MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL

Gresham, Ore., Dec. 13, 1916.

The meeting called to order by Secretary Hall, acting as chairman in the absence of President Lewis and Vice-president Kelly.

The purpose of the meeting was outlined by Chairman Hall. Summary of the work done during the past year on the projects outlined by the council last spring was reported upon by County Agent Hall, to-wit: (1) better seed. (2) keeping of farm accounts. (3) use of lime by demonstration. (4) control of potato blight. (5) means of getting information before the farmers effectively. (6) marketing. (7) seed potato certification.

Mr. Paul V. Maris, state leader of county agents who was present, explained the purposes and growth of the Deschutes Valley Potato Growers' Association.

County Agent Hall read recomendations from his annual report concerning the plan of the work for the coming year. Special stress was laid upon demonstration work, particularly with lime and fertilizers, and the work of seed potato certification and improvement.

Mr. Maris spoke on the development of county work in hte state and suggested methods of getting the results of the work before the people at large through the county council. Each member of the council who was present indicated the manner in which their organizations have received the work of the county agent during the past year, as follows:

Mr. Crane, Rockwood Grange, "As a whole my organization has not shown a great deal of interest in the work, due mainly to the fact that many are not active farmers. Certain individuals, however, are very enthusiastically in favor of it. As for myself, I have come to regard the silo, as urged by Mr. Hall, a necessity in the dairy business, and am a firm beleiver in the work. I am always willing to learn."

Mr. B. C. Altman, "the people in my locality are interested in the work and would hate to see it dropped if it were to cost the county even as much as $3500 per year. We beleive that it is indispensable."

Mr. O. Neal, Gresham Grange, "Most of the members of my organization are interested in the work and make use of the office of the county agent, which is handy to them. A certain percentage are indifferent, however."

Mr. G. W. Allder, Multnomah Grange, "Most of those with whom I have talked are interested in the work. I believe that the exchange list that has been begun by the office of the county agent is a great thing."

Mr. Crane, Mr. Allder, Mr. Evans, Mr. Darnall, Mr. Altman, Mr. Neal, Mr. Pounder each expressed themselves as in favor of interesting their organizations in a few definite projects in their districts by means of reports made before the meetings on the installation and progress of such projects as can be put into effect.

The desirability of limiting the numbers of varieties of potatoes grown in the county to a few was discussed, as was also the certification of potatoes for seed.

Mr. Maris announced that there would be a convention of county agricultural agents and councils in Corvallis on January 5, and urged members of this council to be present. He also outlined the general plans for the coming year of the extension specialists of the Oregon Agricultural College.

The following projects for the year of 1917 were outlined and approved by the council. (1) Lime demonstrations. (2) Better seeds campaign, with special emphasis on potato seed. (3) Farm accounts, including farm management demonstrations. (4) Information to be disseminated by means of the Monthly Exchange List. (5) Campaign for the control of potato blight. (6) Marketing of farm products, especially milk. (7) Rodent control, including field mice, gophers, moles, etc. (8) Drainage. (9) Caponizing of poultry demonstrations. (10) Industrial club work, including formation of boys' testing clubs. (11) Formation of farmers' loan associations. (12) Fertilizing demonstrations.

Motion was made and duly carried that the above projects be adopted and carried on during the coming year.

On motion it was ordered that a dairy committee be appointed which shall take up the question of milk distribution in the county, secure costs of production and distribution of milk, and suggest a plan to improve the situation. Mr. Kelly, chairman, Mr. Crane and Mr. Altman, were selected by acclamation.

On motion the president and vice-president of this year's council were held over for another year and that Wallace L. Kadderly be made secretary. Carried. Adjourned.

Signed,
S. B Hall, Acting Pres.
W. L. Kadderly, Acting Sec'y.

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GIFTS FOR MOTHER

THE last minute shopper or one who has almost forgotten some one in her Christmas list is often at her wits' end to think of something acceptable, and the gift is of more importance than the price. While the stores are full of shoppers she wanders bewildered among the host of presents on every side.

Where one has to search it is best to begin early.

A happy present for mother is a nest of tea tables, those long, narrow tables so proportioned that one is smaller than the other. They fit one under another.

Beautiful ornaments for mother's hair lie enticingly on another counter. The cut shows two jeweled ones rather conservative in design. The stones are inlaid and delicate carvings are outlined with enamel in soft tones.

A glittering array of crystal and glass greets the shopper and offers innumerable suggestions for really beau-

tiful Christmas gifts. White rock crystal pieces of great variety and in many sizes and prices compose one group; gold incrusted rock crystal pieces are included in a special group; cut glass pieces, most of them having the delicate, light cutting that looks like frost on the window pane, and Bohemian glass in white and gold, white and black, white and colors and in solid colors make up the collection.

Muff foundations can be bought, from which a pretty, round muff may be quickly fashioned, for 24 cents to $1.69.

Hand woven linen pieces, embroidered by hand in rich and beautiful colors, are offered, Russian koustar work. The linen is white, gray, linen color

and dark brown, and the colors of the embroidery are sometimes very vivid, blue, red, orange, etc., and sometimes delicate or somber. Some of the pieces are embroidered in silver thread also, but the most characteristic ones have the deep and warm tones of coloring.

