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THE VALUE OF FRUIT ORCHARDS.

Hon. Chas. A. Brand, a member of the state tax investigation committee appointed by Governor Olcott, made the following statement before that body at their meeting held at Portland early the present week regarding orchard conditions of this state: "Ninety per cent of the orchards planted never become self-supporting. Of the remaining 10 per cent which are self-supporting, only 2 per cent earn more than the land would if planted to farm crops. An apple orchard means 10 years of heavy expense and small profits. The only hope of profits is to keep down the expenses and get a high quality. The value of an orchard is more than half in the man operating it. Statistics show from 90 to 99 orchards are mortgaged and half are carrying a second incumbrance."

Mr. Brand has had years of experience in the cultivation of fruit in this county, therefore what he has to say is not idle talk, but gleaned by years of hard labor and close study of orchard conditions generally. However, there are many successful fruit men in this county who will take issue with Mr. Brand. They, too, have had wide experience and spent much time and money to successfully carry out the fruit industry and have become independent through their enterprising efforts. No novice can successfully care for and bring to maturity an enterprise that he is not thoroughly trained to perform. And in support of this fact Mr. Brand says, "the value of an orchard is more than half in the man operating it." This is true in any business undertaking, and the lack of such ability is probably the cause for much of the distress coming from people who have engaged in the fruit industry in this state. Not knowing the proper methods of cultivating and marketing, many orchards are operated at a loss which naturally has a tendency to discredit this particular line of agricultural work.

But, if what Mr. Brand has to say in regard to the fruit industry of the state is to be taken as literally true, why sustain at a great expense branches of such state institutions as the Oregon Agricultural college, an important part of the purpose of such college being given to the education and support of building up the agricultural and fruit industry of the state? Then, again, why put any effort forward to gain prestige for this state as a fruit producing section with the alleged facts before us as presented by Mr. Brand?

The annual amount of money received by the fruit men of this county for their efforts is conclusive proof there are a great many successful fruit growers, all things to the contrary notwithstanding, and the whole matter may be properly summed up in the sentence quoted from Mr. Brand's statement, "The value of an orchard is more than half in the man operating it."

INDUSTRIAL INCUBATORS.

A scheme that has helped develop prosperity and growth in many places is called "business incubators," or "industrial incubators." This idea consists in putting up factory buildings having separate accommodations for a number of small concerns. The idea is to encourage people to start in a small way to make manufactured products, by offering them rent and power for a reasonable amount in small quarters. Then as their business grows, it is expected that they will branch out into larger space, and other fledgeling industries will take their places and also move on to larger growth. There are a lot of young men with ability who would like to start out on manufacturing propositions, if some of the difficulties in the way could be removed. They have had experience in some line of mechanical work, and think they could get it out at a profit. They are usually willing to work hard, and they often get a start by the brains, intelligence and assiduous industry that they put into their products. They do much of the work themselves, and avoid heavy overhead costs of larger firms, so that small concerns of this kind are constantly going ahead. A list of 30 cities was recently given where chambers of commerce had erected buildings of this kind. Many of the costs of doing business are reduced in such a building, since the tenants divide up the expense of light, gas, steam heat, water and other services. Trucking costs are reduced by combination among the tenants, so that all ship their supplies and products at the same time. Organizations in many cities that have put up such buildings report that quarters in them are always in demand, and these buildings prove a good investment, besides encouraging new concerns to start.

A number of insurance companies have recently increased their rates for theft and burglary insurance in large cities. This suggests to people everywhere that they should help discourage this thievery. One thing that encourages these miscreants, is the number of people who carry considerable money on their persons, and who keep a lot of it in their homes. People should keep most of their cash in banks, both for safety and to promote good business. Thus they also avoid the chance of losing it. The number of people who leave purses around and never get any trace of them, is far too large. Every good haul made by thieves and hold-up men encourages crime. People also keep too much jewelry and silverware in their homes. Most of it would better be locked up in bank vaults in times like these.

Parents are pretty much out of date and it's only a question of time until modern youngsters find a way to do without them entirely.

