

FARMER INSTITUTE

MOST IMPORTANT MEETING CLOSURE AT LA GRANDE

Many Important Subjects Were Discussed—Dr. Withycomb Makes an Excellent Address—Lecturer A. B. Cordley Spoke Actively on "Insect and Plant Diseases."

La Grande, March 26—The Farmer's Institute closed its Friday and Saturday sessions today with a constructive meeting held in Eastern Oregon. The summary of the day's progress is as follows: The farmers' address of welcome by Dr. Withycomb was a most interesting one, in which he emphasized the importance of the institute as a medium for the dissemination of modern agricultural knowledge.

Dr. Withycomb's Address. Dr. James Withycomb being introduced, responded in part as follows: "I wish to apologize for the farmer. He is the peer of any man as he can be. Farming is the art of art—the master science."

"What we need to do is to mingle learning with our labor; brains with our brawn. We have many problems to study out in this section. You have a good capital to work with here—the soil is as much your capital as the gold in the vaults of the bank is to the banker. Capitalism has a rich soil and a fertile valley."

Vast Possibilities of Agriculture. Under modern economic methods of agriculture the annual income of the Grande Ronde valley should be more than \$7,000,000, or \$20 an acre.

"How can you accomplish this result? By shipping your product in the finished form. Not a sack of grain nor a bale of hay should be shipped out of this valley. Your products that form are of too low value. Ship your hay and grain within the hide of fat cattle or in the form of fat hogs. Eliminate the element of freight rates. When you ship something of low value, such as hay at one half a cent a pound, the freight problem looms up large. When your hay is butter at 20c a pound or meat at four or five cents, the freight rate cuts very little figure."

Farming the Master Science. Study your problems. The farm is not a last chance proposition. Do not wear out your soil. Do not get in the wheat raising rut. Do you know that our Oregon pork is worth one half to one cent more a pound than the corn fed pork. We can raise as good pork as the celebrated Danish pork.

"Feed your hogs wheat, barley, peas and protein-forging foods. Don't summer fallow. Your soil is not resting when it is being summer fallowed. It is in a more active state through oxidation. One season's summer fallow exhausts your soil of nitrogen as much as crops of 40 bushels to the acre would. Concentrate on setch, rape, corn or something that protects your land as well as enriches it. We are about to have a packing house at Portland. This means a great deal for the development of this coast. Put in alfalfa and feed crops on your ridge lands. Feed your stock with it. Concentrate on your products. Grande can be a city of importance in time to come—because it has such a rich tributary territory."

Bugs and Bugology. Prof. A. B. Cordley was introduced and spoke on insect and fungus pests. He spoke as follows: "Dr. Riley, the United States entomologist estimates that 10 per cent of all crops grown in the United States are destroyed by such pests each year. This is a greater tax on agriculture than all forms of municipal, county, state and government taxes combined."

Spraying Fluids. "Chief of these is the Bordeaux mixture formed of copper sulphate, lime and water. The efficiency of this mixture depends in a large measure upon the method of its preparation. The usual proportion is six pounds of lime and six pounds of copper sulphate to 50 gallons of water."

"I am going to illustrate the right way of making the Bordeaux mixture. Some mix the lime and the copper sulphate and add the water. Others dilute the lime and add the sulphate and add the lime."

Fishing Season Opens April First

Prepare for the great sport of catching the wily trout.

Come to us for your rods, tackle, lines, baskets, hooks and other supplies. Our stock is the largest and best selected.

FRAZIER'S

Sporting Goods of all Kinds

NEWS OF MILTON

BOX SOCIAL AT VINCENT SCHOOL CLEARED \$50.

Personal Notes—Mr. Hadley Very Sick—Smallpox in Family of A. T. Brewet—Preliminary Survey of the Milton-Walla Walla Railroad Begun—Farmers Busy Finishing Their Seedling.

Milton, March 23—Mrs. Frank Harmon, of College Place, Wash., in visiting relatives and friends in the river.

Mat Hudson has completed the jumping plant at the Milton nursery. The capacity of the plant was increased by putting in another wheel.

W. A. Putnam was in Pendleton, Miss. Lida Nell, Mrs. Lenora Storm, R. E. Frazier, Rev. H. Walla Walla, and Rev. D. D. Sanderson was in Pataha, Wash., last week.

Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Davis went to Heils Saturday evening with their daughter, Mrs. Irving King.

Mr. Hadley, who purchased Charles' Strawberry patch in this city, is quite sick at this writing.

Asa Troyer left Friday evening for Portland, where he will take a lecture course in embalming. When completed, he will enter the employ of J. N. Stone's undertaking store.

Born, on the 19th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. H. Sams, son, on the 20th, to Mr. and Mrs. W. Lamb, a daughter.

