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Farmers' And Homemakers' Week Begins Auspiciously

OPENING GUN IS FIRED TODAY; SPEAKERS HERE

OFFICIAL WELCOME EXTENDED AND WHEELS OF BIG COLLEGE BEGIN TO TURN

MANIFOLD COURSES HAVE FIRST CLASSES TODAY

Greatest Undertaking of Its Kind Ever Introduced in the State Outside of Corvallis Inaugurated When Official Welcome Is Given—Program Tonight Important.

Intricate college machinery, interlocked and intermeshed with precision and accuracy began to turn this afternoon in this city, and for the next six days La Grande will be the Corvallis of the state. True, the student body which belongs in O. A. C., is still in Corvallis, but all of the extension department is here to give, in a week, to Eastern Oregon inhabitants, that which otherwise would require years to master.

Farmers' and Homemakers' week has been ushered in. When City Manager F. J. Lafky extended the glad hand of welcome at the Methodist church auditorium this afternoon, and the response was heard, La Grande became a big college town to remain so for a week.

Experts from the government bureaus, skilled and learned professors from O. A. C., farmers, homemakers and those desirous of acquiring knowledge, are coming to La Grande on every train today. They will give their sole attention to spreading learning apropos to the problems of the day, and all that is necessary to gain this information, is to come and get it. The plan is unique and new. It supplants former extension schemes and is the biggest short course ever offered in the state outside the O. A. C. campus.

The following program marked the initial move of the college wheels this afternoon.

1:00 p. m.—Music—Baritone and Soprano Duet, "Still of the Night," (Gotze)—Mr. and Mrs. Birnie.

Address of Welcome—Mr. F. J. Lafky, City Manager.

Response—Prof. R. D. Hetzel, Director of Extension Service, Oregon Agricultural College.

Address of Welcome—Mrs. Geo. Gilbert, President of La Grande Neighborhood Club.

Response—Miss Anna M. Turley, Extension Specialist in Home Economics O. A. C.

Attorney George T. Cochran, presiding officer for the week, touched off the first revolution of the college wheels when he called the conference to order and introduced the musical numbers. He called on Manager F. J. Lafky, who forthwith invited and welcomed educators and farmers to La Grande.

City Extends Welcome.

In his welcome address Mr. Lafky touched upon the great problems that confronted the people of Oregon in years past and still do; how individually has gradually given way to community life; how the problems of rural credit were gradually studied; how problems of marketing worried the producers; how tillers of the soil faced problems and couldn't solve them—in fact he recited a number of conditions "that were." In solution of these problems, he pointed to the Agricultural College which is bringing its facilities to the doors of the citizens. He reminded his hearers that the college is making two blades of grass grow where previously only stumps thrived, and in welcoming the college course to La Grande complimented it upon its wide range of facilities, wherein it helps all lines of human endeavor, standing ever ready to assist those in need of help. He closed his terse remarks with a warm welcome to La Grande in behalf of the city.

Keynote Sounded.

R. D. Hetzel, director of extension, sounded the keynote of the purposes of the extension when he responded to Manager Lafky's greetings. He went on to say:

"The members of the Oregon Agricultural College Extension staff have

Tomorrow's Program One Of the Week's Very Best

TUESDAY, FEB. 1st.

Agronomy Day.

9:00-10:00—Economic Use of Irrigation Water—Auditorium M. E. Church—W. L. Powers, Associate Professor of Drainage and Irrigation.

10:00-11:00—Cereal Breeding on the Union County Experiment Station. Robt. Withycombe, Supt. Basement M. E. Church.

11:00-12:00—Soil Fertility Problems on the Dry-land Farm—H. D. Scudder, Chief of the Agronomy Department, Oregon Agricultural College.

1:00-2:00—General Assembly—Auditorium Methodist Church. Music—Piano Solo.

Miss Hilda Anthony. Address—"Corn and its Relation to Modern Agriculture." "Farmer Smith."

2:00-3:00—Conservation of Soil Moisture. J. E. Larson, Extension Specialist in Agronomy. Commercial Advantages of Irrigation—J. W. Brewer, President State Irrigation Congress.

3:00-4:00—Dry-farm Rotations and Farm Management (Illustrated). H. D. Scudder.

