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ORCHARDS ARE FEW

GREATEST FRUIT COUNTRY ON EARTH NOT GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO PRODUCE.

FRUIT INSPECTOR REED

Wants Clackamas County Farmers to Wake Up and Raise the Best of Fruits, Grains and Farm Animals.

There is no occasion for knocking one's own county, but at the same time it is wise for one to keep his eyes and ears open and learn from what one can see abroad and from what others say about us.

Fruit Inspector James H. Reed travels over the state and notes the improvements made and lack of improvements that should be made. He has made a recent trip over Clackamas county, and given his impressions of what he saw. As his words should be of interest to all who wish to improve the conditions on his own ranch, and to see improvement on the ranches of his neighbors, we print what Mr. Reed has to say:

"The farmers of Clackamas county are losing the chance of their lives. I have just returned from a 259-mile drive through that section, and all the time I was gone I saw but one real orchard and only five dairy cows. The rest reminded one of the backwoods of Kentucky and Tennessee where the people run to coon dogs and moonshine stills rather than raise hogs and make butter.

"The people up there do not know how to farm, in fact, I doubt if many of them ever saw a real well run farm, dairy or orchard. They plant trees of any old quality and variety, then go hunting and picking wild berries and let the trees grow up like jack pines; then howl about the 'poor farmers' when they find little or no fruit on the limbs and that of so poor quality that it brings only bottom figures.

"Most of the cattle I saw were composed mostly of horns, legs and tails. They were not bred. Like Topsy, they 'just grew.' They don't give milk enough to bother with. Still they eat the feed that under normal conditions would make the Clackamas farmers rich in ten years.

"For instance, one of the five dairy cows I mentioned seeing was a registered Jersey, ten years old, that Mr. Harry West, of Scappoose, had just sold for \$1500. The man who bought her paid \$175 personal expenses for a keeper from Pennsylvania and back. In addition to the \$1500, making a total cost of \$1825 for the cow. But she was worth it. In fact, the butter and milk production over a long term of years she alone was worth to any farmer more than a whole herd of those wild-eyed, long-horned 'critters' I saw up there on every hand.

"With milk so scarce and so high in Portland, with Canby shipping no milk whatever and only 15 cans of butter cream a day, with New Era worse off with only five cans, and other points shipping nothing, the farmers of that section have no one but themselves to blame for being poor. They have as fine fruit land for apples, peaches and prunes on their ridges as there is in the state, and as fine dairy lands as can be found anywhere in their valleys, a high and steady market here in Portland, easy to get to, but they are mostly too shiftless to do anything, but drift along with poor cattle, poor trees, poor management, poor everything—hence they are poor. They have no one to blame but themselves.

"In contrast there is the fruit farm of J. W. Byers, near Clackamas. He has 100 acres in fine shape, he keeps a set of books, reads, studies his soils, uses commonsense, and has no kick coming about hard times and the 'poor farmer.' He has eight acres of apples, peaches and prunes, and told me that he got more returns from those eight acres of trees with less effort and expense than from all the rest of the farm combined. What Clackamas county needs is brains and energy. Nature has given it everything else. With intelligent labor instead of a lazy drifting along, Clackamas county can be made a garden. All it needs is brains and work."

NEW DEPARTMENTS.

Readers of the Enterprise will note the addition of two new departments in this issue—the Farmers' Page and the Woman's Page. These departments in the Miami Union—published at Troy, Ohio, and also owned by Mr. Thomas—have become very popular among the readers of that paper. This was brought about by interesting the readers in the departments, and securing their co-operation in making them of profit to all.

To this end readers of the Enterprise are not only invited but urged to contribute to these two departments. If your contributions are not always in the best of language that matters not, for we have a copy reader to scan them and put them into shape for the compositor.

The ladies are invited to send in their "true and true" receipts, or any other item of interest which will make good reading for the Woman's Page.

The men and boys are invited to send in items of big crops, handsome stock or fowls, new tools and conveniences invented and successful methods of destroying weeds or insects and solving other difficulties. Help us make these profitable departments of the paper and all will be benefited. No charge for publishing contributions that are acceptable for either department.

