

INCREASE IN YIELD DOESN'T ASSIST CONSUMER

FARMER GETS LOWER PRICES WHEN CROP IS LARGER, BUT DEALER GETS SAME.

Editor Missoulian—I notice in the heading over the article by "A Farmerman" you wrote, "Farmerman Tells the Reason of It," which seems to me is misleading, as, instead of telling the reason why he asks if "these are the reasons," calls upon the farmer to answer for themselves. This question is one that the individual farmer must answer for himself—do I get the good out of these meetings that I should, that the government expects for the outlay of funds. It is evident from "Farmerman's" figures that we do not. In the answer appearing in the next issue we have the opinion of the city man. He reasons that if one man can increase the milk production of his herd one-half, and succeeds financially, then all can; if he can make two blades grow where one grew before, then all should do likewise and profit thereby, but the intelligent farmer reasons to the contrary. When the individual increases production it does not materially increase the supply, but when the increased production is general then prices drop and he receives less than he receives for the smaller yield; is penalized for over-production as it were. Our agricultural writers contend that the speculator is behind the movement for larger yields; that he may force the purchase price, still lower, thereby increasing his profits. Since the tariff has been removed from farm products, foreign shipments have arrived to increase the supply, but the consumer pays as much as ever. Secretary Houston in a recent report says: "However desirable increased production on farms may appear to be from the consumers' standpoint, it does not follow that such increased production would result in any increase in the cash income per farm, or that prices paid by consumers would be any lower."

The criticism of Missoula's gardeners is one of especial interest at this time, for it shows the urgent need of farmers' co-operative societies to promote systematic marketing. Professor Cooley's article in Sunday's issue is full of good advice. It answers the "absurd" suggestion of "Farmerman" that the chamber of commerce and farmers' societies co-operate. It seems to me that if the chamber of commerce could lend its aid to promote a baseball league it could also assist in promoting a consumers' league. The need of such an organization is apparent. The Farmers' Society of Equity, the parcel post, the consumers' league. Such a combination should solve the high cost of farm products question for Missoula, as well as for every city in the state. There should be no fight between the merchant and the farmer. The credit system has done the farmer a great deal of harm. It has accomplished the downfall of many a hard-working but careless farm manager. It should be abolished for the good of all. Co-operative buying and the farm elevator are among the many means for a solution of the problem. Let the farmer, the merchant and the consumer get together through their different organizations and they can solve the problem to the advantage of all concerned. Yours for co-operation,
C. S. HINMAN,
President Victor Local F. S. of E.

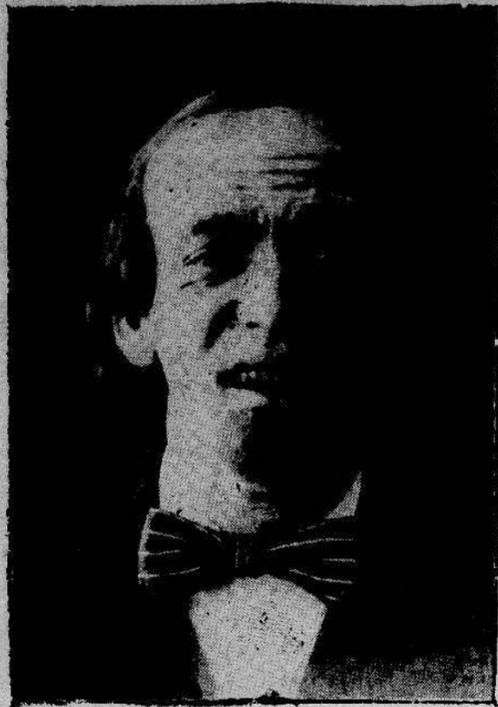
STEAMER IN DISTRESS VANISHES WITH MISTS

Provincetown, Mass., Feb. 12.—Members of four life saving stations patrolled the beach of Cape Cod today searching for a steamer which had been blowing distress signals. Owing to the extreme cold the vapor hung thick off shore and until afternoon nothing could be seen beyond a few yards from the beach. When the weather cleared later in the day no steamer was in sight either on the bar or off shore. It was thought she had escaped whatever danger threatened her and had proceeded.

RELIEF FOR SETTLERS.

Washington, Feb. 12.—(Special.)—The senate today passed the bill of Senator Myers, which would grant five months' leave of absence each year to settlers upon unsurveyed public lands, provided the lands are marked to indicate the boundaries of the entry.

Hoffman at Bijou Tonight



AL HOFFMAN—HERE'S A REAL COMEDIAN.

There's nothing like change. It's the spice of life. That's why patrons are so fond of the Bijou programs; there is always something good and always something new. The fashion-plate trio, Vann, Hoffman and Vann, is a plot of fun and kept large audiences in a scream of laughter. They are without question one of the best acts seen here for some time. Al Hoffman is a noted comedian. Bireley and Edwards is another good act on the same bill. They are entertainers of

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and the use of scrip. He said the men were not required to trade at company stores and that the use of scrip under the present system was legal and not compulsory, the scrip being issued only at the request of the men as a matter of convenience. Mr. Osgood directly contradicted the testimony of witnesses who had told the committee that 85 per cent of the miners in the southern fields obeyed the strike order. He declared that not more than 50 per cent of the workers walked out.

