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ANSWERING A QUERY
 A few days ago we received a letter which read as follows:
 "Editor Hermiston-Herald, Hermiston, Oregon.
 Dear Sir—
 I have been a subscriber to the Herald since 1915. I want to compliment you on the paper which you are now giving us. In order to settle an argument I wish you would publish in your next week's issue what your politics are. I have heard that you are from the south and are a Democrat. While talking to another fellow recently he stated that he knew you and that you always voted the Republican ticket. Since I have been taking the Herald it has always come out and said what it was as to politics.
 Hoping that you will publish the information that I ask in the next issue,
 I remain very truly,
 A Citizen."

The man who signs himself "A Citizen" will refer back to our first issue, dated January 4, 1923 he will see what we claim to be politically. Yes, we were born and raised in the south, the good old state of North Carolina, where the natives are called tar-heels and a Republican a freak.
 We have listened to southern orators, men who were gifted with the pleasing manner of speech that has been so peculiar to the old time politician of the south, declare to their listeners that unless the Democrat party held sway the "Old Ship of State" would be without a rudder and go down to destruction on the rocks of Republican principles.
 We have seen men who wore the Grey refuse to break bread at the same table with the man who had donned the blue simply because he had fought under Grant and was known to vote the Republican ticket.
 At Harper's Ferry West Virginia, there is a monument erected to John Brown, the man who was convicted and hung because he took matters into his own hands capturing the government arsenal at the above named place in an attempt to free the slaves. Now it so happens that there is a railroad who's right-of-way runs adjacent to this monument. Because of this fact we know of men who refuse to travel over this line but will go a hundred miles out of their way in order to reach a destination; otherwise they would be compelled to view this memorial shaft which to them is a reminder of a bitter struggle lost but which southern pride will not permit them to forget. And, yet, we have seen Republican presidents elected the results of which in no way seem to effect the peace or prosperity of the southern communities in which we lived.
 We moved and settled in a state north of the Mason-Dixie Line and in the community which we lived a Democrat was as welcome as an epidemic of the smallpox. If you were a Democrat the neighbors extended their sympathy and vowed that the state insane asylum was being cheated of a ward when you were allowed to run around loose.
 We remember the old justice of the peace who would ask when you appeared before him your politics. If you informed him that you were a Democrat, the city marshal, who would be standing close to the door awaiting your answer, would rush down to the jail and prepare a cell for an occupant, for the minute you said Democrat you were guilty and court was adjourned.
 As election drew near candidates would visit our town and with flights of oratory, similar to their brother's of the south, plead with us for the sake of our home, our conscience and

our country, to vote for the men whom the Republican party had selected, to represent them. Then we remember the reins of the government was placed in the hands of the Democrat party for a period of 8 years. Prosperity still hovered over the land and we went right ahead doing business in the same manner as before. The only way we were aware of a change in administration was when the newspapers reminded us of the fact.
 The American voter today is well read and a man who thinks. If a political party has planks in its platform that he believes to be unsound he will through the ballot box voice his disapproval. This fact has been demonstrated.
 Yes, it has been our privilege, Mr. Citizen, to reside in communities the inhabitants of which firmly believed they could only hope for prosperity through the channels of the Democrat party. We have lived in other localities where the people were sure the only remedy for their ills was the doctrine expounded by the Republican party. They both were right—sometimes.

In the issue of January 4, we made this statement as to our politics: "We do not believe the welfare of a nation, state, county or town lies in the hands of any one political party but in the man whom the party may select to represent them. In other words we will endorse and support the man whom we believe is best fitted for the office that he aspires to, regardless of party affiliations." Now, Mr. Citizen, does this answer your question?
 We have been offered the right of suffrage six times during our life, four of them we voted the Republican ticket and the other two instances we have marked Democrat ballots. So Mr. Citizen, if there is any argument as to the Herald's politics, inform the gentlemen who may be in doubt that we are independent in every way that the word may imply.

O. A. C. FARM REMINDERS
Ice Feed May Run Short
 Bees should be watched closely in February lest the run short of stores, says the O. A. C. Experiment station. If such a shortage should arise, a sugar syrup may be fed to advantage. To prepare, stir sugar and water together in the ratio of two parts of sugar to one part of water. One tea spoonful of tartaric acid should be added to every twenty pounds of sugar. The water should be nearly boiling when mixed but care should be taken not to scorch the syrup in making.
 It has been said that one of the main reasons for failure in the poultry business, lies in not getting eggs hatched in time for the fall season of high production and high market prices.
 Since heavy breeds of chickens are slower maturing than the light breeds they should be hatched earlier in order to arrive at production at the same time.
Bees Feeding Explained
 The way to feed prepared sugar syrup to bees, as recommended by the O. A. C. Experiment station, is to pour the syrup in a friction top bucket, punch about forty holes in the cover of the bucket with lath nails—no larger holes should be made—and place the bucket, upside down, over the frames of the hives. Cover the top of the hive with an empty hive body which will fit over the bucket and place several thicknesses of newspaper between this cover and the hive—for warmth—with a hole cut in it to fit around the top of the bucket.
 The proper use of succulent feeds for dairy cows will replace nearly one-half the amount of hay required. Considering present hay values quite a saving can be made, and succulent crops are very profitable to raise. It is not too early now to plan what and how much of these crops should be planted for next winter's feeding.
 Increase of the honey crop is best obtained by increasing the quality of the bees and improving the management of them rather than by increasing the number of colonies. One good colony properly managed will

sometimes produce more honey than fifty colonies poorly managed.
 When buying bee supplies buy only the best. This is especially important when buying hive bodies and frames. A metal covered telescope cover will be found far superior to any other, especially in the damper sections of the Northwest.

