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CLUB SOCIAL MONDAY NIGHT

Don't forget that the Commercial Club will hold its monthly social meeting in Chown's Hall next Monday night. The members are expected to bring their wives, daughters, mothers, sisters and sweethearts. Lacking these, they must bring some friend who would like to become a member, and who has a lady relative or friend whom he would like to bring. Invite him anyhow. The commercial club is open to all citizens who have the interest of the community at heart—the community embracing the entire Mosier district. The interests of the country surrounding Mosier are identical with the interests of the town, yet there are but three or four living out of town who are members of the commercial club, and there should be three or four dozen. We all want to see the district advance, for general prosperity means individual prosperity. What better way, then, can this be accomplished than by uniting our efforts for a certain purpose and "staying with it" till we accomplish that purpose? Much more can be done in this way than by working separately, or not working at all. There are always some people, everywhere, who are willing to let others do the work and spend the money to accomplish a general good, and they will share in the benefit. We have them here and they could be named, but what's the use? How much better for them to get into line with the live ones and all work in harmony for the betterment of Mosier District. Now, if there are any who have not as yet been asked to join the Mosier Commercial Club, and who would like to join and push things along, don't sulk because you haven't been asked, but consider yourself invited—you are wanted and needed just as much as the other fellow, so come along and get on the band wagon. There is much that can be accomplished for Mosier and surely we all should want to do our part. Remember the social meeting next Monday night and come with the expectation of spending a pleasant evening. And above all things—come early, which means not later than 7:45, as things will begin to happen at 8 o'clock, and you will not want to miss anything. If you don't enjoy yourself, it will be your own fault.

LIVESTOCK PROSPECTS IN OREGON EXCEEDINGLY GOOD

There never has been a time in the history of the state when the farmers have had such an opportunity to make money by raising livestock for meat purposes as at present. With an aggregate shortage of over 3,000,000 meat animals, approximately 800,000,000 pounds, in the leading packing centers of the United States, it is certain that for some years to come there will not only be an unlimited demand for meat animals, but it is also certain that prices will range high and it is not impossible that all previous records may be broken. It is a fact that nearly all the big cattle ranges of the state have been broken up and that in only a few locations is it possible to find pasturage for large herds, but it is also a fact that the average farm could be made to produce a larger number of animals than it is now doing. With the big packers and bankers willing, and anxious, to co-operate with reliable farmers in the state in stocking farms and ranches, it would appear that any farmer who fails to take advantage of his opportunities in this direction is making a big mistake. The population of the entire Northwest is increasing at a rapid rate, the people must be supplied with meat, and if Oregon ranches cannot meet the demand it will certainly be met by other states, a large amount of money will be sent away and the meat industry of the state damaged to just that extent.

WHERE MINIMUM WAGE LAWS HURT

[Chas. H. O'Neil in Walla Walla Valley Spectator.] The minimum wage law is a two-edged sword—it cuts both ways. Its practical application proves that it is a good thing for the girl who has a job; that is, it makes her job possibly more remunerative, but it cuts down the number of jobs, and it is a mighty bad law for the girl who is thrown out of work by reason of its application. Understand me, I am strong for the ideal; I would like to see every man and every woman perfect morally and physically. I would like to see poverty, privation and suffering banished from the world. I would like to see ideal social conditions, where every man and woman would be awarded his or her full measure of the good things of life. Here's the rub, though: If we depend upon man-made laws through legislative enactments to bring these good things to us we will get gloriously left. This minimum wage law is an example—it serves part of the people and works a grave injustice to another part; that is to say, it benefits, for the sake of figures, 100 girls, and absolutely injures 25. Now the question is, what is going to become of those 25 girls? They have just as much right to live as the majority, it will be conceded. Yet the law arbitrarily says that they must

be sacrificed for the sake of the one hundred.

You see in passing a minimum wage law it was never contemplated that such a law would throw anybody out of work; the idea was that the employer would be compelled to pay higher wages to the same number of employees. But when the matter was passed up to a lot of employers they could not "cut the mustard," and in order to comply with the law they just reduced their forces.

