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For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. St. Luke 19:10

Three Kinds of Farmers

(From Autocaster Service)

One of the drawbacks to any discussion of the farmer and his problems is the uncertainty as to what sort of farming is under discussion. There are three different types of farmer, and in almost every part of the United States all three are to be found side by side.

The most widely-distributed type is what may be called the "non-commercial" farmer, the great group with whom farming is not so much a business as a mode of living. This type raises no considerable amount of any one "money crop," but grows on his own land the means of subsistence for his family and, counting out the eggs, butter or other marketable produce traded in town for store goods, handles very little cash in the course of a year.

The group of farmers who are specialists, "one-crop" farmers, is probably the largest numerically and in acreage under fence. They are business men, in the broad sense, producing nothing but a single commodity which they sell or hope to sell for money, and growing nothing, or almost nothing, which they themselves consume. The single crop may be cotton, tobacco, wheat, corn, oranges, apples, celery or potatoes, depending upon location. Dependent upon their money returns from the single cash crop for everything which they eat and wear, these are the first to feel the effect of a general business depression and are constantly at the mercy of competition and overproduction in their staple crops. This is the type of farmer at whose relief most of the political remedies for agricultural ills are aimed.

The happiest farmers are the third class, those whose farming operations combine those of the other two. They live off the soil and can contribute to live independently and comfortably year in and year out, except for natural catastrophes such as floods or drought. They grow enough of one or more cash crops to figure as important factors in the produce markets, but failure in any one year to cash in on such crops or livestock does not reduce them to penury or plunge them into debt.

For forty years and more the United States and the various State departments of agriculture, as well as the agricultural colleges have been preaching the gospel of diversified farming in the one-crop regions.

Every once in a while some natural or economic disaster drives the one-crop farmer of a district into diversification, and the result is always greater prosperity and stability, not only for the farmer but for all the people of his district or state.

No Dole

The effort in Congress to pauperize vast numbers of Americans by voting money from the public fund as a free gift seems to have failed. The time-tried American method of relieving economic distress by private charity is working out. The Red Cross has the drought-relief situation well in hand and the people of the United States have responded in full to its appeal for funds.

Such money as has been appropriated from the public treasury for the relief of the farmers who are compelled to make a fresh start in life because of the drought will be made available to them on terms which will not sacrifice their self-respect nor render them objects of Government charity. There are a few in every community who would rather get something without working for it than to do an honest day's work, and they are usually the ones who are most vociferous in their demands for help. But the time has not yet come when any considerable portion of Americans are ready to confess that they cannot support themselves, and are willing to live in idleness at the expense of their fellow-citizens.

No Ground For Fear

It is useless to deny that the present state of mind of many Americans is fear of what the future may bring. Fear seems to be prevalent in all public thinking on economics today. People are afraid that things are not going to "come back," that somehow we have lost our stride as a nation, and are not going to be able to get going again at the old pace. There is more money now in savings banks than ever before in history. Much of it has been put there in the past year because people were afraid to spend it. Merchants have been afraid to replenish their stocks, for fear prices would go down still farther. Individuals have been afraid that conditions were going to get continually worse.

There is nothing in our history to warrant such fears. The only way to judge the future is by the past. All of our past history reveals a succession of forward steps, never a backward one. The pace has slackened at times, as it has slackened in the past eighteen months, but the movement has always been forward. There is not a single reason for the belief that our economic progress has stopped or that we are going backward. On the contrary, all the signs point in the other direction. There is no ground for fear.

Farm Relief

There is talk in Congress of an increase of 50 per cent in the tariff on all agricultural products. That would go a long way toward helping the farmers who have something to sell this year. The whole world is in the same estate of agriculture overproduction as we are, and every body is trying to dump surplus grain, cotton, potatoes, fruits, wool, sugar and other agricultural commodities on us.

If we are to have a tariff wall, by all means make one as high for the farmer as for the manufacturer. Industry has had more than its share of protection in the past; it is the farmer's turn now.

