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Agricultural Department Crook County High

H. E. Pratt, head of the agricultural department of Crook County High School, is untiring in his efforts to build up his department and extend the usefulness of his work in the county.

The writer interviewing him recently in regard to his work found him to be a keen business man and master of his profession, both from a practical and a cultural standpoint. The students gave him only expressions of good will and appreciation.

"A thorough teacher and an excellent scholar," said a senior. "I don't know what he thinks of Heaven, but he surely considers order earth's first law," said another. The qualification which won him most praise is his fine spirit of comradeship with the boys and girls of Crook County High School. In addition to his regular work he is in charge of the Athletic Association and under his guidance some fine work has been done in this line of school activity.

Just at present Mr. Pratt is especially interested in getting the Oregon Agricultural College to hold their Farmers' Short Course in Prineville during the week of February 23 to 28. This will be a fine thing for Crook county and Mr. Pratt is being aided by the Prineville Commercial Club and every farmer and business man in this section of the county. The course consists of lectures and practical demonstration experiments in agriculture and domestic science and art. Mr. Pratt, formerly of O. A. C., understands the value of the Farmers' Short Course and the needs of rural Crook county and his advice in regard to the place of holding the institute will have weight at Corvallis.

In regard to his department work Mr. Pratt gave the following outline:

"It is more and more becoming an accepted fact that the existence of any institution in a country is justified only in so far as it meets the needs of that community.

This is the explanation of the modern tendency for the secondary schools to recognize in the course of study, the importance of the various means by which the members of any country gain their livelihood. The cities are meeting these conditions by the offering of courses in Commerce, Domestic Science, Textile Arts and the Mechanical Arts. High schools situated in rural communities are rapidly introducing courses in Domestic Science and Art and Agriculture into their curriculum. High schools, so situated, can not be of the fullest service to their community, unless they go outside of the classroom and give instruction to all members of the community, old or young, rich or poor, who will profit by it. Recognizing the truth of this, the Crook County High School board, when they organized the Agricultural Department, provided for the widest sphere of usefulness.

There are in the state between six and twelve secondary schools offering a course in agriculture. Three of these—Estacada High, Pendleton High and Harney County High School—have special agricultural teachers and offer at least two years' work in agriculture. But Crook county is the first secondary school in the state to employ an agriculturist who gives the whole of his time to that one department. It is another example of Crook county living up to its motto—"The best for the best, is the Crook county way."

Class Work

The Agricultural Department, as do the other departments of the institution, offers a regular four-years' course. This is frankly a vocational course, the aim of which is to make better farmers and better citizens. The graduates of this course are prepared either to go on and complete their studies at an Agricultural College or to return to the farm and put their lessons into practice.

Besides the regular four years' course of the Agricultural Department, we offer a special one year course for students of the Normal Department. This course deals with the methods of teaching agriculture as well as the subject matter, and is adapted specially to meet the needs of the rural school teacher. This course is also given during the summer session, and is the only agricultural course offered at that time.

A course in General Agriculture, open to juniors and seniors in any of the high school departments, is also offered. This course was established in the belief that agriculture taught by a competent teacher is just as truly a cultural subject as is algebra or Latin when they are taught by competent instructors.

Extension Work

Certain kinds of work, which deal with the various members of the community who are not enrolled in the regular school course are rather loosely classed together in extension work. It may be divided into four sub-heads, namely: Rural School Work, Short Course, Demonstration Work and Personal Visits.

