

JUST TO REMIND YOU

The readers will remember that a year ago at a taxpayers' meeting the appropriation was voted out. Feeling that that decision was reached through a misunderstanding and that longer time was needed to convince the taxpayers that the expense was justified, friends of the work financed it by subscription. Thus was the work tided over for a year for the purpose of holding things together until an appropriation could be made. By thus financing the work themselves, the farmers and business men of Yamhill county erected a monument to themselves for which they will always command respect.

But subscription financing puts the burden on a comparative few, and since the county agent tackles problems that are county wide this method is unfair. While we appreciate to the fullest extent the loyalty and support of those whose names are on the roll of honor that kept the work going during the current year, we would not stand for a repetition of the act.

That there should be some who are opposed to county agent work is but natural. Every progressive movement has its opponents. Some oppose because of their failure to see the advantages and others oppose for the mere glory of opposing. Civilization from the earliest dawn to the present day is but a history of breaking down opposition to progress. It can be said for county agent work that it has grown in favor more rapidly than any other branch of agricultural demonstration or instructional work. In 1911 the first county agent in the United States was appointed. Within six years from that date 39 per cent of the agricultural counties in the United States had taken up the work. No other line of work has been so unanimously supported by every progressive element.

We feel that Yamhill county will not permanently do without a county agent. The time will come when the people will see more clearly the need of organized effort. Personally we have enjoyed the acquaintance and associations of its people and we feel that we have been immensely benefited thereby. From the numerous kindly expressions of gratitude we feel that our efforts have not been in vain and our best wishes will always be with good old Yamhill and its many wholehearted people, whose acquaintance we have enjoyed.

As a result of the two years' work 10 carloads of livestock have been shipped cooperatively at a saving to the farmers of about \$45 per car, one hundred and sixty nine silos have been built as against 60 for all the time previous, and corn growing has increased five hundred per cent. Through the organization of the Agricultural Council the farmers have worked in closer touch with each other, two new Farmers' Union locals, one new grange, and one livestock association have been organized. At least a dozen registered bulls can be credited to county agent work, a carload of lime has recently been ordered, 85 farmers are keeping farm accounts, 11 pruning demonstrations have been held attended by 228 people, 21 mole demonstrations attended by 1119 people resulted in 1498 mole pelts being sold through a pool for a good margin above regular price, and last but not least, laundry routes have been extended out over 60 miles of country roads, relieving the farm women of one bad day a week.

All of this year's work is set forth in great detail in the annual report which is on file in this office. Everybody is welcome to call and inspect it. Much of the work is illustrated with photographs and maps.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL GIVES OPINION

Just what particular brand of mathematics was used in figuring out the short-sighted economy of doing without a county agent next year I am unable to tell, but the fact remains that in spite of the wishes of the Agricultural Council representing all the organized farmers of the county and which wishes were expressed to the court in proper form, the court has refused to include in the budget as published in the papers last week, any money for county agent work.

It is difficult to realize how far reaching are the benefits of county agent work. Let us take the silo for instance, as this is one of the 11 different lines of work undertaken by the county agent this year. There were very few silos in Yamhill county when county

agent work started. The agricultural council assisted the county agent in launching a campaign for more silos and this year 115 were built, and it is safe to say that at least a hundred of them were built as a result of his agitation.

Let us disregard the direct benefits of the silage in increased production of milk and therefore butter, cheese and of skim milk which means more hogs and meat, and let us only figure the indirect benefits from better farming due to the growing of silage corn. It will take between 7 and 8 acres of corn to fill a silo of average size in this county. The largest silo in the county requires 65 acres and the two next in size require thirty acres each. This corn ground is sown to wheat and it is usually easier to grow 30 bushels of wheat following corn than 20 bushels following the stubble, or an increase of 10 bushels per acre. On the 700 or 800 acres required to grow corn for these silos the increase will be 7000 to 8000 bushels. Four and a half bushels make a barrel of flour and here we have an increase of from 1500 to 1800 barrels of flour to help fight the Kaiser.

We are asked to save every slice of bread possible of which it takes millions of pieces to make up the equal of the amount of flour added by this campaign, all of which is but an indirect part of the year's work.

I have never heard of any other county where the farmers have so recognized the value of the work that they beat down opposition by financing the work by subscription as they did here a year ago. They did this with no intention of repeating it annually, but for the sole purpose of keeping it going until the money could be raised by taxation, and the members of the agricultural council keenly feel the affront now thrust upon them by the defeat of their purpose.

Last year the individual farmers dug up all the way from \$2.50 to as high as \$50.00 each—at least five putting up the latter amount. By taxation the average farmer with a 160 acre farm and the usual equipment would have to pay about 65c toward the \$1700 asked for by the agricultural council.