It's poor business to be a good fighter if you're not a good finisher.

You never knew a crank that didn't have a face that looked like it had been screwed up with a monkey wrench.

Prune Pickin's

By Bert G. Bates

GOOD EVENING FOLKS— With Doc Seely occupying the pulpit as toastmaster the civic dinner went over the top last evening. With the exception of Hi French, who cleaned the cake plate, nothing out of the ordinary occurred. Many humorous jokes were cracked at the expense of Doc Seely, who responded graciously with puns that make ye ed, think the doc had a Joe Miller joke book up his sleeve. But in spite of all the doctor jokes propounded at the banquet, ye ed's favorite was not spouted and so here's our chance: Kris: "Say, I went home this evening and just as I started in the front door a doctor ran out the back door." Kris: "Is that right? My gosh, what did you do?" Kris: "Why I sent him a barrel of apples."

Kris: "That was a funny thing to do. How come?" Kris: "Why, you know that old adage, 'An apple a day will keep the doctor away.'"

One of our townspeople dropped in the sanctum this a. m. and started preaching hard times. "Why the wolf is right at my door," he said. "That's nothing," we replied. "The wolf's been to our door and had pups."

WHERE THEY SMILE. Did you ever stop off in a little old town That wasn't much extravise up or down, That wasn't a household word no ways Nor famous for nothing in bygone days—

A little old town just like the rest Of little old other towns out West Down East, or North or South and yet So different you never somehow forget—

The difference? Oh, it was in the way That ev'rybody smiled at you to say "Good morning!" and "Howdy!" as if they meant It true, no matter just how intent—

They were on their work—they'd notice you, A stranger—and hand you a "Howdy!" There are such burgs and I'm here to say I like to visit 'em any old day!

EDITOR'S "PSALM OF LIFE."

Tell me not in mournful numbers that our merchants are unwise, 'tis the business man that slumbers who will never advertise. Life is real, life is earnest, and if his biz is on the blink see that thou returnest to the use of printer's ink! Keen enjoyment and not sorrow will be attaining your way if you wait not till the morrow, but still advertise today. Art is long and time is fleeting, just be nery and keep brave; if your rivals n'd be beating, make the "ad" your silent slave. In the world's broad field of battle be a "big gun" midst the strife; advertise and make things rattles—it will pay, you betcher life! Trust no future how'er pleasant; take no chance of luck ahead; with no advertisement present, how can business be bud? Lives of business men remind us we can have the luck they've had, if we'll have our nerve behind us and will place a little "ad." You should then be up and doing, if you're going to grab the cash, if your "ad" the world is viewing you will never go to smash!

Ladies should be careful where they smoke. Burning cigarette stubs discolor the sink so badly.

POEM.

Mazie has a pair of big snowshoes, And a brace of winter jackets, But never wears the shoes because She thinks they're tennis rackets.

From the want ad columns: "Woodruff Place. Room and board; modern, home privileges, gentleman preferred. Daughter wishes congenial room-mate."—Indianapolis Star.

Say it with flour, any good brand. Current advertisement says: "Dodge, the Undertaker." All right, we'll try to.

The girl who wears a "V" neck wants a fur that costs a good many "Xs" to cover it.

One of our city cousins of the contrary sex, remarked about before in this column, says it must be cold work harvesting the winter wheat.

SUGGESTED AUTOMOBILE SIGNS.

Picknickers Welcome! Please do not annoy the rattlesnakes! Detour! Roadhouses on this highway closed! Go Slow! Look Sharp! Girls' Seminary Ahead! Danger! Revenue officer on the state line! Condemned bridge 200 yards ahead. Slow down to 10 miles per hour unless you can swim. Railroad crossing ahead. Undertaker always on duty. Sharp curve ahead and good cemetery at foot of hill.

IT IS EVER THUS.

When a bunch of girls get together—the Lord pity the first one who leaves.

Few of us appreciate the real exercise there is in pool. That steady development of the muscles of the neck every time you look up to take a swipe at the pants buttons on the string.