NEW STEEL BRIDGE FOR ESTACADA

TWO SITES, EACH WITH FRIENDS WHO CONTEND THAT HIS IS THE BETTER.

The people of Estacada are in earnest in their desire to have the new bridge built at the most convenient place. Many citizens were in Oregon City Saturday to tell their story to the County Court. The present structure is in the upper end of town, and naturally the residents of that part of town wish the new structure erected on the old site.

But there seems to be a site at the lower end of town which presents a good place for the bridge—people living in that part of town say a better site than the old one. Naturally the County Court wishes to locate the bridge at a point for the best interests of those whom the bridge will accommodate.

The Court has already given the ground one inspection but the contention between those interested in the two sites has become so intense that a second view will be made, the Court—composed of County Judge Dimick and two County Commissioners—going to Estacada Friday of this week and again personally inspecting both sites.

The present structure is best known as the "High Bridge," and is said to be in a dangerous condition. It will be necessary to build a new bridge this year. One member of the County Court believes that the cost at the proposed location at the lower end of the town will be at least \$5000 more than a bridge at the upper end. County Judge Dimick, however, says that the distance is the same, with the exception of the new road that would be required.

Those interested in the new site propose to pay for the extra grading made necessary by the new site, in case the Court decides that the lower site is the better. Parties who claim to know say that both are good sites and that each has its points of vantage.

ROBS EMPLOYEES; MAKES RESTITUTION

Sunday night Johnson & Stratton, proprietors of the C. K. barber shop, found that their shop had been burglarized and about \$15 stolen. The nature of the work led to suspicion against Stanford Englin, the Negro proter employed in the shop.

While committing the deed the young man overturned bottles in the shop and the noise led to an investigation. Mr. Stratton at once followed to Portland and captured the young man just as he was boarding a train for Seattle. He was brought back to the city and lodged in jail and Monday plead guilty, restored the stolen money, paid his fines, and was again placed in jail to serve out a 30-day sentence.

Englin had been a trusty and had knowledge of everything going on at the shop.

COUNTY FAIR TO BE HELD OCTOBER 10, 11, 12

COMMITTEE APPOINTED AND SUPERINTENDENTS CHOSEN FOR THE WORK.

CHAUTAQUA GROUNDS

Agreed Upon as Place—Premium List To Be Soon Announced—Will Ask for Special Rate.

Those interested in the fair for Clackamas county are pushing the project as fast as possible and much is being accomplished looking to a successful exhibit. And now that the date has been set—October 10, 11 and 12—and the committees appointed to have the work in charge, it is believed the project will be carried to a glorious ending.

At a called meeting of the board of directors of the Clackamas County Fair Association, held in the Court House Monday afternoon there were present President, Richard Scott; vice-president, George Lazelle; treasurer, Thos. F. Ryan; directors, R. S. Coe, A. J. Lewis and Judge G. B. Dimick. The secretary being absent on motion Thos. F. Ryan was appointed as secretary.

On motion the rules of the Roseburg Fair Association governing the meeting and duties of the board of directors were adopted for temporary use.

The president, vice-president and secretary were appointed a committee to select superintendents for the different exhibits.

It was voted that the fair be held this year on the Chautauqua grounds, at Gladstone, on October 10, 11 and 12.

Judge G. B. Dimick, George Lazelle and A. J. Lewis were appointed a committee to enter into a lease of the grounds for this year's meeting, and to make arrangements for lighting same.

A committee of three, composed of Judge T. F. Ryan, George Lazelle and T. J. Gary was appointed to receive proposals for sites for permanent location of the meetings of the association after this year.

It was agreed that the Clackamas County Horticultural Society be cordially invited to participate in the promotion of the fair meeting to be held this year.

It was voted that the schools of the county, through the County Superintendent be invited to take part in making the fair a success this year, and that Saturday, the 12th day of October, be made Children's Day.

A committee of five was appointed to prepare and submit to the president for his approval a premium list, and when so approved it was agreed that the same be printed and distributed. The committee consists of Judge G. B. Dimick, T. J. Gary, A. J. Lewis, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. George Lazelle.

On motion the committee on premiums was instructed to have incorporated in the list of premiums a first, second and third prize for the best exhibits made by the Granges of the county.

