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ECHO HOLDS FIRST FARMERS' MEETING IN UMATILLA COUNTY

Enthusiastic Meeting of Farmers Held Saturday Evening to Listen to Lectures on Farming and Feeding Problems.

The meeting of the Echo Farmers' Club, held on Saturday afternoon, was a success from every point of view, and paved the way for more interesting meetings and greater results in the future.

Odd Fellows' hall was well filled with farmers who came to listen to the lectures by Prof. H. T. French, of the Agricultural College of Idaho, and Dr. E. N. Hutchinson, of the bureau of animal industry of the United States.

These speakers were furnished by the O. R. & N. Company, through Col. R. C. Judson, who organized the Farmers' Club, and made the dates for the speakers.

Professor French was formerly connected with the Oregon Agricultural college, and is now in charge of the Idaho experimental work for the purpose of proving the theories he teaches.

The subject of Prof. French's lecture was "Diversified Farming," and he spoke in part as follows:

"For centuries there has been a wide gulf between the farmer and the scientist. The farmer has imagined that science was something which could not be applied in practice, and therefore looked upon the scientist as a sort of impractical dreamer, whose theories were not intended for use, but for books."

"Today, this difference—the gulf, is wiped away, and the farmer is the scientist. He knows that the laws of nature, properly controlled and properly applied, will produce given results, and they follow the principles of science in farming mean just as much as the principles of science in electricity, steam, medicine and surgery, and he no longer looks upon science as an imaginary and impractical delusion."

"When the state experiment stations were established, the practical farmers said: 'Let us see what we can hold the premium stock in spite of the scientists.' Those unpractical breeders will not accomplish anything. But breeders know it, the state agricultural colleges were in the ring for first premiums everywhere. They were taking prizes, and the very noses of the old pioneer stockmen and farmers. Then they began to look into the methods employed by these 'theorists' as the scientists had been termed, and they found that every theory employed was backed by nature's law. They began to talk science themselves."

Farmers Would Not Milk.

"When I first went to Moscow, Idaho, there were farmers there who would not milk a cow for love or money. It seemed to be a small, insignificant business, fit only for women and children. But today, there are hundreds of them, milking and making a good thing of it. Cream separators, milk-making foods and grasses, and are scientific dairy-men."

"And it pays them well. There is no machine on earth that pays so well as a dairy cow, that will produce from \$75 to \$80 per year in butter fat. There is no occupation in the world so pleasant and remunerative as diversified farming, including the dairy, the berry patch, the beet field, the orchard, the grasses, all enriched with the manure of the dairy, and each yielding, returns and furnishing employment to untold laborers."

West is One Round of Surprise.

"The West is one constant round of surprises. Here in your Echo valley, the peach crop is blossoming ahead of any city in the Northwest except in the vicinity of Lewiston, Idaho. The opportunity here for diversified farming is enormous. It is pronounced of any place I know. There is no place in the West where the increase in land values will be so great as here. If you adopt the right sited crop of wheat, and return the soil and furnish employment to your idle people. In the Clarkston district near Lewiston, land values have been increased from \$20 per acre to \$100 per acre, within very few years, and the shipping facilities there are nothing to compare to yours."

Single Crop Kills Agriculture.

"Where agriculture has failed in any of the ancient countries, it has been in those countries raising a single crop. Europe and Egypt exhausted their farms by growing the same crop of wheat, and the armies in time of war. The same devastating cause has impoverished every country, whose agriculture has declined. The single crop has subtracted from the soil and adds nothing to it. It draws out the strength, year by year and has no fertilizing value to add to the soil."

"When the old countries returned to the diversified crop, the land revived in fertility, and the countries prospered. When they began raising forage crops, clover, alfalfa, beans, cabbage, berries, potatoes, fruit and beets, the fertility returned, increased with each succeeding crop and the lands thought to have been ruined by wheat raising, became fertile and productive beyond the fondest dreams of the scientist."