E. G. Stanley, Charles, W. J. G. Halter, Mrs. H. B. May, Dr. H. C. Gray and wife, Mrs. Mattie Taylor, Charles Brooks, of Walla Walla, were in Milton last week.

The box social given at the Vincent school, Saturday evening, was one of those pleasant occasions that always will be remembered by those present. We didn't learn the exact amount raised, but it was nearly \$50, which goes toward an organ.

M. Schmardt, of this city, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. G. Pell, of Adams.

H. H. Hubbard, ex-county auditor of Spokane county, Washington, was in Milton the first of last week.

David Ross of Pataha City is an visiting his son, John, at present. He contemplates locating in this vicinity this summer.

The family of Charles Cully, north of Milton, was released from quarantine of smallpox Friday, and the family of A. T. Brewet, quarantine for the same.

Mrs. Polly Rogers, of Pomroy, Wash., who has been visiting her brother, S. F. Harrington for the past three weeks, returned home last Wednesday.

Professor J. E. Cherry, of Adams was a visitor in Milton Saturday. He came to practice some songs with the Hyppolite quartet at the Christian church at Athena.

Sargeant Wilson, of Walla Walla, came over Sunday to commence the preliminary survey of the Milton-Walla Walla railroad.

Dr. M. Dittman, who has undergone a surgical operation in the hospital in Portland, will be at home Tuesday, but not able to resume his practice for a few weeks.

At Patrick's mask ball given in the opera house last Wednesday evening was another point scored in favor of the management of the hall. Quite a number of visitors were in attendance from outside points.

Mrs. Laura Wright and Mrs. J. W. Berry have been appointed administrators of the estate of W. T. Wright. Mrs. Wright is made the principal legatee. The estate has not been appraised, but is valued at about \$20,000.

A moving picture concert will be held in the opera house next Wednesday evening, under the auspices of the W. W. W. We failed to hear of the nature of the views, but were assured that they would be interesting.

J. E. Nichols has requested the different lodges of the city to appoint a committee to meet about April the first to make arrangements for the proper observance of Decoration day.

Arthur Spence, a Columbia College student, will leave in a few days for Walla Walla, Wash., to work on a ranch until harvest time, then he will go to Butter Creek to work for Mr. Bartholomew.

Charles Berry's father, S. R. Cole, of Spokane, was in Milton Saturday.

M. A. Meek, of Walla Walla, father of Mrs. James Powers, was in this vicinity last week looking over the country with a view to locating.

J. D. Smith, of Athena, was in Freewater Thursday, looking for a building to put his stock of confectionery in, which he intends to move here.

John Miller has moved his house out to the street and will build an addition to it.

An old gentleman by the name of Freeman, who lives about eight miles east of town on the north fork of the Walla Walla River, died Friday and was buried in the Bowen cemetery Sunday.

"Old Maids" Social. An "'old maids'" social will be given in the opera house next Saturday evening under the auspices of the young ladies of the Epworth League. This will be the first entertainment of the spring and promises to be something above the usual routine of entertainments.

New Brick Buildings. William Nichols and S. A. Miller will erect two new brick buildings in Milton just as soon as the site has been had. The ground has been broken for the first and is now ready for the foundation. It will be 20x70 and just south of the Strain building. The other will be a two-room building 40x100 and will be built on the ground where the Miller bakery and the drummer's sample room is now located.

INDIANS VICTORIOUS.

Wonders and Pick-Up Team Defeated by the Umattilla Team Yesterday.

The Wonders did not show up yesterday on any organized extent to contend on the diamond with the Umattilla Reds. Only four of the boys who represented the Wonders were members of that team—Froome, Drake, Kruger and Cronin. The other five were picked up from among the bystanders who went out to see the game. The score stood 14 to 13 in favor of the Reds.

The positions were as follows: Catcher, G. Bryson; pitcher, Jay Fry; second base, Froome; second base, Drake; shortstop, Kruger; third base, Cronin; left field, Beltzer; center field, Rennie; right field, Hummel. The Umattilla team was as follows: Catcher, August; pitcher, Billy; shortstop, Andrew; first base, Frank; second base, Johnson; third base, Thomas; right field, Robert; center field, Motanic; left field, Charley. The scorer for the game was H. Greulich, the umpire, J. Peters.

ON UPPER M'KAY. Grass is Growing Rapidly and Cattle Are Doing Well.

M. L. Rhodes, of McKay, 23 miles out, reports livestock as all doing well and grass as starting finely. In that neighborhood there is a more than usually bright prospect for a profusion of excellent grass for this spring's pasture.