H. E. Cross, E. P. Carter and Ed. Harrington were appointed a committee to have charge of the grounds and the preparing of same for the holding of the fair in October.

Mr. Coe was appointed a committee of one to sell stock of the association.

After debate it was voted that all stockholders be granted the privilege of admission to the fair free of charge.

It was agreed that the officers and directors of the association serve without remuneration, for their services as such.

Richard Scott, G. B. Dimick and T. F. Ryan were appointed a committee to wait upon the Southern Pacific Company and the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company to secure subscriptions to stock and reduced rates of transportation for exhibits and passengers attending fair meeting in October.

R. S. Coe, T. J. Gary and Wm. Grisenthwaite were appointed a committee to wait upon the merchants and business men of the county for subscriptions for stock, premiums and advertisements in premium pamphlet.

Richard Scott and Thomas F. Ryan were appointed a committee to arrange for speakers for such times during the holding of the fair as it was deemed best to have them.

It was agreed that an executive committee be appointed to take charge of all matters not passed upon or ordered by the board of directors, said committee to have charge of all matters during the preparation for the holding of the meeting this year, and which have not been referred to members or committees with instructions. The president appointed as such committee George Lazelle, T. J. Gary and Thos. F. Ryan.

The committee to whom was referred the selection of superintendents for the different departments reported the following partial list, which on motion was approved by the board:

Oscar E. A. Freytag—Agricultural exhibit.

A. J. Lewis—Horticultural exhibit.

R. S. Coe—Poultry exhibit.

Enos Cahill—Poultry exhibit.

Albert Gribble—Dairying exhibit.

Mrs. Chas. Waite—Preserved fruits.

Mrs. J. L. Waldron—Fancy work, needle work.

The board then adjourned to meet at call of president.

BAPTISTS WILL IMPROVE CHURCH

The members of the Baptist church are planning extensive improvements in their present place of worship. They think of moving the building to the curb on Main street, building a new baptistry and robing room, altering the Sunday school room, improving the present lighting system, adding new windows and in other ways brightening up and beautifying the place of worship. At the prayer meeting Thursday evening the matter is to come up for general consideration.

Since the above was put into type the Ladies' Aid Society has voted to raise \$800 of the amount necessary to the improvement.

TAFT FAVORS EARLY TARIFF REVISION

TELLS REPUBLICANS OF OHIO WHERE HE STANDS ON SUBJECT.

W. H. Taft, Secretary of War, in a speech at Columbus, Ohio, Monday night, made what he was pleased to term his "political confession of faith." The auditorium, which has a seating capacity of over 5000 people, was packed to the doors and several thousand others were unable to gain admittance.

The Secretary spoke under the auspices of the Buckeye Republican Club, and the address was notable from the fact that it is regarded as the platform upon which he will make his campaign for the Republican nomination for President.

Mr. Taft made no formal announcement of his candidacy, but he was introduced by Governor Harris as the next President of the United States, which was the signal for a prolonged burst of applause. Special interest was manifested in Secretary Taft's utterances on the tariff.

He reiterated his previous declaration in favor of revision, and declared that it would be both unwise and unsafe for the Republican party to fail to pledge itself to revise the Dingley bill as soon after the President's election as possible.

Mr. Taft also declared himself in favor of imprisonment of individuals responsible for violations of the anti-trust laws for the giving or accepting of rebates as more effective than fines.

His defense of President Roosevelt's politics evoked enthusiastic applause.

SECRETARY TAFT COMING TO PORTLAND

Hon. William H. Taft, Secretary of War, will spend all day in Portland Friday, September 6. He will speak at the Armory in the evening at 8 o'clock and seats will be reserved for

every editor, for the officers of every commercial and industrial body, for the members of the last Legislature, the State officers, the Mayor of every city, and a limited number of delegates from all of the commercial bodies throughout Oregon, but these names must be reported and reservations made by Monday, September 2. Address, Tom Richardson, Portland.

TAFT TO VISIT CZAR.

