MOVE TO GIVE AID TO FARMERS BEGUN

Commercial Club Encourages O. A. C. Extension Programme.

CROP TESTS ARE PROPOSED

Plan Contemplates "Earth Education" in Grade and High Schools and State Appropriation for Demonstration Work.

Strong indorsement to the contemplated extension of the activities of the Oregon Agricultural College throughout the state and the development of an extensive scheme of field work by this institution was given by the executive committee of the Portland Commercial Club at a noon meeting yesterday.

The scheme of operations desired has been rather fully developed by the country life committee, made up of representatives of the State Bankers' Association, the stockgrowing interests, the Oregon Agricultural College, the state educational department and the Oregon Development League.

The plan contemplates the encouragement of "earth education" as it has been called, in the public and high schools of the state and the establishment of demonstration farms, in charge of experts, throughout the various sections of the state where most needed.

Crop Tests Proposed.

It has been felt for some time by the men making up the country life committee that the need of the state is better agricultural methods so that idle lands will be made attractive to settlers and it was decided the best way to bring this about was to have the problems that now vex farmers attacked by experts. To do this best, it has been suggested that the state be divided into districts, with demonstration farms in each, to make tests of certain crops in order to bring about the best possible agricultural conditions throughout Oregon. In this work it is expected to have the assistance of the Federal Government.

William Hanley, of Burns, was present at yesterday's luncheon by invitation and gave enthusiasm to the meeting, so deeply is he interested in this movement. After some discussion of the best means to be followed to bring about the results, the following resolution was adopted:

Appropriation Is Sought.

"Resolved, by the executive committee of the Portland Commercial Club, that we urge the passage by the Oregon Legislature of a bill authorizing and appropriating for agricultural college demonstration and field work in all the counties of the state, to the end that the benefits of the Agricultural College may be applied directly to all the counties of the state and the productivity of Oregon lands be increased."

G. F. Johnson, chairman of the executive committee, in discussing the action of that body, said: "To my mind this movement is of vital importance, and, if a good degree of cooperation can be secured throughout the state, it will advance our agricultural interests wonderfully. It will not be burdensome to any. The plan is along the line which our commercial bodies have been following in the work of state-building rather than centering their efforts on any one city."

During the next few days Chairman Johnson will appoint a legislative committee to develop details of the proposed legislation.

ASSAILANT STILL MISSING

Police Have Small Hope of Taking Man Who Struck G. F. Marty.

Convinced that Marie Rosella is telling the truth when she says that she does not know who the man was that struck G. F. Marty and caused his eventual death, Captain Baty, of the city detectives, despairs of finding the man unless he gives himself up, or of convicting him if he were found. The weight of evidence now in the hands of the authorities indicates that the unknown would be acquitted by a jury if placed on trial for the homicide, on the ground that the blow he struck was provoked, and that the death was an unforeseen contingency.

Marty, who was a rancher from Beaverton, died Wednesday from the effects of a blow received nearly a week previously, following his alleged attempt to pursue Miss Rosella. The man who came to her assistance felled Marty to the pavement, which his head struck. At the time he did not appear to be severely injured, and the unknown man went on his way. Now he cannot be found.

Marty, in a dying statement, asserted that the woman had provoked him by vile language, and that the man, who was escorting her at the time, pursued him across the street and struck from behind. The girl's story, however, is confirmed in material points by other witnesses. It was learned yesterday that she had told the same story to friends immediately after the incident and before it was known that serious consequences had followed.

OFFICER GETS COLLECTION

Patrolman Takes Offering in First Christian Church at 1:30 A. M.

Probably it was the first time in the history of this or any other city that a policeman in full uniform took up the collection. The place was the First Christian Church, at Park and Columbia streets, the time was yesterday morning at 1:30 o'clock, and the extemporaneous deacon was Patrolman J. W. Johnson.

Passing the church at the time mentioned, Patrolman Johnson saw that the door was open, and investigated. On a table he found 12 envelopes, containing an aggregate of $2.55, and a purse containing 5 cents. Johnson took possession of the money and delivered it at the police station, where it awaits a claimant.

Rev. W. F. Reagor, the pastor, when asked yesterday how the money came to be left, could give no reason, but supposed that the officer of the church, whose duty it was to take care of it, had gone away in a hurry and forgot to take the money with him.

JUDGE CLEETON RENAMED

Oregon County Judges and Commissioners Conclude Session.

County Judge Cleeton, of Multnomah County, was re-elected president of the Association of County Judges and Commissioners of Oregon at the concluding session of the convention of the organization yesterday. Philo Holbrook, County Surveyor of Multnomah, was again chosen secretary. H. W. Mattoon, Commissioner of Clatsop, was re-elected treasurer; E. C. Judd, County Judge of Clatsop replaces Victor P. Moses, County Judge of Benton, as vice-president.

