

Horticultural Research Work for Year Outlined

County Court and Professor Lawrence Plan Season's Campaign--While All Serious Pests Are Under Control, Tests Involving Sprays, Fertilizers, Cover Crops and Diseases Are to be Made.

Professor Lawrence conferred with the county court at its session last week and together they outlined the horticultural work which will be conducted during the present year in the control and elimination of insect and fungus pests and a systematic study will be made this season of those troubles which still exist.

"This work is very important since the cover crops generally used are either not adapted to the type of soil, where soil conditions are adverse, or the soil does not respond to cover crops in respect to betterment of its physical condition.

Irrigation Work Planned "Work has been planned by the department of horticulture of the Oregon Agricultural College to determine the effect of the proper application of moisture on trees infested with dry rot and winter injury as well as on the healthy, fullbearing trees.

"Crown rot of apple trees is considered one of our most important problems. A full series of control methods are being planned and compounds which may be applied to the ground to kill the fungus causing the disease are now being tested.

Dry Rot Combated "Through observations made in about 150 orchards and a series of experiments definite information has been secured relative to the control of dry rot. A series of tests is to be made to determine if these observations have given a clue to methods of control for this trouble.

"Through the preliminary tests some definite results have been obtained with so-called tree stimulants. Some more experiments with some of these compounds will be made during the early spring.

"It is hoped that some work may also be done in using blasting powder to loosen up heavy subsoils.

"All of the above work requires the co-operation of the apple growers and the assistance rendered this office will largely determine the amount of work that can be done during the new year."

Some people believe Uncle Sam handed himself a package when he established parcels post.

Alleged Horsethief Leads Officers a Merry Chase

After having broken his way out of the city jail, Sam Winsted, alleged horsethief, led a merry chase through the business section of town Thursday morning and proved himself an artful dodger in avoiding the bullets which Marshal Lewis, who led the pursuit, sent after him.

It is charged that Winsted, who had been working for some Indians on the Warm Springs Reservation, helped himself to a team of horses and drove them as far as this city. Here he sold the team at Moore's stables. Soon afterwards the redskins appeared on the scene, replevined their horses and swore out a warrant for Winsted's arrest.

After Marshal Lewis had given Winsted his breakfast Thursday and stepped across the street for a few moments Winsted smashed the lock with an iron bar and started up State street on the run.

A short time afterwards Sheriff Johnson and Deputy Harry Dobson, who had joined the chase, learned that a strange man had been seen lurking about the lumber yard. They then succeeded in finding tracks leading under the building.

Bluff Falls to Work An amusing part of the chase occurred under the sheds, where it was dark as an Egyptian night. After Johnson and Dobson had groped over all the space except one remote corner Johnson decided to try the effect

of a bluff and, suddenly cocking his gun, exclaimed: "There he is over in that corner. I'm going to plug him."

What the emotion of the fugitive were at that moment may better be imagined than described. The bluff would probably have worked like a charm on nine men out of ten for Winsted was actually crouching in the corner covered by the sheriff's gun. However, he didn't make a murmur. The officers were about to decide he wasn't there when Johnson's hand fell on a long splinter of wood. He took this and jabbed it towards the mysterious corner. As chance had it the point drove home through Winsted's clothes and he exploded in a howl of pain, whereupon he was speedily re-arrested.

PLAYGROUNDS AND GYM TO BE SUBJECT

The next meeting of the Woman's Club will be held Wednesday, January 15, at the Commercial Club rooms at 2:30 p. m. Several questions of importance will be before the club for discussion. The educational department will present the subject of a gymnasium and playground and the chairman of the educational department of the Oregon State Federation of Woman's Clubs, Mrs. Elizabeth Evans Pettinger of Oswego, will speak. All persons interested in this subject are invited to be present.

W. S. Nichol has moved his real estate office from the basement of the First National Bank Building to the building formerly occupied by Messrs. Hadlock and Steinhoff opposite the Hotel Oregon.

Grist of Business at Court's Annual Meeting

County Judge and Commissioners Appoint Road Supervisors and Create One New District--County Clerk Hanson Submits Statement Showing Expenditures of the Year--School Levies Reported.

At the meeting of the county court last week County Clerk Hanson submitted a report for the year 1912 showing the amount of all claims allowed by the county court during that time and also the amount of all warrants outstanding and registered on December 31. The amounts given are only those which were passed upon and authorized by the county court and do not include the monies paid for school purposes, nor special road taxes. The report is as follows:

Table with financial data: Amount of Warrants registered, Acrued interest on same, Total, Registered warrants, New Road District Made, Drawn on General County Fund, Sheriff's office, Treasurer's office, Coroner's office, School Supt.'s office, Fruit Inspector's office, Assessor's office, Extra work on tax roll, Tax rebate, Current expenses, Court House expenses, Jail, Care of poor, Insane, Teacher's Institute, Election expenses, Scalp bounties, Smallpox patients, Salary of Road Supervisors, Miscellaneous.