The war has thrust upon us many added duties. Realizing the value of having a man located in each county who could be called upon at any time to gather statistics relative to food supplies as well as to organize counties for greater production, the Department of Agriculture has sent out urgent appeals that county agents be provided in every county. They hope to have 100 percent of the agricultural counties provided with county agents by Feb. 1, 1918. But it will not be 100 per cent with one of Oregon's best agricultural counties turning a back.

Yamhill county has been very loyal in every other demand made upon us in this great crisis. Can we afford to be less loyal in this? Every farmer should go to see the county agent and insist that they put this item in the budget.

L. HURNER, President
Yamhill County Agricultural Council.

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Provincetown's Soil.

Children who first see the light at Provincetown, Mass., are said to have been born on South American soil. This is due to the fact that in its early days the town possessed a bottom consisting entirely of sand, and it was necessary to import rich soil, which was brought home by the local fleet then engaged in the fruit trade.—Exchange.

Condemned to Slavery.

Two hundred years ago, when men and women were condemned to death for trivial offenses, it was the custom in Scotland to commute the death sentence into perpetual servitude to specified masters. In other words, the condemned person became a slave. It was further ordained that he should wear a metal collar round his neck recording his sentence and punishment. The Society of Scottish Antiquaries owns one of these collars, fished out of the Forth above Alton. It is brass, with this inscription: "Alexander Stewart, found guilty of death for theft at Perth, 5th December, 1701, and gifted by the Justiciars as a perpetual servant to Sir John Aresken of Alva."

FAME.

It is an indiscreet and troublesome ambition that cares so much about fame, about what the world says of us; to be always looking in the faces of others for approval; to be always anxious about the effect of what we do or say; to be always shouting to hear the echoes of our own voices.—Longfellow.

Don't be a miser. Shrouds have no pockets.

The United States has 150,000 Sunday schools.

Too often we mistake companions for friends.

The first electric locomotive dates as far back as 1851.

It is easier to be good than great—there is less opposition.

The velocity of sound increases with the rise of temperature.

Hope for the best, prepare for the worst and take what comes.

When pride turns a man's head he is sure to look the wrong way.

In point of geographical elevation Madrid is the highest city in Europe.

Two-thirds of the inhabitants of New South Wales belong to the Church of England.

History spends half its time repeating itself and the other half in getting itself revised.

Mica is produced commercially in eight states, North Carolina leading in the industry.

Zinc will be given a fine luster if polished with one part sulphuric acid to twelve of water.

Notwithstanding its many high mountain ranges Asia has fewer large waterfalls than any other continent.

A Swedish method of producing sleep is to wring out a handkerchief in ice water and lay it across the eyes.

Oysters can only live in water that contains at least thirty-seven parts of salt to every 1,000 parts of water.

In many countries the belief is held that babies born at precisely 12 midnight are endowed with occult powers.

Mantlepieces are so called because originally hunters returning from the chase hung their mantles on them to dry.

The first electric car in America was run in Menlo Park by Thomas A. Edison in 1880. The track was eighty rods long.

Women are proverbially curious. In fact, the most curious thing in the world is a woman who isn't.—Philadelphia Record.

The entire plant of the leek is edible and the whole plant may be boiled and served as a vegetable and also used for flavoring soups.

When a person faints place the person in a lying position, with head lower than the body. In this way consciousness returns quickly.

The average woman is at least two years older than she looks and at least fifteen years older than she thinks she looks.—Philadelphia Record.

Vinegar will sometimes revive colors—one tablespoonful of common vinegar to a quart of rinsing water. Saturate well, wring tightly, dry quickly.

When a knife becomes rusty let it stand in kerosene oil a few hours and then thrust the blade into the ground several times and see the rust disappear.

Take a walk every morning after breakfast. It is better for you than any medicine a chemist can compound. Take your health walk and you live in a new world.

Wise men profit more by fools than fools by wise men, for wise men avoid the faults of fools, but fools will not imitate the good examples of wise men.—Cato.

Apricots, derived from *praecox*, meaning "early ripe," were introduced from Asia Minor. They were first planted in England about 1540 by the gardener of Henry VIII.

The phrase "I was taken aback," meaning "taken by surprise," is a nautical term. A ship is "taken aback" when the sails are suddenly carried back by the wind.

He—Here I've spent four years courting you and you throw me over for another fellow. She—Well, he spent less time and more money, that's why.—Boston Transcript.

Bombs—iron shells filled with gunpowder—are said to have been invented at Venice in 1495 and used by the Turks at the siege of Rhodes in 1522. They came into general use in the year 1634.

The brown rat, erroneously called the Norway rat, was originally a native of India and Persia. It entered Europe through Russia about 1727 and was brought to America about the year 1775.

For women to take their husbands' names on the marriage day was a Roman custom. For example, we have Octavia of Cicero, meaning Octavia, wife of Cicero. Now we simply omit the of.

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