4:00-5:00—Irrigation, its relation to Alkali and Drainage. W. L. Powers.

7:30—Music—Contralto Solo. Miss Leila D. Smith.

Booster reception and get-together meeting—Auditorium M. E. Church.

Woman's Section—Monday.

9:00-10:00—The Relation of Food to Health—Miss Anna M. Turley, Extension Specialist in Home Economics, O. A. C.

10:00-11:00—Home Water Supply and Sewage Disposal—Mr. G. M. Warren, Specialist Roads and Rural Engineering, U. S. Department of Agriculture. (Illustrated.) Auditorium M. E. Church.

11:00-12:00—Principles of Cookery and Modern Home Canning. Miss Anna M. Turley.

Music—Piano Solo. Miss Hilda Anthony.

2:00-3:30—Essentials of Home Decorations and Floor Coverings—Mrs. Helen B. Brooks, Professor Domestic Art, Oregon Agricultural College.

3:30-5:00—Round Table—"Step Savers" Mrs. E. Pollock, Leader; Mesdames Walsinger, Lytle, Carrol, Huffman, Holman, Eberhard, Moe, Miller, Mossman, French, Holt, Williamson, Pierson and others.

7:30—Music—Contralto Solo. Miss Leila D. Smith.

R. D. Hetzel, the directing general and supervising engineer as it were, and his lieutenant, L. E. Larsen, arrived on the morning train and have been busy mortals today lining up for the week's program which really begins in earnest tonight with "Farmer Smith" as the headline. With these generals came the score or more of assistants. R. E. Reynolds, son of J. E. Reynolds, of this city, being one of those who are spending the week here and who are to participate.

The Program Tonight.

This evening the program will be as follows:

7:30 p. m.—Music—Piano Solo—"The Spinning Wheel" from "The Flying Dutchman," (Wagner-Leitz)—Miss Harriet Young.

Address—"Home-Making"—"Farmer Smith" Agriculturist of the O. A. C. R. & N. Co.

Note—All meetings Monday will be held in the auditorium of the Methodist church.

Prof. Scudder on Way. Tomorrow is agronomy day and

Prof. D. H. Scudder, head of the department in O. A. C. will arrive tonight to take charge of the work tomorrow. Tomorrow's program is one of the very best of the week, and contains much of interest not only to tillers of the soil but townspeople as well.

"Farmer Smith Now in Town.

C. L. (Farmer) Smith, head of the department of the O. W. which promotes agricultural pursuits, is to be the big man on the program tonight. He arrived this morning. Mr. Smith has cancelled all engagements for this week and will remain here for the whole program. "Farmer Smith" is largely the man who convinced the people of Oregon that corn can be grown in this state, and he has had some remarkable success with corn. When what many called a Smith dream has come into its full own; Oregon will be a corn state. "The railroad company wants to promote a more diversified system of farming, and corn is largely what will bring that about" said Mr. Smith today in speaking of the company's aims.

Baby Show Not Overlooked.

In the press of business and general interest, the baby show next Friday is not being overlooked. Mrs. A. I. Richardson, chairman of the local committee however, is urging those who wish to enter babies to register them at once by telephone, with her. The fee of 25 cents for each can be paid at the show Friday. All babies of Eastern Oregon between the ages of six months and five years are eligible. In order that the arrangements may be completed sufficiently early, the most important thing right now is to get registrations in. This should be attended to at once.

The proceeds from entrance fees go to help defray expense of bringing Mrs. A. Bayly, head of the eugenics department of the Oregon Congress of Mothers to La Grande for the weekend to conduct the baby show.

Government Man on Hand.

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GRAND JURY ONCE AGAIN IN SESSION

MEETS A WEEK AHEAD OF THE REGULAR TERM FOR FEBRUARY.

SO AS TO FACILITATE THE COURT BUSINESS

Anticipated That There Will Be Investigation of Bootlegging Charges. —New Law Now in Effect.—Case on Trial Today.

The grand jury convened this morning, a week in advance of the regular February term of circuit court which will begin on Monday, February 7. This is the same plan that was adopted by Judge Knowles at the October term, the object of the grand jurors assembling a week in advance being that of clearing things as far as practicable before the trial jurors assemble for the regular business before them, thus eliminating as far as possible unnecessary delays. The grand jury is composed of the following members: C. H. Arnoldus, foreman; Hempe, Wm. Hardy, Lot Elmer, R. J. Hudson, Chas. L. Squire, A. P. Conlay. This is the same jury which the court has kept on the job since last spring.

