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FOR THURSTON COUNTY'S GOOD.

Three movements are under way in this county at the present time which not only mean much for it in an agricultural way if their possibilities are even only partially applied, but which strikingly demonstrate that we have among us quite a large number of farmers who propose to throw off the old order of things, to see to it that they have the benefit of all the advanced ideas of the times concerning their business, and to unite in promoting their own business welfare, through better standards and better and more uniform products.

We refer, of course, to the campaign to raise money among the business men of the city and the farmers of the county with which to retain O. C. Van Houten as county agent next year, a campaign instituted and carried forward by the farmers; to the organization of a dairymen's association, in which the farmers again have taken the lead, and the proposal that a potato club or association be formed, to grow and market a certain quality of potatoes under a special trade name, which, wherever heard, would indicate the best. All three movements, as is obvious to everyone, will push this county forward in its reputation and standing as a progressive agricultural district, the first in a general way as applied to all forms of farming practiced in the county; the second as applied to the particular phase of farming for which many believe this district is best adapted, dairying; and the third, to lift above the common level of all the farming districts the spud-growing feature of our agriculture which will popularize our particular brand and therefore give it a market while others' products go a-begging.

Apparently the indignation meetings, the discussions and the "chewing-matches" of the last few months over the county expert situation, whether for or against that particular proposition, have served to awaken the progressive farmers of the county to the things they will be able to do if they get together to do them, possibilities with which they have been familiar all along but which, for some reason or other, they had hitherto lacked the required incentive to attempt. The county expert situation, in other words, has brought them together, not only to work unitedly in respect to it but to carry out these other possibilities.

Let a spirit like that prevail among our farmers, let us get together and study and plan and work to solve our mutual problems, let us give our best efforts to working out our own salvation unitedly, and Thurston county will be in the van of the agricultural procession, will be as much in evidence as the Puyallup valley or the Mt. Vernon or Skagit valley districts.

All we need to do is to convince ourselves that we can, and we will.

THE "GRAFTERS" WILL BE PUNISHED.

Whatever criticism there may be of the members of the industrial insurance commission and their methods of handling that department that is justified, and no matter how carefully they sought to carry out their work or how well-meaning was their administration, they will be criticized just the same for what has taken place in their department whether there is any justification for it or not, we submit the fact that Governor Lister has personally taken charge of the situation, cancelled all engagements and intends to remain in charge of the investigation until the guilt is traced definitely to the persons responsible—we submit that this fact more than justifies the assertion that the "grafters" will be punished.

Governor Lister's pertinacity, his mastery of details, his well known advocacy of the doctrine of a business administration of the state's affairs, his unquestioned ability and his own personal earnestness and honesty, insure the apprehension and conviction of those responsible for these thefts. With his characteristic vigor and determination he will see to it that they are sought out and brought to justice, nor will he rest until he has.

Lister would be the first man to kick out a "grafter" if he knew there was one connected with one of his departments; he will be the last man to stop searching for the industrial insurance thieves. He will stay with it until they are caught; that is Lister's way.

ONE REGRETTABLE FEATURE.

Popular opinion for some time has been more apt to class public officials and employes as loafers and grafters than as honest-working persons, seeking to do their best for the welfare of their city, county, state or nation, and this popular opinion will be strengthened, of course, by the disclosures of the peculations in the industrial insurance department. Popular opinion will see there just another confirmation of the belief that public offices are filled by crooks and scoundrels, as well as incompetents.

This is one regrettable feature of such a situation as has developed in the industrial insurance commission. Popular opinion does not class the guilty ones as criminals merely, but as grafters as well, and there is no more loathsome appellation than grafter. When an employe of a private business concern gets away, as frequently happens, with a large sum of the firm's money, he is thought of as a criminal, deserving punishment of course, but only as a criminal; when a public employe "goes wrong," popular opinion does not class him as a criminal—it puts him down still further, a grafter.

From this standpoint, then, that faith in public employes and therefore faith in popular government will be weakened, more than from the monetary loss, is it to be regretted that such a situation arose in the industrial insurance department.

THE PRESIDENT AND PEACE.

"You need not plead with me. I am anxious, most anxious to do all that I can for peace. I shall earnestly endeavor to unite official and unofficial opinion to that end."