Table with financial data: Total, Drawn on General Road Fund, Building and repairing roads and bridges, Expended by supervisors for labor on roads, Total, General fund warrants outstanding, Road fund warrants outstanding, Total.

STEEL ROD DRIVES THROUGH MAN'S BODY

Frank Lightfoot, whose home is in The Dalles, is recovering at the local hospital from an accident which occurred at the Northwestern dam a steel rod pierced his body. Lightfoot was working on the scaffolding surmounting the dam. Beneath him was the concrete foundation. From this protruded the steel reinforcing rods. In a careless moment Lightfoot lost his balance and fell from the scaffolding. One of the steel rods pierced his body from beneath and behind the thigh. As he was nearly upright at the time, the rod penetrated the pelvic region and came out from the abdomen. When brought here it was not thought that the man could live. An operation was performed by Drs. Bronson and Waugh, however, and it was found that the rod had penetrated no vital organs.

BATCHELDER BUYS WINANS HOLDINGS

An important sale has been closed by which J. F. Batchelder acquires all the holdings of A. Winans and the Hood River Lumbering Company on the lower Hood River. These properties lie along Hood River from the south line of the O-W, R. & N. Co. to the north line of the Pacific Power and Light Company. At the same time Mr. Batchelder has sold a large interest in the Hood River Development Company to George A. Batchelder of San Francisco, Cal., who will take the presidency of the Hood River Development Company. Although Mr. Batchelder has only had the title to the Winans' and Lumbering Company's properties a few days he has made a deal with the Pacific Power & Light Company for part of his holdings as there is a very valuable power site on the property.

PLAY TENNIS IN MIDDLE OF WINTER

Easterners who are now shivering in the blasts of Boreas and shoveling coal into the furnaces in an effort to keep the houses warm would have been surprised had they seen several members of the local Benedict's Tennis Club indulging in this pastime Sunday. Nor was the weather such as to make this outdoor exercise unpleasant. The day was bright, clear and bracing; there was no snow nor moisture, the courts having frozen hard and smooth.

The weather during the past few days has been exhilarating to a degree. Although Sunday night was probably the coldest of the season so far, the mercury only dropped to 17 degrees, while at no time Friday did it drop below 28 degrees.

The cold has been sufficient to freeze the sloughs north of the city and skating has been enjoyed. The days and nights have been clear and cloudless and although cold there has been no wind to make the temperature disagreeable. Indeed, it has been ideal winter weather of the kind which the Weather Clerk bestows so generously upon Hood River.

GLEE CLUB CONCERT GREATLY ENJOYED

In a program which was full of variety and decidedly meritorious the University of Oregon Glee Club delighted an audience which filled the opera house Saturday evening. Repeated encores marked the different numbers, which included selections by the club as a whole supplemented by solo work and bits of vaudeville reflecting different phases of life at U. of O.

A feature of the evening which was of particular interest was the appearance of Miss Florence Avery, the only girl on the program, who contributed a delightful vocal number. This included "At Parting" by Roger and "An Open Secret" by Woodman. Miss Avery presented a charming stage appearance and her sweet soprano voice won instant popularity. She was forced to respond to a hearty encore. Miss Avery is a student at the U. of O. and leader of the girls' Choral Society. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Avery of this place. She was accompanied by Miss Eva Brock, who is also a student at the university.

Between 500 and 800 Men to Work on Project

Additional Details Are Given Out Concerning Big Developing Enterprise of Pacific Power & Light Company Here--Superintendent of Construction Work Coming This Week--Site Described.

Further information in regard to the big power plant which the Pacific Power & Light Company will construct at Hood River was given out Monday by J. E. Davidson, vice-president and general manager. Mr. Davidson, who made a short stop over here, stated that the plans for the big new plant were being rushed as fast as possible and that the superintendent of the construction work would be here his week to look over the ground. He said that the policy of the company of doing its own construction work instead of letting it out by contract would be adhered to at Hood River and that local American labor would be given the preference in all cases.

According to Mr. Davidson it will take from five to six months to construct the plant and it is expected to employ from 500 to 800 men. The machinery has all been ordered and the initial order of cement amounting to 20,000 barrels was placed Friday with Jones & Scott, the Walla Walla firm which is furnishing this material for a much bigger project which the Pacific Company is putting in at Natchez, Wash.