During the morning the visitors and members of the local County Court took an automobile trip to Kelly Butte and Multnomah Farm. Some went down the Linnton road, recently completely hard-surfaced as far as the Columbia County line. Lunch was served at the poor farm by Superintendent Jackson, who also regaled his visitors with a moving picture show.

At the concluding business session in the afternoon the committee to visit the Legislature and present the resolutions adopted by the convention was amended to consist of County Judge Judd, of Clatsop, and Thompson, of Lane, and County Commissioner Welsh, of Baker. County Judge Cleeton is also a member of this committee, the convention including his name in the resolution while he appointed the others.

One of the last resolutions carried was one calling upon the Legislature to make it a crime to sell or give liquor to any inmate of a county institution, such offense to be punishable by both fine and imprisonment.

The next session of the association will be held in the Multnomah County Courthouse December 10 to 12, 1913, it being the consensus of opinion that the convention should be held before the tax levy is made in January.

MAN'S MEMORY LAPSES

R. L. HOOPER, OF SPOKANE AND CALIFORNIA, IS PUZZLE.

Found in Dazed Condition 10 Days Ago, Mining Broker Is Unable to Account for Movements.

The case of R. L. Hooper, a man with considerable mining holdings, who was found unconscious at the Union Depot the evening of January 7, is still puzzling the authorities at St. Vincent's Hospital on account of his strange lapse of memory. When found it was feared at first that there had been foul play, but this theory was dispelled by the patient, who was able to give a partial account to his brother on the latter's arrival from California.

Mr. Hooper was found unconscious in a waiting-room by women, who thought he had been struck a blow. On removal to the hospital, it was found from the addresses on envelopes and from his card, that he had a brother, a prominent attorney of Eureka, Cal., and that he had recently come from Spokane. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias and they looked after him.

He has considerable mining interests on the Coast and passes from one city to another, generally spending the Winter in California. His brother came up to see him, and during his stay Mr. Hooper was able to converse rationally long enough to tell how he had bought a ticket in Spokane for Los Angeles. Further than that he remembered absolutely nothing and does not know how he reached Portland. He had a considerable sum of money in cash and a still larger amount in securities on his person when found, but his ticket was missing.

For the last two days his condition has given rise to considerable anxiety as he relapsed into partial or total unconsciousness shortly after his brother left, recovering considerably one day only to fall back again the next. In all probability it is thought, he has some pressure on the brain. Mr. Hooper is an elderly bachelor.

SPOUSE SLAYER REWEDS

ETHEL FECHTL IS BRIDE OF JAMES J. MARTIN.

Judge Presiding Over Trial, Granting Parole to Convicted Woman, Officiates at Wedding.

Ethel Fechtl, who on August 12, 1912, stabbed to death Otto Fechtl, her husband, and who was tried and convicted of manslaughter, drawing a parole from Circuit Judge Gatens, was again married yesterday. She is now Mrs. James J. Martin, wife of a stonecutter residing at the Bushmark Hotel. The license was taken out yesterday morning and the knot was tied in the afternoon by Judge Gatens.

The indictment against Mrs. Fechtl charged murder in the first degree, but because of her contention that her husband had acted brutally towards her, the jury gave her the benefit of the doubt and brought in a verdict of manslaughter.

When Judge Gatens imposed a straight penitentiary sentence of three years and paroled the woman, Deputy District Attorney Collier filed a motion to vacate the judgment of the court, insisting that under the indeterminate sentence law the judge had not the right of parole, but was legally bound to impose sentence of from one to 15 years in the penitentiary. Mr. Collier's view was that she was not eligible to parole until she had served one year. The motion was never heard.

"I told Mrs. Fechtl that I thought it was much better for her to be married," said Judge Gatens. "She seems to have secured a fine young man and I believe they will get along splendidly. She told me that she was through with North End cafes for good and with fast life. I am still convinced that I was wise in paroling her."

INDIAN IN SORRY PLIGHT

After Long Time in Jail He Is Found to Be Not Man Wanted.

"Lo, the poor Indian" aptly described Jake Heney, a Klickitat Indian, who yesterday, upon his release from jail here, found himself a stranger in the city, penniless, poorly clothed and generally in a helpless condition. Adding to Jake's misery was the thought that he had been unjustly imprisoned for several weeks on a charge of having taken horses from the Umatilla Indian Reservation into Washington. The court order releasing him contained no provision furnishing him transportation to his home in Eastern Washington.