LAVE PERKINS SEZ: "Your wife alius thinks her hubby is the only bean in the world who hates to pack in wood."

SCHOOLS

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

DEAN STRAUB DELIVERS SPEECH

Professor Straub, who is dean of men at the U. of O., gave a talk before the H. S. general assembly last Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Dean Straub's subject was "Short Cut to Higher Education." In the course of his speech, Dean Straub proved that there were no substantial short cuts to a higher education. He stated that it could be attained only through ambition and energy. Dean Straub said that it was not necessary for anyone to have a large financial backing to go through college. He proved this statement by offering several examples of students who had made their way through college by working before and after school and on Saturdays. He stated that 25 per cent of the students of the U. or O. make their own way through that institution.

INTER-HIGH SCHOOL DEBATES

A debate will be held at the high school February 3rd between the R. H. S. and Myrtle Creek. A debate will also be held at Wilbur between the R. H. S. and Wilbur high school. The question for debate is: "Resolved, that immigration should be prohibited for a period of five years." The Roseburg high school has two debating teams, the affirmative team is composed of Vivian Orcutt and James McClintock; the negative is upheld by Mildred Starrett and DeLorne Parrott. The negative team will debate at Wilbur, and the affirmative team will debate here. The team has made splendid progress under the coaching of Miss Holloper and these debates will undoubtedly be very good.

ASSEMBLY TALK

G. H. Young held the interest of the whole high school, Tuesday afternoon in a very interesting talk. He was a former minister but now he is a director of religious education. He told many stories which were true where men solved their problems with the help of God. He not only gave the students, but all of Roseburg, a chance to hear him.

SECOND SEMESTER STARTS WITH BANG

The second semester of the school term started with a bang in R. H. S. last Monday and by the end of the week the school was in full swing. The upper-classmen, boys and girls, received the incoming frosh with unusual enthusiasm. The new students were just getting accustomed to the R. H. S. atmosphere at the close of school Friday.

R. H. S. has an enrollment this semester which exceeds any in school history. 355 students being enrolled to date. This is an increase of 25 students over the enrollment of the first semester. This is very unusual in that it is generally the opposite. With this increase in enrollment among other things the school outlook for the last semester looks very bright and will in all probability be very prosperous to the students from every point of view.

GRADE SCHOOL NEWS

BENSON SCHOOL NEWS

P. T. A. Meeting Held. An interesting meeting of the Benson P. T. A. was held in the eighth grade room at Benson, Thursday, January 26. Considerable business was transacted and a large number of committee reports were given. Future plans were made for the purpose of raising more money for the playshed. The business meeting was followed by a short but exceptionally fine program after which the meeting adjourned.

According to a teacher's calendar the last two weeks have been very busy. Many of the duties performed are: Getting material ready for exhibit; committee meeting; grade test papers; salmon cards; report cards; blue cards; promotion; new classes organized; meeting at H. S. for rating sheet; professional meeting; P. A. A.; retention sheet; reports of work for term; monthly report.

Many Books Read. The fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grades of the Benson school have reported a total of 376 books read outside of school. The reports have been conscientiously and neatly prepared by the children. The fifth grade has reported on 79 books, the sixth on 106, the seventh on 126, and the eighth on 65. This plan is widening the reading experience of the children greatly and produces a desire to read the better class of literature.

Candy Sale a Success. The candy sale held at the armory on January 19th and 20th during the Douglas County Auto Show was a decided success. During the two nights about \$45 were taken in. This money was placed in the Benson school fund for the purpose of athletic goods and various needs.

Sixth Grade Gets Prize. Benson school won the third prize for buying and selling among the pupils the most Red Cross Seals, during the holiday sales. Much of the money was used in this but the sixth grade sold the most and was awarded the \$3 health bond.

Book Exchange. The eighth grade pupils assisted

in conducting an exchange of second hand books. Most of the books were exchanged for other books and many were sold at half price. This was done to aid pupils in getting books quickly and aided children in marketing books at a fair price.

