

GENERAL FARM COURSE GIVEN

Needs of the Agriculturist to Be Discussed at Oregon Agricultural College.

CORVALLIS, Ore., Jan. 8.—"The needs of the general farmer will be the emphasis in the short course of instruction offered by the department of agronomy this year," said Prof. D. Scudder in discussing plans for the work which will begin Jan. 15 at the Oregon Agricultural College. "When we speak of the farmer of Oregon, the farms of Oregon, or the products of Oregon," he continued, "the most of us think at once of the dairyman or fruit grower. Very few people seem to realize that the success or failure of Oregon agriculturally depends, not upon these specialties entirely, but almost wholly upon the man who is raising the field crops of the state, together with some stock."

The value of the total agricultural products of Oregon for 1912 has been estimated at \$126,764,000. Of this total sum, 46 per cent, or \$78,000,000, is the value of the field crops, grain, etc., representing largely cash sales made by the tiller of the soil, who is called the general farmer, and whose name seldom appears in print.

The value of the live stock products and the dairy products, taken together, aggregate approximately 40 per cent of the value of the total agricultural products in 1912. It is to be remembered, however, that live stock and dairy products are merely field crops converted into animal products for the market. It is safe to say, then, that at least 75 per cent of the total agricultural products of the state is the result of the labor of the grower of field crops, the ordinary, everyday tiller of the soil whom we call the general farmer.

Yet, it is this farmer who, so far as the state's history, of all classes, has made the least use of the modern methods of agriculture, of organizing marketing products, and of the facilities for agricultural education now available. It is this class of farmers, whose interests are seldom advertised or promoted, who have the greatest need of educational assistance. It is this class of farmers whose net earnings are from \$1 to \$10 per acre, where, by modern scientific methods, they could range from \$15 to \$60 per acre.

It can be readily seen that a little education of this, the most important class, will do more to increase the agricultural products of the state than a great deal of education given the class of special farmers whose numbers and products are much smaller. An increase of 1 per cent in the efficiency of the products of the general farmer, the field grower, would mean an increase of the state of Oregon for its agriculture, of \$1,000,000 annually.

This class whose education means most to the state has heretofore been the slowest to seek and apply lessons that the modern science of agriculture has to teach. Yet it is the very class whose efficiency may be most quickly and easily increased by these means. Educated, organized, applied and developed, it is the general farmer rather than the special farmer who will most quickly and permanently increase the wealth of the state.

Education and legislation must be more directly aimed to increase their opportunity and efficiency. The special classes of farmers organized and quick to seek advantage, but the class of general farmer is unorganized and slow to do so that both education and legislation must endeavor to look out for the better than he does for himself.

The next step forward means gigantic progress in the production of the state. The short course in agronomy is designed primarily to serve the general farmer. The fundamental factors of agricultural success—the soil and its management to increase fertility, the field crop, its growth and improvement—are the features of the course most thoroughly treated. Secondly, the special farmers are considered in discussion of the methods of handling the different types of crops throughout the state, and the different forms of crops adapted to different parts of the state. The soil and crop conditions of each part of the state are considered.

The maintenance and increase of fertility are given major weight in the course in soils, while in crops growing of many intensive and yielding plants, especially of foreign types, is the main theme. The soil and each different class of soil are given the most attention in my course on fertility in Oregon.

The course in farm machinery development this year will be a practical demonstration in knot and the use and handling of it. In the course on seed crops, Professor Hyslop has newly prepared a system upon the important question of growing and clever seed. In my course of forage crops, a system adapted to both Eastern and Western Oregon will be given. Assistant Professor Powers has new illustrate lectures on farm crops.

The land drainage problems of the Eastern and Western Oregon farmers are explained and solved in the course in that subject. The course for the Eastern and Oregon farmers, one in dry farming and one in irrigation farming, which were given last year, are again this year with much material available. The farm-house sections should take note of the fact that the Oregon Agricultural College was the first in the U. S. to offer courses in

these subjects, and has them more fully developed, perhaps, than anywhere else in the world. The institution has specialists in both of these lines of work.

"Another of the newer courses is that in weed eradication which aroused great interest last year. A special lecture and demonstration on char pitting will be repeated again this year, as it has always attracted a great deal of interest heretofore. "In the course in farm management, the problems of the 'boss' on the farm are taken up and such questions as 'the best use of the farm capital; the handling of man and team labor; the laying out and management of the fields, together with the utilizing and marketing of their products,' are discussed.

THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

The Times will be pleased to publish letters from its readers on all questions of public interest. Each letter must be signed by the writer, and so far as possible be limited to 200 words. In publishing these letters it must be understood that the Times does not endorse the views expressed therein; it is simply affording a means for the voicing of different opinions on all questions affecting the public welfare.

AN OREGON OUTRAGE.

Interference With the Lives and Liberties of Its Citizens that Calls Forth a Protest From the Pony Slough Philosopher.

Editor Times: It is alleged, sir, 11 Sons of Rest were lately pinched in the classic precincts of Eugene. I do declare! And that, sir, is not the worst of it; millions of organized society in that locality actually asked and apparently expected these Chesterfieldian pinches to work.