Land Killed by Timothy.

"In Michigan and Wisconsin, I know of entire areas of land utterly unproductive, and the cause of it is constant crops of timothy that have been raised upon it to feed the lumber teams in the woods. Once the

richest mountain land in the world, now it is a wilderness, growing nothing. Its strength has been sapped, its vigor is gone."

"In Wisconsin and Minnesota, wheat farming nearly ruined the soil until the farmers began to feed bran and chop feed to dairy cows."

Land Values Increased by Feeding.

"Here you are sending the very life of your land out of the country in the wheat sack. You are sapping your choicest tracts of land by growing wheat year after year. It is only a question of a few years until, like Wisconsin, you will begin to see the folly of it and will adopt diversified farming in self-protection. The bran fed to cows upon the land has increased its productive qualities until its value has been increased fivefold."

Fruit Enriches Soil.

"Fruit draws its strength from the air, and does not sap the soil. Apples and strawberries are simply stored sunshine. Their vitality comes from the sunshine and air and not the soil, and therefore the fruit crop is now of the most valuable you can grow upon your land."

"The sugar beet gets its vigor and sweetness from the sunshine, and does not sap the soil and is therefore a valuable crop for any soil."

"You must build up your soil by resting it with diversified crops. You must enrich your land by giving it strength from crops that give to, instead of taking from the soil. Alfalfa and straw are the best crops. They draw strength from the air and deposit it in the soil. They get their nourishment from the air, and after using it, it passes to the soil, and becomes stored energy for future crops."

Questions by Farmers.

Here Prof. French invited questions on farming and stockraising and exhibited charts of the different breeds of milk and beef stock."

Mr. Brown asked: "In this district, where we grow special breeds for either milk or beef, or should we grow the combination milk and beef breed?"

Answer by Prof. French: "A cow that combines both the milk and beef qualities is the best breed for any diversified country. If you are a Jersey man, you must have Jersey surroundings. You must have sheds, special feed, and take special care to maintain the quality of the breed. The best Jersey for any purpose, the purest Jersey on earth for any purpose. The dual purpose Shorthorn, intended for both milk and beef, is the ideal breed for the diversified country."

Mr. Lockley asked: "Will clover grow without inoculation?"

Answer by Prof. French: "Clover may have inoculated soil to make a proper start. If you do not furnish the clover with bacteria, or soil in which clover has grown before, you must wait for several years before you get a start. If you have a sprinkling of inoculated soil, it will grow from the time the seed is planted."

Mr. Brown asked: "How much inoculated soil per acre is necessary to get a stand of alfalfa?"

Answer by Prof. French: "Just as little as will cover the ground, a very thin coating. I should suggest a 'gunny' sack full to the acre. It needs just the slightest sprinkling."

Prof. French then spoke briefly of the work of the farmers' institutes in the state of Idaho, and said there were now 60 organized clubs or institutes in that state, where a fund was provided by the state for the purpose of furthering the work of the agricultural college by holding institutes.

Dr. Hutchinson's Address.

Dr. E. N. Hutchinson was then introduced and spoke entertainingly on the subject of "Feeding and Forage Crops." He said in part:

"You are to be congratulated upon the fact that such an extensive and interesting study of the soil and its fertility is being given by every means to further your interests by pointing the way to greater production of food and forage by introducing such crops as will enrich and rest it."

Diversified Crops for Perfection.

"Diversified farming means diversified production and diversified feeds make perfection in your stock. You must have diversity in your feed to get the highest excellence in your stock. You must build up the different requirements of the body of your animal make it carry the largest possible quantity of fat, in order that you do not ship waste space to market, in half-filled stock."

"Grass will only half-filled stock, beef cattle it only puts bunches of fat upon the animal. It requires the diversified feed to fill out the muscular tissues, and make the frame perfect. It requires the diversified feed to meet all the demands of the animal. Grass alone, hay alone, grain alone, will not get the best results. You must feed for the market, not in feeding for butter fat. There must be a diversity of feed, and a diversity in component parts of the nutrition which enters into fat."

