

FARMERS' UNION MEETING A VERY DECIDED SUCCESS

Prof. Thos. Shaw Makes Telling Address and Is Well Received by All Present

TEMPORARY OFFICERS OF FARMERS' UNION ARE ELECTED

Shift from 2:00 P. M. to 11:30 A. M. Caused Some to Miss the Meeting that Came Later, but There Was a Good Attendance Present

Independence had a very successful meeting at the first assemblage of the Farmers Union. A committee from Independence met the electric at Salem and brought over Thos. Shaw, agricultural expert for the Great Northern Railroad, Mr. Luther J. Chapin, Government agricultural agent, with headquarters at Salem and others.

They arrived at the opera house at 11:30 and a program was given as follows:

Southern melodies in costume, and encore by Chas. Huntley. Vocal solo and encore, P. O. Powell of Monmouth.

Address introducing the speaker, Dr. Dunsmore.

Address on farming methods and improvement by Prof. Shaw. After the program was rendered a banquet was served to the visitors at the Lerona Hotel.

At 1:30 a meeting was held at the opera house and a temporary Farmer's Union was organized as follows:

Temporary chairman, P. O. Powell, Master of Monmouth Grange.

Temporary sec. G. A. Hurley. Committee on organization and by laws.

Frank Laughery, Master of county Granges, chairman. J. N. Teal, Falls City.

D. A. Cook, R. R. 2, Independence.

S. L. White, Rickreall. C. L. Hawley, McCoy.

Wm. Riddell Jr., Monmouth. W. H. Walker, Independence.

Resolutions were introduced and adopted as follows:

Resolved, That it is sense of

this meeting that a permanent Farmers Union for Polk county should be formed.

That membership shall be open to all business men and farmers of Polk county.

That meetings shall be held monthly.

That this organization shall work and co-operate with the county granges and commercial clubs of the county.

That the matter of better and more adequate marketing facilities be one of the principal objects of the Union.

That the matter of a farm and soil expert for Polk county be investigated and methods and means of financing the same be outlined by the temporary officers and reported upon at the next meeting.

That the secretary be instructed to invite the granges of Buena Vista, Oak Grove, Lewisville, Monmouth and McCoy and the commercial clubs of Independence, Dallas, Falls City, Monmouth and Rickreall to select three delegates each to represent these associations at the organization of a permanent Farmer's Union at Independence on Saturday, the 28th day of June.

That a special invitation be extended the road supervisors of Polk county to attend this meeting to help in perfecting a good roads association in connection with the Union.

That the temporary chairman and secretary be instructed to act in conjunction with the Independence Commercial Club in outlining a program for the permanent organization meeting, June 28, at Independence.

the apple. The increased acreage is so great that the market will soon be overstocked.

Now I refer to crops that will never be over-produced. First I mention hay, which can best be used as fodder. Is it better to ship the butter or the hay? Feed- ing hay also brings the same results in the production of beef. Because you can get more for the beef and butter you raise from the hay than you can from the hay, and then you have the skim milk for your hogs and chickens.

The products which will never glut the market are poultry and poultry products, milk and other dairy products, beef, pork, sheep and other like or kindred products.

Now regarding the raising of beef. It is said the beef trust is responsible for the high price of meats. This is not the principal reason. The cause is the lack of supply and the increased demand. Vast acreage of land that formerly made range for stock are now farmed by the dry land method. Over 300,000,000 acres of former stock land is now withdrawn from range. This means just that much less pasture land. Did you know that there are 9,000,000 cattle, and 10,000,000 sheep less in this country than there were 10 years ago and that the population in this same period has increased 20,000,000. The population is steadily increasing and in place of 2,000,000 a year that increase will soon be 3,000,000 a year. Then is any other conclusion possible to be reached than that meats will go higher?

There seems to be some fear in some quarters of the importation of cheap meat from Argentina and Australia. I do not fear this result because the stock market from these countries is of inferior quality and grade. They can not produce high grade meats like they produce in the United States.

In the middle west, a stretch 1000 miles from the Rocky mountains east I have preached the raising of live stock, but so long as they can get reasonable crops of wheat and oats they will stay at it. Talk to them of milking cows and they say they would sell their farms before they would do it.

