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ORCHARD AND FARM PROBLEMS ARE DISCUSSED

EXPERTS ON AGRICULTURAL SUBJECTS HOLD STAGE IN COUNTY THIS WEEK.

FOUR GROUPS HOLD FORTH EVERY DAY

All Departments of Farm and Orchard Problems Are to Be Considered at Each of Four Towns — Quick Changes Will Be Feature of Week's Program.

Just like a four ring circus with something doing every minute of the day Union county today is the scene of unusual activity in the line of education for the benefit of the farmers and orchardists of this section of the state with 12 experts representing every side of the farm and orchard problem dealing out advice and information in practical form.

Unlike the circus however, the program this week calls for strictly practical things. Agronomy, dairying, animal husbandry, poultry raising and home economics are the subjects that are receiving consideration in this show and these subjects are being pounded every minute of the day and every day of the week with no let up from the time the first meeting was opened this morning until the time allotted to this county is up Saturday night.

The meeting opened this morning at Island City, Imbler, Elgin and Cove, with a group of the experts at each of the meetings. Tomorrow at noon the first change will be made. At that time taxicabs will be in waiting at each of the meetings to transport the experts to their next location so that not a minute of this valuable week will be lost because of time occupied in changing from one location to another. The groups will remain at each place a day and a half and every topic will be discussed at each place so that it will be necessary to attend some one of the schools every day this week in order to get the full benefit of the week's meetings.

The group of experts includes two ladies, Misses Cowgill and Miss Turley who will remain three days at each place. Miss Cowgill is at Cove today telling the people of that section how to properly can fruit and explaining the object of the boys' and girls' club work in this state. After three days at Cove Miss Cowgill will go to Island City to talk on the same subjects. Miss Turley, the other lady member of the expert groups is at Imbler today and after three days will go to Elgin. Miss Turley makes a specialty of demonstrations in bread baking and school lunches. She also talks on eggs, their many uses and on meat cuts and food values.

The members of the group who are working in the county this week include Claude C. Cate, county agriculturist; E. B. Fitts and F. W. Kehrl, experts in dairy husbandry; J. E. Larson, agronomist or soil expert; R. E. Reynolds, animal husbandry; C. C. Lamb, poultry husbandry; W. S. Shrock, of the state dairy and food commission; W. S. Brown, expert on fruits and plant diseases; Miss Anna Turley and Miss Helen Cowgill, experts on home economics. The program will be carried out as previously announced. The program follows:

Island City.

Agriculture.

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

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. Kennedy; 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.

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SEATTLE DEATH RATE IS LOWEST

WASHINGTON METROPOLIS IS HEALTHIEST PLACE.

Portland Stands Third in List With Spokane in Second Place—Memphis Death Rate High.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Seattle was the healthiest place in the United States in the year 1913, according to an announcement just given out by the government census bureau. Spokane is second with Portland, Oregon third in the list.

The death rate at Seattle is shown to be 8.4 per 1000 of population, Spokane 8.9, and Portland 9.5. The highest death rate is shown to have occurred at Memphis, Tenn., with 20.8 deaths per 1000 of population.

WOULD CHANGE SYSTEM

Complete Reorganization of Counties Provided for in Measure.

Salem, Feb. 8.—A complete reorganization of the systems by which most of the counties in Oregon now do business is provided for in a bill introduced in the house by Representative Smith, and now before the committee on counties.

The purpose of the bill is to introduce a system of procedure in all county offices and to create safeguards in the expenditure of county funds. It does not propose to reduce the powers or authority of any officer, but simply to provide a safer and more systematic method and forms. Chairman Clark and Representative Olson declared tonight that they believe that the measure will accomplish many needed reforms in the administration of county affairs.

The bill provides a more complete system of budgets and estimates of expenses and devises a complete system for filing, verifying, auditing, considering, allowing and paying the various claims against counties.

A method of selling county property also is proposed, a vote of the people being required for sales of unusual importance. A competitive system of bidding for all road work and for supplies used by the counties is proposed, and patented paving is to have no preference.

It provides a complete system for procuring structures, materials and supplies by proposals, bids and contract under bond.

Indian Youth Convicted.

Pendleton, Feb. 8.—Richard Burke, Indian, 21 years old, slayer of Edward Kirkpatrick, a Umatilla Reservation farmer, was found guilty here Saturday of manslaughter. He had been indicted for murder in the second degree. The offense carries a penalty of from one to 15 years in prison. Sentence will be passed on young Burke Tuesday.

GROGER BURNS WITHIN RUINS

WIFE, SLIGHTLY INJURED SAVES THREE CHILDREN.

Explosion Believed by Police to Be Work of Black Handers.

Los Angeles, Feb. 8.—John Chase, 50 years old, a grocer, slowly burned to death here today while his wife stood within a few yards of him unable to reach the bedside. The explosion which resulted in the death of Chase, is believed by the police to have been caused by black handers. Chase's grocery store was wrecked resulting in the fire which caused the death of Chase. Mrs. Chase, although slightly injured by the explosion returned twice into the burning building and rescued three children but was unable to reach her husband who was crippled by the blast.