D. A. R. Offers Prizes. The D. A. R. is offering prizes in the grade school for the best paper on "Americanization." The first prize is \$5; second, \$2.50; and the third, \$1. The papers are all to be sent to Mrs. W. M. Bell. It is requested that they all be in by February 29.

6th Grade Physiology Averages High. Maxine Kolkima, Ruth Compton, and Adrain Bowen of the sixth-A grade, physiology class succeeded in getting a "100" in the state examination. The average was 96.5 per cent.

Operetta Coming. A very select operetta entitled the "Land of Nod" is being prepared by some of the Benson patrons and will be handed to the pupils in a short time. The play will be staged at the high school and predictions are that it will be great.

Largest Attendance. There are 346 pupils belonging to the Benson school at the present. All surplus seats have been put to use and the rooms are well filled.

A Few Pupils Fail. The number of pupils failing are as follows: 1st grade, 9; 2nd grade, 4; 3rd grade, 4; 4th grade, 4; 5th grade, 8; 6th grade, 1; 7th grade, 5; 8th grade, 1.

Miss Olson reports an exceedingly large class of beginners this second semester.

The fourth grade has a large room, 26 in the A class and 22 in the B class making a total of 48 pupils.

The beginners in Miss Wicklem's room have passed into the A class of the first grade.

Mrs. Marsters' room has been filled with 21 pupils from the 4th-A class. There are at the present time 48 pupils in that grade.

Miss Potter's room in the sixth is also well filled. The Benson pennant will take its place for the next month in this room as it had the largest number of parents in attendance at the last P. T. A. meeting.

The eighth grade has been centering their attention mostly on a very efficient system of note book work so that speed and efficiency may be maintained by both the pupils and the teacher.

All exhibits were brought from the armory and everything was returned in excellent shape.

Fifth Grade Sings at Armory. The fifth grade sang three songs at the armory January 20th. There were 19 in number to appear on the stage and sang the following songs: "And Old English Rhyme"; "Black Smith"; and "Catrina and Standy."

The following letter was received by Mrs. Houck from Mrs. Benson. Benson school was named for her husband who was for a long time a resident of Douglas county and while here was a school teacher and superintendent of Roseburg schools, president of Drain Normal school, and later secretary of state and governor of Oregon.

Dear Mrs. Houck: Many thanks for sending me a copy of the Benson school P. T. A. cook book.

It is like meeting friends from home as I turn over the pages and recognize so many familiar names. I can almost taste the good things of bygone years. I have always appreciated the kindly thoughts that instigated the naming of the school for Mr. Benson.

HARRIET B. BENSON.

ROSE SCHOOL NEWS

The 5-B civics class, under the instruction of Miss Ford, has made a list of "fire don'ts." Some of the best of these ideas have been used in posters, which were on display in the exhibit at the armory. It would be well for all of us to observe these "don'ts" and by doing so perhaps lessen the number of destructive fires which occur yearly.

The following interesting articles were also written by members of the 8-B civics class, discussing the spirit of progress in our community. Organizations which aim for better citizenship through helping boys and girls, were also discussed.

The Progress of Our Community. Roseburg was founded by Aaron Rose and was incorporated in 1872 and has been growing steadily since, till at present the population is 5,299. Roseburg is the county seat of Douglas county, Roseburg contains several schools and churches and numerous lodges. The three most important being Elks, Oddfellows and Masons. Roseburg has a chamber of commerce which works for the good of the community. Fruit raising is very important. Such fruits as apples, pines and strawberries are raised. There are large quantities of fruit canned every year by canning companies. Roseburg is the division point for the Southern Pacific and a great deal of cattle and sheep are shipped out each year.

KEITH RINERHART.

The Progress of Our Community. Ours is a progressive community. Ten years ago only a few of our streets were paved. Telephones in

living houses were unheard of, as was the furnace system of heating. Schools and churches were very poor. Today most of our streets are paved. Every house in the city is connected with sewers and electric lights and telephones. We have four large modern school buildings and several new beautiful churches and also a new government building. Fruit growers have a union and have built a new cannery and packing house. The worn out horses that were used to see worn out horses that were replaced on the streets have been replaced with up-to-date automobiles and trucks. Two years ago when I traveled through California and the large southern states I saw no community more progressive than ours.