Another encouraging sign of better times ahead for the farmer is the agreement which wheat growers in the Texas wheat belt, another group in South Dakota, still another group in the Pacific Northwest, are making themselves, to reduce their wheat acreage by 40 per cent. It is encouraging because it is the first, as far as we can recall, that any considerable body of growers has started in intelligent self-help on sound economic principles. The cry of the farmer has been so much that of wanting somebody else to step in and help him. The only people who can give the farmer any permanent help are the farmers themselves. If the educational campaign against overproduction initiated a year and a half ago by the

Farm Board results in cutting down agricultural acreage in all of the staple crops, the Board will have justified its existence and its cost if it accomplishes nothing else. And with acreage reduced and a tariff high enough to keep foreign foodstuffs out of the country, the farmer's problem will be solved.

MINNEHAHA NEWS NOTES

Many of the Hermiston men have been fishing for steelheads near the Jam. M. T. Matott caught two large steelheads Friday. Donald Jackson returned from Corvallis Sunday where he attended the Oregon State Educational Exposition. He was sent by the high school as a representative. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Strietel have returned home after a short visit at the W. H. Starr home. W. G. Rodda and Bill were in Pendleton on business Friday. R. H. Thom left Monday for a two weeks vacation in California. Mrs. M. T. Matott and daughters and Mrs. J. V. Allen were Pendleton visitors Friday. Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Pennock spent Wednesday in Pendleton. Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Root and son Vernon were Sunday visitors at the M. E. Root home. They are residents of Boardman.

COLUMBIA NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Addleman received a telegram Monday which bore the sad news of the death of their son-in-law, Axel Fisher, of Tacoma, Washington. Mrs. Addleman, Mrs. Lela Montgomery and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hall left by auto Monday evening for Tacoma, to be with Mrs. Fisher. Mrs. S. Saunders and son of Walla Walla spent Saturday and Sunday with the Savage family. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Miskle were Sunday guests at the Chas. Lynch home. Mr. and Mrs. Lomie Hall of Walla Walla visited the home folks Sunday. Arthur Martin, accompanied by his sister Leah and Lois Moore, motored to Walla Walla Friday and returned Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. U. Edwards and son E. O. Edwards and granddaughter Erma Potter were dinner guests at the J. E. Halleyburton home Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Harris, W. H. Moore, Ina Moore and Eulene McBee of Walla Walla, spent Monday with W. E. Moore and family. They motored to Portland Tuesday. Jaunita Wells visited Sunday evening with Erma Potter. J. E. Halleyburton attended an American Legion meeting in Heppner Saturday. Mrs. Herman Hurst spent Tuesday forenoon visiting school. Marion Ott is absent from school on account of illness. Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Luttrell visited Saturday at the Chas. Lynch home. Mrs. Chas. Lynch, who has been ill for several days is able to be about again. There will be a basket social in connection with the local declamatory contest Monday evening, February 23. Everyone welcome. Miss Glea Sias spent the week-end with her parents in Athens. Mrs. R. H. Stockard was called to Bend, Oregon, last week to assist in the care of Mrs. Paul Stockard, who is quite ill. Mrs. Jackson Harr who has been confined to her home by an attack of flu is able to be about again. Chicago police stopped a suspicious looking automobile, but discovered that what they thought was a woman being abducted was only a department store window dummy. Perley Young of Concord, N. H., was uninjured after a speeding train, had clipped off the radiator, hood, motor, front wheels and headlights of his car. Mrs. Sterling Neal of Columbus, O., slashed all the tires of her husband's automobile because he had pawned her shot gun.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Assembled for Information of Our Readers.

