

MATANUSKAN IN FIGHT FOR RIGHT TO JUMP CO-OP

Successful Farmer Would
Operate Independently—
Colony Government Head
Insists On Paternalism

PALMER, Alaska, Dec. 2—(AP)—Rugged individualism vs. government paternalism will be the issue in the next few days when a successful Matanuska colony farmer goes into the United States district court to fight for his agricultural independence.

The farmer is Walter Pippel, Col. O. F. Olson, president of the Alaska Rural Rehabilitation corporation, which directs the federally-sponsored colony, said Pippel had made \$11,000 in the last two years.

The dispute is over whether Pippel can operate independently of the colony's marketing cooperative. He

and three other farmers recently became embroiled with colony management on this issue as Pippel did his own marketing at Anchorage and other Alaska railroad points.

Bound By Contract

The corporation contends that Pippel's original contract with the government, by which he came here from Hennepin county, Minn., in 1933, bound him to remain in the cooperative marketing setup. Otherwise, according to the contract, he is free to sell or dispose of his property, subject to that clause.

Under the colony plan, farmers get all proceeds except five per cent deducted for marketing services. In Pippel's case, this would amount to \$550 for the last two years. The case will be heard before Judge Simon Hellenthal this month.

Olson said that this year the colonists marketed all their products in towns along the railroad and to railway and mining communities and could have sold more. He called the colony an "unqualified success and fully justified."

12 Tracts Vacant

Of the 171 established tracts, he said only 12 now were unoccupied, and that the corporation has a waiting list of from 5,000 to 4,000 applicants, virtually all farmers in the United States.

The present colonists, he said, have fine homes and all the benefits of a modern center, with schools, a hospital, a creamery and other facilities in marked contrast with condi-

tions that existed in their former homes in the midwest.

Olson said a colony agent now was in the states buying 110 cows to be sent to the colony this winter.

WESTERN DEMOCRATS PREFER FARLEY FOR PRESIDENT, IS CLAIM

DENVER, Dec. 2—(AP)—Frank Tierney of Portland, Oregon state Democratic chairman, expressed belief today western Democrats favor Postmaster General James A. Farley for the 1940 presidential nomination.

Tierney and Howard P. Latourette, Democratic national committeeman for Oregon, stopped over here enroute home after a party conference in Chicago.

Tierney expressed the belief Farley was "more popular in Oregon now than any other cabinet officer."

"We explained our reasons in Oregon were the result of a national reaction," he added. "Official Washington had moved in on us without any reason. Like the south, we believe in state's rights."

"Farley kept out of that—the interference in state affairs."

Both said they found a boom for Farley for the 1940 Democratic nom-

ination already under way. Western Democrats at the Chicago meeting, they added, seemed definitely of the general opinion "we are not going to have any Democratic victory in 1940 unless James A. Farley handles the situation."

PROSPECT QUINT TO FACE BANKERS

PROSPECT, Dec. 2—(AP)—Prospect high opens its basketball season tonight at the Prospect gymnasium at 8 p. m., when they meet the strong First National bank team of Medford. This will be the only practice game before Prospect opens its conference play, December 9, at Prospect against Eagle Point high school.

Eagle Point placed second in the "B" league last year and is expected to have a strong team this year.

The first conference game being December 9, Coach Les Wilson's boys are training hard to be in shape for the Eagle Point game. The boys are fighting hard to get and hold a position on the team, as some of the second team are running close competition to first team men. A regular first team will not be selected until game time.

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