MARLOW CHRISTOPHERSON.

The work of the Boy Scouts. Boy Scouts perform many duties. A few of these are: To keep the streets free from traffic during a parade; to assist old people across the street, and to make themselves useful.

Boy Scouts go on long hikes and live just as our ancestors did when they came to western United States. Many things are required to become a Scout. To be a tenderfoot or the first place a boy scout must occupy, he has to be able to tie several knots, give the scout oath, and many other things.

Scouts are supposed to do a good turn daily such as running errands and carrying in wood. Scouts must never take pay for little services rendered.

HOWARD SHAW.

The Campfire Girls.

The Campfire Girls have a guardian or chaperone several years their senior who goes with them on their camping trips. There are several ranks to which a campfire girl may belong. When they first enter they are called woodgatherers, and then when they have served faithfully and earned so many honor beads they are called firemakers, and then torchbearers. If the guardian should wish to leave the campfire and not be guardian any more the torchbearer takes her place and is guardian.

The girls while on their camping trips, and at their council fires wear beaded Indian dresses with long strings of beads around their necks. They go on trips in the summer, to the woods, the mountains and seashore. They have many happy times together.

ELLA CHURCHILL.

The candy sale at the auto show last Saturday evening, which was under the able direction of Miss Henderson assisted by a committee of girls and boys netted the playshed apparatus fund about \$30.

A committee is now working to find the best kind of apparatus to place in the shed that will be for the best interest of every child in the school. Many things are in view if the money will go far enough—some swings, rings, basketball team journeyed over to Wilbur last Friday evening and played the Wilbur high school second team. The game showed the excellent team work and individual play of the Rose boys. Wilbur is expected to come to Roseburg in the near future to give the boys a return game. A good many fouls were called by the officials, but the Rose team was highly pleased with the of-

ficating. The score was 22 to 16 in favor of Rose.

Miss Olson has received twelve assignments this week and expresses confidence of their making a good showing throughout their grade school course.

A larger enrollment is expected this semester than last as we have many pupils now as at any time in the semester. Many pupils have arrived here this week that were in attendance at Fullerton last semester.

The following pupils were transferred to Benson Wednesday because of the crowded condition of their classes: Gladys Johnson, Nellie Johnson, Esther Rayburn and Wayne Coe.

The spirit of the Orient has crept into Miss Wicklem's second grade. The children have been composing Chinese and Japanese stories. They have constructed and drawn Japanese fans and lanterns in their classes and they are now preparing a type of a Japanese town on their sand table giving the children an idea of the kind of houses, bridges, castles and vehicles which prevail in Japan.

Miss Tracy's 5-B geography class is working on the class scrapbook. They are collecting pictures and items of national, state, county and city government. In these books the pupils are to paste their own explanations of these pictures. They hope to have a picture of each of our county and city officers.

A class period once a week will be taken to mount class pictures on the pages according to the class of material.

A page or more will be devoted to pictures of the various churches in town with a picture of the pastor of each.

The books as planned will contain pictures and articles of the leading topics as outlined in their text.

WILBUR SCHOOL ITEMS

A basketball game was played last Saturday night between Wilbur and Myrtle Creek, with a score of 18 to 24 in Wilbur's favor. Mr. Cronk, county club leader, refereed the first half of the game. Refreshments were served after the game to the two teams, by the Wilbur high school girls.

The material for sealing up the sides of the wall of the gymnasium has arrived and work has just begun on it.

Mr. Cross and Mrs. O. C. Brown were visitors at the Wilbur school last Friday afternoon.

A basketball game will be played between Wilbur and Canyonville next Saturday night, January 31.

There were a good many formed at the Wilbur school last week, consisting of a sheep sewing club, and home making club. Rev. Drake, of Drain, and Mr. McKay were visitors at the school Friday morning. Mr. Lee gave a very interesting talk to high school students.

Some of the boys on the basketball team are not able to play Saturday night on account of illness. Vernona DeLaunay has passed a successful state examination.

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