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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry.

Now that congress has adjourned, and only a few of the legislatures are functioning, the nation ought to be able to convalesce from a long period of legislative bedevilment, quite rapidly.

NO CASUALTIES
(Chico, Cal., Enterprise)

The Hickaville township pest-killing contest supper has been postponed until a later date, owing to a lack of interest taken.

Mr. and Mrs. J. John Robin, who have been spending the winter months in the Southland, returned the last of the week, and have taken quarters for the time being in the Lone Fir apartments, in the Dock Pickel wooded section. Mr. Robin twitted considerable about getting back to the valley, and though the nights and early morn are rather crimpy, is glad to be here. The children will arrive in June, shortly after the close of the school year.

The cyclone season has started in the Kansas belt. Saturday afternoon a playful disturbance zipped a colored baby out of its Mammy's arms and deposted he or she, in a soft spot.

The work of tearing up the road to J'ville is progressing favorable, but not enough as yet to make the riding any smoother.

WHAT, OR HOW MUCH
(Oregon City Enterprise)

Dr. Alfred Williams had the nerve to wade snow almost waist deep in places to get to Kelso to relieve a patient during the blizzard.

A cat from the residential districts ambled into the biz dist. Sat. night and locked howls with an Espee engine. They yowled to a thrilling draw.

Charles Chaplin and Pola Negri, are doing their sparking on the front pages of the metropolitan dailies once more.

The proposed world's fair in Portland and the Lithuanian war are not much in the public eye.

SPRING'S HARBINGERS

Some like the music of the bird
Whose song at early morning's heard;
Some think the drone of busy bee
The best in Nature's minstrelsy;
But give to me the cheeping call
That's heard when even's shadows fall.
When from the pool, perched on a log,
One hears the tiny, peeping frog.

Not a big frog, with notes of bass
Emitted from his ample face,
Nor half-grown frog that tenor chants
In all his wild exurberance;
But a small frog that pipes and cheeps
The while the rest of Nature sleeps.
That whistles from the dark to dawn,
Then takes a breath and keeps right on.

The little frog denotes the Spring,
His music will the flowers bring.
For sweet buds, folded, half asleep,
Awaken when the froggies peep.
Dear little frog, with shrilling voice,
I love you; in your tones rejoice.
Besides that, you've another trait,
You're so darned handy, used for bait.

(S. F. Bulletin.)

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FARM BUREAU WEEK.

IF MANUFACTURING had followed the habits of agriculture, the past century, the world would still be in the stage coach period.

There was a time when the individual was his own manufacturer. The head of the family made his shoes, while the wife made the clothes. Manufacturing was then as agriculture is today, largely individualistic.

But manufacturing abandoned individualism and with the introduction of machinery established co-operative manufacturing on a large scale. In spite of the introduction of machinery, agriculture as a whole remained unorganized, and not until very recent years has there been any serious effort to place agriculture upon a co-operative business-like basis.

The Farm Bureau movement, for which a special campaign is being conducted in Jackson county today, is part of a world wide movement to give the farmer the advantage of co-operative organization. There is no question of the benefits of such a movement. Every other business is so organized. Agriculture must be so organized.

But habits are difficult to overcome, and the habit of individualism in the American farmer, the natural aversion to surrendering the slightest scintilla of his cherished independence, has been and is today the most serious obstacle to progress along these improved economic lines.

The Mail Tribune believes that a large and well organized Farm Bureau in Jackson county is not only a necessary medium of business betterment for the farmer, but by improving the condition of the farmer, will improve the material conditions of the community as a whole. This is essentially an agricultural country, and will so long remain. Whatever benefits the farmer benefits everyone.

This paper therefore is glad to give its hearty support to this campaign, and will do everything within its power to make it a complete success.

Quill Points

The last words of some of our famous men are too long delayed.

They call it the Dearborn presidential boom, but no doubt they mean still-born.

Germany and France couldn't feel more suspicious of one another if they were allies.

The thing that impresses the layman is not the king in that Egyptian tomb, but the jack.

Home is a place where you stumble over children's shoes at night.

Next time the nations will know enough to require enlistments for the duration of the peace.

About the only thing that can be raised in all agricultural sections is the interest rate.

The pulling of teeth is less barbarous now, but the dentists show little sympathy when they pull your leg.

A man may be proof against all other flattery, but his vanity wiggles with delight when you ask his advice.

