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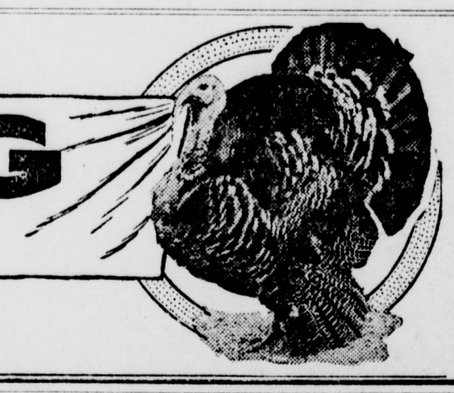

HOUSTON RELATES PLAIN FACTS ABOUT RURAL CONDITIONS

Federal Secretary of Agriculture Reviews Farming Situation in Nation.

CO-OPERATION IS NEEDED.

Only 12 Per Cent. of Agricultural Area Produces Maximum Returns, He Says.

"The story that comes from every section is substantially the same. It is a story of increasing tenancy and absentee ownership, of soils depleted and exploited, of inadequate business methods, of chaotic marketing and distribution, of inferior roads, of lack of supervision of public health and sanitation, of isolated and ill organized social activities, and of inferior intellectual provision."

So spoke David F. Houston, secretary of the United States department of agriculture, during the course of an address recently before the 47th annual session of the National Grange at Manchester, N. H. In it he summarized conditions on the farms of this country, a summary that does not speak any too highly of conditions in the rural communities but one which, because of the lack of bombast, appears to hug close to the truth. The scissors-like thrust of his review of the situation is disclosed in his statement that "New England has solved the rural school problem largely by eliminating the rural population."

During his address the secretary discussed the cost of living, rural credits and marketing, declared some agricultural colleges were not doing their full duty, pointed out the handicap of the country child, insisted that the farmer should not be treated as a mendicant and outlined a program of investigation into the marketing and distributing problems by his department. The feature of his address, however, was his striking review of rural conditions.

"With a population of less than 95,000,000 of people living on more than three millions of square miles, it is ridiculous to speak as if our territory had been more than pioneered," he said in one place. "The population per square mile in the Union does not exceed 31, and ranges from seven-tenths of 1 per cent. in Nevada to 508 in Rhode Island.

"According to the best statistics available it appears that the total arable land in the Union is approximately 935,000,000 acres, that only about 400,000,000 of this is included in farms and improved, that over 100,000,000 is unimproved and not included in farms, and the remainder is unimproved lands included in farms. According to the best guesses I can secure it appears that less than 40 per cent. of the land is reasonably well cultivated, and less than 12 per cent. of it is yielding maximum returns.

"That we have practically reached the stage where we have ceased to be an exporting nation of food products and are becoming dependent on foreign nations for the necessaries of life is a sad commentary upon our use of the opportunities bountifully bestowed upon us. We had better frankly face the fact that we are relatively inefficient, take stock of our shortcomings and earnestly seek the remedy.

"This problem of the development of agriculture and of rural life is one which requires the most serious thought of the best agencies in the nation. It is one primarily for the farmers themselves, and I clearly recognize that they have done most and will continue to do most to solve it. But they need, deserve, and demand assistance and will have it.

"The nation has created certain responsible instruments for their assist-

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FINISH BIG JOB.

Hercules Sandstone Company Completes $750,000 Contract.

William McArthur, an officer of the Hercules Sandstone company of Tenino, this week reported that his concern had just successfully completed its $750,000 contract with the government to furnish rock for the north jetty at Grays Harbor.

The company's quarry No. 2 has the most efficient, up to date equipment for handling large contracts on the Coast, and while there were a number of minor accidents, such as bruised hands, feet and injuries from flying rocks, these are mostly due to the carelessness of the employes.

The contract just completed was the largest single contract for rock ever let on the Pacific Coast.

HIGHWAY ENGINEER ASKED TO RESIGN

Incumbent Severely Criticised by Commission Must Go—Successor Not Appointed.

No announcement has yet been made by Governor Lister as to the man whom he will appoint state highway engineer to succeed W. J. Roberts, whose resignation was asked for by the governor this week and given, effective December 10. O. Bystrom, former chief engineer of the land department under E. W. Ross, has been mentioned as a possible appointee but little credence is given this report. The appointment may be announced next week.

