

## NEWSLETS GATHERED ABOUT COUNTY COURT HOUSE

### Having Good Time.

County Clerk C. B. Wilson, County Judge Nickell and Commissioners Allan and Cummins, and District Attorney Conner are in Portland attending the state meetings of their respective associations. They are talking shop and enjoying themselves. Various organizations and concerns are banqueting the officers while they are in Portland. It is understood that the county clerks are to discuss various matters connected with the work of the local exemption boards relative to the selective army service law.

### Collects Bounty.

Chris Darling, of Sheridan Route 2, collected \$4 as bounty for two bobcats on December 10th.

### Glory Tickets Issued.

Marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk's office to Cora Anna McLean, Sheridan, Route 1, and Harry Mathew Gross; to Violet L. Wilhoit, of McMinnville, Route 1, and Harry Edward Day of Dayton; Eunice Vera Sanders, Newberg Route 2, and Stephenson Livengood, Newberg Route 2.

### Suits Filed in Circuit Court

Suits to quiet title; H. A. Bannister and Sadie A. Bannister vs. Anla Laughlin, et al; McCain & Vinton, attorneys for plaintiff.  
Action for money; Kershaw Dept. Store vs. J. W. Waterman and Axel Nelson; W. O. Sims, attorney for plaintiff.

## CORN SHOW DRAWS BIG CROWDS

### Organization of County Corn Show Made Effective

The Yamhill County Corn Show drew a crowd of interested farmers from all parts of the county on spite of the fact that 3 granges met on the same day and the growers' meeting at Newberg was also held on the same day.

Over 175 people attended the lecture on Corn growing by Prof. J. E. Larson on Saturday afternoon. Good attendance was also had at the Friday afternoon and Saturday forenoon meetings. Other speakers on the program were R. L. Harris, John Arms and W. L. Gubser of Dayton, J. L. Smith, County Agent of Coos County, Mr. McAllister of the Union Stock Yards of Portland and Mr. N. C. Maris of the State School Superintendent's Office.

More interest was shown in the corn show than a year ago and, although the exhibits were fewer in number, the quality of the corn was better. At the close of the meeting on Saturday steps were taken to organize a permanent corn show organization.

The meeting was called to order by County Agriculturist M. S. Shrock who was elected chairman of the organization, F. T. Mellinger was elected temporary secretary. The meeting then tended toward the county feature of the show. By motion it was agreed to form the organization to be made up of five representatives from Dayton and two representatives from each town and district in the county, such representatives to be named by the chairman. At such times as these members appointed, the chairman will call a meeting and a perfected organization will be made. This will insure the farmers of the entire county that the corn show will be a success next year, provided that the Court does not fall down with the appropriations.

On the afternoon of the last day of the show the ladies of the Red Cross society of this city held an auction sale in one of the rooms which netted them something over Sixty dollars.

Following are the awards:-

100 ears yellow dent:- 1st F. C. Graham, Cove Orchard; 2nd, John Arms, Dayton.

100 ears white dent:- 1st W. L. Sheard, Dayton; 2nd, Andrew Nicols, Dayton.

100 ears mixed:- C. Hadley, Dayton.  
10 ears yellow dent:- 1st, F. C. Graham, Cove Orchard; 2nd, Fred Scofield, Yamhill.

10 ears white dent:- 1st, H. D. Fuller, Dayton; 2nd, W. L. Sheard, Dayton.

10 ears mixed:- 1st, C. Hadley, Dayton, 2nd D. C. Clark, Dayton.

10 ears flint:- 1st, Mary Gilkey, Dayton; 2nd, Chas. Harte, Dayton.

1 ear yellow dent:- 1st, F. C. Graham, Cove Orchard; 2nd, C. Hadley, Dayton.

1 ear white dent:- 1st L. Wambagan,

Dayton; 2nd, G. H. Fuller, Dayton.  
1 ear mixed:- M. W. Kreitz, Dayton.  
1 ear flint:- 1st, Chas. Harte, Dayton, 2nd, A. Kendrick, Dayton.  
Sweet corn:- 1st, Mrs Tom Clark, Dayton; 2nd M. W. Kreitz, Dayton.  
Pop corn:- Chas. A. Deach, Gaston; 2nd, Will Foster, Dayton.  
Silage corn:- 1st, H. D. Fuller, Dayton; 2nd, John Arms, Dayton.

