helens, Baker, Rainier, Three Sisters, Pitt, McKinley, Pike's Peak, Lassen, Diabolo and Taimapias—and give them all one name in honor of President Wilson, because they are fourteen points.

Arthur Davis, who stole a big bunch of liberty bonds, is now a resident of the detention home for criminals. When a man with a good job in a bank steals liberty bonds he not only realizes their value, but it shows he is looking for lodgings where he won't have to get up in a cold room and go to the basement to start the furnace.

A correspondent proposes "Mt. Liberty" as a state memorial. If there is to be a state memorial fashioned from Mt. Hood, with the trimmings of a liberty highway all around it, it will take a great deal of time and a great deal of genius and a great deal of money. But it would be a memorial for the people to gaze upon a hundred centuries hence.

With the legislature under full steam for a week the people of Oregon are, so far as can be observed, perfectly calm and composed, and awaiting eventualities with that superb scorn of fate, the inevitable or destiny, that becomes a proud people who never squeal, squawk or squirm.

One citizen complains that probably not more than one per cent of the men who ought to be in jail are ever arrested. By skipping the other 99 per cent probably a sufficient number of men are able to be kept on the job to keep the old world going.

A New York grand jury has indicted a poet for treason. He might have had a poetical temperament based on liver and carrots in his lyrical system, but he was not a war poet. Every war poem breathes pure patriotism twenty-four carats fine.

When is that air—now don't jerk us up for ungrammatical speech. We were just going to ask, when is that airplane mail service going to begin between Sacramento and Seattle, with Portland as a way station?

You know there are times when we suspect it will become necessary to prohibit anything but transparent suitcases. We shall consider this question seriously if we find a man eating cloves after June 30.

The price of eggs and butter usually goes in an inverse ratio to the weather. That is why the weather has more to do with the price of eggs and butter than the hens or cows.

Something funny! No one has yet suggested that marrying parsons should be pensioned so as to make up to them the money they will lose through the ending of the war.

TO ENCOURAGE THRIFT AMONG THE CHILDREN

There will be an added incentive for the boys and girls of the county schools to make preparations for the county fair this year. The matter has already come before the fair board and some good prizes are awaiting those who make the best efforts along agricultural lines.

A campaign to encourage habits of thrift will be waged among school children in all sections of the state this year by the Oregon Bankers' association, Oregon State Teachers' association, Oregon Department of Education, United States Department of Agriculture, and the Oregon Agricultural College through the boys' and girls' club work department under H. C. Seymour.

The \$50 prize offered last year by the Oregon Bankers' association was won by Jackson county. This association will not only give \$50 in cash to the county making the best showing in 1919, but has voted \$200 for the printing of pupils' record books. The teachers' association is planning to publish a report of the results accomplished in the last year and the plans for future work. Literature including all necessary information relative to the campaign will be sent out by the boys' and girls' club work department of the college. Wasco, Union and Linn counties were highly complimented for results obtained in the contest.

This thrift committee consists of F. J. Tooze, superintendent of schools in Oregon City, chairman; Dean J. A. Bexell, school of commerce, O. A. C., Corvallis; J. W. McCoy, banker, Ashland; Clyde T. Bonney, county superintendent of schools, The Dalles; Thomas H. West, banker, Portland; Mrs. Gertrude Orth, teacher; Luke Goodrich, banker; A. C. Strange, superintendent of city schools, Baker City; James H. Albert, Salem. The bankers most active in this movement are E. G. Crawford, president, and J. L. Hartman, secretary State Bankers' association, and A. C. Schmitt, W. E. Kyler and H. Hirschberg, thrift committee Oregon State Bankers' association.

The late Dr. Tanner, who fasted forty days and forty nights about forty years ago, lived to be 92, but he was not a wise man. When he fasted eggs were 8 cents a dozen, steak 10 cents a pound and butter 30 cents a roll. He should have delayed his fast until war time and defied the profiteers.

Pamphlets containing instructions on how to burn soft coal in the home are available for distribution at the office of Fuel Administrator Fred J. Holmes, 1337 Northwestern Bank building.

Another evidence has been given of Theodore Roosevelt's greatness. He once wore sidewhiskers and lived them down sufficiently to become president.

The past week's weather presents the usual puzzle. A fellow doesn't know whether to order a load of wood, shuck his flannels or go a-fishing.

