

175 TO SPEAK THIS WEEK AT O. A. C.

Programme Is Most Complete of any Prepared for Similar Event.

ALL ROADS GRANT RATES

Lectures to Be Given by Many Persons Prominent in United States and Canada on Wide Variety of Interesting Subjects.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Dec. 31.—(Special).—All present indicate a point toward a new record of attendance in previous years at the annual Farmers' and Home-makers week which will begin tomorrow at the Oregon Agricultural College.

More than 400 letters have been received at the office of the extension department asking for programmes of the week, which is greatly in excess of the number received last year.

Governor Among Speakers.

Prominent among those who will appear on the programme are the following: Governor James Withycombe, Dr. C. H. Chapman, of Portland; Paul H. Weyrauch, of Walla Walla; Dr. Elwood Brad, of the University of California; Charles L. McNary, of Salem; J. B. Neff, leading nut grower, of Southern California; W. D. B. Dodson, secretary of the Portland Chamber of Commerce; Miss Alice Ravenhill, of British Columbia, who is conceded to be one of the highest authorities on home economics questions; J. A. Churchill, State Superintendent of Schools; Thomas Kay, State Treasurer; H. A. George, poultryman of Petaluma, Cal.; Dean Otis, of the University of Wisconsin; Professor Charlton, of the Washington State College; John Keating, president of the Lumberman's Trust Company, of Portland; W. G. Scholtz, marketmaster of Idaho; F. S. Hinshaw, of the United States Geological Survey, of E. C. Schroeder, of Moorhead, Minn.

24 Conferences Scheduled. A total of 24 conferences and conventions will be held, covering many of the leading industries of the state, and while the most attention will be given to agricultural and home-making subjects, there will also be conferences covering good roads, rural church improvement, child welfare, thrift, sanitation, rural credits and other subjects. In addition to the regular conferences, there will be classes held to cover various subjects of interest, the entire instructional force of the college being available for this work. Laboratories will be turned over to the visitors' use and lectures and demonstrations will be given every hour during the session.

Banquet to Be Given Friday. A banquet will be held Friday evening, at which impromptu speeches will be made by many prominent men of the state. Only products which have been produced at the college or on the college farms will be served, and attendance will be open to all visitors. Already about 200 persons have signified intention to attend the banquet. The work will begin promptly at 8 o'clock Tuesday and close at 5 o'clock Saturday. Special rates have been offered on all railroads in the Northwest, and the college authorities have planned to have every train met so that visitors may be assisted in finding accommodations.

BAKER WELCOMES 1917

PERIOD OF UNPRECEDENTED PROSPERITY IS PREDICTED.

Court of Honor Watches Out Old Year and New One in With Pledges of Co-operation.

BAKER, Or., Dec. 31.—(Special).—Baker boosters tonight celebrated the coming of the new year by declaring it will be the biggest year in the history of the Baker district, while saying farewell to the most prosperous yet recorded. The last blink of the light of the old year was the business streets, showing that the new year had come, meant that Baker citizens had united to do greater things than ever before. The movement is under the leadership of the Baker Chamber of Commerce.

Among the enterprises that give an assurance of a record year are the building of two lumber mills that will employ nearly 200 additional men in the city and many more in the woods, and the increase in size of another. The transfer of several mines and the plans for additional equipment promise to exceed even the gold and copper output of 1917. The early fall of heavy snow assures plenty of irrigation, so that grain, fruit and livestock are expected to have bumper yields, with the war giving bumper prices.

COURT LOWERS EXPENSE

\$97,300 ASKED FOR TWO YEARS AS COMPARED WITH \$95,600.

Revenues From Several Sources Will Total \$24,000, Further Reducing Cost of Justice.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 31.—(Special).—Figures compiled at the office of the clerk of the Supreme Court show that the court for the next biennium is asking for the next biennium \$97,300, as compared to \$95,600 for the past biennium.

While the budget shows that appropriations for the past two years for the court amounted to only \$95,500, as a matter of fact that court received \$1100 more. The budget on the face of it shows that the estimated cost of the court for the next biennium is \$104,000.50. But of this amount \$108,500 is an entirely new expense, added by the expense for the board of bar examiners and \$5000 for the court reporter include a deficiency of \$3500. The court reporter is paid at the

rate of \$500 a volume for publication of court reports. Last biennium it was estimated he would produce six volumes, when in fact he produced 11. Deducting these items leaves a balance of \$97,300. Basing the estimate on those figures the court is asking for less money than was actually appropriated two years ago. In addition the total estimated receipts for the next two years are \$24,000, which would bring the actual expense of conducting the court itself down to \$73,300. o. ... 1 - m\$ ETA OIHRDLU

MONEY SAVED TAXPAYERS

State Prints School Blanks at Small Price for Each District.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 31.—(Special).—Oregon has 2519 school districts. This is the statement of State Superintendent Churchill in commenting in his budget on the expense of printing school record books and blanks. Excluding the cost of printing school

FORMER PORTLAND BOY WHO DIED IN SAN FRANCISCO.



