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MEETING LAST EVENING HEARS MANY SPEAKERS.

Portland Man Offers Advice to Union County People.

Quite a number of people, including men from Elgin, Cove, Summerville, Island City and Imbler, turned out last night to hear the Good Roads program at the Baptist church which was put on under the auspices of the Union County Good Roads Association.

George Cochran, president of the association, presided.

The speech of the evening was delivered by John B. Yeon, roadmaster of Multnomah county, who told of the needs of good roads in Oregon. He insists that the hard surface roads for truck lines is the only solution of the problem and urged the people of Union county to bond the county for a sufficient amount to build hard surface main lines in the county. The speaker told of different communities in Washington state that had gone deeply into debt for good roads and had made good. He reviewed the Columbia Highway construction stating that the noted road cost on an average of \$17,000 per mile and is recognized as money well spent.

"I am not here to dictate to Union county," said Mr. Yeon "for Union county pays the bills and therefore should have what she wants, but I wish to tell you of some of our experience in Multnomah county in order that mistakes can be avoided. The first thing to consider is to get a dollar's worth of road for every dollar expended. Keep your road work out of politics for politics is the worst curse possible to good road making."

Then he launched into his subject with considerable enthusiasm telling how good roads reduce taxes by bringing in more taxable property. It was the speaker's idea that the Grande Ronde valley would be cut into small tracts if one hard surface road were built.

Mrs. Oliver Talks.

Mrs. Turner Oliver represented the ladies of Union county on the program and delivered a very interesting talk on good roads. She dealt with the history of the early day trails, following development down to the present time and advocated good roads as a further step in progress and civilization. Mrs. Oliver localized her illustrations by telling how the farmers of the Grande Ronde valley drive in to the annual Chautauqua in large numbers, stay for the program and then return home in the evening. She closed her remarks by asking what part the women of the valley can

take in bettering the condition of the highways.

C. P. Ferrin pleased everyone with a solo "How Ireland Got Its Name." Pierce Talks Politics.

Walter M. Pierce, when introduced by the chairman, assured everyone he also wanted good roads but at first the bond issue looked like a stone wall. After warming up to the occasion however, he was not so sure about the bonds being a stumbling block. Mr. Pierce had not progressed far in his talk when he gracefully called attention to a number of his friends who have been requesting him to run for the state senate or to use his language "requesting that he return to the legislature." This bore directly on the subject before the house because he assured everyone that if elected he would be for good roads.

His reference to ancient history wherein good roads figured was clear and concise.

Mr. Yeon had plainly made bonding Union county for good roads the question of the evening, but Mr. Pierce after discussing bonds left the question open by urging all to be friends whether they favored the bond issue or not.

Karl Stackland of Cove was called on and he was strong for the bond issue.

Walter J. Henry, of Elgin Recorder, asserted his position on the question and stated that Elgin people were favorable to hard surface roads.

Guy Glenn of Summerville, while not advocating bonds, said better roads were demanded in his section of the county. Hugh McCall also voiced this sentiment from Cove.

E. E. Kiddle of Island City, state senator from this district, favored good roads and called attention to the need of a system to work to in order to obtain them. He took the position that the manner money is raised to pay for this improvement is not essential for the improvement itself, and if a substantial road is made the people will be willing to pay what it is worth.

Essays Read.

The prize essays in the essay contest among the pupils of Union county were read and the following prizes were awarded:

First among high school pupils, Ralph Poston; second same class, Alfred Johnson, both of La Grande high.

First among seventh and eighth grade students, Laura Adams, Elgin; second, Irene Swauger, Kamela. All were present to read their essays except the Kamela winner.

Northwest Dairy Show Opens.

Spokane, Feb. 24.—Seven Northwestern and Western states were represented today at the first annual meeting of the Northwest Dairy Products show and conference. The conference will continue three days and before adjournment officers will be elected. The object of the conference is to improve the quality and uniformity of dairy products.

COUNTY AGENT NOTES

By PAUL H. SPILLMAN

Fire Blight Control Meeting At

On Monday Feb. 21st the County Agent held a meeting in the city of Union in an effort to arouse a keener interest among the people of that district, in the question of Fire Blight and its control.

In the afternoon a meeting mostly of High School students was held. Prof. Smith kindly allowing the older students to give a large part of their time for the afternoon, to becoming informed as to the manner of holding this trouble in check, the older boys being allowed to attend a blight cutting demonstration in a near-by orchard. There are many small plantings in and about Union that the High School students can be of material assistance in cleaning up, and thus save their parents the expense of hiring some one to do it. It is hoped that the boys will keep in mind the instructions as to being thorough in their work.

In the evening a meeting was called in the City Hall and was well attended, showing that the seriousness of the trouble is appreciated by the people of the locality. After it had been explained that this was the best time of year to hold the disease in check, and that control of blight was a community question and not an individual question, a resolution was made and carried that the week beginning Feb. 23 be known as "Blight cutting week". That an effort be put forth by the whole community during that week to clean up the Blight situation. A Deputy Fruit Inspector will be on the ground beginning Tuesday Feb. 23, to assist in the work.

MISSIONARY-AUTHOR DEAD

Demise of Miss Adele M. Fielde, for 25 Years in China

Seattle, Feb. 22.—Miss Adele M. Fielde, widely known for her writings on China and on scientific subjects, died today at her home in this city, aged 77 years. Until a few weeks ago she had been in excellent health and her mind was strong until the end.

