

COOS COUNTY DAIRYING

Sumner Woman Writes Interestingly of One of the County's Resources.

Editor Times:—I enclose an interesting and sensible article on Coos county dairying which originally appeared in the Pacific Homestead, but which I would like to see reproduced in The Times.

—A DAIRYMAN.

The following is the article referred to:

Sumner, Coos County, Oregon—Editor Pacific Homestead:

Having read in your issue of December 19 an account of the proceedings of the late convention of dairymen at Salem, Oregon, and, realizing that a great injustice has been done to the dairy interests of Coos county by the injudicious remarks of one woman, it is fitting that another should employ her humble pen in an effort to correct some of the erroneous impressions thus created. This is clearly a case in which the many must suffer for the faults of the few, and the injustice thus done to the great body of intelligent, industrious and progressive citizens, who represent the dairy interests of our county has aroused a storm of indignant protest, such as has rarely been heard in this section of the state.

Coos county, situated as it is on the shores of the Pacific, fanned by its ozone-laden breezes, and moistened nightly by its drifting mists, is the dairymen's paradise, and, as a veteran creameryman once remarked in speaking of it: One may travel across the continent without seeing its equal as a dairy country—a remark which he shortly after emphasized by buying a dairy near Coos Bay, where he still resides.

Familiar with dairy work from childhood, and for many years a resident of Humboldt, the leading dairymen county of California, I trust that I am not without some pretensions as a judge of dairy practice, especially after the ten years' training along these lines which I have received here; and it is my firm belief that in every essential of the dairy business our county will compare favorably with any community engaged in a similar occupation. In support of this opinion, and as a shining contrast to the case cited by our inspector, perhaps I can do no better than recall my first visit to a Coos county dairy farm. Arriving at Coos Bay in the summer of 1898, we were immediately invited to the hospitable home of Levi Smith, of South Coos river, and upon arrival were forcibly impressed by the order and neatness which pervaded every department. The house and grounds were a vision of delight to the weary traveler; the barns and other farm buildings bore evidence of scrupulous care and, when in the evening fifty sleek cows were driven in from the pastures, we viewed the subsequent proceedings with interest. Four milkers appeared with bright tin pails, and these when filled were carried outside and emptied into ten-gallon milk cans, which, when the milking was finished, were conveyed to the separator house (itself a model of neatness) and put through the steam-operated separator. The cream thus gathered was sent to the creamery, the milk turned into barrels for pigs and poultry, and the milk cans, pails, etc., after being washed in clean warm water, were steam scalded and placed in a shining row upon a rack in the open air. This is a brief description of the routine work that has been done daily on many a Coos county dairy for years. There are, doubtless, many cases in every community where the law is not complied with in all respects, and others where the flagrant disregard of the dairy regulations merits prompt action; as in the case of the practical joker of reparator washing fame; and had he and all similar offenders been promptly brought to book, and given their just deserts, instead of having been heralded abroad as a reproach to the greatest agricultural interest of Southwestern Oregon, it would have been better for all concerned. Obviously, this was the plain duty of the inspector.

Coos county's dairy products have always commanded the highest, and in some instances from 1 to 2 cents above the highest market price, and this fact coupled with the additional significant fact that they have, whenever entered in competition at

the state fair, brought home the blue ribbon, should be a sufficient guarantee of their purity and excellence.

Now a personal word and I have done. For the past eight years we have maintained here on our farm in the verdant valley of Sumner, a cheese factory, which for six years personally operated. In that time I received hundreds of tons of milk, and can truthfully say that, if all localities furnish as pure an article as that which passed through my hands, the city dweller need entertain no fear of infection from his milk supply.

In conclusion, let me say that the dairymen of Coos are a representative class of citizens, with whom it is our pride to be identified, in this, the home of our adoption.—Mrs. W. C. Harris.

OREGON SHORT LINE BIG MONEY MAKER

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 28.—According to its annual report just filed with the state railroad commission, the Oregon Short Line declared a dividend of 10 per cent payable Nov. 14, 1907 and a dividend of 100 per cent payable June 15, 1908. The first amounted to \$2,735,070 and the second to \$27,350,700, a total of \$30,085,770. A credit balance is carried forward—practically a surplus—of \$8,661,589.80. There are 500,000 shares of stock of a par value of \$100. The report shows that there was paid on the funded debt, \$1,952,467.50. Interest, discounts and commissions amounted to \$517,377.20. Total most of the system to June, 1908, \$61,589,774.40. Gross corporate income for the year ending June 30, 1908, \$49,315,144.07; net corporate income, \$38,747,359.80.

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Mr. and Mrs. Estberg are well-known in Coos county and bear an excellent reputation.

The Rink will open Saturday, January 30, 1909. Matinee every Wednesday and Saturday. Doors open at 2 o'clock. Admission 10c. Rent of skates 15c.

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CONCERT WAS BIG SUCCESS

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gram. The members who appeared last evening were as follows:

Miss Maude Reed, Mrs. Chas. Stauff, Miss Lillian Hall, Mrs. Traver, Miss Millie Johnson, Miss Edna Larson, Miss Esther Johnson, Mrs. R. G. Street, Mrs. Walters, Mrs. J. E. Oren, Mrs. Stump, Mrs. J. T. Hall, Miss Evelyn Anderson, Mrs. Simeral, Mrs. E. G. Flanagan, Mrs. J. S. Coke, Miss Clara Myren, Miss Mae Bennett, Miss Kathleen Bennett, Miss Platt and Mrs. Cora Smith.

The regular program of the concert, aside from the encore numbers, was as follows:

Beethoven's "Hymn to Night"—Chorus.

Thomas' Aria, Polonaise from "Mignon"—Mrs. May Dearborn-Schwab.

Seubman's "Gipsy Life"—Chorus. Buck's "Sunset"; Del Riego's "Slave Song"; Neidlinger's "On the Shore"—Miss Mable C. Mills.

Delibes' "Pourquoi" from "Lakme"; Bemberg's "Nymphes et Sylvestres"—Mrs. May Dearborn-Schwab. Hawley's "A Song of Seasons"—Chorus.

Chopin's Etude, Op. 10, No. 12 (left hand), and Impromptu, Op. 29; Hollaender's Marche Op. 39, No. 1.—Mr. Elmer A. Todd.

Thomas' "A Memory"; Ronald's "Away on the Hill" and "A Little Winding Road"; Burmeister's "Persian Song"—Mrs. May Dearborn-Schwab.

Wilson's "Carmen"—Chorus. Miss Lucy Horton, accompanist.

Mrs. Horsfall, director.

The success of the concert was in a large measure due to the work and ability of the Chaminade club director, Mrs. Wm. Horsfall, Jr. While appreciation of her work has been generally felt in Marshfield, it is more so and an opportunity for an expression of this appreciation will be more than welcomed.

The stage was effectively decorated for the occasion by Miss Evelyn Anderson, upon whom as president of the Chaminade Club many of the arduous duties of preparing for last night's event fell.

The concert and its success from a musical standpoint will be treated in detail in The Times Saturday.

Tender Reception.

Following the concert, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Oren were hosts at their home to the members of the Chaminade club and their escorts and the contributors to the program. It was a most delightful affair. Impromptu numbers were rendered by various ones. Refreshments were served. About sixty were present. An unexpected feature of it was a further tribute to Mrs. May Dearborn-Schwab and to the Chaminade club. The gentlemen present felt that while the concert had been such a success from an artistic standpoint, it was entitled to a greater success from a financial standpoint and raised a handsome purse which was contributed to Mrs. Schwab as a little token of appreciation.

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