Spray Calendar Now Ready
 An orchard spray calendar for Oregon has been prepared by A. L. Lovett, entomologist, and H. P. Barnes, plant pathologist, of the experiment station. The program gives the time and method for control of pests and diseases of apples, pear, peach, prune, cherry, plums and apricots.
 A special feature of the bulletin is a section devoted to the arid and semi arid regions east of the Cascade mountains. This bulletin, Extension bulletin No. 356, may be obtained free of cost at the Clerical Exchange, room 1, commerce building, O. A. C., Corvallis.

OREGON WEEKLY INDUSTRIAL REVIEW
 Deposits in 281 banks \$308,543.-854, increase \$25,000,000.
 Bandon will spend \$40,000 more on city electric light plant.
 Wind River Lumber Co. at Cascade Locks to resume.
 West coast sawmills output 7 per cent above normal. New business 2 per cent above production. Shipments 6 per cent above new business.
 Bandon—New Westland hotel is open to public.
 Roseburg—\$109,180 to be expended on 36 road projects.
 Southern Pacific Co. to build Nat. iron cut-off when courts finally confirm its control over the Central Pacific lines.
 Gasoline bootlegging to increase with increased state tax in Oregon.
 Albany—Bridge ordered built over McDowell creek.
 Legislature may create board of cosmetic therapy examiners.
 Blue River union district to have \$5,000 school building.
 Albany—Meat packing plant to add four story brick annex.
 Newberg—Oregon Canning Co. to take over local cannery. Will run on large scale.
 Hood River—Shell Oil Co. to start work on new \$50,000 plant.
 Seaside—Bridge to be built across Necanicum river.
 Corvallis has largest electrically operated chick hatchery plant in the Northwest.
 Vernonia to get \$15,000 school.
 Bend—January building permits total \$34,750 against \$2060 for January 1922.
 Estacada—Planing mill under construction.
 Astoria—\$150,000 bridge to be built over Lewis & Clark river.
 Roseburg—Seven oil drills to be operated in county within 90 days.
 Portland—Sperry Flour Co. to spend big sum here for enlargement of plants.
 Redmond—\$60,000 construction now under way with more expected.
 Elgin—Fruit raising becoming important industry.
 Vernonia—Oregon-American Lumber Co. to construct mammoth sawmill here.
 Wallowa valley considering head lettuce industry.
 Eugene—New art building of U. of O. completed.
 McMinville Baptists to build \$75,000 church.
 Gearhart to get \$200,000 hotel.
 Astoria—Jensen & Von Herberg seeking site for new theater.
 Eagle Cliff—\$50,000 cannery to replace one destroyed by fire.
 Gresham—First unit new school to be built this summer at cost of \$50,000.
 Milwaukie—New business building to cost \$20,000.
 Medford—Gold Ridge mine sells for \$150,000.
 Fifteen thousand dollars to be spent by Deschutes national forest service for roads.
 Harrisburg sawmill starts operations.
 Bend plans \$200,000 high school.
 Reedsport gets electrical power service.
 Ranier—Fine two-story garage building going up.
 Gresham installing new water.
 Astoria' exported cargoes had a value of \$3,530,406 during 1922.

INFORMATION FOR POULTRY
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 for chicks and next year as a truck garden. A system of alternating yards means reasonably clean ground for brooding purposes each year.
 "Rather than run a small incubator three or four times to get the desired number of chicks, buy enough day old chicks to supplement own hatching to the required number. Avoid different ages. On an average it will be necessary to incubate five eggs for each pullet next fall. Check the incubator capacity against the desired number of pullets and buy the difference."
Cold Saves Trees
 What is known as the Walla Walla valley includes much of the fruit section of this county. The following clipping which gives the opinion of District Horticulturist J. B. Wiley will be of interest to Hermiston fruit growers: "When 'Old Man Winter'

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 sent down his blanket of snow to Walla Walla and its environs, he did the best thing possible to aid the fruit and grain crops of this district. A bumper fruit crop, the heaviest in the history of the valley, is expected here this season according to present conditions which have been greatly affected by the recent snowfall. Buds on various fruit trees were not far enough along to have been hurt by the snow and the subsequent cold weather. While some of the peach buds might have been hurt, it would take weather ranging from 16 to 18 degrees below zero to have any marked effect, according to Wiley. Many buds which have just started to swell have gone back to the dormant stage. The snow is now acting as a blanket and helping to keep them in good condition.
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