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THE PRESIDENT'S TIMELY WORDS.

At the dedication of a Y. M. C. A in the District of Columbia this week President Wilson remarked among other things that he could "assess the character of a community by the manner in which it supported its Y. M. C. A."

These words come at a time of especial interest to La Grande people who are just now opening the new Y. M. C. A.

The President further remarked in his speech:

"I long ago learned to receive with amiability, I hope, the professions of all sorts and conditions of men," he said, "but after I have heard their professions, I wait patiently to see their performances, and I do not pass judgment until that performance. If a man wishes me to consider him loyal, for example, I must really trouble him to show his quality when he is put to the test; and if he cannot show his quality when put to a test, I may not say anything the next time he comes around and professes his loyalty, but I will do a lot of thinking. I wonder within my own head if he really thinks that I am deceived, if he really thinks I am as innocent as I look.

"That is the rigid and stern standard to which we hold each other, whether we realize it or not. You know the slang expression 'he is a bad actor.' You are not speaking of the stage. You mean he does not do what he says, and the minute you find he does not do what he says, then it is all up so far as your truthfulness and admiration and willing dealings with him are concerned."

Speaking of the danger of men becoming egotists, the president said: "If you make yourself the center of the universe, all your perspective is skewed. There is only one moral center of the universe, and that is God. If you get into right relations with him, then you have the right perspective, and your right relation, and your right size; but if you make everything related to yourself, you have the wrong size, at any rate in your own estimation. All your relations as to life, therefore, are dependent upon knowing where you stand and how you stand in your responsibility.

"The only men who serve the world now," the president concluded, "are young men and men who never grow old, men in whose system the steam goes strong all the time and who do not get so stiff that their whole mechanicism buckles up."

One man can see into a mountain just as far as can another man. Sometimes we think this holds good as to the future, and that luck is really a thing of consequence after all. As an example: Last July a prominent rancher in the Grande Ronde valley entered a large mill in the valley and said, "I am ready to contract my wheat at seventy cents." But the miller replied, "not with us; no seventy cent wheat goes here." And they swapped yarns, touched upon a trade once or twice during the conversation and parted. That same man is holding his wheat and will easily get a dollar and a half a bushel. The same miller is paying the dollar and a half for wheat at the present time. Each of these men is a well seasoned, hard headed business man, yet the one was anxious to sell at seventy cents and the other refused to buy at that price believing wheat would be lower. Does this not perfectly illustrate the ability of one man to see as far in the future as another?

THE UNEMPLOYED.

At the present time when the problem of the unemployed is a perplexing one to every state in the nation, it is of interest to read what Col. Roosevelt would have the national government do in order to give men work. At a recent meeting in New York the ex-president in speaking of the great question the nation is confronting with its idle people, said:

"I earnestly wish that the National Government would at once start work through the Reclamation Service and through the River and Harbor service in such ways as to relieve unemployment. To approach the subject of rivers and harbors from this standpoint instead of from the usual pork-barrel standpoint would be a welcome change.

"If the machinery no longer needed at Panama were at once used on a great scheme of flood control in the Mississippi basin, including the Ohio and Missouri, much would be accomplished; and there are works at Mobile, for instance, at the mouth of the Columbia, and in connection with the Hudson, which everyone admits to be needed. The work at such points would do immense good. By all means have a comprehensive study and assemble data but let the actual beginning, the actual putting men to work, go hand in hand with the study and the collection of the data."

The merits of the stock branding bill before the legislature seem to us so apparent that there should be no question as to the final outcome of the bill. Under the proposed law there will be no brands in the state alike, whereas at present every county has a series of brands many of which are duplicated in the neighboring county. As a result it is often the case when cattle are stolen and driven into another county the owner has hard work to establish ownership because of his brand having a duplicate in that county. With every brand registered in the state capital surely the prosecution of cattle stealing would be an easy matter.

Although the charge of machine rule has been hurled at the legislature a protest against tampering with the present primary law, was pronounced and effective. In this the legislature is wrong. There is no law on the statute books that is not subject to proper revision. As Attorney General Brown said of the proposed prohibition law, "no halo surrounds this measure to prevent it being dispassionately discussed and acted upon by representatives from the several counties of Oregon." So it is with the primary law. There is nothing divine about the law. It is the work of man, and if it needs repairing why not repair it in a way that it will be effective and less expensive.