THE MARKETS

Portland
Wheat - Big Bend bluestem, 68c; soft white, western white, 69c; hard winter, northern spring, western red, 63c.
Hay - Buying price, f. o. b. Portland: Alfalfa, \$17.50@18; valley timothy, \$17.50; eastern Oregon timothy, \$19@20; clover, 14; oat hay, \$14; oats and vetch, \$13.50@14.
Butterfat - 19@22c.
Eggs - Ranch, 12@20c.
Cattle - Steers, good, \$8.50@9.10.
Hogs - Good to choice, \$9.00@9.25.
Lamb - Good to choice, \$6.75@7.25.
Seattle
Wheat - Soft white, western white, 66c; northern spring, hard winter, western red, 64c; bluestem, 67c.
Eggs - Ranch, 9@18c.
Butterfat - 24c.
Cattle - Choice steers, \$7.75@8.50.
Hogs - Good to choice, \$9@9.25.
Lamb - Choice, \$6.50@7.
Spokane
Cattle - Steers, good, \$7.50@8.25.
Hogs - Good to choice, \$8.65.
Lamb - Medium to good, \$5@6.

The Swenson sawmill south of Veneta started operations after a shutdown of several weeks.

Earl Weaver, Sams valley rancher, reports a vein of coal discovered on his property. He was digging a well.

Motor vehicle registration fees for the first six months of the present fiscal year to January 1 totaled \$6,192,386.58.

Reports that platinum, gold and silver are being taken from Gales creek at Forest Grove's back door has the town agog.

The Roosevelt highway south of Seaside was blocked recently for 300 feet by a landslide. It took about ten days to remove the debris.

Enrollment at the University of Oregon reached a new high level of 3265 for the winter term, an increase of 73 over last year.

Mrs. Esther Silver was injured fatally when she was thrown from a log on the beach near Devils lake recently. The log rolled on her.

Stockholders of the St. Helens Co-operative Creamery association have voted to join the Lower Columbia Valley Co-operative Dairy association.

A determined effort is being made by the Bend police department to enforce the ordinance against throwing paper and other refuse upon public or private property.

Motor vehicle fatalities in Oregon in 1930 aggregated 280, as against 239 in 1929. Figures were released at Salem recently by Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state.

John H. Maxwell, farmer of the Ross Lane district near Medford, has a freak at his stock ranch—a 3-month-old calf with mule hoofs. The calf is otherwise normal.

The Portland office of the United States biological survey has received a shipment of 100 pounds of strychnine to be used in the war against rodents and predatory animals.

Albert Hoffman, 16, of Central Point died from wounds received when a war souvenir exploded. The boy had picked up what he thought was a piece of metal and hammered it.

In the interest of economy the council of Cottage Grove has reduced salaries of city employes. The cuts range from 35 to 10 per cent. The night police officer was the only one not reduced.

Experiments will be conducted by Dr. Miller of the United States department of agriculture at the Bentley walnut grove, near Dundee, in an effort to combat the bacterial blighting of nuts.

A. C. Barnes of Prineville recently had trouble with his radio receiving set. Examination disclosed that a mouse had found its way into the working parts of the set, and had been electrocuted.

Efforts to secure a new power lifeboat for the local coast guard station are to be continued by the Brandon chamber of commerce despite a discouraging response from Admiral Billard, chief of the service.

The board of directors of the Medford Irrigation district has decided to merge its management with that of the Talent district, in the interest of economy. Olen Arnsperger will be general manager of the two districts.

A record of 173 pounds of butterfat in 74 days is the unusual record set by a Josephine county Guernsey cow owned by J. C. Calhoun of Grants Pass. The average annual amount of butterfat produced in Oregon is 173 pounds. It has been announced by state dairy inspectors.

Heavy taxpayers of Yamhill county are forming a branch of the Taxpayers' Equalization League of Oregon to obtain a more equitable equalization of the tax on real property, now bearing 80 per cent of the tax burden.

Albany's rainfall during 1930 was almost a third less than the average during the last 15 years. F. M. French, local United States weather observer, said. The 1930 total was 26.66 inches. The 15-year average is 39.18 inches.

How to meet the crisis of the present panicky condition of the dairy products market occupied the chief place of attention at the 35th annual meeting of the Oregon Dairymen's association held at Redmond recently.