Supposing some gink would get it into his head to have a law passed requiring this newspaper to pay one thousand dollars a month to the foreman of the office. From one point of view it would be an excellent law; it would apparently raise the wages of the workman to a comfortable sum; but when one examined the effect of such a law it would be found that its only effect was to throw the foreman out of a job. It's a case of driving a horse to water. You can pass any kind of a law you want, but the trouble is you can't always get the effect that you desire—the horse won't drink because his esophagus has been plugged and he can't drink if he would. You can pass minimum wage laws, but the results are you work such hardships upon the employer that he can't stand the pressure and is compelled to retire as an employer or curtail his force. There are a lot of working girls in the state of Washington today who are wishing that the minimum wage law had never been passed, as there are a lot of employers who have been crippled in their business because of the law.

EUROPEAN WAR SHATTERS KING COTTON'S THRONE

FLEECY STAPLE MUST PAY RANSOM INTO THE COFFERS OF WAR. Nation Rings With Cries of Stricken Industry. By Peter Radford Lecturer National Farmers' Union. King Cotton has suffered more from the European war than any other agricultural product on the American continent. The shells of the belligerents have burst over his throne, frightening his subjects and shattering his markets, and, panic-stricken, the nation cries out "God save the King!" People from every walk of life have contributed their mite toward rescue work. Society has danced before the king; mildy has decreed that the family wardrobe shall contain only cotton goods; the press has pleaded with the public to "buy a bale"; bankers have been formulating holding plans; congress and legislative bodies have deliberated over relief measures; statesmen and writers have grown eloquent expounding the inalienable rights of "His Majesty" and presenting schemes for preserving the financial integrity of the stricken staple; but the sword of Europe has proved mightier than the pen of America in fixing value upon this product of the sunny south. Prices have been bayoneted, values riddled and markets decimated by the battling hosts of the eastern hemisphere until the American farmer has suffered a war loss of \$100,000,000, and a bale of cotton brave enough to enter a European port must pay a ransom of half its value or go to prison until the war is over.

Hope of the Future Lies in Co-operation.

The Farmers' Union, through the columns of the press, wants to thank the American people for the friendship, sympathy and assistance given the cotton farmers in the hour of distress and to direct attention to co-operative methods necessary to permanently assist the marketing of all farm products. The present emergency presents as grave a situation as ever confronted the American farmer and from the viewpoint of the producer, would seem to justify extraordinary relief measures, even to the point of bending the constitution and straining business rules in order to lift a portion of the burden off the backs of the farmer, for unless something is done to check the invasion of the war forces upon the cotton fields, the pathway of the European pestilence on this continent will be strewn with mortgaged homes and famine and poverty will stalk over the southland, filling the highways of industry with refugees and the battle-puppy court with prisoners. All calamities teach us lessons and the present crisis serves to illuminate the frailties of our marketing methods and the weakness of our credit system, and out of the financial anguish and travail of the cotton farmer will come a volume of discussion and a mass of suggestions, and finally a solution of this, the biggest problem in the economic life of America. If, indeed, we have not already laid the foundation for at least temporary relief.

More Pharaohs Needed in Agriculture.

Farm products have no credit and perhaps can never have on a permanent and satisfactory basis unless we build warehouses, cold storage plants, elevators, etc., for without storage and credit facilities, the south is compelled to dump its crop on the market at harvest time. The Farmers' Union in the cotton producing states have for the past ten years persistently advocated the construction of storage facilities. We have built during this period 2,000 warehouses with a capacity of approximately 4,000,000 bales and looking backward the results would seem encouraging, but looking forward, we are able to house less than one-third of the crop and warehouses without a credit system lose 50 per cent of their usefulness. The problem is a gigantic one—too great for the farmer to solve unaided. He must have the assistance of the banker, the merchant and the government. In production we have reached the high water mark of perfection in the world's history, but our marketing methods are most primitive. In the dawn of history we find agriculture plowing with a forked stick but with a system of warehouses under governmental supervision that made the Egyptians the marvel of civilization, for who has not admired the vision of Joseph and applauded the wisdom of Pharaoh for storing the surplus until demanded by the consumer; but in this age we have too many Josephs who dream and not enough Pharaohs who build. Believed Himself Invisible. The first Lord Lytton was certainly daft. One morning while he was entertaining a large company at his country seat the guests were assembled at breakfast in the great hall when their host came in in an old dressing gown, covered out a cup of tea and disappeared without uttering a word to any one. Arthur Russell expressed his surprise to his next neighbor, who said: "He believes himself to be invisible." And, sure enough, in a little time he appeared in his usual dress and saluted his friends as if he had not seen them since the previous night.

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