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## DRY FARMING CONGRESS IN SALT LAKE CITY

Salt Lake City, Utah, Jan. 23.—Hundreds of representatives of agricultural and commercial bodies and delegates appointed by the governors of various states assembled in Salt Lake City today for the second session of the Trans-Missouri Dry Farming congress. The congress has for its object the discussion of plans, methods and projects for the agricultural development and reclamation of the semi-arid regions of the west by systems of scientific soil culture. Among the states and territories represented are Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. Experts from the department of agriculture at Washington are among the speakers on the program for the three days of the session.

The subjects slated for discussion include: Consideration of the best methods of rendering semi-arid lands productive where ditch irrigation is impracticable or impossible; the determination of the best agricultural methods where crop and livestock farming is practicable; to encourage the establishment of experimental farms to determine the limitations of scientific soil culture and seed selection, these farms to be operated under the direction of state or federal experiment stations or by private enterprise; to assist prospective settlers in every possible way to determine what land under scientific soil culture methods is susceptible to crop production, and to encourage the use of conservative practical method for developing the semi-arid regions of the United States.

It is declared by scientists who have made a long study of the subject that the reclamation of semi-arid lands by irrigation will soon come to an end, since the water supply available for that purpose will soon be doing its

full duty. With this fact before them experts of the national and state governments and others interested in soil culture have of recent years been giving much attention to processes of dry farming, with the result that that method of soil cultivation is now in successful use in many sections of the west. It is to disseminate this information and encourage efforts to reach a more thorough understanding of the possibilities of dry farming that the Trans-Missouri congress was formed at Denver last year. The present session promises to be even more important than the first, since a great advance has been made by the investigators during the last year. Among the speakers expected to address the congress is Luther Burbank, the California "plant wizard," who has given considerable attention to dry farming methods and who will speak on the subject with the authority of one who thoroughly understands it. Delegates from 14 states, two territories and all of the provinces of the Canadian Northwest are in attendance at the congress.

## ISLAND CITY

Island City, Jan. 23.—(Special.)—The teachers' Bible class will meet with Mrs. Ed Kiddle Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. J. E. Reynolds spent Wednesday in the Island.

M. Cleaves delivered books here Wednesday for the Success Co.

Thomas Wade and wife, visited the S. L. Brooks family at Imbler the latter part of the week.

Mrs. C. H. Bidwell and Mrs. Lily

Poster were visitors in Union this week.

Miss Kathleen Thomas will attend the Sisters' school in La Grande the remainder of the year.

The young people of classes No. 7 and 8 of the Union Sunday school, met at the home of Mrs. Ed Kiddle Friday night.

Browning's "Saul" was read and discussed, after which a social time was indulged in by the young people.

One of the features of the evening's entertainment was a chestnut hunt, and while they ate them told "old chestnuts" for amusement. A game which caused a great deal of fun for the participants was seeing who could keep a paper sack filled with in motion the longest before falling to the floor. "Ella Childers relieved a paper sack filled with bon bons for the successful contestant. A "paper exchange" was another interesting game. Refreshments were served, after which the guests departed to their homes.

## LADD CANYON

Ladd Canyon, Jan. 23.—(Special.)—G. L. Bowman of Medical Springs, who has been visiting Mrs. Lucy Graham and children, returned home Thursday.

Miss Mabel Phillips of Perry, who has been visiting her cousin, Miss Kate Braden, has accepted a position as a waitress at the Model restaurant in La Grande.

Mrs. Lucy Graham and children visited Sunday with Mrs. Graham's daughter, Mrs. W. O. Sherwood.

Miss Eula Peebler entertained a few of her friends at her home Saturday night, January 18. The evening was spent in music and cards.

Those present were: Louis Murdoch, Leonard Peterson, Kate Braden, Charles Johnson, Lulu Counsell, Frank Braden, Mabel Counsell and Will Synhorst.

## PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL PARK

"Within five days grounds will be leased on the North Side and on them will be erected a grandstand and bleachers and a diamond constructed on which professional baseball will be played," said Jack O'Brien, the professional baseball promoter, today.

The park is to be a baseball institution pure and simple and will be used by the La Grande club of the professional baseball association which is to be inaugurated and maintained during the summer months.

The grounds, which are to be leased, are located on the north side, within seven minutes' walk from the business portion of the city. According to present plans, 1500 people can be seated.

According to the promoters there are several prominent business men behind the project, but for the time being they are silent partners.

## BOXING CONTEST

La Grande is to see a 15-round prizefight between "Micky" Williams of La Grande and Lew Daly of Spokane. The event will be pulled off on the evening of February 7.

Aside from the principal bout, there will be one or two preliminaries and perhaps a wrestling match, all between local adepts. Local people are making the preliminary arrangements today and there is every indication of the match being a sure go.

Daly and Williams will weigh in at 124 pounds and go 15 rounds.

### A Novel Social.

An end-of-school social will be held on Friday evening at the home of B. G. Pritts, under the auspices of the Epworth League. Characteristic "speaking" and songs and an old-fashioned "spelling bee" will be the order of the evening. Dinner will be served. Plates, 10c. Members of the league are requested to come early.