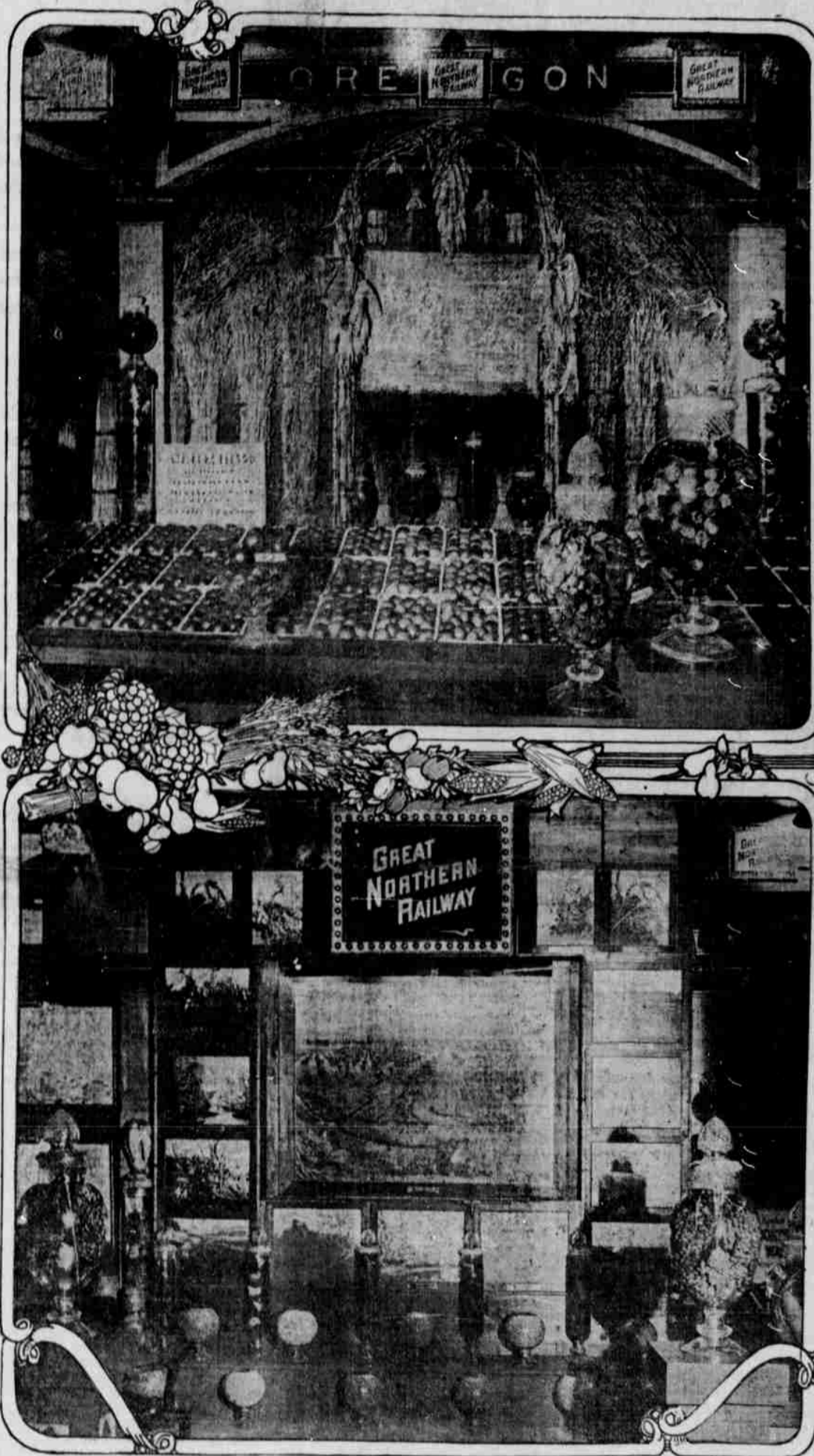
The work with the rural schools naturally falls into two classes, (a) that with the teacher, and (b) that with the teacher and the pupil. (a) There is a Correspondence Course in Agriculture offered especially for the benefit of teachers in rural schools. This is to a great extent, similar to the resident course offered to the normal student, such charges being made as are necessary, due to the method of instruction. This course is free to teachers of Crook county; to others a charge of five dollars is made to cover the expenses. (b) Upon request the Agricultural Department undertakes to outline and give suggestions regarding the work in agriculture for any of the schools of the county. The department helps organize and furnish plans for the work of the industrial clubs of the county, as well as giving direction regarding the growing of the various crops for annual school fairs.

The fourth form of extension work is just what its name signifies. In response to request or upon his own initiative, the agriculturist visits various farms of the county and goes over these with the owner, giving suggestions whenever a suggestion is likely to be of help and in various other ways keeping in touch with the farmers of the county.

Investigation

The third class of work which occupies the time and attention of this department may be termed Investigation. At present this department is conducting an investigation into the methods employed by the patrons of the Pioneer Creamery Company, which is located at Prineville. It is the aim of this project to discover which of these patrons are making money and which are not. Then the methods of those who are successful will be studied and any information de-

Oregon Is Well Represented At United States Land Show



CHICAGO, ILL.—Oregon stood out prominently at the United States Land Show during the three weeks it was held at the Coliseum, Nov. 20 to Dec. 8. Aside from the bountiful displays of the state's products in the Oregon booth and the mammoth exhibit of the Great Northern Railway on the main floor, the Great Northern Railway's exclusive lecture hall proved a telling medium of acquainting land show visitors with the state's wonderful resources, both agricultural and horticultural. This lecture hall, consisting of one-half of the Coliseum annex, had a seating capacity equal to that of a good sized theater. Motion pictures and stereopticon views were used to illustrate the lectures of the Great Northern Railway's experts, and besides C. C. Chapman of the Portland Commercial Club other Oregon men were given the use of this lecture hall daily through the courtesy of Louis W. Hill.