Best display of corn:- 1st, H. G. Ogden; 2nd, A. H. Gillet; 3rd, Mrs. Tom Clark; 4th, John Arms.

Six boys and four girls entered the corn judging contest. The winners 1st, Marvin Shrock; 2nd; Keith Bertleson. Five teams entered the seed corn stringing contest and furnished more amusement than all the rest of the show. Gilbert and Teddy Fones of Carlton won first while Keith Bertleson and Marvin Shrock won second place.

### A Printer's Night Out

A sale bill bearing the signature "Will Quit Work" has been going the rounds of the press and purports to be a Missouri Auction Sale, giving evidence of what queer combinations can be made by a printer who is suffering from the effects of night out and badly pies the galleys. The bill announcing the sale includes the following list:- 25 good cows, broke to work; 41 head of cultivators, coming in soon; 10 head of shoveling boars, with scoop by side; 8 piano mares; 120 rods canvas belting, better than new; DeLaval sows, with ice cream attachment; McCormick binder in foal; Poland China bob sled, due to farrow in April; 14 head of chickens, with grass seed attachment, in good working order; 2 J. I. C. riding heifers, good as new; spraying outfit, can be ridden or driven by children; 15 billy goats, 70 bushels capacity, with spray nozzle and other attachments; many other articles too numerous to mention, which I expect to get at night between now and date of sale.

### COUNTY COURT IS MAKING MISTAKE

We fail to see the economy of cutting out the appropriation for the county agent at this time. We believe in economy, but not in the "penny wise and pound foolish" variety. And yet that is the only classification we can give to the recent action of the county court in cutting out the appropriation for this most useful office.

The editor of the Tribune is not a farmer, but the readers may rest assured that if we were we would enter a strenuous protest. We find by consulting farmers that our views on the matter agree with the views of the more progressive element and no one who attended the meetings during the corn show last week could for a moment doubt this. Time and again the question of discontinuing the office was mentioned by speakers and each time the audience showed in no uncertain terms where it stood. One speaker was roundly applauded when he made the statement that to discontinue so useful an office at this critical time when the government is urging the necessity of it from a war measure standpoint shows lack of patriotism.

The statement was also made that it was natural for the people at such a gathering to favor the retention of the county agent since only progressive people who want to learn attend such meetings. The "penny wise" economy idea that caused the elimination of the item from the budget, if it came from farmers, must necessarily have come from the court's association with a self-satisfied unprogressive element. We can therefore see only three reasons for the action of the court: Lack of patriotism, lack of progressiveness, or failure to give the matter due consideration before making up the budget. We sincerely hope that it is the last named and that the court can yet be induced to recind its action and make the necessary appropriation and keep Yamhill county on the progressive side where every loyal citizen wants her.

That Mr. Shrock has done good work and has been of great assistance to farmers was testified to by every farmer interviewed, and the corn show itself stands as evidence of the fact. The fact that new seed corn was brought into the county by the county agent and that corn grown from this seed won over local varieties that won last year shows one line of progress made. Dairymen tell us that much progress has been made in improving the herds by selecting better sires. Silo building alone no doubt has more than paid the entire cost.

If any people on earth need organization it is the farmers. If there ever was a time when the agriculture of the nation needed to be organized it is now, for it has been fully demonstrated that the farmers must in the end win the war if it is to be won. Hence we say it is "Penny wise and pound foolish" to discontinue the office of County Agent now.

### COOPERATE WITH RED CROSS

In the greatest campaign of its kind ever undertaken the American Red Cross is asking for 10,000,000 new members, and expects to enroll them between December 16 and December 25.

The magnitude of this drive is commensurate with the magnitude of the need in which it was conceived. We all know the tremendous demands on the good services of the Red Cross at this time. We all know that this demand is going to be vastly greater before it grows less. We all know that there is only one way in which the unbounded suffering caused by this war can be alleviated systematically and on a scale proportionate to its extent.

That is through cooperation with the Red Cross.

There are more than 10,000,000 persons in the United States who are not members of the Red Cross largely because of thoughtlessness. Are you one of them? In this drive you may become a member for one dollar. Can you weigh a dollar against the war created misery and suffering that exists and hesitate an instant?

The Red Cross service flag, indicating the number in the household who are Red Cross members, is already to be seen in thousands of homes. Before Christmas these thousands will grow into millions.