WILSON PLANS TRIP WEST

President Expects to Reach Exposition City in March.

Washington, Feb. 8.—President Wilson today notified Senator-elect Phelan, of San Francisco that he had decided to leave Washington next month and that he contemplated a trip West in time to reach San Francisco by March 21. He also said that he would send a member of the cabinet to San Francisco to open the exposition February 20.

NEW PHOTOGRAPH OF KAISER WILHELM IN THE FIELD.



This is a new photograph of Kaiser Wilhelm in the field. It shows very distinctly, as have all his latest pictures, the gray hair which seems to have come to him since the war began, at least since photographs prior to the war began.

PREPARES BILL CHANGING TERMS OF COURT IN UNION AND WALLOWA

Circuit Judge Knowles has prepared a bill providing for a change in the terms of court in Wallowa and Union counties. The change asked for in Wallowa county would convene the November term one week earlier than under the present law. At is now stands the Thanksgiving holiday greatly interferes with the work of the court as it is necessary to adjourn court for the day and excuse the jurors.

The only change in the court term in this county is made in the June term, the new bill providing that the term shall begin the second Monday in June instead of the first as it now stands. The increase of business in the Wallowa court has made it almost impossible to complete the May term in that county before the convening of the June term here.

The bill provides that "the terms for the Circuit court for the Tenth Judicial District of the State of Oregon, shall be held at the county seats of the respective counties thereof as follows: In the County of Union on the first Monday in February, the second Monday in June, and the first Monday in October of each year, and the County of Wallowa on the second Monday in May and on the second Monday of November of each year."

The recently enacted law providing that the appellant in cases in which an unfavorable result is obtained in the higher court shall stand the costs in the action had its origination here in La Grande, Circuit Judge Knowles drafting the bill which was presented in the senate by Senator Kiddle and is now a law.

The bill provides that "No appeal,

can be taken by the party who demanded a jury, from a judgment in a justice's court given upon the verdict of such jury in either a criminal or civil action, unless the judgment be for a fine or amount of money not less than \$20.00, or for the recovery of personal property of the value of not less than \$20.00, exclusive of disbursements in either case, or for the imprisonment of such party not less than ten days; provided however, that if the appellant does not recover a more favorable judgment on appeal than recovered in the justice court, he shall not recover cost and disbursements in the Circuit court upon such appeal."

OVERDRAFTS ARE DOOMED

New Bank and Currency Law Provides More Stringent Regulations.

Under the new bank and currency law it is evident the government is going to be much more strict than formerly with reference to the regulation of the banks. As evidence of this they have already commenced to prohibit overdrafts and advising the banks that overdrafts will not be countenanced by the department. The department is cooperating with all the states to have the state banks do the same thing. While it has been the custom to allow overdrafts the department has always looked upon it as an unsound method of banking. All banks throughout the whole country are getting instructions to this effect and bank patrons who have been in the habit of overdrawing will be obliged to discontinue the practice of overdrawing their accounts.

FOUR APPROPRIATION BILLS AGGREGATE OVER MILLION

Salem, Feb. 8.—The house today passed four appropriation bills. They were \$58,650 for maintaining the state capitol building, the Supreme court building and grounds; \$676,176 for the Oregon state hospital, \$144,961 for the institute for the feeble minded;

\$305,850 for the Eastern Oregon hospital, which included \$100,000 for a new wing for the building.

The senate killed Clarke's resolution submitting to the people a constitutional amendment giving the governor power to remove from office district attorneys and sheriffs.

"STRONG MEN" IS NEED SAYS RHODES

STATE SECRETARY RHODES ADDRESSES SUNDAY MEETING.

Wealth Nor Brawn Necessary Requisites in Makeup of Really Strong Men.

With State Secretary I. B. Rhodes of Portland, as the stellar attraction the second men's meeting was held in the lobby of the Y. M. C. A. building yesterday afternoon. The services opened with a short song service of good, old-fashioned songs and a musical number by the Presbyterian quartet that made a fitting introduction for the appeal for "Stronger Men," which formed the basis of Mr. Rhodes' remarks.

Mr. Rhodes made a strong appeal to the Association, to this community and surrounding country for strong men, men of the right caliber. He clearly showed that the "Strong Man" is not necessarily the man of wealth, the man with strong arms and large muscles, the man of a master mind, nor is he the man with the finest training and best education, but simply the really Christian man, the man who takes God into account in his daily living.

Mr. Rhodes has proven that the work before him of helping the associations of the state in their financial arrangements and making campaigns for new buildings such as was attempted in May, 1913, is not the only phase of work he has to do among the associations, but that the development of strong men, men of God and through the association is the thing that interests him most.

These meetings for men and boys will be continued each Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Watching for Lil' Artha.

