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DIVERSIFIED FARMING COOPERATIVE SELLING

Time was when diversified farming was getting a good start on the Umatilla project, early potatoes and strawberries being the commodities mostly marketed in those days through the Farmers' Union which at that time maintained a selling agency. Later watermelons and cantaloupes went out in car lots. The quality of all these products was first class and the demand good. But with the advent of war times prices for hay these were all placed in the discard and until this year hardly enough of these products were raised to supply the small home market. With the decline of hay prices far below the war level farmers were forced to seek other more remunerative crops with the result that the project, both the east and west sides, are getting back to the diversified and selling of products. Last year of the 13,145 acres cropped 9,824 acres were in old and 1,186 acres in new seeding of alfalfa. The acreage in potatoes last year, according to the Reclamation Service report, was 83 acres. This year there are perhaps 150 acres in early and late varieties. Of corn 176 acres were listed of which 62 acres were in fodder varieties. This year will show a 20 to 25 per cent increase in acreage in this crop, there being probably 250 acres on the original and west side projects. Barley also is coming in for an increased acreage, advancing from 34 acres in 1921 to about 100 acres this year. About 1,000 cars of hay were shipped from the project last year. As this diversification has started again we may look for a further continuance of it with an increased output. Land which has been in alfalfa for a number of years when plowed up makes the ideal seed bed. Dairying is also on the gain with substantial increases in both herds and equipment will mean that more of the hay produced here will be fed out here, as it should be, and a return to more prosperous times can be seen through more of diversifying and better cooperative selling.

INDIVIDUAL THRIFT—COLLECTIVE EXTRAVAGANCE

Tax reduction is the live question in every western state. A large part of the blame for our present tax burdens can be laid on the shoulders of public officials who deliberately expanded governmental functions and jobs under the guise of thus furnishing great benefits to the public. On the other hand, it is useless and hypocritical for the people to try and shift all blame for the present tax situation on to public officials. A citizen who has the right to vote should, on exercising this privilege, think twice before heedlessly endorsing measures which he can see will increase the tax bill. Our government will be just as

good as the intelligence of the people make it. Our tax bill will be just as heavy as the recklessness, thoughtlessness, and indifference of the people allow it to be made.

The American family that takes no thought of expense, buys everything it sees, goes in debt for things it cannot pay for at the moment, fails to teach thrift and economy to the children and overlooks the important idea of living within its means, is headed for bankruptcy, collectively and individually.

As with the family, so with the state. The voter must realize that extravagance in public expenditures is taking money out of his pocket just as surely as extravagance in home expenditures.

Reduced taxation, economy and efficiency in government will be secured just as soon as the people realize that they are voting to spend their own money when voting for men and measures which increase the tax bill.

Run the state as you would run the home, let public expenditures be within the means of the people to pay and let public debts be piled up only with the full knowledge that the day of reckoning will come and that the people, not the public officials will have to foot the bill.

COLD SPRINGS ROAD IS GOOD INVESTMENT

With the completion of the Cold Springs-Pendleton road as far as Holdman, comes the word that the Holdman farmers have made contracts for hauling of wheat to the Columbia landing at a saving of 12 1/2 cents a bushel over the old haul to Myrick Station on the N. P. railway. The haul is about of the same distance but one is over rutty, poorly made roads where six to eight teams are required on the loads, the other over smoothly laid macadam to the river landing and railroad loading platform at Cold Springs. Money expended for roads of this kind show a direct saving to every farmer served by it. A continuation of the Diagonal road to connect with the Cold Springs road must eventually be built. Engineers have already passed on the grade and routes and pronounced it feasible and easy of construction. This road would enable the residents of Holdman district easy access to Hermiston, of which a goodly number come here in spite of the poor roads during the summer months.

The Literary Digest is mailing out a secret ballot to over eleven million people on the Prohibition and Soldier Bonus propositions. A number have been received in Hermiston, and read as follows: Prohibition: Do you favor the continuance and strict enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment and Volstead Law? Do you favor a modification of the Volstead Law to permit light wines and beers? Do you favor a repeal of the Prohibition Amendment? Soldiers' Bonus—Do you favor Federal Bonus for all American Soldiers and Sailors who wore the Uniform during the World War?

For twelve years a Florida farmer has raised watermelons on 1,099 acres. In all that time he has never shipped a melon but let them spoil in the fields except those he and his neighbors eat. The melons are sold to planters of Florida, Georgia and other states.

There are more than 1,500,000 radio receiving sets in the United States and the radio manufacturers in New York report more than 330,000,000 in unfilled orders.

The Mourning After



THERE were 5,250 similar accidents during the year 1920 in the United States, killing 1,278 and injuring 3,971 persons, and an increased number during 1921. When statistics are available for November 1921 it will show that month as being one of the worst in history. Isn't it about time automobilists were coming to a realization of the necessity for stopping before proceeding over railroad grade crossings, not only for the safety of themselves, but also occupants of their cars whose lives they have in their hands, as well as persons on trains. The great number of accidents occurring would indicate that travelers on public highways misjudge the speed of trains and do not look for them in both directions. Many accidents occur by reason of the fact that automobiles proceed over crossings after a train passes without knowing whether or not another train is coming in the opposite direction. STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN for trains on all tracks before attempting to cross.