Put Fat All Over Your Animal.

"You must study to fill out your animal by meeting the requirements of nature. If hay will only fill out the brisket, the rump and the ribs, then you must study to put fat in the back, in the cavities and on the sides. It requires a diversity of feed to make the complete animal, just as it requires different kind of cultivation to make the perfect crop."

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MASS CONVENTION.

Democrats of the City Will Nominate Delegates.

A call has been issued for a mass meeting of the democrats of the Pendleton precincts to meet tomorrow evening at the court house at 8 o'clock for the purpose of nominating delegates for the primary.

There are 13 delegates to be selected for Pendleton precinct, 17 for East Pendleton, 18 for North Pendleton, and 13 for South Pendleton, and it was thought that it would be better if all the voters of the four precincts were to meet at the time specified and in open meeting nominate those whom they would wish to be sent to the convention. This would ensure that the choice of the people would be put upon the ticket, and would go away with any indication of star-chamber rule.

It is the desire of the central committee that the people have the say as to who shall attend the convention. It is the intention to put any name in the field, but to send those whom the people wish. It is therefore desired that all those who are interested in the democratic ticket and the actions of the county convention, will be present at the court house tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock.

The apportionment of the delegates for the precincts of the entire county is as follows:

Adams, 7; Alba, 5; North Athens, 13; South Athens, 6; Bingham Springs, 2; Cottonwood, 3; Echo, 8; Encampment, 5; Fulton, 6; Gilliland, 3; Helix, 5; Hogue, 4; Holdman, 4; Juniper, 5; McKay, 8; North Milton, 11; South Milton, 10; Mountain, 5; Pendleton, 13; East Pendleton, 17; North Pendleton, 18; South Pendleton, 13; Pilot Rock, 10; Prospect, 3; Reservation, 8; Ruddock, 2; Umatilla, 2; Union, 4; Valley, 6; Vancley, 2; East Weston, 7; Willow Springs, 3; Yakum, 2; Vinson, 2; Weston, 3.

UMATILLA FOR WILLIAMSON.

Delegation to County Convention Will Stand About Three to One for Williamson.

Returns from the different portions of Umatilla county show that the Moody forces have but about one-fourth of the delegates to the county convention.

It is conceded by the republican central committee that there will be a solid Williamson delegation to the state convention. If a Moody delegate slips into the state delegation it will not be intentional. The county convention will be made up of 112 delegates, 75 of whom are known to be positively for Williamson, at this time.

The primaries were very quiet all over the county. The precincts returning mixed delegations were Milton, Adams, Athena and Pilot Rock.

CONTRACT LET.

Remodeling the Judd Building for the New Bank.

Saturday afternoon W. F. Thompson, of Boise, who is in the city looking after the work of remodeling the Judd building for the new bank, awarded the contract for the work to the firm of Harlow & Nichols of this city. The work will be done at a cost of \$25,000, and the rooms will be ready for the opening of the bank on or about the first of June.

MISSED AN OPPORTUNITY.

St. Petersburg, April 4.—General Alexieff passed through Tashkitch Sunday, warning, issued by the Port Arthur. It is generally believed the Japs will not attack N. Chang, as their opportunity has passed.

FIGHTING IN NIGERIA.

Blacks Inflict Heavy Damages on British Expedition.

London, April 4.—Heavy fighting in Nigeria, West Africa, is reported. A British square was broken and many soldiers killed and wounded. The British expedition organized by Sir Frederic Dugard against the marauders of Captain Orloridan and C. Ameyett Burney, who were ambushed by the Okpotos in 1903.

Schooner Wrecked.