Do you wish your flagless home or office or store or factory to be flanked by Red Cross service flags? If you cannot serve in the trenches you can serve at home.

### PROGRESS.

Just what progress has been made in Yamhill county since county agent work began, is a legitimate question that comes to the minds of many citizens. We call it a legitimate question because the office is one of service and we expect to be accountable for our time and money spent.

In reviewing the situation let us not lose sight of the fact that what progress was made, was made in the face of a lot of opposition. County agent work is primarily and ultimately dependent upon cooperation. While cooperation has been splendid in some parts of the county, the lack of it has been the sole limiting factor in others.

We are at war to-day with Germany for the preservation and expansion of democracy and civilization. We are not sending forth a single missionary to accomplish this, but we are training millions of men for the task, backed by billions of dollars worth of supplies and equipment. If we were unopposed the task would be easily accomplished and sure of results, but with the unspeakable opposition we are encountering, it will take the combined strength of our nation and our allies several years to batter down the Prussian walls of opposition to progress.

So it is with the county agent work, the greater the opposition the slower the progress. With the cooperation and loyal support of a portion of the citizens of Yamhill county certain progress was made. It is not the full progress that we hoped to make, nor is it a key to the progress that can be made in the future years as the cooperation and support increases.

The true yardstick with which to measure county agent work is not that of numerically increased bushels, tons, or profits from a single demonstration. The extent to which farmers gradually copy after the work is unmeasurable. The only key to the work lies in the number of people who attend the demonstrations and the interest shown.

The home demonstration tour staged last April, which was attended by 175 people undoubtedly has resulted and will result in better homes and greater satisfaction and comfort in rural homes, but how will you measure the good done.

In looking over our annual report of this year, we find that 666 people visited the county agent's office in quest of information of one kind and another. An average of 35 letters per week or a total of 1822 for the year were written in answer to inquiries or for the purpose of getting valuable information to the people. No records were kept of telephone calls but the number would far exceed the letters written. Number of farms visited 484. Demonstrations held 76, attended by 2184 people. Total number of meetings addressed on matters pertaining to agricultural work 192, or an average of 4 per week. Total attendance 8151. This gives the reader some idea of the routine of work aside from the regular projects.

### FIRST RED CROSS CHRISTMAS

Something has happened. A simple and thrilling thing that brings something of real greatness to our lives, humble as they may be.

It is the observance of our first Red Cross Christmas. One cannot have even the thought of its appropriateness and its significance in this world of anguish without having touched the highest thoughts of all the world—that which was given on the birthday we are celebrating—"Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people"; and that which was expressed in the Red Cross Treaty made by nations, which established that in warfare the sick and wounded of the enemy should be sacred to the Red Cross.

This is a Christmas when we cannot see our new young soldiers, strong and straight of back, without visioning those others whom war has made helpless. We cannot see the happiness of our children without thinking of those little ones in Europe who have starved to death. Perhaps we cannot deck our children's Christmas trees without remembering that He in whose honor they are was a "man of sorrows and acquainted with grief."

In the Red Cross campaign for 10,000,000 new members during the week preceding Christmas there is scope for all our tenderness, all our richest imaginings, all our new-born power of simplicity of heart, all our possibilities of service.

The Red Cross Chapters have asked all members of the American Red Cross to take part in a simple ceremony on Christmas Eve—the placing of a lighted candle in the window shining through a Red Cross service flag on the window pane. This flag is a piece of white transparent paper, blue-bordered, with the sign of the Red Cross, five inches square in the center, and smaller crosses to be added for each of the household who is a member of the Red Cross. It is an expression of service in this unexampled time—a symbol so instinctive that the Red Cross will glow from the windows of our homes over the length and breadth of the land, sending out the Christmas message to the world, and telling not only the passer-by, but our own hearts, that just as our boys and men are finding new strength in their new sacrifices, so may we through our new service.

### NOTICE

Bids will be received at my office until 6 o'clock p. m. Thursday, January 10, 1918, from parties wishing to furnish School District No. 28, with 50 cords of Oak Wood and 10 cords of Fir Wood. The Oak Wood to be not less than 3 inches at small end.  
W. T. H. TUCKER,  
Clerk of School District No. 28.  
December 10, 1918. 2-3

## GLEANED FROM OUR EXCHANGES

When your sweet tooth bothers you, try the old fashioned molasses candy, and save the sugar!