What monumental affront. The pinchers seem, sir, to have utterly ignored the fact that each of these unfortunate gentlemen probably was a statesman, "some mute inglorious Milton," "some Cromwell guilty of his country's blood," with a panacea for every grouch and yet, sir, when these wandering patriots, well knowing the world owes them a living, separately, collectively and haughtily spurned this malicious insult; they were each then and there ruthlessly consigned to the battle on a diet of bread and water. I repeat, sir, WATER!

I ask, sir, could anything have been more devilish in conception when we reflect that the advocates of work well knew, in the very nature of things must have known, that of all things, to disciples of that tired feeling, water, is the most appalling.

Remember, too, sir, all this occurred during Christmas week when even billions of common folk were reveling in plum duff. Naturally, sir, such brutality is shocking. I tremble for our institutions. What can we be coming to, sir, when our fellow man shall be denied the right to solicit a cold snack at our back door, or the right to swipe an occasional prize pullet or the right to cleanse his molars with our favorite brush.

But, sir, some of us seem to actually forget this is a free country. How can a man be free, let me ask, unless he is permitted to follow his own sweet will, to do absolutely as he pleases? These migratory cuckoos were enjoying life and enjoying the scenery in their own way, and foraging on the country. They were clearly within their rights. They were doing no wrong. Even so, they were not to blame. They are the innocent victims of organized society. Sir, society and its systems are to blame, no matter what these men are, nor what they did. Society is accountable for all crime and not the people who commit it. If society would perform its duty it would furnish each tired soul of the masculine gender with free beer, free porterhouse steaks smothered in onions, free amusement tickets in the bald-headed row, and a large and plethoric pension. Such conduct, sir, on the part of the people of Eugene cannot be countenanced or condoned.

It has no place, except in the middle ages. Rather let us unharass the alleged fountain of love; turn on the sprinkler and bring on the pardons, the reprieves, the paroles, the flap-doodle and the hollyhoeks.

GEO. WATKINS.

GARDINER RESIDENT DIES.

Martin Van Buren Leach Succumbs at Age of 76 Years. GARDINER, Ore., Jan. 7.—Martin Van Buren Leach, who died at his home near this city, December 21, was 76 years old and had lived near here since 1874. Mr. Leach was born in Ohio, November 9, 1833. He crossed the plains from Dallas county, Iowa, to Portland, in 1862. He married Rebecca Janett Nottage, November 7, 1862. He lived in Umatilla, Marion and Linn Counties until 1871, when he moved to Scottsburg, later settling on Smith River near here. Mr. Leach is survived by ten children, 45 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The surviving children are: Mrs. Minerva Buss, of Mapleton; Mrs. Ellen Holden, of Empire; Mrs. Ida Noel, of Coquille; Mrs. Arilla Abbott, and Mrs. Etta Noel of Gardiner; Mrs. Josephine Winters, of Buhl, Idaho, and John, Francis, Alden and Laurence Leach, of Gardiner.

NOTICE.

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WELLS FARGO TO CUT RATES

EXPRESS COMPANIES PLAN TO COMPETE WITH PARCELS POST ON SMALL PACKAGES.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 8.—Direct competition, national in scope, between the Wells Fargo Express Company and the federal parcel post will go into effect as soon as plans which the company has been maturing for the past four years can be set afoot. Such was the statement here by C. R. Graham, traffic manager of the company, at a hearing before the railroad commission.

"We are in constant communication with other express companies," said Graham, "and although the have not yet signified to us their final decision we hope they will fall into line."

The competition, he explained, would extend to both rates and services with special regard to butter, eggs, poultry and other perishable food stuffs to be delivered direct by the shipper to the consignee, thus eliminating the middleman's profits. Eleven pounds will be the maximum weight acceptable of certain commodities as with the parcel post.

MONEY IN LOVE LETTERS.

Florence Gamble of Des Moines "Touched" Many Swains.

DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 8.—Florence Gamble, 32 years old, and pretty, who styles herself "Iowa's champion heartbreaker," broke down and confessed to federal officers here that she had corresponded with more than 800 lonesome bachelors over the country, from some of whom she received amounts ranging from \$15 to \$50. She told United States Commissioner W. C. McArthur and Charles Caines, postoffice inspector, that she had received an average of 150 letters a week in the last two months. The woman withdrew her plea of not guilty to an information charging her with having swindled J. L. Prater of Arlington, Texas, out of \$30 through her matrimonial schemes.

According to Inspector Caines, other charges will be filed against the woman. Commissioner McArthur accepted her "guilty" plea and bound her over to the federal grand jury which convenes next May. She furnished bonds of \$1000.

"I have almost worn out your picture kissing it," she wrote Prater, who she called "the dearest man in all the world." "I am a little short of money," she continued. "If you will send me \$25 I will come at once to Fort Worth and we can get married as soon as I arrive. "Yes, dear, I know you are the one for me. I don't want you to get such an idea into your head that I am after your hard-earned money. I would not come if I believed you thought I was. I am not that kind of a girl. I am honest and true to you."

BIG PRICE FOR TURKEY.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 8.—The biggest turkey to bring the biggest net price was reported by the F. H. Schmalz Company. J. T. Thomason of Carlton was the shipper. The bird weighed 28 pounds dressed and sold at \$8.40 or 30c a pound net. Quite a number of birds were received along the street the last few days that netted their shippers \$7.50 each.



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| Cash and Sight Exchange | 263,899.96 |
| Total | \$797,457.09 |
| LIABILITIES. | |
| Capital Stock paid in | \$ 50,000.00 |
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