Now, how about the farmers of this valley? Is there any grain grown and sowed here. Farmers answer me. Now how much do you produce to the acre? About 12 to 15 bushels of wheat at 75 cents per bushel? Now what do you get for your barley and oats, 60 cents and 65 cents, 30 and 35 cents? Now who spoiled the country for growing grain? The farmer you answer. You are right. What surprises me is that a single pound is grown to sell. The price of eggs is 30 and 35 cents per dozen, in Portland. Now put these together, 75 cents for wheat and 35 cents for eggs. What should you do with your wheat?

Farmers you should center your energies on live stock. When you grow grain you compete with Argentina and Australia.

Regarding hops I tell you not to give up hop raising but be careful. There is danger here also of glutting the market.

The dairy industry is practical here. I understand you have one of the largest creameries in the state here. I hope you raise the class of cows that gets the best results and also raise the right kind of food. The man who has the right kind of a cow will get \$100 per year from the cow. It takes about \$50 to keep the cow a year. That shows your profit. Of course you can not afford to pay \$25 a ton for bran like they do in the New England states. The Oregon farmer does not have to. I think you can make butter here 50 per cent cheaper than they can in the Eastern states. Do you know there are millions of pounds of butter imported into Oregon every year? Besides the butter, you feed the surplus to your swine, calves and poultry. How much do you pay for a cow? \$75 to \$100 you answer. Now you farmers how many growing cows have you to sell? Answer none. Why? Want it pay? A two year old heifer worth \$75, why does it not pay? You give the heifer milk at 2 weeks old and then change to skim milk with siftings, later oats and no milk and then you do not have to feed. This is a fine country for rape. Sow it. It makes a profitable growth. In two months you have it in fine shape. You can raise clover and vetches for the market before the rape pasture comes in. Now it is possible to make good money growing beef cattle. The right kind of cow giving a larger quantity of milk at 12 months will weigh how much? 700 pounds? I have raised that. In the Portland stock yards this calf is worth 7 cents or \$49. Now during this time you get 6000 pounds of milk or 200 pounds of butter. Keep this calf for two years and it will weigh 1200 pounds and sell for 8 cents or \$96. Now about clover. What do you do with your first crop of clover, you men who raise clover seed? You cut it and let it lie. Why not sheep it? One acre will fatten 10 or 15 head of sheep. I have known men to fatten 1000 on 100 acres. Then grow vetch and feed the sheep in the winter. Lumber is cheaper here than any place in the United States. Have your sheds. Sheep will pay.

Now in closing it is the duty of the farmer to put forth his best effort every day, to work 365 days in the year. Life is a serious problem and is not to be taken lightly. Do your best all the time every day on your farm. I thank you and will be pleased to answer any questions he said closing his address for the day.

CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTS BIDS

Linden, Kibbey Co. Get the Contract

CEMENT WITH INCH COVERING

Prices Range from 86c. for Cement to \$1.50 for Bitrolithic Pavement

The city council had a busy session Wednesday. The bids were opened for paving and Linden & Kibbey were awarded the contract at \$33,274.80. This is for a 4 inch concrete pavement with a 1 1/2 inch wearing surface. This pavement is guaranteed for a period of 5 years. Eight contractors filed bids. The lowest bid was \$24,876.32 and was for concrete. The Arenz Construction of Salem filed this bid. Bidwell & Hayden bid \$28,787.80, W. D. Pugh \$27,766.95. These were for cement alone. Clarke & Henery bid \$1.25 a yard for this pavement, which was 10 cents a yard higher than the bid of Linden & Kibbey.

The bid accepted was the lowest offered for a cement pavement with a wearing surface.

The committee appointed by the council on the village delivery reported and the council ordered all houses to be numbered and that number plates be secured and that street names be secured for placing on all corners.

Lights were ordered placed on 7th and D streets and 9th and Monmouth street.

A committee consisting of Bice, Hanna, and Irvine was appointed by the mayor to meet with a like committee of citizens to see about grading and improving the streets west of Fifth street and south of Motor street.

The council ordered all bills presented to be paid.

SENIORS PLAY GIVEN WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Good Attendance All Present to See Graduates

The comedy "Lost; A Chapter" put on by the graduating class of the Independence High School was well rendered. The play was in three acts and represented vacation camp life at Newport. The fourteen graduates of the senior class were the actors. The first act represented a morning scene at Newport; the second was the boys camp at about 8 a. m., the third act was at a later hour in the girls camp. They represented students from the O. A. C. and University of Oregon mainly.