Eugene has a barber war on, and hair cutting has been reduced to 25 cents. This is a chance for a lot of those long haired Willamette valley citizens to spruce up a bit.

Chicago is breaking the record for cold weather almost every day.

PRESIDENT IN CAMPAIGN NOW

OFFICIAL OPENING OF CAMPAIGN MADE.

Race for 1916 Started and Wilson's Candidacy is Implied.

Washington, Jan. 30.—After a conference with President Wilson, William McCombs, chairman of the Democratic National committee today announced that the 1916 political campaign is now on.

It is implied that the announcement includes Wilson's candidacy for renomination.

FINE PROGRAM FOR EACH DAY

O. A. C. School on Wheels to Bring Many Speakers.

(By C. J. M'INTOSH.)

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Jan. 28.—How can hens be made to lay the most eggs at the time of year when eggs are most needed and prices are highest?

How can the farm herds of horses, sheep, cattle and hogs be so improved by selective breeding and so fed and managed that they will yield a financial return to the owner each year and at the sme time be developed an improved into more valuable foundation stock?

How can the field crops be so selected and rotated as to yield a maximum profit in feed for the livestock and in cash for sales and at the same time maintain and increase soil fertility?

How can the farm and commercial orchards be so planted and managed as to secure fruit crops that best fit into the general farm scheme and at the same time supply the home and markets with fruits of the most profitable types and varieties?

How can the family budget be so made up and expended that it will secure the maximum amount of the most desirable home supplies with a minimum of expenditure?

In general how can farm life be made more profitable in a financial way, more wholesome, enjoyable and cultured and more attractive to the people now on the farm and to the young people who in a few years must choose between making their homes on the farm or in the city?

These are mighty problems, the complete solution of which is doubtless beyond human power at this time but the latest and most authentic information bearing on these questions will be presented to the people of Imbler, Elgin, Island Ciy, Cove and vicinities by specialists of the Oregon Agricultural college during a six days itinerant school, February 8 to 13, inclusive. This school will be conducted by the Extension Division as arranged by Director R. D. Hetzel and will be similar in many ways to the many successful schools that have been conducted recently in various parts of the state. Special features of local interest to Union county farmers will be introduced and all subjects have been carefully selected with reference to local needs. No charges are made for admission to this school but all persons attending are expected to register for a part of all of the course. The school will be conducted under the immediate auspices of the county agricultural agent, C. C. Cate, who will have charge of all local arrangements. Following are the programs for Imbler and Island City:

Imbler.

Agriculture.

Monday, Tillage practices, by J. E. Larson; Soils and crops demonstration, J. E. Larson; illustrated lecture, C. C. Cate and J. E. Larson.

Tuesday, Legumes for Dry and Irrigated lands, J. E. Larson; By-products posisibilties, W. S. Brown; Poultry feeding and management, C C. Lamb; Housing of poultry, illustrated, C. C. Lamb and Some Common Insect Pests and Plant Diseases, W. S. Brown.

Wednesday, Care and Marketing of Poultry Produces, C. C. Lamb; Fruit Marketing and Marketing Associations, W. S. Brown; Incubating and Brooding, C. C. Lamb; and Pruning demonstration, W. S. Brown.

Thursday, Care and Management of the Dairy Herd, E. B. Fitts; Milk Testing Association, F. W. Kehrli; Improving the Dairy Herd E. B. Fitts, Dairy Cow Judging Demonstration, E. B. Fitts; illustrated lecture, E. B. Fitts.

Friday, Feeding for Milk Production, E. B. Fitts; Hog Feeding Work of the Eastern Oregon Experiment Station, Robert Withycombe; Market Types of Hogs and Hog Judging; The Farmer and the Pure Bred, C. H. Kennedy; and Types of Improved Livestock, illustrated, R. E. Reynolds.

Saturday, Sheep on small Farms, R. E. Reynolds; Feeding Value of Field Peas, Robert Withycombe; How to Detect Unsoundness in Horses, C. H. Kennedy; and Horse Judging, C. H. Kennedy.

Domestic Science.

Thursday, Food as a Factor in Health, Miss Anna M. Turley; Vegetable Cookery, demonstrated, Miss Turley; Cuts of Meat, Miss Turley; and Meat Cookery, demonstration, Miss Turley.

