

## GIRL STUDIES TREES

Miss Coralie Snell, of Astoria, Has Unique Ambition.

### FIELD WORK IS CONSIDERED

Oregon Co-Ed Plans to Become Forest Pathologist—Others Train for Agriculture, Landscape Gardening, Etc.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Dec. 8. (Special.)—Girls have registered in agriculture, landscape gardening and many other courses at the O. A. C. but this is the first year that a woman has ever been enrolled in the school of forestry. Miss Coralie Snell, of Astoria, is registered in forestry and expects to make use of her course upon graduation.

She plans to be a forest pathologist and to do her work in the field rather than in the laboratory. Fungous diseases and some insect diseases of the big timber of the country will be studied right on the timber lands by Miss Snell. She has lived in the wooded country in both Idaho and Oregon. After trying a number of lines of work usually done by women, she chose the profession which will keep her out of doors. She fully expects to do her work as a man would, and so far has had no difficulty in following the required courses in the college in forestry.

Electrical engineering boasts a woman student in Miss Mildred Catton, a former Jefferson High School girl, who entered O. A. C. this fall. Miss Catton is specializing in the mathematical end of the course, but is taking practically every subject taken by the men.

Miss Jean Kelly, daughter of Major and Mrs. George Kelly, of Portland, is another girl who is registered in a man's course, that of agriculture. She not only studies marketing conditions, poultry raising and crop production, but is taking a course in farm mechanics and is required to take apart and set up intricate parts of farm machinery on the college farm. She also studies stock raising. During a part of last summer Miss Kelly donned overalls and had actual practice in farming on the farm of her uncle in Eugene.

Several girls are entered in the pharmacy course, among them Miss Ruth Wolff, of Portland, and Miss Eileen Cameron, of Graham. A long range of subjects is taken by the co-eds, including practically everything from showcard writing to physiology.

## PIONEER OF 1849 DEAD

MRS. ELIZA J. AYERS SUCCEUMS AT AGE OF 81.

Heppner Woman Prominent in Church and Lodge Circles Leaves Four Children.

HEPPNER, Or., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—Mrs. Eliza J. Ayers, one of Morrow County's best-known pioneer women, died at her home here November 25, in her 82d year. She was born in Burlington, Ia. She was the daughter of William and Elizabeth Greenwood. The family crossed the plains by ox team in 1849, and settled on Howell prairie, near Salem. In 1851, the daughter, Eliza, was married to Israel Shaw. Five months later, May 1, 1852, Mr. Shaw died. The young widow returned to her father's home, where she remained until October 1, 1854, when she was married to Harvey Smith. He died in 1873, leaving seven children. Mrs. Smith engaged in the hotel business at Heppner and supported her children until they were grown. Mrs. Smith was married to Thomas W. Ayers, a prominent citizen and business man of Heppner, in 1888. He died August 28, 1909.

Of the seven children born to her second marriage four survive her. They are: Mrs. Josephine Forwood, of Sumpter, Or.; Mrs. Pauline Quaid, of Portland; Mrs. Cora Van Duyn, of Spokane, Wash., and Mrs. Eliza Walbridge, of Heppner. Three grandsons also survive.

Mrs. Ayers was a member of the Episcopal Church at the time of her death and was also a charter member of the Eastern Star, of Heppner.

## ALGERIAN GATHERS EARS

Morbid Collection Brought to Light in French Hospitals.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—A censored letter received on Coos Bay from an American soldier in France related an incident occurring at a base hospital where French Colonials were housed for convalescence. The writer had been stationed in the vicinity of the hospital and was assisting in reception of the wounded. One day a strapping, big Algerian was brought in for treatment. When his effects were examined 50 human ears were found among them.

The inference is drawn that, hearing of the German atrocities, the Algerian thought he would repay in kind, so he made his morbid collection.

## Irrigation Project May Be Larger.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—The request for \$2,000 to extend the Modoc Point irrigation project on Klamath Indian reservation north of here has been made by the Indian Reclamation Service by Superintendent L. M. Holt, of the Northwest district, is the news brought to this city by H. W. Hinckley in charge of the project, from headquarters at Chiloquin. Superintendent Holt is now in Washington, D. C., in conference with the chief engineers regarding the appropriations for the various projects.

## Castle Rock Boys Enlist.

CASTLE ROCK, Wash., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—Many Castle Rock boys are enlisting. Six of its young men joined the ranks in the past few days. Claude G. Brenneman and Jason Little joined the forestry engineers, at Seattle; William Haupt and Melvin Hardy enlisted in the Navy at Seattle; Dick Gaze and Stanley Dean enlisted at Chehalis, the former in the quartermaster's corps as a baker and the latter in the engineering corps. They were next to Vancouver. These boys were under draft age.

## Sheep Poisoned in Lake County.

LAKEVIEW, Or., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—A telephone message has been received here from Adel, a town in South Warner Valley, to the effect that about 60 head of sheep belonging to Henry O'Keefe, prominent sheep owner of that section, had been poisoned on the range near the Houston ranch in the vicinity of Juniper Mountain. Whether the poison was caused by death camas or alkali is not known, but it is pos-



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Kelso Post Elects Officers. KELSO, Wash., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—Officers for the ensuing year were re-

lected Saturday by C. S. Hamilton Post, G. A. R. Those elected were: Oliver Byerly, post commander; C. J. Inman, senior vice-commander; Jacob Stoves, junior vice-commander; P. J. Knapp, quartermaster; H. G. Cronk, adjutant; Daniel Peer, officer of the day; F. M. Knoles, officer of the guard, and R. S. Thompson, chaplain.

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