## POLITICIANS STEP FORTH

Two more candidates have stepped into the political arena. This time it is the county clerk's office on the republican ticket and the sheriff's office on the democratic ticket that are sought. Ed Wright, present deputy county clerk, this morning filed his declaration, announcing that he is a candidate on the republican ticket for nomination for county clerk at the coming primaries.

Sheriff Childers filed his declaration today announcing his candidacy on the democratic ticket for renomination to the office of sheriff.

## BARTLETT PAPERS HERE

A mandate from the supreme court in the case of the State of Oregon, respondent, vs. E. W. Bartlett, appellant, jointly indicted with S. A. Gardiner, et al., for extortion, was received by County Clerk Gilham this morning and is now a matter of public record. The mandate reverses the decision of the lower court and remands the case back for retrial.

Bartlett was convicted by the jury of the circuit court.

The new trial will in all probability be held during the February term of court.

### Other Cases.

The case of J. P. Gillespie vs. Queen Z. Gillespie is a suit for divorce. The plaintiff alleges desertion.

Marble S. Swinger vs. Anna Noth is a case filed with the clerk of the circuit court, in which is sought a quit claim deed to a certain piece of land.

### Market for Old Horseshoes.

Vice Consul Ernest Vollmer states that one of the constantly growing imports into the Chinese Province of Shantung through the port of Tsingtau is old horseshoes, which leads him to give the following particulars:

One steamer alone in November brought 300 tons of this scrap iron from Hamburg. The market for these worn-out shoes seems to be almost without limit. Chinese iron dealers buy these horseshoes and sell them to knife and tool manufacturers all over the province. It is claimed by the Chinese that the temper of this class of iron makes it the best obtainable for knives and cutlery and also for other tools. The reason ascribed for this is that the constant beating the shoes have received under the feet of horses has given them a peculiar temper absolutely unobtainable in any other way, and that tools made from them are superior to all others.

## MEETINGS CONTINUE

The meetings in Central church continue over Sunday. During the last 12 days there have been additions each day save one. Last evening two men confessed Christ and were baptized. Sunday is looked forward to as a great day. All new members are urged to be at the morning service. The largest Bible school in our history will be one feature of the day, if we reach the mark set, i. e., 250.

Dinner in the basement at noon. Special service at 2:30 p. m. and a great meeting at 7:30. Come, share with us. Come nightly this week.

### AT THE ELECTRIC.

Patrons Welcome Reopening of Popular Playhouse.

The Electric theater announces its program for this evening in its regular space, and those who take the trouble to look it up will find that the pictures give promise of being exceptionally fine. Readers of books will discover in the "Sea Wolf" a true and correct pictorial dramatization of Jack London's great sea tale.

The other numbers are good, but this particular number is well worth the price of admission alone. Manager Sherwood has placed a number of extra chairs for his patrons as the business has increased to such an extent that a greater seating capacity was absolutely necessary. Remember the entertainment begins promptly at 7 o'clock.

## COVE JOINT INSTALLATION

Cove, Jan. 23.—(Special.)—Last Cove lodge No. 52, I. O. O. F., and Wildrose Rebekah lodge No. 102, held a joint installation of officers for the ensuing term, as follows: Lodge No. 52—Noble grande, Edwin Boswell; vice grand, Walter Pierce; secretary, John Mitchell; treasurer, Will Reynolds; R. S. N. G., M. O. Lieurance; L. S. N. G., G. M. Gassett; R. S. N. G., Story Morris; L. S. N. G., G. S. Blaide; chaplain, August Lorenze.

Wildrose No. 102—Noble grand, Mary C. Martin; vice grand, Mary Sills; secretary, J. Mitchell; treasurer, Florence Anderson; warden, Myrtle Kail; conductor, May Kelly; R. S. N. G., D. McIlroy; L. S. N. G., Mattie Comstock; R. S. N. G., Lizzie Reynolds; L. S. N. G., H. Lieurance; chaplain, Bertha Gassett; D. D. G. M., Ira Messenger was installing officer.

An invitation having been extended to the two lodges at Union, the following Odd Fellows and Rebekahs were present from that city: Mr. and Mrs. W. Wigglesworth, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Goodbrod, Mr. and Mrs. John Martin, Mr. and Mrs. John Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Heryford, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Woolenes, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Gassett, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Huffman, Mr. and Mrs. George Baird, Mrs. L. Benson, Mrs. Savilla Allen, Mrs. Rea E. Baler, Miss Rena Wilson, Miss Tressa Wigglesworth, Miss Gertrude Stoker, Miss Neta Shoemaker, J. W. Shore, E. J. Sayers, J. C. Messenger, John Delaney, Waldo Perry, Will Ficklin, C. S. Miller, T. W. Davidson, Al Adams, George Huffman, John Rich.

Immediately after the installation ceremony a sumptuous banquet was spread and all proceeded to have a good time until the locomotive whistle was sounded, warning the visitors that time was up for their return home.

What I admire in Columbus is not his having discovered, but his having gone in search for it on the faith of an opinion.—Turgot.

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