In their report at the conclusion of their last session this jury recommended that the Sunday law be upheld with the inference that indictments would follow violations in cases where there was sufficient evidence to warrant.

It is the expectation that the grand jury at this term will also investigate all matters pertaining to alleged violations of the prohibition law, which statute has come into effect since the last meeting of the grand jury.

Equity Case On.

The trial of an equity case is up before Judge Knowles today. It is the case of the J. J. Ross Mill Supply Co. vs. Cove Milling Co. et al. The plaintiffs in this case are seeking to foreclose a lien for purchase price on material furnished in the equipment of the mill. There are also other liens, including claims for labor. The hearing of the case will occupy the most of today and may extend over until tomorrow.

FLOOD WARNINGS OUT.

Prolonged and Even More Serious Troubles Anticipated.

Washington, Jan. 31.—Warnings of further floods in Ohio, Arkansas and elsewhere, with prediction that they will continue long, were issued by the weather bureau today.

San Diego, Jan. 31.—Because of the breaking of the Oaty dam, floods have developed everywhere. Twenty-five are estimated to have drowned recently, mostly being Chinese, Japanese and Italians. Eleven bodies were recovered.

Troops are guarding the district to prevent looting. Bands of Mexicans started looting Sunday. Morena, Sweetwater, Guyamaca are safe today.

SIDE LIGHTS ON FARM WEEK

Prairie City country is interested in what is going on here this week.

The local committee on arrangements learned a valuable lesson at the land show in Portland. Hence the following announcement: Tomorrow night is get-together night. Commencing early in the evening, out of town sections will be allotted five minutes for some representative to cry out the virtues of his locality. For the best speaker, the Commercial club will give a handsome prize. After the spelling, the city folks are urgently requested to come out and meet the farmers, the staff teachers and become acquainted generally.

A stereopticon will be in use much of the time at the Methodist church and frequently slides will be thrown on the screen to emphasize the lectures.

VARI-NATURED PROGRAM OUT

DOMESTIC SCIENCE COURSES CONTAIN MUCH GOOD.

Entire Week to Be Made Up to the Minute in Interest and Facilities.

Domestic science courses, primed to fit up-to-the-minute questions of home and kitchen, begin tomorrow morning in the basement of the M. E. church in conjunction with Farmers' and Homemakers' week. Miss Anna Turley, extension chief for O. A. C. as pertains to home economics, is now in La Grande, conferring with Mrs. E. Polack, chairman of the local committee, with respect to the special features of the week. The classes run all day, and there is much of interest every minute, but a resume of what will be the chief features each day is timely, and therefore is appended herewith:

Special Features Daily.

Tuesday—Foods, home canning, water supplies for homes, decoration of the home. This augmented by local committee members.

Wednesday—Foods for individuals, home care for sick people. This is especially a program for "safety first" in the home.

Thursday—Children's dresses, their food, their clothing and their reading. In this connection, Mrs. Kidder, O. A. C. librarian, has a very instructive paper that every mother should hear.

Friday—Forenoon gives over to Parent-Teachers' associations and special stress on home millinery and home cleaning and renovating.

Meat Cutting Demonstration.

The afternoon will be given over to a meat cutting demonstration to which men and women are cordially invited.

Saturday—Special stress on poultry. Demonstrations in salad-making and dressings.

IMPERIAL ARMIES DESERT.

Chinese Revolutionists Claim to Have Made Great Headway.

San Francisco, Jan. 31.—Four of the principal cities of China have fallen into the hands of the revolutionists after short but fierce struggles, Shanghai cablegrams to the Republic Journal declare. Chowfu, Luchow, Tzelieut Sing and Cheng Tu are reported to have fallen. An entire division of imperial troops were routed at Chu King with serious losses. The republican army occupied Tai Tung, the emperor's forces joining the invaders. Another republican army attacked Shensi. The third army is engaged against Kalgan, 250 miles from Peking.

