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IS THE WORK APPRECIATED?

On last Saturday there was a meeting at the state experimental farm near Union. It was an educational meeting of importance, and yet there was only a small number of farmers in Eastern Oregon present.

Why is it more people do not take an interest in this great work? Why is it the experimental station is not visited often by everyone who raises grain or live stock?

The farmers of this part of the state should keep in mind that they have in the Union farm a paid advertiser as to crops that ranks higher than many attorneys rank in law. This being positively true, we cannot understand why a greater number do not avail themselves of the opportunity offered, and obtain information that means dollars and cents to everyone who cultivates the soil.

Well, the crowd was not nearly so large as it should have been Saturday, but those who stayed away missed something. They missed seeing an ideal farm with the different platts of grain, showing the merit of each kind.

They missed seeing an ideal hog plant that is producing results. They missed hearing the speeches of men and one lady, whose hearts are in the great and glorious work of agriculture, and these speeches were each worth traveling many miles to hear.

President Kerr, of the Oregon Agricultural college, struck the keynote when he said their must be more practical education taught in our public schools and stated he would rejoice when the time came that every public school should have a small farm in connection with it.

At this moment Walter Pierce agreed so strong with the speaker that he almost shouted "Amen", much after the fashion of the colored camp meeting folk. And following Prof.

Kerr's speech Senator O'Neil, who is chairman of the meeting, stated from the platform that the speech of President Kerr was the best he had ever heard in Union county. The president had no wail of sorrow, he had no grouch, he would not rebuild the government if he was asked to, but he merely wants and demands that more attention be paid to agriculture. In order to do this he realizes the start must be made in the public schools.

Mrs. Waldo, a woman who is a thorough Oregonian, talked on conditions here comparing them with agricultural conditions in France and Italy. She has just returned from a twenty months' trip abroad and being a close observer, she brought back much valuable information for the farmers of this state. Intensive farming was her recommendation not the many acres, but the few well tilled.

And one of the strong speeches of the afternoon was that of Walter Pierce. The experimental farm is a child of his. He was one of the strong advocates of establishing it and when in the senate he worked hard that it might prosper under state parentage. He defended the institution against the mighty ax of Chamberlain, when as governor that individual was inclined to sell the farm and wipe it out of existence. Mr. Pierce talked in a vein that showed his pride in the station, told of its career, of the great opportunities in the valley, and incidentally touched upon irrigation for the Grande Ronde, which is considered today to be the most vital topic.

When Judge Ellis was called upon he spoke briefly but earnestly. He spoke as a friend of every man, woman and child in Union county and urged a united effort to promote the agricultural possibilities. Referring to the congress he insisted that everyone present should address him, whether in Washington or at his home in Pendleton, when desirous of anything he could do.

It was really a great meeting, and throughout the man who is doing things at the experimental station was not overlooked. We have reference to Robert Withycombe, the manager. He stays at the farm 365 days each year, and while the state pays the expense, he deserves credit for the splendid showing he is making.

Listen, Bob Withycombe's barley plant is the largest in the world today. Think of it, if you have any enthusiasm whatever, get out and tell someone that Union county has the largest plant of this kind in existence. He breeds the different barleys and this fall will make the tests by weight and measurement to see which is entitled to be permanent.

The same is true of his wheat. He has crossed the Forty-fold with the Little Club, and has a splendid showing of grain. This, he believes will not shatter like the Forty-fold yet will yield heavier than the Club. If it

proves what he thinks it is the state of Oregon and the Northwest have achieved a wheat that is worth ten times what the experiment station ever cost, or ever will cost the tax payers.

These are only two things mentioned there are many to be mentioned if the experiment station was covered as it should be. The hog plant alone is worth careful study. Withycombe shows you how to put more fat on the hog with the same feed. He shows you how to make it grow and keep healthy.

As a whole, it is the wonderful work of an earnest, energetic young man, and the people here should take a deeper interest in the farm.

SPECIAL EDITION MAN ARRIVES

WRITER WHO WILL TELL OF EASTERN OREGON HERE

Stories from an Eloquent Pen to Feature Observer's Annual Edition

The Observer's Annual Industrial Edition is now well under way. Many of the larger enterprises of the Grande Ronde Valley have claimed space in the publication that is to be circulated far and wide, and today H. M. Hanzen, the special writer employed for the work, arrived, and will visit different parts of the valley obtaining data for the best edition of any local paper ever printed in Eastern Oregon.

Mr. Hanzen is one of the strongest writers on descriptive matter in the country today. His stories are printed in many magazines, and it is not out of order to state that the name of Hanzen is freely mentioned along with Alfred Henry Lewis, Jack London and Willard Bythe. His career first started in newspaper work, and from that he drifted into magazine and special work. The stories from his eloquent pen will attract not only the man who knows of the subject from personal observation, but they will be read with interest by thousands of people who delight in reading anything Mr. Hanzen sees fit to write.

This edition of the Observer is to be one of merit. No expense is being spared and the entire office force has, since the new management took charge of the paper, been collecting data and filling for this special edition. It is to be printed on good book paper and the avenues of circulation are so many that anyone to whom mention is given, is assured of reaching many thousands.

DEALS WITH THE MYSTERIOUS

SPIRITUALIST BROOKS UTTERS INSPIRED ADDRESS

Will Conduct Seance This Evening at A. M. Paul Residence.

Spiritualistically inspired lectures were delivered yesterday afternoon and evening in this city through C. H. Brooks, an authorized lecturer of spiritualism, who is here today, and will conduct a seance at the A. M. Paul residence this evening. The lectures were heard by a fair-sized crowd and tests were given at the conclusion of each of the two addresses. Saying, as he asserts, only what is inspired to say, Mr. Brooks uses no notes and gives no preparation to his talks. He speaks with his eyes closed and claims that he is but the mouthpiece of the inspiring element. His utterings were along the line of argument tending to uphold the truthfulness of spiritualism.

His seance tonight will be public and readings will be pronounced in public. He is evidently a well-versed student of spiritualism and his near-sensances last evening dealt with facts relating from the world beyond, and the audience was greatly interested in the work.

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DR. C. T. BACON, La Grande, Oregon. -The Observer is authorized to announce the candidacy of Dr. C. T. Bacon for coroner of Union county, subject to the decision of the republican voters at the primary election

C. A. BARRETT, Athena, Oregon.-I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination for joint senator for the district embracing Union, Umatilla and Morrow counties, subject to the choice of republican voters at the primary nominating election to be held on September 24th, 1910. If nominated and elected I will work for the interest of all the people of my district to the best of my ability.

DR. CLYDE T. HOCKETT, Enterprise, Oregon.-I wish to announce my candidacy for joint representative for the 24th representative district subject to the voters of the republican party at the primary nominating election to be held in said representative district, September 24, 1910. CLYDE T. HOCKETT.

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