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ANNUAL PICNIC DAY SET

O.-W. SAFETY FIRST CLUB TO TAKE OUTING.

Annual Custom To Be Re-Enacted at Gibbon This Year.

August 17 has been set down for the annual Safety First association picnic, and Gibbon, where it was held so successfully last year, has once more been designated as the place of meeting. As usual, a special train will be run, and it is anticipated that when all are gathered fully 1000 will be on hand. It is also expected that several Portland O.-W. officials will come to Gibbon and a series of committees have every item of entertainment and comfort under consideration.

Mine Will Start Soon.

J. K. Romig has announced that the Eagle River Electric company will begin operations as soon as the title is straightened out. The power plant has had a thorough overhauling.

Baker Planning Fair.

Baker is already making plans on the County fair for this year. A minimum of \$2000 is to be raised by subscription.

Farmers to Hear Dairy Talks.

It has been announced that the Mount Hood Creamery company of Sandy will hold a picnic in Meinig's grove July 29, for the improvement

of the dairy business in the Sandy valley.

Forest Grove To Sue.

The city attorney of Forest Grove has been directed to sue the National Security company to recover damages on the bond which the city holds for the maintenance of the streets. Some of the paving put in a few years ago has proved defective.

Time to Marshfield Cut.

A new schedule that will cut 40 minutes from the running time of the Eugene-Marshfield train is being prepared by the assistant engineer who has just returned from a trip of inspection over the line.

Pendleton Librarian Asked to Resign.

Miss Sabra L. Nason, county librarian at Pendleton for the last three years, has been asked to resign by the board. Miss Nason's friends say they will make a fight for her. The action results from long friction between two factions of the board.

Washington Pioneer Dead.

Anna Sexton, aged 82 years, a pioneer of Columbia county, died this week at Walla Walla.

Stock Losses in Durkee.

Many stock losses have been reported in the Durkee section, due to larkspur poisoning, the only remedy being bleeding and this must be done quickly.

Pioneer Miner Sought.

Mrs. James Murdock of Indianapolis has written to the mayor of Ba-

ker asking for information of her husband and his uncle, both named Jas. Murdock and the latter believed to be a miner of the Baker section.

Finding Cost of Beef Production in Oregon

Preliminary work of securing data on the exact cost of producing beef in Oregon has been begun by the Animal Husbandry department of the Agricultural College in concurrence with the resolution adopted by the Oregon Cattle and Horse Growers Association which met at Baker City, May 1. This preliminary investigation was taken up by Professor E. L. Potter, head of the Animal Husbandry department, on a recent inspection visit to the Eastern Oregon Branch Experiment Station at Union. While investigations were of necessity very much limited enough has already been done, according to Professor Potter, to indicate favorable outcome of the investigations, and he expects to be able to make a report of progress at the next meeting of the Oregon Stockmen's Association which will be held in La Grande.

"This investigation will naturally proceed along two different though related lines," said Professor Potter. "One of these will be the experimental feeding at the Station, and the other the actual cost of breeding, feeding and managing cattle on the farm for the livestock market. Although methods and cost will vary greatly among different farmers, yet by taking a sufficiently large number of representative stockmen and averaging the results, it ought to be possible to arrive at a fair estimate of the actual cost of producing beef.

"An important factor in the cost of producing beef is the carrying capacity of the ranges. On this subject I have been able to get some very definite information. The figures are available to show beyond question that the carrying power of the ranges is vastly increased when properly controlled. Fencing is the most efficient means of control and even here the methods of fencing have a good deal to do with the efficiency of range management.

"Reports show that on one 10,000-acre range under fence eleven-hundred head of cattle were kept. This is but little more than nine acres to the animal, probably about double the range capacity of the ranges in unfenced forest-reserves, the next most efficient method of range management. The figures are not at hand, however, to show just what the carrying capacity of the ranges are under forest reserve conditions, except in a few instances. It has been shown that on the Winona range, between Umatilla and Union counties, one animal to each sixteen acres has been maintained. This is the best showing so far reported.

"An investigation of the large fenced area showed that much of the land had been over grazed while some of it had scarcely been touched. The tract was composed of foothills and low mountain ranges and was well set to bunch grass. On the lowlands near the farm buildings, from which the animals had been turned to the range, the grass was entirely eaten out and the ground well tramped. On some of the higher portions the grass had been almost undisturbed and was fast going to seed. This indicates that a fence should have been run between the over used and the unused portions of the range and a system of range rotation adopted.

"The range question, however, is but one factor in the entire cost of producing beef. Other factors will be taken up as rapidly as possible during the coming year and it is hoped that at least a foundation will have been laid for securing the data asked for by the Oregon stockmen."

Special arrangements have been made for conducting more extensive investigations in the way of experimental feeding at the branch stations than have heretofore been possible. An assistant superintendent, Paul D. Crouter, an O. A. C. graduate of Animal Husbandry, has been appointed to take special charge of this experimental work in feeding. The results

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of these experiments will be used to show not merely what the cost of production is, but how it may be changed for the better.

Mayor Takes Precautions.

Not considering the specifications as good as they should be, Mayor Rice of Roseburg has refused to sign the ordinance passed by the city council, in which the plans for the proposed railroad to Rock Creek were approved.

James L. Miller Promoted.

James L. Miller, well known traveling passenger agent for the O.-W. R. & N., has been appointed city ticket agent, in charge of the Portland office at Third and Washington. Mr. Miller is well known in La Grande, being the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pike.

Road To Be Macadamized.

H. J. Hildeburn, of Roseburg, has been awarded the contract for crushing 9000 yards of stone for the state to be used in macadamizing an eight-foot strip of road adjoining the pavement over the Siskiyou mountain section of the Pacific highway.

Pastor To Stay.

Dr. W. T. Millikin, of the First Baptist church of Oregon City, has decided to stay there after declining an offer from the Northern Baptist Theological seminary at Chicago.

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