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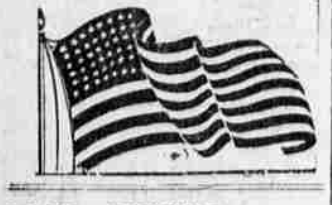
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CASH BUYERS NEED OF VALLEY DECLARES PERRY

To the Editor: What is the matter with the fruit business? We have been asked this question many times in the last few years, and we wish to say here that there is nothing the matter with the business except the way it is being handled.

No business can be carried on successfully the way the fruit business is handled. The only way the fruit business can be made to pay the grower, is to get on a cash sale basis, the same as the wheat farmer, the cattle raiser, the wool grower, or the grower of most other products do business.

Why should the fruit grower be at the mercy of the commission firms, there is no reason in the world except that he seems to fall for their smooth talk and promises of big prices, which seldom, if ever, are realized.

Every few days we see in the papers, that some big commission firm has located a branch house in the valley, and what great benefit the growers are going to receive by their locating here. They canvass the country and deceive the growers by promises of fabulous prices which they are unable to get through their connection in the different markets, and after they have induced the growers to give them their fruit one year on consignment or by giving a small advance or guarantee, they find a lot of dissatisfaction among the growers. They will change the name of the concern, or change managers, and come out the next year with a lot of new promises which usually turn out to the detriment of the grower. They are able many times to keep the growers from selling their fruit at good prices by telling them they will get more if they will consign.

What the fruit growers want in the Rogue river valley is the cash buyer who comes to buy what fruit his house can use and pays cash for it when loaded.

The way to get these buyers is to sell your fruit at the market price and be willing that the buyer make a legitimate profit.

We hope that the growers will soon come to see that it is to their interests to do a strictly cash business, even though the price some years seems low and the market in bad condition. There is all the more reason why they should not consign, for when the market is bad we can not hope to get anything by consigning. Don't try to force the buyer to take a lot of inferior fruit to get a little good fruit. What we need to take care of this low grade fruit that we some times try to ship with the good fruit is evaporators, canneries, vinegar plants, etc. This will make a home market for all such stuff as we are losing money on every year, by adding expense of packing and high freights.

If the growers would only put what money is lost each year after years, in shipping the poorer grades to the east into by-products plants, we would soon be able to take care of all this stuff at home and make a profit on it. We think it is about time the fruit men were waking up. Make up your mind that no buyer who handles your fruit is going to sell for cash.

Whitlock Stays in Belgium BERLIN, Feb. 15.—Grand White-Jack, United States minister to Belgium will continue to remain in Brussels in diplomatic capacity. Belgian relief work will still go on under the auspices of the now in charge of its administration.

TAXING UNCLE SAM

THE legislature has passed the Bean bill, ordering counties to restore to taxation the lands in the O. & C. land grant, decided forfeited to the United States by the federal supreme court.

If the legislature can make Uncle Sam pay taxes, it is doing more than any other state has ever done. Moreover, the Oregon enabling act contains the following clause:

"The said state of Oregon shall never tax land, the property of the United States, in said state."

There is no question but that the delay occasioned by litigation over the land grant is costly to the state and detrimental to the counties. An appropriation was made by the act of June 9, 1916, by congress for the payment of these back taxes by the government, and \$1,600,000 set aside for it—but the money has not been paid. The taxes were ordered paid because they were a lien upon the land while held in private ownership. Payment of the taxes will relieve the land.

The lands are not now on the tax rolls and the taxable resources of the state have suffered a depreciation of \$22,500,000 and an annual loss of taxes amounting to \$450,000—a severe loss to the counties affected, among them Jackson, with as yet no compensating gain through settlement or sale.

The legislature claims that the federal government has no right to arbitrarily override the state's power of taxation after it was once granted, while the government holds that no state can tax federal property.

The state will have to establish its claim in the courts—and if it succeeds, the action of the legislature will be fully justified.

Statements are printed today declaring that the evangelical churches do not use fermented wine, but unfermented. The Mail Tribune did not say they did, but merely pointed out that the bone dry law, sponsored and drafted by these churches, contained an exception permitting any pastor or priest to import liquor for sacramental purposes, and that such an exception was inconsistent and hypocritical—all the more so if fermented liquor is not used. Such a provision as that contained in the proposed prohibition law for the District of Columbia, permitting the importation of five gallons of alcoholic liquor every twenty days, is the height of hypocrisy.

SOME ONE HAS VERY WISELY SAID

"When ignorance is bliss, it is folly to be wise."