Somehow, the Allied Premiers always remind us of three small boys, with three straws, surrounding one ice cream soda.

An old-style diplomat is one who thinks the stork's chief business is to equip the world with buck privates.

Jackie Coogan may be the only small boy who is greater than his parents. But he isn't the only one that feels greater.

Correct this sentence: "There are 3,865,432 public servants in America, none of whom has violated the prohibition law."

Rippling Rhymes
by Walt Mason

THE DISMAL DAY.

IT IS A BLEAK and dismal day on which I write this weary lay that reeks of gloom and woe; I hear the tireless winds complain, and down the door the sloppy rain keeps up a constant flow. Through misty panes I view the flood and mark men sliding in the mud, and swearing as they slide; they're plastered up with sorrel clay, and they have lost or thrown away all dignity and pride. I see fair women go about, their large umbrellas inside out, their rubbers lost or strayed; I see their lips frame hymns of praise and eulogies of rainy days, as they toil up the grade. And there are countless autos stuck, up to their fenders in the muck, while owners stand aghast; and I can fancy how they bless, in words of emphasis and stress, the rain that drizzles past. Oh, let us chant some cheer-up tunes! The rain will help the growing prunes, and save the shredded rice; it brings the precious boon of peace to crocodiles and ducks and geese, and everything is nice. My doors are in the blast a swing, the roof is leaking as I sing these glad exultant lines; but rain is worth its weight in cash, for it will save the succotash, and costly ketchup vines. When I began this dark day hymn, my eyes, as you will note, were dim, with bitter, scalding tears; but when I thought of how the peas will flourish on such days as these, I smiled and wagged my ears.

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Special News of Interest to Farmers in Jackson County

LOCAL DAIRYMEN MEET WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 2.30

As a result of a series of meetings in which the Farm Bureau, dairymen business men and creamery men have had a part, the creamery men are offering a proposition to the dairymen on the one hand and the merchants and consuming public on the other.

This proposition has to do with the price of butter to the retail trade, and the price the creamery men are willing to pay for cream.

While this plan is considered but a start, looking toward establishing the dairy business of the county on a better basis, it is very important that a large number of dairymen be present.

The Farm Bureau management is urging all dairymen to make a special effort to attend this meeting as the bureau has chosen the dairy industry as its major line of work for the year 1923. If the dairymen will co-operate heartily with the bureau, there is every reason to believe that some of the problems confronting the industry may be solved to the financial advantage of all concerned.

The meeting will be held in the Medford library Wednesday March 7, at 2:00 p. m.

—This Is Farmers' Week—

ORGANIZATION OF BOYS-GIRLS CLUBS TO BE COMPLETED

The organization of Boys' and Girls' clubs in Jackson county for the present year will be completed during March and the first two weeks in April.

The plan is to have clubs in sewing, cooking and homemaking finish their work before school dismisses for the summer. Sixty-six girls are working on the sewing project, but there is room and a call for a great many more in the cooking and homemaking projects.

One of the most recently organized clubs is the Valley View Homemaking club under the local leadership of Mrs. A. H. Davenhill. The club consists of twelve members, many of whom are attending Ashland high school and junior high. We shall hear more from this club later.

Considerable attention will be given the organization of calf, pig and corn clubs and Jackson county should rate high in these three clubs. Many of the boys and girls of Medford and Ashland, where it is difficult to keep calves and impossible to keep pigs are anxious to take rabbit, garden and poultry projects.

Any boys or girls interested in dairy work will have a wonderful opportunity in taking the dairy herd record keeping project, in which they obtain the milk, butter-fat and feed records of at least two cows for a period of six months and the scoring of four dairy cows and two dairy barns.

There is no reason why every community in the county could not and should not have a club of some nature. If your district does better with livestock than crops, why don't you parents or community leaders help the young folks get started with a dairy or beef club, a pig club, a sheep or goat club?

Or if your district raises good corn or potatoes, and most parts of Jackson county do, if vegetables do well and the girls want to take the canning project such clubs can be started at once.

Yesterday's Oregonian told something of the club movement in the state and the history of the progress of the state club leader, Mr. H. C. Seymour in building up boys' and girls' club work in Oregon. The article showed pictures of interest in the work among which was one of the livestock judging teams at the state fair, among which are three members of the Talent Pig club from this county.