The season of foraging seedling has been unusually protracted. Mr. Rhodes' farm is turning sheep into the range, there being already enough to support them. Mr. Rhodes had wanted for housing purposes 10 years during any particular year unsuccessful attempts to secure water on his place were made. Late in the advice of Ed Bourner, a certain spot. At a depth of 21 feet water was struck, which is now 10 feet deep, and the quality is excellent. Mr. Rhodes lately built a barn.

GOLCONDA DIVIDEND. Cracker Creek Bonanza Will Declare the First of its Regular Quarterly Dividends on April Fool's Day.

C. B. Wade, president of the Golconda Consolidated Gold Mines Company, authorizes the announcement that the company will declare a dividend, all stockholders of record on that date will participate in the same.

It is understood that this is the beginning of what the management hope to continue as regular quarterly dividends.

It is understood that the company has been sacking high grade ore on at least two levels for the past few weeks, an expect to make a shipment of high grade ore in the near future.

TEAM RAN AWAY. Mrs. Thomas Thompson Severely Bruised Yesterday in Accident on Water Street.

Yesterday afternoon as Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Thompson were out driving their team, a wheel went near the courthouse. They ran about two blocks to Water street, when the carriage overturned, throwing both Mr. and Mrs. Thompson to the ground. The team kept on for some distance and demolished the carriage completely, but were stopped before doing them any particular damage. Mr. Thompson was uninjured, but Mrs. Thompson was very severely bruised and shaken up, though fortunately she was not broken or in any locations sustained.

Has a New Ranch. J. S. Manning, who lately sold his ranch two miles east of Pilot Rock, has 800 acres on Seven Mile, 10 miles from Pilot Rock, which he will develop into a ranch, moving upon the place this spring to begin operations by that end. Mr. Manning reports livestock as very thin as a rule, but there is an almost entire absence of disease among the stock.

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The Tax Rolls. Deputy Sheriff Davis reports that a week or 10 days will elapse before the tax rolls can be footed up so that the exact amount of taxes paid under the provision taking advantage of the discount can be exhibited.

Struck Excellent Water. Alvin Blaine, who lives on the north fork of the McKay, hauled water for household purposes ten years. Lately, on the advance of a "water ditch" he dug a well in a certain spot. At a depth of 12 1/2 feet he struck excellent water which raised 22 inches at once and is slowly increasing in depth.

Have the Mumps. Several members of the family of Lee Curtright, who lives eight miles from town, on McKay Creek, have the mumps. This is about the last trace of epidemic disease in that neighborhood.

NEWS FROM ECHO

KOONTZ THREATEN STO FENCE UP THE STREET.

Argument Against Such a Line of Procedure Waxed Warm—G. W. Rea, Land Commissioner From The Dalles, Looks Over the Land of Promise—Many Home-seekers Coming.

Echo, Ore., March 21—Quite an excitement was created on the streets here today by a threat of James H. Koontz to fence up one of the principal streets of the town. The threat said to have been made, because L. A. Esteb purchased a lot belonging to Rube Oliver, lying between the postoffice and the O. R. & N. depot, with the view of opening up an office. It seems that Mr. Esteb had been trying for two days to purchase a lot on Main street belonging to Mr. Koontz, but was unable to get a satisfactory price. Finding that Mr. Oliver had made the contract of sale, Mr. Koontz decided that it would dim the business from the part of town in which he was interested, he decided to stop the sale.

Argument against such a line of procedure waxed warm and several emphatic denunciations of such methods were pronounced. It seems that it would be the part of wisdom to lay aside such strife which is certainly unwarranted, look at it from a broader standpoint. No town prosper, however favorably situated, where such emulation exists. The conditions are such at present that co-operation on the part of the property owners would bring material results to the little town of Echo. Whereas, such pulling in at opposite directions will retard investment and drive intending purchasers elsewhere.

G. W. Rea, United States land commissioner for The Dalles district, drove over from Heppner today for the purpose of looking over the land situation here.

The influx of home-seekers continues in an increasing ratio and the hotel and livery barns are taxed to provide accommodations. This morning's train brought in 10 or 12 from Colfax, Walla Walla and other points. JAMES A. GREENE

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HOSPITAL FOR HEPPNER.

Morrow County Subscribing for the Purpose.

George Conover and Llewellyn Lock are out this week soliciting subscriptions for the construction of a hospital in Heppner, says the Times. All are subscribing liberally and there is little doubt but what a sufficient amount can be raised within a few days to build a substantial hospital. It is an institution that has long been needed and will without question receive sufficient support from the start for maintenance.

At present all persons in need of hospital service from Heppner and surrounding country, and from the interior, are compelled to go to Portland at a large expense.

It is proposed to build a good substantial hospital here with all necessary conveniences for the comfort of patients, and maintain a service equal to that of the Portland hospital. Such an institution will be a great convenience for persons in this section and the interior country who may need hospital service at a much less expense than having to go to Portland for the same service.

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