CUPID BUSY IN CITY BASTILE

COUPLE UNDER ARREST, WANT TO MARRY.

Permission Granted and Police Trial Is Shunted on Alter.

Cupid pulled one over on the city police department this afternoon. What looked like a police docket trial turned out to be a job for the Parson. H. V. Hillman and Lizzie Cross were in the toils of the law over an alleged escapade last night and when they were placed under detention in the corridors of the city jail, Cupid got in his best licks, and unless the little winged rascal is himself foiled this evening, the couple will have been married by 5 o'clock.

U-BOAT IS LOST.

No Trace Found of the K-5—Fears Are Entertained.

Washington, Jan. 31.—Every ship from the Charleston and Norfolk navy yards are searching the sea between Hatteras and Charleston for the submarine K-5, missing since Sunday morning. Officials thought the vessel was lost in a fog and had run aground. The submarine carried two officers and 26 men. Her wireless radius is 75 miles.

Three other submarines which accompanied the K-5, entered Charleston this morning. They had been held up by fog outside the harbor.

The Navy Department fears the K-5 shared the fate of the P-4 and sank with the entire crew. A message said she exchanged positions with wireless Sunday morning fifty miles from Charleston. That was the last heard of her. Officials believed some of the crew of 28 were with other vessels in the flotilla.

19,000 ACRES OPEN TO ENTRY FEBRUARY 21

AREA LIES IN PINE VALLEY, IN BAKER COUNTY, THIS STATE.

STATE LETS GO OF BIG IRRIGATION PLAN

Vast Territory That Was to Have Come Under Carey Project for Irrigation, is Relinquished by State and Goes Back to Government for Filing for Homesteads.

On February 21st, 1916, the State of Oregon filed in the United States Land Office at La Grande, Oregon, a segregation list withdrawing approximately 19,000 acres of land, under the Carey Act; but having failed to complete the project, the state has filed a relinquishment which has been accepted and the land will now be subject to entry at the La Grande Land office, at 9 o'clock a. m., on Monday, February 14th, 1916.

The land covered in said segregation list is situated in Townships 8 and 9 South, Ranges 45, 46 and 47, and in Township 8 South, Range 48 East, Willamette Meridian. The larger portion of the lands are located in Pine Valley, Baker County.

The above land, or the greater portion thereof, is semi-arid in character, and will be subject to entry under the Act of February 19th, 1909, commonly known as the enlarged Homestead Act, which allows 320 acres. None of this land, however, has yet been designated under the enlarged Homestead Act; but any persons desiring to make entry for 320 acres, may present a homestead application, properly executed on the regular forms, accompanied by a "Petition for Designation," as required by the Act of March 4th, 1915. In this petition for designation the character of the land must be fully set forth and described. If there is any possibility of irrigation, those facts must also appear in the petition. When these requirements have been filed in the land office, the petition for designation will be transmitted by the register and receiver to the general land office at Washington, D. C. The geological survey will then be called upon for a report as to the character of the land, and if the report is favorable, and the land appears to be of the character contemplated by the enlarged homestead act, the local office will be notified to that effect, and in the absence of any other objections, the Homestead application will be allowed. If the geological survey should make an unfavorable report, the homestead application will then be rejected. In filing homestead applications, under these rules, the time within which to establish residence on the land does not begin to run until the homestead application has been allowed by the local office, and notice of allowance has been issued.

Largely Dry Farming.

The land lies in the area that the state had in mind for a Carey act project. The state intended to build a reservoir and store water from Pine creek, but were not successful in finding a party who would build the irrigation works at a reasonable cost. In a way the proposition is similar to the Lower Powder valley project, which is still intact but for which the state has not found a party willing to construct the irrigation plant, at a cost suitable to all concerned.

In view of these facts the project now to be opened to entry, is largely dry farming, but because the Powder valley dry farming schemes have worked out very satisfactorily, many believe that the Pine valley project will be eventually turned into a vast dry farming area.

It is at present covered with snow and will not likely be cleared of that mantle before the filings commence.

LAMAR MUST SUFFER.

Supreme Court Refuses to Modify His Recent Conviction.

Washington, Jan. 31.—The Supreme court has refused to dismiss indictments against David Lamar, the "wolf" of Wall street, for impersonating a congressman. His conviction was upheld.