The request for Roberts' resignation comes as the result of the investigation of the Bellingham water front road by the state highway commission and the unanimous report severely criticising Roberts' administration made by the commission's special committee, consisting of Governor Lister, State Treasurer Ed Meath and State Auditor C. W. Clausen. This criticism was based on the report of a personal investigation made by Surveyor General E. A. Fitzhenry at the request of the highway commission, a report that was approved in every particular by the special committee composed of two Republican state officers and one Democrat.

Besides severely criticising his administration, the highway commission went over Roberts' head and took from him further connection with the construction of the Bellingham road and placed it in the hands of James C. Allen, a well known engineer of this city who laid out the first route proposed for the road, the route preferred by the citizens of Bellingham and the one approved by the commission. Mr. Allen has been at work on the road for the last three weeks.

Local people in touch with the situation had expected to hear of Roberts' resignation, in view of the severe criticism directed at him and of the action of the commission in taking this particular piece of work out of his hands. It is presumed that the governor, after waiting several weeks for the resignation to be forthcoming, decided to wait no longer and requested it.

Secretaries and chief clerks of all departments under the governor this week issued their first call for bids for office supplies for use in these nine departments. Each department is required to submit a complete list of supplies that will be needed for the next few months, just as the superintendent of each state institution makes his semi-annual requisition, and the officers of the secretaries' organization then inform the supply houses what is wanted and receive bids. The secretaries expect, by this method, to get all supplies at wholesale price and make as great a proportional saving in the cost of operating the departments as is made by the board of control in its wholesale purchases for state institutions.

ANNOUNCE PROGRAM FOR UNION SERVICE

Chief Justice to Preside at the Thanksgiving Day Observance by Local Churches.

Arrangements for the union services at the Olympia theater Thanksgiving day by the churches of the city, which promise to be among the largest the city has seen in recent years, were completed this week. Chief Justice Herman D. Crow of the state supreme court will preside, Governor Lister will read his own and President Wilson's Thanksgiving proclamations, and Rev. Charles A. Bowen, pastor of the First Methodist church, will deliver the sermon.

The services will begin at 10:30 Thursday morning. Music will be furnished by the associated choirs of the city and an orchestra of associated musicians under the direction of Rev. C. S. Morrison, rector of St. John's Episcopal church. The offering will be given to the Washington Children's Home society.

The services will begin with a voluntary by the orchestra, the order of the balance of the program being: prayer, Rev. Robert H. Edmonds, First Congregational; hymn, "Come All Ye Thankful People," associated choirs and congregation; Scripture reading, Rev. James H. Edgar, United Presbyterian; anthem, Kipling's "Recessional," choir; reading of proclamations, Governor Lister; song, "America," choir and congregation; sermon, Rev. Charles A. Bowen; offertory anthem, Gounod's "Praise Ye the Father," choir; doxology; benediction, Rev. H. S. Champie, First Christian; postlude, orchestra.

URGES MILK GRADING

Agricultural Department Would Improve Dairy Stock This Way.

The new state department of agriculture, in an effort to improve the quality of dairy stock and to induce care in handling milk, is attempting to induce leading creameries and large purchasers of milk and cream generally, to grade what they buy and establish different prices for different grades.

Flavor and smoothness should be considered, the department believes, as these qualities cannot be attained unless care is given the handling of the milk and cream and on the other hand good butter cannot be obtained from cream that does not possess these attributes.

Just as it took grain grading to improve the quality of wheat grown by the farmers of Eastern Washington, so will milk and cream grading, the department believes, tend to the establishment of higher standards and production of a better quality of dairy products.

MILK IS NOW GOOD.

Milk users of Olympia have nothing further to fear as to the quality and purity of the "extract of cow" furnished them by dairies operating in this city, according to Dr. H. T. Graves, veterinarian of the state department of agriculture, who says that the herds of all the dairies have been tested and no further cases of tuberculin infection have been found outside of the two large herds first examined.

Considerable apprehension existed among the residents of the city for a while when it was reported that the test of 71 cows in these two herds showed 54 infected with tuberculosis. This condition prompted the department to make tests of all the herds supplying milk for local dairies, which revealed the fact that they are all in prime condition. The owner of one of the infected herds was compelled to go out of business while the other is pasteurizing all milk sold.

