

JAY BOLSTER WANTS COUNTY FARM AGENT

SAYS PLAYS OPPONENTS STAND IN OWN LIGHT—FAVORS GRADE COWS.

Editor Washington Standard:

In the last issue of the Standard I find a very interesting article from our Pomona Grange master, L. L. Snow, explaining a great many of the benefits that may be derived by having a county agent.

I have read with very much interest the different views of various farmers published in The Standard, and from the general trend of the letters written by those who oppose the county agent plan I have drawn the conclusion that most of them are standing in their own light. Some rap the Chamber of Commerce, others tear into the grocers, while they all take a swing at the county agent.

For three years prior to April 15 of the present year I had charge of the flour, feed and hay department of Bolster & Barnes' grocery of Olympia. During that time I attended several meetings of business men at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce, and I can truthfully say that neither the merchants nor the Chamber of Commerce ever suggested or proposed anything to the detriment of the farmer.

Suggests One Example.

At one meeting we conferred with Mr. Van Houten, who was at that time county agent, in regard to selecting seed potatoes for our customers. Each merchant suggested a variety that seemed to give the best satisfaction to his trade. As a result we agreed on three varieties for main crop potatoes, which were, if I remember correctly, the Pride of Multnomah, the Netted Gems and the White Star.

From the different varieties suggested the county agent found those three the best adapted to this locality. The merchants agreed to procure them and sell them to the farmers at the smallest cost possible.

I bought a carload of Pride of Multnomah potatoes from Page & Son of Portland, and with the help of the county agent disposed of them in very short order, with the result that our customers the next fall and winter brought us the best and most marketable potatoes the store had ever handled.

That illustrates only one of a good many instances where the business men, the Chamber of Commerce and the county agent, could and did work together for the good of the whole community.

The Chamber of Commerce is surely a great benefit to the city. The grocer is certainly necessary to the convenience of the farmer as well as to the city resident. He is our distributing agent, provided our produce conforms to the demands of his city customers. We can't expect him to buy our products in excess of the demand he has for them, neither can we expect him to force his city trade to use inferior fruit, vegetables, butter, etc., because we have neglected to learn the quantity and the quality of the various products his trade demands.

Here is where the county agent comes in again—he invites the grocers to meet with him, gets them to suggest what their trade requires, then he takes it up with the farmer, advises what crop his ground is best adapted to produce, and the amount of ground to be planted to best meet market conditions.

We could soon overcome overproduction if we all tried to be of a little help instead of a hindrance. Let us farmers organize and boost for the farmer like the Chamber of Commerce and the merchants do for the city, and instead of bucking against the city organizations, let us, through our representative, the county agent, co-operate with them and be friends rather than enemies.

Favors Grade Cow.

And now I would like to say a word in behalf of the despised and misused grade cow. Every farm paper always has from one to a dozen articles advising the farmer and dairymen to get rid of the grade cow and buy pure bred stock. They don't seem to realize that in this heavily wooded section a poor man must clear and build up his land and live at the same time.

Suppose, for instance, every farmer in Thurston county were to sell all of his grade cows and buy pure bred cows. Does anyone believe the county assessor would find 18 more milch cows in the county next year than we have this year? It isn't likely that the creameries would have to enlarge their plants to take care of the additional output, either.

Good pure bred cows cost far more money than the average Thurston county farmer can afford to pay for them, while a good grade cow can be bought reasonably cheap. I would

say, encourage the farmer to learn how to make the grade cow that he already has produce more milk and butter and use the extra money that it would cost to buy a pure bred cow in her place to get him a pure bred sire, clear more land and build himself a silo.

Brother Snow points out the herd of E. Munn, which certainly is a herd any farmer should be proud of, still they are not pure bred, but they represent the careful selection of grade cows from a good pure bred sire, Mr. Snow mentions the Munn herd as standing No. 1 in the cow testing association. I believe I enjoy making a tie of first place with Mr. Munn's herd, with my own grade herd. Mr. Munn's herd took first place and mine second in June, while mine took first and his second in July.

I am a firm believer in pure bred stock, but not for the poor man who has most of his farm planted to stumps and logs. I prefer to start in with the cheaper ones. They will build up the farm and make it productive and get the cream check, too, if properly handled.