NEW AMUSEMENTS FOR THIS PLACE

Four Valley Towns May Give Some Good Entertainments for Our People

Plans are in the making for launching an amusement circuit including the cities of McMinnville, Independence, Newberg and Hillsboro to produce plays by local companies in each of those towns. Those to whom the plans have been presented seem to be pleased with the idea. The dramatic clubs would prepare two or three plays for the season and present them in each of the towns in the circuit. Good, clean, enjoyable entertainments would thus be provided.

Dave Doty has interested some of the other directors of home plays in this proposition and it has thus far met with considerable enthusiasm, but whether the circuit will eventually mature is

not yet certain. It would certainly provide for good entertainments.

The work of the Hillsboro and McMinnville clubs is high class and there is good histrionic material at Newberg and at Independence. — McMinnville News Reporter.

RAILROAD CHANGES ORDERED MADE

Independence to get Another Train Daily

Word was received this week that the Southern Pacific would put on a morning train from Corvallis to Portland through Independence and an evening train from Portland to Corvallis, giving this place two trains each way on the westside line. Several other changes will be made in the train service as a result of this change but have not yet been officially announced.

JUNE RACES WILL ATTRACT

More Horses Coming Every Day for this Meet

LOCAL PEOPLE TAKE INTEREST

Baber's Horses, 8 in Number Arrive Wednesday Dickinson Brings Good Ones

The races at Independence June 18, 19, and 20 promise to be the best ever held in this city. Mr. Baber's string of eight horses arrived Wednesday and have gone into training. He has some winners in the bunch. Word was received here a few days ago that several horses would be shipped here from Medford. Dickinson Brothers will have some fine runners on hand this year. Lackrose won a six furlong, three year old and up race in a race of seven entries Saturday and Parlor Boy took second place in the same race. The time of the race was marked at 1:13, these horses will be in the list that will come down with R. P. Dickinson next week. James Jeffries of Pleasanton, California, will be here with a good horse, and the Herron Bros. of Marshfield have notified the officials that they will be on hand. Percival, Staats, McLaughlin, and Robinson have been training their local horses and they are working out in fine shape. Homer Hill has had his horse "Lady Hill" in training and she is developing considerable speed.

The directors met this week and decided to have the track sprinkled regularly. The races promise to be attractive this year and much interest is manifested everywhere.

GRAVEL BARS TO BE USED

Larson & Skinner Purchase One and Homer Wood Other

Southern Pacific to Repair Switch and Make Gravel Shipping Commercially Easy

O. T. Larson and G. C. Skinner leased the water front owned by the Spaulding Logging Company and the O. R. N. Co., last week and have made arrangements to start a gravel shipping business

at this point.

They plan erecting gravel bunkers of 400 yards capacity at once, and are purchasing a drag shovel and screens so as to give a good grade of screened gravel. The bunkers will be erected on the old site of the Spaulding mill. Later they expect to put in a crushed rock plant to handle crushed rock commercially.

The Southern Pacific will repair their river switch and so build that Larson & Skinner can ship their gravel direct from their bunkers to the commercial trade of Oregon.

Homer Wood this week leased the gravel bar opposite this city, formerly in charge of its Chinese owner and is making arrangements to deliver gravel to the trade.

The following letter has been received by the Commercial club of Independence from Congressman Hawley, in which a communication from W. H. Bixby, chief of engineers U. S. army, states that repairs at that place will be made at the next low water season. The communication follows:

May 25, 1913. Commercial Club, Independence, Oregon.

My dear sir: For your further advice relative to the expenditure of the special allotment of \$10,000 for the preservation and extension of the revetment near Independence, I beg to give below a copy of a letter I have just received:

"War Department—Office of the chief of Engineers Washington, May 23, 1913. Hon. W. C. Hawley, U. S. House of Representatives, Sir:

"1. Referring to previous correspondence, particularly to your letter of March 15, 1913, relative to the expenditure of \$10,000 of the appropriation made by the river and harbor act of March 4, 1913, for improvement of the Willamette river in the vicinity of Independence, Oregon, I have now to inform you that the project submitted by the district officer, Major J. F. McIndoe, corps of engineers, contemplates the expenditure of this amount in maintenance of this improvement and reversionment construction near Independence. The district officer states that in connection with this work it is proposed to reserve the amount approximated for expenditure until the next low water season, when the repairs to the old reversionment will be made, and that after completion of the repairs a sub-project will be submitted for the expenditure of the balance of the \$10,000, either for reversionment work near Independence or for other work necessary for the improvement of the river.