Never before has there been such effective missionary work done among homeseekers for the state of Oregon. Scores of jars of fruits, large sections of transparencies showing scenes in the fruit growing districts of Oregon and great varieties of fruits in their natural state were exhibited in the huge booth of the Great Northern Railway. The dry farming sections of Oregon were not overlooked either, many astonishing varieties of grasses and other land products being exhibited. They attracted much attention.

Colonel Bill Hanley visited the show and occupied the platform of the Great Northern Railway's lecture hall on Oregon day. Colonel Hanley always is a big drawing card in Chicago, and standing room was at a premium when he gave a characteristic talk on the great possibilities his home state holds out to the homeseeker. Louis W. Hill accompanied Mr. Hanley from St. Paul to Chicago to attend the land show.

rived therefrom will be applied for the benefit of those who are not making as much as they should. If time and money will permit the investigation will be extended until all the important types of farming of the county have been studied. The resulting statistics will be of great value, not only to the farms studied, but in directing the effort of this department in its future endeavor to establish the agriculture of Crook county on a paying basis.

This, in brief, is the work that the Agricultural Department of the Crook County High School is doing and attempting to do. The aim of the department may be summarized in a few words—"To help the community help itself."

Friday at the Lyric

"A Woman Scorned." (Pathe Drama)
 "The Spider Which Lives in a Bubble." (Educational)
 "Transportation Methods in Java." (Travelogue)
 "Up and Down the Ladder." (Comedy.) In which a bottle of glue leads to an inseparable attachment.
 200 Big Pictures—200. Your chance to see some of the world's best.
Cockerels for Sale
 A few thoroughbred Rhode Island Red cockerels for sale at reasonable prices. 1.15 4tp CARRY FOSTER.

The New Express Rates

The new express rates that go into effect February 1 between Portland and Redmond reduce the old rate from \$2.25 to \$1.60 per hundred on merchandise. The graduate charges for shipments under 50 pounds are considerably lower in proportion. For example—

1 pound.....	22c
5 ".....	27c
10 ".....	34c
15 ".....	41c
20 ".....	48c
25 ".....	55c
30 ".....	62c
35 ".....	69c
40 ".....	76c
45 ".....	83c
50 ".....	90c

AGRICULTURAL SHORT COURSE

For the Farmers of
Crook County

AT PRINEVILLE FEB. 23 TO 28

Come and Bring Your Family
—A Profitable Week is in
Store for You.

The Agricultural Department of the Crook County High School has just completed preliminary arrangements with the Oregon Agricultural College for the holding of a short course in Prineville February 23 to 28 inclusive.

This short course will consist of a series of lectures, demonstrations and practical exercises on the various phases of agriculture and domestic science. Every effort will be made to make the course a practical benefit to all who attend.

Experts from the college will be on hand, not only to give the lectures and conduct the demonstrations, but to answer any questions which you may ask.

The object of this course is to provide the largest amount of practical information in the time available and to offer it at that season of the year when the ranchers can best leave their farms.

The work in domestic science will aim to furnish to the homemakers of Crook County information which will be of practical benefit in the every day routine of the home. Taken all together it will be a week filled with practical information and inspiring thoughts—a week that you can not afford to miss. Begin now to so plan your work that your family can spend a week in Prineville next February.

Successful Teachers.

Sixty-nine per cent of the teachers who took the December examinations passed, 21 per cent failed, and 10 per cent wrote for exemptions, according to an announcement made by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill. The percentage of failures at the examination was a little higher than the previous one, 16 per cent of the applicants then failing to pass. A number of teachers write for exemptions at each examination, for, if they score the 90 mark, it is not necessary thereafter for them to be examined again in the subject covered by the examination. Those awarded one-year certificates in Crook county are:

- Amelia M. Johnson, Grizzly.
- Harriet L. Dolsen, Bend.
- Elon H. Ross, Bend.
- Victor L. Shawe, Haycreek.
- Grace Polk, Klamath Falls.
- Robert Edgerton, Fife.
- Hadaway Coahran, Howard.
- Gerald G. Groves, Terrebonne.
- Eva Janet Hennard, Post.
- Angeline S. Young, Bend.
- Samuel Kirkwood King, Madras.
- Roy Lowther, Culver.
- Hamilton Bruce Shaw, Lamonta.
- Ivy B. Davidson, Bend.
- Mary H. Demaris, Post.
- L. Mae Ritchey, Redmond.
- Walter W. Kimmel, Prineville.
- Dora M. Van Meter, Post.
- Nell Mastin, Haycreek.
- Mrs. Della Foster, Terrebonne.
- Elias S. Payne, Lower Bridge.
- William Guy Glasco, Grandview.
- Harry A. Beckwith, Cline Falls.
- Gay McCoy, Sisters.
- Max Neilsen, Highland.
- Ethel Bois Fogg, Hampton.
- Ethel Marion Holmes, Bend.