The article also tells how the ten winners at the state fair in 1914 were awarded trips to the world's fair at San Francisco, and how two boys from this county were two of the ten chosen to go. Audrey Meyer was sent on the strength of his potato exhibit and Claus Charley with his corn. This was a number of years ago, but let's show the state that we can still grow potatoes and corn down here.

During the time Mr. Seymour has been in charge of the club work of the state, leaders throughout the United States have co-operated in working out a standard club plan, obtaining local leaders for all clubs and obliging all members of a club to carry on the same project. Under this plan, an element of competition is introduced and the boys and girls are able to help one another by comparing notes.

The local leader, although unpaid, is usually one of the most able men or women in the community and the steadying influence of an adult on the ground at all times is given the young people. Last year 854 of these local leaders worked with clubs.

This matter of local leaders is one wherein some volunteer work within the community can be done and assistance rendered to obtain the most active person possible to take an interest with the young folks in their club work.

The personal story of several of last year's club members will appear in this paper within this week.

—This Is Farmers' Week—

What the Farm Bureau Will Do

By A. C. Joy, President.

Five years ago it was my privilege to serve as president of a new farm institution, the first Farm Bureau in Oregon. I find upon taking up the work now that I have a different task before me.

Then we were simply a body of patriotic farmers doing our bit toward winning the war. Today we are a part of a great state organization and through the state we make up a unit in the Federal Farm bureau.

As a county we have accomplished some real and lasting work, as a state we have helped to put in motion agencies that are bringing many extra dollars to Oregon farmers, as a nation we are serving the farmer's interests in a very substantial way. There is a large field before us and there is but one thing for the Jackson county farmer to do, "give his suspenders a hitch and wade in."

Here in the county especially, we plan to make the year 1923 a year of substantial work for the good of Jackson county farmers. We plan to work from the ground up.

We have planned this Farm Bureau week for a better Jackson county.

We ask that you read carefully the articles that will appear each day on the subject of Farm Bureau work and we feel sure that you will be convinced when the week is over that the movement is worthy of your support.

All Boosting Together.

Today, it requires no argument to convince the average farmer that the only way that he can hope to hold his own and make a place for himself as a man among men is to organize. Industry of all kinds is organized, the Jackson county farmer knows that he must organize to protect his own interests and at the same time improve farming conditions in general. The farmer is not the only one, however, who has come to realize what organization of the producers of the county will mean, the business man, knowing that proper organization is necessary to the success of any enterprise, is interested in the Farm Bureau because prosperous Jackson county farmers mean prosperous Jackson county business men and so during this Farm Bureau week we are boosting for each other, the farmer boosting to make the business man prosperous, the business man boosting to make the farmer prosperous.

—Join Farm Bureau—

What the Farm Bureau Has Done

The Farm Bureau movement in Jackson county is but five years old. It has proved a real benefit to, and the county is many dollars richer because of its work.

It was a very active agent in sending thousands of digger squirrels over the poison barley route and the many extra bushels of grain that the farmer has harvested instead of allowing the digger squirrel to take it, has meant quite a considerable increase in the bank deposits in the county.

Four years ago sulphur was costing our farmers $80.00 per ton. The bureau brought it in for $50.00 per ton. The $30.00 per ton saving was quite an item, but the fact that hundreds of acres of alfalfa were sulphured with $50.00 sulphur that would not have been treated with $80.00 sulphur was where the profit to the county came in. That meant hundreds of tons extra of hay and again the bank deposits grew.

The bureau took up the shipping of livestock, the farmer got more money for his hogs and cattle.

The Farm Bureau helped the Farm Bureau exchange to get onto its feet and through it the farmer is getting more money for his produce, grain, and eggs especially, and on the other hand, he is buying certain of his supplies at a saving, through the exchange.

The Farm bureau has helped substantially in keeping a home demonstration agent in the county, and we are richer in rosy cheeked boys and girls because of her work. We are richer too in happier farm homes, because of labor saving devices that have found their way into them. We are richer in better dressed farm women and children, the farm fruit cellar is richer in all kinds of canned vegetables, meats and fruits because of the work of this home demonstration agent.

These five years of Farm Bureau work in the county have proven well worth the effort they have cost, and the money that has been invested. Judging from its past work the next five years of Farm Bureau work in the county should mean a county still richer not only in bank deposits, but richer in prosperous farmers, happy farm homes, contented farm wives and mothers and healthy, robust farm boys and girls growing up to take the places of their fathers and mothers on the farm.

—Boost Farm Bureau—

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