Suggests a Discussion.

If this gets by the censor I would like at a later date to compare a few of our grade cow records with some of the pure bred cows owned in the county and see which has proved the best investment for their owners. I believe General Stevens has some pure bred Holsteins, and Mr. J. R. Walthew also, while Mr. A. H. Kaiser has a few Guernseys.

Let us hear from some of them.

JAY BOLSTER.

George Nikula, a young laborer of Winlock, was killed at Wilson Bros' logging camp near Independence Tuesday, the first day he went to work for the company. His neck was broken by a haul-back, death occurring instantly. The body was taken to Centralia for burial.

Miss W. A. Robinson, a trained nurse of Ellensburg, went to Seattle last Friday after a vacation visit in this city last week with her cousin, Mrs. R. A. Mullinger.

G. A. Rose and P. H. Fryer, proprietors of the R. & F. Variety store, attended the merchants' convention in Seattle last week and while there purchased their Christmas supply of goods.

Arthur Middleton, secretary of the boys' department of the local Y. M. C. A. for the past 18 months, resigned this week to become manager of the Tacoma office of a large insurance company. His successor has not been chosen.

For Sale—Slightly used baby carriage. Inquire, 1224 Eighth street.

Additional County News

COLLINSDALE

Miss Maysie Mooney is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fleming.

Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter and children spent Sunday at Moclips Beach and report a pleasant trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller and children spent Wednesday at Yelm.

Mr. and Mrs. Thacker and granddaughter Ruth picnicked at their place near Kyro recently.

Misses Marvel and Lucille Johnson motored to Olympia Monday afternoon.

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Capital National Bank

The Misses Adair, Mabel and Margaret Whidden visited their brother Dell Whidden at Brown's ranch recently.

Mrs. Ickelberger is suffering from a severe attack of the grip.

Mr. Raymond was a business visitor in Olympia Wednesday.

Mr. James Kennedy is staying at Mr. Brownell's.

The farmers are all busy during this good weather, haying and getting ready for the thresher.

PLUM STATION

Mrs. George Crawford is reported on the sick list.

The Sheldon family spent Sunday at Priest Point park.

The Nelson brothers are busy building a shed for straw.

Frank McCorkle spent the weekend with relatives in Centralia, returning home Monday.

A. E. Sheldon, Earl Sheldon and Mrs. May Freitag made a business trip to Tacoma Tuesday.

A sister of Mr. Will Sharp is spending her vacation with her brother, accompanied by a niece and nephew. Mr. Sharp is cutting wood for Mr. George Conn.

BUSH PRAIRIE

Mr. and Mrs. Meek attended Sunday school at South Union last Sunday.

Mrs. Frederickson and children of Seattle are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sumarildason.

Miss Frances W. Seelye of Centralia spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. E. J. Hodge.

Work on the road has been commenced and a bridge will be put across the Des Chutes river near the Hayes school.

Large cards will be given out next Sunday at Sunday school in exchange for the little cards.

Mrs. M. E. Munn's brother, Mr. Pickett, and family will return home this week to Twin Falls, Idaho.

NORTH LAKE

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Adair and son Charlie left for Hood's Canal Tuesday morning, where they expect to enjoy a few days' outing.

Mrs. Ira Buck of Centralia spent the week-end at the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. L. M. Springer.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Olsen and children, Raymond, Theodore and Maude, and Miss Elliza Burke of Langley, Wash., motored here Thursday and spent a few days with Reeds' and Bumps', leaving Saturday for Ocean Beach.

Mrs. Ralph Springer and son Harold returned to their home in Olympia yesterday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin and children, Irene and Ivan, and Mr. Melvin Hayden motored over from Spurgeon Creek and spent Sunday at the Hayden home.

Grandma Adair is visiting her son, Henry Adair.

Miss Evelyn Zandell spent Monday afternoon with Margaret Haydeen.

Mr. Wendel Baggenstos is taking care of J. J. Adair's ranch while he is away on his trip.

Mrs. Reed and daughter Abbie spent Monday afternoon at Bumps'.

Miss Ruth Haydeen is visiting friends in Olympia, meanwhile having some dental work done.