When freed and told he might return home Jake was at a loss what to do. The thin slippers which he wore would not permit him to brave the wind and rain outside. When United States Marshal Scott discovered Jake's plight he presented a pair of shoes to him and, with the assistance of United States District Attorney McCourt, he was subpenaed to appear before the grand jury and in this way he will be able to receive mileage for his return.

A recent Federal grand jury returned an indictment against an Indian named Heney on a charge of horse-stealing. Jake was found at Rock Creek, Wash., and, as he had served two terms for horse-stealing, he was supposed to be the man wanted. The United States Marshal at Spokane arrested him and brought him to Portland. Witnesses declared he was not the man who stole the horses.

WOMAN'S WIT WINS

Sisters Decoy Alleged Tempters as Police Act.

TWO MEN ARE NOW IN JAIL

Zella and Lelah Grantham, Whose Ads for Work Are Answered by Teamster and Salesman, Carry Out Part of Proposals.

Through the bravery and cleverness of two young women, who were decoyed by false promises of employment, Police Sergeant Harms and a squad of plain clothes men were last night able to arrest J. B. Schoonover, a teamster, of 606 Front street, and G. Boreman, a salesman, of Portsmouth. The two men were locked up in the County Jail on two charges — one vagrancy and one white slavery, the total bail on each being $5000, which they did not furnish.

Zella Grantham, 24 years old, and Lelah Grantham, 18, who live with their widowed mother at 125 Fourteenth street, inserted an advertisement in a newspaper several days ago, applying for positions as cook and waitress. The advertisements were answered by Schoonover and Boreman, who told the girls that they could get them jobs in Sacramento, Cal., at good wages. The arrangements made by the two strengthened the girls' suspicions and they applied to Acting Chief of Police Slover for aid.

Sergeant Harms, Patrolmen Long, Wise and Schirmer were assigned. In pairs they traced the two couples, having been told of the proposed trip by the girls. Schoonover took Miss Lelah to Salem, there to meet her sister and Boreman, according to the story he told her. There, after he had made proposals which she refused, the plain clothes men arrested Schoonover, bringing him back to Portland.

Boreman was to meet them in Salem, but he yesterday took Miss Zella to Vancouver, Wash., where, with the officers following him, and the girl acceding to his plans, he went through stores looking at wedding apparel, which was to grace their proposed wedding. Miss Zella kept in touch with the officers until their return to Portland last night, when Boreman was arrested.

In the arrest, for which the police give credit to the girls, Sergeant Harms thinks he has the major figures in a budding white slave scheme.

"TAX DODGERS" WARNED

Sheriff Especially Goes After Delinquent Saloon Men.

"I am going to collect something like $69,000 due as personal tax from last year if I have to back drays up to some business places and houses around town and cart away enough stuff to meet the bills," announced Sheriff Word yesterday. "I have instructed my men working on the personal tax list to make only one demand for the money and if it is not forthcoming I will show these dodgers how to collect taxes."

Yesterday one of the Sheriff's deputies visited a saloon and billiard-room in the North End and demanded $140 due the county. He was told that it wouldn't be paid. He telephoned his chief, who talked to the proprietor over the telephone with the result that the saloonman soon was sitting in Mr. Word's private office arguing with the Sheriff that the bill was too high. He was told that he should have fought that question out with the Board of Equalization and further that if the amount is not paid by 10 o'clock this morning his billiard tables, fixtures and stock will be summarily seized.

"I have discovered that there are nine or ten saloons in this city which have been dodging their taxes," said Sheriff Word, "and you can bet your life they are going to pay up. I am not going to have my deputies running their legs off after the money, either. One notice is enough and all they will get."

BUSINESS IS ON INCREASE

Report of Parcel Post for First Half of January Made.

In compliance with a general order of the Postoffice Department, Acting Postmaster Williamson has submitted to the Postmaster-General a report of the business done in the parcel post division from January 1 to 15 and in substance it is as follows:

Outgoing parcels mailed	27,620
Total weight, pounds	34,849
Postage	$3,011.17
Incoming parcels delivered	15,189
Total weight, pounds	17,812
Local parcels received and delivered	804
Weight, pounds	641
Postage	$ 37.97
Total number parcels received and delivered	43,673

The total business of the three days, January 13, 14 and 15, was 91 per cent greater than the business of the three days, January 2, 3 and 4.

In explaining this comparative percentage of increase the following statistics were added:

First three days—	
Outgoing parcels mailed	5,631
Incoming parcels received for delivery	1,377
Local parcels received and delivered	174
Total	7,182
Last three days—	
Outgoing parcels mailed	7,652
Incoming parcels received for delivery	5,895
Local parcels received and delivered	195
Total	13,742

UNION WILL BE EXTENDED

Shingle Weavers to Take in Other Branches of Lumber Trade.