Dan J. O'Neill, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. O'Neill, 491 East Fifteenth street, died at St. Mary's Hospital in San Francisco last Friday after an illness of three days. He had gone to San Francisco to engage in business and within a month of his arrival there contracted a severe case of pneumonia, which brought about his death. Funeral services will be held at the Church of the Madeleine at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning. Interment will be at Riverview Cemetery.

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 31.—The state farm loan law is in actual operation, and Jean T. Braun, living near Baker, has the distinction of being the first borrower under the act. William Bruio, deputy state land examiner, returned today from Eastern Montana, where he closed the deal and paid over the money December 27.

STATE LOAN LAW IN FORCE

Montana Farmer Borrows \$2000 on Land Appraised at \$7864.

Mr. Braun applied for a loan of \$2000 on 320 acres of land not far from Baker. It was appraised by Mr. Bruio at \$7864. There were 90 acres under cultivation and 178 acres have been plowed. The loan runs for not less than three nor more than five years at 6 per cent interest. After the third year Braun can pay off any part of the principal in multiples of \$100.

PINKHAM TO BE RENAMED

Continuance of Hawaiian Governor in Office Forecast.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 31.—(Special).—Governor Pinkham, of Hawaii, will be reappointed by President Wilson at the expiration of his present term next December, in the opinion of Charles R. Forbes, of Honolulu, Commissioner of Public Works and chairman of the Board of Harbor Commissioners and the Public Utilities Commission, who has come to the mainland for his health. "The people of Hawaii feel that Governor Pinkham has proved an exceptionally capable executive," he said. "There is no doubt that he will be reappointed."

STACK WILL BE TALLEST

Tacoma Smelter to Put Up Highest Smokestack in World.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 31.—(Special).—Plans for the construction of the largest smokestack in the world at the Tacoma Smelting Company's plant at Tacoma have been practically completed. Construction work will be begun in the near future and it is reported that the contract has already been let. The giant stack will be 550 feet high, 30 feet higher than the one at Butte, Mont., now the largest in the world. The stack will be built to secure a large part of the precious metals which now are lost to the smelter in the form of dust.

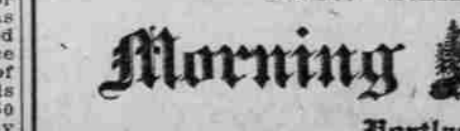
Uncle Sam still has considerable land to give to the enterprising citizen who wishes to establish a home. Secretary of the Interior Lane has announced that more than 250,000,000 acres of land remains in the public domain, according to official figures just compiled by the General Land Office. These acres are in 25 different states.

Ediefsen wishes happy New Year. Adv.

CAUTION

Wrappers of the New Year's Edition of The Morning Oregonian for sale on the streets and news stands will bear this label:

NEW YEAR'S EDITION



WATCH FOR THE LABEL

WOMEN HAVE PART

College Specialists Will Deliver Talks Farmers' Week.

TOPICS DEAL WITH HOMES

Various Speakers Are Leaders in Oregon in Their Respective Subjects—Demonstrations and Exhibits Are Planned.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Dec. 31.—(Special).—Portland women will have a large and important part in the proceedings of the Home Makers' Conference at the Agricultural College during Farmers' week. Among Portland women listed to deliver special addresses on subjects in which they are leaders in the state of Oregon are the following: Mrs. W. P. Ogburn, Mrs. George McMath, Mrs. Aristene Felts, Mrs. Sarah Evans, Mrs. Mills Trumbull, Mrs. Isaac Sweet, Mrs. J. G. Frankel and Mrs. C. W. Hayhurst.

These are not the only Oregon women taking part in the conference. Others scheduled for addresses are: Mrs. Charles H. Castner, Hood River; Mrs. Alexander Thompson, The Dalles; Miss Elizabeth F. Fox, Eugene; Miss Marian B. Towne, Phoenix; Mrs. Minnie Bond, Eugene; Mrs. Gertrude Blanchard, Grants Pass, and Mrs. M. H. Whitby, of Corvallis.

In getting representatives of the leading subjects in which the conference is primarily interested, hygiene, child development and the art of right living, the Home Economics management did not confine itself to Oregon, or indeed to the United States. One of the leading speakers is Miss Alice Ravenhill, noted international authority, author and lecturer on these important subjects. Miss Ravenhill will deliver two addresses each day of the conference on two series of subjects. She has appeared at two similar conferences and is regarded as a strong speaker.

A number of college specialists in various phases of home economics, domestic science, domestic art and other phases of home and social activities will have part in each day's programme. In addition to the number of specialists from the various departments of vegetable gardening, bacteriology, etc., will discuss phases of their work closely related to that of the Oregon home makers.

Aside from the instructional work and general addresses, a canning demonstration by Miss Helen Cowgill has been arranged. It is expected the members of the industrial club from various parts of the state will assist in these demonstrations.

A number of elaborate exhibits have been arranged for display throughout the week. The department of domestic art will have a basketry exhibit, and in connection with it exhibits showing evening gowns and other items of clothing, household decorations and educational exhibits. Some factors on the high cost of living that have been eliminated or modified to reduce the cost will be shown in the unique exhibits called "How to Make Both Ends Meet."