The power house for the new plant will be located on the river property recently purchased by J. F. Batchelder from the Winans estate. This purchase includes all the Winans holdings from the Mt. Hood railroad bridge to the O-W, R. & N. railroad on both sides of the river. The site selected will be between the Mt. Hood railroad bridge and the wagon bridge and the structure will be of solid concrete throughout, embodying all the latest improvements in power house construction. Its electrical equipment will be of a newer type than anything now in use in the Northwest, the generators being of the same style that the Government will install on the Panama Canal.

Power will be furnished from two twin pipes nine feet in diameter constructed part way of wood staves, mounted on concrete piers and the balance of the way of reinforced concrete. These will run from the dam over a specially constructed hydraulic grade. The dam will be reconstructed and when finished the new plant will utilize the full flow of the river with the exception of the amount of water required to be left in the stream by the state law.

The work will be on a larger scale than anything ever undertaken at Hood River and will be one of the most important new pieces of hydro-electric construction now under way in the Northwest.

When the plant is completed it will have a capacity of about 7,000 horsepower, a development which officials of the Pacific Company believe will be adequate to handle anything in the electrical line needed by Hood River or The Dalles. At the latter place in addition to having recently taken on

the business of the Wasco Warehouse Milling Co.--600 h. p.--the company has a contract to furnish a large amount of power for a big irrigation project at Grand Dalles. It will also be prepared for any local railroad electrification. The new plant will be tied in with the company's 2,000 horsepower plant on the White River and between the two developments the Pacific expects to give this section of Oregon the best possible service and provide for future business. Any surplus energy from the Hood River plant will be transmitted east over the company's high tension lines to Prosser, Wash., crossing the Columbia at The Dalles. There it will tie in with the Pacific's and will be delivered into the Pacific's Yakima-Walla Walla Valley lines. It is stated by officials of the company that all applications for employment should be made to the local foremen.

TEMPEST AROUSED BY SMALLPOX CASE

A small tempest, was aroused last week when it was learned that a structure being erected west of town and about 300 yards south of Mrs. Bentley's west of Taylor street was intended to provide quarters for a smallpox patient. Residents in that vicinity feared that a permanent pest house was to be established and there was an immediate call to arms. A meeting was held and a delegation was appointed to lodge a protest with the county court, which was then in session.

The matter was given a thorough airing before the court, all interested parties being assembled and mutual explanations being in order. It was shown that the patient had been brought from the dam across the river. A couple of days after being here he showed symptoms of smallpox. As there is now no county pest house, no alternative was seen except to raise a structure in which he might be housed. This was done at the expense of the man's employers. The site was obtained with the understanding that it shall be used temporarily only and not be made a permanent pest house. With this assurance the residents in that neighborhood expressed themselves as satisfied.

CITY ACCEPTS THE CARNEGIE DONATION

At the meeting of the city council Monday the gift of \$17,500 from Mr. Carnegie for a county library was formally accepted. This was done with the understanding that the county shall appropriate two-thirds of the \$1750 required for maintenance of the branch libraries throughout the county.

A point was raised in connection with the absence of Councilman Staten from two consecutive meetings. The charter provides that in this case the office shall be deemed vacant. For fear that some legal complications might impair the legality of the council's future actions, the office was declared vacant and Mr. Staten was thereupon nominated and re-elected. Upon the recommendation of the Finance committee, City Recorder Howe's salary was increased from \$75 to \$100 a month. This action was unanimously taken.

First Snowstorm of the Season Here A couple of inches of "the beautiful" fell Monday night and yesterday snow shovels were put in use for the first time this winter. A light snowfall continued through yesterday. Farther up the valley the fall has been heavier and sleighs have been put into service.

Mrs. H. M. Huxley and son Carroll left Saturday for a two-months sojourn in California. She will visit relatives and friends at different points, but will spend most of the time with her mother, Mrs. A. M. Entrican, and her brother, H. R. Entrican, and wife at Turlock, Cal.

Get out that bobbed.



News Snapshots Of the Week

Finley J. Shepard visited his fiancée, Miss Helen Gould, in New York, to arrange for their wedding. He conferred with Champ Clark, speaker of the house.

A dynamite explosion at Panama during President Taft's visit caused great alarm. The local officials declared it was not an attempt on Mr. Taft's life. The Turkish delegates to the London peace conference refused to consider the terms mentioned by the Balkan envoys. The steamship Turrialba, with 100 passengers on board, ran ashore on the New Jersey coast in a heavy storm. All were rescued. Lord Hardinge, viceroy of India, was wounded by a bomb as he was entering the city of Delhi. Turkish Peace Delegates.