When cooking rice or macaroni save the water strained from it. When cold it will become thick and is excellent to thicken sauces. Also it is a healthful and economical basis for all soups, especially tomato, bean or celery soup, and its use means a saving of flour.

There is no closed season for rat-killing.

Honey and syrup instead of sugar will make victory just as sweet and bring it much sooner.

Farm machinery is the artillery of agriculture. In what condition will your "field piece" be for the spring drive?

The more fats we can send to the Allies, the more slippery will be the skids placed under German autocracy.

Wheatless and meatless days here at home mean defeatless days for our "boys" abroad.

General Apathy and Private Interest are two enemies of our national welfare. Each is as dangerous as a Kaiser's agent and should be excluded from every American home and industry.

"Peace on Earth—Good Will to Man." This is the Christmas present which we are buying with our blood. To win it we will go on fighting until the priceless gift is assured to our children and to our children's children. In the midst of all our suffering we can be happy in the prospective happiness of the little ones we have brought into the world.

Fortunately for Hoover's plans Thanksgiving and Christmas come only once a year. People simply are going to eat on those days, if the food is within reach.

Within the idea of further conserving the Nation's food supply by protecting it from insect ravages, President Wilson, in a proclamation dated November 15, has placed the arsenic industry of the United States under direction of Food Administration. The President's action comes in answer to a threatened shortage in the supply of arsenical insecticides, which are the farmer's chief protection for his crops against the onslaught of "biting insects."

In one week in November the American Red Cross lines of communication canteens in France served approximately 80,000 soldiers. At one canteen a cup of coffee was served every ten seconds for a period of two hours. The pressure of work at times was very great.

Everybody knows that other people make mistakes.

Toasts are often drunk, yet they are never intoxicated.

Watches and rivers do not run long without winding.

Human nature sets a man up as a judge of his neighbors.

A woman laughs most heartily at a story of which she fails to see the point.

To be an optimist is easy when only the good things of life are coming your way.

The note shaver can be depended upon to whittle down expenses.

Yet the fruit tree agent doesn't care to be known as a professional grafter.

More than 600 Marion county farmers have petitioned the county court to abolish the office of county agricultural agent. These farmers love a progressive idea like the devil loves the proverbial holy water.

Feed the cull potatoes to hogs. Cook the potatoes thoroughly and mix with corn meal, shorts, or bran. Skim milk is a good addition.

A recent cablegram from Paris says that French soldiers who have lost either arms or legs gather daily at American Red Cross headquarters seeking assistance in obtaining artificial limbs. The artificial limbs given by the Red Cross are declared to be the most practical that can be obtained.

Many officers of the Marine Corps and the Navy are members of a class receiving instruction at Washington, D. C., in defense against the use of gas.

The woman's committee of the Council of National Defense has arranged to furnish a badge to every woman who registers to work in cooperation with the committee.

In five years the portion of the world's gold monetary stock (coin and bullion used as money) held by the United States has increased from one-fifth to more than one-third.

A nation-wide campaign for economy in the use of coal in steam plants has been undertaken by the Fuel Administration. The Bureau of Mines is conducting the campaign, with the help of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

At a children's hospital recently established by the American Red Cross in France, an average of 350 boys and girls are being examined each day. In connection is a dental dispensary located in an old kitchen, with a dental chair improvised from a wine barrel.

In its campaign for the saving of coal the Fuel Administration declares the average American home is superheated. Eminent American physicians are quoted as saying that a room above 68 degrees Fahrenheit is too warm for health and exposes the occupants to catarrhal diseases and pneumonia.

Among the speakers to be heard in the war conferences, which are to be held in every State in the Union during the next few months, are Secretary McAdoo, Secretary Baker, Vice-President Marshal, Henry J. Allen, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, Bishop Charles D. Williams, and Lieut. Paul Perigord, of the French Army.

More than half of the 1,250 colored men who completed the course at the reserve officers' training camp at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, have been commissioned as officers in the Army. Nearly 100 colored physicians and surgeons have received commissions as officers in the Medical Reserve Corps. A full fighting force of 30,000 colored soldiers, including representatives in all branches of military service will constitute the Ninety-second Division, to be detailed for duty in France under Gen. Parshing.