Miss Fielde, who was of independent means, a member of an old Philadelphia family, went to China in 1865 as a Baptist missionary, and lived in China and Siam 25 years. She compiled a dictionary of the Swatow dialect, and translated into English many English editions and were re-translated into German. Miss Fielde returned to America in 1890 with a great reputation as an authority on China, and then began to study biology. She wrote several books on ants that are standard works today, and invented glass observation nests for ants, which nests are still in general use and called by her name. She was the author also of a book on parliamentary law.

Miss Fielde gave freely of her time and money to the suffrage cause and was largely responsible for the women's victory in Washington in 1910.

Estacada Paper Is Changing Name

Estacada, Or., Feb. 24.—The Estacada Progress is changing its name to the Eastern Clackamas News. The change in title is adopted for the reason that it will be a more appropriate name and one more clearly setting forth the field served by the publication. The former name implied a limited field, when in reality the paper is devoted to Eastern Clackamas county, with Estacada as the central point. In the past two years the present publisher, R. M. Standish, has tripled the circulation and prestige of the publication.

Logging Camp To Pay Higher Wages

Kelso, Wash., Feb. 25.—Manager J. D. Young, of the Inman-Poulsen Logging company, states that the big camp at Mount Solo will begin logging March 6. Three crews are now busy putting the railway tracks into shape and rearranging the booming grounds. Higher wages will be paid at the camp than last year.

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Storms Change Tillamook Head.

Seaside, Ore., Feb. 24.—Some noticeable changes have occurred in the appearance of Tillamook Head, due to the storms and freezing weather of the past winter. Along the beach the earth has been loosened, and the entire side of the hill for some distance has slid down, carrying with it trees and rocks. A stream of some size now runs down into the sea, where before there was only a small spring. The dirt has covered the rocky beach, making walking easier, but has blocked up the path to the fair end of Tillamook Head.

To Restore Plymouth

Boston, Feb. 25.—When the tercentenary of the landing of the Pilgrims is celebrated at Plymouth in 1920 it will give people who visit that historic old town a chance to see it as it was 300 years ago. The Massachusetts state commission on the celebration visited here today and went over the 40 plans they have under consideration. At a meeting this afternoon the committee went over in detail all the plans they have set apart as practical and possible. A canvass of the members seems to indicate a general favoring the central feature of the celebration being a pageant at Plymouth, with a possible reproduction of it in Boston. Plans for a prize competition to open to every artist in the country, for the production of new and finer examples of the major arts, are favored by the commission, and a prize of \$10,000 for the best work probably will be offered. Whatever is finally decided it is certain that the original Plymouth town on Leyden street will be reproduced, so those who come to the celebration may see Plymouth as it was when the Pilgrims landed there.

IMBLER NEWS.

Pertinent Mention of General Interest to County.

Imbler, Feb. 24.—(Special)—The three-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Blanchard is slowly recovering from a severe attack of pneumonia.

Dr. Moore is having his office papered and painted and is also putting in some new office furniture.

Mrs. Sherwood Williams spent the week end in La Grande.

The basketball game between the Alcel highs and Imbler grade boys Friday, resulted in a victory for the local team. Webb, Walsinger, Taylor, Richards and Brown represented Alcel, and Stringham, Rollins, Andrews, Wiggins and Larsen played for Imbler. Score 38 to 25. Referee, D. C. Wilson.

Cap Tuftle recently moved into his property north of Imbler and Sunday evening a few friends gathered at his home and enjoyed a social dance.

Monday evening the young people of Imbler and vicinity enjoyed that much-postponed reception by Prin. Joe Esheman and pupils. Nearly a hundred students and other outside guests were present. The reception was held in the I. A. C. hall. Races, contests, games and music helped to speed the hours and at 10 o'clock a lunch was served. One diversion of the evening was the appearance of Dr. Moore, Ethel Pearson and Effie Snider in fanciful costumes, although the reception was not supposed to be a masquerade. In the potato race Miss Snider was one of the winners, and as a rule the ladies proved themselves more nimble than

the boys.

"Pat" W. P. Rollins left Friday evening for Walla Walla to spend a few days visiting—a friend.

Mrs. Stella Potter and son, after a several weeks visit at the home of Mrs. Ella Keown, started Monday for their home in Toppenish, Wash.

Walter Stringham general merchant has prepared for the good times ahead by stocking up with a line of spring goods.

Miss Emma Knight, after a visit with Imbler friends, returned Tuesday to her home in Elgin.

Thomas Ruckman left for Hot Lake Sunday evening. He will remain and take treatment at the sanatorium to build up his general health.

Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Bingaman were in Joseph to attend a sale Wednesday of last week.

Miss Helen Ruckman is enjoying a few days visiting with La Grande friends.

The baseball bug is out crawling around on the dry spots.

The revival services at the M. E.

church are continuing during the week.

Manager Wiggins is damaging this town's reputation for prohibition by giving eight reels in one night—at the local movie house. Wednesday evening the "Mystery" was witnessed and opening parts of "The Exploits of Elaine."

Mrs. John Stringham and Mrs. Metcalf of La Grande came down Sunday and visited with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stringham.

The benefit dance given Friday evening by the M. I. A. was well attended.

"Hank" McGoldrich and wife were La Grande visitors Saturday.

TRAIN ROBBER GANG.

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tained \$4600 in negotiable certificates of deposit which were sent to a bank in North Dakota. Another pouch contained considerable amount of bond coupons from a local bank.

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