But what are you fellows going to do who have had wisdom forced on you? You know that when a cow or horse gets sick you take a long neck bottle, stick it down their neck and hold their nose and down it goes, but so many people are like a giraffe, so much neck, you have to use a garden hose to get the dope where it belongs. You have hanging in your bed room that dear old motto, "God Bless Our Home," and you work overtime raising hell about a burnt flap jack. You preach the gospel of keep the business at home and then burn midnight oil writing letters and orders to Chicago mail order houses. You will raise the Stars and Stripes over that happy home of yours and swear at everything the president and his congress try to do, especially if it takes money. Now listen men, you know it is not guess work (for that dose has long since reached the spot) that the Bean Products from the little bucket pump up to that master machine, the Giant Tiptex spray rig, is as far above any other power spray outfit as the giant pine is above the little rose tree, and listen, in just a few days now, we will have in Medford and demonstrate its workings, the king of small tractors, built for the average man, it's fool proof, built down on the ground, can't turn him over with a cant hook. Watch paper for date of demonstration.

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Now any of you chaps who read this stuff and don't like it, please have a petition signed up and sent to Senator Gore and he will bill on the Oregon legislature to have it stopped. It would look good with the other batch of bills. Good bye.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Notice of a dangerous area in the North and because of operations against Germany has been given by the British admiral. A copy of the notice, dated February 12, was received at the state department today. It warns shipping that after February 7 a prohibited area including all waters of Germany and parts of Holland and Denmark will be dangerous and should be avoided.

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PACIFIC BUSINESS COLLEGE TO OPEN

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The founders of the new Pacific Business college in Medford will also seek the co-operation and merited encouragement of the business men of this city in making the training school an institution that shall first of all be practical and thoroughly efficient.

Mr. and Mrs. Shank express the hope that the strong systems they employ together with the individual and painstaking efforts put forth for all students, will soon become recognized as telling factors in helping the young people to an independent self support in the business life of Medford and vicinity.

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WHO WAS REAL FATHER OF GORE'S BLUE SUNDAY LAW?

To the Editor:

Since the Sunday blue law advocates have dragged their religion into politics and since they have used the ordinary political methods and thereby the public through the press have been misled as to the real motives of the Gore Sunday blue law bill and since it has been generally understood through the press that while at our last election the Sunday blue law which was wiped from the statutes of our state; that the effort to put the new Gore Sunday bill back on the statutes was at the instance of the retail grocers association and planned to suit their convenience and the Seventh Day Adventists. Now everybody knows or has had an opportunity to know that these two bodies of people were very active in the state campaign to defeat the Sunday law; that then existed though each society acted from different motives and were in no way affiliated in their campaign work. Now would it be consistent to think that these two societies would combine to put another Sunday law, only of a more deceptive nature back on the statute books before the ink that erased the old blue law was cold.

The facts are that these two societies instead of working with Representative Gore on his Sunday blue law bill, each society sent a representative man to oppose the bill as the records will show that C. E. Munroe, Portland president of the Retail Grocers' association and Dr. H. C. Thurston of the Seventh Day Adventist church. Therefore could either of these societies have been the instigators or promoters of this bill.

It seems to me that the public should be properly informed why each of these societies have opposed these bills. B. C. TABOR, Ashland, Feb. 15.

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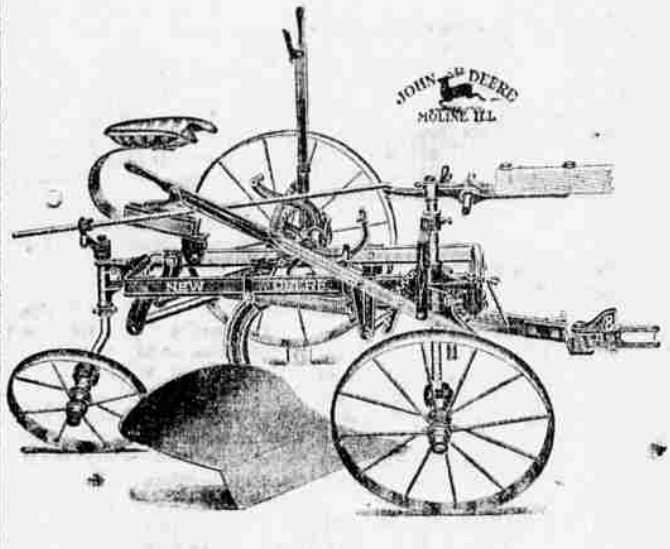
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