Then comes china—beautiful odd pieces for fruit or entrees, delightful cups and saucers, ramekins and platters. The chocolate set pictured is of fine china decorated with a Japanese pattern in oriental blue, so cozy for winter afternoons and Sunday night suppers. The moderately priced foreign sets and pieces are lacking. Amer-

ican china manufactories are running full speed to meet the opportunity open to supply china for ordinary use. They have improved their patterns. You will find in your rounds sets made in the east and middle west displaying attractive patterns, conservative and in good color. The supply of hand decorated china, studio made, is on the increase, with assurance of welcome.

Pictured is a convenient white linen bag, embroidered with butterflies and scallops in king's blue, to hang on the butler's pantry door and hold soiled napkins till wash day.

Christmas with our Merchants.

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real credit to this section was Clyde E. Sager, whose store was situated at the junction of Foster road and 92nd street. He recently sold out to Messrs. Coffman and Spring and the latter gentlemen are doing a nice, clean conservative business at this location. They have a full line of family groceries, and a special line of Granite, Tinware and crockery.

A man who takes a pride in his pharmaceutical goods is F. R. Peterson of the Lents Pharmacy. He has the best stock in this line to be found for miles. Many druggists from closer in points are accustomed to look to him for assistance when their stocks are found wanting. He is also sharing in the holiday spirit by displaying a select line of cut glass in his windows ranging in value from 75c to $15. He is offering a choice water set for $15 which should bring $18 or $20. Mr. Peterson states that he never charges as high prices for his goods as the Portland stores, with the exception of patent medicines, the use of which he doesn't encourage.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Meier have an appetizing bakery opposite the Lents Post Office, and their window decorations are very clever. They are well supplied with Christmas cakes from 15c to 40c, and appear to have everything in the line of cakes and pastry. Every thing that they handle is home-made. They find business is good.

An innovation for this section of the city is the Grocery Grabeteria No. 6 with Carl A. Olson in charge. This is one of a series of similar stores throughout the city owned by a Portland corporation. Mr. Olson expects to locate permanently in this locality after the first of the year. The method of shopping at this store to anyone who is "on to the ropes" is to go to the shelves and help yourself (the prices are all marked) and then pay the cashier.

Barbers, as a rule, are not expected to pay much attention to window displays, but the Chester Barber Shop on Main and Foster is quite an exception. In ordinary times it is always neat and attractive with potted plants etc., but at this Christmas season it has entered the show with one of the tastiest holiday windows in the town. We haven't talked to them much to find out if they have any "Christmas Specials," for they have been "full up" every time we have passed, but we are convinced that their uniform courtesy, their cheery "Good mornings" and their progressive spirit as shown in their window display stamp this shop as being a credit to the community.

We haven't consulted Dunn and Bradstreet to see if John D. is as rich as he is reputed to be, but we find that at the store which he is running at Main street and car track there is a general air of prosperity and activity. Customers keep him so busy that it is hard to get a word edgeways with him. He keeps a staple line of family groceries vegetables and feed, and specializes in fresh roasted coffee—indeed he has quite a reputation in this line. He has a goodly supply of Christmas fruits, candies and nuts, and some old fashioned Christmas Plum puddings and Christmas candles caught our eye as we left the store. Our office boy says John D. is just his "nom-de-plume" and that his real name is J. H. Donaldson.

The biggest little store in this section is the Stevens Cash Department Store, 5827 29 92nd street, formerly The Emporium. Mr. Stevens has the largest stock in proportion to the size of his store to be found in the community. He has 2400 feet of floor space, and these days his force is kept mighty busy indeed waiting on their customers. He pointed out to us a "Billy Burke" house dress selling at $1.98 which cannot be bought anywhere in West Portland at less than $2.50, also a staple line of cashmere hose retailing at 25c, which brings 35c to other merchants.

KENDALL

The Sunday School entertainment and Ladies Aid Bazaar Saturday evening was an enjoyable and successful affair, there being quite a number of young people from outside of the district, thanks, partly to the "Herald."

The announcement of the meeting of the stewards of the newly organized Methodist Church to be held at Mrs. Pendleton's should have been at Mrs. Pomeroys, both the writer and his informant getting the names mixed. They are both estimable young people and one is a recent subscriber to the "Herald" and the other will be in the near future.

The Parent-Teacher entertainment and local talent minstrel show Saturday evening, Dec. 16, promises to be an interesting and enjoyable affair.

Mr. Stephens new house nearing completion is one of several substantial improvements in the district. Two new houses are being built on the slope east of the school house, one, a log house, has been standing uncompleted for some time; if finished would make a pleasant home for some one.

The short peice of road at Kendall that was not paved last fall is quite muddy and the worst of it is we understand the road district voted not to finish it next spring. Guess the west end of the district had the most votes and wanted some improvements there but we hope they will reconsider as the Oregon City road, south from Kendall, is about the most used of any in Clackamas county.

Mr. Schroeder is still building chicken houses. If he keeps on he will have a good portion of five acres covered.

Some of the dairies customers kick at a slight raise in the price of milk per month, but why should they? As feed, bottles, tops, and even the paper receipts for payment cost more.