WORK NOT STOPPED ON HEATING PLANT

Manager Says It Will Be Completed—Millard Lemon Resigns from Company.

Millard Lemon, one of the most prominent business men of the city, who was associated with Wilbur B. Foshay of Portland in obtaining franchises last spring for the erection of a power and steam heating plant in Olympia, this week announcd his resignation from the vice presidency of the Washington Public Service company, which was organized to build the utilities for which franchises were granted.

Except to give a formal announcement of his resignation, Mr. Lemon declined to make further statements, though regretting the insinuations drawn from his action by certain local papers. Telephonic communication with Mr. Foshay in Portland elicited the information that he would be in Olympia the latter part of this week and might make a statement then.

Work on the installation of the steam heating system has not been discontinued, as reported, and there is no intention of discontinuing it, according to C. A. Harmony, local manager of the Washington Public Service company, though the force has been temporarily reduced. During the last week Mr. Foshay filed with the county auditor a contract with the American District Steam Heating company for the installation of the local system at a cost of $32,593.59, which is taken as proof that his company proposes to complete the projected plant.

ARRANGE CHARITY BALL

Knights of Pythias Take Charge of Annual Affair Thanksgiving Eve.

The charity ball, an annual affair on Thanksgiving eve in Olympia for the last 35 years, will be presented this year under the auspices of the local lodge of Knights of Pythias, who gallantly came to the rescue this week when it was learned that the ladies of the Relief society would not be able to take charge of it.

Though only a short time intervened before the regular date for the ball—next Wednesday evening—the Knights got busy in a hurry this week, now have all the arrangements well under way, and with their reputation as hosts demonstrated by their own successful annual dances it goes without saying that the 1913 charity ball will be one of the best dances of the season.

Miss Alida E. Allen and Charles F. Marston, both of Seattle, were married last Saturday by Rev. D. A. Thompson of the Presbyterian church.

GAME CLUB BANQUET.

There's going to be some banquet among the local sportsmen on the evening of December 2 for that date has been selected for the annual dinner of the Thurston County Game association and the word has been passed around that the "feed" of the evening must be provided by the sportsmen themselves, be it game, fish or whatever they can bag.

Assistant Attorney General John M. Wilson, L. J. Morrison and R. A. Cruikshank compose the committee which was selected this week to prepare for the annual affair and they propose a banquet in which wild game shall be the principal feature. Consequently there is likely to be some kind of a hunting contest—perhaps a fishing affray, too—among the members of the association.

The annual banquets of the association are highly popular among the sportsmen of the county.

STATE BIG LANDLORD.

Owns 11,597 Acres of Timber Land in Thurston County.

The state of Washington owns timber lands in the 19 westside counties, outside of forest reserves and including no lands under lease or upon which the timber has been sold, totaling 575,289 acres, according to a listing by State Forester E. W. Ferris. Of this amount, 11,597 acres are in Thurston county.

An examination of a considerable portion of this area during the past summer by county fire wardens shows that approximately three-fifths of the land, when cleared, will be suitable for cultivation. The remaining two-fifths, State Forester E. W. Ferris believes, should be reforested.

RED LETTER DAY AT ST. MARTIN'S

Catholics From All Over State Attend Dedication of Fine Building.

More important than any day in the town's recent history was last Sunday when Catholics from all over the state gathered at Lacey to assist in the dedication of the fine new $75,000 building just completed for St. Martin's college, and when a program arranged by Olympia Council No. 1643, Knights of Columbus, auspicious and impressive to all who heard it, was carried out. John S. Lynch, grand knight of the Olympia council, acted as chairman.

It was also a red letter day for the college that was established by the Order of St. Benedict 77 years ago, marking as it did a great forward step in its history. Knights of Columbus from the councils of Seattle, Spokane and Grays Harbor cities joined with the special train load of 150 who came from Tacoma and a big delegation from Olympia, to make the day one that will live long in the history of the institution.

The ceremonies began with the solemn blessing of the building by Bishop O'Dea. This was followed by a program of addresses by State Deputy John D. Carmody of Seattle of the Knights of Columbus state council; Justice Stephen J. Chadwick of the state supreme court; Governor Lister and Bishop O'Dea, the program closing with the singing of "America" by the audience, led by St. Martin's band.