Retail business in Portland in excess of \$211,000,000 is shown by the bureau of the census in the release of the returns from the 1930 distribution census now being compiled. The 1930 population of Portland is 301,890.

Edward Clow, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clow of Unlondale, was in the McMinnville hospital recently with a fractured skull. The youth ran behind a barn while a blast in a stump was exploded. A piece of the stump was thrown over the barn, striking him on the head.

Engineers appointed by the public service commission to study traffic conditions on the Pacific highway at the northern entrance of Albany have recommended an underground crossing that will serve both the Pacific and the Santiam highways by eliminating existing grade crossings.

Marion county with an infant mortality of only 35.3 per 1000 during 1929, is one of the most favored regions in the entire nation in this respect, according to Dr. Vernon A. Douglas, county health officer. Births in the county during the year totaled 933, compared to 810 in 1929.

The Oregon Packing company of Salem notified growers that no contracts for pumpkin acreage will be taken for next year. The company generally took contracts for 3500 to 4000 tons of pumpkins at this time of the year. No pack will be made next year, however, directors said.

Oregon dairymen must develop and maintain an aggressive spirit if they are to curb the increased use of oleomargarine and other dairy substitutes and a corresponding decrease in the use of butter and dairy products, J. D. Mickle, state dairy and food commissioner, declared recently at Eugene.

The national forest service and Lane county will co-operate in building a road over the summit, between the headwaters of Indian creek and those of Ten Mile creek in the northwestern part of the county, it was announced. The county will obtain the right of way and the forest service will grade the road.

All timber lands are to be assessed for fire protection, regardless of resident exemption, unless the specific areas to be exempted are designated and are patrolled by the owners, according to a legal opinion handed down by the attorney-general at Salem recently. The opinion was requested by the state forestry department.

The construction of a telephone line into the Chetco river district has been announced by officials of the Siskiyou national forest. Action taken by the forestry department in allowing residents of the district access to the government lines is a part of a plan which will afford better fire prevention during the summer months.

Milling facilities for the new \$10,000 addition to the Farm Bureau Co-operative warehouse at Hermiston have been purchased, and will be installed within the next few days. When completed and ready for operation the warehouse will be one of the best of its capacity in the northwest, with the best milling equipment available.

Curry county's tax levy for this year will be 23 mills, one-tenth of a mill lower than for the past year and the lowest tax for many years. The county commissioners feel highly pleased that they have been able to keep down the tax levy when there is such great demand for public expenditures. Curry's levy is probably the lowest of any county in the state.

The temperature of the water in the well being drilled at Lakeview to obtain hot water with which to heat the entire city jumped to 200 degrees when the bit reached a depth of 562 feet. One hotel, a hospital and three homes now are being heated by a well that was drilled several years ago. If the present well will provide 1000 gallons a minute at 200 degrees, that will be a sufficient amount to heat the city of 200 inhabitants.

Residents of the upper Chetco river, in southern Curry county, where there are large areas of fertile bottom land and thousands of acres of grazing, are asking the county for an extension of the highway to a point ten miles farther up the river.

Representatives of the Rogue River valley fruit industry will name a committee composed of three members of the traffic association and three members of the Fruitgrowers' league to study the advisability of merging the league and traffic association.

OREGON RANGE & LIVESTOCK REPORT FOR FEBRUARY FIRST

Oregon livestock is in very good condition following favorable weather conditions during January, according to the monthly livestock and range report of the United States Division of crop and livestock estimates. There has been little snow and very mild weather. Feeding has been limited. The lack of snow has resulted in a shortage of stock water and moisture is needed for spring grass as all ranges are very dry. Cattle and sheep have wintered well with light losses.

Oregon sheep are in fair to excellent flesh. The weather is ideal for lambing. The condition of Oregon cattle shows considerable increase over last month.

Gets New Home



This Norwegian Elk Hound pup, who hasn't a name yet, is the gift of admirers to President Hoover. He will take the place of King Tut, the President's Belgian shepherd dog who died recently.

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