At the 11th annual session of the International Shingle Weavers' Union which convened in Portland yesterday, the plan of admitting into the organization workmen employed in various branches of the lumber industry will be adopted. This programme had been agreed upon previously by all the local branches of the union, with the understanding that the details of the extension of the organization would be worked out at the Portland meeting.

Discussion of the plan was taken up at the afternoon and night sessions of the convention, and it is expected that the greater part of today's sessions will be consumed in completing the details. In the Pacific Coast States and British Columbia it is estimated that 250,000 workmen will become eligible to membership.

One of the features of yesterday's meeting was an address by John H. Wallace, of the Industrial Insurance Commission of Washington. He discussed the proposed workmen's compensation bill that will be acted upon at the Oregon Legislature. He favored the bill as a whole, but declared that the elective feature should be eliminated. He believed also that the employers should bear the full burden of compensation.

At the opening session an address of welcome was given by Councilman Baker, acting for Mayor Rushlight. Other speeches were made by Will F. Daly and E. J. Stack, of the State Federation of Labor; Dr. Benjamin Young, of the Taylor-Street Methodist Church; J. G. Brown, of Seattle, president of the union, and Harry Clifford, of Portland.

Sixty-five delegates are in attendance from Oregon, Washington, California, British Columbia, Wisconsin and Michigan.

SCHOOL MEETING HELD

EDUCATION BOARD CONSIDERS BIDS FOR CONTRACTS.

Plans Adopted for Improvements and Additions to Buildings; Four Teachers Leave Service.

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held in the Tilford building yesterday afternoon and many routine matters were disposed of, while others were referred to the various committees.

The Board decided to reinsert the arbitration clause omitted from the heating specifications of the Jonesmore School, and the contractors may present their bids with or without the clause inserted. The bids will be received until tomorrow noon.

Upon the recommendation of Architect Ellis F. Lawrence, an entire unit instead of four rooms will be added to Fernwood School. The plans for the south wing of Rose City Park School, submitted by Joseph Jacobberger, were accepted. This will add eight rooms.

A delegation of four men came from the Peninsula to ask for certain additions to Peninsula School, and were informed that what they desired had previously been ordered by the Board.

The resignation of Jean Brownlie, Woodstock; Elizabeth Roberts, Lincoln High; Elizabeth Eastman Sunnyside, and Elsie Romig, Rose City Park, were accepted.

Williams & Beggs were awarded the plumbing contract for Jonesmore School amounting to $4628. All fuel oil bids were refused and the clerk was ordered to readvertise.

A petition signed by the three high school principals, asking that the 25 cent admission fee to graduation exercises be abolished and that $50, or as much less as was needed to cover actual expense of the exercises, be appropriated, was granted.

An order for $500 requested by Richard W. Montague, chairman of the school survey committee, was received and Clerk R. H. Thomas was told to notify Mr. Montague that the ruling of the Attorney-General, requiring all moneys expended by the Board to be accounted for, prevented them from allowing the money to be paid, but that Mr. Montague might submit his bills for auditing.

SALESMAN ASKS $50,000

W. J. Jackson Sues Realty Company for Alleged Breach of Contract.

Charging that a contract with him on which he would have earned at least $50,000 was broken by the defendant company without just cause, William J. Jackson has instituted suit in Circuit Court to recover that amount from the Churchill-Matthews Company.

The contract, by the terms of which Jackson was to sell Hood River Valley fruit land for the Churchill-Matthews Company and receive a commission of $75 an acre, was entered into in May, 1912, and was to have run till May, 1914.

In a separate action Jackson demands $5600, which he alleges he has earned as commissions, but which his employers refuse to pay.

BRANCH Y. M. C. A. GROWS

Classes Being Formed at Sellwood for Athletic Instruction.

New members to the number of 100 have been secured for the Sellwood Y. M. C. A. since that branch was reopened about two weeks ago, according to reports made to the board of governors at the meeting held Wednesday night. It was reported that subscriptions to the maintenance fund are being paid in and that the outlook for the branch is encouraging. Athletic classes for women, girls and boys are being organized. Secretary J. V. Guthrie expects to have 200 members inside of four weeks.

Evening classes in English for foreigners, and also an extension class from the Reed College, similar to the one at the Central Association building, are to be established. In February Secretary Guthrie expects to start Sunday meetings with addresses by leading ministers. He makes the announcement that any boy or young man who desires membership, but has not the means, can become associated by seeing the secretary, as the Women's Auxiliary have a fund to pay the membership of all who have not the means. The plans of the board is to make it possible for every boy to become a member. Open meetings are held every Friday night under auspices of the Women's Auxiliary.