Paris, April 4.—Details of the wreck of the American schooner Heraldo of Morning, near Dakar, Africa, March 6, states the crew numbered 18 and passengers 36. The ship struck a rock and quickly settled, close to Almadia lighthouse. Many were overboard and 18 of the crew were drowned. First reports said all were saved.

Instruct for Roosevelt.

Manila, P. I., April 2.—The republicans of Manila, in convention, have endorsed the present administration at Washington, and instructed the delegates to cast their ballots for Roosevelt.

Train Robbed, Messenger Murdered.

Redding, Cal., April 1.—One hundred men, heavily armed, are scouring the woods along the river near Keswick and Redding, searching for the four train robbers who held up No. 15 last night and killed Messenger O'Neill and blew the express car to pieces.

The men had horses staked east of Keswick bridge and mounted them after the robbery. Fireman Raymond was taking water when the hold-up occurred. He was compelled to get down and he with the two crews and one train was lined up by the train. Brakeman Stone refused to line up and one of the robbers smashed him over the head with a rifle, giving him a bad wound.

The robbers got no booty. The charge of dynamite destroyed everything. Pieces of paper and coin and pieces of paper money torn and twisted were picked up a great distance from the car.

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FAR-REACHING PLANS OF WAR

Japanese Are Planning a Campaign That Will Extend to Lake Baikal.

THEIR SPIES CAPTURED IN INTERIOR OF SIBERIA.

Russia Will Make a Big Stand at Wiju, to Prevent Invasion of Manchuria—Russia's Baltic Fleet Will Not Be Sent to Far East Under Three Months—Freedom of News From St. Petersburg Qualified by Drastic Back-Action Censorship.

Port Arthur, April 4.—Spies with maps and notes have been captured at several points in Eastern Siberia, the direction of Lake Baikal. This leads to the belief that the Japanese are ambitious to extend their invasion as far as Lake Baikal.

Russians Will Make a Stand. Paris, April 4.—Reports received this morning state the Russians do not intend to leave Wiju without a hard struggle. However, the nearest Japanese are five miles away from Wiju. Wiju is at the mouth of the Yalu, the boundary between Korea and Manchuria.

Baltic Fleet to Far East.

St. Petersburg, April 4.—The czar has decided that the Baltic fleet may sail for the Far East July 15 at the latest. Great Britain has sent assurance the fleet will be allowed to pass the Bore canal. The ice in the Baltic has begun to break, gaps of 40 yards appearing.

Drastic Censorship.

St. Petersburg, April 4.—Lifting of the censorship on outgoing cables has not relieved the situation much. It is true that telegrams are permitted to pass unread, but copies of all dispatches are kept and read by the censor, who has on several occasions called the correspondents up for lectures. In one case an Englishman telegraphed a London paper a story that Englishmen are being lured in Russia, and that still more stringent measures will be taken with them. The censor lectured him severely, and politely advised him to leave the country, which he did Sunday.

SUSPECTS ARRESTED.

Accused of the Southern Express Robbery and Murder.

Reading, Cal., April 2.—Word is just received at the sheriff's office that two men suspected of complicity in the train robbery and the messenger's death, were arrested this morning at Keswick, and will be brought to Redding at 3 o'clock today. Detective Ahern and a posse of men have been watching them since they were arrested. Another suspect is in Redding.

The bandits doubled back after crossing Keswick bridge, and turned their horses loose. The arrest kept a secret for fear of a popular demonstration.

MORMON CONFERENCE.

Unprecedentedly Large Crowds Flocking into Salt Lake.

Salt Lake, April 2.—Not since the dedication of the temple have such big crowds of Mormons been in Salt Lake. They are flocking here to attend the annual conference. The conference opens tomorrow with delegates from Mexico, Canada, and nearly every state of the republic arriving in view of the Smoot agitation. Interesting developments are expected in the next three days. Word from Washington comes that still another batch of subpoenas were mailed to Utah yesterday.

ULTIMATUM TO TAFFE.