We hear that Alice Schincke has rented her place to the school teacher, Mr. E. Brown, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Olsen, Mr. and Mrs. George Bump and daughter Dorothy and Mrs. Reed and daughter Abbie motored to Tumwater Friday and viewed the unveiling of the monument marking the old Oregon trail.

Master Harold Myers has returned to his home in Olympia after a two weeks' visit at Haydeens'.

Mr. Fred Springer had to come down from camp and get an aching tooth extracted Saturday.

Miss Ruth Pickett spent Tuesday evening at Haydeens'.

Mr. William Shincke, Sr., is mowing his big field of oats.

Everyone around here is enjoying the water while the sun shines.

Miss Ruth and Mr. Robert Adair visited at Jack Adams' Sunday.

Six lucky fishers came home with a big catch Sunday.

LITTLE ROCK

Mrs. John Doyle left this week for Moscow, Idaho, where she will visit relatives for a few weeks.

Mrs. Clarence Rutledge is spending the week-end in Tacoma, the guest of her mother and sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Roles and family and Dick Roles of Raymond are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Roles.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Kitt, after several weeks' visit with their daughter, Mrs. C. F. Dixon, returned this week to their home at Harrington, Wash.

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Mrs. Will Rutledge and son Oliver have returned from a week's camping at the Beach.

C. E. Beach of Olympia gave an interesting talk at the M. E. church last Sunday evening and a number of selections were sung by the male quartet from the M. E. church of Olympia.

Miss Hazel Smith is visiting relatives in Raymond this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Hoage and daughters of Olympia were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hoage Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Adair and sons, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Dixon and family and Mr. and Mrs. Will Thompson picnicked at Ofut Sunday.

Mrs. James Milligan and daughter of Vashon are visiting relatives and friends here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Winan were dinner guests of Mrs. Luella Rutledge Sunday.

EUREKA

Mrs. Fred Reichel and baby of Yelm came up last Thursday and will stay a while at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Webber.

Dwight Wells of Tacoma was visiting Eureka friends last Saturday evening.

W. E. Spencer had the misfortune to have his house burn down last Thursday afternoon. They were able to save about every thing down stairs but what was upstairs was lost. There was no insurance.

Ralph Reischl, who has been working in Tacoma, was calling on Eureka friends last Saturday morning.

Andrew Nelson of Plum Station was a Sunday visitor at John Dain's.

The Des Chutes Grange held its meeting last Saturday. They met in the forenoon and had a picnic dinner and a good time was had by all present.

Miss Parmenter of Centralia was visiting a few days last week with her niece, Mrs. R. C. Morris.

B. R. Conine and family, who have been visiting at Kiona, Wash., arrived home Sunday night. Reid has been quite sick with ptomaine poisoning since coming home. It is hoped he will soon be able to be around again.

Mrs. Grover and Miss Sadie have gone to Centralia to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Gibbons.

Mr. and Mrs. Alf Morris and John Dain were Tacoma visitors Tuesday.

PLEASANT GLADE

Mr. and Mrs. John Thrust of Olympia spent Wednesday at the George Sleater home.

Charles Hawson is driving a new Metz and Ben Shincke is the owner of a new Ford.

Miss Hazel McClelland returned to Olympia Saturday after a visit at the Jacob Gunstone home.

Mrs. Rinnan and children spent Tuesday afternoon at George Sleater's.

Mr. and Mrs. Thornton and children of Maupin, Ore., are visiting Mrs. Thornton's mother, Mrs. J. R. Robbins. They drove over here by horse and team and expect to stay here.

Mrs. John Rogers spent the day Thursday at Dave Whipple's.

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The Holly club met with Mrs. Zelman Ellis Thursday.

Mrs. Tom Sleater and children are visiting her mother, Mrs. W. J. Abernethy, in Olympia.

Miss Gladys Rinnan came home Wednesday after a five weeks' visit with her brother in Centralia.

R. B. Rowe received a letter Wednesday from Mrs. Rowe, written in Washington, D. C., saying she expected to leave that city Friday for Boone, Iowa.

The Christian Endeavor society will meet Sunday evening, with Mrs. Tom Sleater as leader.