

FILLERS OF SOIL TO CONVEY HERE

Farmers Will Consider Mutual Interests at Sessions to Be Held in Portland.

PLAN MUCH ENTERTAINING

American Association of Farmers' Institute Workers, Association for Promotion of Agricultural Science and Others Coming.

Portland will be the theater of many important agricultural conventions during August, and the Commercial Club and local commercial bodies are completing plans for the reception and entertainment of the delegates to the respective conventions.

The American Association of Farmers' Institute Workers will assemble for their 14th annual convention on August 18 and 17. The Association for the Promotion of Agricultural Science will convene on August 17 and the Association of American Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations will institute the 2nd annual convention on August 18 and will continue until adjournment on August 20.

J. L. Ellsworth, of Boston, Mass., is president of the first organization; G. A. Putnam, Toronto, Canada, is vice-president and John Hamilton, of Washington, D. C., is secretary and treasurer.

The Association of Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations will open its convention on the afternoon of Tuesday, August 17, with a meeting of the executive committee.

On Tuesday evening a reception will be tendered to the delegates of both conventions by the Portland Commercial Club. On Wednesday morning L. H. Bailey, dean of the agricultural department of Cornell University, will deliver an address on "Better Preparation of Men for College and Station Work."

In the afternoon the president, M. A. Scovell, of Lexington, Ky., will deliver his annual address. Typical discussions and addresses will be heard on Thursday.

The final session will be held on Friday. Reports of committees, election of officers and unfinished business will bring the convention to a close.

The meetings of the associations will be held in the convention hall of the Portland Commercial Club. Following the closing sessions on Friday a special train will convey the delegates on a trip through the Willamette Valley.

The visitors will be guests of the local Commercial Club on their jaunt up the Valley. Stops will be made at Dundee, a rich walnut and prune district, and Independence, where the delegates will view the hopfields.

Several hours will be consumed in a sally to Corvallis and a tour of the grounds and the Oregon Agricultural College at that place, the visitors will be tendered a reception and entertainment by the Corvallis Commercial Club and members of the city.

The jaunt will be resumed to Salem, the State Capital, where the guests will be received with open arms by the citizens and commercial bodies.

On Saturday a similar trip will be made through the Columbia River Valley to Hood River, the premier apple-growing district of the Northwest.

Special railroad rates and facilities have been provided and a large influx of delegates to the various conventions is anticipated.

SWEDES SEEN IN COSTUME

Parade Is Novel Feature of Celebration at Exposition.

AUTO ROUTE ACROSS STATE

New Method of Transportation From Shaniko to Klamath.

REND, Or., July 31.—(Special).—The recent inauguration of automobile stage lines connecting Shaniko and Bend has proved so successful that J. H. Weandy, proprietor of the present line via Madras, announces that he has purchased a new machine for a supplementary service beyond Bend.

The new car—Chalmers-Detroit—will have its headquarters at Bend and from there will make quick connections with Sisters and the Trans-Cascade stage lines, when so desired, and especially will facilitate transportation southward to Rosland and in the Klamath direction.

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ELMA TO SEND CROWD TO FAIR.

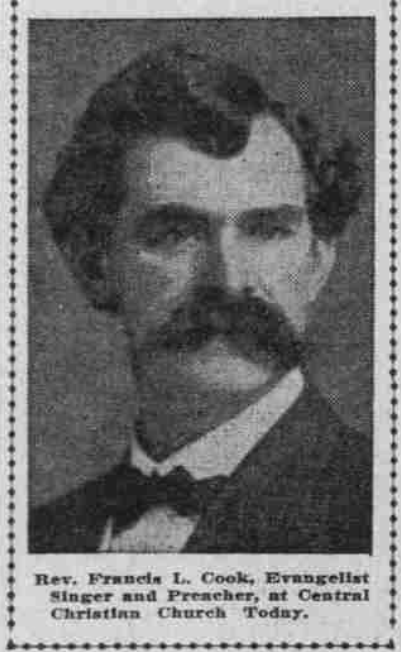
ELMA, Wash., July 31.—(Special).—Elma

has taken advantage of Chehalis County day at the Exposition to advertise the town, and has arranged for a special car. Every store and business house in Elma has agreed to close on August 6. Action is now being taken to send further exhibits to Chehalis County's building and from now on shipments will follow one another as the products of the field, orchard and garden mature and are harvested.