An arrangement has been made by a committee of Y. W. C. women students to care for small children so that their mothers may attend any of the sessions.

MARION LEVY TO BE 10.5

SALEM PROPERTY OWNERS WILL PAY 30.9 MILLS.

Provision for Poor Is \$21,000 More Than Last Year Because of Exemption Granted Widows.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 31.—(Special).—The County Commissioners turned over to County Assessor West last night the final tax levy for Marion County for the coming year, which will be 10.5 mills. State tax will be 3 mills, school tax 2.6 mills and county tax 4.9 mills. This will make the total levy for the city of Salem 30.9 mills.

The total expense to the county out of the general fund will be \$286,867.65, but it is estimated there will be \$236,648.32 in receipts from various sources. Among extraordinary items included are \$264,000 for roads, bridges and ferries and \$48,000 for the care of the poor. The latter item is \$21,000 higher than last year. Included in the amount is a sum of \$20,000 for which a precedent established here of deducting the income value of all property held by those coming under the pension law from the amount of the pension paid is understood to be one of the reasons for this substantial increase.

Among other levies, 3 of a mill is included for the high school tuition fund. HOOD RIVER PAYS 34.85 City and County Levies Increased Over Those of Last Year.

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HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 31.—(Special).—The total of the city of Hood River's tax levy for the coming year will reach 34.85 mills, an increase of 3.65 over that of last year. The county tax, set Friday by the County Court at 14.1 mills, is increased .9 of a mill over that of last year. The levy will raise \$122,983.54. The levy made by the city for general purposes reaches 12.75, an increase of 1.75 over last year, while the city school levy is 8 mills, 1 mill heavier than that of last year.

\$30,000 Paid for Farm Land.

PENDLETON, Or., Dec. 31.—(Special).—For a consideration of \$30,000, David Horne, prominent Umatilla County farmer, has purchased three quarter sections of farm land from James Roach, of Roach Bros. The land is located near the Umatilla Indian Reservation southeast of Pendleton.

Advertisement for Goodrich Black Safety Tread Tires. Features include: 'Bring Back Any Goodrich Black Safety Tread Tires That Owe You Anything', 'FROM Maine to California, and on around the world, The B. F. Goodrich Company sends forth this all-including invitation: Bring back any Goodrich tires you feel have failed to give you right service.', 'THE GOODRICH SUPER-GUARANTEE', 'THE B. F. GOODRICH COMPANY, Akron, Ohio', and 'BEST IN THE LONG RUN'.

INDUSTRY SHOWS GAINS

LABOR COMMISSIONER REPORTS GENERAL GROWTH IN 1916. More Than 10,000 Active Lanes Now Employ 65,000 to 70,000 Men in Oregon—Wages Are Raised.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 31.—(Special).—There are more than 10,000 industries in Oregon. These employ between 65,000 and 70,000 men. The number of active industries and men employed have shown a steady increase during the past few years, despite the fact that a period of general business depression was passed through.

Industrial conditions in the state have been markedly better during the past year, according to a statement made by State Labor Commissioner Hoff. "Wages are better, there are fewer unemployed and the general investment in industries is greater, although it is a fact that living cost has increased somewhat," said Mr. Hoff. The state makes provision for protection of laborers through the State Labor Commissioner, who is inspector of factory and workshops with power to enforce the installation and maintenance of safety appliances, and through the Industrial Accident Commission, which provides a comprehensive system of accident insurance for employees through a fund which is raised from the employers, the employees and the state itself. Under this act 8042 industries are taking benefits for their employees. Reported to that commission for the past year were 9470 accidents, 82 of which were fatal. Approximately 89 per cent of the industries in the state have come under the act.

As a further protection to workmen the Oregon Federation for Industrial Safety has been formed. The object of this federation is to promote a campaign of education for more and better safeguards for laborers.

Highway Completion Asked.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 31.—(Special).—Resolutions asking Governor Lister and the next Legislature to appropriate funds for the completion of the Pacific Highway in Lewis County and the building of a bridge across the Cowlitz River at Toledo were adopted

at a mass meeting of citizens held in Toledo Wednesday night, at which G. M. Boyles presided.

LISTER NAMES REPUBLICAN

George Dow McQuesten Elevated to State Board of Control.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 31.—(Special).

Governor Lister Saturday appointed George Dow McQuesten to the State Board of Control, succeeding Frank C. Morse, resigned. Mr. McQuesten resided in Tacoma and served in the 1911 and 1915 Legislatures, as a Progressive-Republican. He came to Washington 19 years ago in the Indian service and was a member of the Tacoma School Board for three years.

Church Dedication Postponed.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 31.—(Special).—Work on the new Catholic mission on Cowlitz Prairie, which it was planned to dedicate next month, has been suspended owing to a lack of funds and the dedication has been postponed indefinitely. The plastering of the interior of the mission has been completed. The new church replaces one destroyed by the fire about a year ago.

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

Advertisement for The Portland Cordage Company. Features include: 'The Portland Cordage Company', 'Manufacturers of Manila and Sisal Rope', 'Also Binder or Harvester Twines', 'Established 1887', and 'Factories and Offices: Portland, Oregon; Seattle, Washington'.