El Paso, Feb. 8.—Immigration officials at El Paso and along the border to the east and west of this city have received instructions from Washington to watch for Jack Johnson, the negro pugilist, and to apprehend him should he attempt to pass over the United States to Juarez, where he is expected to fight Jess Willard on March 6.

It has been learned here that Johnson was due in Havana, Cuba, Wednesday, but that the ship on which he is sailing is two days overdue.

The promoters of the fight indicated today that Eugene Corri, referee of the Sporting Club, of London, may not officiate at Juarez. It is said that Corri's terms are exorbitant and that unless he agrees to a reduction another selection was probable.

DIES FROM INJURIES.

Palmer Camp Employee Injured Saturday Dies this Morning

Harvey Grove, an employee of the Palmer Lumber company who was injured by a falling tree in camp No. 5 at Vincent Saturday and brought to the Grande Ronde hospital in this city Saturday evening, died this morning from the effects of the injury.

DEBATERS LOSE TO ENTERPRISE

WALLOWA COUNTY TEAM WINS HONORS OVER LA GRANDE

Now up to Enterprise to Contest for State Championship.

Harold Lewis and Mr. Venske representing the Enterprise high school were awarded the honors in the inter-scholastic debate held in the high school auditorium of this city Saturday night before a small but enthusiastic audience. But even at that the defenders of the local honors, Miss Lucille Lewis and Miss Mattie Schofield can not be considered as at all inferior in their mastery of the debating art.

With the choice in the selection of the phase of the question to be debated the visitors were at a slight advantage over the local contenders but even at that the decision was not unanimous, the vote standing two to one in favor of Enterprise. The question under consideration was "Resolved that the Government Should Own and Operate All Interstate Lines Acting as Common Carriers and All Interstate Lines Competing With Them, Constitutionality Waived." Enterprise had selected the affirmative side of the question giving to La Grande the right to bring the debate to this city. Mr. Lewis opened the debate for the visitors, with Miss Schofield following for La Grande.

Each side was limited to 15 minutes

ASK ENGLAND TO EXPLAIN USE OF AMERICAN FLAG

FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE HAS CONFERENCE WITH PRESIDENT ON MATTER.

CONGRESS MAY BE ASKED TO REGULATE USE OF FLAG

Senator Stone, in Personal View of Incident, States That Use of Flag by Lusitania Was Improper—Denies That Wilson Has Discussed Incident at All.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Senator Stone, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations committee, after a conference with President Wilson today, indicated that Great Britain would probably be asked within a few days to furnish to the United States government all facts bearing on the use of the American flag by the liner, Lusitania, on her recent trans-Atlantic trip.

Although he denied that the president had discussed the flag incident Senator Stone voiced his own personal view that the use of the flag by the liner was improper. The senator declared he believed that congress might consider resolutions bearing on the use of the flag of the United States by merchantmen of belligerent nations.

England Believes Act Justified.

London, Feb. 8.—Great Britain does not expect a protest from the United States as a result of the liner Lusitania flying the American flag during her recent trip to Liverpool in order to avoid attack by German submarines. The British foreign office is convinced that the use of the American colors has been shown to have been justified by international law, and that if diplomatic exchanges result they will be between Germany and the United States.

War Bulletins

Kaiser is at the Front.

Petrograd, Feb. 8.—Under the eye of the Kaiser the German troops in Poland are delivering a series of desperate assaults on the Russian positions at Kamion on the left bank of the Bzura. Realizing the serious menace presented by the huge Russian forces that are threatening his left wing General Von Mackenzie has ordered the danger to be removed at any cost. Unofficial advices state that the Czar is at the front in the region of Bolimow. The Russians are assuming the offensive there.

Germans Claim Successes.

Berlin, Feb. 8.—Violent fighting between the German and British troops along the Labasse canal continues, according to the war office. It is declared that the Germans have captured a portion of the British trenches in that region and in the Argonne region several French fortified positions have been taken. The fighting in the Eastern theatre of war is confined to local encounters on the right bank of the Vistula in Poland.

Little Infantry Progress.

Paris, Feb. 8.—Successes achieved by French artillery along the Aisne to the Champagne districts and the dynamiting of German trenches in the region of Cuneux is announced by the war office. Efforts of the enemy to mass for an offensive attack has been effectively checked by shell fire, the statement declares. Little infantry activity has progressed anywhere along the western front. In the North the lowlands are inundated, making anything but artillery exchanges impossible. From the sea to Cise heavy artillery firing is in progress.

of debate with six minutes for rebuttal.

Saturday night's decision settles the championship honors so far as this district is concerned but it will now be up to the winners to contest for state honors.

A. C. Strange and J. F. Elton, of Baker and L. Denham, of Elgin acted as judges in the debate. Mr. Olsar, of this city is manager for this district.

Chimney Fire Calls Department.

The fire department responded to a telephone call Saturday night, going to Second and Jefferson streets where a chimney fire was blazing in the Alexander residence.