EVANGELIST TO PREACH

Rev. Francis L. Cook at Central Christian Church Today.

Rev. Francis L. Cook, a noted evangelist and singer, will assist in the services today at the Central Christian Church, East Salmon and Twentieth streets, and



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probably will deliver the morning sermon. Dr. Cook traveled extensively as an evangelist preacher and singer. He will render several solos at the services today. He has a powerful baritone voice, and is considered one of the best among evangelist singers. Among the ministers with whom he has worked is H. H. Breddon, of Des Moines, Ia. At Sedalia, Mo., he was assistant pastor for eight years. In all the work that he has undertaken as assistant pastor, evangelist, or singer, he has been eminently successful.

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W. McArthur, of Tenino, Has New Method of Making Light.

CENTRALIA, Wash., July 31.—(Special).—William McArthur, one of the owners of the Hercules Sandstone quarries at Tenino, and who has invented a machine for the production of illuminating gas from lignite coal, states that since his application has been turned down by the village Council of Tenino he will, as soon as the details connected with the securing of the patent are concluded, apply for a franchise at either Centralia or Tacoma.

Eastern capital has been interested in manufacturing the gas at various points in the state.

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GROUNDS ARE IMPROVED

Cement Walks Laid and New Shrubbery and Flowers Planted at Salem—Tile Floors to Be Placed in Building.

SALEM, Or., July 31.—(Special).—The betterment work that has been in progress for some months at the State Capitol has demonstrated to all who have taken the trouble to investigate that the building is solid as a rock and absolutely safe. "The Capitol was built before the days of graft," said one state official, "and was honestly constructed. It is remarkably substantial. The walls are all of solid brick, fully two feet thick. Even the partitions between the rooms are of solid brick. The building is as safe and solid as any Portland business block."

By the terms of Chapter 186, \$49,010 was appropriated by the last Legislature for improvements about the building. Considerable of the work provided for in the law is now under way. The lawn has been spaded up and reseeded for the first time since 1892. New shrubbery and flowers have been planted, and the grounds will be more beautiful than ever by next year. A

complete system of cement walks will be built, and this work is now well under way.

A spot at the northwest corner of the building, where wood has been hauled and unloaded before being shoved down a chute to the basement, and which has always been an eyesore, is being covered with a cement floor, which will do away with the mud question at this point for all time. A new pipeline is being laid from the penitentiary and the asylum to the Statehouse. This will give more power to the Statehouse, and make it possible for the Capitol elevator to be operated at a respectable speed.

The improvements in the interior of the building will be quite as marked and noticeable as those to be made to the grounds and surroundings. The entire first and second floors will be tiled and the new floor will be embellished with a beautiful pink Tennessee marble base. Before the new floor goes down, however, the building will be wired, the wires to be placed in conduits and run between the floors. It is declared to be a miracle that there have not been some disastrous fires in the Statehouse before this time, as the wires are in bad condition and liable to result in a conflagration at any time. The rewiring will commence next week. The basement has been excavated, and fireproof vaults will be built.

In one or two places the main floor will be reinforced with steel beams, and many other repairs of a minor nature will be made. However, the work has developed the fact that the building itself is remarkably substantial, and is good for an unlimited number of years.

Tacoma Outbids Portland. WASHINGTON, July 31.—Bids were received today by the Quartermaster-General for supplying 3,250,000 board feet of Oregon pine for the use of the Army in the Philippines. The two bids submitted were those of the Eastern & Western Lumber Company, of Portland, \$28,410, and the St. Paul & Tacoma Lumber Company, of Tacoma, \$28,000. The Tacoma bid is for delivery at ship's tackle and of the Portland company.

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Auto Accident Is Fatal. NEW YORK, July 31.—Cornelius Cuyler, president of the United States Mortgage & Trust Company, of this city, and prominent in financial and civic affairs, died last night at Biarritz, France, as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

There is a growing demand for American pearls. Those taken from the Western waters last season were valued at \$500,000.

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