These are the words of President Wilson in respect to the situation in Europe, according to Mrs. Phillip Snowden, wife of a member of the British parliament, who with Mme. Rosika Schwimmer of Hungary recently interviewed the president to gain his support to the proposed conference of neutrals to initiate peace. They are the words of a man who would stop, if he could, and is ever ready to seize an opportunity, the fearful carnage of the great war. And he will do it, at the first chance.

THE POWER OF CONSCIENCE.

Evil ways—criminality—wrongdoing, call it what you will, are always discovered, sometimes immediately, sometimes within a few months, sometimes not for years, but always. Eight years ago an employe of a Tacoma firm committed forgery; the other day he was arrested. Nearly a year ago, perhaps longer for all that is now known, the looting of the industrial insurance funds began; the day of personal reckoning is not far distant. Criminality may appear to prosper for a time but it is always found out; no man has been able yet to "get away with it" always.

And think of a guilty man's conscience until he is caught! The other day a man, now eighty years old, who had been town marshal of Riverton, Illinois, for years and had later moved to Louisiana, gave himself up to the sheriff of the county in which he was living and told him he was wanted for the murder of a man in Riverton in 1879. For forty years he had been a hunted criminal, and yet during those forty years he held positions of respectability and official responsibility for the apprehension of criminals in the very city in which his own crime had been committed.

Think of the power of the conscience which brought that man to the bar of justice at this late day!

WILL THERE BE POLITICAL EFFECT?

The placing of the affairs of the local waterworks company in the hands of a receiver at this particular time may have political effect and again it may not. Olympians are to vote December 14 as to whether they favor a bond issue of \$110,000 to take over that property; twice before, when a \$90,000 bond issue was proposed, they approved it by big majorities.

The argument will be advanced, of course, that if private capital has not been able to handle the local waterworks property in such a way as to make money out of it, the municipality should not attempt it. But this will be combatted by the argument that private capital wantonly and liberally "watered" the waterworks stocks and obligations to such a figure that any attempt to pay out was doomed. And so the issue will be batted back and forth, and the voter left to decide which he shall choose.

The fact that a receiver should be appointed just at this juncture, however, is somewhat peculiar, nevertheless.

Congress starts in again next week, in what promises to be a most momentous session, not only because of the possible effect on the national political campaign next year but chiefly because of the issues to be presented to it for enactment or rejection. More things depend upon what this congress does than most people realize, unless they stop a moment to think and scan the possibilities

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WHAT OUR FATHERS READ ABOUT IN THIS PAPER FIFTY YEARS AGO

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The San Francisco Flag of the 8th ult. advances the opinion that at the opening of congress articles of impeachment will be brought forward against the president. The grounds of accusation appear to be that, in withdrawing and disbanding the United States troops and allowing the institution of civil government in the late rebellious states, he has exceeded his authority.

Sixty miles of the Union Pacific railroad west of Lawrence, Kansas, are to be completed by the first of May next.

On Wednesday last the tide was higher at this place than it has been known for many years. A great part of Main street was submerged and sidewalks, lumber piles, wood piles, store boxes, etc., took a sudden rise.

The legislature opens its sessions on Monday next.

The warehouse of Mr. Isaac Lightner of this place was entered on Monday night by thieves and a large amount of flour and other articles stolen. Mr. Lightner offers a reward of \$100 for capture of the thieves and recovery of the goods.

 + JAMES J. HILL OPTIMISTIC. +
 + NEW YORK, N. Y.—James J. +
 + Hill has arrived in New York +
 + with optimistic views regarding +
 + the business of the Northwest. +
 + Great Northern's current traffic +
 + is exceedingly heavy, and Mr. +
 + Hill said the gain in gross earn- +
 + ings in the first two weeks of +
 + November was about \$1,215,000 +
 + over the corresponding period of +
 + last year. It is expected total +
 + gain for the month will be at +
 + least \$2,000,000. Loadings are +
 + running about 60 per cent ahead +
 + of last year. He also looks for +
 + the increase to continue through +
 + the winter, pointing out that +
 + Great Northern should carry +
 + about 185,000,000 bushels of +
 + grain, compared with 112,000, +
 + 000 last year. +
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The old-fashioned girl who used to have to take pink pills and sarsaparilla when she ate a light lunch now has a daughter who dines on crab salad, ice cream, watermelon and beer and never has anything wrong with her.

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