It is almost time to hear of another auto being smashed by a train. There is never any closed season on such collisions.

We will take liberty bonds in payment on any kind of auto tires in stock. C. E. Osburn & Co. Phone 691, Gresham.

The vote of nearly forty states almost limits the use of alcohol to keeping auto radiators from freezing.

The purchasing agent in the average family has not yet been able to note any downward trend of prices.

Ford and Chevrolet repairing. C. E. Osburn, Gresham.

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"Eight years ago when we first moved to Mattoon, I was a great sufferer from indigestion and constipation," writes Mrs. Robert Mattoon, Mattoon, Ill. "I had frequent headaches and dizzy spells, and there was a feeling like a heavy weight pressing on my stomach and chest all the time. I felt miserable. Every morsel of food distressed me. I could not rest at night and felt tired and worn out all the time. One bottle of Chamberlain's Tablets cured me and I have since felt like a different person."—Adv.

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WANTED to purchase a young calf. Mrs. Marion Johnson, phone 251.

WANTED—New-born calves in any number; 75 cents to \$2 each. Frank Gustafson, Gresham, phone 289.

GOOD, FRESH COWS wanted. E. Bauman, phone 901. Gresham. tf

E. J. Gradin buys cattle and hogs. Phone 359.—Adv. tf

Poultry
FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE, a pure bred Barred Plymouth Rock cockerel. Mrs. C. M. Zimmerman, phone 318. 94

TWO THOROUGHBRED BARRED Plymouth Rock roosters for sale, \$3. S. Stenberg, corner Boring and Haley roads.

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REAL ESTATE RENTALS
Money to Loan.
Six hundred dollars to loan on improved property. Phone 79x3. tf

For Rent.
Two acres at Hogan station, about 1 1/2 miles from Gresham. Comfortable, unpainted, 3-room house, small barn, chicken house, best of soil. Free high school bus goes by the place. Rent \$75 per year. W. E. Beagle, R. 4, Gresham. tf

FOR SALE CHEAP, 23 acres, one mile south of Gresham; fenced, spring, creek, some timber. Write G. S., 849 Ash street, Portland. Phone East 1225. tf

LAND FOR SALE at Haley, Oregon, property of Peter Sundberg. Also cows and other personal property. Address John H. Sundberg, Nokomis Apt., 565 Marshall street, Portland, phone Broadway 4591. Peter Sundberg & Sons.

FOR SALE—The Anderson home on Wallula Heights. Five-room modern house, barn, 1 1/2 acres of land fruit and berries. F. A. Anderson, 658 Multnomah street, Portland, Phone East 7845. tf

MISCELLANEOUS
Notice.
I will have a car of dry fir wood by the 23d. Will deliver at \$7.50. J. H. Hess, Gresham, phone 79x.

FOUND—At Bank of Gresham—bracelet. Owner describe property and pay for this notice. tf

FOUND—At Bank of Gresham—overcoat. Owner describe property and pay for this notice. tf

VEAL AND PORK WANTED, also poultry of any kind. Will pay cash. Will call for them. Benson Hotel farm, phone Gresham 781.

FOR SALE—Potato sacks 15c each. Gresham Cannery. Phone 871.

Chevrolet parts and repairing. C. E. Osburn & Co.

Extra Outlooks of the Christmas issue will be mailed at 5c each.

Notice of Stockholders' Meeting.
The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Multnomah & Clackamas County Mutual Telephone Co. will be held in Metzger's Hall, Gresham, Oregon, Monday, January 27, at 2 p. m. for the purpose of electing two directors and to transact any other business which may come before the meeting.
BESS OSBORNE, Secretary.
H. W. Snashall, president of the Farmers Mutual Fire Relief Association, reports the association has broken all former records in 1917. The annual statement shows 383 new members gained, 17 fire losses paid, aggregating \$4911; \$1,036,677 of insurance written, one assessment levied, and \$700 invested in liberty bonds during the year. The association is entering its 14th year, and has over 4000 members carrying \$4,250,000 insurance. It has made an annual saving of over 50 per cent to its members. At the annual meeting in January Andrew Brugger of Gresham was re-elected director for the ninth year. Farmers desiring to join may obtain information from H. W. Snashall, Gresham, R. A. or Herman Loeding, secretary, 409 Stock Exchange Bldg., Portland.—Adv.