The Guard System.

"Now I'd like to explain this 'notorious and criminal guard system,'" he continued. "Before the strike was declared we never had any guards except one marshal and a night watchman at each camp. When the strike was called we realized that we would have to protect our property and the lives of our workmen. The maximum number of guards employed at any time by the Victor-American company was 100—never more than 15 or 20 to a camp. We instructed these guards never to leave company property except in case of necessity. If we could have moved our mines five miles away from the tent colonies we would have done so.

"When the strike started violence started with us. The day after the men went out the town marshal at Segundo was killed. Shortly thereafter the strikers took two women from a stage and held them prisoners in a tent colony until the governor interfered and secured their release. During this strike 14 men have been killed—three of them strikers."

The Machine Guns.

Mr. Osgood then told of the efforts he said the operators made to secure protection from the local authorities or the militia. "The governor did not call out the troops and the sheriff's could not protect us," he said. "Then we got machine guns. We got them on the same theory that you gentlemen build battleships. We thought it was in the interest of humanity to provide our guards with weapons so formidable that the strikers would be

afraid to attack them. At some of our mines 20 guards were facing 500 armed strikers."

Before Mr. Osgood was put on the stand A. C. Felix, in charge of the Colorado work of a detective agency, completed his testimony. He told the committee that at present there were four machine guns in the northern Colorado coal fields and four in the south.

On cross-examination the detective was questioned sharply as to his own record.

"Were you ever tried for robbing a paymaster in West Virginia?" demanded E. P. Costigan.

"The paymaster of a corporation that was one of our clients was robbed," replied the witness, "and the officers of the United Mine Workers of America induced an imbecile to go before the grand jury and charge that I did it. My bond was signed by the very company that had been robbed. I was tried and the jury acquitted me in six minutes."

In the course of the examination of Felix it was brought out that the committee intends to visit many of the southern coal camps. It also was indicated that moving pictures of the alleged attack of strikers upon a train going toward Berwind would be reviewed.

HUNDREDS ON GUARD AT MILWAUKEE PLANT

Milwaukee, Feb. 12.—Scores of policemen and detectives guarded the A. H. Weinbrenner shoe company's plant tonight while private deputies escorted the strike-breaking shoe workers from the factory to automobiles which whisked them away.

Hundreds of men, women and girl strikers marched in front of the factory with an American flag at their head, jeering the strike-breakers and the police. Attempts were made to halt the marchers, but the chaffeurs with policemen clinging to the sides of the automobiles evaded trouble.

Books, snow and other missiles were hurled at the strike-breakers but no one was injured. Two arrests were made.

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LANDS WITH PARACHUTE.

Juvisy, France, Feb. 12.—Jean Ors, a young French engineer, had so much confidence in the safety of a parachute of his own invention that he ascended here today in an aeroplane piloted by Alfred Lemoine and on reaching a height of 600 feet launched himself and his apparatus overboard. The parachute worked perfectly and Ors descended to earth in 39 seconds.

EPIDEMICS STRIKE FRENCH ARMY CAMPS

Paris, Feb. 12.—Epidemics of scarlet fever, pneumonia, cerebro spinal meningitis and scarletina have broken out in serious form in the French army. Today's figures, which are incomplete, show that 800 soldiers are in the hospitals suffering from these diseases at Toul, where there have been 40 deaths from these causes among the troops since January 1.

At Nancy 500 soldiers are in hospitals, and at Rheims 100. Other garrisons are seriously affected, and have lost a number of men. Military authorities have taken comprehensive sanitary measures.

The cause of the outbreaks is said to be the crowding of 185,000 more recruits than usual into the barracks, owing to the introduction of the three years term of service.

TO ATLANTA.

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ADVERTISED LETTERS

Letters remaining unclaimed in the Missoula postoffice for week ending February 14, 1914. One cent due for advertising:

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HOLIDAY REVIEWS DEVELOPMENT OF HUMOR

LECTURE ON AMERICAN HUMORISTS WELL ATTENDED AND TRULY INTERESTING.

An interesting review of the development of our national humor from the days of the austere Puritans to these times of ribald, slapstick laugh-makers was the substance of the lecture delivered by Carl Holliday before a large audience at the university last evening. Despite the multitude of rival attractions, the lecture drew a good many people and it is safe to say that they were as agreeably entertained as any of those who succumbed to the blandishments of other press-agents than Dr. Elrod.

Dr. Holliday took up American humor by periods, discussing the particular aims and characteristics of each and treating with some emphasis the leading figures in each division. "The influence which humorists of all times have had upon the habits of people and upon political, intellectual and moral development was discussed at length. The writings of our great humorists have played no small part in the life of the nation.

The lecturer read extracts from the works of many of the men whom he discussed. While expressing no definite personal opinions, Dr. Holliday intimated that modern humor is hardly up to the standard of that of periods past. The general bulk of modern humor is a bit heavy, although such characters as Mrs. Wiggs and Mr. Dooley stand above the general level, in a class of their own. The best of present-day humor seems to be following the line of character development, he said. The quaint of humorous angle of vision of individuals of an unusual character gives philosophy a forcible setting. Such expression seems to be the aim of the best modern humorists.