"2. It will be noted that under the terms of the act making the appropriation, the expenditure of the amount set aside for reversionment work near Independence is contingent upon the same being necessary in the interest of navigation.

Very respectfully, W. H. Bixby, Chief of Engineers, U. S. Army.

You understand that this appropriation is independent of the regular appropriation for the general improvement of the Willamette river under the existing project.

Truly yours, W. C. Hawley.

SATURDAY JUNE 28

Farmers Union Day at Independence

THIRD MONTHLY SALES DAY

Poultry Men Will Hear Lecture of Prof. Dryden and the O. A. C. Moving Pictures That Day

The meeting Saturday was a decided success and the people attending were well pleased. A permanent organization will be made Saturday, June 28, and for that day two big features planned. One is a lecture on the exporting of our soils and how to get these matters shaped up. The other is a lecture by Prof. Dryden of the O. A. C., upon the poultry industry, illustrated with the moving picture films of the O. A. C. At this meeting the permanent officers, constitution, by laws, and committees for the Polk county Farmer's Union will be made.

The merchants of Independence have decided to hold their third monthly sales day on that day and another auction will be held this Saturday.

Representatives are invited to be present from Buena Vista, Airle, Rickreall, West Salem, Suver, Perrydale, Ballston, Monmouth, Pedee, Dallas, Eola and all the communities of the county. The Independence Commercial Club will be actively in charge of the work and the meeting will be a big success and the results far reaching. No farmer who believes in progressive methods can afford to stay away from this meeting.

SUNNY SLOPE NEWS

Miss Ina Fishback did some shopping in Salem Monday.

Willard McCaleb of Turner visited with his brother Clarence and family here last week.

Mrs. Belle Johnson and two daughters returned home from Walker Bros. hop yard Thursday.

P. L. Fishback made a business trip to Rickreall Tuesday.

Mrs. Osborne of Portland, visited with her cousin, Clay Guthridge and family from Wednesday until Friday.

Several from here were in attendance to the Children Day exercises at the Christian church in Monmouth Sunday evening.

Mrs. Ed Rodgers and daughter Belle were trading in Independence Saturday.

Dolph Farley and niece Nella Shipley of Monroe were guests at the A. J. Shipley home Sunday.

Clay Guthridge was a Falls City visitor on business Saturday.

A. J. Shipley and wife were Falls City visitors Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Ethel Guthridge and children spent Friday with Mrs. E. Clark of Monmouth.

A number from here attended the monthly sales day in Independence Saturday.

C. E. Cole and family of Monmouth passed through our neighborhood Sunday enroute to Falls City.

V. A. Fishback and wife of Lewisville have moved onto the W. H. Mack place here.

Miss Linnie Shipley, who spent last winter at Monroe returned home Saturday.

Kenneth Huggins is visiting with friends at Monroe this week. Mrs. Milt Bosley spent Saturday and Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. Winfield Egelston and family.

Synopsis of Address By Prof. Thos. Shaw, Agricultural Expert for Great Northern R. R.

I am in Oregon because I have been sent here to deliver a message. I am sent by the railroads. Why are the railroads interested? you ask. The railroads know that if the farmers prosper they will prosper. That is the reason they employ men they call agricultural experts. Our duty is to try to make known the gospel of better agricultural methods.

This valley is one of the most beautiful sections of the entire United States. I think I am safe in saying I never saw a part of the country capable of producing so many varied products.

The people are not making the most of their privileges.

While many resources are being developed along correct lines I question whether all is being produced that should be produced. This is the greatest hop country in the world. The dairy industry is capable of the best results in the world here.

The production of beef, pork, mutton and poultry and poultry products can not be excelled in any other country. The farmer has only to make the choice for the successful production of any of these. I know of no other country where the same can be said.

What you must refrain from doing is to glut the market in some lines of production. I refer to the potato which by one season yield made returns so prolific that the crop could not be marketed. The same may be said of some fruits. I especially refer to