Portland, April 2.—Unless J. H. Taffé, an amendment to the value placed upon his property, has endorsed the present administration at Washington, and instructed the delegates to cast their ballots for Roosevelt.

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PARKER CANNOT CARRY NEW YORK

Prospects That the State Will Not Instruct for Him at Hill's Dictation.

THAT IS THE PROMISE OF TAMMANY'S LEADER.

Tammany Does Not Believe That Parker is the Strongest Available Candidate—The Parker-Hill Cabal Has Only 150 Out of a Necessary 226 Delegates—Anti-Machineites Will Unceasingly Strive for an Uninstructed Delegation.

Atlantic City, N. J., April 1.—Chas. F. Murphy, the leader of Tammany, denies that David B. Hill is strong enough to organize the New York state convention at Albany. Mr. Murphy is not for Parker, and says so.

"Have overtures been made to you to agree to a resolution of confidence in Judge Parker?" he was asked. "I am not for instructions, and have said so repeatedly," was the reply. "Suppose the Hill men are strong enough to control the convention?" "That is not to be supposed."

When asked if there was any truth in the report that he would not be for William Randolph Hearst, Mr. Murphy replied: "I am for the strongest man for the nominee."

"Do you think Parker is the strongest man before the people?" "No," he answered.

Anti-Parker in Ascendancy.

Albany, N. Y., April 2.—Up-state democratic leaders who are working with Tammany and Chief Murphy for a free expression by the New York county delegations of their preference for the presidency, today, after an analysis of the returns from the county conventions, thus far held, conceded only 150 of the 460 delegates to Parker.

Revised figures for the county conventions held yesterday and today in the various counties demonstrate that Hill and his iron-clad instruction forces are short many votes from the 226 necessary to control the county convention. Further, the anti-Parker forces expect within a week to add enough to the 216 claimed by them after the primaries to carry with the railroads.

WOMAN DEFENDANT.

Accused of Land Frauds in the Northwest.

Chicago, April 2.—Mrs. William Watson, accused of defrauding the government and public by issuing deeds to homesteads on inaccessible mountain peaks in the West, was arrested here this morning by United States secret service men, and taken before Commissioner Humphrey for a hearing Monday.

She will probably be taken back to Portland, where she is under indictment.

CARVING OUT TWO NEW STATES.

MEASURE TO AUTHORIZE PHILIPPINE BOND ISSUE.

Government Proposes to Guarantee Earnings on Money Invested in Philippine Railroads—A Federal Guiding at Seattle to Cost Not More Than \$1,000,000.

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FIRST HEARST CLUB FORMED.

Boom for Newspaper Man in Idaho Takes Tangible Form.

Boise, April 1.—What is believed to be the first Hearst club in Idaho was formed last night at a meeting held in the Chamber of Commerce building. The following officers were elected:

President—J. Sullivan.
Vice-president—H. L. Whitehead.
Secretary—F. C. Simmons.
Treasurer—W. E. Cavanaugh.

President Sullivan said after the meeting: "We feel confident of securing the Ada county delegation to the democratic state convention for Hearst. While we devote considerable time to Ada county, at the same time it is our intention to branch out and assist in the organization of other clubs over the state. The Boise club starts out with a membership of 100."

DROUGHT IN ALASKA.

Passengers Arriving From North Say Cold is Intense.

Seattle, April 1.—The Alaska Steamship Company's steamer Dirigo arrived in port last night from Shagway. She brought but a few passengers and a cargo of 75 tons of empty beer barrels.

Among those arriving on the Dirigo were C. W. Long and R. J. Burkhardt, both of Fort Wrangle. Captain Johnson reports a very pleasant voyage down, although the weather in Alaska is still cold and a little trouble was experienced in getting the steamer started, which at the present time can only be had at Juneau, the water mains in the other towns along the route being entirely frozen up.

SIXTEEN INDICTMENTS.