Both Judge Chadwick and Governor Lister complimented the Benedictine fathers on the magnificent building they have erected and urged the need in present day secular education of getting back to the old standard whereby the teacher came into individual contact with his pupils. Mr. Carmody pointed out the splendid effect the college would have on education and complimented the order on the fine new buildings as typifying the excellent results of their efforts in behalf of education.

Bishop O'Dea, in his address, scored sex hygiene and eugenics and declared in effect that the future of the nation depends upon educating the hearts and the conscience as well as the mind.

Among the prominent members of the Catholic clergy who were present were Rt. Rev. Placidus, O. S. B., of Mount Angel, Ore.; Rev. Oswald Baran, O. S. B., Tacoma; Rev. Mark Weichmann, O. S. B., South Tacoma; Rev. Albert Erkens, O. S. B., Port Angeles; Rev. A. Fischer, Seattle; Rev. Joseph McGrath, Tacoma; Rev. Thomas Quain, Aberdeen; Rev. G. Achtaergael, Ballard; Rev. J. Malley, Olympia; Rev. J. W. Riordan, S. J., principal of St. Leo's boys' school, Tacoma; Rev. F. Burke, S. J. Seattle; Rev. J. Quigley, Hoquiam; Rev. P. Houtmeyers, Olympia; Rev. E. Duffy, Auburn; Rev. M. Kreutzer, Tacoma, and Rev. J. Schmidt of Puyallup.

NOW IS TIME TO SPRAY BLACKBERRY FOR ANTHRACNOSE

Expert Reports on Investigation of This Disease in Puyallup Valley.

SHOULD BURN OLD CANES.

New Canes Should Also Be Thoroughly Treated, Says Plant Pathologist.

"This is the season of the year when the bush blackberry grower should give serious consideration to the disease affecting this very desirable fruit," says W. H. Paulhamus, president of the Puyallup & Sumner Fruit Growers' association, and calls the growers' attention to the report of Dr. C. R. Shear, plant pathologist of the United States department of agriculture, who investigated the disease, anthracnose, which was prevalent in the puyallup valley.

"Our experience in combating anthracnose," says Dr. Shear, "has shown that thorough treatment of affected plants with commercial lime sulphur 1-10 while in a dormant condition is very useful.

"The lime sulphur should be applied very thoroughly just before the leaves appear in the spring, and it may be found desirable to make an application in the autumn also, as soon as the leaves fall.

"It has also been found that Bordeaux mixture is much more effective as a summer spray than lime sulphur or any of the other fungicides tried. We would suggest at least three application of Bordeaux mixture after the foliage appears,using the 4-3-50 formula, i. e., four pounds copper sulphate, three pounds fresh stone lime to 50 gallons of water, adding two pounds of commercial resin fish oil soap. The soap increases the efficiency of Bordeaux mixture by causing it to spread and adhere to the plants much better than the plain mixture.

"When the fruit is so far developed that there is danger of unsightly staining with Bordeaux mixture, a solution of neutral copper sulphate, one pound to 50 gallons of water, should be substituted. This, according to our experience, is a more effective non-staining fungicide than ammoniacal copper carbonate, copper sulphate solution, or the other copper compounds tried.

"The importance of thoroughness in spraying should be particularly emphasized. A power sprayer or one which will maintain a pressure of at least 150 pounds is necessary. Efforts should be made to cover as nearly as practicable every portion of the plant, and especially the fruit.

"Besides the spraying, the best sanitary conditions possible should be maintained by cutting out all the old canes as soon as possible after the fruit has been picked, and destroying as completely as practicable all sources of infection by burning, as this is a fungus disease, which is spread by spores from diseased plants.

"Spraying for insect and fungus enemies is coming to be generally regarded as a necessary operation in successful fruit culture, and provision for regular spraying is in most cases as essential as cultivation and pruning.

"Since there seems to be no likelihood of selling berries affected with anthracnose to advantage hereafter, every grower whose berries have been affected to any extent by anthracnose should make plans for thorough treatment the coming season, and clean and murn at once all old canes if this has not already been done."

"Growers should get busy immediately on their bush blackberries," Mr. Paulhamus adds, "so that next year they will be able to ship them instead of permitting them to spoil on the ground."