OREGON INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

La Grande—Contract awarded to improve 5.37 miles of highway, near here.

Sheridan—Fine new garage being erected.

Lakeview—Modern brick theatre building erected.

Hood River—\$15,000 creamery is planned.

Sherwood—New grange hall is under construction.

Brookings—Contract secured for new highway.

Myrtle Point—Spruce street to be paved; other improvements to be made.

Baker—Olive Lake road work underway.

Monmouth—Highway south of here to be paved.

Marshfield—New concrete hospital building being erected.

Landis—\$7,000 school building to be erected.

Milton—New Union high school building to have equipment.

Baker—Modern apartment house under construction.

Contract has been awarded for erecting a school at Turner.

Astoria—Last stretch of pavement between here and Seaside nearing completion.

Oregon City—Several roads in the Clackman county are to be improved.

Estacada—Packing Co. has commenced canning operations.

O. A. C. FARM REMINDERS

Control Pear and Cherry Slug
 The pear and cherry slug, the slimy brown creature now found skeletonizing the pear and cherry trees, may readily be controlled by regular applications of arsenate of lead 2-100. Where only a few trees are to be treated or the grower hesitates to apply arsenate, any finely divided dust such as air slaked lime, sifted wood ashes, or road dust applied to the foliage will effectually control them.

Spray for Codling Moth
 A protective poison spray should be applied at once where the apple worm was serious last year as adult codling moths are continuing to appear in limited numbers and eggs are being deposited. Because of limited numbers of moths appearing if the worms were scarce in the orchards last year, it is possible to keep down infestation sufficiently by delaying the thinning process somewhat and then paying special care to thinning out the wormy first.

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On His Way
 "Mose, what would you do if you received a letter from the Ku Klux Klan," a local negro was asked. "Well, sah, I'd read it on a train."—replied Mose.—Atchison Globe.

NEWS OF NEARBY TOWNS

At the last meeting of the county court it was definitely decided that no county fair will be held at Heppner this fall. The decision was reached partly because of the late spring and dry summer making it difficult to secure a creditable exhibit of fruits, vegetables etc., and partly because of the present unsatisfactory financial conditions all over the county.

M. Fitzmaurice of Condon, who is appraiser for the Federal Loan bank of Spokane, has been in Heppner for several days this week. He is making appraisements on several applications for loans from this county and expects that when these are allowed there will be something like \$133,000 for distribution in this county shortly.—Heppner Gazette Times.

It was thought that the extreme heat of last week would prove serious to the growing grain; but a careful survey of the reports from various parts of the county show that while the late spring seeding was cut short still the fall seeding and early spring sown grain is only slightly damaged. Fields of grain which were thought to be only fit for hay are found to be only slightly damaged.—Madras Pioneer.

The bridge across the Umatilla is becoming more delapidated every day and there seems to be no chance to get a new one. The state highway commission says it is up to the county and the county says it has no funds, so there you are.—Umatilla Spokesman.

The 1922 cherry crop is history now, all but collecting some of the money. It was damaged by the frost.

this spring and it had been feared that the crop was a total loss, but it turned out better than was expected. Shippers estimate that about 30 carloads were shipped from the Milton-Freewater district.—Milton Eagle.

The general merchandise establishment of Thomas Ross company changed hands this week, being purchased by Fred S. Ashley and W. C. Hintersman of Enterprise, who are now in possession of the store. The transfer included the store building and several vacant lots in Echo.—Echo News.

BOARDMAN NEWS

C. H. Latourelle has added an up-to-date confectionery department to the Boardman Auto Service station. It is equipped with soda fountain, serving counter and tables, and while dad is buying the gas the rest of the family can enjoy beverages and ice cream in comfort.

The Boardman depot which has been under construction for the past six weeks is about ready for the finishers and painters. It is of attractive bungalow type containing four living rooms with bath for the agent, waiting rooms, office, freight and express rooms and platforms. A sewer system connects with the river and water will be supplied from the pumping plant of O. H. Warner. Additional yard trackage is to be built to accommodate the increasing business.

The second crop of alfalfa is rapidly going into the stack and the yield is very good throughout this section. In many cases equalling the first cutting. As a contemporary puts it "If the stuff is worth anything this

In Regard the Coal Situation

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This section is already planning for next season's potato crop by the placing of an order for a carload of certified seed for distribution over the west extension. This is an advance order and it is expected that at least another car will be bought. The varieties are Early Ohio, Bliss Triumph, Early White Ohios, and Netted Gems. The order was secured by F. L. Kenard of the Washburn and Wilson Seed Co., of Moscow, Idaho.

Boardman is to have a dentist. Dr. C. Severensen will locate in the Boardman Bank building and will serve the territory surrounding Boardman, Irigon and Umatilla.

M. L. Morgan is a patriotic member of the American Legion of Boardman. The rope on the flag pole broke several months ago and as the 4th of July approached it was found still to be out of commission. Morgan shinned up the slender steel pole twice to make the necessary repairs and "Old Glory" floats again to the Boardman breeze.

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