Grand Jury Returns That Many Charges of Land Frauds.

Washington, April 2.—Secretary Hitchcock this morning received a dispatch from Special Inspector C. L. O'Connell, of Portland, stating that the federal grand jury, adjourned today after returning 16 indictments in land fraud cases. All charges are pending arrests. This makes a total of 20 indictments in Oregon, since the investigation was instituted.

RAILROADS DENY PASSES.

Stockholders Cannot Get Return Transportation.

Baker City, April 2.—The announcement of the refusal of the officials of the Western roads to grant the request of the livestock association for the resumption of passes to livestock shippers, came yesterday as a keen disappointment to stockraisers and shippers of this section.

When further action, if any, will be taken by the stockraisers has been made public but it is probable they will continue the fight.

M. B. Gwin, a member of the committee to confer with the railroads, has received notice of the refusal.

REEDER OF KANSAS, ROASTS HERMANN AND WILLIAMSON.

Says the Oregon Members Are Not Competent to Pass Upon Land Frauds—Oregon Has Gained Unenviable Reputation in the East, on Account of Land Frauds.

"Irrigation Bill" Reeder, congressman from the Sixth district of Kansas, mercilessly scored the Oregon delegation in the house yesterday, by saying that owing to the unscrupulous land office and land entry frauds coming from this state, the members of congress from Oregon were not competent to pass upon the justice or injustice of present land laws.

He said the members were interested in maintaining the present timber and stone laws by which the great public domain of the West is passing into the hands of the syndicates, either by being directly interested in acquiring land, or by agents for large timber interests.

Reeder made a strong plea for the repeal of the timber and stone act, and the desert land law, and the opposition coming from members of congress in the house from Oregon, was the cause of his attack on Williamson and Hermann. He said Oregon had gained the most unenviable reputation in the East, of any of the Western states, through land frauds.

PLUNGED TO DEATH.

Three Persons Go Over Shoshone Falls, 210 Feet High.

Boise, April 1.—Three persons plunged 210 feet to their death over the great falls of the Snake river last night.

They were Miss Marie Willis, Samuel Graham and a man whose name is unknown.

Miss Willis sometimes ran the ferry boat at this point. Last night she took the boat across in response to a call. On her return she found the boat empty and the man was missing. She did not work properly and put back.

Graham and the other man went from the opposite side that there was trouble, took a shift and crossed the river. They took away the boat and started back to the shore it filled and went down, all three being lost.

There is no trace of the bodies. They were doubtless swept over the falls.

MONTANA SHEEP LOST.

Several Bands Scattered by Storm and Herders Die on Ranges.

Butte, April 1.—The story comes to Lewiston, Montana, that a rescue party has been out searching for three bands of sheep which were reported lost in the terrible storm. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the Flatfoot valley, two of the bands belonging to Nolan & Thompson and one to Ed Pirrie. The herders were also lost.

The search party found the body of Tom Hargrove, who was a herder for Nolan & Thompson, but the report is that the other herders have not yet been found. The greater part of the sheep have been rescued. Oldtimers do not recall any such storm in the Flatfoot valley. Ten or 12 inches of snow fell.

Stock conditions generally are not bad in Fergus county. The range is short and all stockmen are feeding, but cattle and sheep are generally in good condition.

SULLY COTTON BROUGHT CASH

Immense Profits to All Interested Until the Plunger Overreached.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SULLY'S DEBTS?

Broker Testifies to Cleaning Up Several Hundred Thousand Dollars From Money Loaned Sully During December, January and February—Was His Individual Gain—Buyers of Cotton Goods in the End Paid All Bills.

New York, April 2.—Edwin Hawley, the railroad magnate, was on the stand before United States Commissioner Alexander today, and told some things about the working of the Sully cotton boom. The object is to ascertain if Hawley and his partner, Frank Ray, are responsible for the depositor's debts. Ellis Reed appeared for the creditors, and Sully was not present.