Friday, Food for the Sick, Miss Turley; Egg and Milk Cookery, demonstration, Miss Turley; Food Economics, Miss Turley; and Use of Left Overs, demonstration, Miss Turley.

Saturday, Bread and Bread Making, Miss Turley; Bread Making, demonstration, Miss Turley; Food for the School Child, Miss Turley; Completion of Bread Demonstration, Miss Turley; and School Luncheons, demonstration, Miss Turley.

Island City.

Agriculture.

Monday, Care and Management of Dairy Herd, E. B. Fitts; Milk Testing Demonstration, F. W. Kehrli; and Dairy Cow Judging, demonstration, E. B. Fitts; Dairy Lecture, illustrated, E. B. Fitts, M. S. Shrick and F. W. Kehrli.

Tuesday, Feeding for Milk Production, E. B. Fitts; Care of Milk and Cream, M. S. Shrock; Improving the Dairy Herd, E. B. Fitts; Hog Feeding Experiments at Eastern Oregon Experiment Station, R. Withycombe; Spring Colt Shows and Their Value, C. Kenndy; and Horse Judging, R. E. Reynolds.

Wednesday, Livestock and Agriculture in Union County, R. Withycombe; Sheep on the Small Farm, R. E. Reynolds; The Feeding Value of Field Peas, R. Withycombe; and Market Types of Hogs and Hog Judging, R. E. Reynolds.

Thursday, Poultry Feeding and Management, C. C. Lamb; By-products Possibilities, W. S. Brown; Care and Marketing of Poultry Products, C. C. Lamb; Pruning Demonstration, W. S. Brown; Housing of Poultry, C. C. Lamb; Some Common Insect Pests and Plant Diseases, illustrated, W. S. Brown.

Friday, Fruit Marketing and Marketing Associations, W. S. Brown; Incubating and Brooding, C. C. Lamb; Tillage Practices, J. E. Larson; Illustrated lecture, J. E. Larson and C. C. Cate.

Saturday, Legumes for Dry and Irrigated Lands, J. E. Larson; Soils and Crop Demonstration, J. E. Larson.

Domestic Science.

Monday, Fruit and Meat Canning Demonstration, Miss Cowgill; Use of Canned Goods, Miss Cowgill.

Tuesday, Bread Making, Miss Cowgill; Cake Making, Miss Cowgill.

Wednesday, Helps for the Home Dressmaker, Miss Cowgill; Visit Local Schools in Interest of Boys' and Girls' Club Work, Miss Cowgill.

The additional programs for the week, will be published later.

SPIRIT OF LIBERTY.

The spirit of liberty is indeed a bold and fearless spirit, but it is also a sharp sighted spirit. It is a cautious, sagacious, discriminating, farseeing intelligence. It is jealous of encroachment, jealous of power, jealous of man. It demands checks, it seeks for guards, it insists on securities, it intrenches itself behind strong defenses and fortifies itself with all possible care against the assaults of ambition and passion. It does not trust the amiable weaknesses of human nature, and therefore it will not permit power to overstep its prescribed limits, though benevolence, good intent and patriotic purpose come along with it. Neither does it satisfy itself with flashy and temporary resistance to illegal authority. Far otherwise, it seeks for duration and permanence. It looks before and after, and, building on the experience of ages which are past, it labors diligently for the benefit of ages to come.—Daniel Webster.

Adhesive Eggs of Fishes.

Among the fishes which produce adhesive eggs are the little black head minnow (Pimephales promelas) and the goldfish. The male blackhead deposits the fecundated eggs singly upon the under side of leaves of water plants and watches them unceasingly until hatched. The eggs of the goldfish are deposited singly upon the weeds and mosses in a similar manner by the male fish. The eggs of the yellow perch are held together in narrow strips or ribbons of a glutinous character. Adhesive eggs of other species, as the black bass, sunfish, catfishes, etc., are deposited in masses in shallow nests or depressions on the bottom, and still other species deposit their spawn in variously shaped adhesive masses upon water plants, roots and submerged objects.

Beats the Carpenter's Record.

The discovery of a carpenter whose father, grandfather and great-grandfather practiced the same craft has been commented upon in several newspapers and at Lamberhurst, in Kent, there is a family who have been innkeepers for four centuries. In countries where the caste system prevails such a record would be thought utterly insignificant. Grant Duff notes in his diary the answer made by a pup

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