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(Portland Journal)

It is a good thing that the high prices of farm products came just when they did, for the call for increased acreage to grow U-boat and other losses might have been unheeded by American farmers. The west was in better shape than the east in respect to cost, for our farmers always have produced grain at lower prices for less money per bushel than the same crops were produced in other sections. But even at the low prices farmers were making a decided margin of profits before 1914.

Things stand now, there is good reason to believe that the present profits are making up for many non-paying years before the war. For those farmers who have weathered the previous times (for the agricultural business this system is as good as any) perhaps. The man who has his land now and is ready to proceed with the operation of it stands to make a proper profit. He must account enough now to outbalance the losses years. If prices were lower, much to be feared that the world would have to go hungry, for no one would respond to appeals, no matter how high, which are not accompanied by willingness to pay the cost of what is produced.

There is a warning in this situation for anyone and everyone who hopes for low prices, whether he is a consumer or a dealer in farm products. The rates need to be high to stimulate planting. They are not going to be lower for any considerable period as long as war conditions prevail, for lowering immediately will react on the extent of planting done, which in turn will advance prices again, perhaps more than ever.

For farmers themselves, there is to be seen in the situation. The farmer is calling for food, and for many years, is offering the land that makes hustling worth while. More than that, now is the time to get all possible acreage should be made, and every pound of effort should be made to produce its maximum. If there ever was a time when the figurative "hay-making" should be made, it is now that the financial sun is shining.

The present is no time to start to run down soils, for that is a task which takes years and does not pay for a long time. Rather, effort should be applied to the richer land, practically the untouched, virgin fertility of new ground, which will record breaking crops with the minimum of expense in time and work. Clear new ground takes some money, but rather less labor than most. It is a money rather than with muscle. In fact, it can be done rather easily and quickly if pulling and burning roads are dropped in favor of clean cutting, and the supply of powder is liberal enough. That liberality with powder will pay when men are scarce and wages so high as at present has been established in a great many instances. It gets the clearing done and over with quickly.

Some Hope for
BLACK CANYON
Caldwell—A telegram has just been received by Attorney J. M. Thompson of this city to the effect that the con-

tract for the reclamation of a part of Black Canyon district, comprising an area of approximately 39,000 acres has just been approved by Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane. Following in the wake of the approval of the contract by the secretary of the interior an election will be held to determine whether the action of the secretary is approved by the settlers of the district. It is anticipated that the work of reclamation will be commenced some time during next year.

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Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Vale, Oregon, July 25, 1917.
Notice is hereby given that Engebret Sorensen, of Ontario, Oregon, who, on February 18, 1914, made Homestead Entry No. 03120, for NE 1/4 Sec. 10, and who on May 26, 1915, made Adul. Homestead Entry No. 03861, for the SE 1/4 Sec. 10, Twp. 19 S., R. 46 E., Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Three-Year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver U. S. Land Office, at Vale, Oregon, on the 5th day of September, 1917.
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