Of all our humorists, the speaker said, the English, upon whose opinions we so largely rely for judgment of our own writers, place Artemus Ward first.

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Although there are hundreds of preparations advertised, there is only one that really stands out pre-eminent as a remedy for diseases of the kidneys, liver and bladder.

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Missoula Mercantile Co.



The White Goods Sale Has But Two More Days to Run

Today and tomorrow are the two last days of this great event. It has been the most successful White Sale this Store has ever known, a condition resulting from the fact that it is the best White Sale ever presented to Missoula women. Variety of style, novelties and values never so combined to work to our customers' advantage. The special prices named for this Sale will be withdrawn Saturday night and not until another M. M. Co. White Sale will such opportunities be presented as are now available, so we urge women to make the most of this occasion while they may—TODAY, if possible.

Extra Specials

- Women's Muslin Gowns, 79c and 89c values 39c
- Women's Muslin Gowns, all sizes; regular \$1.25 98c
- Combinations, all sizes, 69c and 89c values 39c
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- Combinations, all sizes, regular \$1.25 values 98c
- Women's Muslin Drawers, values to 60c 19c
- Corset Covers, trimmed, sizes 34 to 44; at 50c and 35c
- Women's Muslin skirts, lace trimmed, 60c values 39c
- Night Gowns, extra sizes; regular \$2.75 values \$1.38
- Night Gowns, fine nainsook; \$4.00 values \$2.00

10% Reduction

Besides the very attractive extra special offerings this sale presents, we offer a TEN PER CENT REDUCTION on our entire stock, including the novelty styles and silk underwear as follows:

Night Gowns, of cotton crepe, in white, pink, blue and lavender—\$1.25 and \$1.75; specially priced, \$1.13 and \$1.57.

Night Gowns, of French nainsook, split sleeves, lace and ribbon trimmed—\$1.25 to \$5.00; specially priced, \$1.13 to \$4.50.

Night Gowns, of wash silk, white and pink—\$5.00 to \$9.00; specially priced, \$4.50 to \$8.10.

Combinations, narrow styles, straight or knickerbocker knee or envelope style—\$1.25 to \$5.50; specially priced, \$1.13 to \$4.95.

Extra Specials

- Slip-Over Night Gowns, lace and satin ribbon trimmed; regularly \$1.50 to \$5.00, reduced 1/2
- Combinations, corset cover and drawers; regularly \$1.50 to \$4.00, reduced 1/2
- Skirts, cut full, but of beautiful materials; regularly \$1.30 to \$2.00, reduced 1/2
- Princess Slips, regularly \$2.75 to \$3.00, reduced 1/2
- Leona Three-Piece Combinations, regularly \$1.75 to \$10.00, reduced 1/2
- French Embroidered Night Gowns, \$1.25 to \$5.00, reduced 1/4
- Children's Drawers, regularly 15c and 20c values 10c
- Children's Skirts and Night Gowns, regularly 25c to 50c 19c

- Combinations, of silk, with silk lace yoke, knickerbocker knee, white or pink—\$6.00, specially priced, \$5.40.
- Princess Slips, of fine, soft, long-cloth, nicely trimmed—\$2.50 to \$5.00, specially priced, \$2.25 to \$4.50.
- Princess Slips, of crepe de chene and wash silks, white, pink and blue—\$5.00 to \$8.00, specially priced, \$4.50 to \$7.20.
- Petticoats, of muslin, cambric, crepe and pique; some made with a double thickness in front—\$1 to \$5, specially priced, 90c to \$4.50.
- Petticoats, of silk crepe, white and blue, original in design—\$6.00 to \$10, specially priced, \$5.40 to \$9.00.
- Drawers, of muslin, with lace or embroidery, knickerbocker knee—75c to \$1.50, specially priced, 63c to \$1.13.
- Children's Skirts, 2 to 14 years—75c to \$1.75, specially priced, 63c to \$1.57.
- Children's Night Gowns, 2 to 14 years—75c to \$1.50, specially priced, 63c to \$1.35.
- Children's Drawers and Knickerbockers—35c to 75c, specially priced, 30c to 63c.
- Corset covers, plain and elaborately trimmed styles—75c to \$4.00, specially priced, 63c to \$3.60.

Still Other Attractive White Sale Offerings

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- Choice of all Cloth Dresses, Women's and Misses' only \$5.00
- Waists, values to \$5.75 for \$1.98
- Trimmed Hats, your choice for \$1.98
- Tailored Hats, your choice for 50c
- Women's and Misses' Suits, regularly \$15.00 to \$35.00; choice \$5.00
- Women's and Misses Suits, regularly priced to \$52.50; choice \$9.75
- All Afternoon and Evening Dresses closing at a reduction of 1/2
- Waists, values to \$10.00 for \$2.98
- Children's Hats, your choice for 50c
- Untrimmed Hats, your choice for 50c

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