Secretary Taft will see the Czar at St. Petersburg on his way back to the United States from his visit to the Philippines, where he goes shortly. It is more than likely that he will also make an official call on the Mikado of Japan, and will do all in his power to promote good feeling between the United States and Japan.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

The annual county institute for teachers will be held in Oregon City on October 23, 24, 25 and 26, closing with a school officers' convention. Details will be announced later. These county institutes have become very interesting and instructive conventions, and the one contemplated in October promises to be more than ordinary interest.

PRIME FAVORITES IN BRITISH EYES

SPEECHES OF ROOSEVELT AND TAFT EULOGIZED BY THE BRITISH PRESS.

A London special to New York Journal says:

President Roosevelt and Secretary Taft in the British eyes are distinctly the heroes of the American political situation. The Times this morning, in discussing the Provincetown speech, rejects the view that Roosevelt is on dangerous or unjustifiable ground in relation to the railways, and says that the President merely proposes to attain that public control which has long existed in England, where no railway can issue fresh shares or bonds without parliamentary sanction.

The Times regards Taft's Columbus speech as much more sharply put than Roosevelt's and as clinching the Ohioan's first claim on the confidence of the country as Roosevelt's successor in the Republican leadership.

The Times' economic and financial expert agrees with Roosevelt, that while the markets of the whole world are depressed, there is no conclusive reason to believe that the case would be otherwise if the President had avoided the trust problem.

The Daily Telegraph lauds President Roosevelt's cool head and fine courage and says that Taft "stands head and shoulders above every other man mentioned as Roosevelt's successor in the work of placing the amazing fabric of American prosperity on a sound basis."

The radical press scathingly rebukes the monopolists for "creating a state of economic lawlessness and crime and then raising the cry of business peril to ward off public repress."

Opinion appears to be practically unanimous here, both among Britons and Americans, that the pressure of public sentiment in the United States will gradually force a just solution of the trust problem, whatever obstacles the beneficiaries of special privileges may devise.

ROOSEVELT SCORES THEM

SAYS EVIL RIGH MUST OBEY ALL THE LAWS THE SAME AS POOR MAN.

FIGHT TO BE CONTINUED

Until Wicked Trusts Are Destroyed—Would Imprison Guilty Ones Regardless of Station in Life.

President Roosevelt was the principal speaker at the laying of the cornerstone of the monument under erection to the Pilgrims at Provincetown, Mass., Tuesday. He had much to say of the Pilgrim, his mission and his high aims and aspirations. He also took the liberty to say a few words regarding the present brigandage of certain men of wealth who have lost sight of what is just and right, had his say about Wall street's howls and again scored the citizen, rich or poor, who persists in doing wrong because he wishes to, or because some one else is doing wrong.

On the subject of Wall street and its howlings he said:

"During the present trouble with the stock market, I, of course, received countless requests and suggestions that I should do something to ease the situation. It may all be that the Government's determination, in which, gentlemen, it will not waver, to punish certain malefactors of great wealth, has been responsible for something of the troubles; at least to the extent of having caused these men to combine to bring about as much financial stress as they possibly can, in order to discredit the Government's policy, and thereby secure a reversal of that policy so that they may enjoy the fruits of their evildoings. If so, I am sorry, but it will not alter my attitude. Once, for all time, let me say, so far as I am concerned, for the 18 months of my administration that remain, there will be no changes in the policy we have steadily pursued, nor let-up in our efforts to secure an honest observance of the law, for I regard this contest as one to determine who shall rule this Government—the people through their Governmental agents, or a few ruthless, determined men, whose wealth makes them particularly formidable, because they are behind the breastworks of corporate organizations."

Speaking along the line of "desirable and undesirable" citizens he said:

"There is, unfortunately, a certain number of our fellow-countrymen who seem to accept the view that unless a man can be proved guilty of some particular crime he shall be counted a good citizen, no matter how infamous the life he has led, no matter how pernicious his doctrines or his practices. This is the view announced from time to time with clamorous insistence, now by a group of predatory capitalists, now by a group of sinister anarchistic leaders and agitators, whenever a special champion of

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WANTED

Farms to be listed with us.

WHY?

BECAUSE

We advertise extensively. That gives us a market.

BECAUSE

We have many inquiries. That gives us customers.

BECAUSE

We go after business. That helps us to sell your farm.

BECAUSE

We are wide awake. That brings quick returns for you.

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